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## THE BANNER.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1894.

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The Supreme Court of New Jersey decides in favor of the Republican Senate of that State as every one knew it would. There was no middle about it, the Democrats tried to usurp the government, that is all, and a vengeful governor of that party helped them. The court made short work with Democratic claims of "hold over" senators.

Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, whose name is almost as familiar in every household as that of our own American heroes, died in Turin, Tuesday night. His visit to this country in 1852, and his services for his native land are well known events of history. He died in a foreign land, but it is significant that a movement that promised success was in progress where he should be invited back home again, and it is now probable that his remains will receive the honors due the grand old patriot.

Reports to the insurance commissioner from all the insurance companies doing business in Vermont in 1893, have not been made public. They show the following condition: Total risks, \$48,828,648; premiums received, \$735,312; losses incurred, \$575,289. Of this the Vermont companies' premiums were \$209,659, and losses, \$137,480, the percentage of loss being 65.4. Companies in other States premiums, \$543,653; losses, \$439,908; percentage of loss to premium, 80.4. The average expense of doing business was 35 per cent. of the premiums, leaving the loss to companies of other States at \$124 for every \$100 received. In 1891 and 1892 they lost \$122 for each \$100.

The Governor question having settled down unanimously upon Col. Urban A. Woodbury, indeed there has been no other candidate, the East side papers are busy making up a slate for the second place on the Republican ticket. Among the first mentioned for Lieutenant Governor was Col. Mansur of Island Pond, then, as others were brought forward, some dozen in Vermont's history. We are said about Col. Mansur. We are in receipt of a marked copy of the Island Pond Herald in advocacy of Col. Mansur. The fact that Col. Woodbury will probably be nominated unanimously and by acclamation is very complimentary to that gentleman, and if the convention should choose Col. Mansur for the second place, the fact that both are one-armed veterans of the Civil War, the close of which is so graphically described by Dr. Branch, and copied in another column, would constitute a notable event among many unique periods in Vermont's history. We are inclined to let the East side choose its own candidate for Lieutenant Governor, among the many good men put forward. A number have a strong endorsement, and Col. Mansur is one of these.

The evidence in the Ross inquest, the most memorable in the annals of Troy, was concluded Tuesday. It was of a character that admits of but a single conclusion so far as the central fact is concerned. Overwhelmingly the testimony produced, points to Bartholomew Shea as the man who fatally shot Ross. The witnesses who testified that "Bat" Shea killed Ross are numerous, credible and respectable, and essentially corroborate each other. The record and reputation of those who brazenly testified that John H. Boland instead of Shea shot Robert Ross are such that the public attach no importance to their evidence. It is inherently improbable; their stories are absurd. Assistant District Attorney Fagan is warmly commended for practically retarding such an exhibition of unmitigated mendacity by holding one of the witnesses, presumably to prefer a charge of perjury. Briefly, it has been made clear that "Bat" Shea killed Robert Ross; the attempt to prove that Mr. Boland killed his friend by accident has miserably failed. So far the public mind is settled, and it will take very strong and reputable evidence to disturb these conclusions.—Troy Press.

It is understood through Col. B. B. Smalley, Vermont member of the Democratic National Committee, the friend of Seneca Haselton of Bennington, Republican as well as Democratic, will present his name to President Cleveland for United States Minister to Venezuela in place of Col. F. C. Partridge of Proctor, resigned. Judge Haselton will be endorsed by all the State officers, members of the State Supreme Court, Judge Wheeler of the United States Circuit Court, delegations in both houses of Congress, which consists of Senators Morrill and Proctor, Congressmen Powers and Groat, members of the State Democratic Committee, delegates to the last Democratic National Convention, delegates to the Democratic State Convention of 1892, numbers of leading citizens of the State of all political parties; in short, he will be backed by Vermont's leading men without regard to party. Judge Haselton is a graduate of the University of Vermont, and of the law department of the University of Michigan; filled the chair of English literature of his alma mater in 1888 until a successor to Dr. Bliss, who resigned the chair to accept the rectorship of St. Paul's church, was elected; was assistant professor or instructor, after his graduation in the University of Michigan until he resigned; was eight successive years, from 1878 to 1886, elected city judge; represented the city in the legislature of 1886, and is now serving his third term as mayor of the city. The salary attached to the position of minister to Venezuela is \$7500.

### "ON TO RICHMOND."

Dr. C. F. Branch, department commander of the G. A. R., on his return from Bennington, last week, attended a meeting of the Vermont Commandery of the Loyal Legion, in Burlington, and presented a thoughtful paper on "The Fall of Richmond." The Free Press says that no mere epitome of such an address can possibly do such a subject justice, but goes on to specify a few thoughts, which we copy in this connection. Dr. Branch said that his subject ought to be of interest to every Green Mountain boy because no State in the Union contributed more of her blood in the great conflict than did Vermont. He selected his subjects because Vermonters had a prominent part in the events of that day. Dr. Branch drew a pen picture of Richmond and surroundings. It was very far from being a Democracy. The State was ruled by a clique of wealthy men. The imprint of hard drudgery,

brutality and sin had sent many of her people to an early grave. Secession was at last resorted to because a political change had crossed the horizon and by the election of 1860, a party had come into power that opposed slavery. The South believed slavery to be a sacred right. Society placed no barrier in the way and the church no ban. In April, 1861, the boom of Sumter's cannon echoed among the hill tops and a call to arms closed the debate. The speaker then related some of the events which led up to the passing of the ordinance of secession by Virginia in the same month. A week later Jeff Davis was welcomed to Richmond with shouts of joy. No one could at that time realize the significance of his words, which, in the light of subsequent events, must be regarded as prophecies. Men poured into Richmond from all parts of the South and here the confederate capital was located, after having been moved from Charleston, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., and then to Montgomery, Ala. Here in the North we began to hear the cry, "On to Richmond!" At first it was thought that the mere taking of the enemy's capital would end the conflict. Many signed the three years' enlistment papers, fully expecting that by the time they reached Washington the conflict would be over. To have taken Richmond in 1861 would have been only to drive the enemy to some other city. After the disaster at Chancellorsville there came a season of sober reflection and the North began to realize that annihilation alone would end the conflict. Lincoln, Stanton and Halleck all had different ideas as to how the war should be conducted. A head was needed and the head was found in Grant. Concert of action under the controlling force of an imperial will followed.

### THE GRADED SCHOOLS.

With March 21st the legal school year in Vermont closed. At that time the school registers are delivered to the town clerk and the statistics which form the basis for the distribution of a certain portion of the public school moneys, are made up. It is interesting to note in this connection the growth or the decadence of the various schools in the town.

The reports from the Bennington Graded Schools show growth in all directions. The number registered this year is 676 against 640 last year. The past year shows 48 non-residents, against 46 for the year before. The total attendance for the year just ending amounts to 91,692, while the year before it was 83,043. This shows a gain of 8,650 days, or more than nine per cent.

The pupils who make up the "number belonging" to the school are exceedingly regular in their attendance. The absences among these pupils are mainly due to cases of temporary illness from colds and the like. Parents seem to have made a commendable move in the last two years in the direction of keeping their children constantly in school. But the highest average attendance is for the most part with the best teachers. The teacher whose daily attendance falls off for no apparent cause, is usually found lacking in ability to teach. Thus, the successful teacher is not only worth infinitely more to the child but she has a much greater financial value to the district.

It seems almost incredible that some of the teachers have had less than twenty cases of tardiness either morning, or noon among nearly fifty children in an entire year. Truancy, too, is almost unknown in the school. The days lost by children running away from school during the last year, does not amount to an appreciable fraction of one per cent. In many schools in other places the authorities complain that the loss due to this cause amounts to 12 or 15 per cent. of the entire attendance. The improved conditions here in regard to truancy are as commendable as they are remarkable.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

It was a large audience that assembled in Library Hall, Saturday evening to do honor to the Day commemorative of Ireland's patron saint. The festivities passed off pleasantly, and we are glad to hear that the avails amounted to about \$900. The concert was fine, and we give the order as arranged by Chas. H. Bennett, and sung by the choir of St. Francis de Sales, as follows:

### PROGRAMME.

Piano solo. Medley, Irish Airs.—E. O. Goldsmith  
Solo—Believe me if all those Endeavour Yeung  
Chorus—Sweet and Low.—Mamie Sullivan  
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Duet—The Harp that once thro' Tara's Halls  
Solo—The Low backed Car.—Mrs. Daley  
Chorus—Kilbarney.—Mrs. Daley

### VILLAGE MEETING.

The annual village meeting was held Tuesday, and was devoid of special interest at the polls because of no opposition to the caucus nominations. There were 186 ballots cast, and the following gentlemen were elected: President, Henry S. Bingham; clerk, John H. Kelso; treasurer, George F. Graves; collector, Frederick Godfrey; auditors, Charles H. Mason, John P. Guiltinan, Henry D. Fillmore.

Trustees, Ward 1, John S. Holdew; Ward 2, Martin E. Lyons; Ward 3, John Carrigan; Ward 4, Geo. R. Matthews; Ward 5, C. B. Viall; Ward 6, John T. Shurtleff; Ward 7, Fremont Gregg.

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### CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The centennial anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont will be celebrated in Burlington during Masonic week, June 13th and 14th with imposing ceremonies. One hundred years ago the Grand Lodge was organized at Manchester. Its first grand master, Hon. Noah Smith, was the orator at the Bennington Battle anniversary celebrated here Aug. 16th, 1778. He was made a Mason in the Masonic historic town, and it is a singular coincidence that the present grand master, M. W., John Harris Whipple, was not only brought to Masonic light there, but is a resident of the self-same village among the Green Mountains, which tower so stately above it. Another feature worthy of note is that the first day of the celebration will be the anniversary of the birth of the present grand master. All these things combine to add interest to the coming auspicious occasion.

The suns of a century have risen over, and the frosts of a hundred winters have rested upon this grand order which teaches morality, virtue and universal benevolence and the goodness of the institution has been the means of enrolling among its members some of the best men in every community. Its roll now bears the names of nearly 10,000 men in the Green Mountain State, and all will be most cordially invited to be present at the first and only celebration of the kind they will ever be permitted to attend in Vermont. The members of the executive committee are M. W., John H. Whipple, grand master, Manchester Centre; R. W., Kittredge Haskins, deputy grand master, Brattleboro; R. W., D. N. Nicholson, grand senior warden, of Burlington; and R. W., W. S. Nay, grand junior warden, of Underhill, which assures the careful arrangement of all the details. The Committee have not fully matured its plans, but will announce them soon. There will be quite a delegation, from Bennington County, in attendance.

Another writer on the subject says: It is hoped to observe the day by laying the corner stone of a masonic temple, an association for the building of which was incorporated by the last legislature. The capital stock is to be \$50,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$25 each. Already the Grand Lodge has subscribed \$1,000. August 6th, 1794, the five Lodges in the State sent representatives to Manchester to organize a Grand Lodge. At that time two of the Lodges, at Bennington and Middlebury, were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. One at Manchester and one at Springfield were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and one at Vergennes was attached to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The delegates met at Manchester and adjourned to meet at Rutland October 10th. They assembled there on that date and adjourned from day to day until the 14th, when organization was effected, and a seal adopted.

The first grand master was Noah Smith, who held the office two years. Other former grand masters were John Chipman, 1797 to 1814; Nathan B. Haswell, 1819-46; Philip C. Tucker, 1847-61. The second grand secretary was David Fay of Bennington, 1795-97. John B. Hollenbeck was grand secretary from 1831 to 1861, and the last few years of his life received an annuity of \$300 from the Grand Lodge. Since its organization in 1794 there have been 21 past grand masters. Eight are now living. There have been 32 deputy grand masters, 14 of whom were advanced. Of the 33 past grand secretaries 19 were promoted, and of the remainder only two are now living. There have been 47 past grand junior wardens. Twenty-nine were advanced and of the other 19 only two are now living. Of the 11 past grand treasurers two were advanced, and of the 13 past grand secretaries one was promoted. There have been 40 past grand senior deacons and 47 past grand junior deacons. Of the former 21 have been promoted, and of the latter 23. From the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge until 1820, eleven subordinate Lodges were chartered. Between 1820 and 1830 five were chartered, and from that year until 1840 no charters were granted and but little work was done. During the anti-Masonic excitement annual meetings were

seldom held. In 1850 the Grand Lodge began issuing charters again, and at the present time there are under its jurisdiction 104 Lodges, with a membership of about 9,500.

The largest Lodge is Passumpsic of St. Johnsbury, with a membership of 282. The smallest is Isle la Motte with 29 members. Thirty-seven of the Lodges have a membership each of over 100, thirteen of these having a membership of over 150 each. At the close of the last fiscal year there was a balance in the treasury of \$4,490, all securely invested. The State is divided into thirteen Masonic Districts, and District Conventions are held annually, at which the Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lecturer are present.

The order is prosperous and the brethren are now looking forward to the time when the Grand Lodge shall have a permanent abiding place, which shall truly represent the wisdom of its builders, the strength and beauty of the ancient landmarks of the order.

### BENNINGTON'S HERO.

A Concord, N. H., despatch, under date of March 16th, says: The clay model of the second statue—that of Gen. John Stark, the hero of the battle of Bennington—which New Hampshire is to place in the National gallery at Washington has been completed, and the plaster cast will be shortly made and shipped to Carrara, Italy, where the statue is to be cut in marble from the quarries of that province.

Like that of Webster, the statue is the work of Carl Conrad, the New York sculptor, and furnished to the State under contract by the New England Granite Company.

The model is six feet four inches in height, and in the statue will be increased to seven feet.

It represents the revolutionary hero in the full Major General's uniform of the continental army, leaning in an attitude of partial repose against a tree trunk. The figure is strikingly lifelike, and the pose remarkably graceful, easy and natural. The dress is absolutely correct in all details, being taken from a uniform in the archives of the State Historical Society.

The face and head of the distinguished subject are splendid evidences of the artist's creative genius.

There are no authentic portraits of Stark at the age represented by the statue, except an amateur effort from memory, and it was necessary for Mr. Conrad to produce a composite result, in fact, an ideal presentation.

In this he succeeded admirably, after a careful study of the life and character of the man.

The face is in complete harmony with the heroic face, and in whole and detail is a perfect ideal of the hero of Bennington. Its strongly marked lines are suggestive of the courage and force of character of the masterful citizen-soldier which made him one of the most conspicuous figures of the Revolutionary period.

From an artistic and technical standpoint the work is above criticism, and the statue will make a fitting companion to Webster in the National gallery.

It has been accepted by the governor and council.

—Vermont has the largest average wool clip of any State. In 1890 it averaged 6.72 pounds per sheep.

—The hearing in the case of the Green Mountain Stock Farm Company, which failed a few weeks ago, will be resumed in New Haven, Conn., March 28th.

—Hon. Henry Ballard, of Burlington, will deliver the Memorial Day address at White River Junction.

### BORN.

KELLOGG—In West Arlington, March 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kell, a daughter.

### DIED.

HAIGHT—In West Arlington, March 16th, Mrs. Sarina Haight, aged 70 years.

BUCK—In West Arlington, March 14th, Anna J., wife of Charles H. Buck, aged 50 years.

MALLOY—In Woodford, March 21st, Henry Malloy, aged 73 years.

BURGESS—In North Bennington, March 19th, Edmund H. Burgess, aged 22 years and 9 months.

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