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We have failed to notice the Rutland Herald featuring the stories coming from Concord, N. H., telling of the rather loose expenditure of money by the railroads of New England during the time the Grand Trunk railroad was trying to get a charter to go into Providence, although that paper finds room for every kind of literature favorable to the roads.

The down state papers are discussing the reason why large fields and extra heats are no longer the rule at our fair horse races. On this point there is a distinct advantage in having an early fair before all the horsemen know what their horses can do against the others. For example, the Barton fair this year had a field of over 70 horses, most races went extra heats and the number of starters reached 12 in one race while six to ten starters appeared in other classes. Come to the Barton fair—the first fair in the state—if you want to see some real racing.

A news item says: It was the same old story of no cases ready for trial when Chittenden county court convened Tuesday and dispensed by the continued delay. Judge W. W. Miles threatened to dismiss the jury for the term if there was no work for them to do this morning.

Judge Miles has done much to make his courts a place of dispatch and without becoming arbitrary and obnoxious has made it perfectly plain to attorneys expecting to appear before him that they were expected to have their cases prepared. This policy vigorously pushed by all the judges would help to lessen expenses and hasten the wheel of justice.

It is stated that on account of the increased taxation and the fear of conscription in Canada, accompanied by business demoralization, many Canadians are buying farms and moving to this state.—News Item.

Whatever influence taxation and the fear of conscription may have on the Canadians the Monitor knows not, but Canadian purchasers of farms in Orleans county have been numerous for several years and we suspect they have merely purchased most of the really good farms for sale here and are compelled to go farther down the state for properties. Whatever may be said of these purchasers they want good properties, pay a good price and are thrifty as a rule.

With the revision of the state fair attendance tickets it is found that the actual tickets sold was only some over 24,000 instead of over 44,000 as was given out. This naturally makes a difference. Barton got over this kind of figuring some time ago and the statement published after the fair that approximately 11,000 admissions were paid is found to be nearly correct as the total figures exactly 10,405. Other tickets issued would give the attendance at considerably over 11,000 for the fair. But this is not as large an attendance as this fair has seen and it appears when hardpan is reached that the attendance at most fairs this year is below what other years have shown and what might be expected. While some fairs break even and perhaps make a dollar most of them now are a losing proposition if the truth were known. The question may well be considered, "Who do not people attend fairs as they formerly did?" The Monitor anticipates that while the automobile brings many people to our fairs, its constant use during the summer makes people less keen to "go to the fair." They have been out in the open, traveled far and wide, seen their friends, gone to the chalet, county picnic and family reunion in the car and the appeal of the county fair is not so keen or the need so great as it was a decade and more ago. Many new things in the

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Is something really to come from this movement to renominate and re-elect Governor Gates next year?—Brattleboro Reformer.

Trench Diggers Remove More Dirt than to Build Canal.

It is estimated that twice as much dirt has been moved on the western line of the war by the French and German soldiers in preparing for trench warfare as was taken from the Panama canal. The magnitude of the war operations in Europe is truly beyond our comprehension.—Hardwick Gazette.

Students Worth More than Soldiers.

All the colleges tell the same story. More students than ever before and the largest entering classes on record. It is a great move in the direction of national prosperity and preparedness when the young people show a preference to study rather than to slay. A student is a more valuable national asset than a soldier.—St. Johnsbury Republican.

Another State Votes Prohibition.

State prohibition has won another triumph in South Carolina. This means that the whole South east of the Mississippi river, except part of Louisiana, will now be dry territory. Prohibition in South Carolina signifies the end of not only local option but of the state dispensary liquor system originally established 20 years ago or more when Senator Tillman was governor.—Bellows Falls Times.

Lawyers and the Press.

It has come out during the investigation of the expenditure of about eight hundred thousand dollars by the Boston and Maine to influence legislation in New Hampshire that practically all of it went to attorneys and that the newspapers got none of it except for paid advertising, which they were as likely as not to answer in the editorial columns. Yet we frequently hear lawyers refer to the mercenary press.—Randolph Herald and News.

A Billion Dollars.

The credit loan of a billion dollars which England and France have asked of this country is a lot of money. In gold it would make about forty-five hundred million dollars. It would pay the running expenses of the state of Vermont for 500 years at the present rate. It is nearly one-third of the total cost of the Civil war. It is over six times as large as the appraised valuation of all the real estate in Vermont. It is eleven times larger than the total deposits in all the savings banks and trust companies of the state. Some money—a billion dollars.—Burlington Clipper.

Come Home for Thanksgiving.

With the exception of some of the smallest, nearly every Vermont town has reported building operations this year which is indicative of a prosperity which stands for permanency. The fact that money is coming to Vermont to develop real estate, that the agriculturist of the West is looking over farm propositions here, is bound to show when the results of the next federal census are given out. The exile who has been asking, "What's the matter with Vermont?" should come home for Thanksgiving that he may learn there is nothing the matter with Vermont. If he happens to live in California where 100,000 or more men have been idle much of the time for the year past, or if he comes from the middle West where business has been interrupted to a considerable extent for two years, he will find Vermont in striking contrast to other parts of the country. Here in Vermont we are occupied, crops are nearly normal and the majority of the citizens are too busy to give time to reading properly the war reports.—Rutland Herald.

Visit Your Schools.

You hear a great deal about our schools, talk much about them, think some about them, and a considerable wonder not a little more about them than if they were in China. How many heads of families, parents, business men, men of minds, ever cross the threshold of the schoolroom? How many of them ever offer a word of encouragement to teacher or scholar and let them know by your presence at least occasionally in the schoolroom that you are an interested party, really desirous that they should prosper, and that you have their best welfare at heart? How many have personally recognized the head of the school, he who has the training of the mind and the building of the character of your boy or girl? How many have kindly counseled and advised with him, showing you are with him in the great work, wishing him well and cheering with a Godspeed. How few can answer in the affirmative, and yet you often hear of the school and feel that it is not what it should be, and what you wish it was. Will it help to be constantly finding fault, continually growing and denouncing and when some trivial or even great mistake is made will it help matters to pompously parade the same before the public? Things are not often just as we would like to have them, and surrounding circumstances not always as we imagine or hear they are, and very often if we knew the exact condition and state of affairs, our minds and opinions would be the reverse to what they were without a knowledge of facts. Now this is merely offered as a hint and while we presume many will read it, it is hoped some will think about it and at least a few be induced to act upon it and visit our schools at least occasionally.—Brattleboro Phoenix.

line of entertainment and diversion are now possible because of the automobile and this very fact is taken advantage of and developed in numerous ways. The Chautauqua, for example, takes people out, mixes them with friends and takes the spending money that might otherwise be used in "going to the fair." These things are not to be deplored but they contribute to the lessened enthusiasm for our fairs.

STATE NEWS

District Meeting O. E. S. Tuesday.

The annual meeting of District No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star will be held at Colton Chapter No. 66 at Irasburg, Tuesday, October 12th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A school of instruction will be held there till 6 o'clock. Following the banquet at 6 o'clock the entertaining chapter will open the lodge, there will be an address of welcome, a response, work and review of the same, impromptu speeches and closing ceremony by McKinley chapter of Craftsbury. Several Grand officers are expected. The district call is made by L. D. Wellman of Newport, D. D. G. P., and Mrs. Maude L. Fletcher of Orleans, D. D. G. M. The chapters of District No. 7 are: Orient, No. 13, Barton; North Star, No. 25, Island Pond; Lakeside, No. 27, Newport; McKinley, No. 43, Craftsbury; Inteval, No. 61, Orleans; Colton, No. 66, Irasburg.

Free Bulletins on Feeds and Fertilizers.

The Vermont experiment station is distributing bulletins 186 and 190. No. 189 deals with the inspection of commercial feeds, their analysis, constituent parts, etc. It also contains a fifty-page article concerning the Vermont corn crop, discussing its seeding, soil, harvesting and feeding. It further contains a list of free federal and state publications on varieties, breeding of seed corn, corn cultivation, corn farm management, insect and other pests, silage, shrinkage in the crib, corn judging, composition of corn silage, corn fodder, corn products for cows, horses, swine and man, and, finally, of school lessons on corn. No. 190 is the annual fertilizer bulletin. It displays the analysis of 173 brands, reviews the trade for the year and discusses the economic principles governing choice and purchase. It also contains a twenty page article on crop rotation which discusses the reasons for and objections to rotation, the advantages derived from and the requirements of rotation, and gives commercial examples, general directions and suggestions concerning this system of crop management. Either or both of these bulletins are free for the asking. A postal card addressed to the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station, Burlington, Vermont, stating desires is sufficient.

Vermont in the C. A. R. Parade.

The Vermont G. A. R. made an attractive showing in the grand parade at Washington, Sept. 29 with 132 men under Department Commander George P. Martin of Burlington. Other officers present were Carlos D. Williams, assistant adjutant general; C. S. Beach, Burlington, national inspector, and J. K. Bonett, St. Johnsbury, aid to the commander-in-chief. In line with the commander-in-chief were East Department Commander D. L. Morgan of Rutland, Thomas Hannon of Bennington, E. J. Foster of Waterbury and Edward Baker of Montpelier. Department Commander Martin appointed E. J. Foster of Waterbury acting chief of staff for the occasion. The colors were carried by G. W. Kidler of Montpelier and J. W. Averill of Barre, while Charles M. Cota of St. Albans led the department with a pine sapling, each comrade as usual wearing the usual pine sprig on his coat. The parade started at ten o'clock and Vermont comrades fell into their place in line at one o'clock, precisely, after waiting since 9:30 on Second street. It was an hour later when the Vermonters passed the President on the reviewing stand, but not a Green Mountain boy had fallen out. The department carried in the parade a new silk flag presented by the Women's Relief Corps of St. Albans. Luella F. Bickford of Bradford, president. This flag is a memorial to Mrs. Calista Robinson Jones, the only national president Vermont has ever had. The R. C. was officially represented by Mrs. Bickford, president, Mrs. George P. Martin of Burlington and Mrs. Hattie Shipman of Hardwick, past department presidents.

Burks Mountain's Beauties Told in Picture-Phrases.

For several summers, while spending my vacations at Lake Willoughby, I had looked with longing eyes from one of the nearby hills at Burke mountain, hoping some day to visit it and, when an opportunity came, it was gratefully accepted, says Anna E. Cobb of Newbury in Providence Journal. The only way to get there at that time was by mountain wagons or carriages, with good, strong horses, for it was an all day's journey, even then, if one tried to climb to the peak. We left the Willoughby House early in the morning, while the dew still sparkled in the sunshine, and the birds twittered and sang their morning songs. The greater part of the way was along a road bordered by different varieties of evergreen, in company with a little brook, rippling and glistening in the sunlight. After driving six miles we came to the nearest railroad station, which we passed, for today we earned the stars and stripes and sang in the open air and sunshine. Now the road was more open for the tree growth was farther back, making room for another streamlet to babble along the roadside. Many kinds of northern wild flowers were on either side bordered by low growing evergreen—pretty grass of Parnassus, the dainty blue grassbell with its threadlike stems, the fragrant ladies' tresses, clover and fringed gentians, cardinal flower in marshy hollows, common white field daisies, tall fireweed, purple fringed orchids, the beautiful clematis with its feathery seeds, now and then a fragrant Canada violet, the hobble bush with its red berries, white yarrow with here and there a pink blossom, queer pinkish white clusters of turtle head, the exquisite delibarda, with graceful ferns and hemlock, red fruit clusters of mountain ash, the fragrant pine and fir balsam, fluttering poplars, feathery larch and dark spruces. Soon this dainty growth was left behind, and the hills began to assert themselves. Now and then a partridge with its little family, would fly up with a great whir of wings, and quickly disappear amongst the evergreen growth. Some of us tried to make it easier for the horses by walking up the steep ascent, until finally we came to the end of the road. The rest of the way we must all be foot travelers.

After disposing of the lunch and finding a place for resting the tired horses, we went on up the mountain side to get the grand view toward the west. From this fine look-off, row after row of mountain peaks were to be seen, for the whole country in that direction seemed to be filled with them, with here and there a lake sparkling in the clear mountain air. Burke mountain is 3500 feet high, and is plainly seen from all the region in that part of Vermont. The return trip was, of course much easier, and we were soon again passing all the frequent growth we enjoyed so much in the early morning. The temperature in northern Vermont has been very changeable lately, having climbed to 91 degrees September 1st, then falling to 47 degrees on the 22d and 23d.

Why Eyes Sparkle. Merriment causes a frequent movement of the eyelids up and down, and as it is the function of the eyelid to release a tear each time it comes down the repetition has the effect of covering the eye with considerable moisture. The light shining on this moisture gives the sparkling effect. Inasmuch as the merry appearance of the eye is caused by tears, we are apt to shed them from laughing as well as from crying. Tears are intimately associated with our merry and our sad moods.

RIMED QUOTATIONS. How long we live, not years, but actions tell; —Watkins. That man lives twice who lives the first life well. —Herrick. Make, then, while yet we may, your God your friend —William Mason. Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend. —Hill. The trust that's given guard, and to yourself be just. —Dana. For live we how we may, yet die we must. —Shakespeare.

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Vermont Notes. Fire losses aggregating \$30,000 occurred Saturday morning when the Judge and Ray buildings on Main street in Brattleboro, owned by Atty.-Gen. Herbert G. Barber were destroyed. The fire started in an unknown cause and immediately over 50 horses were turned loose.

Two men, two horses, a heavy wagon and a load of wood were precipitated to the bed of the creek between Northfield and Waitsfield yesterday afternoon when a bridge collapsed under the weight; and one of the men, James P. Johnson of Northfield, was so badly injured that he was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, but will recover.

By means of a wireless service recently installed, Vaughan & Burnett, jewelers of Bennington are obtaining from the government wireless station at Arlington, near Washington, the exact time at noon and at 10 o'clock p. m. The apparatus is tuned only for Arlington and only dispatches from that station are heard. The distance is about 400 miles in an air line.

Suit has been brought in Bennington county court against Charles P. Oatman by the guardian of Walter Hollister, 15, who was struck in the face by a charge of peas fired from a shotgun in the hands of Charles P. Oatman on the night of September 14. The boy, who was stealing grapes from the Oatman garden, lost both eyes. The damages are placed at \$15,000 and the case is to be tried at the coming December term of court.

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