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We wish all our  
Friends and  
Customers

A  
Merry Christmas



THE BERRY-BALL DRY GOODS CO.

Watch this space for next week.  
Store closed all day Wednesday.

THE  
Passumpsic (Mutual) Savings Bank  
Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The Trustees of this solid and well-known institution feeling that the present time depositors of the Bank are entitled to receive the highest rate of interest allowed by law, which is 4 PER CENT PER ANNUM, expect to pay that rate for 1912, as well as the taxes on all deposits.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 10, will be allowed interest from the first of said month.

T. M. HOWARD, President,  
W. F. SMITH, Vice President,  
R. C. BAKER, Treasurer.

## To The American People

The American Little Liver Tablet is the "Best General Regulator." They act as a general tonic to the stomach and bowels: nature is simply aided in doing her work properly, and good health results. They are purely vegetable. Price 25c. Dose—One or two at night as needed. In case of chronic constipation, one-half to one glass of hot or cold water, night and morning is helpful.

The American Throat Tablet has been carefully compounded to meet the general demand for a general throat tablet, to be dissolved in the mouth for hoarseness, sore throat, tonsillitis, coughs and colds. As children cannot gargle, and the American Throat Tablet is as palatable as candy, it is the remedy par excellence for them. They are helpful to the stomach and cannot be surpassed as a general remedy to be kept in the house at all times. Price, 25c. Directions—Dissolve one in mouth every hour or two as needed. Small children, one-fourth to one-half tablet.

These remedies can be procured of your regular dealer, or will be sent by mail upon receipt of price.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL CO., St. Johnsbury

**Horse Killed in Runaway**  
As William Cross and mother of Kirby were driving into town Saturday morning one of the horses, which was a young colt, became frightened at the train near C. C. Follenby's mill on Portland street. The bits broke so Mr. Cross could not control the team and the horses freeing themselves from the wagon ran about one-fourth of a mile down

Portland street. The old horse slipped and fell, breaking one leg so that it was necessary to have it killed. The occupants escaped uninjured.

### BARNET

Cash store—on and after Jan. 1, 1913. The law just passed obliges me to sell goods for cash. A. A. PINNEY, Passumpsic, Vt.

**FRATERNITY MEETINGS.**  
Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. and A. M. Regular Communication, Thursday evening, Jan. 16.  
PERO H. DOLLOFF, W. M.  
DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation Friday evening, Dec. 27.  
DAVID E. COLE, E. H. P.  
DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Falentine Commaary, No. 5, E. T. Stated Convocation Tuesday evening, Jan. 21.  
HORACE A. KINGS, Em. Commander.  
DELOS M. BACON, Recorder.

Knight of Pythias.  
Regular Convention of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Tuesday evening, Dec. 31.  
HERBERT L. MOORELL, C. C.  
W. C. HARVEY, K. R. S.

The Museum of Natural Science.  
Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M. Sundays 2.30 to 5 P. M.  
All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.  
LIBRARY READING ROOM ART GALLERY  
9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted.  
3 o'clock to 5 o'clock Sundays.  
All are invited.

**LOCAL NOTICES.**  
[Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.]

In Gratitude  
Every one of the friendly messages and favors from so many people which brightened a sick room these past weeks will be always gratefully remembered.

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS.  
December, 1912.

**Organ Recital**  
On Monday evening, December 30th, at 8.15 an organ recital will be given at the Universalist church, by William Boynton, of Williams College, assisted by Miss Helen A. Boynton, violinist, and Eldridge French, soloist. The following program will be given:

Organ, Toccata in G, Major, Dubois  
Violin, Legende, in the waltz  
Organ, Tone Pictures from the Life of Christ, Malling

(a) The Annunciation.  
(b) Mary Visits Elizabeth and Praises God.  
(c) The Holy Night.

Bass Solo, Selected.  
Violin,  
(a) Romance } Grodski  
(b) Elogue }  
(c) Humoresque, } Dvorak

Organ,  
(a) Pastoral in E, } Lemare  
(b) Gavotte Moderne, }  
(c) Romance from Sonata in C Minor, } Grieg  
(d) Largo, } Handel

Admission 35 cents.  
Frank Tinker's dancing classes will begin January 6, teaching from 7 to 9; dancing from 9 to 12. On opening night a minstrel entertainment from 8 to 9 and classes from 7 to 9.

Announcement Special to the Public of St. Johnsbury. The World Renowned Professor Percy Janis will not be here next week Monday and Tuesday. Watch the papers for his return. Will be here January 6, 7 and 8. Don't fail to see him before he leaves St. Johnsbury.

For work of all kinds done at reasonable prices at the Belknap Millinery, telephone 129-4.

Try Hot Chocolate with whipped Cream at Searles' Soda Fountain. It's delicious.

Empire Cream Separators, extras and oil, for sale by A. E. COUNSELL and SON, St. Johnsbury, Vt. None better.

You can cure that cold with Almon's Cold Tablets. Get a box at Searles' Drug store. Only 25 cents.

Get a bottle of Almon's Cough Cordial at Searles' Drug store and cure that cough. Only 25 cents.

If you are weak, tired and all run down, get a bottle of Searles' Hypophosphates. Regular \$1 size only 75 cents.

I have now on hand the Coffee sold at the Fairbanks Grocery store, known as the Fairbanks Blend of Coffee, 35 cents per pound. A. H. GLEASON.

Special Notice to the Public. Prof. Percy Janis, Mental and Psychic will not be here next week. Watch papers for his return. Will be in St. Johnsbury, Monday, Jan. 6, 7, and 8. Don't fail to see him before he's through here with his special work.

**COURT HAVING RECESS**  
Meets Again Dec. 31st When Criminal Business Will be Taken Up  
Last Friday county court took a recess until the 31st of December and when it comes together again will take up some of the criminal business that awaits disposal.

The case of Norman McLean vs. E. A. and Alice Smith was tried last week and a verdict given for the defendant.

In the case of Neoma Bean vs. Leon Bean the defendant was found guilty of the charge of bastardy.

In the case of R. J. Shurtleff vs. I. A. Norcross and Trustees, a verdict was ordered for \$1,525.25 for the plaintiff and the defendants did not appear in court.

Annual Meeting of Scotia Club  
The annual meeting of the Scotia Club was held in the parlors of the South church Thursday evening. After a very interesting address given by Rev. Peter Black on "The Highland Clans and Tartans of Bonnie Scotland" the officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, E. A. Silsby; secretary and treasurer, Donald McGregor; executive committee, E. R. Mackay, Rev. Peter Black, Miss Della I. Griffin, Mrs. Helen Allison and Mrs. L. P. Leach.

## VILLAGE BUSINESS

Net Cost of Departments \$8,056  
More Than Last Year.—Fire Improvements Cost \$7,530.74.

The annual report of the village officers is in the hands of the printer and will be published within a few days. A study of the figures for the past year's business shows the net cost of the various departments to be \$41,382.82 as compared with \$32,326.81 for the year previous, an increase of \$8,056.01. There were some unusual expenses to account for this increase. The expenses in connection with the search for bodies at the time of the triple drowning accident last spring were \$413.45 and the total expenses of installing the combination automobile fire truck were \$7,530.74. That accounts for \$7,944.19 of the increased expenses. The cost of the fire truck is divided as follows: For the truck, \$5,839.38, for fire truck building on Eastern Avenue, \$1,492.06, for special gong in building, \$50, for furniture for the building, \$45.40, for expenses of village trustees to visit Boston and Detroit, \$1.29.

A further comparison shows the following increases in the expenses of various departments: Highway, \$227.35, fire, \$33.53, general, \$339.23, sewer, \$9.44, arrears, \$1,178.52, hydrants, \$375.83, special orders, \$8,211.66 (the cost of the fire truck, etc., is placed here) and abatements, \$1,063.23.

The following departments show a decrease in expenses: Water works, \$338.69, street lighting, \$337.49, police, \$590.45, parks, \$144, side walks, \$27.89, stable, \$225.52.

The total indebtedness of the village at the close of the year was \$13,000 compared with \$6,000 last year. The village grand list for 1912 was \$55,571.43 and the taxes collected within the 90 day period amounted to \$27,785.94. The uncollected taxes of the year's assessment are \$1,189.05.

The total labor expenses for the year were \$10,177.48.

**Net Cost by Departments**  
The net cost of all the departments for the past year follows:  
Highway, \$4,211.07  
Fire, \$560.86  
General, \$3,541.43  
Water Works, \$1,248.99  
Street lighting, \$2,291.25  
Police, \$2,401.41  
Sewer, \$1,164.69  
Parks, \$290.51  
Sidewalks, \$2,005.00  
Stable, \$1,318.41  
Hydrants, \$1,415.82  
Special orders, \$8,211.66  
Abatements, \$1,063.23

Total, \$41,382.82

**SUICIDE OF A HORSE**  
Faithful Family Steed of Philippe Droulette At Paris Green

News of a suicide nowadays rarely finds its way onto the first page, being lucky to get as good position as a foreign ad., but when an uncomplaining equine tires of the monotony of semi-daily hikes to the scale factory, and decides to take the short cut to eternity via the Paris green route, it is, to say the least, rather out of the ordinary. Yet this is just the course the patient white steed, belonging to Philippe Droulette decided to take and last Sunday was the day selected for this rash act that was to end the earthly trouble of the aforesaid quadruped.

In his stable on St. Mary street a can of the poison had been placed beyond reach of human hands on a high beam, but not out of Dobbin's reach. He devoured the contents and then with patience awaited the end, giving not a sign that ere the sun had set he would have shuffled off this mortal coil. His owner during the day harnessed him and drove to a nearby watering trough where Dobbin, with a huge thirst proceeded to mix the poison. He at once showed signs of agony and was taken back to his stall where, as the shadows began lengthen his labors on this earth ceased and he passed on.

**Meeting Success in France**  
The music loving readers of this paper will be interested in the success of the talented pianist, Mr. Frederick Fairbanks of Dieppe, France, as a composer. His suite for orchestra "Gollwog's Ball" was recently played for the first time at the Dieppe Casino and so well did the orchestra interpret this humorous piece of seven movements that it won several enthusiastic recalls from a crowded house. Mr. Fairbanks has devoted himself greatly to composition the past five years and will soon publish an operetta entitled "La Souris d'Hotel." Though proud of his British ancestry Mr. Fairbanks is an American and a grandson of Gov. Erastus Fairbanks. As he says himself in the Continental Weekly, "I have been American for the last three hundred years."

Miss Anna Estabrook of Florence, Mass., came yesterday to spend her Christmas recess with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Estabrook.

## MARRIED 50 YEARS

Business and Social Organizations  
Congratulate Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross on Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross spent Monday to Biddeford, Me., to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Trull, and to celebrate with Dr. and Mrs. Trull their wedding anniversaries, both of which fall on December 24. It was Mr. and Mrs. Cross' 50th anniversary and their friends here felt that the event should not pass unrecognized. Saturday evening representatives of the Commercial Club of which Mr. Cross is president and the Woman's club of which Mrs. Cross is an ex-president, called upon them at their home to pay their respects and extend greetings.

On Sunday evening members of the North church and parish visited their home and presented them with a daintily bound testimonial of regard signed by 75 or more members of the church and parish as many as could be reached in the short time at the disposal of those who arranged the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross are both actively interested in the industrial and social affairs of the town and have a large circle of friends who will wish them many years of active happy life.

**GIRL HELD FOR STEALING**  
Chlois Irons Awaiting Appearance in County Court—Other Municipal Court Cases

Chlois Irons alias Chloe Brown, late of Lyndonville and some other places is in county jail awaiting a hearing in the county court on the 30th of December. The girl worked in Lyndonville and it is alleged stole some clothing and ran away to Montpelier. She was located by the officers and placed under arrest. At a hearing before Judge Porter in Municipal court, she was placed under \$200 bonds. Being unable to furnish this she was taken to jail and will be given a hearing later.

Daniel McLean of Cabot recently had a drunk in Walden and was taken before Judge Porter at Hardwick Monday and paid a fine of \$5 and costs for his offense.

Eddie Colby who was charged with stealing brass of the railroad has been placed under \$100 bail which he furnished and was released.

Ellsworth Placey's covetousness lighted on a calf in Danville and he is serving three months in jail in the hope that his desire for young beef will be abated before that time.

Frank Champagny, a 16 year old boy, also coveted another man's metal, and he was placed on probation. Willie Rash was older and he was given a three months' sentence in jail for a similar offence.

Albert C. Granger, another metal thief paid \$10 and costs for his offence.

Joseph Ward was fined \$5 and costs for intoxication.

**DEMOCRATIC POLITICS**  
Candidates Busy After Job of National Bank Examiner and Other Places

One of those rumors that start from somewhere and are traced to nowhere got in circulation that the Vermont delegation in Washington would recommend J. E. Kellier of Montpelier, democrat, for national bank examiner to succeed F. C. Smith resigned, has called attention anew to the struggle that is in progress among Vermont democrats for political plums. Mr. Kellier's name may be endorsed for the place but it certainly is not sure. Elissa May of this town has had experience in that office and has always been a faithful democrat and he would like to serve again. Then H. T. Robbins of Newport, progressive has announced his candidacy and there are some members of Vermont's delegation who would prefer to support a man who had once been a republican than one who has never been identified with that party.

The position of district attorney is also a matter of contention. T. F. Moloney of Rutland has announced his ambition to succeed Alexander Dunnette of this place. John Senter of Montpelier is pretty old but he still has the desire when plums are being distributed. A new complication arises however. Harland B. Howe of this place is considered worthy of whatever position he desires and it is understood that the port of customs at Newport is likely to be consolidated with the Burlington port and the collector placed on a straight salary. This salary is not large enough so a man with Mr. Howe's legal practice could afford to devote his whole time to it and some of his friends think he should be the next district attorney. If he should ask for it of course his request would be given attention.

So it goes. The federal office holder arises in the morning doubtful what the day may bring forth and the office seeker arises and tries to give full credit to any rumor that would indicate a possibility that his ambition may be gratified.

## LEGISLATURE RESTING

Has Much Business Yet to Accomplish.—May Amend Flat Rate Tax Bill.

With the two weeks' adjournment of the legislature for the Christmas holidays comes the matter of speculation as to how much longer there will be needed to finish the work. It is purely a matter of speculation but the records will show something of what must be accomplished before the final goodbye is said. The committee on final adjournment reported 332 bills in the hands of committees and made no mention of the large number of bills ordered to lie which would bring the number around 369 to be disposed of. Taking the bills in committees at the rate of 10 a day, which is considered a large number, it would require 32 days to finish the business, so those who have set final adjournment in February would seem to have been fairly well informed although a strong effort will be made to finish one day ahead of the session of 1910.

There are a good many issues which will require almost a day to dispose of. The senate is not at all favorable to the present flat rate bill. Only one-third would pass it but they are about evenly divided as to some kind of flat rate and there seems to be a feeling that if they can not get together they will compromise on the Laird bill, although Mr. Babbitt has stated that he would force the issue to the bitter end to get his bill of five per cent exemption through. He alleges that he could have killed it on Thursday but a poll of the senate showed an entirely different situation so there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the strength he alleges to have supporting his bill. It is generally expected that if an amendment to the present flat rate bill should come back to the house they would accept the same and pass the bill leaving it to the governor to go on record. There is some question in the minds of the house whether it would be approved but the general feeling is that Governor Fletcher would attach his name to the document.

**For Remodeling State House**  
The committee which is sitting during the vacation has some strong points to overcome before giving the state additional room at the capitol. Among the plans set before the committee are extending the ends of the present building according to the original plans. Another is building a separate structure on the plot owned by the state and of which the manager of the Pavilion is custodian. This building would be used for the Supreme Court and library. If constructed it would be on a line with the front of the present building and would give a nice lawn in front of it. The more desirable plan, is that of building an addition similar to that of the library on the opposite end of the building and which would cover the wall that has been for years an undesirable feature of the grounds. This would meet the requirement for two generations it is believed.

**A Bill for Drainage**  
A bill which will mean a good deal to the state and which the people of Vermont know but little is the one introduced by Mr. Watson of St. Albans City drawn after the law in Canada, on tile drainage. The great difference being that in Canada it is financed by the government while in Vermont the towns may finance the propositions. He has spent a good deal of time and thought upon the plan and has watched the results of the plan of the Canadian government and seeing the benefit of it to the country at large is endeavoring to give Vermont the benefit of it. If it can be shown to the farmers that they are the ones to be benefited the bill will go through but they have been adverse this session to trying out new things and therefore considerable care will be needed to get the bill through.

**The Sterilization Bill**  
Senate 79, providing for the sterilization of degenerates will find considerable opposition in the house. While some are willing to admit the need of it yet they fear to try it and the fact that it means a new commission will be used as strong argument against the bill. The report of the ways and means committee of Friday will be used to a great extent on the bill.

**Do Not Like Inspection**  
The committee on agriculture in the house do not take favorably to the Senate bill regarding the inspection of milk and cream as proposed in their bill and have made no report on the bill since it was recommended. They are also drawing up a substitute oleomargarine bill. It is understood this will amend the present law making it a penalty to use the article in public places without due notice appearing in the hotel.

**Farmer Oppose Change**  
The senate has passed the amendments to the constitution providing that the convening of General Assembly shall be January 1 instead of in October, but the farmers in the house appear, from what the representative of the newspaper has been able to learn, to feel that it would be better for them to leave it as it is because they can leave their work better with the present convening of the legislature than if it convened in January. They appear to feel that the last end of the session would interfere with the sowing and spring's work.

The house has killed 98 House bills and has passed 96 which have been signed by the governor. They have also passed several bills that are now in the senate for action.

**Message from the Governor**  
Governor Fletcher sent in a message Friday asking that the amount of money to be used by the commissioner of weights and measures be limited by law, there being no check whatever in the present law. He also urged the establishment of a state purchasing agent, who should not only purchase the supplies for the various state institutions but the printing done by the state and abolish the office of printing commissioner. The speaker of the house has appointed as members of a committee to consider these suggestions; Mr. Proctor of Proctor, Mr. Watson of St. Albans, Mr. Jose of Johnson.

As members of a special committee to consider the possibility of consolidating state commissions; Mr. Cook of Lyndon, Mr. Tomlinson of Bolton, Mr. Gage of Weathersfield.

As members of a special committee to investigate the payment by the state of a pension to W. C. McGinnis; Mr. Jose of Johnson, Mr. Hulbert of Rutland city, Mr. Brigham of Bradford.

The 25 cent piece was made famous by the American Liver Tablets, the perfect laxative.

**Put Coal on Your List of Christmas Presents.**

This particular Christmas it will be almost as much appreciated as any other diamonds.

Geo. P. Moore,  
THE COAL MAN

**WELCOME GIFTS**

For smokers can be chosen from our splendid holiday stock. Select them now before the lines are broken.

**BROWN'S CIGAR STORE,**  
49 Main Street

**\$114.13 SAVED**

I am returning the above amount on 19 Fire Insurance Policies in December and January, it being from 20% to 50% saved to my customers. Don't you want to save a like amount on your Fire Insurance? Would be pleased to show you records and names of each policy if you care to take advantage of my old motto:

"Don't take my word for it, but investigate."

**Chas. S. Hastings, Gen. Agt.**  
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In same office 36 years.  
44 matured Endowments paid in past three years.