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Retirement of Gov. Gates

Thursday morning of this week Charles W. Gates will perform his last duties as governor of the State of Vermont and will read his retiring message before a joint session of the legislature.

Gov. Gates has served the State during two years of its important history when the direct primary and workmen's compensations acts were first put in force.

Of Gov. Gates personal work but little publicity has been given. He has prevented a hold up on the insurance of the State property that has saved the State a large amount of money.

We have not been advised of Mr. Gates' plans for the future, but we know that he is retiring from his public duties with his reputation for honesty, for courage, for effectiveness and for good judgment strengthened by his two years of faithful service to his native State.

The Allies Refusal of Peace

The answer of the allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania, Russia and Serbia to the German proposal of peace is what was forecast, a flat refusal to consider the matter at present.

We believe the answer of the Allies is correct and that the neutral countries will approve of their decision not to treat with Germany and her Allies at this time.

The answer of the Allies does not shut out the hope of negotiations for peace. It is evident Germany wants peace. That is the only explanation of her proposal to the Allied powers.

National Guards Inadequate.

Adjutant-General Lee S. Tiltonson in a public letter defends the national guard of the state and shows that the bungling of the mobilization of troops on the Mexican border was not due to the state organizations but to

the officers of the general army. Gen. Tiltonson is correct in his statements, but he has not proven that a volunteer system can be successfully carried out.

The South in the Saddle.

Despite the fact that the United States treasury faces a deficit of \$370,000,000 or more this year the House has passed a bill appropriating \$45,000,000 to begin the reclamation of 16,000,000 acres of swamp land on the banks of the Mississippi river in four southern states.

The northern tax payers who pay 95 per cent of the income and corporation taxes of the country will contribute the maximum portion of this great slice of pork.

The Year 1917

We wish you all a Happy New Year. It is going to be an historic year. Peace undoubtedly will be established before the year closes.

The Struggle for Peace.

While England is still haggling over the proposal of Pres. Wilson that the belligerent nations get together and state the terms upon which they would negotiate for peace.

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With a deficit of \$370,000,000 at the close of the present fiscal year before them the democrats are proposing an issue of \$125,000,000 Pan-

amaut canal bonds, or bonds on project already completed and practically paid for as the work went along an increase of income and state taxes, increased taxes on whiskey and like beverages and a higher tariff on tea and coffee.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters has completed an analysis of the fire losses in the State of Vermont for the year 1915, and finds that 20.7 percent of the fire damage for that year (\$97,326), was due to strictly preventable causes; 46.5 percent (\$218,228), to partly preventable causes; and 32.7 percent (\$153,245), to unknown causes.

Say, Mr. Legislator, when you vote for sergeant-at-arms just ask yourself which is the better business, to elect a man who has had years of training, knows the state house use from basement to dome and what the needs of the legislators are or to elect some outsider who happens to be out of a job.

Despite the new policy of secrecy regarding negotiations with European powers, it is announced that President Wilson has sent "a second note, explanatory of the first."

This government has sent the German government indisputable proof that it violated its I-boat pledge when it sank the passenger steamer Arabia without warning.

With reports of 60 people being storm bound all night in a school house in South Wheelock and a South Readsboro man lost and so badly chilled that he died from the effects, in last Friday night's storm, the predictions of a mild winter do not seem very accurate.

Cold baths are now in order in Paris to save the gas and electricity necessary to heat the water. The washing of Parisians is likely to be one of the large tasks in the reconstructive period after the war.

For the famous order by Admiral Dewey, "You may fire when you're ready, Gridley," there may be substituted a command by Pres. Wilson, "You may leak when you're ready, Sec. Lansing."

WEST BURKE.

Myrtle Aldrich Presented With Gold Watch By Telephone Company. (Mrs. H. L. Walter, Correspondent.) Miss Myrtle Aldrich, who has been very popular operator for the New England Telephone company here for a number of years, received a Christmas present of a fine gold watch with her monogram engraved on it from the company.

Mrs. Abbie Colby has gone to East Burke to care for her brother's people. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey. Mrs. Lilla Walter is caring for Mrs. Kate Fowle, who is very ill with the grip.

Raymond Walter has been quite sick the past week. Hugh McFarlin and Ezra Chappell are sick with the grip. Mrs. George Brooks and children of Centerville were recent visitors at Albion Moulton's.

Mrs. Helen Gailer has been sick the past week at Mrs. Abbie Cheney's. F. T. Porter has bought the blacksmith shop owned by Will Hill and will use it for a store house.

Miss Ruth Leach and Loren Jenkins returned to their school at Montpelier Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Jenkins and Mrs. George Cole of East Burke spent part of last week at Mrs. Jenkins' home here.

Miss Bernice Pierce of St. Johnsbury was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bailey last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bishop returned to their home in Burlington Sunday.

Miss Margaret Batchelder is caring for Mrs. Wallace Bruce in East Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Musty of Lyndonville were Sunday visitors at Archie Bailey's.

Miss Angie Davis returned to her school in New Jersey last Sunday.

Miss Lillian Fairbrother is visiting relatives in town.

EAST RYEGATE.

Misses Hattie and Helen Franklin of South Newbury visited their aunt, Mrs. George Franklin, one day last week.

Mrs. C. F. Cutting of Concord is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. M. Wallace.

J. R. Alger has returned home from Boston, after spending a few days there with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gillilan spent Sunday with relatives in Walden.

The whist party was well attended Tuesday evening, Burt Heath receiving first prize and Leo Roberts consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hayes returned home to Gullhall after spending one week with their sons, R. S. and G. H. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Willis and son, Floyd, of St. Johnsbury are spending some time with relatives in town.

Wilbert Bullard has returned to work at Long Island, N. Y., after spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Henry Joffe.

Mrs. C. M. Walker went Saturday to Concord to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Underwood have returned home to Hinsdale after spending a week with Mrs. Underwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Skinner.

Mrs. George Cinnamon is spending a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Gymer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shortleaves and Linwood Cunningham have returned home from Burlington.

Woodville visitors for the week-end were Earle Streeter, Frank Powers, Mr. and Mrs. George Shortleaves, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brown and son Harry, Mrs. George Franklin and daughter Dorothy, Mrs. A. H. Adams, Mrs. J. F. Devins, Iva Anderson, Mrs. George Cowan and Mrs. George Cinnamon.

The dance held at the M. W. of A. hall, Wednesday, was well attended and everyone enjoyed a good time.

Little Varnard Gardner has returned home after staying three months with his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Adams, of Passumpsic.

There were no services in the Protestant church owing to the illness of our pastor, Rev. L. H. Simpson.

GREENSBORO BEND.

(Mrs. W. D. Hill, Correspondent.) Mr. and Mrs. Bert Russell and daughter, Shirley, of Hardwick spent Christmas at George Batten's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lurvey of Wolcott were Christmas visitors at Homer Desjan's.

E. A. Garfield of St. Johnsbury was in town Monday.

The Christmas tree Monday evening was loaded with presents, and a large crowd was present to hear the exercises, every one of which was a success.

Arthur Shafney and family spent Sunday at J. B. Lumsden's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Underwood and children were at the Clary home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kennison have adopted the little girl they recently took from the orphan's home.

Mrs. C. B. Sternberg has moved her millinery from the shop she has occupied to her residence.

Ernest Allen is working in the Fairbanks shops at St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Addie Barber is gaining quite rapidly and is able to sit up.

Mrs. May Wood is visiting her sister in Passumpsic.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willey visited relatives in Plainfield the last of the week.

Mrs. A. C. Chase was in Hardwick Thursday.

The friends of Rev. and Mrs. Shaw and daughter May, sent them a check of \$30 as a Christmas gift.

Arthur Waterman has moved his family to South Barton.

Mrs. C. B. Sternberg and son Ceylon visited at John Bedells in Sheffield Wednesday and Thursday.

George Gray of Sheffield was in town Friday.

Little Doris Bailey has returned to her home in Craftsbury for a while.

SOUTH WHEELOCK.

Sixty People Storm Bound Over Night in the "Old Red School House." (Mrs. Lucy Weed, Correspondent.) There was a Christmas tree at the Old Red Schoolhouse December 22, with fine exercises by the children of the schools in this part of the town. Nearly 60 people were present and they were obliged to stay there until the next morning when the men could get out and shovel the drifts out to get teams there.

There was plenty of wood and provisions and the party merry until the sun came up Saturday morning and went home with praises on their lips for it being made possible for them to have such a fine place to hold entertainments.

T. Rexford and wife went last Saturday to Ayers Cliff, P. Q., to spend the holidays with relatives.

The schools at Chandlerville and the Mountain closed last Friday for a two weeks' vacation. The children at the Mountain without marks were Dorothy Lord, Elsie Eastman, Roland Fowler and Merritt Blake. Pauline Lord and Bertha Gany lost only one-half day.

Martin Simon, who has been very sick with bronchial pneumonia is gaining very slowly.

Miss Christine Nelson is at home from her school at St. Johnsbury for the holiday vacation.

Warren Meserve has been very sick for the past week.

DANVILLE.

(Mrs. C. W. Bartlett, Correspondent.) Percy Page of Boston spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Wallace Nunn, and family.

Miss Helene Hack of Barre visited friends in town last week.

Rev. C. A. Adams and family spent Christmas at St. Johnsbury.

Miss Margaret Davis was at home from Johnson normal school for the holidays.

Miss Kittredge is enjoying a short vacation from her work at S. N. Ingalls' and is visiting her parents at Walden.

B. F. Tilton was at home from St. Johnsbury for Christmas.

There was a good attendance at the exercises and Christmas tree held at the M. E. church last Monday evening.

Miss Edith Plant and Miss Mary Plant have returned home from St. Johnsbury.

L. Arthur Bartlett was at home from Hardwick for over Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Smith and Mrs. Jane Steady visited their sister, Mrs. A. C. Sanborn, at St. Johnsbury last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Eva Tilton of Monument Beach, Mass., spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton.

Miss Victoria Page, who has spent the past three months at Lawrence, Mass., and Boston has returned home.

Miss Katherine Rodgers, who has been at Claremont, N. H. is at home for the holidays.

The regular annual meeting for the election of officers of Diamond Chapter, O. E. S., will be held at Masonic hall Jan. 9.

Owing to the severe snow storm December 23, it was necessary to postpone the exercises which were given by the Congregational Sunday school at the Town hall until Tuesday evening.

A. E. Currier and family have moved to their new home which they recently purchased of F. J. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morse are occupying a tenement in A. E. Currier's house.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hibbs of West Newbury, Mass., spent Christmas with her brother, A. F. Page, and family.

Miss Webster and family, Mrs. Webster and daughter, Miss Lilla Webster, spent Christmas at St. Johnsbury.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

(Miss Ella McLaughlin, Cor.) Miss Myrtle Davis of Boston, Mass., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis.

Clarence Colby has been in Bethlehem, N. H., visiting friends during his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hallett have gone to Bennington, where they are planning to locate if Mr. Hallett employment.

Arthur Massey of Hyde Park, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Massey.

Raymond Whitney, who has been working in Windsor during the summer, has returned home.

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