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Mr. Foster would have been pleased to have voted for more liberal rules if the republicans could have been taken a hand in their perfection, says a Washington dispatch. His position must be a difficult one when tempted to support good measures under another label.

It might be in the interest of peace at home and abroad if one could find a way to rob the Roosevelt home-coming parade of some of its red fire, noise and speeches. His progress has begun with a near-trip in Cairo, and England and Europe are a bit apprehensive over the approach of the ex-president.

If, as is suggested, Dr. John Abner Mead and Hon. Frederick G. Fleetwood should get together and unite on Editor Greene for governor; and if Dr. Kidder and Mr. Leland get together and turn the nomination for lieutenant-governor over to Editor Johnson, the newspaper fraternity would have things pretty much in its own hands. The proposition makes a tame affair of the next Republican state convention and would end all consideration of the matter of campaign expenses.

Any Base Ball?

The approach of the base ball season makes uneasy the local followers of the game, as the outlook here is not wholly encouraging. On the contrary it is discouraging, though the season is early yet, and much may be done before it is time for Mr. Ump to unlimber his voice.

The Woodstock team of 1909 was a power on the diamond, but the reason was not a success financially. It opened early and for the first four or five weeks of the club's triumphant career it fell considerably short of paying expenses. A shorter season would avoid one of the causes of a deficit if Woodstock goes into fast base ball again. And the town is not likely to be satisfied with anything except a first-class team.

Vermont's Highways

"I do not like to tell in detail how to construct water-bars," said Commissioner Gates at the recent meeting of road commissioners in this city, "because about seven-eighths of all the water-bars in the state ought to be abolished." The back-breaking, spring-racking, hogback water bar has no place in a properly graded road and it is a gratifying evidence of progress when the head of the state's highways has courage to point it out.—Rutland Herald.

Anti-Cannon Sentiment

The Chicago Tribune's poll of the Vermont republican and independent newspapers shows that only one endorses the Aldrich-Paine tariff law and that 38 do not; that three endorse Joseph G. Cannon for speaker and that 39 do not.

In the 11 eastern states polled, the majority against Cannon and the tariff is very large.

Revere Bell in Norwich

Norwich, March 31.

Editor of the Age:

I noticed an article in your paper on the Revere bells. The bell in the steeple of the Congregational church in Norwich was purchased in the year of 1817 in Boston, by Thomas Emerson, who was afterward the president of the bank of Windsor, 1828-1835. The bell cost about \$300 and was put in place in the fall of 1817. It bears the mark "Revere & Son, Boston, 1817." The weight in blue pencil is 619.

Our church was built that year, and designed by Ammi B. Young. Later he was architect on the White House, Washington, D. C. We think it one of the finest old style churches in Vermont.

Henry B. Olds.

The time limit set for raising \$30,000 by subscriptions for stock in the proposed new hotel for St. Albans was April 1. On March 30 the \$30,000 had been raised.

HARTLAND.
Little Laura and Stanley Gill have been quite sick the past week. Windsor high school closed Wednesday, March 23. The Hartland students, Nina Martin, Christina Brown, Ruth Lobdell and Lee H. Graham, are spending their Easter vacation at home.

Riley Jordan injured two fingers of his left hand in the machine shop at Windsor last week. He is spending his enforced vacation with his mother, Mrs. F. D. Daniels.

Howard Emery is working at W. E. Britton's.

E. W. Startevant spent the current week in Washington, D. C.

Rev. E. L. M. Barnes and son Robert of South Royalton are guests at the Peniman home.

Rev. F. R. Brown will preach in Mechanicsville, Me., April 2.

Arnold G. Bagley passed away at the home of Mrs. Eliza J. Shattuck Monday, March 25, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Bagley was born in 1829 in Hartland and passed all his life here except for a few years among the gold fields of California. He was a carpenter, and was a man endowed with a jovial disposition. He leaves two brothers, William and Cyrus R. Bagley. The funeral was held at the home of his brother, C. R. Bagley, Wednesday, Mar. 23, at 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. H. A. Miles officiating. Burial in the Jenneville cemetery.

Misses Marion and Emeline Webster, Rena Jenne, Olive White and Mary Hatch are spending the Easter vacation from their studies in Woodstock high school at home.

Mrs. Idu Metz Reed returned to Cornish Monday after a week's illness at home.

Dr. H. B. Ketchum, cellist, played at the cantata given in the Old South church of Windsor Sunday afternoon.

Special Easter services were held at the Congregational church Sunday morning. The altar was decorated with Easter lilies, carnations, ferns, and other flowering plants. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Brown, delivered a very interesting sermon. Mrs. Charles Backus presided at the organ. A solo, "Palms," by Mrs. J. G. Underwood was beautifully rendered, also a bass solo "But is that all," by Charles Backus, in his usual pleasing manner. In the evening the pastor spoke on "Trifles."

The Hartland Nature club will hold its next meeting April 9.

A large party attended the play, "Billy, the Boy Artist," at Windsor March 28.

Mrs. Kate Howard, who has been at S. S. Shepard's, is now at Daniel Porter's, in Plainfield.

Walter Royce and Royal Luze are assisting Leon Ayers during sugaring.

Mrs. Frank Mower is assisting in the care of her son, Shirley Gardner, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago.

F. E. Barrell and L. E. Emery are sawing wood at Hampden Gilson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Walker of Bellows Falls spent Sunday with his father, L. I. Walker.

On March 26 Mrs. D. H. Evans conducted a millinery sale which was well attended.

Rev. F. R. Brown, the pastor of the Congregational church, will close his pastorate in June, as he has the offer of a much larger field and a fine salary.

Mr. Lohman, a student in the Bangor Theological school, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday, April 2, as a candidate. All interested in the welfare of the church are invited to be present.

Frank Lanton has finished work for W. E. Britton and is now employed in A. W. Martin's shop.

Mrs. H. DeWolfe and daughter Maude of Lebanon were week-end guests of their sister and aunt, Mrs. H. A. Walker.

Mrs. R. M. Headle has been quite sick the past week. She is under the care of Dr. Ward, and Miss Lura Metcalf of Hanover.

S. A. Seams spent Sunday with relatives in Sharon.

Will Buckman acted as janitor at the Congregational church, Sunday, March 27.

HARTLAND HILL.

Mrs. L. J. Sanderson is on the sick list.

Charlie Lynch is assisting at Sunny Hill farm.

E. W. Mossey has moved his household goods to Crystal Pond farm.

Mrs. E. A. Morae and family went Saturday to visit in Lebanon, N. H. Miss Lucy J. Perkins recently gave a party in honor of her guest, Miss Mildred Lobdell. The evening was very pleasantly spent playing games

and Miss Mamie Whitmore and Alson F. Putney entertained the company with music. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice-cream were served.

E. G. Lowell and family moved Saturday from South Woodstock to W. A. Osmer's farm.

SOUTH POMFRET.

Relatives here of Turner Perry of Tiverton, R. I., received word by way of George Phelps, who came from there this week that he was very low and gradually sinking.

We hear that Herman DeWolf, wife and child intend to start soon for South Dakota, where they expect to make their home in the future. Mr. DeWolf's brother, Hiram, lives there.

Elbridge Perry has about called it off on sugaring for 1910 and began gathering sap tubs this week.

T. J. White, aside from tending to his hustling force of carpenters erecting his new house, is devoting time to removing the stone wall on the meadow side of the road from the barn up through the entire distance and otherwise improving the general appearance of his premises.

J. B. Hutchinson, who has been too ill to get moved to his new home on the Bridgewater road, expects to be able to take his departure for there today with the last load of goods.

ABBOTT LIBRARY NOTES.

Interest in the mid-week, neighborhood sings does not seem to abate, as was illustrated on Tuesday evening, March 29th, when 17 of the neighbors met at G. F. Greene's, to practice on sacred, national and home songs.

This singing reminds us of an article written by Oliver Wendell Holmes some years ago, in his most charming style. The article is entitled, "The Church of the Galleans." Dr. Holmes is really referring to "The Church of the Disciples," founded in 1841 by the late James Freeman Clarke, one of Boston's most eminent divines, and over which he was pastor for 47 years. This church had among its members, John A. Andrew, the war governor of Massachusetts, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and others of similar mental calibre.

But to return to Dr. Holmes' article. He says, among other things: "Perhaps the good people seem a little easy with each other,—they are apt to nod cheerfully, and have even been known to whisper before the minister came in. But it is a relief to get rid of that old Sunday—no Sabbath—face, which suggests the idea that the first day of the week is commemorative of some most mournful event. The truth is, these people meet very much as a family does for its devotions,—considering it on the whole quite a cheerful matter to come together for prayer and song and good counsel from kind and wise lips. And, if they are freer in their demeanor than some very precise congregations, they have not the air of a worldly set of people. Clearly, they have not come to advertise their tailors and milliners, nor for the sake of exchanging criticisms on the literary character of the sermon they may hear. There is no restlessness and no restraint among this quiet, cheerful people. One thing that keeps them calm and happy during the sermon so evidently trying to many congregations is that they join very generally in the singing."

"How sweet is this blending of all voices and all hearts in one common song of praise! Some willing a little loud perhaps, and now and then an impatient chorister will get a syllable or two in advance, or an enchanted singer to lose all thought of time and place in the luxury of a closing cadence that he holds on to the last semi-breve upon his private responsibility; but how much more of the spirit of the old psalmist in the music of these imperfectly trained voices than in the academic niceties of the paid-performers who take our musical worship out of our hands."

Perhaps not all of our readers are aware, how much the daughter of this Rev. James Freeman Clarke has done, and is doing for our library.

Before the gathering separated, an article of nearly a column's length was read to them from "The Albuquerque Morning Journal," of March 24th, headed "Jurors Should be Comfortable," says Judge Abbott.

The reading of the article was gladly listened to by all present.

ABBA DOTON CHAMBERLIN, LIBRARIAN

Miss Augusta Brailey of Johnson, aged about 50 years, committed suicide by hanging Tuesday afternoon. The cause of her act is unknown.

WEST HARTFORD

Report of the village school: Perfect in attendance, Theodore C. Barrett, Pearl M. Nutting, Clarence F. Spydell, Herbert L. Tucker, Marjorie Eya and Theodore Kaveny. Those absent one day are Arthur W. Alger, Roy C. Pecor, Len J. Stone, Florence M. Reynolds. Those absent three days are John L. Munsell, Lawrence W. Rathburn and Hazel R. Wilson.

Mrs. E. C. Newton and Miss Ruth of Woodstock have been visiting Mrs. Newton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Dimick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brockway of East Dorset were at G. E. Brockway's over Sunday.

P. A. Weeks has purchased Dr. Herrick's house. The latter will go to Fairfield soon, where he has bought a farm.

Misses Anna and Fanny Brockway are at home for the Easter vacation.

Youngest Vermont Soldier

The following letter to the Montpelier Journal explains itself: "Berlin, March 22, 1910

"Editor of The Journal:—I notice in today's Journal that Henry Williams, who died Saturday, is claimed to be the youngest soldier to carry a musket in the Civil war. I can bear him by two years as I am only 65 years of age now and enlisted in October, 1861, in the 1st Vermont Cavalry at 16 years of age, and I have known of several men who are still younger than I. There are two messengers in the Massachusetts legislature at the present time who served their three years and carried muskets who are at least two years younger than myself.

"Benjamin H. Jilson served in the 19th Massachusetts regiment and is a medal of honor man. James P. Clare is another who served in the same regiment I think, and also served in the Spanish, and Philippine wars, making him a soldier of three wars, and there are still others whom I have met that I cannot recall just now.

"Yours Respectfully,
"D. W. Taft"

Rode on First Train to Windsor

Living quietly in the family of George D. Burnham, in Felchville, where he has made his home for more than 60 years, Martin Curley observed the 90th anniversary of his birth and also the birthday of his patron saint of his native country, Ireland, March 17. Mr. Curley is well preserved for his years and reads the papers every day.

He was born in county Rosecommon, Ire., coming to this country soon after he was 21 years old, and landing in Boston. He lived there several years, working as a shoe maker. He married Miss Mary McCook, also a native of Ireland. She died several years ago here.

Mr. Curley rode on the first railroad train that went into Windsor, his brother, Michael, then being in the employ of the railway company.

The latter, who is now a locomotive engineer in Bloomington, Ill., visited Martin a few years ago and they enjoyed their first visit since the early days recounting their experiences on the first railroads to run into Vermont.

Western Apples and Ours

We recognize without qualification the superiority of the western apples with regard to size, style and general beauty of the fruit. There is no question about it, but when it comes to flavor there is no apple grown west of the Hudson river which will compare for a moment in flavor with the New England grown apple. Western apples are to the New England palate flavorless and inclined to be "punky." The eastern apple growers do not consider themselves in competition with the western grown fruit for the very reason named. For instance, no one wanting a barrel of New England Baldwin or Northern Spy apples, would think of taking instead western apples, so that there cannot be any real competition. The western box apples are popular in New England at a certain season when New England apples for reasonable use are scarce.—New England Grocer.

King Menelik II Dead.

Menelik II, king of Abyssinia, is dead at Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, at the age of 66 years and in the 21st year of his reign. Prince Lidji Jeausu, grandson of the late monarch, is heir to the throne. The king was stricken with apoplexy last fall and never recovered his health.

This swarthy monarch, Menelik,

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THE REPUBLICAN, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

PETITION FOR DIVORCE.

STATE OF VERMONT,)
Windsor County, ss.)
I, Alice Curtis of)
Windsor, Vt., do hereby certify that she has duly filed her petition for)
the County Court, setting forth her)
legal marriage to John Curtis, then of)
New York, in the State of New York,)
that she hath resided for three years in)
the County of Windsor, and State of Ver-)
mont, that she hath kept the marriage)
covenant, but that the said John hath)
violated the same, for that he hath com-)
mitted the crime of adultery, and hath)
treated the libellant with intolerable se-)
verity and hath wilfully deserted the)
libellant for more than three consecutive)
years, and for that, being of sufficient)
pecuniary and physical ability to provide)
suitable maintenance for the libellant, he)
hath, without cause, grossly, wantonly)
and cruelly refused and neglected to do)
so; wherefore the petitioner prays for a)
bill of divorce from the said John Curtis.)
And whereas it appears that said John)
Curtis is without this State, so that the)
summons of said Court may not be served)
upon him.

It is Thereupon Ordered that the said John Curtis be notified and required to appear in and before said Court and make answer, if any he have, and abide the order and judgment of said Court, on the premises, at the term thereof next to be held at Woodstock in and for the County of Windsor in the State of Vermont, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1910, upon the first day of said term, by publishing the substance of said petition, together with this order, for three successive weeks, in The Spirit of the Age, a newspaper published at Woodstock in said County, the last publication to be at least six weeks prior to said term of Court, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to said John Curtis upon him.

Given under my hand, at Woodstock, in the County of Windsor, this 30th day of March, A. D. 1910.

E. R. Buck, J. R. PEMBER, Clerk.
Atty. for Petitioner.

Ethan Jones met with a serious accident March 17, in North Royalton. He was sawing wood and, while moving the saw frame with a crowbar, his hand came in contact with the saw, amputating two fingers at the second joint and tearing the skin from the others.

There is a small lun farm on the roof of one of the large New York hotels, and those who occupy the upper floors are often awakened in the morning by the lusty crowing of the roosters.

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PROBATE COURT.

March 24. Estate of Charles O Duggett, Rofalton. Inventory returned.

Estate of David W. Stewart, Norwich. Executor applies for license to sell real estate. Hearing April 18.

March 25. Estate of Sarah M. Giv. John J. Wilson and John S. Kimball appointed appraisers.

Estate of Dana G. Torrey, Bethel. License granted to administrator for sale of real estate.

Estate of Harvey Smith, Sharon. License granted to administrator for sale of real estate.

Estate of Clara I. Mower, Woodstock. Report of commissioners returned.

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Congregational—Rev. Benj. Swift, pastor. Morning service 10:30; Sunday school at 11:45. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. J. Chrystie, Ph. D., pastor. Morning service at 11:45 a. m.; evening service at 7:30 p. m.

Catholic—Rev. E. C. Drouillard, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30.

Services will be held in the Sunday of each month at Vt. hall, Quebec, at 9 o'clock; at Barnard, at the town hall, on second Sunday of each month, 10 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. Blane Lynch, officiating temporarily. Holy Communion every Sunday 8 a. m. Morning Prayer, Sermon 10:30 a. m. Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All welcome.

Christians—Rev. W. A. Leonard, pastor. Services Sunday: Morning at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school 12; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

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Estate of Caroline Hagar
STATE OF VERMONT,)
Hartford District, ss.)
I, George H. Hagar, of said County of)
Woodstock, within and for said District, do hereby certify that said)
Caroline Hagar, late of said County of)
Woodstock, died on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1910,)
and that she was last seen alive at)
the place above mentioned on the)
21st day of March, A. D. 1910,)
and that she died intestate,)
and that the matter of the estate of)
said Caroline Hagar, late of said County)
of Woodstock, in said State of Ver-)
mont, deceased, intestate,)
whereas, Charles H. Maxham, administrator of said estate, has presented his petition for the Court to set aside his license to sell all real estate of which)
said Caroline Hagar died seized and possessed,)
and in this State, representing that such)
license will be beneficial to the heirs of said)
Caroline Hagar, and to all concerned.

Thereupon, the Court appoints the day of April, A. D. 1910, as a time, and)
place, for hearing and deciding upon)
said petition; and orders that notice of)
said hearing be given to all persons)
interested in said estate, publishing)
the substance of said petition, together)
with this order, for three successive)
weeks, in The Spirit of the Age, a newspaper published at)
Woodstock in this State, which shall)
be at least six weeks prior to said)
hearing, and the last of said publica-)
tions to be previous to said time)
and place, and that the said Court)
may at any time, and from time to)
time, show cause, if any they have, why)
prayer of said petition should be)
granted.

It is Thereupon Ordered that the said)
Charles H. Maxham be notified and)
required to appear in and before said)
Court and make answer, if any he)
have, and abide the order and judgment)
of said Court, on the premises, at the)
term thereof next to be held at)
Woodstock in and for the County of)
Windsor in the State of Vermont, on)
the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1910,)
upon the first day of said term, by)
publishing the substance of said)
petition, together with this order, for)
three successive weeks, in The Spirit)
of the Age, a newspaper published at)
Woodstock in said County, the last)
publication to be at least six weeks)
prior to said term of Court, which)
shall be deemed sufficient notice to)
said Charles H. Maxham upon him.

Given under my hand, at Woodstock,)
in the County of Windsor, this 30th day)
of March, A. D. 1910.

E. R. Buck, J. R. PEMBER, Clerk.
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said Charles H. Maxham upon him.

Given under my hand, at Woodstock,)
in the County of Windsor, this 25th day)
of March, A. D. 1910.

E. R. Buck, J. R. PEMBER, Clerk.
Atty. for Petitioner.