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Arrivals at the Inn.

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Windsor County Court.

JUNE TERM, 1910.

This term, which reached its close on Thursday, the 21st, attained the venerable age of 33 working days.

The number of cases finally disposed of was fully up to the average in number, interest and importance. Divorces granted not heretofore reported are:

Maude French from Frank French of Hartland, for intolerable severity. E. R. Buck for petitioner.

Mary LaPlant from John LaPlant of Springfield for intolerable severity. Blanchard & Tupper for petitioner.

Flora L. Rindge from Almond D. Rindge of Bethel, for intolerable severity. Wallace Batchelder for petitioner.

The state's attorney has entered a nolle prosequi, in each of the following cases:

Fred Bronson, neglect of duty as railroad engineer, thereby causing an accident.

Fred Stass, peddling without a license.

Harry Gartin, breach of the peace. Geo. A. Slocum, criminal assault. Fred E. Gerald, breach of the peace.

C. S. Blanchard, letting domestic fowls run at large.

Cleveland Russell, criminal assault.

Morris Hudson, burglary. John Piper, burglary.

In the case of state vs Charles Caldwell, of Chester, for alleged illegal shooting of deer, the respondent having skipped to Canada, the bonds were called and forfeited. This is an inglorious ending of Mr. Caldwell's career. He was prosecuted for setting fire to a neighbor's buildings at Chester, and was arrested in a room at a hotel in Belows Falls, under very sensational circumstances, when State's Attorney Buck, and Deputy Sheriff Kiniry were concealed in an adjoining bathroom. Detectives had been employed to board with Caldwell and get into his confidence and then betray him. A large part of the state's money was spent in bringing about his arrest, but on trial Caldwell was acquitted.

Caldwell was then sued for private damages. Messrs. Skeels and Emery conducted the case for the plaintiff, but the verdict was for the defendant. B. E. Cole appeared for the defendant in the shooting deer case.

The cases against Hugh Duling, J. L. Duling, Minnie Comstock and Emma Macy thus far have fallen flat. J. L. Duling jumped out of a window, and took French leave. It turns out that Mrs. Macy is a

divorced woman, and can not be guilty as charged, and the same as to J. L. Duling and Hugh Duling, each being unmarried. Hugh Duling and Mrs. Macy each was admitted to bail at \$150, and Mrs. Comstock at \$350.

In the case of Hubbard admr. v. Marsh & White, the court held that the deed was given for security for a loan of \$450, and as the pleadings stood that the plaintiff should not have leave to withdraw his republication and demur to the plea. Plaintiff then elected to discontinue his suit, and is at liberty to bring another suit.

In the case of Margaret A. Shepard vs James E. Shepard, of Baltimore, heard on questions relating to temporary alimony, and the custody of these children, the court made an order giving the father the two older children, and the mother the youngest child, and ordered Mr. Shepard to pay his wife \$2 a week for temporary support. Skeels for petitioner. F. H. Spaulding and G. A. Davis for defendant.

In the case of Black River academy vs Ludlow, the commissioners, F. C. Southgate, Fred Chapman and George D. Burnham, refused to lay the road in question. The selectmen of Ludlow had laid the road and the academy appealed therefrom. The result is that the road (a short street near the academy) is not laid and the Black River academy recovers its cost amounting to over \$100.

The academy was represented by Stickney, Sargent & Skeels, and the Town of Ludlow by Julius Wilcox and Ernest H. O'Brien, of Rutland. Charles D. Hazen vs C. I. Hood. This was an action on the case to recover damages for deceit on the sale of a cow which proved to have been diseased with tuberculosis. The plaintiff had alleged but failed to prove that defendant knew that the cow was diseased at the time of the sale, and the court held that plaintiff could not recover. Plaintiff then entered a nonsuit by leave of court.

Strike Breakers Stoned—Wreck Averted

Evidences of a tendency to create discord over the railroad strike were still apparent at White River Junction Saturday, when a misplaced switch came near causing a wreck in the yard there. Stones and coal were thrown at the strike-breaking employes and others were hissed and jeered in the West Lebanon yards of the Boston & Maine road.

The yard crews were switching a circus advertising car in the junction yards when it was discovered that a switch had been tampered with. The discovery was made by Yardmaster John Fitzpatrick in time to avert an accident.

Tennis Champions of Windsor County

The postponed challenge round tennis doubles championship of Windsor county was played on the Springfield Tennis association courts Tuesday afternoon. The defenders, J. W. Bennett and W. L. Bryant, defeated H. A. Bingham and M. M. White, three sets to one. The silver trophy is now theirs to keep.

The first set went to Bennett and Bryant, 6-4. In the second set, Bingham and White showed the best form and won by score, 6-2. In the third set the champions' opponents fought hard and ran the set to a deuce score, 7-5. In the final set Bingham and White were defeated, 6-1.

Grade Crossings at Hartford Abolished.

The finding of the public service commission in connection with the petition of the Central Vermont railway against the town of Hartford saying that south of the village of White River Junction are two grade crossings of a dangerous nature that should be eliminated by the construction of two connections of public highway is announced. It is ordered that the crossings be eliminated and that the expense incurred be borne as follows: The town of Hartford, 10 per cent; the State of Vermont, 25 per cent; the Central Vermont railway, 65 per cent.

Evarts Excited

The village of Evarts was thrown into excitement the other day, says an exchange, when it was learned that G. F. Eastman, George Brothers, G. K. Daley, J. H. Dunbar, A. G. Eastman, L. W. Geo, F. L. Gardner and E. W. Haley had left for Hanover, N. H., to consult President Nichols and Professor Worthen of Dartmouth college, who were appointed arbitrators to settle the controversy over changing the name of the village from North Hartland to Evarts.

The delegation returned from Hanover under escort of a constable, as it was feared that a hostile movement might be made, but no violence was attempted. At present the name of the railroad station, express, telegraph and post office is Evarts.

The Mystery of the Sunken Maine

It is impossible to conceal the fact that throughout the whole country there are suspicions and fears engendered by the manner in which the wreck of the Maine has been treated. For many citizens the only reasonable explanation of the unidentified but powerful influences which have kept the water over the hull of the vessel is the dread with which the disclosure of the sunken ship is looked forward to by somebody or several somebodies. On no other theory can the ridiculous talk about the technical questions involved be reconciled with common sense; in no other way can the reluctance of the government to undertake this work be understood. And every day of opposition to an action demanded by patriotism and international comity strengthens the opinion or suspicion that the government of the United States has good reason for wishing to leave the Maine mystery on the bottom of Havanah harbor.—New York Sun.

The State's Finances

Montpelier, July 23.—An examination of the accounts of State Treasurer E. H. Devault, made by H. F. Graham, auditor of accounts, and F. C. Williams, bank commissioner, as provided by law, shows \$96,242.11 more available July 1, 1910, than there was on that date one year ago. On July 1 there was in the state treasury \$205,793.96 against \$109,551.85 on hand July 1, 1909. In addition to the regular drafts on the state treasury about \$20,000 has been paid for the expense of putting in the ventilating plant at the state house.

During the year orders were drawn on the state treasurer by the auditor of accounts aggregating \$1,822,882.17. The income to the state from motor vehicles was \$40,983.73; from collateral inheritance tax, \$88,968.85; taxes from savings banks, \$454,330.99; from railroads, \$272,203.16; from sleeping car companies, \$1,400; from telephone and telegraph companies, \$20,630.73; from express companies, \$7,000. The state school tax amounted to \$165,472.82, the highway tax to \$102,170.55, and the income from the permanent school fund, \$50,712.66.

Among the larger disbursements were: Administration of justice, \$105,677.84; insane, \$48,129.20; house of correction, \$12,215.40; state prison, \$30,715.98; state industrial school, \$761.45.

Fire in Springfield.

The Springfield fire department was called out at 5 a. m. Sunday to extinguish a blaze in the basement of the Woolson block, discovered by Dr. M. R. Parkhurst, near a box of rubbish. The damage to the building will not exceed \$300. The principal loss will be on account of smoke with which the stores over the basement were filled. The heaviest losers will be Miller Bros., clothing; R. M. Wilcomb & Co., dry goods; N. C. Dodge, drugs, etc.

The Baltimore American thinks that the old punishment of the treadmill should be revived for the benefit of the automobile speeder. This would give him exercise and speed enough.

Wasn't Speeding This Time

Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight, was arrested again in New York city Monday evening. The automobile, which is the delight of his life, was again the cause. Being arrested for speeding has become an old story with Johnson, but it was a real shock this time when he was arrested for standing still. He was accused of obstructing traffic by stopping the machine seven feet from the curb and an additional charge of having a wrong number on his car was placed against him. He gave \$100 bail for his appearance in court.

Oiling Barre Streets

Street Commissioner J. C. DeBrune has begun oiling the streets in Barre. So far it has been used on the new state road to Montpelier and the road to South Barre and settles the dust in fine shape, to the enjoyment of travellers as well as the residents along the treated road. Other streets in the city will soon be oiled. It is expected that this one application will be sufficient for the entire season. The 6300 gallon tank of oil was purchased from the Standard Oil company and is like that put on the streets last fall and such as has been in use in Northfield for a number of years. The oil was distributed from one of the watering carts, fitted with a special arrangement to take the place of the sprinkler and the stream, which is three feet wide, is adjustable from the driver's seat.

Deer Killed out of Season

H. G. Thomas of Stowe, the retiring state fish and game commissioner, reports the number of deer killed out of season for the past two years as follows: Illegally killed, 381; killed by dogs, 158; wounded and killed by orders of wardens, 39; by railroad trains, 24; killed in wire fence, 6; killed by lynxes, 17; by moving machine, 1; poisoned, 2; killed by lightning, 1; killed in snare, 1; died a natural death, 3; cause of death unknown, 41; total, 714.

Commissioner Thomas has received reports of the following deer killed by dogs in July. One each in the towns of Vergennes and Highgate; shot or otherwise illegally killed, one each in the towns of Windsor, Weston, Johnson and Brunswick; total, six.

SUMMER AND FALL

Top-Dressing and Seeding Down

Many farmers are finding it to their advantage to seed down during the summer and fall, claiming that by so doing they are apt to get a much better "catch" than they do when they follow the usual practice and seed down in the spring.

The same is true regarding top-dressing grass land. Some of the most progressive farmers put on top-dressing immediately after haying, with perhaps a small application of nitrate of soda the following spring. If you will send your name and P. O. address to Carroll S. Page, Hyde Park, Vt., he will send you free, postpaid, several formulas for mixing fertilizers especially adapted to top-dressing, and fall seeding, together with prices of ingredients, full directions for mixing, etc. These formulas have been improved by the Vermont Experimental Station and will be found thoroughly reliable.

Paints at Age of 85.

C. Henry Ingalls of Windsor, who is noted in that section as a painter of artistic designs on furniture, though approaching his 85th anniversary and teebie, keeps on with his work as diligently as in years past.

"I will be 85 years old my next birthday," he said, "but I feel perfectly able to work five or six hours a day now."

Mr. Ingalls has lived in Windsor 75 years and remembers when the first railroad train came into Windsor in 1848.

There is no country in the world where there are as many toy-shops as in Japan. Every hamlet has its children's bazaar and during religious festivals toy booths are set up near the temple. Then the grown folks, no matter how poor, may be seen with arms full of toys for their youngsters.

Damage Seeker Learns Something

L. M. Heath of Bethel, one of the two Windsor county game wardens, was in Sharon Thursday to investigate a claim filed by G. A. Chesley for damage done by wild deer. The meeting between Messrs. Heath and Chesley was of just about three minutes duration, but sufficient time to allow Mr. Heath to impart the knowledge that the cutting off of a plant possessing alternate leaves did not permanently injure it.

C. V. Fireman Drowned.

A Central Vermont fireman was drowned in the Connecticut river near White River Junction Sunday afternoon. His name is D. Larose, resident of St. Albans, and he is said to be a young married man.

ROYAL GOLD PLATE

England Has Over Five Tons Stored in Windsor Castle.

The so called gold pantry at Windsor consists of two large fire-proof storerooms in which is kept plate of an estimated value of £1,750,000.

The royal gold plate which is used for state banquets in England weighs over five tons. It is not, of course, all solid gold. If the larger pieces were gold they would be too heavy to move at all. Some of the epergnes take four men to lift. These are of silver gilt. It takes one man to carry two dishes or eight plates. The latter are of pure gold.

There is not much ancient English plate in the gold pantry. Charles I. melted down all the plate of his day and coined it into money. But there are some exquisite foreign pieces, among them a great silver flagon taken from the flagship of the Spanish armada and the famous Nautilus cup, made by that master of the art, Benvenuto Cellini. There is a shield by the same great Italian and the wonderful gold tiger's head taken from Tipoo Sahib's throne after the storming of Seringapatam in 1799.

This tiger's head is a marvelous work of art. It is life size, and its teeth and eyes are cut out of pure rock crystal. Another relic captured at the same time is the jeweled bird called the um. In shape it is like a pigeon, with a peacock's tail. Its feathers blaze with precious stones, and a magnificent emerald hangs from its breast. According to an old Indian legend, whoever owns this bird will rule India.

There are also a shield formed of snuffboxes and valued at \$9,000 and a great quantity of beautiful cups and salvers, among them a rosewater fountain of silver designed by the late prince consort and weighing nearly 3,000 ounces.

Detectives who reside at the castle as ordinary officials guard these vast treasures of plate and also the jewels which are locked in another underground safe. These jewels have of course nothing to do with the crown jewels, which are kept in the tower. They are the private property of the royal family.—Pearson's.

The Origin of Venice.

The "queen of the Adriatic" was born of the troubles caused by the invasion of the famous or infamous Attila, the Hun, who, about the middle of the fifth century, overran and devastated so much of Europe. In consequence of the ravages of this "scourge of God," who was probably one of the most cruel and remorseless men ever known, fugitives from various regions of Italy sought a refuge among the islands which skirt the northern coast of the Adriatic, which were then but the haunts of fishermen and sea birds. There was born Venice, the "glory of the west," whose history was to be written upon the waves for more than a thousand years. It was during the century between 450 and 550 that the "most entrancing city in the world" may be said to have been founded.

Some of the business men at Vancouver, B. C. are planning to import a number of rickshaws from Japan to put in use in the city's streets in place of cabs. A number of the residents of Vancouver's Japanese colony are expert rickshaw men and they are much in favor of the project.

An order has been issued in Barre that all fruit and vegetable dealers within the city will be required to cover with clean screen cloth or something similar, all fruit, berries and vegetables which they offer for sale outside of their stores, or on the sidewalks; also to have all such goods raised from the floor or walk at least two and one half feet, to serve as protection from dogs.

ARABS AS TRACKERS.

They Read the Footprints of the Camels Like a Book.

In some ways the Arabs of the desert resemble the Indians. A traveler writes: "The Sherrarat are all very good shots, and their skill in tracking is also very great, for these nomads, like the red Indians or the Hottentots, have reduced the practice of tracking to a science. Half the life of a Bedouin is spent among the camels. From early childhood, when he is sent out to guard the herds, until he is too old to ride out on raiding expeditions camels form the chief concern of his existence. They are herdsmen by profession. Without the camel life would be impossible in the deserts of Arabia. Small wonder, then, that camel talk is as interesting to the Arab as the camel itself. It is his only means of information, and by constant practice the true Bedouin can read the footprints like a book. They are science and gossip to him. This art is called alhar."

"On several occasions when traveling by night my hunter stopped his camel and after a short examination of some camel tracks exclaimed that it was a raiding party of such a number and of such a tribe, and on each occasion I proved him correct. In daylight he could determine the exact number of camels from a mass of tracks all going in one direction and could also say how long ago they passed and to what tribe they belonged. Marauding bands always leave a long, straight, compact line of footprints, as of men traveling fast, close together and with an object. Even on hard, stony ground, where the camels leave little or no impression, they could tell exactly the time at which the owners passed that way and deduce the extent of their wanderings."

"Another most interesting custom of the Sherrarat is their habit of fortune telling. On every possible occasion when in doubt as to the way, in danger of marauding bands, in want of water or even when hunting and in doubt as to the age of an antelope track they proceed to tell their luck before venturing. It is simply done by smoothing out the sand and making at hazard several rows of marks in the sand with the fingers. An even number is a bad omen, an odd number a good."—Chicago News.

Cast Both Ways.

A farmer's boy in Scotland was charged with attempting to steal an article from a shop door. In pleading his case he said he didn't steal the thing—"he was only gaun tae dae it," whereupon the judge informed him that to do it and going to do it were all the same and that he would have to pay a fine of 10 shillings or go to jail for ten days. The boy, not having the money, was allowed to go and get it from a friend. In a little while he was seen standing in the court, and when asked if he had got the money to pay his fine he answered:

"Na, but I was gaun tae dae it, and ye said that gaun tae dae it and dae it were jist the same. I'm thinking you and me'll be aboot clear noo."—Pearson's.

Johnny on the Spot.

Peddler (selling preparation for removing stains from clothing)—I have got here—

Servant (who responds to the ring)—Excuse me, please, but we are in great trouble here today. The gentleman of the house has been blown up in an explosion.

Peddler—Ha! Hurt much?

Servant—Blown to atoms. Only a grease spot left of him.

Peddler—Ah, only a grease spot, you say? Well, here's a bottle of my champion eradicator, which will remove that grease spot in two minutes.—Tit-Bits.

A Court of Law.

Two or three instructors at a Cleveland law school have been laughing themselves sick over the answer made by a student in an examination not long ago. The question was to define a court of law. Blackstone, who was a good deal of a legal authority in his day, gives as his definition "a place where justice is judicially dispensed." The student may have had that definition in mind. But here is what he wrote: "A court is a place where justice is judicially dispensed with."

A Bad Storm.

The steamer was going to Iona, and as she rounded the island of Mull she began to rock a little.

"Have you sometimes worse gales than this?" asked an old lady of a deck hand.

"Oh, yes, mum" was the reply. "I've seen it that bad that the paint was all blown off the bulwarks and two men had to hold on the captain's hat and all his hair was blown off at the sides. That was a storm for you, mum!"—Los Angeles Times.

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