

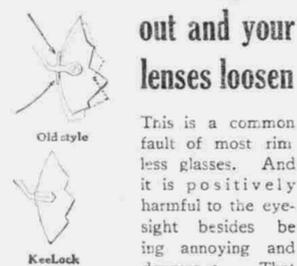
The Prayer of a Horse

Do not check me so that I cannot have the free use of my head. If you insist that I wear blinders so that I cannot see behind me, as it was intended I should, I pray you be careful that the blinders stand well out from my eyes. Do not overload me, or hitch me where water will drip on me. Keep me well shod. Examine my teeth when I do not eat. I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that, you know, is very painful. Do not fix my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defence against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail; and give me

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1916.

Ante the early opening of the Vermont trout season, the attention of The Brattleboro Reformer is particularly called to the fact that members of the Rutland Country club in the evening of April 1 sat down to a dinner of 25 pounds of fresh-caught brook trout.—Rutland News. This is about as much of a story as Stockton's The Lady or The Tiger or The Discourager of Hesitancy. The real point is where did they catch 'em.

St. Johnsbury plans to observe the 125th anniversary of the admission of Vermont to the Union by an exposition of "Made in St. Johnsbury" goods. This is a good idea and we recommend it to other communities in the state. It has proved an interesting and instructive feature the past three years at the Valley Fair in Brattleboro, where a separate building was erected to show outsiders what the town produces. Senator Page, who has twice represented the Vermont Republicans in national convention, writes the Bennington Banner that he does not wish to be considered as a candidate this year. Senator Dillingham and Representative Greene had previously eliminated themselves. This means no member of the Vermont delegation in Washington will head the delegation to Chicago. The man who would give the state distinction in the big gathering of Republicans is Theodore N. Vail of Lyndon.

In his notable speech in the reichstag yesterday in which he declared that Germany entertained no designs of aggression against the United States, Canada or South America, Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg sounded no note of expected triumph for the Teutons. His declaration was that of a man who sees ultimate defeat. He says—bravely enough—that if peace can be accomplished only by the destruction of Prussia's military power then Germany's answer must be the sword. If the allies desire to continue the devastation of Europe the guilt will be theirs, and "we will have to stand it as men." His position is that of a man beaten but not whimpering.

Publisher Knox of the Manchester Union takes exception to the "friendly" throughout" tenor of the latest note to Berlin, as indicated by wireless reports via Sayville. He says: "Now, observance of the forms is an excellent thing, but if the Wilsonian communication was marked chiefly by amiability, it singularly misrepresented the American spirit. This country has no wish to play the bully, but equally it is in no mood to let hard facts in soft phrases. American rights have been scorned and disregarded. American lives have been lost by submarine attacks we have solemnly declared in violation of the laws of nations and the laws of humanity. We have tried pretty speeches with a master of rhetoric to polish them for us, and we have found them wanting. The time for us is long past, and the time for clear-cut, virile, unmistakable declarations has come."

Few people stop to think of the rapidly changing conditions under which we are living. The trainmen are de-

manding of the railroads wage increases amounting to many millions of dollars. Railroads are the arteries of our business life, but there has been a good deal of hardening of these arteries in recent years. The cost of operation has increased tremendously. A part of this increase has come from payments to employees, and other factors have been safety appliances, eliminating of grade crossings, full crew laws and other regulations through legislative enactment, or by order of the interstate commission. The physical valuation of railroads which has been ordered by this commission will cost the companies immense sums, and by the time the work is completed in one section of the country reports from other sections where the work first started will be antiquated. Of course no one can make anything more than a guess as to the loss to the railroads from automobile traffic, but it has been an immense figure. Some of the railroads were thought to be very arbitrary combinations of capital not so very far back, but now they are lucky if they can earn enough to avoid receiverships or to keep their stock above par.

The position which the British government takes in answer to the protest of the United States against interference with the mails by the blockading fleets of the allies appears to have ample warrant under the terms of the Hague convention. The British foreign office gives this government very positive assurances that ordinary first class mail matter is subjected only to the delays incident to careful investigation of parcel post matter which accompanies it. The latter is apparently very clearly defined by the terms of the Hague agreement as merchandise rather than mail matter, and subject to the same scrutiny and seizure, if found to be contraband, as goods shipped in any other manner. First class mail, the British officials assert, is left untouched and forwarded as rapidly as possible to its destination. Very plainly this country cannot properly object to the rule of search and seizure to which, in company with other first class powers, including Germany, it agreed after careful consideration in 1907. That an article of merchandise is dispatched by means of the post instead of by other means does not give it a freedom from the accepted rules affecting contraband. That is clear.

More Than Church Federation Needed. (Rutland Herald.) An interesting detail of the recent Methodist conference in Montpelier, which, however, did not get into print very prominently, was the statement of Rev. W. A. Davison, secretary and superintendent of the state Baptist association, that church federation for evangelical work had been a failure in rural communities. He rather surprised the conference by recommending that, instead of attempting to perpetuate three churches through a plan of federation, two of the three withdraw from towns which can only support one church and the three societies unite in employing one good pastor at a sufficient salary. This is, of course, sound business sense, but it is open to the usual objections of a practical and sectarian sort. A society of Methodists could hardly be expected to greet a plan with enthusiasm which proposed the retirement of their pastor and the retention, say of a Baptist, to whose support their society and a Congregational society would be expected to contribute. The same thing applies to the other societies involved, but there is absolutely no question regarding the desirability of such a plan where it can be worked out. The Herald and other state newspapers have argued for years that there were too many churches in Vermont that are insufficiently attended and supported. Such churches are unable to do efficient community work or make sensible progress because of the manner in which the various denominations split up the religious population of a small town and scatter their constructive efforts. If, as Mr. Davison states, the federation idea has proved a failure, it will take a more radical movement to strengthen religious activities in the rural towns, and if the plan of eliminating one or two churches and combining societies into efficient units can be worked out in some practical and acceptable form, it would be a great step in advance. It is also interesting to note that the creed barrier has been gradually lowered by federation and other get-together movements, so that a merger of church societies is much nearer a practical possibility today than ever before.

May Win by Default. (Bennington Banner.) Any one circulating presidential positions in your vicinity? There won't be any primary May 16 unless there are some candidates, and two of the best-mentioned refuse to permit the use of their names. How about it?—Rutland Herald. If no one files the name of a presidential candidate the prophets of evil can be trusted to think up some new drawback to the primary law. The situation this year is peculiar with the men whom the voters want refusing to be candidates while hardly anybody wants the candidates who are seeking the nomination. The only danger seems to be that somebody will file the name of some one of these undesirable candidates in the hope that he may win by default. Will Find a New Concern. (Barre Times.) That factory building in Brattleboro which is to be vacated because of the liquidation of the affairs of the Carpenter Organ company ought not to

remain idle long if Brattleboro's public-spirited people earnestly take up the trail of new industries. Brattleboro people are commendably energetic and public-spirited and they will probably find a new concern to occupy the organ-making plant. The passing of the Carpenter company after 60 years of activity is sincerely to be regretted, but its stockholders are guided in their present action by knowledge of conditions throughout the country and not by theories. Organ manufacturing is not the field of such large possibilities as it was a few decades back, or before labor-saving musical devices came into popular use.

Sour Grapes. (Rutland News.) Brattleboro is making a noise over the fact that its postal receipts for the year just closed exceeded the receipts of the Rutland office, placing that village in second place in this respect in Vermont. The honor of passing Rutland in any respect is worth bragging about, surely. It is not disclosed as to just what class of mail is responsible for this excess on Brattleboro's part, but it is not necessarily due to the burdening of mails each month with bills to Brattleboro residents, whereas the practice of paying cash, obviating the mailing of bills and statements, obtains in this city.

State News Notes. Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state by the Woodstock Manufacturing company, inc., organized to manufacture skis, ski-bobs, sleds and other equipment used in out-door winter sports. The capital stock is \$200,000, with \$100,000 the principal place of business to be at Woodstock. The incorporators are E. Asper, C. F. Chapman, Fred W. B. Smith and W. L. Hewitt, all of Woodstock.

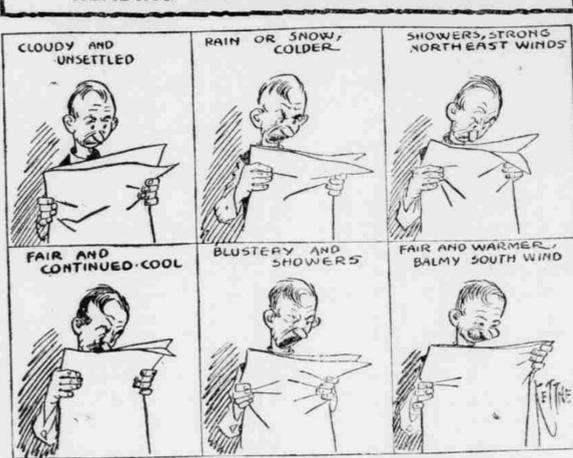
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READING THE WEATHER FORECAST



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By Howard L. Rann
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PONCE DE LEON

Four hundred and four years ago Juan Ponce de Leon, the well-known Spanish explorer, discovered the state of Florida. He is said to have been the first, last and only white man who ever set foot in Florida without succumbing to the wiles of the ten-acre orange promoter, but this is probably a mistake. At the time de Leon discovered Florida he was greatly surprised and disappointed. There was not a first-class hotel in the state and there were no evidences of refinement and culture, such as are seen today in the white pants of the winter tourist and the price of a room with bath at Palm Beach. The only products of Florida at that time were the morose, un-bathed Indian, the baby alligator and the vindictive swamp mosquito. People from the north had not begun to flock to Florida and live on the climate and the pecan nut industry. It was considered one of the dampest and most disagreeable states in the Union. Ponce de Leon did not intend to discover Florida, as he was looking for the Fountain of Youth and a much-needed bath. The careful student of history is struck by the fact that all of our early explorers were more in need of a bath than anything else. In his search for the Fountain of Youth Ponce de Leon drank of every river and lake that he found, and succeeded in contracting several new kinds of malaria which remained in his clothing for years. Finally he returned to Spain and presented the North American continent to the king in exchange for a coat of arms and two suits of underwear. Becoming restless under a life of idleness and the underwear, which had begun to shrink, Ponce de Leon returned to Florida, but was met at the dock by the atheistic red brother and shot full of lung, quivering arrows, passing away soon afterward with both hands folded peacefully across a blow-out in his front casing. His death occurred in Cuba, and was due to a total lack of hygiene and shortness of breath. Thus died one of the best discoverers who ever set up in business on his own hook, a man who was never married and lived the wild free life of a bachelor in an age when good wives were cheaper than silk petticoats at a clearance sale.

When eggs are high a few recipes in which they are absent will be welcomed at this season.

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EGGLESS DISHES.

Black Cake.—Take a cupful of brown sugar, four tablespoonfuls of butter, a half cupful of cocoa, dissolved in a little hot water in the cup, and fill up the cup with milk. Add 1 1/2 cupfuls of flour and a teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in a tablespoonful of water. Bake in a sheet. Cut in small squares after icing.

Ginger Cookies.—One cupful each of brown sugar and lard, 1 1/2 cupfuls of molasses, a third of a cupful of vinegar, one teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in the vinegar, a teaspoonful of cinnamon, a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of ginger. Mix with flour to roll.

Molasses Cookies.—Heat in a saucepan a cupful of shortening, a cupful of molasses and a cupful of sugar, add spices and flour enough to handle. Roll thin and cut, handling quickly.

Lunch Cake.—Take 1 1/2 cupfuls of sugar, add a half cupful of softened butter, a cupful of milk, three cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of chopped raisins, well floured. Bake in a loaf.

Apple Sauce.—Take a cupful of brown sugar or corn sirup, one-half cupful of butter or lard, one cupful of unsweetened apple sauce, made from sour cooking apples, one cupful of chopped raisins, two teaspoonfuls of cocoa, one teaspoonful of cinnamon half a teaspoonful of cloves and the same of nutmeg, two cupfuls of flour, sifted, with one teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake in a shallow pan.

Chocolate Wafers.—Take a cupful each of brown sugar and molasses, a half-cupful of butter, the same amount of lard, a half-cupful of chocolate, grated, a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a fourth of a cupful of boiling water, a teaspoonful of vanilla and flour enough to make a stiff dough. Form in balls the size of a hickory nut, slightly flatten, and place on a baking sheet an inch apart. Bake in a moderate oven.

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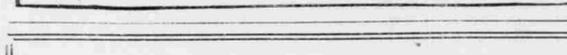
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EAST DOVER.

The listers began their work Saturday morning, April 1. Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Perkins were in Brattleboro Monday.

A. J. Howe of Ansonia, Conn., spent the week-end at L. L. and W. D. Howe's.

S. H. Yeaw of Brattleboro visited relatives and friends here from Monday to Wednesday.

Hazel Starkey went Tuesday to West Dover to work for Mrs. J. Up ton through sugaring.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. C. S. Sherman Tuesday afternoon, April 11. Bennie Butterfield was taken to Vineland, N. J., this week to enter a school. W. J. Metcalf accompanied him.

Winnifred Sherman will return to her school in Wilmington Monday, after spending her vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Walter Halladay and little daughter Dorothy of Brattleboro came Tuesday to visit a few days at C. H. Turner's and W. C. Halladay's.

Miss Ruth Hale returned to her home here Saturday, after enjoying a trip to Washington with her class in the Brattleboro high school, Miss Hale being one of the graduates in June.

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