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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1916.

SOME LICENSE FIGURES.

The official figures on Vermont's license vote of last March show that the state, though strongly opposed to prohibition as against local option, gave the largest majority against license in its history. There were 18,977 votes for license and 29,909 against it, a majority of 10,932 in a total vote of 47,886. It was claimed by some that there would be a marked increase in the license vote and in the number of license towns if prohibition were defeated, but this did not come to pass.

The majority against license was larger than the year before in Addison, Caledonia, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans and Windsor counties, and smaller in Chittenden, Essex, Rutland, Washington and Windham. Bennington county gave a majority of nine for license. Caledonia county gave the largest total majority against license, 1,725, and Orleans gave the largest proportionate majority, 81 per cent of her total vote.

Twenty-two towns and cities voted in favor of license, one more than in 1912, and two more than in 1914 and 1915, but less than in any other year under the present law. Five towns which voted for license are very small and no license is taken out in them, Brunswick, Jay, Mt. Tabor, Searsburg and Somerset. The total vote for license in these five towns was 81, and the vote against it was 46.

Of the seventeen towns in which saloons are located, twelve had them in 1915, and saw fit to continue them another year, Bennington, Burlington, Canaan, Colechester, Fair Haven, Pownal, Rutland, St. Albans, Shelburne, Shoreham, Vergennes and West Rutland. The majority for license was smaller than last year in Canaan, Shelburne and Shoreham, and larger in the other nine. The license majority was reduced the most in Canaan, from 49 to 6. It was increased the most in Rutland, from 18 to 726.

Five towns have saloons this year which were deprived of them last year, Barre, Castleton, Middlesex, Norton and Swanton. All of these except Norton have had previous experience with saloons, Barre in 1907, Middlesex in 1908, Castleton and Swanton in 1914.

Two towns which had saloons last year are free from them this year, Bethel and Brighton. Bethel had been enjoying the benefits of legalized liquor selling for five years and Brighton for three.

As usual, the west side of the state supports most of the saloons, only four towns on the east side sharing the privilege, Barre, Canaan, Norton and Middlesex, the last three having only one saloon each. Seven counties are without saloons, Caledonia, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Windham and Windsor. Rutland county has four saloon towns, Chittenden has three, while Addison, Bennington, Essex, Franklin and Washington have two each.

American toy makers assert that there will be no lack of toys for the children when the Santa Claus season comes again. They go so far as to say

that the idea that Germany has had a monopoly of toy manufacture in the past is a fallacy, and that the great bulk of the toys sold in this country have been made here. Without doubt many of these, to please a foolish fancy, have been labeled "Made in Germany." The war will not have been entirely in vain if it teaches some folks that articles manufactured in this country are as good as any in the world.

Retail meat dealers in some places are putting up a "holler" to the effect that the recent jump in prices is not warranted by the conditions. They are charging the trouble up to the packers, yet the difference in retail prices in cities not so very far apart would indicate that the packers are not responsible for all of the trouble of consumers.

What is so wet as a day in June? Then, if ever, come rainy days; Then Heaven takes Earth from mid-night to noon, And over it softly the hose she plays.

Senator Page Quizzed.

(Ludlow Tribune.)

In connection with the senatorial question which is just now engaging the attention of some of the papers in Vermont, and on the supposition that Carroll S. Page desires to succeed himself, it would seem natural enough to ask why the senator has not as yet taken the people of Vermont into his confidence on the subject of the succession and made a frank statement of the grounds on which he desires, and hopes for, a reelection.

Constructive legislation is a live topic these days, and is being brought to the front in many of the state papers; and under these circumstances, as bearing directly upon the senatorial succession, it seems natural enough to ask Senator Page a question or two. For instance:

What constructive measure, if any, has he proposed, stood behind, and been able to push to a successful issue in the senate during his eight years' service in that honorable body? Did he really vote against the rural credit bill, and the bill looking to the protection of the sources of water power in these United States? And if so, will he tell his constituency why? The senator introduced a long time ago a vocational education bill that had merit, and which Vermonters, in common with the people of other states, hoped to see become a law. Nothing of a definite nature has been heard from that measure for some time. What has happened to it?

We believe that a candidate for any high position has nothing to lose, and everything to gain, by taking the public into his confidence; and that a close relation and frank understanding between the two will inure to the benefit of both.

Booming Barre Granite.

(Barre Times.)

Greenfield apparently is not very well satisfied with its \$90,000 federal building now nearing completion. The Gazette of that town says that the lobby is far from large enough, the sorting room adequate for present needs only, with no provision for the town's growth, and the general appearance of the structure such that if the words "post office" did not appear over the entrance strangers would mistake it for a garage. — Brattleboro Reformer.

There is only one way to get a federal building of satisfactory appearance; and that is to use granite or marble in the exterior construction. Either one of these stones lends a distinction and a tone which brick and mortar cannot give. There is no likelihood of anyone mistaking the granite postoffice in Barre for a garage, nor the marble postoffice in Montpelier. The appearance of the former is particularly far removed from that of a garage and its architectural beauty grows upon one with each new sight of it. Montpelier's federal building, though most skillfully concealed by trees and thereby given a somewhat sombre appearance, is nevertheless fairly attractive. A building of brick would have looked 50 per cent worse than the present structure in either city. We can imagine just about how Greenfield's new postoffice structure looks.

Everyday Wisdom

By Don Herold

EARS

If nothing else evolved, ears did, because who would have thought of ears all at once! Ears look as if they had been done over and over, and started out to be several other things, and hesitated, and finally settled down and decided to be ears. A large part of the ear is superfluous. At one time the ear must have been used for hearing several miles. But now that we live close together and have telephones and are no longer afraid of Indians or wild animals, we do not need nearly as much ear as we have. We could get along very well with a neat, little, concealed hole in the side of the head, invisible to the casual observer, as inconspicuous as a diaphragm. The flapping, funnel part of the ear might as well be lopped off—like the twentieth century vermiform appendix.

We presage the passing of the external ear. It may take countless generations, but we are going to get our presage in early. When that time does come, small boys the world over may rejoice that they were not born in an age when ears had to be washed.

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At the Library

New Books on Farming

Common Diseases of Animals, R. A. Craig.

The author deals with his subject under these heads: Non-specific or general diseases; The Teeth; Surgical Diseases; Parasitic Diseases; Infectious Diseases. He gives special emphasis to the cause and prevention of disease and not so much to the medical treatment, although he has given formulas for medical mixtures and suggests the treatment necessary.

Dairy Cattle and Milk Production, C. H. Eckles.

A manual for the use of dairymen and dairy students by the professor of dairy husbandry in the University of Missouri. The author is remarkably well qualified to write this manual as he had charge, for 15 years, of a herd of 50 cows, among them many high-producing animals and including all the dairy breeds. The author has put in compact usable form all the information scattered through the publications of state experiment stations and of the federal government, in the agricultural press and also that possessed by practical herdsmen. One eminent expert says of the book: "It is the best of its kind in print."

Fertilizers and Crops, Lucius L. Van Slyke.

The latest and most comprehensive work on soils and fertilizers by the chemist of the New York agricultural station. The author considers the factors of soil fertility, sources and composition of materials used as fertilizers, factors in the selection of fertilizing materials, practical use of fertilizers in the growing of individual crops with special emphasis on the reasons underlying their use. An important feature is the chapter on "Nomenclature," in which the meaning of such terms as phosphorus phosphoric acid, potassium, lime, etc., has been discussed in detail.

The Hog Book, H. G. Dawson.

A practical guide to the raising of swine, which, according to this author, is a business so broad, so deep, so intricate that no man ever can thoroughly master all its departments in a lifetime. This artist and enthusiast in the business of raising American hogs also says that no matter what or how much you read study, hear or see, the hard knocks of practical experience and close association with Mother Nature are the makers of successful swine raisers. The book is very interesting reading even if you do not intend to enter the hog-business.

Productive Feeding of Farm Animals, E. W. Wolf.

An exhaustive systematic discussion of the principles relating to the feeding of farm animals and of the various feeding stuffs available for use to the farmer and herdsmen. The different feeding practices for the various classes of farm animals and the most profitable methods of stock-feeding under the varying conditions existing on American farms are also fully discussed, so that no farmer need lack the knowledge necessary to put into practice the principles of "productive feeding of farm animals."

Small Grains, M. A. Carleton. (Rural Text Book Series, ed. by L. H. Bayley.)

An exhaustive study of the cereals by the head of the cereal department of the bureau of plant industry, for use in colleges and high schools and also for the farmer and the general reader. The author gives briefly the fundamental principles of plant structure and nutrition as related to cereals in general; then the four cereals, wheat, oats, barley and rye, are treated separately as to their origin, characters, classification, varieties, selection and hybridization. Finally, all the cereals are discussed in regard to soil, climatic relations, acclimatization, cultivation, irrigation, weeds, insect and fungus pests and closing with an interesting chapter on uses of cereals and the cereals in commerce.

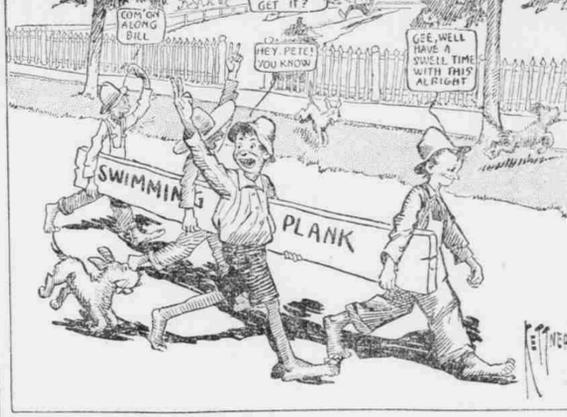
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By Howard L. Rann

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THE BIG HEAD

The big head is an affliction of the upper part of the human skull which is caused by feeding conceit into a vacuum. After Nature has gone to the trouble of providing man with a large unoccupied space in which to store thought and ready-to-wear information, it would seem that this opening could be used to better advantage than by filling it with a low grade of conceit and allowing it to evaporate in the direction of the general public.

There are several kinds of big head, all of which are accompanied by intense swelling of the think chamber. This swelling does not cause pain to the owner, but creates a great deal of personal discomfort on the part of the average listener. Why is it that a man will not be able to sleep nights on account of the swelling from an ulcerated tooth, and yet not be disturbed by the slightest by an attack of the big head that resembles a toy balloon at a distance of three hundred feet? This shows rank favoritism on the part of Nature, which is supposed to be impartial in all of her acts.

A certain amount of big head is in some respects a good thing, but when it begins to run out at the top and spin weird vortices faster than a cotton gin it should be provided with a wire muzzle and a hip reducer. Nobody ever got very far in the race of life without enough of the big head to prevent him from being pawed over on the remnant counter. Some of the biggest men this country has produced have had a noticeable enlargement of the cranial cavity, but they did not attempt to use it as a substitute for the intellect. A small quantity of the big head, driven with a high shock, will not injure any man's chances so long as he keeps his fan belt tight.

It often happens that the man who has the most cause to carry around a violent case of the big head is the last one to show any signs of it. The genuinely modest man who does big things in a quiet way does not have to convert himself into a billboard with suspicious attachment. One of the first things that can be said about American method is that the braggart and the bob-tailed flush artist so seldom sit at the head of the board of directors.

Time will cure the big head, but it is liable to get mighty leg weary before withdrawing from the case.

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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

YBAB'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

"The Toadstools were such a help to the Fairies yesterday afternoon when it began to rain," said Daddy. "Tell us how, Daddy," said Nancy. "They probably stood under them for shelter," said Nick. "Fairies are too big for that," said Nancy. "Let us hear what Daddy says though."

"That's right," agreed Nick. "We have time to talk to each other all day long, and we want a story when it's almost time to go to bed."

"Yesterday afternoon," said Daddy, "just as I was saying it began to rain. And the Fairies were having ice cream and cakes of all kinds and sizes and shapes. Usually the Fairies don't mind the Raindrops coming down for a scamper and a patter on the earth, but the reason they weren't so glad yesterday was because it was the Fairy Ybab's Birthday and they were all giving her a party."

"That was why they had ice cream and cakes of all sizes and kinds—and one more thing which I haven't told you about was the great huge Birthday cake they had in her honor."

"You see the Fairy Ybab leads the Fairies' orchestra and she loves music above all things. Her hair is very long and soft and black and on her head she wears a silver crown. Her wand is of silver with silver stars and she waves it about when she keeps time for the Fairies who are playing in her orchestra."

"As she gives the music to Fairyland the Fairies wanted to give her an especially fine Birthday party. They were all there, dressed in their best, and when the Raindrops came down the Fairies all began to feel very sad. "But we had to come," said the Raindrops. "Why?" asked the little Fairies.

"SUMMON MICHIGAN MOOSE. State Leaders Will Decide Whether to Join Republican Party. DETROIT, June 17.—State leaders of the National Progressive party have decided to call a party conference for next week at Jackson, when the question of amalgamating with the Republican party may be discussed. It is understood that National Com-

mitteeman Gustavus D. Pope of Detroit will report the sentiment of the conference to the Progressive national committee at Chicago, June 26. Seventy languages are said to be spoken in the ancient city of Tiddis, in Russia. Excursion to Plattsburg June 25. See ad on page 3.

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