

TAKE OPTIMISTIC VIEW

VERMONT MERCHANTS EXPECT GOOD TRADE DURING HOLIDAY SEASON.

Snowfall Helps Business and Stimulates Demand For Footwear at Both Retail and Wholesale—Knit Goods Manufacturers Have Some Orders For 1911—Fallures For the Week.

Reports to Bradstreet's for the week show an optimistic view regarding holiday trade in Vermont. Stocks this year are practically all new goods as demand for the season last year cleaned up nearly all of the stock then on hand.

The fall of snow during the week helped trade and a more brisk demand for footwear is reported not only by retail merchants but by the wholesale trade as well.

Reports from manufacturers and dealers in maple sugar apparatus note demand so far this year that compares favorably with that of a year ago, with collections fairly good.

Manufacturers of knit goods state that some new business has come in for 1911 delivery but work has not progressed far enough to determine fully the attitude of the market.

The unsettled question of wool prices it is stated causes uncertainty and a hesitation about buying in large quantities for future delivery.

Machine manufacturers are fairly well employed; in some lines, however, new business is slow. Clothing and dry goods retail merchants consider the outlook favorable and report present business fully up to period for season of year.

Manufacturers of stereoscopes report a large increase in demand over that of a year ago. Manufacturers of chairs for export and domestic trade report plants employed to capacity and outlook good for future.

In summarizing condition generally for the month of November they compare well with same period of a year ago, with outlook for immediate future more favorable.

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Five reports for the month just closed give nine fires affecting eleven people, with total damage of \$41,000. This gives a greater amount of damage by nearly \$10,000 than was reported as having been sustained from the thirteen fires that occurred in October.

November of last year recorded eight fires affecting nine people or firms with damage of \$7,860.

Four domestic corporations were chartered under the general laws of the State for November of this year, giving an aggregate capitalization of \$32,000. October of this year gave one corporation while November of 1909 recorded five with total capital of \$253,000.

USES SHOT GUN.

John W. Abbott Blows Off Top of His Head at West Barre.

West Barre, Dec. 6.—John W. Abbott, aged 52 years, committed suicide here Sunday morning by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. Depression resulting from excessive drinking is given as the cause.

Abbott was employed as a farm hand by Mrs. Joseph Brock and was unmarried. Sheriff Worthen, a deputy, the policemen and the town physician were called and pronounced it suicide.

Big Show of Orchard Products.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—The possibilities of fruit-growing in this section of the country are strikingly illustrated in a great display of orchard and garden products, which opened in Minneapolis today in conjunction with the 44th annual meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Included in the display are many choice exhibits of fruits grown in Minnesota, northern Iowa, western Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and Manitoba.

Confer in Forest Fires.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—Forestry officials of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, together with representatives of the railroads, lumber companies and other industries of the three States, assembled for a three days' conference in this city today to formulate plans for the prevention of future destruction of life and property by forest fires.

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DECEMBER TERM OF CALEDONIA COUNTY COURT OPENS AT ST. JOHNSBURY.

Many Attorneys in Attendance When Docket is Called.—About Seventy-Five Cases Continued to Next Term and an Equal Number Assigned For Trial.—Motions Argued.

(Special to The Journal.) St. Johnsbury, Dec. 6.—The December term of Caledonia court opened this forenoon at 10 o'clock, Judge Fred M. Butler of Rutland is presiding.

One change was made in the assistant judges of the county at the biennial election. Judge J. Frank Ruggles of Burke went out of office and was succeeded by a senior Judge by Junior Judge Frank M. Page of Groton.

Ellisha W. Brown of Waterford, was the newly elected junior judge.

Owing to the illness during the summer of Miss Mary Nelson the office of court reporter was filled by Miss Helen Sheridan of Rutland.

Another change as a result of election was the new head of the sheriff's department. Wilbert H. Worthen succeeded George F. Winch of Melroe Falls.

Several changes were made among the deputies, although many who served under Mr. Winch were reappointed by Sheriff Worthen. Mr. Winch himself will receive a commission as deputy.

On the coming in of the court Rev. Peter Black of the Grace Methodist church offered prayer and proclamation was made by Sheriff Worthen.

A large number of attorneys were present to look after their cases which were brought as usual on the first day of the term by reading the general docket.

Among the non-resident attorneys present were E. E. Smith and Fred Wright of Woodsville, Cook & Norton and J. T. Gleason of Lyndonville, George L. Hunt of Island Pond, Melvin G. Morse and Bernard J. Mulcahy of Hardwick.

Local attorneys were present with the exception of David E. Porter who is in the Senate and Simonds & Searles. Mr. Searles is ill and unable to be out and Mr. Simonds was in Windsor county on business for the attorney-general.

As the civil docket now stands about 75 cases were continued until next term and nearly as many set for trial either by the court or by jury. Very few cases were entered "settled and discontinued."

Several motions to amend or to continue were argued and as yet are not disposed of.

The most important one is the motion argued by May and Hunt for plaintiff and Howe & Hovey for the defendant in the case of Lee vs. Follensby & Peck. Decision is withheld for the present.

DEMOCRATS CONFER.

Relieved to Intend Considering the United States Senatorship.

Columbus, O., Dec. 6.—Ostensibly to map out a legislative program, but in reality, it is believed, to discuss the situation in regard to the United States senatorship, many of the Democratic members of the next Legislature and other of the party leaders throughout the State rounded up in Columbus today.

The conference is called for tomorrow. When the deliberations of the party leaders are concluded it is expected that it will be possible to form a more definite plan than at present as to the relative strength of the several Democrats who aspire to succeed Charles Dick in the United States Senate next March.

The names of Lieut.-Gov. Elect Albee Pomereoy, of Canton, and Edward W. Hanley, of Dayton, continue to be most frequently mentioned in connection with the Senatorship. But the presence in Columbus recently of an emissary from Washington is taken as an indication that John R. McLean, the Cincinnati editor, has not relinquished his long-nourished ambition to wear the toga and that he will be in the fight in earnest when the Legislature meets next month if he thinks there is a possible chance for him to win.

Tribute to Mosby.

New Haven, Ct., Dec. 6.—Col. John S. Mosby, the famous Confederate scout and cavalry leader, received an enthusiastic welcome upon his arrival in New Haven today to attend a public reception arranged in his honor. The occasion is the 77th birthday anniversary of Col. Mosby, who was born in Virginia, Dec. 6, 1833.

Congratulated on Birthday.

Springfield, S. D., Dec. 6.—The venerable Dr. Alfred L. Riggs, principal of the Santee Normal Training school and who is famous for his missionary work among the Indians, received many congratulations today on the occasion of his 73rd birthday anniversary.

Daughters of Confederacy.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 6.—Marlin is entertaining for three days the 15th annual convention of the Texas division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Every local chapter of the organization in Texas was represented when the proceedings of the convention began this morning.

On Charities and Corrections.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the Kentucky Conference of Charities and Corrections was opened in Louisville today with addresses by Miss Mary Bryson of the Associated Charities of Covington, Ky., and Mrs. R. P. Halleck, of Louisville. The session will continue through tomorrow.

Good Roads Congress Meets.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6.—Delegates from Canada as well as all parts of the United States were present today at the opening of the annual session of the American Good Roads Congress in this city. More than 100 speakers, many of them of wide reputation, are to be heard during the three days' session.

STEEL LEADS DECLINE

RUMOR OF PARTIAL SHUT DOWN STARTS HEAVY SELLING AT NEW YORK.

Story Denied By Officers of Steel Corporation After Market Closes. President Taft's statement in Message About Corporation Legislation Makes Favorable Impression.

New York, Dec. 6.—Heavy selling of United States Steel shares based upon rumors that were officially denied after the close of trading that the company would soon announce a partial shutdown at some of its plants because of the poor business outlook, caused a general unsettlement of prices in today's stock market.

The movement was of fairly large proportions and in numerous instances brought stocks down to the lowest level recorded in some weeks. The movement began in the afternoon some time after the publication of the President's message which was in no sense a factor.

Indeed, conservative Wall Street seemed disposed to extract much comfort from the chief executive's recommendation particularly his plea that no legislation dealing with further regulation or control of the corporations be enacted pending a further test of existing laws, while his efforts at increased economy in the conduct of governmental affairs came in for much favorable criticism.

During the early part of the stock market session the list moved aimlessly within fractional limits, save in the case of the old Gould group, which displayed a renewal of last week's heaviness.

In the early trading the local traction stocks reflected the later developments in the transportation situation, but the advances then recorded were wiped out in the later attack upon the general list. Viewed impartially, however, the proposition now before the public service commission is believed to be the most advantageous to the city yet submitted.

Unusually large numbers of railway reports, many of them from the most important lines were received today and in no essential did they differ from the adverse exhibits recently made. In some instances lower gross as well as net earnings were shown.

The bond market was easy, with total sales par value \$2,210,000.

HUGH IN LEAD.

Seems Favorite For Appointment to U. S. Supreme Bench.

Washington, Dec. 6.—W. D. McHugh of Omaha, Neb., seems to have the inside track in the race for associate justice of the Supreme court of close personal friend of President the United States according to a Taft.

Judge John C. Pollock, district judge of the eighth circuit, who had the backing of the standstillers in Kansas, has been eliminated, following the conference of the insurgent members of Congress, as was Senator Rutherford of Utah.

The President is still standing out for Justice William S. Gammere of New Jersey for chief justice. He believes the argument that he comes from a State which fosters trusts and combinations in no good reason why he should not be appointed. He still believes that Justice Gammere would make an excellent and progressive chief justice.

Homeopathic Physicians Meet.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 6.—Homeopathic physicians from all over the South to the number of over 200 and several eminent representatives of the school of medicine from other sections of the country are in Jacksonville attending the annual convention of the Southern Homeopathic Medical Association, which opened today with headquarters at the Windsor Hotel.

The sessions will continue over Wednesday and Thursday and many topics of national importance are scheduled for discussion. The president of the association is Dr. W. A. Boies of Knoxville and the secretary, Dr. J. D. Crebbin of New Orleans.

Will Attend Unveiling.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Representatives of German societies in all parts of the country are in Washington to attend the unveiling tomorrow of the heroic bronze statue of Baron von Steuben erected in Lafayette Square. The unveiling is to be made the occasion for one of the most splendid military and civic demonstrations seen in many years.

The Alliance Sale.

The entry of the Church of the Messiah is in trim for the sale beginning at 11 o'clock today and continuing tomorrow with entertainment both evenings and dinner today concluding tomorrow with supper followed by a program. The ladies of this church have a reputation for doing such things exceeding well.

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WORK ON COUNTY ROADS

COMMISSIONER CURRIER SAYS MUCH IS ACCOMPLISHED DURING SEASON.

Total Sum Expended During Year in Washington County is Between \$25,000 and \$30,000—Eleven Miles of State Highway Built—An Increase Over Previous Year.

County Highway Commissioner R. S. Currier of Barre was in this city yesterday for the purpose of going over matters relating to highways throughout the county. The amount expended on the highways in Washington county during the past year was between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

During the past season there has been constructed under the direction of Commissioner Currier a trifle over 11 miles of State highway. The work consisted of 55 different pieces of road and was a slight increase over the total mileage of road constructed the previous year, which was 10.76 miles. The most expensive piece of road constructed during the past season was the 200 rods in the City of Barre on the road between Montpelier and that city, which was built at a cost of \$2,500.

It is planned to build considerable road in Berlin near the Dodge bridge, which is on a part of the main road between this city and Barre next summer.

The City of Montpelier built more State road during the season than any other town or village, the total being one and one-third miles, the cost being something over \$2,257.43, the actual amount not being known as the claims are not all in yet.

Commissioner Currier is well satisfied with the amount of road built and said much more would be done if funds were available. However, the tax raised for road purposes in Washington county is above the average and he says the various towns cannot be expected to do more than they have been doing in the past.

There are only two towns in the county, Plainfield and Waitsfield, that are not raising more money for the maintenance of highways than the law requires, which is 20 cents on the dollar for ordinary road maintenance, which does not include the construction of State road, and there are six out of the 20 towns and incorporated villages and cities that are raising 50 cents on the dollar more for road maintenance than the law requires.

According to the law 5 per cent of the State grand list of the various towns and villages is to be used for the building of State road and this sum in Washington county last year amounted to \$8,940.10. In addition to this 5 per cent the towns or villages can vote from \$100 to \$500 to be used for the construction of State road and this amount will be doubled by the State. Seven of the 20 voted \$500 and the total amount voted in addition to the 5 per cent was \$6,364 and this was doubled by the State, making a total of \$12,728. Only two towns, Berlin and Roxbury, did not vote additional money aside from the 5 per cent received from the State grand list.

In addition to the two sums mentioned, which amount to \$15,204.10, the towns received a share of the automobile fund and a share of the \$75,000 special aid fund.

TRETF OF BEEF.

Charge on Which John B. Hore is Arrested at Brockton.

Brockton, Dec. 6.—John B. Hore of 67 Thatcher st., for nine years, up to two weeks ago, an employe of the Nelson Morris company, was arrested yesterday by Inspector James H. Grace on a charge of larceny of three hind quarters of beef. Complaint was made by Burton Stewart, the local manager of the Morris company.

The beef, it is alleged, was taken from a freight car at Montello. Hore had worked for the company at Lawrence and Haverhill, it is said.

Mechanical Engineers Meet.

New York, Dec. 6.—Distinguished engineering experts from many points in the United States and Canada have assembled in the metropolis for the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which opens this evening with the annual address of President George Westinghouse. The sessions will continue two days, during which time there will be papers and discussions dealing with a wide range of technical questions of interest to the engineering profession.

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SHENE RELEASED ON BAIL

JOHN M. SULLIVAN BECOMES HIS SURETY IN THE SUM OF \$200.

He is Accused of Selling Harnesses on Which C. V. Kent Had a Mortgage.—It is Understood He Will Make a Settlement and Case Will Be Dropped.

Clifford E. Shene of Northfield was arraigned before Judge Harvey in city court yesterday on a charge of disposing of harnesses on which a mortgage is held by C. V. Kent of this city. The case was continued for two weeks.

Shene was represented in court by Attorney John H. Senter and Ex-State's Attorney Gates appeared for State's Attorney J. Ward Carver, who is engaged elsewhere.

The accused man gave bail in the sum of \$200, John M. Sullivan of Roxbury, becoming his surety.

He had been locked up in the county jail since last Saturday when he was brought back by Sheriff Tracy. It is understood that Shene intends to settle the case in which he is alleged to have acted illegally, and if he does so prosecution will be dropped.

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