

## BUSINESS HEALTHY

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cial Channels Favorable — Few  
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ed Jobbing Distribution —  
Cool Situation a Flaw.

New York, March 16.—R. G. Dug & Co.'s  
weekly review of trade will say to-mor-  
row:

Wholesale conditions are maintained in  
commercial channels the tenor of most re-  
ports being favorable, and comparatively  
little anxiety is felt regarding the labor  
situation. New projects are constantly  
appearing calling for much capital and  
giving employment to many wage earn-  
ers. Several railroads have been signed that  
provide for higher wages after this  
month, and the general prosperity of the  
winter is believed to insure a very retail  
trade in spring wearing apparel. Jobbing  
houses have been enabled to make ship-  
ments with unusual promptness, owing to  
the ample railway facilities and few  
freight blockades that resulted from an  
exceptionally mild winter.

Some backward retail trade in over-  
stocked and kindred lines was made up by more  
seasonable weather in many sections of  
the country during the past week. Manu-  
facturing returns from the leading indus-  
tries continue favorable, the week's fea-  
tures being record-breaking sales of leather  
while the shoe mills and iron tur-  
nace operate at full capacity, the de-  
mand for lumber exceeds the supply, and  
glass factories are preparing to advance  
quotations.

Exports of farm staples in February  
exceeded last year's by \$2,500,000 or about  
40 per cent, and the movement of foreign  
commerce and this port for the last week  
shows gains of \$2,500,000 in exports and  
\$1,250,000 in imports compared with the  
same date in 1905. Railway earnings for  
the first week of March were \$6 per cent,  
larger than last year's, but the security  
market has continued irregular with total  
transactions much smaller than a year  
ago, to which is due the decrease of 10  
per cent, on bank exchange and 10 per  
cent, on government bonds. The stock  
market has been quiet with a few specu-  
lative variations are recorded in  
quotations of iron and steel products, the  
industry being established in a firm position  
by heavy consumption and absence  
of speculative inflation tends to provide  
a steadiness that is most desirable.

Although there is no evidence of de-  
creased activity in the textile mills and  
factories, the primary markets for cot-  
ton goods begin to exhibit signs of weak-  
ness. Failures this week numbered 25 in the  
United States against 20 last year and 21  
in Canada compared with 20 a year ago.

## NEWS OF VERMONT

More Important Events Grouped for  
Free Press Readers—A Good Ex-  
ample of Village Improvement.

The hamlet of Samsonville on the  
railroad but without a station, mid-  
way between North Benning and  
East Berkshire, affords a good illustra-  
tion of what can be accomplished by a small  
community will accomplish. There is  
a blacksmith shop and saw mill with  
electric light station connected which  
furnishes lights in the village of East  
Berkshire both for streets and private  
purposes. This village boasts of a  
live "Village Improvement society,"  
which has rendered these things possi-  
ble. And now the village is being im-  
proved and Samsonville's improvement  
society, which has heretofore expended  
its energy on walks, has turned to-  
ward lights. The poles are already  
set and by resort to the usual trench  
methods of conduits and dimmers,  
they have secured nearly enough  
money to pay rentals for a year.

**POISONED CANDY SUSPECTED.**  
Fred Batchelder, a young man of  
Barre, died Friday morning after eat-  
ing colored candy. He had been ill  
less than 48 hours. Roy Skyles, his  
room mate, has gone to his home in  
Windsor, suffering with the same trou-  
ble, which is now believed to be poi-  
soning. An autopsy was per-  
formed on Batchelder's body Friday  
afternoon and the stomach was re-  
moved and sent to the State laboratory  
at Burlington for examination. The  
doctors at the autopsy found an en-  
larged heart and a diseased intestine,  
which, with the poisoning, it is said,  
might have hastened death. Batch-  
elder's home is in Plainfield.

**SOAPSTONE QUARRIES TO BE  
OPENED.**

The Union Soapstone company of  
Chester, who have been considering the  
purchase of the soapstone quarries in  
Athens, have leased of Mrs. C. J. Per-  
ham of Cambridgeport the Perham fam-  
ily farm, where evidence of the stone  
was found in great abundance last fall.  
Work on erecting suitable buildings and  
equipment will be begun at once, and as  
soon as the ground thaws out the quar-  
rying will be started. It is proposed to  
haul the quarried stone to Chester by  
team, where the company has a large  
mill made into tubs, sinks, etc. Mr.  
Perham says that the prospects are good  
for an excellent output. Soapstone is  
found in that vicinity in considerable  
quantity, and the quarrying provides  
work for many men.

**PRESENTS PORTRAIT OF JUDGE  
PIERPONT.**

Miss Annie M. Pierpont, formerly of  
Rutland, has presented the Rutland  
County Bar association with a hand-  
some framed oil painting of the late Judge  
Robert Pierpont, her grandfather, for  
Rutland county court house. The paint-  
ing will be hung in the court room. Judge  
Pierpont presided at the Rutland county  
court from 1861 until 1872. He was known  
as a circuit judge. At that time the su-  
preme court judges did not reside in  
county courts as they do at present.  
There were three judges who sat on the

The Backbone  
of a  
Mighty Nation

is good food—food for brain, food for brawn, food that is  
strengthening, that gives energy and courage. Without a proper  
appreciation of this great fundamental truth no nation can rise  
to greatness.

As an article of food, soda crackers are being used more and  
more every day, as is attested by the sale of nearly 400,000,000  
packages of **Uneeda Biscuit**, which have come to be recog-  
nized as the most perfect soda cracker the world has ever known.

And so **Uneeda Biscuit** will soon be on every table at  
every meal, giving life, health and strength to the American people,  
thus in very truth becoming the backbone of the nation.

## NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

supreme court bench only and there were  
four others, known as circuit judges,  
whose duty it was to preside at county  
courts. The subject of the painting was  
one of Vermont's best lawyers of the day  
and he occupied many public positions of  
responsibility. He was born at Litch-  
field, Conn., March 4, 1824, and began his  
study of law at the age of 18 years in a  
Massachusetts hotel. At the age of 26  
years he began the study of law in the  
office of Judge Richard Skinner. He was  
admitted to the bar of Bennington county  
when only 21 years of age. Coming to  
Rutland soon after, young Pierpont was  
made deputy collector of the direct tax.  
He represented this town in the Legisla-  
ture of 1850, 1851 and 1852. He was con-  
gressman from 1853 until 1858 and later  
governor of the State from 1858 to 1860.  
Other offices he occupied were clerk of  
the House of Representatives and probate  
judge.

MARSHFIELD DEDICATES NEW  
CHURCH.

The services in connection with  
the dedication of the new Congregational  
church, opened in the church in Marsh-  
field Wednesday, March 14 at two o'clock.  
The church was filled for this opening  
service. At the afternoon service the  
building committee of which L. D. Nute  
is chairman, reported that the new build-  
ing is free of debt. A strong sermon by  
the Rev. C. K. Merrill, D. D., of St.  
Johnsbury, and the running over of the  
keys constituted this part of the service.  
In the evening the formal dedica-  
tion was held. The order of service in-  
cluded an invocation by Dr. Merrill, scrip-  
ture lesson by the Rev. L. L. Shaff of  
Plainfield, prayer by the Rev. D. L.  
Hill of Cabot and the dedication ser-  
mon by the Rev. E. A. Fode of Barre.  
The formal act of dedication followed at  
seven o'clock on Thursday morning at 10  
o'clock and in the evening at seven o'clock  
friendship services were held and closed  
with the communion service. The Rev.  
Lucius E. Reed of Montpelier preached  
at the morning service. This church is  
built to replace the one that was burned  
in the fire that devastated the town last  
summer. By sacrifices on that part of the  
members and others in town and by some  
outside help the present building has been  
erected from the ashes of the old without  
any delay. The new church is one of  
which the town will be proud. The  
building work of Mr. Shaff, the home  
substantially, who has been in charge of the  
church since the fire, belongs much credit  
for the present happy results.

## DEER KILLED BY BOY.

Eleven Howland, who was looking over  
the Harry Whittier farm in Cabot, was  
accompanied by his nephew, William How-  
land, a lad of twelve years, who carried  
a .240 Marlin rifle. The boy was in ad-  
vance of the uncle and came suddenly  
upon a herd of eight deer, and hastily  
drove his rifle into the herd and fired.  
The first shot killed a three or four  
year-old doe, breaking one fore leg and  
entering the body in such a manner as  
to bleed the animal thoroughly, causing  
her death in a few minutes. Mr. How-  
land ran to the house of Gordon Morris  
and telephoned the county warden at  
Marshfield, who went to the Morris farm  
at once. Warden Pike communicated with  
markets in Montpelier and Barre, selling  
the carcass to P. D. Lord of Barre. He  
also communicated with State Commis-  
sioner Thomas as to the prosecution of  
the case. The commissioner's reply was  
"Prosecute the case, there is no other  
way." When asked by the warden why  
he shot the deer, the boy carelessly re-  
plied, "I didn't think the father of  
the boy lives very badly over the affair,  
and will do all in his power to right the  
dead. These deer are killed near the  
Morris farm through the winter. There  
is one very large buck and the rest are  
does. The animals are fat and sleek and  
the injured deer would have given birth  
to a fawn in the early summer."

## CRUELTY TO WILD ANIMALS.

A tale of revolting cruelty comes from  
Fish Kill in Randolph where an alleged  
trapper followed a fox to his hole near  
a ledge, five weeks ago, placed a trap  
therein and securely closed the opening.  
He next went near the spot again, find-  
ing the fox just within a day or two told  
someone else what he had done, and the  
second person set out to investigate af-  
fairs. When the hole was dug open it  
was found that the fox had had his foot  
caught in the jaws of the trap and, in-  
trying to get free, had gnawed his leg  
until the foot hung by a strip of skin,  
which the poor beast, dying from slow  
starvation, had not had strength to  
sever. An individual with so little mercy  
as to conduct trapping operations after  
this fashion isn't much removed in  
civilization from the brutes that are bet-  
ter worth skinning.

## CLAIMS TO BE FROM VERMONT.

John H. Walter, who claims to be an  
Adventist preacher from Morgan, Vt.,  
was in court in Providence, R. I., Wed-  
nesday on a charge of misbehavior in  
the public street. Walter was severely  
beaten by the police and the court, and  
was finally held in \$500 bonds for the  
next grand jury. He was taken to the  
jail at Cranston, as he could get no bail.  
**VERMONT PRESENT TROUT LAW.**  
Vermont sportsmen are interested in  
a measure to be taken before the Legisla-  
ture next fall by hotel men for the  
repeal of a law, passed in 1904, which  
outlawed the month of August from the  
trout fishing season. Sportsmen favor  
the shorter season, because in August  
trout are nearly ready to spawn, and  
are too easily caught in the small  
streams where they make their spawn-

ing beds. Hotel proprietors, however,  
are fighting the law, because August is  
the month when the largest percentage  
of city people come to this State for  
trout fishing. The Legislature, favored  
hospitability in Bennington county by al-  
lowing the longer season there, where  
the largest summer hotels are located, but  
the hotel men in other parts of the  
State are all the more up in arms on  
that account.

## GRANGE FOR CHEAPER ALCOHOL.

At the last meeting of Green Mountain  
Grange at St. Johnsbury the following  
resolutions were passed and a copy of the  
same has been forwarded to Congressman  
Haskins, who is urged to help the meas-  
ure along.

Resolved, That we endorse the action of  
the National State Granges at their re-  
cent annual convention in unanimously  
adopting resolutions favoring the removal  
of the internal revenue tax from domestic  
alcohol made unfit for use as a beverage,  
and

Resolved, That the master and secretary  
are hereby instructed to sign the petition  
submitted by the National Legislative  
committee, after the seal of the Grange,  
and in those passed by the National  
Grange to our representative in Congress,  
in order that he may be informed of our  
desire for the immediate enactment of the  
legislation necessary to accomplish the  
purpose of these resolutions, and of our  
further desire that he should use his in-  
fluence to this end.

## CASE OF TERRIBLE DESTITUTION.

A case of the greatest destitution and  
misery has just come to public notice  
by the death in Lincoln of Mrs. Alma  
Goodrich Dean, aged 65 years. The old  
lady, a native of this town and one of the  
oldest in the county, Charles Sweet and  
William David, lumbermen, whom her  
husband, David Dean, first married, found  
her dead and in a condition of abject  
starvation. The couple owned a farm of  
about 20 acres and lived in a rude log  
shanty scarcely large enough for a sleep-  
ing room, with one room only, and no cel-  
lar or roof worthy the name and an earth  
floor covered with the accumulated filth  
of many months. The death of Mrs.  
Dean reveals a case of destitution and  
misery, having probably no parallel in  
Vermont. On the strength of frequent  
complaints Kenneth A. Allen, for the last  
three years town justice, made some months  
ago, a full investigation of the case and  
was shocked by the conditions there pre-  
vailing. State Attorney Russell of Mil-  
lbury, upon request of Mr. Allen, per-  
sonally visited the old place and could  
hardly believe his own eyes, so revolting  
was the scene. In speaking of her visit to  
the woman, Mr. Allen said: "I found the  
old lady living in a small, dirty room,  
having practically no furniture such as  
chair, table or even cooking utensils.  
The dress she wore was in rags and she  
plainly showed in her face the signs of  
starvation. For months she had been ill  
and no attempt had been made to  
purify the room or remove the odor. I  
was assured they had some broken bot-  
tles, but I saw no food but some dry  
buckwheat bread. She was clothed in rags.  
The whole scene was awful. I would be  
ashamed to put a dumb beast into such  
a place." Ambrose Groves of Bristol, an  
undertaker of years experience, who had  
charge of the funeral said: "I never be-

## MAIMED FIFTY-ONE YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hayward of West  
Topsham observed the 51st anniversary  
of their wedding Tuesday. The evening  
was spent pleasantly with games and  
music on the porch. Mr. E. L. Hays  
acted as emcee. Refreshments of cake,  
coffee, etc., were served. The honored  
couple were presented with a purse of  
money. There were present at the cele-  
bration their five children, Will of West  
Barnet, Francis of Ryegate, Bart of  
White River, Charles of Orange and Mrs.  
A. A. Keyes of West Topsham, together  
with five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs.  
Hayward were married in Topsham and  
have always resided in that town. He is  
71 years of age and his wife is 68.

## A \$300 NEGLIGENCE.

Danah P. Edmunds of Wallingford has  
brought suit against the Rutland Railroad  
Co. to recover \$300 for alleged negligence.  
She claims that she broke her left arm  
after a fall from a train of the Rutland  
road, after which she sustained a severe  
injury from a train of South Wallingford  
February 2, which were due to the  
neglect of the road to provide a proper  
platform. Butler and Mobley are counsel  
for the plaintiff.

## The Breath of Life.

It is a significant fact that the strongest  
animal of its size, the gorilla, also  
has the largest lungs, powerful lungs  
that breathe oxygen right through the  
man's chest. Study like thousands  
of other powerful creatures. How to keep  
the lungs healthy. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills  
has learned how to do this. The  
writer writes: "Three bottles of Dr.  
Williams' Pink Pills cured me of  
cough and other severe injuries while  
suffering from a train of South Wallingford  
February 2, which were due to the  
neglect of the road to provide a proper  
platform. Butler and Mobley are counsel  
for the plaintiff."

SUPREME COURT DENIES  
APPEAL OF TUCKER.

Washington, March 16.—Justice Har-  
lan of the Supreme Court of United  
States today denied the writ of error  
employed for in the case of Charles L.  
Tucker under sentence of death on the  
charge of murdering Mabel Page at  
Weston, Mass., in March, 1904.

## JUDICIAL ACUMEN.

The late Justice Daly, of New York, fre-  
quently evidenced the tidium of legal  
proceedings had before him by his kind-  
ly wit.  
One day a suit was brought before him  
in which damages were claimed by reason  
of an assault. Plaintiff had been knocked  
down by the defendant and severely pun-  
ished while prostrate. One of the wit-  
nesses seemed very reluctant to answer  
the questions put to him on cross-exami-  
nation, in which he was upheld by the  
court.  
"With all due respect to your Honor,"  
explained the attorney for the plaintiff,  
"the court does not appear to take cogni-  
zance of the underlying principle in this  
case."  
"In my opinion," replied his Honor,  
"naturally, the underlying principle in  
this case is your client, Mr. Attorney."  
—Harper's Weekly

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by  
your druggist, who will guarantee that  
the first bottle will benefit. If it fails  
he will refund your money.  
Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

## SEINING NEAR SWANTON.

Canadians Do It Without License and  
Are Not Molested.

In spite of the agreement between the  
Canadian and American authorities for a  
suspension of seining in Lake Cham-  
plain, the Canadians are drawing seines,  
at the mouth of the Missisquoi river  
and taking out large quantities of pike.  
This is done in full view of the Ameri-  
can shore and is particularly exaspe-  
rating to the Americans, who are for-  
bidden by the State laws to take fish in  
that manner. Reed Miller, a well known  
offender in this respect, has two sons  
drawing seines within a stone's throw  
of the shore at Swanton, though it is  
two miles from the Canadian shore. The  
fishing is done through the ice, but an  
ingenious arrangement permits the  
drawing of a 40-foot seine almost as  
easily as if the ice were gone. Six  
large seines are being operated in the  
vicinity of Province point and others  
near Pike river and about Phillipsburg.  
These nets placed at the mouth of the  
river prevent the pike from reaching  
the spawning grounds, and the result  
is depletion of the fish supply. During  
the fishing season there are more pike  
in the southern part of the lake than  
above the Canadian line, but in the  
spawning season they rush into Missis-  
quoi bay by the thousand. The Cana-  
dians have taken advantage of that fact  
for years and have taken millions of  
fish every year, sometimes shipping  
from Albany stations about 65 barrels  
in a single day. They have been re-  
ceiving 15 cents each for good-sized  
pike this season, and a Boston firm has  
a standing contract of \$20 a barrel for  
all fish taken up to April 15. Besides  
the pike, large quantities of yellow  
perch are taken, which sell readily in  
the local markets, and other varieties  
known as cull fish, which all have their  
value. Occasionally a good-sized black  
bass is taken in the nets.

WILLING TO PROMISE TO STOP  
SEINING.

For several years the Vermont commis-  
sioners might have seining licenses if the  
Canadian authorities did so. Then ef-  
fort was made to induce the Canadians  
not to issue any. They were always  
willing to promise, but never willing to  
perform, or if they refused to issue  
licenses, they would not prevent the  
illegal seining of fish by Canadian fish-  
ermen. At length Vermont passed a  
law absolutely prohibiting seining in  
the lake, in the belief that similar action  
might be secured from Canada. The  
New York law has for some years for-  
bidden seining.

After the passage of the act Henry G.  
Thomas of Stowe, fish and game commis-  
sioner for Vermont, secured an agree-  
ment with the Hon. R. P. Prefontaine, min-  
ister of marine and fisheries of Canada,  
that no licenses for seining would be  
issued. This was reached at a meet-  
ing of the North American Fish and  
Game Protective association last fall,  
and its announcement was greeted with  
applause in Vermont. It seemed as if  
it had put an end to a matter that had  
been troublesome for years, and to settle a  
difficulty that had been potent in pre-  
venting of desirable protective laws in  
week that Canadians had commenced  
seining in the bay Mr. Thomas wrote to  
R. D. T. Chambers, secretary of the  
North American Fish and Game Protec-  
tive association, regarding the broken promise. Mr.  
Chambers replied:

"The minister of fisheries is out of town  
but I have just sent a note with your  
letter to Mr. Caron, superintendent of fish  
and game, who issues the licenses, and  
and he replies: 'No licenses have been  
given, and probably none will be. If  
seining is going on in Missisquoi bay, it  
is done illegally, and we attend to the  
matter.'"

PRACTICE PREVAILS, NO MATTER  
WHETHER LEGAL OR ILLEGAL.

It makes little difference to Vermont  
whether seining is being done legally  
or illegally, since it is being done, but it  
arouses indignation that the Cana-  
dians should continue their old tactics  
and really allow seining in the bay while  
apparently keeping faith by refusing to  
issue licenses.

The Vermont Legislature in 1900 au-  
thorized the erection of a pike hatchery  
station at Swanton, which was com-  
pleted and put in operation the next  
year. Millions of pike fry were hatched  
most of them being placed in the lake  
and others sent to various places about  
the State where the native brook trout  
was disappearing, and where the water  
seemed especially adapted to some coarse  
or fish like the pike. In 1901 when the  
federal government, which had leased  
the station for its own use, desired to  
close a station of its own on the lake,  
the legislature voted to discontinue and  
let the state hatchery when the federal  
hatchery should be completed. The  
government hatchery is now completed  
and Sept. 1, this spring, will begin op-  
erations. The State's old State  
hatchery is offered for sale by Commis-  
sioner Thomas. The placing of millions  
of fry in the lake every by the govern-  
ment will not compensate for the taking  
of thousands of adult fish from the  
lake and the severe injury while  
spawning grounds by the Canadian fish-  
ermen. There will probably be 1,500 bar-  
rels of fish shipped from Albany and  
nearby stations this year by the Cana-  
dians. It is well known that a  
large proportion of any fish fry placed  
in open waters is destroyed and if 10 per  
cent survive that is all that can be ex-  
pected while a portion of the fry that re-  
mains will be taken from the spawning  
beds next year by the seiners.

Disfranchisement and placing of regu-  
lations on the great lakes is one of the  
reasons why the Canadian government  
has been unwilling in the past to make  
the desired arrangements for Lake  
Champlain. But this year a plan and  
well understood agreement had been  
reached with the Canadian minister of  
marine and fisheries.

## CHANGES IN CLUB HOUSE.

Veranda to Be Built on North Side of  
Yacht Club Property.

Plans have been adopted by the gov-  
erning board of the Lake Champlain  
Yacht club to build a veranda on the  
north end of the club house. The veranda  
will extend from the second floor and will  
correspond with the veranda on the west  
side. Ever since the new club house was  
built there has been a desire expressed  
by the members for added comfort room  
and the action of the governing board is  
taken because of that desire. The work  
will be begun at once and will be com-  
pleted by the time the club house is opened.

The club house will be opened, as usual,  
May 1, with the steward in charge. It is  
probable that there will be no material  
changes in the management of the club  
during the year.

## UNKNOWN FRIEND.

Alphonse Boutette's Disclosure for a  
Drunk Sounds Familiar.

Alphonse Boutette, who had been in  
jail several days, was before Justice  
P. G. Webster Friday and was  
charged with a second offense of in-  
toxication. He entered a plea of guilty  
and this was followed by a dis-  
closure.  
Boutette informed the court that he  
had been having trouble with his wife  
and his drinking was largely due to  
that trouble. He said that on the day  
he became intoxicated he did not work  
and that while in the north part of  
the city he met a man whom he had  
first seen in jail. This man bought a  
pint of whiskey, Boutette furnishing  
the money. The whiskey put Boutette  
out of business and he alleged that  
the man who bought the stuff took  
what money he had. Boutette did not  
know the man's name.

The disclosure was accepted and at  
Boutette's request he was sentenced to  
serve 30 days in the House of Cor-  
rection instead of being fined.

## ELKS OFFICERS.

Elected by Burlington Lodge at Annual  
Meeting Thursday Night.

The annual meeting of Burlington  
Lodge, No. 618, B. P. O. E., was held  
Thursday night and officers for the en-  
suing year were elected as follows:

Exalted ruler—E. W. Cadden.  
Pastmaster—Knight—W. H.  
Ridley.

Esteemed loyal knight—E. T. Emer-  
son.

Esteemed returning knight—H. P.  
O'Hagan.

Secretary—E. W. Cadden.  
Treasurer—Morris Abrahams.

Trustee for three years—C. N. Mac-  
donald.

Delegate to grand lodge—E. P.  
Woodbury; alternate, J. Holmes Jack-  
son.

The officers will be installed at the  
first meeting in April.

Humors feed on humors—the sooner  
you get rid of them the better—Hoad's  
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