CREDIT MEN AT DINNER

Brattleboro Man Addresses Members of State Association.

Glenn C. Gould in Interesting Talk Gives Many Valuable Suggestions as to the Conduct of Business.

Glenn C. Gould, manager of the credit and collection department of Dunham Brothers, wholesale shoe dealers of Brattleboro, gave twenty-five of the members of the Vermont State Credit Men's association a most interesting talk along credit lines, following a dinner of the association served at the Van Ness House last evening. During the meeting, F. E. Kimball, the president of the association, was elected first delegate to the convention of the National Credit Men's association to be held at Pittsburg in June with power to name the other delegates, the Vermont association being entitled to three. The Holbrook Grocery company of Keene, N. H., which is at present building a branch storehouse on lower Maple street in this city, was elected to membership.

Mr. Gould in his address spoke along general lines in the credit system of wholesalers. A brief abstract of his talk follows:

There is no business organization which has done so much toward the establishment and promotion of sound business principles and practices as the National Association of Credit Men. Through the different interchange bureaus, located in all parts of the country, we may get up-to-date tables of ledger experience, and no one source of credit information is more valuable. Through the adjustment bureaus we may obtain reliable information about a delinquent or insolvent debtor. The Monthly Bulletin is a publication of great value and the credit men's diary is the most complete, reliable and brief reference book for those granting credit. The legal bureau is always ready to furnish reliable legal advice on almost any subject at a nominal figure.

Mill, the great economist, defined credit as "permission to use the capital of another," and another very good authority says that extending a man credit is just the same as entering into partnership with him. Granted that our debtors are using our capital and that we are co-partners and subject to the vicissitudes of their business and the caprices of their management, we should consider pretty carefully the personality back of our risks, especially if their capital is limited. Our experience and training in credit extension has taught us to be on the lookout rather more for vices than virtues. Too often we continue to trust a merchant year after year who is gradually becoming slower and weaker financially, which conditions inevitably lead to final failure. Personal investigation and assistance to the debtor will often accomplish wonders for both parties. The personal interview reveals traits and qualities in the individual and facts regarding his business and his methods of conducting it that are rarely, if ever, obtained in any other way.

The man who with limited capital season after season and year after year overbuys, the one who trusts out all his possible profits and in consequence loses his cash discounts and is persistently slow, the one who doesn't carry any or sufficient insurance, the one who never takes a careful inventory and consequently never knows how he stands, the one who doesn't keep books of account, the one who has a large and expensive family, who drives an auto when he doesn't need it and cannot afford it or whose expenses either in or out of his business are larger than they should be, the one whose sales are falling off for a long period, the one who is drawing money out of his business and putting it beyond reach of his creditors, the one of bad habits and questionable morals, and above all, the one who is dishonest, should be subjects for close personal investigation, and if they cannot be helped should be dropped from our lists.

The natural and logical way for our friends of somewhat limited means to show that they can restore to us our investment with them is by means of the carefully prepared signed financial statement. The attitude of traders on this subject has changed greatly in the past few years and whereas it was formerly considered almost an insult to ask a man for a signed statement, in recent years, owing to growing liberty of credit and development along the line of securing and compiling credit information, it has become a common occurrence to ask credit seekers for a confidential showing of their affairs and to look with some doubt, if not suspicion, upon those who refuse to give it. Most of those who do not give one either cannot do it because they are too ignorant to keep books of record or else are careless in their business management or so far behind the times that their records are incomplete. These statements are valuable for what they do show and for the influence they exert in other ways, in spite of the seeming unreliable character of many of them.

When we have gotten these facts regarding our customers' business there is an opportunity to make suggestions which will not only help him if he will put them into effect, but in many cases will turn a downright failure into success. In all our intercourse with our trade we should not lose sight of the fact that our relation is one of mutual interdependence, that a brotherly spirit should be cultivated and that the great commercial fabric of the country can be perfected only by perfecting every last thread, of which it is composed.

FINE FOR McCARTHY.

County Court Suspends Business after Brief Morning Session.

At the close of Thursday morning's session of Chittenden county court, the presiding judge, the Hon. Zed S. Stanton, announced a recess until two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. W. Scott McCarthy of Essex Junction entered a plea of guilty to the charge of embezzling $1,200 from the E. A. Strout Farm Agency, and upon the recommendation of State's Attorney T. E. Hopkins was fined $300 and costs, with an alternative sentence at the house of correction in Rutland. Satisfactory arrangements for the payment of the fine and costs were made. In urging that the prisoner be given a fine rather than a prison sentence, Mr. Hopkins said that McCarthy had made restitution of the misappropriated money to the farm agency and that his employers had sufficient confidence in him to restore him to his former position. The State's attorney also said that he had investigated certain statements that McCarthy had fled from his home in company with a woman and could find no evidence to substantiate them. Because of Mr. McCarthy's restitution of the embezzled funds, the case of the E. A. Strout agency against him was discontinued. Mr. McCarthy was represented by Allen Martin of Essex Junction and the Strout Farm Agency by C. R. Adams of Waterbury.

A foreclosure decree was granted the plaintiffs in the chancery case of the Burlington Savings bank vs. Patrick H. Hanlon and wife, Elizabeth Hanlon of Lincoln, the usual time in which to redeem being granted the defendants.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Re-election as Electric Light Commissioner Not Wanted By Dr. Vincent.

Dr. W. S. Vincent, who has served two terms of three years each on the board of electric light commissioners, and whose term expires next month, is not a candidate for re-election to the board. When approached by a Free Press reporter Saturday Dr. Vincent said:

"I have served in the capacity of electric light commissioner for six years and have had the pleasure and satisfaction in assisting in placing that department upon a good, substantial business basis, contrary to the expectations of many of our best business citizens and largest taxpayers. I feel that I have done my duty in this direction and, knowing that many of our citizens are fully competent to serve the city in the department, I determined some time ago to retire at the expiration of my term the coming month for these reasons and others of a personal nature. During my residence here for the past fifty years I have served the city over twenty years in various capacities and this honor I highly appreciate."

SHAMROCK DINNER.

Feature of Annual Meeting of Missionary Guild.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Guild of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held Monday in the church parlors, when officers for the year were elected and the report of the floral committee was read and approved. Previous to the meeting the members of the society had a "shamrock dinner," the menu of which was as follows:

Big Pig, Cold
Scalloped Spuds
Bog Biscuit Killarney Cheese
Shamrock Jelly with Whipped Cream
Shillalahs
Hibernian Tea with Emerald Isles
Erin Go Brangh Ice Cream
St. Patrick Mints Blarney Stones

After the dinner, toasts were responded to by the following, Mrs. C. V. Grismer acting as toastmistress: "St. Patrick," Miss A. M. Shinville; "The Emerald Isle," Mrs. F. O. Sinclair; "The Shamrock," Mrs. F. L. North; solo, "A Little Bit of Heaven," Mrs. Ella Hodges; "The Big Hat," Miss Winifred Collins; "Spuds," Mrs. Grismer; "The Shillalah," Mrs. G. G. Groat; "The Harp," Miss Helen Hendee; "The Blarney Stone," the Rev. C. V. Grismer; Irish reading, Mrs. J. A. Corsin; solo, "Killarney," Mrs. Hodges. Between the toasts Mrs. Hodges also sang or played Irish songs.

At the business meeting it was reported that the year past had been eminently successful, financially and otherwise, much of the credit for this being due to the sedulousness of the floral committee, of which Miss A. M. Shinville is chairman. The report of the floral committee, as follows in part, shows that it has done a great deal of good during the year, especially in aiding the sick and infirm: 911 magazines, 175 bouquets and 16 potted plants were distributed; 250 calls were made; letters and cards sent to sick members. Last Easter the society remembered 106 persons with flowers and at Christmas 14 wreaths were placed in the Mary Fletcher hospital, not to mention the baskets of flowers and fruit that were given to the patients. The officers of the society, which numbers 80 members, were elected as follows: Mrs. C. V. Grismer being elected president for the eighth time; First vice-president, Miss A. M. Shinville; second vice-president, Miss Winifred Collins; third vice-president, Miss Lillian Bisby; fourth vice-president, Miss Frances Gill; treasurer, Mrs. Eda Safford; assistant treasurer, Miss Georgia Lawton; recording secretary, Mrs. Irene Land; corresponding secretary, Miss Louise Russell.

MODUS OPERANDI

Geezer with a pencil, looking mighty glum,
Gazes at the ceiling; gnaws upon his thumb;
Muttering and mumbling, writhing in his chair,
Fidgets with his fingers; rumples up his hair.
'Bout a ream of paper litters up the floor;
Near him, on the table, are five blocks more;
Also, half a dozen weighty looking books—
Dictionaries, doubtless, judging by their looks.
Ashes—tobacco—matches—all about;
Twenty times an hour his pipe goes out.
Now, he turns, he's joyous—idiotic—sad;
Now, in manner frantic, he scribbles on a pad.
Deep and sweaty furrows corrugate his brow—
Thus he's been a-stewing for three nights now;
Batty in the belfry, dippy in the dome,
Here behold a poet "dashing off a pome."

—Boston Journal.

Central Vermont Ry

Time Table in Effect Sept. 12, 1915.

TRAINS LEAVE BURLINGTON.

4:10 a. m., daily, for Montreal and Chicago.

7:15 a. m., except Sunday, for Boston, Springfield and New York. Broiler buffet parlor car from Burlington, without change, due Boston 4.35 p. m.

7:25 a. m., except Sunday, for St. Johnsbury and Portland.

10:10 a. m., except Sunday, for Richford, Montreal and Ottawa.

10:10 a. m., Sunday only, for St. Albans.

11:05 a. m., daily, for Boston, Springfield and New York; for New London week days only. Through parlor cars and dining cars Essex Junction to Boston and New York.

4:30 p. m., except Sunday, for St. Johnsbury.

4:40 p. m., except Sunday, for St. Albans, Rouses Point, Ogdensburg, Richford and Montreal. Also for Montpelier and White River Junction.

6:55 p. m., daily, for Montreal and Chicago. Standard sleeper daily, and tourist sleeping cars Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to Chicago, without change.

6:55 p. m., Sunday only, for White River Junction.

11:40 p. m., daily for Boston and New York. Through sleeping cars from Essex Junction to Boston and New York via Springfield.

SEEKS TO RECOVER $10,000

Burlington Man Alleges Crooked Work by Vending Company.

Trial of Case Begun in Chittenden County Court Yesterday—Resolutions Presented on Death of J. E. Cushman.

The consideration of the suit of Gardner B. Arnold of Burlington vs. E. N. Somers, et al., an action in which the plaintiff seeks to recover $10,000 from the above-named defendant and six others, including the American News Vending company of St. Johnsbury, the Eureka News Vending company of Plattsburgh, N. Y., and F. M. Abbott, Charles Weeks, J. E. Alexander, A. P. Ladd and Dr. W. J. Aldrich, former officers and directors of the American News Vending company of St. Johnsbury, for the alleged fraudulent sale of the patent rights territory of the State of New York, in which the plaintiff was to sell the vending machines of the American News Vending company, was begun at Tuesday afternoon's session of Chittenden county court. But one witness, E. N. Somers, was called Tuesday afternoon and the case will probably continue during the entire week. Considerable difficulty was experienced in selecting a jury, nearly the entire panel being called before the following men were chosen to hear the evidence in the case: F. W. Fay of Richmond, E. F. Green of Bolton, A. C. Hoskins of Jericho, L. L. Howard of Westford, O. S. Kenyon of Huntington, John H. Marck of Shelburne, A. H. Mansfield of Essex, E. O. Reynolds of Burlington, W. N. Root of Charlotte, S. D. Warren of Williston, William A. Wheeler of South Burlington and C. H. Wilcox of Westford. The plaintiff is represented by V. A. Bullard and S. R. Moulton, and the defendants by C. H. Darling, R. E. Brown, Levi P. Smith and Mr. Witters of the firm of Porter, Witters & Harvey of St. Johnsbury. Judge Stanton granted the motion to dismiss the suit of the North American Fruit company vs. John Petros, on the ground that no recognizance was entered in the writ, which he has had under advisement since last Thursday, and the suit of Arthur E. Culver vs. the Rutland Railroad company was announced as settled and discontinued. The case of N. W. Van Cleve vs. the Eastern Fruit & Nut Orchard company will probably be tried at the conclusion of the present suit.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF J. E. CUSHMAN

Resolutions registering the appreciation of the Chittenden county bar for the late J. E. Cushman, whose death occurred on February 12, 1916, were offered at Tuesday afternoon's session of Chittenden county court by Judge E. C. Mower, who, with H. S. Peck and S. R. Moulton, was appointed a committee to draw up such resolutions. A large number of the members of the Chittenden county bar were present to hear the reading of the resolutions, in addition to which Judge Mower spoke briefly concerning the respect and affection with which he regarded Mr. Cushman as the result of his long and intimate relations with him. Judge Mower studied law in the office of Mr. Cushman and after his admission to the bar was in partnership with him for three years and had enjoyed his friendship for many years. The resolutions emphasized Mr. Cushman's legal ability, his upright sense of citizenship, his sterling character and his devotion and loyalty to his friends. Special reference was also made to his work for twelve years as State commissioner of taxes.

THE ARNOLD-SOMERS CASE

In his opening statement to the jury, Mr. Bullard said that he would show that Mr. Arnold on October 24, 1914, met J. E. Alexander, a salesman for the American News Vending company of St. Johnsbury, a corporation manufacturing machines for the vending of newspapers, magazines, drinking cups, toilet paper, etc., who was selling stock in this corporation and also the patent rights to certain territory, and that Mr. Alexander induced Mr. Arnold to buy with him the patent rights to the State of New York for $12,000 and also to buy $2,000 worth of tools from the American News Vending company, with which to make their machines, each man agreeing to pay one-half of this amount, or $7,000 in all for each one. The evidence would also show, Mr. Bullard stated, that Mr. Arnold did pay $7,000 to the American News Vending company as per agreement and was led to believe that Mr. Alexander paid a similar amount, but that the latter paid nothing, and that through these fraudulent representations Mr. Arnold lost his entire investment. Counsel for the defendant reserved their opening statement.

E. N. Somers of Danville, formerly of St. Johnsbury, where he was president of the American News Vending company, was the first witness called by the plaintiff's counsel. He testified to a contract between the American News Vending company and G. B. Arnold and J. E. Alexander, the terms of which were substantially as stated above, but claimed that Alexander arranged the terms of payment. The terms of the contract called for the payment of $12,000 from Arnold and Alexander to the American News Vending company, in sums of $3,000, $5,000 and four of $1,000 each, for the patent rights to the manufacture and sale in the State of New York of the company's machines. The witness identified seven checks of Mr. Arnold's in payment of his half of this money, or $6,000, and also identified the receipts given for each check, each receipt being given for the total amount of the sum due, of which Mr. Arnold paid one-half, although the witness admitted that Mr. Alexander had never paid a single cent of his share. The last receipt was signed by F. M. Abbott, who was then the treasurer of the company. The witness admitted that he had never revealed to Arnold the fact that Alexander paid no money to the company, but insisted that he did not mislead him and that the receipts issued for the total sum of the indebtedness were not given for the purpose of making Mr. Arnold believe that Mr. Alexander had paid his share of the money to the company. The examination of the witness was not completed when court adjourned.

UNITARIANS ELECT.

Officers Chosen at Annual Meeting of Society Monday Evening.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Church was held Monday evening in the church parlors. A. G. Whittemore was elected chairman and H. G. Fuller clerk for the year. Other officers were elected as follows: Treasurer, M. E. Sornberger; auditor, J. H. Macomber; collector, M. E. Sornberger; librarian, Miss Effie Moore; member of prudential committee for three years, Everett I. Soule, the others holding over on this committee being Perry R. Miles and Howard H. Shufeldt; budget committee, consisting of the prudential committee, the treasurer and F. E. Kimball; superintendent of the Sunday school, E. W. Crannell; members of the corporation of the Home for Destitute Children, Mrs. F. M. Soule and Mrs. A. G. Whittemore. A committee to take charge of the celebration commemorating the centennial of the church was elected, the members being F. E. Kimball, E. S. Adsit, Harold Stevens, Mrs. F. B. Howe and Miss Harriette Townsend. Notice was given that the sale of pews would take place next week Monday evening. The annual meeting will hereafter be held following the parish supper, the date of which has been changed to that of the night of the annual meeting, this night being the evening of the third Monday in March.

DOG FRIGHTENS HORSES.

Pair Make Rapid Trip down Main Street to Railroad Station.

South Winooski avenue and lower Main street formed the scene of a spectacular and exciting runaway Monday afternoon, when a span of horses belonging to Charles H. Foote of South Burlington and driven by Elmer Stockwell, frightened by a barking dog, ran from South Winooski avenue, between Adams and Spruce streets, to the Union station, leaving the sleigh to which they were hitched at the corner of Main street and South Winooski avenue in a badly damaged condition. The horses passed very close to Frederick O'Brien, son of Bart O'Brien, who was standing in front of the police station watching their flight, and the youngster escaped injury only by a head-first dive into a snowdrift.

Mr. Stockwell, who was bringing a few cases of butter to the express office from Mr. Foote's farm, had left his team in front of a house on South Winooski avenue while he went inside to deliver a package. He had just emerged from the house when a loudly barking dog ran very close to the team and apparently nipped at their legs, frightening the horses, who immediately broke into a gallop. They continued north on the avenue until they reached Main street, where their attempt to turn down the street while at top speed caused the sleigh to strike the curbstone in front of the store of F. E. Perkins. The front sleds were torn loose and the horses continued down the street on the north sidewalk, minus the body of the sleigh and the rear sleds. The horses were not stopped until they reached the Union station, and were somewhat cut about the legs while the harness was also broken.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of unclaimed letters in the Burlington postoffice for the week ending March 18, 1916:

WOMEN'S LIST

Miss Belle Buzzell, Sadie Doeach, Miss Alice Caron, Nell Collins, Ledia Corbett, Miss Mary Duncan, Mrs. Irma Drew, Nellie Delisle, Miss Margaret Greene, Miss Margarite Keale, Dora Palmer, Mrs. George Pelkin, Maud Santa, Beatrice Sapruna, Mrs. Burt Sims, Mrs. Anna Sic, Mrs. Laurie A. Weeks, Mrs. Henry Wilkins.

MEN'S LIST.

R. Black, True Benway (2), Frank Course, Herbert Clack, H. D. Chipman, Thos. Colbath, Joseph Deyouis, L. L. Dawson, Eli Dague, Henry Delisle, Edw. Edelston, F. W. Fessons, E. Guinnard, Snowdon Haines, J. Haynes, Chester Hodges, F. Janvier, Arthur Martel, C. P. Mosteller, Frank Metsode, R. H. Orlwey, Thomas Thompson, E. A. Williams.

WINOOSKI LIST.

William Brennan (2), Mrs. Gilbert Corliver, Henry L. Day, David Delphino, Hortense Goodrow, Miss Ethel Hale, John Harper, John Holody, Shanleen M. Mansour, Kathryn Sealise, Mrs. L. Sarrow, George Young.

PROBATION CASES.

Chittenden County Officer Makes Report for Last Six Months.

There were 258 probation cases handled in the office of A. L. Sherman, probation officer of Chittenden county, between the first day of the September, 1915, term of Chittenden county court and the first day of the present term, according to his report filed Tuesday with the judges of county court. Ninety cases were received during this period, of which 12 have been disposed of, and of the 148 old cases on the docket at the beginning of this period, 86 have been disposed of, so that 140 cases are now on the docket. There was in the hands of the probation officer at the beginning of this period the sum of $122.09 and $150.88 was collected during this time. The various courts were paid $160.97, leaving a balance of $112 in the probation officer's hands at this time.

Of the old cases on the docket, 86 have been disposed of as follows: 41 probationers released by the expiration of their term, 28 discharged upon recommendation, 16 were surrendered and committed for violation of the conditions of their parole and one case was closed on reason of the paroled prisoner never having been heard from since his release from State's prison.

Of the 90 new cases received by the probation officer during the term covered by this report, 31 were those of persons conditionally pardoned by the Governor, 51 were received from Burlington city court, 26 of these being Waterbury cases; two were received from the Winooski municipal court, five from justice of the peace courts and one from Chittenden county court.

Three of these probationers were released by the expiration of their terms, two were discharged, seven violated their conditions of parole, four of them being committed and warrants against the remaining three being in the hands of the sheriff's department, leaving 78 new cases now on the docket, which, with the 62 old ones, make a total of 140 cases now on the probation docket.

The report concludes with the statement that the results have been, on the whole, satisfactory and that many of the probationers availed themselves of the opportunity offered to reform.

NOT AN EASY JOB.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

Mrs. Kawler—Did you ever go to one of those astrologers?

Mrs. Blunderby—No; but my daughter Kate is just crazy to have her perhaps read.

MISLED.

I thought dere was a robin bird
A singin' on de limb,
De sweetest songs I ever heard
Is dem I heard f'um him.
I thought I saw dem bushes plan
To blossom an' to grow,
But 'cordin' to de weather man
I's gotter shovel snow.

O, many a time you git a glint
Of sunshine th'oo de cloud,
An' hope all smilin' takes de hint
So happy an' so proud.
You specks to listen to de song
An' feel de warm wind blow,
And den a cold wave comes along,
You's gotter shovel snow.

—Washington Star.

FREE PRESS WANT ADS. PAY BEST.

VT. ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Finds Crumbs of Comfort in Recent "Smashing Defeat."

Superintendent Smith Reviews Efforts of the Past Year and Outlines Plan of Work for the Future at Annual Meeting.

"This is no time for the relaxation of effort; the present state of affairs is only an opportunity for larger work and more intense effort." This was the final word at the annual meeting of the trustees of the Anti-Saloon League held Tuesday in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A. building in this city.

In the absence of the president and vice-presidents, C. T. S. Pierce of Vergennes acted as chairman of the meeting. The treasurer's report by Fred S. Pease showed total receipts for the year of $6,107.75, and disbursements of $5,551.85, leaving cash on hand at the close of the year, $571.15, and O. P. Ray as auditor vouched for the correctness of the bookkeeping.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Superintendent Clifford H. Smith in his annual report said:

"The Vermont Anti-Saloon League has had a great year, a year of gratifying financial support, of harmonious co-operation with other temperance organizations in the State, of varied and unusual activities and of a final smashing defeat, from which, nevertheless, some crumbs of comfort can be extracted.

"A great number of contributors made the year's satisfactory financial showing possible by their generous gifts, not a few of which represent real self-sacrifice on the part of the givers.

"During the year 178 public addresses were given by league representatives, with audiences aggregating about 11,000 persons.

"Our relations with the Anti-Saloon League of America have been of the most cordial kind. Under the auspices of the national organization a scientific temperance poster campaign was carried on in the Sunday schools during the fall and winter with success. During the campaign for State prohibition the national league assisted us generously. They furnished us five special campaign numbers of the "American Issue" free. This represents a gift of not less than $1,250. They also gave us assistance in our speaking campaign, which was very helpful.

"Early in the campaign we printed a package handbill covering the main points at issue. Fifty-five thousand copies of this were circulated and some seventy thousand other pieces of printed matter besides the "American Issue."

"For five weeks we carried advertising in all the weekly newspapers of the State and two weeks in the dailies.

"Some very efficient work was done in the way of local organization in a few counties and some towns. But it must be admitted that in the State as a whole there was not a satisfactory local organization of the forces and we did not get out the vote that we had reason to expect. The vote for local option was only a little larger than we had expected. The vote for prohibition was much smaller than we had anticipated.

"The question now is, what shall be done next? Evidently Vermont is still against the saloon, for the majority against license is nearly if not quite as large as in the year before. That there is room for temperance work in Vermont there can be no doubt."

The superintendent then submitted the following program of work for the next two years which was approved by the trustees:

"1. Educational, not as to the nature and effects of alcohol, but as to the evil influence of the liquor traffic.

"2. Law-enforcement, (a) through the election of officials off labs, (b) through co-operation with officials in their law enforcement work.

"3. Legislative, (a) for electing of temperance men to the Legislature, (b) against legislation favorable to the liquor traffic.

"4. Anti-license; to reduce the number of liquor towns.

"5. National; co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League of America in behalf of national prohibition.

"6. Free service to all inquirers on matters relating to temperance question."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The following resolutions were adopted by the board:

"We, the trustees of the Vermont Anti-Saloon League in annual meeting assembled, wish first of all to express our unwavering confidence in the great cause which we are pledged to represent. While the late campaign in behalf of State-wide prohibition did not result as we had hoped, we yet believe that the vote given by the citizens of Vermont shows that the vast majority of our people are still in favor of temperance in their own communities.

"We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the aid granted us in our recent campaign by the national league both by the furnishing of speakers and the granting of helpful literature which was sent to the voters throughout the State.

"We also wish to express our gratitude to the various organizations of different kinds which have assisted in making the 'Better Vermont' which is yet to be.

"It is with pleasure that we endorse the intelligent and astute policy inaugurated and carried on by the superintendent, the Rev. Clifford H. Smith, and we bespeak for him and his faithful assistants the hearty co-operation of the people of our commonwealth.

"It is our conviction that this is no time for the relaxation of effort. The present state of affairs is only an opportunity for larger work and more intense effort."

THE OFFICERS.

The Rev. Guy Potter Benton, D. D., was elected president of the league; the Rev. J. S. Bicker, D. D., A. C. Whiting and the Rev. H. L. Ballou, vice-presidents; C. P. Cowles, secretary; F. S. Pease, treasurer; O. P. Ray, auditor; and the Rev. Clifford H. Smith, superintendent.

SUPPLICATION NEEDLESS.

"I suppose," said the village deacon to the minister, "that your constant prayer is that you may ever remain poor and humble?"

"Well, not exactly," replied the minister. "I pray that I may remain humble, but my congregation attends to the other part of it."—Indianapolis Star.

FRUITS OF EXPERIENCE.

"Why did you get up and give that lady your seat?"

"Well, ma'am, ever since I was a boy it scares me to see a woman with a strap in her hand."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The W. G. Reynolds Co.

Carpets---Furniture---Linens

Credit Will Complete the Set

Spring cleaning makes conspicuous a lack of furniture. When everything is set in order the completed set of furniture looms up with mortifying distinctness.

Why not fill up the gaps right now? It is bad judgment and bad business to put off the purchase till another year, for it will cost just as much then and meantime you are losing a year of usefulness.

You can fill in the missing pieces on credit and enjoy the luxury of a completely furnished home.

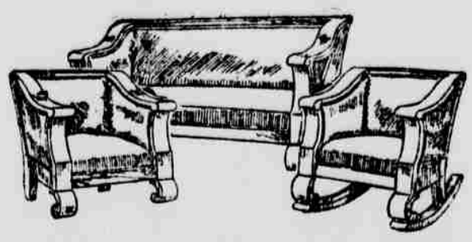
Our credit arrangements make this possible no matter how hard-pressed you are for cash at present, for we require no immediate payment.

Credit Will Add Years of Comfort to Your Calandar

Life is only just so long, and the man who skimps along for years with a half-furnished home is denying himself just so many years of comfort.

Buying your furniture on credit now is just the same as saving up to buy it except that you can enjoy it while you save. That means you get more for your money—extra years of comfort added to your calendar of life.

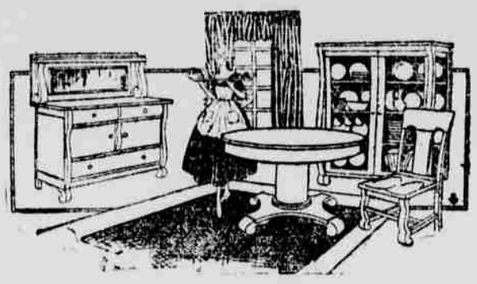
These extra years are doubly insured by the sturdy quality of our furniture on credit. We guarantee the pieces to last well into the second generation.



A Set Suggestive of Delicate Refinement

The dining room presents a problem distinct from that of any other room in the house. It is the room where the family and their friends gather to partake in a sociable manner of their daily meals and as such demands delicacy in furniture and taste in treatment in close harmony with this function.

The set illustrated above is only one of a group of delicate period styles now on the floor of our show rooms. Their daintiness of line and treatment is inviting to the appetite and to the aesthetic eye while their well ranged pricings are inviting to the purse which must be economically managed. Your inspection will be welcomed.



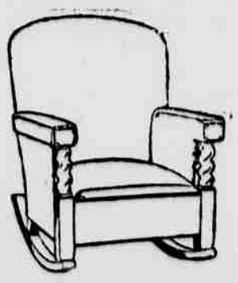
Parlor Suite, Too

The very newest creations of the furniture maker's art. Oak, solid mahogany and mahoganized birch with coverings of leather, velour and figured tapestry. Some suits priced as low as $25.00 for three pieces; others up to $150.00.

Electric Lamps ---a New Assortment from the Handel Co

Surpasses in beauty of design and finish any lamps we've ever shown at as modest prices.

These are equipped with two and three cluster lamp sockets. They are in burnished brass and bronze with crystal shades. The prices range from $9.50 to $15.00.



Fancy Chairs and those in Period Designs

are arriving daily. These are mostly in solid mahogany, but reed, willow and two-toned enamel novelties are also among this showing. Ottoman's Book Racks, Tilting Tables, Wall Tables, etc., are some of the newer arrivals.

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