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Weather, not torrid yet.

The ice men are prominently before the public. In other words, they are cutting ice.

Judging by the per capita expenditure Vermonters are letter writers as well as gum chewers.

It's time the public library project was on its feet and well started. We have the money for the building, a lot promised and a board of directors ready to begin work.

The frenzied financiers, Lawson and Greene, will probably continue to fight it out on paper notwithstanding the threats, and continue to make themselves ridiculous before the public.

Besides having to deny the newspaper statements of his connection with Cassin Chadwick, Andrew Carnegie has lumbago. Towns wishing new libraries will please wait until Mr. Carnegie regains his equipoise.

The first reports of the Minneapolis fire placed the loss at three millions and over; the second reports set it at considerably less than a million. Second reports like second thoughts are quite apt to be more reliable.

How woman is getting to monopolize things! Here are Nan Patterson and Cassie Chadwick monopolizing the world's publicity almost. The last assault on Port Arthur compared with their doings is like a drink of cold Oolong up against a Scotch highball.

It seems to have been determined beyond peradventure that Alton B. Parker of New York is about the worst liked man that ever tried for the presidency. That complimentary banquet which the New Yorkers are about to give him may have been well meant but the crowd will have to be well seasoned to take the bad taste off for Parker.

**GOOD ROADS DISCUSSION.**

There is one thing which the Vermont legislature failed to do, and that was to take up the broad question of better highways for the state. Yet that body may be excused for its oversight. It really had enough important matters to attend to, without digging into this. The good roads movement may as well be put over until the session of 1906. Meanwhile the opinions of the people of the state ought to be crystallizing into some definite plan of procedure, so that by the time the legislative body of two years hence comes together there will be something really decided upon. As conditions are now there exists a chaotic jumble of ideas respecting what the state needs and the best means of meeting those needs. This is only natural, owing to the importance of the matter. No issue of prominence finds a unanimity of opinions at the start. The good roads idea is like unto the others. Therefore, beginning now, there should be no backwardness in bringing the matter prominently before the people. Let them discuss the best means of attaining good roads. Let the subject be a common theme for discussion in public gatherings of various natures. Just so much as the poor ideas can be weeded from the practicable now, so much less thresh-



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| House Coats,<br>Bath Robes,<br>Mufflers,<br>Neckwear,<br>Shirts (white),<br>Shirts (fancy),<br>Collars and Cuffs,<br>Half Hose,<br>Underwear,<br>Night Robes,<br>Suspenders,<br>Hats and Caps,<br>Overcoats. | Business Suits,<br>Dress Suits,<br>Tuxedos,<br>Shoes,<br>Handkerchiefs,<br>Gloves,<br>Mittens,<br>Umbrellas,<br>Vests (white),<br>Vests (fancy),<br>Dress Suit Cases,<br>Hand Bags,<br>Sweaters. |
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ing out will the matter require what it comes before the legislature. A great amount of time is spent in discussion each session simply because the legislators do not have a comprehensive grasp of the matter before them. The good roads is not to be dismissed without even a passing thought. As often as it is put down, it will pop up again and demand consideration. It is one of the essentials of that progressive Vermont, in whose awakening we take so much interest. Other states and the national government have considered it and are still endeavoring to devise the most feasible means of meeting the demand which is becoming quite general—the demand for improved roadways. Discussion of the project in Vermont will not be out of place from now until the time of the assembling of the next legislature. By the latter time we may know what we want to undertake.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

What the Press of the State and Country Is Talking About.

What's the matter with chopping those collectorship districts right through the center once more and letting four of the thirsty and deserving ones up to the tub? Seven or eight thousand per wouldn't be too awfully rotten you know.—Hartford Gazette.

The Vermonters never think of such a thing as changing the political complexion of their state government. But the usual results of the too long continuance of one party in power are visible there. The governor and the state Senate are at loggerheads in the matter of various state appointments, over which the Senate holds the power of confirmation or rejection. A legislative committee has just reported that the management of the state's penal institutions is very lax and recommends the removal from office of the three state directors, together with the warden of the state prison, Edwin H. Oakes. Further investigation is on foot, and it looks as if an extensive amount of "cleaning-house" were needed in the Green Mountain state.—Hartford Times.

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**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN.**

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MEN'S OUTFITTERS  
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**EAST BARRE.**

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at the home of Mrs. Frank Tucker. A large attendance is looked for.

Mrs. McArthur, who has been ill for some time, has now fully recovered.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will have their usual meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. J. P. Woodward. This meeting is always looked forward to with interest by all the young people and we know there will be a large number present.

Mrs. Lucius Cheney is in town, visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irving Bates.

Dr. and Mrs. McArthur went to Montpelier Tuesday. The doctor attended the medical meeting held there on that day.

Owing to illness caused by a severe cold, Rev. A. J. Eastman was unable to hold the prayer service last evening.

By this time we are enabled to give a word regarding the very successful fair held last week in the opera house under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church. The many booths were tastefully decorated, the harmonious construction of beauty and utility being remarkable everywhere. The attendance was large and the total receipts were about \$85. The entertainment was unusually good. Mrs. Harlan Cheney of Montpelier was gladly welcomed by her old friends and sang a solo, and also a duet with Mrs. A. C. Dickey, in both of which she showed the inimitable sweetness of old times. The farce given on Friday evening by the East Barre grangers was exceedingly well presented and deserves special mention. Articles left over will be on sale at the home of Mrs. Leon Sargent from now until Christmas at popular prices.

**EAST MONTPELIER.**

Harry Daniels and Elmer Howland attended a Good Templars Union at Cabot last Saturday afternoon and evening.

There will be a Christmas tree at the brick church, with an entertainment by the choir and children. The evening will be announced later.

The annual fair for the brick church will be held at the hall, Dec. 22 and 23.

Mrs. F. G. Howland of Barre was at George Howland's last Monday.

Mrs. Wallace Clark, who has been very ill for some time, is now gaining.

J. S. Wheelock is recovering from his recent illness and is able to be about.

C. F. Dudley goes to Montpelier Sunday evenings to lead a chorus of young people at the Church of the Messiah.

Miss Olive Cameron of Calais is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Sibley.

Joseph Cardin and wife have gone to Champlain, N. Y., for the winter.

Frank Mayo and wife have gone to New York state to visit relatives for two weeks.

**TO PUNISH PLAYERS.**

National Base Ball League Passed New Rule Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 15.—Post season games between the champion teams of the National and the American Leagues for the championship of the world were favored here yesterday at the annual meeting of the National League of professional ball clubs. The magnates stuck to the old schedule of 154 games for each club, stipulating that the season should not extend beyond October 8.

The application of the minor leagues for a change in the regulations regarding the drafting of players from the smaller leagues was approved and a new rule was adopted designed to restrict and properly punish players who may be removed from the field.

The Philadelphia players were formally awarded to the new Philadelphia Base Ball club, headed by President William Shettleline, who was admitted.

These umpires for next season were appointed: Robert Emslie, Henry O'Day, J. E. Johnstone, Geo. Bausewine and Wm. Klem.

**Death of Oliver L. Grow of Derby.**

Newport, Dec. 15.—The funeral of Oliver L. Grow, one of the oldest citizens of Derby, who died at his home in West Derby Monday afternoon, after a long illness, will be held Thursday.

**GOOD COATS**

At the Price of Cheap Ones!

There has been something sensational in price-cutting on New Coats at the Corner Store.

That Coats should be sold at such prices as we are offering them at this time of year borders on the ridiculous, but such is the case.

Our policy is to clean stock early, for we don't want any left-overs. We never hold a thing for a few cents' profit, for we have the thought on our mind of showing all new things the coming season. **Don't wait** until February or March, for we have those prices on them now.

Christmas Shopping can be done to advantage here now. **Leather and Horn Goods, Linen Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Shawls, Umbrellas, Dress Goods, Waistings, Silks, Art Goods, Waists, Skirts, Silk Dresses, Velvet Dresses and Furs.**

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**Christmas Gifts! FOR THE MEN.**

What are you going to get him for Christmas? About everybody has a "him" to buy for. Perhaps our suggestions will help you to get him just what he wants. Below you will find a good list and something that is sure to please the men folks.

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| Fur Lined Coats,<br>Fur Coats, Overcoats,<br>Suits, Fancy Vests,<br>Rain Coats, Hats, Caps,<br>Umbrellas, Bath Robes,<br>Smoking Jackets,<br>Neckwear, Mufflers, | Shirt Protectors,<br>Gloves, Night Robes,<br>Hosiery, Suspenders,<br>Shirts, Collars, Cuffs,<br>Underwear, Armbands,<br>Grips, Dress Suit Case,<br>Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, |
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In fact anything a man or boy wears is found here at right prices. We'll put aside anything you select and keep perfectly mum about it until Christmas time.

**MOORE & OWENS,**  
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**Christmas Goods!**

An extremely large assortment of Christmas Novelties will be spread out ready for your inspection on Thursday morning, December 15th. Watch this space for detailed list.

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