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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

"Sunday closing" is a catching. St. Albans has it, but promises to get over it soon.

Newport has an air ship builder. A great many other towns have air castle builders.

The sentence of John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, might be 270 years, but it is reasonable to assume that it will be considerably less.

The fearfulness of death by the flames is now and then—too frequently—forced upon us hereabouts. But it seems small in comparison with the Boyertown, Pa., theatre fire, in which 170 persons lost their lives.

Speaking of public buildings and the Burlington federal building in particular, the architecture of which has been severely criticized, the Newport Express and Standard says:

"People were displeased with the exterior of the government building in this place. We never heard of a public building being erected unless someone was displeased with the exterior. This would be true if there were a dozen exteriors, and each one artistic in itself. The main thing is to get the building and let the exterior take care of itself."

We haven't been hearing so much about car shortage of late, and the Springfield Republican gives the reason in the following statement of conditions:

"The panic disposed of the car-shortage problem in lightning-like order, as is shown by returns collected by the American Railway association. Last February 68 railroads reported a net shortage of 95,417 cars—they needed so many more to carry the traffic offered. Late in December 168 roads reported that they had altogether 208,600 idle cars on hand. There was complaint of car shortage much later than February of last year. The great change indicated by the above figures came within three or four months."

Not to mention the loss to the Democratic party of Vermont of a valiant member and powerful worker, the state has been deprived of a good editor in the person of Charles H. Davenport, who has just removed from Brattleboro to Worcester, Mass., to become one of the editors of the Worcester Evening Post. When proprietor of the Windham County Reformer, which is now The Reformer of Brattleboro in name, his position in the minority party of the state gave him the opportunity to challenge at liberty—an opportunity which he did not neglect, as some of the opposing politicians were compelled to admit. In those days Davenport's pen was sharp and convincing, and many there were who got impaled on this editorial weapon. Lately, he has rather sunk out of the general sight, although still engaged quietly in literary work. The Evening Post of Worcester gains a man of tried experience in securing Davenport.

GENERAL TREND OF MURDER TRIALS IN VERMONT.

One more murder case out of the way! Vermont now has, we believe, no case of this sort still untried, and it is in



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The line of hope that the commonwealth may be kept free from them for a period, at least. The disposition of the Mahan case at Bennington on Saturday brings out more clearly than ever the general trend away from the law-given right to take a man's life for the crime of murder. In this particular case, the jury got around the proposition on the ground of the accused man's mental condition, declining to send him to the gallows, although they were convinced beyond question of doubt that the prisoner was guilty of one of the most brutal and revolting of crimes.

There was just a bit of doubt as to the prisoner's mental responsibility, and on this bit of doubt hinged the change from death to life imprisonment, as a guilty verdict in second degree murder imposes. There is, moreover, in the minds of the public that same doubt, vague, to be sure, as to the mental state of young Mahan and consequently a slight ratification of the verdict of the jury. But this fastening of a doubt on the prisoner's mental state is, we believe, merely the localized excuse for avoiding something which the majority of the people of the state do not want. They do not want capital punishment to be carried out in Vermont. Mahan's mental capacity was a convenient excuse, and in view of the testimony of physicians for both sides became convincing enough to warrant a second degree murder verdict. The hanging of Mary Rogers seems to have been the final chapter of capital punishment history in Vermont.

ROBBERY IN WAITING ROOM.

Burglars Got Good Haul in Heart of Schneetady's Business District.

Schneetady, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The waiting rooms of the Schneetady railway company in the heart of the business district were entered by burglars some time between three and six o'clock Sunday morning and \$1,900 in cash, \$400 worth of tickets, and watches and jewelry valued at \$160 stolen. The thieves left behind a bag containing \$685.25 mostly in silver.

The police believe that the burglary was committed either by employees of the company or some man who had secreted himself in the rooms just before the closing hour at 1 a. m., and was locked in. There is no mark on any door or window to indicate that a "Jimmy" was used and none of the locks were broken. The missing money, along with the \$685.25, was in two small sacks.

Harry Ossenfort, telephone operator, who was stationed in the building not 20 feet from the ticket office, was sleeping between calls at the time the burglary was committed and was not aroused.

SERIOUS COASTING ACCIDENT.

Fair Haven Boy Suffers a Fractured Skull and Probably Will Die.

Rutland, Jan. 20.—Herman, the nine-year-old son of Orrin Williams, of Fair Haven, probably will die as the result of a serious accident Friday night. Turning out for a team he ran into an iron pipe and his skull was fractured. An operation was performed and pieces of bone and a portion of the brain were removed.

MONTEPELIER

Eva, wife of Evan Hills of Middlesex, died Saturday morning of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Hills was 38 years old and had been a great sufferer for three years. Her funeral will be held this morning at her late home, the Rev. F. B. Kellogg of Waterbury officiating.

Referee W. N. Theriault will give the first hearing of the creditors of Martin J. McGowan of Barre in bankruptcy court on Thursday, January 31. The final hearing in the case of Diane Wood of Barre which was to have been held Saturday was continued until Tuesday, January 28.

The annual meeting of the sixth Masonic district will be held in this city Thursday afternoon and evening. The P. C. degree will be worked in the afternoon by Green Mountain lodge of Cabot and the third degree by Aurora lodge in the evening. A banquet will be served at six o'clock.

F. J. Browncombe, superintendent of the public schools, is authority for the statement that at least one half of the pupils are ill with the gripe, colds, or kindred ills. The teachers are also sufferers as well as the pupils, and during the past three weeks several have been incapacitated for labor.

Hose company, No. 2, has a new sleigh which has been manufactured in Montpelier. It was designed by E. B. Gilbert, first assistant engineer. It will carry a complete equipment of ladders and one thousand feet of hose. The load runs very near the ground, and lessens the liability of a tip over in going around corners.

Mrs. Stewart C. Baker died Saturday morning of tuberculosis at her home on Main street, aged 30 years. Mrs. Baker was a native of Montpelier, but after her marriage she had lived in Bellows Falls until a short time ago. Funeral services will be held this morning and the body will be taken to Bellows Falls for burial.

The probate court has appointed Marshal L. Wood and W. T. Dewey administrators of the estate of the late Carroll P. Pitkin. It is understood that Mr. Pitkin left no will. Clarence H. Senter will be administrator, and as he has also been appointed to settle the estates of C. H. Pitkin, Gen. P. P. Pitkin and Fred Pitkin, in none of which a final settlement has ever been made, as the property is largely in stock of the Lane Manufacturing company.

Special rates at the Montpelier hotels have been announced by Department Commander A. C. Brown for the annual state encampment of the Grand Army, which is to be held in Montpelier Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 27. These rates will run from \$1.50 to \$3 a day, and when rooms are taken outside the hotels, even lower rates than these have been secured. The annual meetings of the Ladies' of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Woman's Relief Corps will also be held at Montpelier on these dates. The Ladies of the Grand Army will also be held at Montpelier on these and the Relief Corps in the Church of the Messiah.

RANDOLPH

Snow Shoe Club Prepares For The Winter's Sport Afield.

At a meeting of the Snowshoe club held in the parlors of the inn on Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the year: President, John Lamson; vice-president, John F. Tewksbury; secretary and treasurer, Guy Lamson; executive committee, Ernest Tracy, Genevieve Lamson, and Franklin Salisbury. The club numbers 57 active members and among the places which they propose to visit going by snowshoes, is Randolph Center.

Mrs. Susie Gabrielle entertained Mrs. Stillman B. Allen from Barre on Saturday.

R. W. McAllister of Mason, N. H., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Howe over Sunday.

Frank Harrington, who is the baker at the Randolph bakery, left Sunday night for Boston to attend the funeral of his wife's sister whose death occurred there on Saturday, the result of a tubercular disease of long standing.

The condition of Mrs. Emma Knowlton is reported favorable and she is as well as was reported since her operation last week. Her daughter, Miss Lillian Knowlton, still remains in town, but expects to return to Westley, R. I., where she has a position as teacher.

The Good Templars meeting held at Elison's hall on Friday night was one of the most enjoyable since its organization. Additional names were received which will be voted upon and the candidates will be initiated at the meeting in one week when it is expected there will be visitors from Barre and Montpelier.

Miss Harriette Hayward was recently offered \$100 by G. W. Boyce of New York for her dog "Fernet," the offer to hold good for one year. At present she feels like to accept, and "Fernet," which is a fine specimen of bull terrier and Great Dane breed weighing about 50 pounds is still the pet and property of Miss Hayward.

The half leap year dance given at the Grange hall on Friday evening by the "Bunch of Roses" girls of the high school was well attended and a general good time is reported. The music in attendance was Richard Grant, piano, and George Chaffell, violin. Two proceeds covered expenses and left a small balance in the treasury.

The officers for the Methodist Sunday school were nominated at the meeting called for last purpose last week and voted in by the members then present. The year will be confirmed later at the next quarterly conference. D. D. Howe was chosen for superintendent and R. H. Slack first assistant. Mr. R. B. Slack, second assistant. The other officers will be appointed by the superintendent later and the board of teachers remain the same for the present.

DR. BRAINERD PRESIDENT.

Of Vermont Botanical Club For Next Year.

Rutland, Jan. 20.—The joint session of the Vermont bird club and the Vermont botanical club closed here Saturday. The officers elected by the botanical club were: President, Dr. Erskine Brainard of Middlebury; vice-president, Dr. Cyrus C. Fingle of Burlington; secretary, Prof. L. B. Jones of Burlington; Mrs. N. F. Flynn of Burlington.

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A Game of Poker.

Ned Bannard, his bride, Tom Pendleton and I sat down one evening at Ned's house to a game of poker. Susie Bannard had never played cards, so we agreed to help her. We couldn't leave her out and only expected her to bet low on the best of hands. The game was penny ante with a two cent limit.

People who think they know things are very hard to teach. Susie hadn't played half a dozen hands before she insisted on playing her own game in her own way. She kept losing steadily, and although the stake was very small, she was soon minus something like \$2. Since I had won more than half of this I determined to get it back to her. Having a pair of eights in my hand, when she and I alone were betting, I made a great ad, daring her to bet. I raised her, and she raised me until I saw that there was a dollar in the pot for her, then called her. To my discomfiture she had only a pair of fives. Instead of losing a dollar I had won another dollar from her.

I proposed that we should play some other game, but Susie could not be induced to give up poker, so we proceeded as we were. Some one opened with a jack pot, and the woman in the case, after studying a long while, asked for one card. When it was given her she looked at it and said, "Oh, phaw!" It was plain that she had drawn to a flush and had failed to hit. We were all very much disgruntled when she came in. Ned and I were both anxious to bet and didn't want to win her money. Ned told her not to make a goose of herself and to stay out. When she refused he told her that she'd have to stand the loss out of her private fund. She paid no attention to this and raised us both. Ned, very much vexed, raised the pot to top me, and before we knew it we had several dollars on the table. Ned and I showed down, but the lady couldn't be prevailed upon to do so. I had three kings and Ned three aces.

"One pair isn't any good, is it?" asked Susie. "No," replied her husband, "nor two pairs." "But suppose there are two pairs, with another card like one of the pairs?" Ned and I looked at each other; then he seized his wife's cards and threw them on the table face up. She had a full hand.

Susie was now slightly ahead of the game and quite proud of herself. Ned, foreseeing a plunging on her part that might be embarrassing, proposed to quit, but she had caught the gambling fever and insisted on proceeding with the game. She didn't come in for two or three hands. Then we all knew she'd got something handsome, for she looked happy and said boldly that she was "going to bet." "How many cards?" "Is it any advantage to have the cards run together—four, five, six, for instance?" "Yes, if the whole five run that way." She studied a long while, then said, "Well, you may give me two cards." We all laughed, and the game proceeded.

This time Tom Pendleton either had a big hand or wanted to bluff, for he raised the limit. Ned, convinced that he was bluffing, raised him. I stayed out. "What are you going to do, Susie?" asked Ned. "I don't know. I can't tell whether these cards are any good or not." Ned asked me to look at her hand, but she hid it face down on the table. "You say," she said, turning her pretty eyes on her liege lord, "that the cards must all run up or down, and if there is one that doesn't fit it spoils the hand?" "Yes, and they must all be of the same suit. You couldn't hit a hand like that by drawing two cards once in a hundred times."

She studied her hand till we all got tired waiting, and Ned passed cigars. By the time we had lighted up Susie had come to a decision. "It's an awful risk," she said, "but there are three cards in my hand pretty high. I may win on those." She chipped in, and Ned groaned. Then he whispered to me that he was going to teach her that it's expensive to be stupid. He raised her, and Tom and I both dropped out. She saw Ned and raised him. Then he raised her again, with the same result, and the raising went on till there

was about \$12 in the pot. "That'll just buy a bracelet I saw this morning that I want awfully," said Susie. "Won't it be nice?" Ned looked at me and smiled. "Can't we get it up to \$15?" Susie asked. "There's something else for \$3 I want too." "Very well," said Ned, "we'll take off the limit for this hand." And they chipped in the required amount. "What you got? A full o' kings here," said Ned. He threw down his hand and was raking in the pot when his wife laid down the ace, king and queen of diamonds one after the other. "Are they any good?" she asked, looking at us eagerly. We told her they were not. She heaved a deep sigh and carelessly dropped her other two cards. They were the knave and ten of the same suit as the other three.

There were varied exclamations from the men, while Susie was wonderingly looking at each of us for an explanation. Then I told her that she held a royal flush and had won the pot. Ned sank back in his chair and laughed immediately. Tom and I told Susie that she was the best poker player we had ever met. And she was. There is no better way to deceive an antagonist than not to know yourself what you're doing.

EUGENE HOLMES BURT.

STOCKS WILL NOT BE SOLD.

New Proposition Made Rutland Farmers Regarding a Milk Factory.

Rutland, Jan. 20.—The Consumers Pure Milk & Dairy Co., of Massachusetts, which is building a factory at Randolph for the purpose of delivering absolutely pure milk in Boston much below the cost of the commodity there now, is very anxious to build another factory in Vermont, Rutland being the most favored site. Some months ago its representative held a conference with Rutland county farmers, exhibiting their concentrated milk. Their proposition to locate here was favorably received but at that time they wished to sell some of their stock to the farmers. The dairymen did not fall in with this idea so the proposition did not come to a head.

The company has sold its rights to a Boston syndicate and now the new owners wish to locate here, saying that there will be no stock for sale. They are asking for a deal similar to the one they got in Randolph, the present of a site and exemption from taxation for five years, the consent to put up its own buildings. They claim that other towns besides Randolph have offered them these terms.

The citizens of Rutland have not yet talked the matter over but the farmers in general favor the idea because it looks like higher prices for milk.

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