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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.

Congratulations to the nimble fire fighters of Cabot, who prevented a large fire loss yesterday.

There's need of caution lest those Raymond Hitchcock assault and abduction cases in New York City be continued into oblivion.

As if fearful that the Japanese war feeling might subside, some Californians have just excluded another Jap. from the public school at Sausalito.

A Maine man has thought it provocative of a \$10,000 suit to be called a wholesale liquor dealer. Undoubtedly, the word "wholesale" is quite a sweeping assertion.

Again Harvard has to go to Yale to find out what its own president thinks of football. Such subtlety is President Eliot possessed of. Yet his students would not doubt appreciate it if he told his own family first.

In announcing that President Roosevelt is to blame for the past financial flurry, Congressman Harrison of New York thus characterizes the executive's action: "He elms the other fellow with his big stick until he is dead and buried and then he jumps up and down upon the grave and challenges everybody to come on." At least one of the "other fellows" has come to life again.

Since John F. Fitzgerald retired as mayor of Boston because of the wish of a majority of the people, the Hut's ship-bolts of "bigger, better and busier" has also been laid on the shelf. Now, however, Mayor Hibbard has come to the rescue nobly and has filled the breach with a demand for a "sane, clean, safe, sound and honest" city. Although his wants are many and not easily attained, success to him!

AUTO MUST STILL FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION.

The opinion handed down by the Massachusetts supreme court yesterday that owners of automobiles cannot recover for damages sustained because of the condition of the thoroughfares tends to make the motor car an outlaw of the highways and indicates that the car has got to make a place for itself among the legitimate means for transportation. The turning-point of the decision seems to have been the opinion that an automobile is not a carriage but is a machine, like the bicycle; and this applies to that part of the Massachusetts law which requires cities and towns to keep their roads safe and convenient for "travelers with their horses, teams and carriages." Thus we see that even in Massachusetts the status of the motor car has not yet reached the point of complete recognition. The steadily increasing use of the automobile will, however, sooner or later require that the law take cognizance of it and put it on the same level as the so-called carriages referred to in the Massachusetts statute.

TAFT "ENTHUSIASM"

Evidently by its own enthusiasm, the Taft press bureau hopes to infect others with the same contagion; at least, we would so judge by the effusions which come to our desk each week.

For instance, here is one of the bits of matter put out by the bureau, being a quotation from some lawyer over in a Michigan neck: "If there was ever a question about the unanimity of Taft sentiment in Michigan, the question was answered on the occasion of the secretary's visit to the state to attend the Lincoln day banquet. There may be a few politicians who are opposed to Taft, but they will not succeed in their efforts to secure a divided delegation. The four delegates-at-large from Michigan, I think, will be instructed for Secretary Taft, while the district delegates in most cases also will be instructed."

From way down in New Mexico comes up this voice from the caucus belt: "When the Republican territorial committee met here Feb. 18, there was little talk of anyone except Secretary William H. Taft for the Republican presidential nomination. He was unanimously endorsed."

From the nation's capital flutters the following information: "So great is the probability of Judge Taft's nomination for president by the Chicago convention that we are almost, if not quite, justified in regarding it as a foregone conclusion. There is also a great probability that the nomination will be made on the first ballot."

Nevertheless, this warmed-up enthusiasm need not blind the people to the fact that the Republican nominee for



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president is not yet named and that there will be nothing like a certainty until the Chicago convention meets. A word or a nod from Hughes is likely to turn the calculations upside down and knock the wind out of the Taft sails.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A Commercial Disadvantage.

Ludlow is at a commercial disadvantage by reason of neglected highways and she will continue to suffer in that direction until she has public spirit enough to demand and bring about the election of a road commissioner who has experience enough, and time enough, and push enough to construct highways after the most approved fashion and keep them in repair. And, note this, that she must have public spirit enough to put at the command of her road commissioner a reasonable appropriation, realizing that money invested in properly built roads is not thrown away, but earns a good rate of interest.

Take one case in point: Thousands of dollars in trade yearly from Weston and vicinity are diverted from Ludlow because of the poor condition of the road from the Weston line into this village. This statement is taken from the lips of a Weston man who discussed the general question of trade centers with one of our merchants one day last week. The truth of it can be attested by local tradesmen who formerly had a fair degree of patronage from that section and who now get comparatively little. Weston is but ten miles away, and given decent highways, its business relations with Ludlow should naturally be close.

There is little doubt that the condition of highways leading out from this village in other directions than toward Weston is having the same effect on business relations between this and near-by towns.

The question demands serious consideration by the people of Ludlow. The Tribune, in its representative capacity, is not advocating reckless extravagance in road-building, but believes that substantial improvement can be achieved each year, and that gradually this bar to closer commercial connection between this and other towns can be eliminated, to the decided advantage of all concerned.

Town meeting next month will give the voters a chance to express themselves definitely on this subject. Will public spirit assert itself there? Or will an inert acquiescence prevent advanced action and permit the deterioration of our highways to continue, undisturbed by anything save the antithesis pronounced by those who drive over them?—Ludlow Tribune.

Report of the Condition of The Peoples National Bank of Barre, at Barre, in the State of Vermont, at the close of business, February 14, 1908.

Table with columns for Assets (Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.).

OPINIONS ON STANTON.

What The Press Has to Say of Roxbury Man's Candidacy.

The formal announcement of the candidacy of ex-Lieut. Gov. Zed S. Stanton, of Roxbury, for the Republican nomination for governor of Vermont occasioned no surprise. It has been in the air that he was likely to be a candidate as far back as when there was still uncertainty whether Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish, would make the contest. And some men prone to political mathematics had it figured out that as the third candidate Mr. Stanton stood a very encouraging chance to win, because, said they, either Mr. Fletcher of Cavendish, or George H. Prouty would naturally turn his votes over to Mr. Stanton rather than see them go to the other. This may have been so. The messenger will not pretend that it was not, because it does not know. It has always entertained a profound veneration for the awful mysteries of political figuring, the more so as it never was able to understand most of that kind of mathematics. Now that Mr. Fletcher is not in the race and, there is, therefore, no third man to win as a residuary legatee of the disappointment of the other two, it will be "up" to the figures again to show how Mr. Stanton is to get a majority of the votes.

While they are doing this The Messenger will say for itself that it entertains a cordially friendly estimate of Mr. Stanton's mental qualifications and his wholesome character as a citizen. His candidacy is not to be dismissed flippantly. It may represent something more than his own ambition for higher political honors or even the desire of friends that he shall win them. It may be made the rallying point of various elements in the state that have been calling for a third candidate or urging Governor Proctor to run a second time. The Messenger is frank to say that, apart from a very loyal support that he will attach to himself on his own merits, Mr. Stanton is likely to have some leaders that are simply opposed to the nomination of Mr. Prouty.

The Messenger sees no reason whatever to congeal the opinion that induced it recently to declare itself in favor of the nomination of Lieutenant-Governor Prouty. It believes that he is as well equipped for the office as any man that has been identified in the public mind in these past few months as all likely to be a candidate, and that he has in addition some personal characteristics and the benefit of some experiences that would enable him to execute his office with greater practical results.—St. Albans Messenger.

We Shall See Later.

Well, the Hon. Z. S. Stanton has now definitely entered the gubernatorial race. It will be seen later what happens to him.—Montpelier Argus.

Zed S. Stanton enters the gubernatorial contest with at least one newspaper back of him. The Montpelier Journal gave him a hearty send-off in announcing his candidacy Monday.—Rutland News.

"Less legislation and fewer laws." Think of that and then reflect on the biennial grist that clogs the legislative hoppers. Neighbor Stanton gives thoughtful readers food for reflection in every line of his "message."—Montpelier Journal.

REPORT WAS MISLEADING.

Local Conditions Are Affected by General Business Depression.

The Barre Daily Times, Barre Vt.—Gentlemen: Referring to your article of the 13th inst., "Conditions Depressing," this is misleading, as the cause of the depression is not as stated "on account of settlement not having been made between the manufacturers and their employees, and also to similar unsettled conditions at the quarries," but rather on account of a general depression and falling off of business, which will not improve at once even though a settlement is effected on or before March 1st.

The use of granite for cemetery monuments, on which we are dependent, is purely a luxury, which owing to the phenomenal era of good times during the past few years, has enabled all classes to place orders for larger and better monuments than they otherwise would have been able to do.

We are now entering on the depression period, such as the history of the country has shown during its existence, the full force of which has not reached our business on account of the number of orders we had on hand to be manufactured when the depression overtook us. The public are withholding their orders waiting for lower prices, which they have reason to expect owing to the reduction of wages in all the large industries, such as railroads, iron and steel industries, cotton and woolen mills, etc. We know that our manufacturers here are not withholding orders from the quarries, as your article would indicate, so that this is not the cause of the depression.

We trust that you will correct the impression given by your article, and give space to the above. Very truly yours, Granite Mfg. Assn. of Barre, Vt. Wm. Marr, Pres. Barre, Feb. 20, 1908.

CHELSEA

W. H. Sprague and wife spent Sunday at East Brookfield.

Mrs. Eva E. Jackson is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Sprague.

Stanley C. Wilson was in Randolph and Beloit on business Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Adams, Jr. and wife, Willie, are visiting friends in Montpelier.

Charles Goodrich and wife from Northfield spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Donald Comstock, who is in Dartmouth, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Comstock.

Frank Libby and wife, who are working for Arson Whiteing in Tunbridge, spent Sunday in town with their parents.

Charles B. and Vinton A. Corwin returned to Bristol after a brief visit to their father, Dr. A. Corwin, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Adams and Miss Nora West, who are guests at George S. Adams', spent Sunday with friends in Randolph.

Mrs. Frank Tracy, who has been spending a week with relatives and friends in town, returned to her home in Montpelier, Monday.

JINGLES AND JESTS

An Uncommunicative Profession.

Burglar Bill—Got any children? Slippery Sam (moodily)—I had a son once. I trained him up to snatch pocket-books from ladies old and young. "What became of him?" "He starved for death."—Judge.

An Old Friend.

"Mandy was afraid the girls wouldn't notice her engagement ring." "Did they?" "Did they? Six of them recognized it at once."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To What Effect?

Pat, Sr.—That do ye be studying in school now, Patsy? Patsy—French, English composition, algebra and geometry. Pat, Sr. (shaking head hopelessly)—Divil a help'll wan av thim be to ye wan ye grow up t' be carryin' th' hod.—Bohemian.

From Brainless Brains.

When wireless telegraphy to stimulate the mind. We ought to set to work at once, nor rest until we find A lot of undiscovered things to amplify our joy. And do away with many cares that bother and annoy.

A trackless railway route would save a mountain of expense. A boatless line of steamboats, too, would surely prove immense. And let some genius evolve for us a go-less kind of go.

So we can travel round the world, yet stay at home, you know.

And since it costs so much to live we scarce can save a cent. A foodless dinner is the thing some geniuses should invent. And after that, if we would have existence truly cheap.

Some grand philanthropist should make a bedless kind of sleep.

Today the trouble is that things are as they have to be. Whereas we'd rather have them as we'd father have them. See? (These verses seem so tangled that the author here explains. It's all because they're fashioned from a brainless kind of brains.)—Judge.

His Imitation.

Mr. Rogan—Where did Ol' git' the black eye? Ol' Jim just after hein' initiated. Mr. Kelley—Into what society? Mr. Rogan—Into th' society av me mother-in-law.—Leslie's Weekly.

When He Begins Hoping.

The young physician begins to have some hopes of success when he can converse with the friends of the patient that he doesn't know what the matter with the patient is.—Somerville Journal.

The Unforeseen.

How could I tell That the maid I met, Maid with the lip so red, Maid with the eye of the violet— Tell that she was a brainless flirt, And little she cared what hurt, what hurt, Till a man might better be dead? Tell that she flattered about a man As a bee the flower—all God's kind plan To keep His bright—ah, well, ah, well! As only a go-gaw to stick on a pin, A blank to write a new victory in— Oh, how, oh, how could I tell!

And how could she tell. When she first met me That I was no man for a painted smile? That I was as different as different could be— How could she tell—till we came to part. And I laughed out loud o'er her broken heart.

And the guile I had given for guile? How could she tell I could put down a maid Like a pawn in a game that the strong have played. Since the twilight on Eden first fell Tell that the trivial woman's fate Is to lose forever the one wished mate— Why, how in the world could she tell?—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Final Test.

Gracey—It doesn't make any difference what Mr. Steel wears, he always looks well groomed and gentlemanly, doesn't he? Mayme—Isn't it so? Why, that man would look swell in ear muffs!—Cleveland Leader.

Seemed Longer.

Mr. Gotham—How long have you lived out there in the suburbs? Mr. Flatbush—Oh, about six years. Mrs. Flatbush—What are you talking about, dear? We've only lived out there six months!—Yonkers Statesman.

Literary Requirements.

"Think of what the historians will say about you," said the idealist. "Nonsense," answered Senator Sorghum busily. "I don't want any historian. What I want is a press agent."—Washington Star.

Cause For Suspicion.

"Oh, no! I can never trust my husband again. I feel convinced he is carrying on with the cook." "What makes you think that?" "Last night he kissed me in the dark."—Fliegende Blätter.

MONTPELIER

"Bloody Sixth" Will Witness Another Fight Next Month.

There is to be a contest in the "bloody sixth" ward for alderman, Jeremiah Deady, a defeated candidate at the caucus, having yesterday filed nomination papers against John Ruscher, the nominee.

The prisoners at Washington county jail have cut thus far about 100 cords of wood at the Aldrich farm. The wood is now in logs and Sheriff Tracy is this week to put in a sawing machine to work it up into 16 inch lengths. The prison board has not as yet contracted for the sale of this wood in either city.

The state superintendent of education is sending to all school superintendents, town clerks and chairmen of school boards the official blanks for 1908, on which returns of school work and finances are to be made to Mr. Stone.

Frank D. Dewey will this evening make an official inspection of the Middlebury commandery of Knights Templar. He will be accompanied by Grand Commander George D. Gorham of Bellows Falls. These officials will be at Morrisville Thursday night and at Burlington Friday night.

The jury in the trover case of Daniel Dingwall of Montpelier vs. Ernest G. Goss of Morrisville, over the alleged wrongful conversion of a lumber wagon, filed Monday evening before Justice J. G. Wing, returned a verdict for the defendant. T. R. Gordon and George W. Wing appeared for the plaintiff. Benjamin Gates and Thomas C. Cheney for the defendant.

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WEST BERLIN

Our town report is causing a great amount of dissatisfaction.

Harold Hewitt spent Sunday on Eyebrow hill with his parents.

Miss Fanny Colley is spending her vacation with Mrs. George Ayers.

Mrs. John Colburn is much better. Mrs. Charles Ranney and Mrs. Marcia Styles still quite ill.

Miss Lena Carpenter and a friend from Washington, Vt., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Slack.

Mrs. Emily Emerson is improving, her daughter, Mrs. Mary Paterson, from Chicago is there for a few days.

Dan Mansfield wishes to sell his farm on account of the ill health of both himself and wife; his price is \$3,500.

Miss Carrie Loveland finished her fourth year of school in town last Friday. All would be pleased to have her back again.

A leap year ride, mostly of married people, Friday evening. The stopping place is C. L. Slack's where oysters will be served by Mr. and Mrs. George Chase.

From Jan. 1, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1908 there were 17 marriages, 16 births and 15 deaths. Of the deaths, the oldest was Mrs. Hanna Fisher, 91; Mary N. Hewitt, 81, 2 months, 17 days; youngest Luella Kingsbury, 1 month, 16 days; one nearly 16, one 2 months and one 5 years. The others were between 57 and 80 years old.

ASKS TO STOP PROCEEDINGS.

J. K. Contee Files Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

Rutland, Feb. 26.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed with E. S. Platt, clerk of the United States court, Saturday by J. H. Contee of Manchester Depot. His liabilities, which amount to \$6,036.87, were divided as follows: Wages, \$21.85; secured claims, \$3,088.27; unsecured claims, \$2,926.75. His assets were: Real estate, \$2,200; personal, \$3,218.60; and \$345 exempt. Two days later a petition was filed by Mr. Contee asking leave to discontinue the bankruptcy proceedings.

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Reversing the Rule.

"I suppose Jones' baby is as remarkable as the average infant."

"Really, now, it is a remarkable child."

"Is it indeed?"

"Yes; it has never said a thing since it could talk which was worth repeating."—Baltimore American.

Consolation.

"Steward, how long will it be before we get into the harbor?"

"About an hour and a half, ma'am."

"Oh, dear, I shall die before then!"

"Very likely, ma'am, but you'll be all right again when you've been on shore ten minutes."—Marine Journal.

NEW WASH GOODS!

The latest weaves in new imported and domestic Wash Goods just received.

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WATER DAMAGE SALE!

Watch for tomorrow's Announcement.

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For HOME Comfort

Phantom Hounds.

Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles," a "fearsome animal," is said to have its origin in the legends of packs of spectral hounds which are popular in various parts of England and Wales. In the north of England these apparitions are known as "Gibber's hounds," in Devon as "Gibber's hounds," in Wales as "Cron Anawd" or "Cron Wylbi" and in Cornwall the "Devil's Dandy dogs." They are supposed to be evil spirits haunting the souls of the dead. Generally they are only heard at night, as they are passing swiftly along in the air, as they usually choose cloudy nights for the pursuit of their prey. Their yelping is said to be terrific, resembling the note of a bloodhound. All of which tends to show that the origin of these legends of goblin hounds is to be found in the terrifying noises made by flocks of wild geese.

An Elective Monarch.

A million of men have died to preserve the constitution as it is, but Providence has passed no law exempting Americans from the pressure of events or the operation of necessities. They will have to accept them, willingly or unwillingly, and will gradually find that the only effect of the changes is to make their choice of a president, and therefore of his cabinet, for cabinet ministers in America are legally only clerks