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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1908.

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.

Montpelier citizens are anything but over-lazy.

Never mind, it's the period of abnegation, anyway.

Foraker has a chance to ache over things political in Ohio.

Island county is easily the "wet belt" for the coming year with one-fourth of the license communities of the state.

LOCAL OPTION CONDITIONS IN VERMONT.

For the last four years the local option vote on the liquor question in Vermont has averaged about the same and it is likely that this average will be maintained so long as the law remains on the statute books. In 1904 there were 40 "Yes" towns, but since then the number voting likewise has hovered about thirty, the same as this year. Certain it is that the number of license communities will never be as high as the first year when ninety voted "Yes." That was abnormal, in a state of 246 towns, most of which are village hamlets and have no excuse on the ground of local conditions for licensing the sale of liquor. The majority of the towns will always be for the kind of practical prohibition that a local option law affords, when the sentiment of the community finds opportunity for expressing itself.

SENATOR PROCTOR.

The whole country will join with Vermont in mourning the death of one of the first citizens of each, for Senator Redfield Proctor was a national, as well as state, figure of unusual prominence. He had served the country as he had served the state, faithfully and well. He first served as a citizen of the highest stamp. He gave his service in defense of the nation during the period of the Civil war. Then called to positions of trust in civil life, he gave of his ability and ripened experience to the advancement of the state, as town representative, state senator, lieutenant-governor and governor. Summoned to higher service in the national government, he, in 1889, became a member of President Harrison's cabinet, holding the war portfolio now held by Secretary Taft. He resigned that position two years later to become United States senator from Vermont to succeed George F. Edmunds, and he had held that position up to the time of his death. During all his long public career, his word was listened to with confidence and he was looked to for counsel and advice in matters of grave importance. He was a man of

FOR YOUR SUNDAY DINNER

try the following delightful dessert: 1 cup English Walnuts. Dissolve the JELL-O in a pint of boiling water. When cool and just commencing to thicken stir in the figs and nuts. Serve with Whipped Cream. Delicious. The walnuts, figs and JELL-O can be bought at any good grocery. This makes enough dessert for a large family and is very economical.



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keen insight, advanced mental training and possessed of that measure of balance which is demanded in crises. Such men as Senator Proctor are rare.

SWING THE DOORS OUTWARD.

What The Times said the other day regarding the necessity for the exercise of the fire drill in public schools, especially in cities and the large communities, is accentuated many-fold by the terrible consequences of fire and panic in a Cleveland, Ohio, schoolhouse yesterday, by which joint agencies many scores of young lives were lost. But there was something more than a fire drill needed on this terrible occasion; it was the supplying of proper safeguards for the children by affording other means of egress than that offered by the doorway, viz., the placing of fire-escapes on the upper stories, and, far more essential, the swinging of the doors outward. The most fearful mistake in this Cleveland instance of mismanagement was the placing of the doors so that they opened inward. If there is need for further word of warning in this respect, let us reproduce the following vivid picture of the actual situation as told by the press dispatches:

"There were but two exits to the building. The halls filled with frightened children. Some of them by a lucky chance selected the one door that led to safety. The others poured down the narrow hall to the other—only to find it choked by those who had fled before."

"The narrow halls were filled at the first word of fear. Those above could

not know that they were forcing their playmates to certain death in the grim pit below. They pressed on." Etc. When the city council in Barre a few years ago gave orders that all doorways on public buildings be made to swing outward and that, furthermore, they be provided with fire escapes, the orders were looked upon by some as imposing an undue hardship upon the owners of the buildings. How do the orders appear now? In most cases, the requirement has been satisfied. In the others, there should be prompt action.

JINGLES AND JESTS

Disappointed Aspiration. Lovers when rejected often and tear their hair; Brokers when they're ruined sit stunned in sad despair; The captain of a leaking ship is full of anxious care, But few things that I know of for human wear and tear, For pained surprise and sudden shock can really quite compare With stepping outward in the dark, when climbing up a stair, To find that footmost, astral step—the one that is not there. —Woman's Home Companion.

A Base Imitation. "Can't you gimme a little help, ma'am?" "Eh? What have you got in that box?" "Dem's de family jewels, ma'am. Lemme have a quarter on 'em, can't you?" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Heaven. Together on the earth there dwelled A woman and a man Whose'er agreed in thought and deed— Conceive it if you can. And, lo, this man and woman died, To heaven went the two, Surprised they started and then declared, "Why, this is nothing new!" —Town Topics.

Grounds. "Do you think insanity a ground for divorce?" "I don't know," replied the bachelor gruffly, "but it's grounds for matrimony, all right." —Philadelphia Ledger.

Free From Bad Ones. The leading citizen of a small country town escorted a friend on a tour of inspection through the village. The friend, who was a resident of a metropolitan city, was duly impressed by the many advantages of the little town. Finally the two men reached the cemetery. The visitor carefully looked at the various tributes and then turned to his guide. "Say, Dave," he began, "wh-wh-where do you b-b-bury your s-s-sinners?" —Judge.

Expert Opinion.



Poet—Who was the man who wrote those beautiful words, "The night hath a thousand eyes?" Practical Friend—I don't know; some oculist, I guess. —Philadelphia Press. He Was So Smart. Complimentary Visitor—I do think your son is so bright. Mother (with evident pride)—Ah, yes! He works so hard at his books I have been afraid he will develop the Bright's disease. —Bohemian.

STRAY PICKINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

One of the post-election stories being told about town is at the expense of a "Yes" advocate, who is, furthermore, employed in one of the licensed places of the city. This man voted "No" Tuesday. But that wasn't his fault. He intended to vote "Yes" and would have so voted but for a bit of confusion over the reading of the ballot. He thought that a cross in the "No" square meant a vote against no-license, and that for him every time. So down he scratched a great, black scratch, "There, that for them!" After going out of the voting-booth he got into conversation with some of his friends as to how they voted. It here developed that the man-in-question had unwittingly voted against license and, more than that, he had previously told several other voters how they ought to mark their ballots. He now feels like the basket ball player who shoots the ball through his own basket. His vote and the few others he perhaps sidetracked did not change the result, to be sure; but it's mighty disconcerting to know that you have aided and abetted the enemy.

Now while we are on the subject of elections, let us tell you of one case where "the office seeks the man," has sought him for three years and will perhaps seek him for years to come, while the sought-for has fled in terror and consternation before the advance of the seeker and undoubtedly will continue to flee—if he doesn't change his present sentiments. We have these instances so rarely, that this one is refreshing, very refreshing, indeed. We refer to the office of second constable in Barre. For three years now, the office has been trying to pin itself to Mr. Hines but he has resolutely refused the sceptre each time. He steadfastly declines to surrender the lightsome duties of a railroad official for the cares and perplexities of public office, even sacrificing the honor that goes with it. Meanwhile he hums away on a little ditty which runs something like this: "Thrice elected, never rejected." "Thrice elected, never rejected." "Thrice elected, never rejected."

An amusing incident came up at a recent meeting of the city council when a notice of "sunny Italy" made the unexpected request for reward for ringing in a fire alarm. He told the council that he had been informed the city paid those who rang in alarms for fires. He said that he rang in a fire alarm the other night and that he had some trouble in doing it when a policeman came along and tried to ring it. At the approach of the policeman he redoubled his efforts and so got the alarm to jangling in good style. Since then he had heard that the city paid a reward for all alarms and lest the policeman was getting what rightfully belonged to him, the real ring-in of the alarm, he appeared before the council to claim it. He said that he had been told that the city paid \$5 for ringing a day-alarm and double that amount for a night-alarm. As long as he was a night-alarm, he was ready to receive the tender.

The members of the council informed the applicant that the city never within their memory had paid for fire alarm ringing, and the applicant then agreed that he had been a victim of a "fooler ting" and laughingly withdrew his application, while the council joined in the general good time over it.

A stranger who had heard that Barre voted "No" Tuesday started in to-day to stave off the fateful time and ended at the bottom of the stairway to the Granite building on Main street, with his head protruding between the swinging doors, his feet hanging on the fifth stair, and a heavy memory where the brain generally reposes. He had fallen, vna, fallen, both literally and figuratively, and the manner of his fall was terrific. That he did not batter himself into concussion of the brain when he butted the heavy oak doors is remarkable. The first intimation of the accident came to passersby when a man's head suddenly arose through the aperture in the doors, made by the human battering-ram, and a noise like a heavy body falling resounded. Mr. Strasser was helped into a sitting posture and there he sat, attracting a big crowd, to all of whom he cautioned, "Get along and be good." The only apparent injury was a cut on one hand.

CURTAIN CITY EXPENSES.

Advocates a Tax Rate Not to Exceed \$1.60 on the Dollar.

Editor Daily Times: In view of the complete tie-up of our only industry and the general depression of business throughout the country, it would seem that our city council should curtail city expenses as much as practicable. For instance, the street department, including the superintendent's salary of \$1,200, cost the city last year more than \$22,000. Much less than half that sum should suffice this year. Keep all the streets and sidewalks in good repair and no more. Fix the superintendent's salary at \$800. There are plenty of good men who will be ready to fill the office at that salary if Bruce should refuse. With a wise economy also in all other departments, a tax-rate not to exceed \$1.60 on the dollar, together with all the other city's income, would be amply sufficient to pay all current expenses. Everybody knows, or ought to know, that during the very best times our enormously high tax-rate has completely paralyzed the growth of our city. Now, facing as we do, the very worst times, not in logic the lowest tax-rate practicable would be financial insanity pure and simple. I do not know how it may seem to others, but it does seem to me, that if our city council will adopt such a policy during the coming year, their administration will win universal favor.

Taxpayer.

Babylon's Hanging Gardens. The hanging gardens of Babylon were terraces on columns. The gardens were 400 feet square and over 400 feet high. The ascent from terrace to terrace was by flights of marble steps, and on the highest was a large reservoir.

Christmas eve is celebrated in Spanish homes by a family party and a supper chiefly of sweetmeats and wines. Instead of hanging their stockings the children in the country hide their shoes and slippers in the bushes, and they find them filled with fruit and candies in the morning.

"POVERTY NIGHT."

Was Observed By Williamstown Grange Last Evening.

Williamstown, March 5.—"Poverty night" was observed at the grange last evening, and all had a fine time. The board of selectmen (previously chosen) arrived a little late, but were greeted with applause. They imposed fines upon the members present, according to their judgment. These were not very high and were promptly paid. After the meeting, boxes of lunch which the ladies had brought, were sold, bringing a good sum.

About fifty of the Odd Fellows and their families gave a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. Hayden M. Jeffords and family last evening, the occasion being in honor of the 25th anniversary of their marriage. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and with music. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. During the evening W. H. Lougee, in behalf of the company, presented Mr. and Mrs. Jeffords a handsome parlor lamp, for which Mr. Jeffords heartily responded. The party broke up at a late hour after spending a most enjoyable evening and wishing their host and hostess every happy return of the day. As Mr. and Mrs. Jeffords live about a mile from Williamstown village, the party had a merry time coming and going in large teams. Mrs. Jeffords is noble grand of the Rebekahs and Mr. Jeffords is vice grand of the Odd Fellows.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The Great and Supreme Master of the universe has in his infinite wisdom, removed from among us, one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, John S. Martin; and

Resolved, That this organization loses a valuable member, we miss his genial and helpful presence and deeply mourn his loss. Be it further

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family in this their great sorrow and loneliness our earnest and heartfelt sympathy and prayerfully commend them to the tender care of our Heavenly Father in whom he had perfect trust.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our grange, a copy be printed in the Barre Daily Times and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Ernest Bancroft, Dora Bancroft, Susan Whitney, Committee.

Williamstown, Vt., Feb. 19, 1908.

HORSE THIEF AT WORK.

Stole Animal From a Barn in East Charlotte.

East Charlotte, March 5.—A horse harness and sleigh were stolen from C. I. Van Vleet barn Monday night, the thief driving out to the road through a meadow, opposite the blacksmith shop, suspicion point to a young man who has worked for Mr. Van Vleet during a part of the winter and who left very suddenly, nearly two weeks ago, while on a business trip to the west part of the town. At that time he left the horse with the sleigh to come home without a driver; but a woman, some distance this side of the station caught the animal and put it into the barn, notifying Mr. Van Vleet who went after it. On another occasion he took the team from the barn during the evening and did not return until into the night, although he had gone to bed early in the evening. Then suspicion being aroused Mr. Van Vleet visited the barn and found his team gone, he then looked for the man who was found absent, at that time the sleigh track led from the barn to the highway the same as did the last night.

INSPECTOR TRANSFERRED.

D. J. Rapp Going to Massachusetts With Headquarters at Springfield.

Burlington, March 5.—Post-office Inspector D. J. Rapp, who has made his headquarters in Burlington for the past four years, has received notice of his assignment to the district covered by Walter R. Hinman at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Hinman having been promoted to be assistant superintendent of the salary and allowance division of the post-office department. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp will leave Burlington for Springfield as soon as the work in this district which he is now engaged in is finished up, which will probably be the latter part of this month or the first of next.

Mr. Rapp, who has been making his headquarters in Burlington for the past four years, has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and is highly spoken of among his associates. He was born in Dodge City, Kan., and in 1894 moved to Quincy, Ill., where he attended business college. He entered the railway mail service in 1896, being appointed to the Chicago and Kansas City railway post-office, where he worked, with his residence at Quincy, until his appointment as post-office inspector and assignment to the Boston division in April, 1904, since which time he has been in Vermont with headquarters in Burlington. For the past six months Mr. and Mrs. Rapp have resided at 28 Converse court.

Post-office Inspector Schaffner of Maine will succeed Mr. Rapp here.

The Royal Box.

The king of Italy is a vegetarian. King Leopold of Belgium is reported to have suffered a severe mental breakdown. Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria owns a chinaware factory in Vienna which is one of the most famous in the world and employs more than a thousand workmen. The king of Saxony conducts a similar business, though on a much smaller scale.

Many monarchs are using English in intercourse with one another. The czar of Russia, for example, speaks English better than German, and the German emperor speaks English better than French, so it is natural that the two sovereigns should, as they do, correspond in English.

Flasber, having had his picture painted, asks the opinion of his friend Dabbe, a retired house painter. Dabbe—Well, it's like you, but if you've been a hundred guineas for it you've been done. Why, there ain't half a pound of paint on the whole thing.—London Telegraph.

EXTRAORDINARY SALE!

The "Darling" Child's Waist for Boys and Girls at Half Price.

We were fortunate enough to procure a quantity of these celebrated Waists when the stock was closed out. This Waist for Boys and Girls has never been sold for less than 25c each. We will sell this lot until sold at half price, 2 Waists for 25c.

New Dress Goods—Novelty Mohair at special prices, only 85c a yard. A \$1.25 Invisible Stripe, very stylish, for 89c a yard.

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RUBBER TIRED AMBULANCE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The Congressional library, now the third in point of size in the world contained 1,433,848 books and pamphlets and some 900,000 other articles at the close of the last fiscal year. The net gain in miscellaneous books and pamphlets during the year was 54,694. The most notable single acquisition not included in the count—was the celebrated Yudin library of works on Russia and Siberia. Though nominal a purchase, this collection of over 80,000 volumes was practically a gift to the library, since the owner parted with it for little more than one-third the sum expended in gathering it.

Addition to Library. The purchase is considered noteworthy as an indication of the broadening scope of the library and its increasing value to scholars. There is no other collection on Russia and Siberia of such size in America, and perhaps none so valuable in Europe outside of Russia. It is rich in local history, ethnology and institutional history. The material includes certain manuscript records of the early Russian settlements in Alaska.

Another important acquisition is a collection of 9,000 works on Japan, mainly in the Japanese language. The books and manuscripts were selected in Japan by Professor Asakawa of Yale, whose purpose was to secure a good working collection for the student of Japanese literature, history and institutions.

Among the important gifts were the Shoemaker and the Kauffmann collections and valuable manuscripts and papers of the period of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe by bequest from J. Henley Smith. Other gifts and purchases of special value, including a collection of forty-six rare books and 113 prints presented by Mrs. Ridgely Hunt, are also listed.

Valuable Manuscripts. The reports of the various divisions are summarized, while that of the manuscripts division is printed in extenso as an appendix. In this field among the notable additions by gift were the letters of Justice John McLean of the supreme court, the papers of Chaplain Joseph C. Thomas of the Christian commission in the civil war, two Revolutionary orderly books, a series of twenty-five papers relating to the trial of Colonel Thomas Butler and thirty-two letters addressed to Cyrus W. Field. The purchases included the letters of Judge Joseph Holt of Washington and of Governor William Plumer of New Hampshire, the papers of Edward McPherson, 300 letters of Thaddeus Stevens and many other items of interest. Under the law of 1903 the Pickett papers (diplomatic records of the Confederate states) were transferred to the library from the treasury department and interesting Confederate and other records from the postoffice department.

Increase in Documents. The division of documents shows an increase of 50 per cent in the number of volumes and pamphlets handled, the total being 33,426. Special attention has been given in the past year to developing the collections of foreign documents by obtaining the volumes necessary to complete sets in the library. The report contains a list of the countries with which international exchange relations have been established.

Among the special collections to which large additions were made during the year is the maps division, which now has a total of 100,000 pieces; the music division, which now

has a total of nearly 500,000, and the prints division, which has a total of 250,000.

Would Drink at Street Tables. Men who promenade Washington's wide thoroughfares with all the languid ease of the Parisian saunterer and who would dearly like to be called boulevardiers have a complaint. Whereas the strollers in the Champs Elysees find daily little tables for the serving of refreshments the American capital is destitute of such attractions. They want the avenues lined with booths where coffee or tea at least could be served. In the opinions of the young diplomats the American capital never can be truly great until this defect is remedied. As it is, they may wait for miles and find no spot where they may revive their failing strength except with alcoholic drinks.

Smiths in the House. Despite the fact that William Alden went to the senate and George W. of Illinois died, there are still five Smiths in the house. One of the new ones is Madison R. Smith of Farmington, Mo., who is both materialist and idealist. He says in the new congressional directory he "began the active practice of the law in 1877, since when his entire time has been devoted to the profession, not merely for the emoluments, but for an unselfish love of its study."

Decorating the Station. Although the sum of \$13,000,000 already has been expended on the Union railway station, it is estimated that \$5,000,000 more will be needed before the terminal and the approach can be finished. The rotunda will not be completed in the next two months, although the work is going on rapidly. The scaffold in the rotunda is the largest in the world and cost \$3,000. Contractors say it costs \$900 to move the mammoth structure, on which 600 laborers can work at once. A large force of workmen is employed in gliding the panels of the dome. Each panel will receive three coats of gilt, and a beautiful effect will be produced when the hundreds of incandescent lights are fixed in the dome. —CARL SCOFFIELD.

The Writers. Albert Mjdlane, the well known English hymn writer, has just celebrated his eighty-third birthday in London. His children's hymn, "There's a Friend For Little Children," is sung all over the world. The French historian, Auguste Le-pape, is dead at the age of seventy-two. Among his books are a "Histoire de la Commune" and "Recits sur l'histoire d'Alsace et de Lorraine." His last book, "Les Sieges Heroiques," appeared just before his death. Mrs. Humphry Ward is expected to arrive in New York shortly, and while in this country she will be the guest of Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge of New York, who, being the daughter of Matthew Arnold, is her cousin. This visit will be the first Mrs. Ward has ever made to America. Gown Gossip. The spring colors show a decided preference for dark shades, and even black is going to be a favorite. Most of the new blouses have butterfly shoulders, which give the effect of breadth and droop at the same time. Prophecies for the summer season hint that the Japanese effects so generally adopted will give way to a revival of the classic, and some of the newest models already show this tendency.—New York Tribune.

Barre Savings Bank and Trust Company

Bolster Block. STATEMENT, MARCH 2, 1908.

Table with columns ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Real Estate Loans (\$769,462.83), Other Loans (460,032.42), Bonds and Investments (142,648.70), U. S. 2 per cent. Bonds at par (15,000.00), U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds at par (2,600.00), New York City Bonds, 4 1-2 per cent. at par (30,000.00), Funds on hand and in banks (56,054.34). Total \$1,475,828.29. Liabilities include Capital Stock (\$50,000.00), Surplus Fund (13,000.00), Undivided Profits (13,368.89), Dividend No. 15, 8 per cent. (4,000.00), Deposits (1,390,962.56), Premium U. S. bonds sold (4,496.84). Total \$1,475,828.29.

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