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

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copies, the largest circulation of any daily paper in Vermont outside of Burlington.

Market price on gamblers in New York, \$2,000.

If the telegraph really could sink warships, Turkey would have ended its war with Italy long since.

Yesterday's rain may have prevented your automobile from turning over with you. Ever stop to think of that?

The unfurling of that Democratic flag at Randolph Saturday night was the first flutter, politically speaking, in Vermont.

If Congressman McCall of Massachusetts retires from the House, it is practically certain that a place of consequence will be found for him. He would make a good governor or a good senator.

The completion of a third big hotel makes Burlington's capacity in these three hostleries something like seven hundred rooms. That ought to hold anything Burlington will have for some time.

For uneven weather, the summer of 1912 will go down as a record-breaker. First hot, then rainy, next cold as a refrigerator and 'round to hot again. We must be versatile people to keep up with the weather.

District Attorney Whitman of New York should pay more attention to ferreting out the Rosenthal murder and less to scoring the police for alleged inefficiency. The ends of justice in this case will be more quickly attained.

All that the country will ask of the new assistant secretary of the treasury, Allen of Vermont, is that he live up to his name.—Concord, N. H., Monitor.

Which is well enough; but we do not leave it to New York to judge whether he lives up to the name or not. New York might be prejudiced. And, on second thought, New Hampshire wouldn't just do as a judge of that, either.

The statement is made that President Taft will let his campaign manager, Hilles, go it alone, which is to say that he will not interfere with the plans of the campaign. If he reserves the right to offer counsel now and then, Taft has chosen wisely for the good of his cause, for he has not proven himself a very great success as a campaigner, and he has placed his candidacy in reliable hands so that he can feel assured that the campaign will be conducted on a decent line.

The St. Albans Messenger promptly denies that there is an epidemic of diphtheria in its city, which was one of the reasons advanced why the Boston board of health barred milk from that section of Vermont; but it admits that sewage is polluting a brook and that it is polluting Lake Champlain also. The contemporary's comment is printed elsewhere, and it deserves as much publicity as was given to the original charge, as showing, at least, that St. Albans realizes the need for radical changes in the method of its sewage disposal.

If inclined to be pessimistic about the outlook for business, read this from Saturday's Boston Transcript:

"Large equipment, orders are being placed by the leading railroads. They want more locomotives, more passenger cars, more freight cars, and more dining cars. Evidently they are looking for a big increase in general business. The great Pennsylvania steel plants are searching for help. Farmers in some parts of the West are advertising for workers in the fields. This is a year of big business, despite the fact that it is also a year of a great presidential contest. The independence of politics exhibited by business is one of the most encouraging signs of the times."

And, having read the paragraph, go out after business yourself. It is quite sure to come.

The "power of the press" is surpassed by the silent agency of the cartoon, as is well proven by the illustrations now being printed in the New York newspapers concerning the murder of the gambler Rosenthal. For striking impression on the mind of the reading public, the printed word cannot be compared with the pictures which are being served to the public daily. That the pictures

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are overdrawn is generally taken for granted, but there is enough of the apparent truth in them to stir the public to great indignation both as to the conditions which must have been prevalent before the crime and as to those other conditions which obtained immediately after Rosenthal was shot down. The cartoon finds a fertile field in which to work.

PLAYING BALL LIKE GENTLEMEN

A successful league baseball manager declares that the Boston team, which now stands at the head of the American league, is made up of players who are too much of the hand-shaking, good-natured kind and not ferociously aggressive enough to be winners of the pennant, albeit the same expert is forced to admit that the team is playing winning ball. Whatever may be the value of the expert's opinion from the professional standpoint, it is apparent to the general run of followers of the game that the Boston players, by their gentlemanly tactics, are winning friends and raising the tone of the game very much indeed; and at the same time they are tending strictly to their business and not giving way to muckering, while is all too prevalent in the big leagues. Even if the Boston team should not win the American league pennant, it will have given the country an exhibition of how the game ought to be played; but there are not a few indications which cause one to think that the team will win the championship despite the criticism of the aforementioned baseball expert. Two Vermont boys, Ray Collins and Larry Gardner, the one in the pitcher's position and the other in the difficult third-base position, are assisting materially toward the coveted goal; and their work is pleasing to a host of Vermont supporters, not alone because of its excellence but because it is done in the gentlemanly manner above referred to. The entire team should persist in the same tactics which its players have generally maintained and prove the baseball expert to have been in error. That would be two victories in one.

JINGLES AND JESTS

Uncertain.

Jane, aged nine, always brings home very satisfactory reports from school, invariably getting "A" in elementary science.

Uncle Tom, looking over one of her reports the other evening, asked Jane just what elementary science meant.

"Well," said the little girl, hesitating a moment, "I'm not quite sure whether it is the study of wild animals or the insides of us."—August Woman's Home Companion.

The National Pastime.
It is an ancient mariner.
He stoppeth one of three
And holds him with a skinny hand,
"Have you a match?" quoth he.

The shades of night were falling fast
When through an Alpine village passed
A youth who bore 'mid snow and ice
A banner with a strange device:
"Got a match?"

It was a summer's evening,
Old Kaspar's work was done,
And he before his cottage door
Was sitting in the sun.
His little grandchild butted in;
"Have you a match?" said Peterkin.
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The boy stood on the burning deck,
Whence all but him had fled;
He hailed us as we neared the wreck.
"Have you a match?" he said.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Maud Muller said when came the judge,
"At last here is my catch."
But all the jurist said was: "Fudge!
My pipe's out—girl, a match."
—Denver Republican.

Defined Again.
"Father," said the small boy, "what is a demagogue?"
"A demagogue, my son, is a man who can rock the boat himself and persuade everybody that there's a terrible storm at sea."—Washington Star.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Water Waste in England.

Aside from the water which flows from leaky pipes or fixtures, the amount which is considered to be "wasted" in a given city might be estimated differently by different investigators. This is suggested by a paper by an English author dealing with water waste in England, one of his statements being that an estimated consumption of 23 gallons per individual for household use is "too lavish." This writer, W. Whitehouse, in a paper before the Institution of Municipal Engineers (England), goes so far as to recommend the abolition of bath tubs and the substituting thereof of shower baths or hip baths in order to reduce the consumption of water. In his opinion, 150 gallons per day is an abundant supply for an average household. Further precautions against "waste" which he suggests are the restricting of water closet flush tanks to two-gallon capacity, increasing the number of valves in mains, so that a less amount need be wasted in case of repairs, introducing pressure-reducing valves, and placing new washers on leaky faucets without charge to the consumers. This last has been the practice of the author for some time in the cities where he is in control of the water works, with the result that the average consumption does not exceed 12 gallons per capita per day, including that used for trade purposes.—Municipal Journal.

Coming Soon.

The Barre Times suggests a warning to St. Albans that is well worth considering:

"St. Albans should take prompt steps either to correct the report which caused the Boston board of health to forbid the importation of milk from that vicinity, or, if the report be accurate to remedy the conditions, the action of the Boston board being based on the claim that brooks near St. Albans were contaminated by sewage and that diphtheria is prevalent in the vicinity. Such an action is very damaging not only to the milk-producing industry of one of Vermont's best farming sections, but to other industries as well, notably the summer visitor business, because of the widespread scattering of the newspaper report. St. Albans cannot afford to let the report stand if it is inaccurate; and no more can it afford to let conditions exist if the report be true."

Diphtheria is not prevalent here. That is a mistake of some news writer. But the fact is that St. Albans is polluting a brook with its sewage and that it has long been polluting the lake in the same way.

The day will come, and soon, when St. Albans will be forbidden by authority to deposit its sewage in the lake or in the brook.

People outside of St. Albans have some rights to health protection.—St. Albans Messenger.

A Punishment for Reckless Driving.

A very heavy percentage of the automobile accidents is caused by recklessness, inspired by a selfish disregard for the rights of others or by a foolish lust for the exhilaration of undue speed. It is the human factor that must be reck-

oned with. The problem is how effectively to curb the recklessness of the comparatively few for the benefit of the many.

It does not seem that the authorities are making intelligent and energetic efforts in this direction. Arrests for more or less technical offenses are not uncommon, but the reckless driver who sends his car at tremendous speed along the roadways is not often haled into court. When he is brought before a judge, a fine usually ends the affair. Courts have a natural hesitancy to send motor drivers to the work house along with vagrants.

A punishment to fit the crime is needed. Could it not be found in the suspension of the offender's privilege of driving a car, or even its revocation in extreme cases? A man who shows complete disregard of the rights and safety of others ought not to enjoy the privilege of handling the steering wheel of a car. Some such punishment, together with greater activity on the part of the authorities, would work great good.—Minneapolis Journal.

Public Hygiene.

A bulletin recently issued by the department of health of New York City teaches some interesting lessons which ought to be heeded. It is stated that the death rate of this largest city in America has fallen from 36.3 a thousand in 1886 to 15.13 last year. This represents a decrease of more than 50 per cent., and is indicative of great strides ahead in the caring for the public health.

To those who oppose the governmental paternalism necessary in the caring for the health of the people, these figures offer an obstacle which will defy overcoming. It is just as natural for humans to die as it was in 1886. What then has been the means of saving so many lives? The answer is, public sanitary administration. General sanitary inspection, the inspection of all food products, the isolation and prompt stamping out of infectious diseases are given as the chief causes for the reduction in the death rate. Can these causes be refuted by those who think the individual has a natural right to care for himself?

And there is another interesting observation that may be made with these figures as a basis, which ought to make those who cry out about race suicide think a bit. Supposing the birth rate has declined a little; hasn't the death rate declined with it? And doesn't this mean there is not the need for so many children to be born as formerly in order that the population be kept up? Isn't it possible that perhaps the lowered birth rate is nature's adjustment to the lowered death rate? But whether this be idle reasoning or not, it is plainly shown that the improvement of the public hygiene is meeting with most satisfactory results.—St. Albans Messenger.

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Interesting Comment on the Vitality of This Issue in Canada.

The overwhelming victory of the Liberals in Saskatchewan is more significant than is generally appreciated on this side of the international border. The people of that province have reaffirmed with increased emphasis their belief in the desirability of reciprocity with the United States. They have made it plain that they take no stock in the cheap talk indulged in by those who pretend to see in closer trade relations a step toward annexation. They also have demonstrated on what thin ice the Borden government is treading. The federal authorities at Ottawa realized how important to their prestige was the contest of Thursday, and they made extraordinary efforts at securing votes. Party leaders and speakers were sent out in force to appeal to the people. Arguments, pleas, threats and every device known to the politician were resorted to in vain.

The present Dominion government got into control by a scant majority on the popular vote last September, although the apportionment is such as to give it a substantial majority in Parliament. The leaders were particularly anxious to make it appear that the West is accepting their policies. The result on Thursday is a stinging blow to the premier and his associates. It particularly is bitter, coming as it does on the top of a reverse in Quebec in the East. With the West declaring against the government policy on broader markets and the prospect of an early reapportionment it would seem to outsiders as if the domination of the conservative party is likely to be short-lived, and reciprocity soon may become a reality.

The confidence expressed by the voters of the province is particularly gratifying to the people of this country. We were held up to the Canadian electorate last September as the enemies of their country, who were plotting to get not only their trade, but to wean them away from their flag. Many unthinking were deceived and voted against reciprocity on the theory that they were saving their country from danger. It is pleasing to know that they have realized their mistake when given time to consider; that they are not afraid of us, but are insisting on closer trade relations with this country.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Soda in Dye Water.

If you are going to dye any material at home, dissolve a pinch of bicarbonate of soda in the water in which you make the dye, says the Washington Herald.

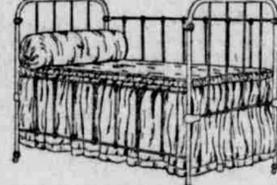
This will prevent the color from crocking and will insure its covering the material evenly.

If you cannot buy the shade you wish, it can easily be mixed. For instance, mix blue with pink to make violet, a little yellow with green to make moss color, black with ceru for yellow smoke, and so on.

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