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And the New Hampshire brook trout will know Thaw no more.

A few more days in which to buy Red Cross seals to fight tuberculosis. Buy a few!

When you read it in the official war dispatches, mix in a little mental reservation.

A dozen fresh eggs set in a gold dish bedecked with diamonds would not be a bad Christmas present.

Perhaps the Coaticook constable who arrested Jerome has "got something" on the U. S. supreme court; who knows?

The boom of Secretary Lane for president dies a-borning just because Mr. Lane wasn't born in these United States of ours.

Governor Lee Cruce of Oklahoma is a generous giver—34 pardons from the state penitentiary. Also reducing state expenses.

Vermont pays more individual income tax than Maine and almost double that paid by New Hampshire. Are we richer or more honest?

"Do not perplex Santa Claus by delaying him while he decipheres poorly-written addresses. Write them right."—Boston Traveler.

Better still, give him the "S. O. S."

The latest plan to beat Great Britain is to cut off her food supply by ridding the sea of her merchantmen. If she should set herself to that task, Germany would have quite a chore.

We should say that the limit has been surpassed when a Yankee invents a shell that will throw melted steel, to say nothing of fumes that paralyze and kill. Have cold lead and iron lost their efficiency?

Vermont is a house divided against itself, with Representative Plumley voting "yes" and Representative Groves voting "no" on the proposal to submit national prohibition to the states. What is more, each is sincere in the stand he has taken.

With all the arrogance of the divine right of kings, Harvard drops various colleges from its football schedule for 1915. It is to be noticed that three of the colleges dropped gave Harvard a tough tussle last season, thereby disclosing, perhaps, cause and effect.

The investigation of poliomyelitis in Vermont was given a good start in the examination at Burlington of half a hundred persons who had suffered from the disease and were in more or less serious condition of paralysis as a result. That number constitutes a fairly large percentage of the total number of persons who recovered from the disease during the recent epidemic; and during the succeeding clinics about the state it should be possible to examine nearly all the others. Due notice will undoubtedly be given of the places and dates for the other proposed examinations so that friends or relatives of the patients may be enabled to take their patients before the clinics. Every opportunity like this should be taken advantage of in order to restore the patients to complete strength and vigor, while at the same time giving the investigators a chance to study as many cases as possible.

Among the suggestions made by the New Hampshire fish and game commissioner for proposed changes in the fish and game laws of the neighboring state there are some features which have a familiar appearance to Vermonters who have long been living under laws having such features. Whether or not the New Hampshire official had the Vermont laws in mind when he made his suggestions is not apparent; but certain it is that New Hampshire will not make serious mistake if it takes up with the suggestions which are backed by the experience of Vermont. We notice, too, that the official over in the sister state would have a law prohibiting the use of firearms to youths of less than 16 years, which also is a splendid recommendation and, if carried out, would be likely to do away with many of the grievous accidental shootings which are read about each year. On the whole, his recommendations are so reasonable as to command attention by the members of the next legislature at Concord.

SLASHING STATE EXPENSES. Backed by the executive, Sergeant-at-Arms F. T. Parsons has reduced the scale of wages of State House employees to a point just about commensurate with the services which they perform in their various capacities, and the result is sure to be a saving to the state of Vermont without decrease in the efficiency of the service. It was ridiculous that boys employed in delivering messages about the State House under the title of "pages" should receive the same stipend as the legislators themselves; it was equally ridiculous that the men who came in after noon to pick up the files of papers, etc., should be paid in the same ratio as the lawmakers. There is no reason why

MERRY XMAS

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the state of Vermont should be called upon to pay double the amount which private individuals and corporations are paying for an almost identical service; to pay double the standard wage was simply a polite way of saying that the state treasury was being depleted by a state treasury and was comparatively empty. The number of such employees at the State House is not large by any means but sufficient to make a considerable hole in the aggregate wages paid each fiscal year, especially when the term is long drawn out. Knowing that the people (you see the word people distinctly in this case) will applaud the action of the State House in cutting down the rate of stipend for messengers, doorkeepers, postmaster, head janitor and assistants, courtroom attendants, pages, night watchmen, etc., to a reasonable amount of money. Even at the reduced emoluments there is likely to be no dearth of good men for each and every position at the disposal of the State House custodian.

CURRENT COMMENT: Drunkards as Lunatics. The law compelling a course of sprouts at the Waterbury insane hospital for a certain class of drunkards—the "concure" list—has ever since its enactment been a laughing stock in Burlington, where we know the character of these "patients" and can mark the result of the "treatment." This popular opinion is now backed by physicians, practically. The state supervisors of insane, though they say that it is "perhaps too early to pass an opinion upon the usefulness of this method," declare that the treatment is of "doubtful advantage," which is certainly drawing it mild. "We are decidedly of the opinion that the sending of the short term alcoholic cases to a hospital for the insane is wrong in principle, detrimental in practice (to the hospital) and subversive to the purpose for which the hospital exists." There have been admitted to the Waterbury hospital during the term 212 of these cases. They are not insane and were uniformly given full parole on honor of which parole 25 have taken advantage to elope. The additional expense to the state has been enormous, and the advantage it has gained is simply nothing, speaking generally, from observation of our Burlington patients. The state pays an enormous sum for its insane, and a good place to reduce the expenses and still do ample justice to the truly insane is to cut off this attempt to reclaim the irreclaimable.—Burlington News.

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