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well schooled, a reasonable conversationalist, handy in household duties and who, though a violin player, had no wild notions of a "career" in that line of study, who, though acquainted with the stage and its stars, was not carried away with an ambition to go and do likewise, and who, though constant in her religious life, was nevertheless not obsessed with the notion of going into a foreign land to minister to the heathen—because I found a girl of that stamp, a New York state man considered it sufficient cause for wonder and for an article almost a column long in the New York Sunday Sun of yesterday's date.

The Vermont girl (of course, there are exceptions) is much after the pattern he found. She has her full share of the publicititude which ordinarily falls to her sex; almost without exception she has had the benefit of a course of study in the high school, and many of them more than that; she's not so "high and mighty" that she hasn't been willing to learn the rounds of household duties and assist her mother in spare moments; she very often possesses talents which are more than usual and not merely confined to the violin; she takes a considerable interest in current events and is able to converse on general subjects in a reasonably intelligent manner; she admires the stage, yet is not crazy about it, realizing her own limitations and the tedious and long journey it takes to become a star; she does not flout religion and the quiet, deeper current of life, nor, on the other hand, does she think her destiny lies in some far-off land where rum has preceded the Christian religion and where food is poor and the work one hard, steady grind and self-sacrifice.

THE AVERAGE VERMONT GIRL. Because he found in northern Vermont a girl, aged 20, good to look upon, fairly

than the farmers were getting at the store, soon picked up a good trade in the nearest town. In a short time he was cleaning up the whole product of his poultry yard at better prices than the men were getting who had "monkeyed" with chicken raising all their lives.

Probably his simple little printed statement of his methods had more to do with it than anything else. No doubt many of the old farmers had equally good methods. But they took no pains to tell the public about them. It makes little difference how good a man's methods are, how well produced his goods are, how low they are selling, if he never takes any pains to tell the public about it.

The moral is too obvious. Any farmer who raises staples like eggs, butter, vegetables and whose food products are attractive, can get all the business he wants at good prices in the nearest large town, by spending a little money on advertising.—Rutland News.

Piling Up a Town's Debt. The town meeting has gone and done it, and in obedience to the time-honored custom all must bow to the will of the majority. But the lamentations are loud and numerous that the town's indebtedness should have received such scant consideration. These careless ways will sooner or later lead the town into financial difficulty. With no thought of reducing the debt, the voters go on year after year piling up a still larger debt, satisfied to pay the interest and continue for the future. There is no more concern now to many of the voters with the town's indebtedness at \$140,000 than when it was only half or one-third that amount. They argue that the town never should have had such debt, but fail to take into account the improvements, such as schools, sewer construction work, and the building of the new bridge, entailing extraordinary expenses.

Other towns of the state have allowed themselves to drift along with the same indifference as the town of Hartford, regarding the piling up of debt. It is not that indebtedness necessarily impairs the financial condition of the town, for with \$3,000,000 assets the town of Hartford should worry, but the town ought to follow the example of other progressive towns and apply something each year to a sinking fund that would retire the debt, without saddling the whole burden on future generations.—White River Junction Landmark.

The Father of Waters Needs New Restraint. The Massachusetts legislature will soon be asked to adopt resolutions calling on the 64th Congress to complete the improvement of the Mississippi. We sympathize strongly with this movement. It will cost upwards of \$50,000,000, but it is an enterprise in which legitimate expenditure becomes an investment.

The Mississippi problem is one of such stupendousness as to be almost bewildering. Amateurs have suggested that its flood waters be impounded in reservoirs, and gradually allowed to move down stream. This sounds good, but what are the facts? The best reservoir that could be constructed below the confluence of the Alleghany and the Monongahela, at a cost of \$54,000,000, would hold enough water, measured in millions of gallons, to equal that which at flood stages Memphis in seven hours. The dam proposed just below the ingress of the Missouri, engineers estimate, would have to be as large as the state of New Jersey to perform any service. In other words, the conservation idea is not practicable. The only way of handling the problem, as the engineers have steadily maintained, is to keep on with the levees, making them substantial and continuous.

An extraordinarily large fraction of the United States pours its water through the Mississippi channel into the sea. Fortunately for us it is a south flowing river. Every great river ought to be. Nothing is worse than to have the lower waters of a stream blocked with ice while the upper courses have melted. This is the Serbian situation, and a great detriment to the progress of that country.

Our Mississippi is a national question. You remember the meeting in Indiana in 1861, when various speakers had expressed their willingness to let the southern states depart in peace. A young fellow of the back country rose with the remark: "What! Give them the Mississippi river, when we furnish it with all the water?" Yes, the whole West, from Pennsylvania to the Yellowstone park, and including parts of Canada, furnishes the water, and a few states on the lower course have "to stand the pressure." And it is one of inexhaustible power.—Boston Herald.

WEST BERLIN. Mrs. Edith Cooper of Montpelier visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cooper Sunday. The men in this place will give a fish chowder supper in ladies' and hall next Wednesday evening, all work to be done by the men. Mrs. May Patterson visited Mrs. Alex. England of Northfield last Thursday. Mrs. Charles Leonard visited her sister, Mrs. W. F. Hill, in Waterbury, last week. Mrs. George J. Adams and daughter, Mrs. George Northfield, visited Mrs. E. A. Emerson last week Wednesday. Mrs. Desire Goulet and children are visiting friends in Canada under the leadership of Mrs. Whitcomb, who is a very successful actress. The two ladies from Naples, who made the chowder, proved themselves experts in this branch of the culinary art.

EAST BARRE. The fish chowder supper given by the members of the auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Whitcomb was a very successful affair. The two ladies from Naples, who made the chowder, proved themselves experts in this branch of the culinary art. Mrs. Lucy Sargent, who has been ill for some time, remains about the same. A program consisting of Irish songs, readings, dialogues, tableaux, etc., will be given at Patrick's night in opera hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

GRANITEVILLE. S. Hollister Jackson is also among the guests and will give "A Day in the Future" on Tuesday evening, March 16, at the Presbyterian church. Social dinner, Gilbert's hall March 17. Ladies' exercises, admission gratis 10, 20, ladies' tea, dinner 10 to 11 o'clock.

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MORETOWN. Death of Andrew J. Sleeper, Life-Long Resident of This Place. Andrew J. Sleeper, a life-long and highly respected citizen, died Friday evening, March 12, after a four days' illness with pneumonia. Mr. Sleeper was born in Quebec in 1838, son of the late James and Esther (Chase) Sleeper, being the oldest of eight children. He came to this town when a small child, his father being one of the early settlers. Forty-eight years ago he married Joanna Hogan and purchased the farm in East Moretown on which he was living at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. P. W. Bailey of Montpelier, and one son, Charles, who resides at home; also one grandson, two brothers and two sisters, S. D. Sleeper of Providence, R. I., G. G. Sleeper of Moretown, Mrs. E. C. Kingsbury and Mrs. C. A. Eastham of Montpelier. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Rev. William Shaw of Montpelier officiating, with burial in Green Mount cemetery. Clark and Mildred Newton are visiting relatives in Bethel. G. G. Sleeper was in East Moretown Thursday. G. W. Hackwell and M. L. Mobbs were in Montpelier Saturday as were also Albert Ferris and Eldon Griffith. Miss Elda Palmer is confined to her home by illness. Mrs. W. Newton has been in Waitsfield the past week, caring for Mrs. M. Fielder, who is ill. Those who failed to attend the concert and cantata on Thursday evening missed a rare treat. The program was as follows: Chorus, "Wynken, Blynken and Nod"; ladies' quartet, "A Southern Lullaby"; selection, Mrs. Etta Johnson; song, Miss Ada Johnson; ladies' chorus, "Snowflakes"; song, "The Shoggy Shoe"; Mrs. Nellie Austin; chorus, "Arion Waltz"; song, "A Perfect Day"; Miss Harriet Knapp; male quartet, "Please Won't You Be My Home"; selection, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Atkins; song, "O That We Two Were Maying"; Mrs. Anne Ward; cantata, "A Garden of Singing Flowers." Each and every number was thoroughly enjoyed and showed that much work had been put into it. G. M. Ashley presided at the piano. Mrs. M. R. Child, who has been caring for Miss Ruth Bruce for the past two weeks, is confined to her home by illness. Mrs. Phila Spear celebrated her 80th birthday anniversary Wednesday, March 11, by entertaining about 25 of her friends. Refreshments of sugar on snow were served. Mrs. Spear is unusually active for one of her age, being able to do fancy work, etc., without the use of glasses.

BE CHEERFUL! Is Message of Rev. J. B. Reardon to the People of Barre. The value of good nature and cheerfulness for Barre people under present conditions was strongly urged by Rev. J. B. Reardon in a sermon at the Universalist church yesterday; and the speaker coupled with his remarks the call for "calm, cool, deliberate judgment." His text was from Proverbs 11:14—"Where no wise guidance is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Rev. Mr. Reardon prefaced his remarks by stating that "a cloud is temporarily resting over Barre's horizon. Her industrial life is at a standstill. This, indirectly, affects every man, woman and child within her borders. To what extent it will affect them depends upon the duration of the present industrial situation. The solution of this situation, on the other hand, will be largely determined by the attitude of mind and conduct of every man, woman and child in Barre. \* \* \* The present situation calls for calm, cool, deliberate judgment." After discussing industrial and civic conditions in general, the speaker turned to cheerfulness as the proper antidote for mental depression, first as applied to the individual and then to society, saying in part: "In cheerfulness is a duty man owes to himself, it is also a duty he owes to society and the age in which he lives. What are commonly called 'hard times' are caused in nine cases out of ten by the people slowly or suddenly getting depressed, slowly or suddenly failing to note the prosperity that is already theirs. But in reality there is no reason for hard times. If one was of a dependent make-up, and disposed to listen to the pessimistic remarks, he might easily have had cold shivers running up and down his spinal column every hour in the day and every day in the week here in Barre since the first of March, notwithstanding the weather has been fine. \* \* \*

"There will be just as much granite in the mountains of Barre when this industrial trouble is over as there was when it began. The people of Barre, instead of being pessimistic, ought to be exceedingly optimistic. They ought to be cheered by the fact that they have an industry that is truly as lasting as the hills. Other lines of industry might easily be dismantled, and frequently have been in other places, and moved elsewhere. No one will attempt to dismantle and move the mountains of Barre granite. They are proof against fire and flood and will be there, when this labor dispute is settled, to further bless this community with their almost inexhaustible riches. Cheer up, friends. "Think of the humble way our fathers lived. Think of what inestimable blessings you have as compared with what they had. Cheer up, and thank God for these blessings, and show your thankfulness by your cheerfulness. Pessimism acts upon humanity like the sweep of a pestilence. More than half the people who get the cholera or any other scourge get it by fear. Every man who joins in the talk about the difficulty, or the impossibility of a speedy settlement of this labor dispute, will suffer from what his own words and want of trust may bring. \* \* \*

WILLIAMSTOWN. George W. Lynde, who was elected trustee of the public library at March meeting, has resigned the office and selectmen have appointed Dr. E. B. Watson to fill the vacancy. Miss Peris Wilcox is away on a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. T. Handley, at East Granville. William McFarlane has bought of Mrs. T. C. Wadsworth, the farm over the hill in Washington, formerly occupied by Clayton Cole, and has taken possession. Adelard Bourdon, who has been the tenant of Frank Bombardier on the Chigouin farm for the past year, has finished his engagement and will remove from town. The ladies of the Rural Good Luck club are to have a break in their meetings, which will last probably till the traveling is settled in the spring. At their last meeting, an adjournment was taken until a meeting was called by the president. The play, "A Private Tutor," which was lately given at Barre by the students of Goddard, will be presented in this town at garage hall on the evening of Friday, March 13. The Goddard orchestra of six pieces will come with the players and furnish music. The play is good and the parts are well taken, and the presentation will be worthy of a full house. See bills.

WAITSFIELD. Everett Wallis spent the week and with relatives in Warren. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harold LaMorder will be pleased to learn that Mr. LaMorder has a position as mail clerk on the Central Vermont railway and also that they are keeping house in Randolph. C. C. Abbott was in town last week. The village primary and grammar schools visited James Moriarty and Bert Courney's sugarhouse on Pine Hill Friday morning. There was a union service in the Congregational church Sunday morning at which Colonel G. A. Garbhart of Buffalo, N. Y., was the speaker, his subject being "Christianity in Its Relation to Modern Business and Social Conditions." The church was well filled and an offering of over \$11 was taken for Colonel Garbhart. On Wednesday the ladies of the Home club will meet in the vestry to see the Grand View institute, which has recently been destroyed by fire. This is also the regular Spring missionary meeting. Representative J. A. Smith and brother-in-law, Rev. H. Smith, attended the funeral of a young Mrs. Lizzie White, in Waterbury Friday. Friday evening, as the last number of the Barre course, Colonel G. A. Garbhart of Buffalo, N. Y., lectured, his subject being "Evolution of the Christian." Colonel Garbhart has a power and fervor of public speech seldom found in any other speaker. The audience will undoubtedly be benefited by his address. And Newman is undoubtedly convinced will critically ill, at Rutland hospital. Mrs. John Fildes is ill. Mrs. Norton of Moretown is visiting for her

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