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The Webb-Kenyon law now has a duty of making Maine really "dry."

It seems that society has not finished with its burden of Harry Thaw.

Billy Sunday came, saw and conquered Dartmouth college—something which many an athletic opponent would like to do.

A second case of a coasting party colliding with an automobile has occurred in Vermont within a week. We are running our pleasures together, so to speak.

Now that the sidewalks in the business districts are becoming nicely cleaned of their covering of packed snow, expect another snowstorm. Therefore, keep the snow shovel handy.

The verdict in the Small murder case at Ossipee, N. H., may correspond with many a suspicion; but, at best, the evidence which brought about the conviction was no more than circumstantial, and it is rather hard to send a man to his death on circumstances which seemed to point to his guilt. However, it is a long time before the sentence of the law and the court will be executed, giving the condemned man plenty of occasion to carry the case to a higher court; and it is to be presumed that the matter has scarcely more than passed its initial stages.

While there was by no means a building boom in Barre during the past calendar year, the report of the municipal building inspector reveals that a substantial number of dwelling houses were erected during that period, the total being considerably above the average of the past decade when construction was light. The building work was nothing like what it was in the years when Barre was trying to catch up with itself, so to speak, but it was sufficiently large to give decided encouragement to those who are watchful of the progress of the community in all respects. And even though more than a score of dwelling houses were erected or started during the year, there is nevertheless a shortage of renting property of the better class. Hence the building outlook for the current year may be considered quite hopeful despite the high cost of materials.

The trustees of the village of Brattleboro are wrestling with a problem similar to that which confronts most municipal corporations that are at all up to date in the matter of furnishing protection from fire; the problem is whether to respond to calls for assistance outside of the limits of the corporation and leave the home community unprotected or only partially protected. The spirit of neighborliness counsels them to give aid whenever the call comes for it, and commands them when the danger of conflagration is great; but the practical, business sense tells them that the municipal corporation has bought and paid for its own equipment, pays a heavy annual drain for maintenance and that the taxpayers of the home community have the first and only strings on the fire department service. It is difficult to decide which course to pursue, whether to be neighborly and respond to each and every call that comes from the outside or to serve the home community alone. In the long run, the latter course is probably the better because it places a responsibility on each hamlet or village outside of the corporation to be more self-reliant and because, too, it gives the people of the home community that for which they pay and to which they are entitled. This, of course, would not mean that when conflagration threatened all aid would be refused.

PUT LIGHTS ON ROAD VEHICLES. There is a growing sentiment in Vermont for a law which will compel all drivers of vehicles on the public highways to equip their vehicles with a proper light. This sentiment is not confined to the drivers of motor vehicles who always have felt the wisdom of such an enactment; but it is finding favor among the drivers of teams, those, by the way, who ought to be the most interested from the standpoint of their own safety and the safety of their property. Gradually, the idea is taking hold that the comparatively slight act in placing a visible light on a road vehicle means protection for the vehicle from other road equippages. The experience of those drivers of horse-drawn vehicles who have taken the pains to provide lights has been such as to strengthen the idea. Ask any team driver if he does not feel a greater sense of safety when he places a light on his vehicle. Ask any automobile driver if the appearance of a light on the highway does not immediately put him on guard and cause him to slow down his motor car to give the vehicle ahead its share of the road. Ask that same motorist, too, if he has not suddenly come upon a team which was not indicated by a light and if he was not hard put to it to avoid colliding with the slighter vehicle (and sometimes they do crash together); and he will invariably tell you that he has been through the experience. The fact is that there is no safety on the highways unless proper safeguards are taken; and

the chief safeguard is that all vehicles, except, perhaps, the hand-propelled, be lighted. Therefore, it is to be hoped that the sentiment of the people of the state has crystallized to an extent that it will cause the Vermont legislature to pass the Phelps act, which has just been presented in the House by the representative from Fair Haven, or some other measure similar in design and scope. Certain exceptions have been placed in the Phelps act, such as the exemption of vehicles designed for carrying hay, straw and other inflammable material, thus adding to the reasonableness of the bill. Among the minor reforms greatly needed in Vermont is a law of this nature that can, and will be, enforced; and The Times trusts that the legislators will address themselves to the consideration of the matter in open-minded spirit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeks Portraits of Three Former Senators From Vermont. To the Editor of the Barre Times, Barre, Vermont.

Dear Sir: I am making a photographic collection of the portraits of all the United States senators from 1789, of whom there were 1,060, and have them all except 55. This collection is for preservation in the archives of the Senate. I have but three of the Vermont senators' pictures yet to obtain, viz: Jonathan Robinson, Nathaniel Chipman and Dudley Chase. Having exhausted every available source to locate these pictures in Vermont and out of it, I shall, as a last resort, invoke the assistance of the newspapers in Vermont in finding them for a small photographic copy of either of the pictures named. Very truly yours, H. J. Genesler, 2942 Macomb St., Washington, D.C. Jan. 7, 1917.

SOUTH WALDEN

W. D. Barnett was in Burlington Saturday. The Houston circle of King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. Roger Houston on Wednesday, Jan. 17, for an all-day session. At the next regular meeting of Bell Grange, on Friday evening, Jan. 19, the officers for the ensuing year will be installed. Glenn Miles and wife of Montpelier were recent guests at the home of his brother, Archie Miles. Mrs. Fred Wilson and little girls were visitors in Hardwick last week Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Perkins were guests at E. G. Bridgeman's in Hardwick last Thursday. Harry Garland broke his arm recently while working in the woods.

MIDDLESEX

George Thompson visited friends in Bellows Falls Friday and Saturday. Richard Bailey of Windsor is at home for a time on account of a dislocated shoulder. Arthur Marble of Northfield was a business visitor in town Tuesday. Several from Middlesex Valley grange attended the meeting of Duxbury grange Saturday evening. Mr. Burnett of Montpelier seminary occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning. Miss Olmstead returned from her home in Bellows Falls Saturday, to continue her teaching in the Center school. Shirley Denmore was badly hurt about the knee while coasting and was unable to attend school the first of the week.

WAITSFIELD

Annual G. A. R. Dinner Merged into a Wedding Anniversary Celebration. An unusually successful social affair was held Tuesday in the dinner and reception tendered to Ainsworth post, G. A. R., No. 36, when the sons and daughters of veterans held a dinner in their honor in the M. E. church. About 75 guests were present, with an honor list of 12 veterans, and 12 sons of veterans. After a bountiful dinner, with grace offered by Rev. Isaac Mellor, pastor of the M. E. church, an interesting program was given. The occasion was doubly important, as it was the 50th wedding anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. Henry N. Bushnell. A letter from absent Comrade John M. Richardson of Richmond was read by Mrs. J. D. Davis, and a bouquet of pink and white carnations was presented Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell from Mr. and Mrs. John M. Richardson. Rev. W. A. Remcle, pastor of the Congregational church, then made fitting remarks, comparing the present European war with the Civil war, contrasting the purpose and aims of both, and closing with a presentation speech in behalf of Ainsworth post, in which the post presented Capt. and Mrs. Bushnell a \$5.00 gold piece in honor of their golden wedding. A male quartet, composed of Ned Newcomb, Clyde Baird, George and John Kingsbury, sang, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," in which Clyde Baird sang the solo part, Merle L. Martin, a Spanish war veteran, gave a pleasing account of his experiences in the Philippines. The male quartet also sang "Just Before the Battle, Mother." After war reminiscences by A. E. Meburon, the assembly joined in singing "America," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. A. Remcle. The veterans present were Capt. Henry N. Bushnell, Z. H. McAllister, William W. McAllister, J. W. Palmer, L. W. Seaver, Allen E. Meburon, E. M. Savage of Proctor; Henry Miner of Montpelier, Aaron Goss of Moretown, John N. Richardson of Warren and Ira Martin of Warren, and M. L. Martin, a Spanish war veteran. Comrades A. E. Fiske and

Harve Waite were not able to be present on account of illness. The following sons and daughters of veterans served and had the affair in charge: Mrs. May Joslyn, A. N. Poland, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson of Warren. Harve Waite is confined to his home with sickness. Among the list of people suffering with the prevailing distemper are Mrs. Hugh Baird, A. E. Fiske, Mrs. Ellen Place, Elsa Ketchum. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bettes are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, Jan. 2. The Congregational church and society presented Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Bushnell flowers on Tuesday, Jan. 9, the occasion being their 50th wedding anniversary. Many friends also remembered them with post cards.

MORETOWN

Miss Bessie Tripp has returned to her home in Brockton, Mass., after a week's visit at T. J. Ferris'. C. W. Ward and L. E. Flint were in Northfield on business Monday. The schools in the village opened Monday, after a two weeks' vacation. Merlin Ward left Thursday to resume his studies at Syracuse university. G. G. Sleeper was in Montpelier and attended the races recently. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Palmer were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening, when a number of their friends and neighbors gathered at their home for a social hour before their removal to Waterbury. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. D. O. Bruce, who reside with them, have a host of friends who regret their departure. Eldon Griffith left Monday for Albany, N. Y., where he will enter the Albany business college. The remains of A. B. Stockwell, who died at the home of his son, Adelbert Stockwell, in Waterville, were brought to South Duxbury Sunday, where funeral services were held at the church. F. H. Sawyer, T. J. Ferris and F. H. Bulkeley are in Burlington attending the dairymen's meeting.

The Christmas Club will be open for new members all of this week. COME IN AND JOIN Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. Howland Bldg., Barre, Vt. F. G. HOWLAND, Pres. W. A. DREW, Treas. Bank open Monday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock.

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Walk-Over Shoe Store After Inventory Clean-Up Sale! Many lines, of which we are to discontinue, also some lines in which the sizes are broken, but are very good values. If you wish to save some money on your shoes and rubbers you will do well to look these over. You all know the quality of goods we carry and these were not bought especially to sell at a price. 1 lot Ladies' \$3.50 \$2.50 Shoes to close at... (Small sizes.) 1 lot Ladies' \$3.00 \$2.40 Shoes to close at... 1 lot Ladies' \$2.50 \$2.15 Shoes to close at... 1 lot Ladies' 3-buc. \$1.95 Overshoes, to close 1 lot Men's Rubbers to close at 60c 1 lot Children's Rubbers to close at 25c 1 lot men's 10-inch and 12-inch leathertop Rubbers, first quality, white tire stock sole, to close at \$3.10 All Men's, Women's and Children's Felt Shoes and Slippers at 20 to 25 per cent. discount. The above goods are all taken from our regular stock and are bargains at the prices. Come in to-day and see them. Rogers' Walk-Over Boot Shop Don't Let Clothes Prices Make a Monkey of You Right here for \$12.00 you can get a good, stylish, all-wool Overcoats; only a few left, step lively. Every store, to be successful and under proper service to its customers, must begin each season with new, up-to-date merchandise. That's what we intend to do. We've a few odd and broken lots from many lines that are now on our bargain counter and priced to move quickly. The most prominent among the lot are Boys' Overcoats, sizes 3 to 17, these are this week 25% off the regular price and next Monday morning they go in our window and will be reduced 25c each day until the price reaches \$3.00 each. Watch our windows. F. H. Rogers & Company

Granite Savings Bank and Trust Company Barre, Vermont STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1917. RESOURCES: Loans \$1,489,391.04; Real estate and banking house 30,306.12; Bonds and securities 276,300.00; Accrued interest receivable 29,056.08; Other assets 487.13; Cash on hand and in banks 112,963.85; Total \$1,938,504.22. LIABILITIES: Capital stock \$75,000.00; Surplus and profits 27,523.59; Dividend, 3 per cent. 2,250.00; Deposits (including interest due depositors Jan. 1, 1917) 1,833,730.63; Total \$1,938,504.22. 1916 has been a successful year for us. We take this opportunity to thank our customers for their patronage and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year. Money Deposited in our Savings Department on or Before January 10 will draw interest from January 1 at 4 per cent. OFFICERS: JOHN TROW, President; CHAS. H. WISHART, Treasurer; FRANK F. CAVE, Vice-President; C. L. CURRIER, Vice-President. DIRECTORS: JOHN TROW, C. L. CURRIER, FRANK F. CAVE, WILL A. WHITCOMB, J. WARD CARP, JAMES T. MARRION, CHAS. H. WISHART.