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Begin Now to Practice Writing 1918

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Thirty-Second Anniversary and Reorganization Sale

Going on All this Week

Opportunities are not diminished in this sale as it progresses, on the contrary, they are really increased. As stocks are searched prior to inventory, new revelations are made—and consequently new merchandise and prices. Those who would profit most by this sale should keep in close touch with our advertising and merchandise.

Come to this Sale Wednesday

Prepared to get your share of the wonderful values we are offering.

1917

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Everybody at Our Place

Wishes Everybody at Your Place

A Happy & Prosperous New Year

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BURLINGTON FIREMEN BUSY.

Had Six Calls in 24 Hours—All Fires Were Small.

Burlington, Dec. 31.—Yesterday and the preceding night the record of the fire department was broken for frequency of fires. The firemen from station one answered six alarms within 25 hours and as a result nearly everyone from Chief Stockwell down has a frost-bitten nose, face or something. Nearly all of the fires were indirectly due to the cold weather and the department got there in time to prevent much damage being done.

Yesterday morning in the tenement house of Louis Barney, at 89 King street, the hot water apparatus attached to the kitchen range was frozen and when the fire was started the apparatus exploded, burying the griddles in the ceiling, shattering the stove to bits and setting fire to one of the walls of the room. The blaze was quickly extinguished. No one happened to be in the kitchen at the time of the explosion.

The first alarm came in at 7:25 Saturday evening for a chimney fire in a double house owned by E. E. Davis on Barrett street. It was extinguished by the use of the chemical. Almost before the truck got back to the station house a call was sent in from the house of Dr. H. A. Buck on Colchester avenue. He was thawing out water pipes when the house caught fire. No damage resulted here.

The first fire yesterday morning was the Barney fire and shortly after ten o'clock the truck went out again to the house of Mrs. Henry Field at the corner of North Bend street and Convent square. Some children had set fire to a mattress upstairs in the house and when the firemen arrived the house was full of smoke. It took 40 gallons of chemical to put the blaze out.

Last evening at 7:06, the house of Rabbi A. Mowsovit on North Winooski avenue was reported on fire. Mr. Mowsovit, on finding the water pipes frozen, started to thaw them out with a torch borrowed from the street car barn. He set fire to the house but the firemen arrived in time to prevent any damage of consequence.

Ten minutes later Russell Whitlock's house at 73 North Willard street was on fire. The automobile truck took another run and extinguished the fire, which was in the chimney.

WE take this opportunity to thank you for your liberal patronage during the past twelve months and hope to have a continuance of the same. It has been our ambition in the past to offer you reliable merchandise at the lowest living prices. Our future offerings will be along the same lines.

We wish you a Happy Prosperous New Year.

The Frank McWorter Company

BARRE DAILY TIMES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1917.

The Weather

Fair and not quite so cold to-night and Tuesday; moderate northwest to north winds.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Clearance sale at Abbott's. Call at Bailey's for the Victor January supplement of new records. Weather permitting, Canton Bros' plant will resume work on Wednesday morning.

The Gerard-Barclay Granite Co. will resume work Wednesday morning, Jan. 2, weather permitting.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jerry of Maple Grove left last night for Burlington, where they will spend the holiday.

Esten Spaulding of Branch street left this morning for St. Johnsbury, where he will visit with friends for a few days.

All stores, members of the Barre Retail Merchants' association, Inc., will be closed all day Tuesday, Jan. 1, New Year's.

Russell G. Corwin, who has been passing several days in Boston, was a visitor in the city Saturday and Sunday, while on his way to Chelsea.

Atty. A. G. Fay was a business visitor in Northfield Saturday, when he appeared as counsel in a state case tried before Judge E. M. Harvey of Montpelier.

Special holiday program, "The Weaker Sex," featuring three stars, also good comedies with special music by Mr. Chase, violinist, at the Bijou to-morrow.

John A. Cross of Northfield, president of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, arrived in the city on a business visit to-day.

Miss Minnie Townsend, who has been visiting during the past few days with friends in Montpelier and in this city, returned last evening to Hartford, Conn., where she is employed.

Roy E. Frenier, a former resident of Barre, who is employed by a retail shoe firm in Hartford, Conn., arrived in the city yesterday to pass New Year's with relatives on Washington street.

Painters, Attention! Local 185, painters and decorators, will hold its next regular meeting Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7 p. m., in the rooms over Moore & Owen's clothing store. A. M. Stafford, R. S.

Sidney Gile of Danville, who was a member of the 1917 graduating class of Spaulding high school and who is at present employed in St. Johnsbury, is visiting for a few days with friends in the city.

The meeting of the woman's association of the Congregational church will be held in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2, the program being in charge of the mission department. The members are requested to bring their year books.

Perley Gotler, who has been visiting at his home on Seminary street during the past few days, returned Saturday evening to Boston, where he will visit for a few days before returning to Springfield, Mass., where he is employed by the Springfield Glass company.

Victor C. Smith, who is enrolled in the naval department of engineers as chief machinist's mate, is spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith of the east hill. Mr. Smith, who recently enlisted in the naval service, is at present awaiting orders to France, where he expects to be placed on duty along the French coast.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre through the week end were the following people: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dragoon of St. Cloud, Minn., H. M. Young of Boston, Russell G. Corwin of Chelsea, Miss Rachel Erwin of Northampton, Mass., H. D. Sparr of New York City, A. W. Phillips of Claremont, N. H., M. C. McCarthy and Miss Dorothy McCarthy of Boston.

Mrs. William J. Ross of Spinney Hill, Sack, arrived in the city to-day for an extended visit with relatives in Barre and Westerville, among them being her son, Edwin Ross, the Depot square barber. Mrs. Ross left her Saskatchewan home when mild winter weather was prevailing. As she drew near her destination, the cold became intensified, and upon her arrival here she was surprised to learn that the weather was far more rigorous than anything ever experienced in a land where every winter's tale is supposed to be a story of endurance, hardship and suffering.

Because to-morrow is New Year's and a legal holiday, the lid will be closed down on all business operations in Barre, although the proscription scarcely can be more effective than that effected by the cold weather. However, the holiday custom will get the weather clerk on a better footing by closing stores and business offices, as well as stonehedges. Three churches in Barre have their annual business meetings to-morrow, and the fiscal year of each society will be ushered in by a reunion of its members. The First Baptist church and the Congregational churches hold their meetings in the afternoon and the Universalists meet in the evening.

The Clan Gordon committee delegated to make arrangements for a benefit concert some time in January is in receipt of an interesting letter from Martin Mitchell, secretary to Sir Harry Lauder, who is at the head of the "Harry Lauder five-million-pound fund." Mr. Mitchell commends the local clan on its decision to divert the proceeds of the concert to the fund, which Sir Harry proposes to use for the widows and orphans of men who were killed in battle. The committee is going ahead with plans for the musical, and efforts to enlist local talent are meeting with success on all sides.

Out of the streets came a number of lodgers to police headquarters through the cold week-end, and all who sought a bunk in the Desink apartments at the station were accommodated. No one was arrested, and the usual Saturday night quota of drunks was missing. Because of the intense cold, the patrolmen and special officers were particularly diligent in scrutinizing doorways and alleys, and when the cold became well-nigh intolerable, the police were ready to escort almost anyone to headquarters whose condition might make him irresponsible. The officers were not trying to hang up a record for arrests, yet they were taking no chances with bystanders who might be in line for a freeze-up.

Special communication Granite lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 7:30 p. m. Transaction of business and work E. A. degree. Per order W. M.

Classmen will please leave their due cards with the financial secretary on or before Jan. 2 for semi-annual audit. Per auditors.

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COLDEST WEATHER EVER

RECORDED SENDS THE MERCURY DOWN TO -41

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degrees below, and although the sun shone, it was a very severe day to be out.

Cold in the Railroad City.

St. Albans, Dec. 31.—The mercury registered from 24 to 28 below this morning and from 20 to 24 below Sunday morning.

"Spunky Lamotte" Heard From

Morrisville, Dec. 31.—It was 48 below zero here yesterday morning.

MUCH SUFFERING.

When New York Experienced Coldest Weather Officially Recorded.

New York, Dec. 31.—New York City experienced the coldest weather in the history of the local weather bureau yesterday when the thermometer at 8:30 a. m. went down to 13 degrees below zero. Except at three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it stood at zero, the mercury hovered between six and 13 degrees below. Suffering was general throughout the city because of the coal shortage.

The weather bureau announced that the record, 13 below, was seven degrees lower than the mercury had ever dropped since the bureau had been in existence. On only four occasions had it ever gone to six below. After 8:30 o'clock the temperature slowly rose, but at five o'clock in the afternoon another downward trend was perceptible.

Three deaths due to the cold were reported. A taxicab driver was found frozen to death in his machine in a garage in Jersey City. A baby found dead in its crib yesterday morning is said to have succumbed to the severe cold and a traction employe was killed when he became numb and fell to the pavement in front of a street car.

Scores of persons suffering from exposure and frost bites were treated at various hospitals.

Dense clouds of vapor caused, harbor men said, by the water being warmer than the air, rose from the rivers and bay throughout the day, virtually suspending harbor traffic. Ice in the rivers for the first time in many years threw ferryboat schedules out of any semblance of regularity, and tugs were kept busy during the day breaking ice in the slips.

Hundreds of men, women and children, driven from their homes when their coal supplies ran out, took refuge in police stations. Many stations were crowded throughout the day.

Fire Commissioner Adamson announced last night that all daily records for fire alarms were broken. Many of them were false alarms, caused by frozen valves and standpipes which disrupted the signal mechanism, he said, but most of them were due to overheated furnaces and accidents with oil stoves.

SNOW EXPECTED.

Likely to Come Tuesday, Following Great Cold Spell.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Little relief before Tuesday or Wednesday from the bitter cold wave that has swept out of the West to the Atlantic coast was promised last night by the weather bureau. Records for low temperatures in New England and New York were lowered to-day and extreme cold was reported throughout the South.

Coincident with the movement of the cold area towards the Atlantic, the weather west of the Mississippi moderated to an extent where normal temperatures for this season now are being registered.

With 14 below at Boston and 13 below at New York Saturday night, all records for the local bureaus at those cities were broken, and in the coast states south of New York the cold was severest since 1880.

Snow is forecast for the northern Mississippi valley and lake regions Tuesday, and for the middle Atlantic states and New England Tuesday. Higher temperatures will accompany the snow.

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Clearance sale at Abbott's.

Extra heavy hind quarters, special value. C. R. Wood. Tel. 527-W.

All union stores will close all day Tuesday, New Year's day. Retail Clerks' association.

New Victor records for January go on sale to-day at Bailey's Music Rooms, 14 Elm street.

Lieut. George S. DeMerell, who is stationed in Washington, D. C., is passing a New Year's furlough in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown of Jefferson street.

A freeze-up in a sewer connection at city hall was responsible for an unusual transformation in the office of the city clerk yesterday. When the clerk made a Sunday call at his office, he was surprised to note that a smooth coating of ice covered the floor. Investigation disclosed a frozen connection, and the work of thawing it out was gotten under way at once. At city hall, as in most of the business blocks, the janitors slept by their fires Saturday and Sunday nights.

Spirited matches in the rooms of the Barre Chess and Checker club Saturday afternoon and evening had the effect of narrowing the state championship tournament to two contestants, David Stephen of Barre and W. M. Milo of Montpelier. The former is an ex-champion and local players are pulling hard for him to restore the state trophy to Barre.

Mr. Stephen and Mr. Milo were due to meet this afternoon or this evening for the play-off. W. H. Messer, another local aspirant, was eliminated in the playing Saturday afternoon. C. N. Moulton of East Charleston is no longer considered to be in the running, and the outside chance held by E. N. Hyzer of Randolph and L. G. Egelston of Rutland was dissipated Saturday forenoon. It is probable that the outcome of the tournament, which started Wednesday with 22 men engaged, will be known to-morrow.

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Union Dry Goods Company

At the close of another busy year, to our many patrons and friends, we convey our CORDIAL GREETINGS. We are deeply grateful for your valued patronage, for which accept our most sincere thanks. During the New Year upon which we are entering, we shall strive to have our dealings with you marked by liberality, an unswerving plan to please, and by increasing our efficiency in affording BETTER SERVICE THAN EVER. With best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year to all.

To-day—Special Sale Prices on Blankets

This is truly Blanket weather, and every pair in our stock is sharply reduced. Even our regularly marked prices are 15 to 25 per cent. less than the market values, and the additional discount means a Big Saving to You.

A Clearance Sale of Furs at 25% off

Every piece of Fur in stock is included in this sale. Muffs, Sets, Scarfs. Now is the time to buy at this very LIBERAL DISCOUNT and have your Furs for the balance of this winter and the next.

ALL SUITS, COATS AND DRESSES now marked at the most radical reductions for quick clearance.

MONDAY EVENING SPECIAL

A Sale of Standard Percales at 17c a yard

We offer this evening 600 yards only of Standard Quality Percales, 36-inch, that are worth now 25c per yard.

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY TO-MORROW, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

MONTPELIER

Conferences Being Held to Hasten School Work.

Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas has called to this city for the different days of this week many of the school superintendents, principals and teachers relative to what can be done about hurrying up the work in schools this year. This is caused by the fact that the schools, in part, have been closed where coal is used for fuel. The purpose is to eliminate from the courses this year all unnecessary work which will not interfere with the graduation or promotion from one grade to the other, so that the school year can be finished as early as possible by reducing the Easter vacation so the more advanced children can get into the fields to work. One of those things which will be cut out of the courses, will be "copying" as it is done in some of the schools.

Train service on the Central Vermont railway was materially affected by the cold weather Sunday and to-day and the late connections from other railroads as well. The northbound morning trains did not get to this city until after daylight. The Sunday southbound milk train did not go through until about 5 o'clock this morning, due to a derailment of some 13 freight cars at Colchester. The southbound evening Sunday train handling the work. The branch train, in making a turn at Montpelier Junction Sunday morning, was partly derailed, but was replaced on the iron without delaying service. The northbound milk train Sunday afternoon was about two hours late. The southbound morning mail to-day was one and one-half hours late. The northbound train leaving Montpelier at 9:15 was delayed because the workmen were unable to get the engine ready in time.

A matter which is causing the sheriffs of the state no end of worry is now they are going to serve the papers which the local boards of exemption in each county turn over to them. There is no provision as far as Sheriff F. H. Tracy has been able to learn whereby the officers are to receive even reimbursement for their traveling expenses. In the summer time it would have been possible to have taken an automobile and rush about through the county serving the papers upon the delinquents who have not returned their questionnaires, but with the volume of snow that has already fallen it is impossible to do this. The provisions of the regulations provide that the sheriff shall serve the papers; if any arrangement is made so that these can be sent to the deputy living nearest the man upon whom the papers are to be served then it will be much easier, but even then there may be a considerable distance to be traveled, and there is also the fact that probably many of those who have not returned their questionnaires have not obtained them because of the change in residence and because of not understanding the change in regulations. One case of this kind has come to light, namely, that of a man who has come from this city to Chicago since he was rejected in the old draft and probably has not notified the board of his change in residence.

Miss Mildred Corry left this morning for Chicago, where she enters school.

Mrs. Carlisle Gleason, who has been visiting B. F. Field, her father, who is very low, went to her home in New York City to-day.

Luke Harrington, who has been visiting his mother here, went back to the navy Sunday evening. Paul, his brother, went back to Newport training station this morning.

The Case Street Cemetery corporation of Middlebury has filed articles of corporation.

A few odd sizes in

Stripe and Plain

Silk Waists

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\$2.98

One lot of Children's Hats to close at 29c

Special prices on Silk Serge and Velvet Dresses

Customers are still showing enthusiasm over the \$1.98 and \$2.98 hats

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Inc.

poration in the secretary of state's office. The subscribers are E. C. Severance, H. N. Dow, A. H. Flanagan, Mrs. G. H. Chaffee and F. E. Boyce.

Miss Marion Ostrander has returned from 10 days' visit at her home in New York.

W. H. Jeffrey leaves to-morrow for Boston, where he attends a conference relative to child care, which will include a visit to several of the orphanages in the city. His purpose is to gain information as to child placing.

Henry Freeman, a native of Walden, and Miss Fannie B. Whitcomb of North Dakota were united in marriage at the home of W. L. Brown on Prospect street last evening at 8:30 o'clock, the officiating clergyman being Rev. S. F. Blomfield. They will live at 69 Prospect street. The groom is employed in the clothespin factory.

EAST MONTPELIER.

The grange will hold a public installation Wednesday evening, Jan. 2. Everybody cordially invited.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Lady with child 3 years old would like place to work; address "C. V." Orange, Vt. 24412*

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Vermont Poultry Association

IN THE

Pavilion Theatre

Pearl Street, Barre, Vt., Jan. 1, 2, 3

A free lecture will be given Wednesday evening in the City Court Room at 7:30 by Judge Coffin of Freeport, Me.

Admission: Season Tickets, \$1.00; Single Admission 25c; Children under 15 years, 10c

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