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to make your selections of Christmas gifts, while our lines of Jewelry, Silver, Cut Glass, Pictures, etc., are complete, and before the last minute's rush is on.

At this time you will feel like taking more time in making your decision, and we can give your wants the attention they deserve.

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Velveteen Gowns are constantly chosen by those who wish to have a costume that serves with dignity for day and night occasions.

The Crow Black Satin Gown is very attractive. Women's handsome Dresses in Serge, Wool Jersey, richly and effectively trimmed with silk braid, fringe, buttons, embroidered and beaded designs.

The little Afternoon Frocks among them are smart, conservative and right looking.

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Georgette Crepe, handsomely trimmed with beaded and embroidered effects, in all the dainty shades, for afternoon and evening wear. The Victory Red is the newest.

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in Satin with Fur, also a variety of models in Velvet that are attractive in style and price. Black and colors.

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CAFE SHEPARD DOWNSTAIRS

Good Trades for Saturday

- Nice Mealy Potatoes, at the store, per peck 40c
- Reduce your butter bill by using Oleomargarine; Swift's and Armour's, 38c lb.; Nut Oleo, 34c lb.; Queen Brand, very nice, 34c lb.
- Peanut Butter, per lb. 25c
- Cheese, Plain or American, per lb. 35c
- Fancy package Cheese, per package 10c
- Italian Macaroni, bulk, per lb. 18c
- Tomato Dressing, per can 18c
- Lemon or Vanilla Extract, 4-oz., per bottle 15c
- Quaker Corn Flakes, per package 10c
- Wood's Teas, all flavors, regular 35c value, per pkg. 25c
- Monadnock Cocoa, quart jars, per jar. 30c
- Green Peas, 2 lbs. for 25c; per peck, \$1.90
- Yellow Peas, per lb. 10c; per peck, \$1.40
- Matches 5 boxes for 28c
- Walnuts, California Soft Shells, per lb. 40c
- Grapefruit 2 and 3 for 25c
- Oranges, per dozen 55c and 65c
- Bread, per loaf 10c and 15c

MEAT DEPARTMENT

- Beef Roast, per lb. 30c to 40c
- Roast Pork, per lb. 35c to 40c
- Roast Veal, per lb. 30c to 35c
- Fancy Native Fowls, per lb. 40c
- Fancy Native Chickens, per lb. 48c
- Pork Sausage, per lb. 33c; Beef Sausage, per lb., 28c
- Tomato Sausage, per lb. 30c
- Smoked Shoulder, boneless, per lb. 33c
- Bacon, per lb., sliced 48c; whole, per lb., 40c
- Leg of Native Lamb, per lb., 40c; Forequarter Lamb, lb. 28c
- Finnan Haddie and Oysters.
- Celery, Hubbard Squash, Cabbage, Eating and Pie Apples.

Houghton & Robins

TALK OF THE TOWN

Dance, Howland hall, Saturday night; gents 75c, ladies 50c—adv.

Last week to pay your Thrift club at Quarry Savings Bank—adv.

New California navel oranges just arrived to-day. Barre Fruit company.

"Britain day" will be observed at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Arthur Labrecque of West Danville is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Halvosa of Mount street.

Mrs. M. A. Willey, who has been with the family of W. H. Messer since Thanksgiving, returned yesterday to her home in Franklin, N. H.

A meeting of the Glenugie club will be held in Clan Gordon hall Monday evening at 7 o'clock. All members be present. Per order president.

The Nature Study class of the Barre Woman's club will meet on Monday evening, Dec. 9, at 7:30, with Miss Blanche Tilden, 8 North street.

Mrs. Flora Shavannaugh returned today to Burlington, where she is employed at the Fanny Allen hospital, after a 10 days' vacation with friends in Graniteville.

The pastor of the Baptist church will speak on Sunday evening on the subject, "An Honorable Peace," a sermon relating to the coming peace conference at Versailles. Patriotic music. Everybody welcome.

Saturday night luncheons are to be resumed at the Vincitia club this winter. The first luncheon and get-together of the series will take place this evening, the lunch to be served between 9:30 and 10 o'clock.

Douglas Wood of Nichols street, son of Mrs. Lizzie M. Wood, who is recovering from a leg fracture which he sustained a month ago, was taken to the City hospital yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Before the lecture Sunday night at the K. of P. hall, where Evangelist F. S. Hartwell speaks on "The Origin of Sin and War," a set of interesting hand-painted charts, illustrating symbols used in prophecy, will be shown, 7:45 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dodge of South Main street left last night for Hartford, Conn., to remain several months. They have closed their home for the winter and their daughter, Miss Vivian Dodge, a clerk in the union freight office, will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Turner.

Private William Wood, lately of the 79th Canadian battalion, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Long street. Private Wood volunteered for service in the tank corps when the 79th was divided into other units and trained in England before the armistice negotiations were completed.

Next Monday afternoon, Dec. 9, E. Preston Jones, M. D., is to give his lecture and demonstration on first aid to the injured at Aldrich hall at 2:30 sharp. This is a lecture of interest, as well as instruction, and merits a large attendance. Dr. Jones comes to Barre as field representative of the American Red Cross and under the auspices of the Washington county chapter.

The home economic committee of the Woman's club will hold their first afternoon on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 2:45, in the Howland hall. Miss Bertha M. Terrill, professor of home economics, University of Vermont, and state director of home economics for the U. S. food administration, will speak on the subject, "What Next, and Why, in Home Economics." Food sale after program.

The Ministers' Monday club will hold its postponed annual meeting in the parlor of the Unitarian church, Montpelier, on Monday at 1 p. m. Rev. W. L. Biocourt of Waterbury will give an address on some of his experiences overseas. He has just returned from 12 months spent in England and France in the work of the Y. M. C. A. There being no morning train from Waterbury, the hour of meeting is changed to 1 p. m.

Yesterday rural mail carriers and others whose duties send them into the less traveled byways and highways experienced a foretaste of what the winter of 1918-19 probably has in store for all who venture outside the city limits. It was a mixture of wind and snow of the blizzard type, and while the mail men had little difficulty in going the distance on their routes, the trips, as described by them upon their return, were uncomfortable to a degree. Not enough mail has fallen to block the highways, but the northwest wind was there with its old-time sting, say the carriers.

The condition of Prov. H. V. Wheelock of the Vergennes high school faculty is slightly improved, and his family are entertaining hopes that he may fully recover the use of his hands. Last week Friday night Mr. Wheelock was directing a play given by the high school. While preparing the scenery for the succeeding scene, he got mixed with a bottle of dissolved phosphorus and got a quantity on his hands and arms. His burns were deep and fearful. At the time grave fears were entertained that he might lose his right hand, as the flesh hung in shreds. Dr. F. M. Rogers of Vergennes attended him. Mr. Wheelock was at one time a principal in the Barre City schools.

Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church, returned last night from Boston, where he has been attending a conference of the Boston area of Methodist churches relative to the great Methodist Missionary society centenary plans. He reports a most enthusiastic conference, with splendid addresses and encouragements which give promise that the fund of \$80,000,000 will be realized. The purpose of the centenary world program is to put on an efficiency basis all the missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal church at home and abroad. Every Methodist church will hold a 10-day financial drive, which is to consist of publicity, prayer, education and financial solicitation.

Subtracting Sundays and holidays, less than three weeks remain in which the war stamp pledges signed during the drive last summer may be redeemed. At the Barre postoffice city postmen and the rural carriers are redoubling their efforts to sell the stamps that subscribers have promised to buy, and while the sales have been somewhat augmented lately, business will have to be a good deal brisker if Barre's quota is taken by the end of the year. After Jan. 1 a new issue of stamps will appear, and while the letter carriers are all anxious to make a good showing in the contest which has developed among them, they are even more desirous of concluding the year's campaign with the knowledge that every last pledge has been redeemed. According to returns posted on the bulletin board at the postoffice, sales of stamps valued at \$63,726.19 are credited to the carriers, the total being divided as follows: City carriers, W. D. MacDonald, \$1,817.28; Thomas Garrity, \$10,255.50; William Craig, \$7,987.75; D. S. Waterman, \$6,427.77; C. L. Converse, \$4,092.95; E. M. Lewis, \$2,995.40; G. W. Gates, \$2,771.63; H. B. Houghton, \$2,318.66; rural carriers, Charles Ayer, \$6,256.94; James Johnston, \$3,055.39; C. G. Carr, \$1,834.99; A. W. Robinson, \$991.87.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

TIMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP AND SUBJECTS OF SERMONS

Church of the Good Shepherd—Rev. Barnby F. Leach of Montpelier will preach at a service to be held Sunday evening at 7:30.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Services are being held in the Worthen block every Sunday. Sunday school at 2 p. m. and regular preaching service at 3 p. m. Everyone welcome.

Christian Science Church—Service at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. To these services all are welcome. The reading-room is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 3 to 5.

Salvation Army—Services in the hall at 10:45 a. m., holiness meeting. Sunday school at 2:45. At 7:45 p. m., salvation meeting. Special instrumental music at the evening service. Everybody welcome.

Washington Baptist Church—Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Preaching at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. J. Lehigh of Barre will preach, subject, "A Promise for the Faithful." Everybody invited to attend the services.

Berlin Corners Congregational Church—Frank Blomfield, pastor. At 10:45 a. m., the pastor will speak on "The Church and the Berlin Community." Sunday school at noon. In the afternoon, the every-member drive.

First Presbyterian Church, corner of Seminary and Summer streets—Edgar Crossland, minister. Morning service at 10:30, sermon theme, "The Shield of Faith." Bible school at noon. Classes to suit all ages. Evening service at 7:15. "Britain Day," a tribute to our ally. The attendance of all not regularly worshipping elsewhere is cordially invited. Seats free.

Congregational Church—F. L. Goodspeed, D. D., pastor. 10:30 a. m., morning worship and sermon by the pastor; subject, "Why Smith Goes to Church." 12 noon, Bible school. 7 p. m., evening worship and sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Biblical Macbeth." The every-member canvass comes this Sunday afternoon. Hearty invitation to all to our services.

Universalist Church—John B. Reardon, minister. Public worship and sermon at 10:45; subject, "Responsibility of the Ruling Classes." Bible study at 11:45; subject, "The Certain Success." Devotional meeting of the Young People's Christian union in the vestry at 6; subject, "How Christ Comes in the Dark Places of Christian Countries"; leader, Miss Gratia Reardon.

Graniteville Presbyterian Church—Rev. W. A. Morrison, a former pastor of the church, will conduct the services morning and evening, and a Gaelic service at 3 o'clock. His subject for the morning service will be, "The Glory of the Sacrificial Life." In the evening, "The Overcoming Life." This will be Rev. Mr. Morrison's last service before he returns on Monday to his parish in Kenyon, Ont.

Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church—Bailey Gatsert Lipsky, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; sermon theme, "The World Condition a Call for Prayer." Evening service at 7; sermon theme, "Inescapable Responsibility for Personal Work." Epworth league meeting at 6 p. m. Special reading, "Oh, Money, Money." Leader, Glenn Carpenter. Prayer service Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Special program arranged for the hour.

First Baptist Church—Bert J. Lehigh, pastor. Residence, 27 Franklin street. The pastor will preach on Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject, "Seeking Things Above." Evening subject, "Peace with Honor." A sermon relating to the coming peace conference at Versailles. Bible school at 12 o'clock. Young people's service at 6; subject, "Begin Now." L. C. 6:15-10. Prayer and praise service on Thursday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

East Barre Congregational Church—James Ramage, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. It will be rally day and the pastor will preach on the subject, "Taking a Fresh Grip." There will be special music by the choir. All members and friends of the church cordially invited to be present. Sunday school will follow the morning service and a large attendance is hoped for. Christian Endeavor service at 7 o'clock. In the afternoon an every-member canvass will take place for funds with which to carry on the work of the church and its benevolences for the coming year.

Websterville Baptist Church—Rev. Dr. Christian Petersen, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30; subject, "An Urgent Appeal." Evening service at 7 o'clock; topic, "Why I Am a Christian." The pastor will preach at both services. Sunday school at 11:30. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. Dr. Petersen will be the speaker; topic, "Begin Now." All services are bright and cheery and up-to-date. We extend the glad hand of welcome to all and make you feel at home. Questions are invited and will be answered from the pulpit. Pay us a visit this Sunday, in the little church with the big welcome.

RUSHING AID TO AMERICANS

Red Cross Sending Supplies to Prisoners in Rastatt Prison.

Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—Three sanitary trains have been rushed by the American Red Cross from Switzerland to Rastatt, where 2,500 American prisoners have been confined. The trains were loaded with food and clothing and more trains have been arranged for. The American Red Cross commission in Switzerland has arranged for the United States government to pay all costs due Switzerland for transportation and also that France will furnish oil and coal, as Swiss railroads are suffering from a lack of fuel.

Two Swiss physicians left Berne last week with funds for American prisoners. Great difficulties are being encountered in raising funds, as German banks are not permitted to pay out more than two hundred marks at one time or more than six hundred marks weekly. The Swiss mission was appointed before Germany allowed Americans to enter. Three hundred American officers arrived at Berne yesterday.

UNITED STATES PLEASED

Over Apparent Purpose of China to Wipe Out Opium Traffic.

Peking, Wednesday, Dec. 4. (By the Associated Press).—Paul S. Reisch, American minister, has communicated with President Hsu Shih-Chang on instructions from the government at Washington, the pleasure felt there over the president's decision to have all opium now held by the Chinese government destroyed. The United States government points out that this action is regarded as proof of the serious determination of President Hsu Shih-Chang to wipe out the traffic in this country.

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Saturday Bargains

A Special Sale on Saturday up to January 1st

This Saturday closes our overstocked sale. You should get your share of Towels in this sale. Fancy Christmas Towels at 59c each.

Hoagknit Sweaters at 25 per cent off from a very low price. A big saving here.

All Pure Linen Crashes, 10c per yard reduction.

Bleached Cotton Cloth, 10c per yard reduction.

Forty-four-inch Shrunken Serges at \$1.29 per yard.

One-dollar Eiderdown to close at 50c.

One lot of wide Gingham at 19c per yard.

One-third off on a lot of Corset Covers.

One lot of \$2.00 Bennington Underwear at half price. Most of this is Pants.

Several specials in Basement.

Remember, Saturday closes our overstocked sale.

Market Conditions

Mr. Abbott has been in Boston this week, watching the Dry Goods market. Indications are that you won't see Dry Goods but very little less, if any, for a long time to come. Manufacturers have no goods to sell. Jobbers are not overstocked. If there is any price concession during the next six months, it will come by the retailer giving away a part of the profit that by right belongs to him.

The reason that we are selling Staple Dry Goods for less than regular prices we will tell you about in a very few weeks.

Our overstocked sale this week, that ends Saturday, should interest careful buyers.

The Daylight Store

TALK OF THE TOWN

Overstocked sale at Abbott's closes on Saturday night.

Last week to pay your Thrift club at Quarry Savings Bank—adv.

Every woman likes dainty undermuslins. See the Marcella at Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc.

Fred E. Davis and Will L. Davis of Plainfield returned to their home in Plainfield last night, after having been called here by the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Ida L. Davis, of the Richardson road.

To-night in the Granite street auditorium the second hospital benefit of the week is to be staged, when the Italian Pleasure club and the Italian Veronese club will give a dance. The entire proceeds are to be given to the City hospital. A record breaking crowd, for the auditorium, is assured, and in addition a large number of advance tickets have been sold. A short concert will precede the dancing.

Grande estrazione a premi di una quantita di regali alla festa da ballo al Socialist Block, Sabato 7 Dicembre a favore dell'ospedale. Fra gli altri premi vi saranno. Letto da Bambola Gomme per automobile, guanti, macchina fotografica, cioccolate, borsa di gomma, The Sigari, box di mele orologio da sala, libri, camicie, cafe, ricami, pantofole, scarpie, bambole pipe, giacchiera, rocking chair, frutta valigia, comode, del complessivo valore di altre duecento dollari. Non e' mai stata un' estrazione e premio di così tanti oggetti di valore. Accovrete e tentate la vostra fortuna. Il Comitato.

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Trimmed hats at great discount Friday and Saturday. Mrs. C. R. Wood.

Fuller C. Smith of St. Albans and Fred C. Smith of Middlebury have been passing a few days in Barre and Montpelier on business.

Having secured the services of an expert candy maker from Boston, we are prepared to fill all orders for the Christmas trade. Barre Candy Kitchen.

William Mercer and Luke Gallagher are temporarily employed at the headquarters of the Granite Manufacturers' association while the compilation of the estimating book is being completed.

New delivery sleds for the express service in Barre have been put in commission. Instead of using the name of the American Express Co., the property is identified by the words, "American Railway Express."

After a long residence in Barre, Fred N. Bralley of Merchant street, one of the organizers of the People's National bank, is to leave the city. Announcement was made at the People's National bank to-day that Mr. Bralley had resigned the vice-presidency and his place on the board of directors. The vacancies have not been filled. With others, the retiring director was a moving figure in the organization of the People's bank in 1903, and throughout its important career he has continued to serve as a director and vice-president. For many years he has been active in financial affairs in Barre. When his brother, the late Dr. B. W. Bralley, was president of the old National bank of Barre, he was closely connected with the institution. Mr. Bralley is a former trustee of Goddard seminary, and at various times has been active in different local enterprises. His plans for the future are not announced, although he plans to take his departure within a short time.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were: Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mabus of Saco, Me.; Walter B. Jones of New York, William B. Hull of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., William J. Thompson of Burlington, F. B. Driscoll of Springfield, James F. Cross of Northfield, R. E. Shaw of Saginaw, Mich.

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