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BOARD OF TRADE MEMBERS—YOUR DUTY.

Every member of the Barre Board of Trade should be present at the meeting to be held to-morrow (Thursday) evening at Howland hall for the purpose of hearing a report of the directors on the proposition of the Peerless Knitting company to locate a plant in Barre to employ in the vicinity of 200 workers. It should be borne in mind that this is not a Board of Trade affair but the Board of Trade is acting simply as an intermediary for the entire city of Barre in the negotiations; and if the Board of Trade shall approve of the proposition secured by the directors the matter will be placed squarely before the people of Barre. But this meeting of the Board of Trade is necessary to pass initial judgment on the proposition before the proposition is submitted to the people. Therefore, let every member of the Board of Trade attend the meeting in Howland hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The weather is a hot competitor with the colleges in conferring degrees.

Daylight saving and beer and light wines are leaving the reception room hand in hand.

It seems probable that not many more bullets will drop over onto the American side of the Rio Grande for some time.

A Nebraska town of a thousand population proposes to put \$2,000,000 into the upbuilding of its industrial life. That ought to make the task of raising \$250,000 in Barre seem like a small job.

A prominent physician and skin specialist has made the assertion that alcohol is a great aid to cancerous growth. Old John Barleycorn is getting some good hard raps in his declining days.

Business is piling up rapidly for the September term of Washington county court with the Broadwell murder case and now the Websterville homicide coming on top of the Graham and Hanley cases. Incidentally, it is going to be a busy time for the state's prosecuting officers.

That Spain has not been altogether idle during the five years of the war is indicated by the announcement that the recent government loan of 1,656,000,000 pesetas has been oversubscribed five times. The industries of Spain have been taking advantage of the suspended, or curtailed, operations in nearly all the other European countries during the time since August, 1914. Holland is another country which ought to have little trouble in floating quite a sizeable loan.

It seems that some sort of a compromise might be arrived at so that the public of Barre would have the benefit of the usual number of seats in the City park. During these hot days the people naturally turn their steps toward this leafy shelter from the rays of the sun, and they find only a few seats provided for their comfort and convenience, being, therefore, obliged to loiter on the lawn. Some arrangement ought to be made so that all the seats can be placed in position.

If, as a Milan, Italy, newspaper suggests, the United States ought to cancel all its war loans to the allies, then Japan should cancel all her war loans, Great Britain should not charge the United States \$100,000,000 for transporting American reinforcements to the hard-pressed allies and Italy should reimburse the American people for the tens of millions of dollars spent in aiding Italy and for which there had been no hope of recompense. There are two sides to this proposition, not merely the side that the United States is rich and idealistic.

Indiana young men are reported to be showing a stronger tendency to remain in agricultural pursuits rather than to go wandering off into the cities and larger towns; and the farming life of that state is feeling a new impetus from this decision. Sooner or later Vermont young men are going to find that while there is a lot of hard work connected with farming there is an independence of existence which commends it far above a job in the big city where the worker becomes a mere automaton. There are some splendid opportunities for young men to make good in farming here in Vermont providing they are willing to apply themselves.

That is a pitiful story of life's tragedies which comes from Burlington—the story of a young wife and mother who, deserted by her husband two years ago, had struggled heroically in those two long years to support herself and her two young children and who, stricken with disease, finally gave up the unequal



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struggle and took her own life. It seems that there must be agencies in the world which would gladly have rendered assistance to a young woman in such conditions had the matter come to their attention. It seems, too, that the municipal charity department of Burlington might have given aid in such an extremity if the situation in the little family had been reported. Moreover, the recency of the husband and father should not be overlooked even though one of the big tragedies of the family has taken place. He still has a responsibility even though he may have thought that he had shouldered it off onto the woman whom he left to battle alone against the world.

An interpretation of the new district health officer system in Vermont is furnished by the secretary of the state board of health for the benefit of the cities and larger towns (those over 5,000 population) which already have health officers of their own and who may desire to retain the services of an official who shall work in their community alone. This interpretation by the state board of health is that the communities having 5,000 population may engage their own health officers, who need not, however, work full time on public health work, the towns to pay the services of their health officers. Therefore, the town or city health officers will be entirely separate from the district system except that their acts must conform to the standard fixed by the state board of health. Cities like Barre and Montpelier which are named in the same district may continue to have their own health officers, which, no doubt, Barre and Montpelier will elect to do.

THE AMERICAN CASUALTIES AT JUAREZ.

The casualties sustained by the American forces in their little foray into Mexican territory in pursuit of Mexican rebels were so slight as to make the expedition appear more or less in the nature of a frolic. The unofficial reports of the casualties state that only one American soldier was actually hit by a Mexican missile during the engagement fought near Juarez, that soldier getting a bullet through one lung, not necessarily a fatal wound. Considering the number of Americans involved in the engagement—probably between 3,000 and 4,000—the loss was ridiculously small. On the other hand, the Mexicans suffered quite severely, the unofficial reports stating that half a hundred were killed. In addition to that number, seven at least were taken prisoners and brought back by the American forces returning into territory of the United States. The difference in the losses sustained by the opposing forces typifies, in a measure, the vastly greater efficiency of the American soldier over the Mexican soldier, albeit admission must probably be made that the size of the American force engaged was superior to the rebel band of Villistas.

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Occupying as she does the industrial leadership of the state, she is known as a city of workers and she glories in the same.

No individual or community of individuals can gain the fullest success unless they do something. People and communities are like streams of water: they get stagnant unless they move.

However, Barre is not content to live on her reputation; she knows that she must "carry on," seeking new industries and other means of growth and development in order to make secure the prestige which she now holds. She is always glad to consider new opportunities which may be presented for her people to gain an honest living under decent conditions. Her people work and save, and she welcomes others to come and work and save. The fact that she is a city of working people is her most valuable asset.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Those Blundering Authors!

We referred recently to one of John Galsworthy's American characters calling for "A flash of beer," now here's another writer, Arthur J. Rees, saying, "He is, to use an American colloquialism, 'quick on the uptake.'" Tut! Tut! This, as Barrie lovers know, is Scotch.—Boston Transcript.

Maine and Vermont Roads Compared.

The state officials who visited Maine recently report that Vermont roads compare very favorably. We are inclined to think that for once these state officials are too blamed modest. "Stod" Bates' roads are so much better than the Maine roads that they should not be spoken of in the same breath.—Waterbury Record.

Clement's Red Pyramid.

After signing appropriation bills that total something like \$7,000,000, Governor Clement may have had a reflex that brought back for a moment that red pyramid argument for state economy which he used so vigorously when campaigning a few years ago. And he might have done worse, for there was that \$200,000 terminal outlay that he speared on his veto pen.—Randolph Herald and News.

Railroad Salaries.

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, of Ohio, in discussing the return of the railroads to private ownership the other day, said the salaries of 72 members of the staff of Walter D. Hines, director-general of railroads, totaled \$1,398,10 annually.

On this staff, said Mr. Pomerene, were five men who received \$50,000 annually; two, \$40,000; three, \$35,000; two, \$30,000; eight, \$25,000; 11, \$20,000; one, \$18,000; one, \$15,000; one, \$17,500; six, \$15,000; one, \$14,000; one, \$13,200; one, \$12,500; four, \$12,000; one, \$10,800; one, \$10,600; and 23, \$10,000.

These salaries, he believed, with few exceptions, were lower than those paid under private operation. Unquestionably in some instances they are very much less than the salaries paid by railroad corporations.

That no man can earn \$50,000 or more a year for a railroad will be generally admitted, but there are some railroads able to earn such enormous incomes for

their managers. This fact makes the salaries of railroad officials generally higher than they should be. Knowing that managers of some railroads receive such large salaries, the managers of roads incapable of earning large surpluses demand unreasonable compensation from their organization. To turn such roads back to private control and to such heavy overhead expense would fasten upon them ruinous conditions. Railroads have no right to demand rates that will yield such large bonuses to officials. It would seem that a revision of official salaries is as necessary as regulation of wages if the railroad business is to be put upon a sound financial basis.—Brattleboro Reformer.

EAST BARRE

Mrs. George Dobbs has been visiting friends and relatives in Saranac, N. Y.

The following pupils of the eighth grade have received certificates entitling them to free tuitions: Madeline Taylor, Ruth McAllister, Flora Bagallo, Edna McAllister, Earl Rock, Hugh Lawson, Alvah Jones, August Bison, Lillian Avery, Mildred Kinney, Antoinette La-Rochelle. Nearly all of them plan to attend high school this fall.

A flower and bird chart was kept in the grammar and intermediate department during the spring term. In Miss

Sanborn's department 160 flowers were found. Of these, Lillian Avery found 63. The birds numbered 61. Of these Earl Rock described 14. Irene Bourlerice and Bella McAllen had a perfect attendance for the year. Antonio Gravel was absent half a day and Mildred Kinney and Jessie McAllen were absent a day and a half. In Miss Hood's department, 142 flowers were found. Of these, Hildred Whitcomb found 35. The birds numbered 60. Forrest Hull and Ivan Hanson each described 5. Gordon Lord had a perfect attendance; absent one day, Jeanie Wilson, Doris McAllister, Vernon Mayoite, Omer Bourlerice; absent a day and a half, Francis Gavin, Aurora Desilets and Isabel Moran.

Leland Avery is home from the University of Vermont for the summer vacation.

Lieut. Roscoe E. Avery, M. C., is home on a 15-day leave of absence from Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Regular meeting of W. U. chosen tribe, No. 19, I. O. R. M., on Thursday evening at 7. All members requested to be present.

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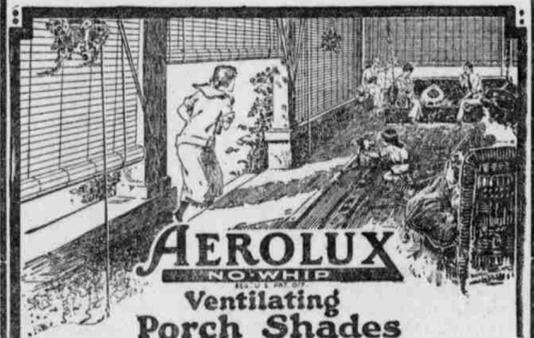
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