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fall, and for it interesting features are being prepared. Perhaps one of the great appealing features will be a motor pilgrimage to Norwich, on the west bank of the Connecticut river, where the university had its founding under the leadership of Captain Alden Partridge, a military man, as his title implies, and formerly superintendent of that national military institution, West Point. As the "American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy," the institution carried out its uncertain existence until 1834, when by charter of the state of Vermont it became "The Norwich University."

NARROW BRIDGES IN VERMONT. Two news items of recent date tell of the collision of automobiles on bridges or at the approaches to bridges. Those items call sharply to attention that a large number of bridges in Vermont, especially on the back roads, were not built wide enough for the traffic of modern vehicles; there is scarcely room enough for two automobiles to pass, going at snail's pace, while a few of them are not capable of taking two automobiles side by side at the same time. Many of these bridges are of the open plank construction and ought to be replaced anyway by modern structures of cement or iron; and the towns having such obsolete bridges should take steps at once to build bridges capable of allowing two motor vehicles to pass on the bridges providing due care is taken by the drivers. At the same time the responsibility is not lifted entirely from the shoulders of the automobilists or the drivers of horses; there must be no pell-mell rush onto bridges; no racing to determine which shall have the right of way. An ordinary display of prudence, as well as decency, is demanded no matter what width the bridges may be constructed.

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A National Menace

Probably the most dangerous element in the social and economic structure at the present time is the desire of people to purchase those things which they might go without.

There has been during the last few months an unprecedented demand for luxuries of all classes, and many people, who during wartime, practiced frugality and personal economy, have abandoned all sensible restraint in their mad desire to seek enjoyment.

This one thing, more than all others, is responsible for the high cost of living; if people the country over would deny themselves for even a brief period as they did during the war, there would soon accumulate such a surplus of commodities that prices would quickly recede.

Natural laws would then relieve a desperate situation upon which legislative edict can have little, if any, effect.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Col C. S. Emery.

I have noted with pleasure several favorable comments in various state papers in relation to the candidacy of Col. Curtis S. Emery of Newport as the next Republican nominee for governor.

It is a good thing! Let us pass it along! While there may be other worthy aspirants, I feel proud to own an intimate acquaintance with Colonel Emery and able to aver that he has qualifications equalled by few, excelled by none. Pleasing personal characteristics, a large acquaintance with the people and all affairs of the state, a wide field of training and experience, and, what should be most of all, quite generally overlooked or excused in a measure in public officials, an unimpeachable character. Honesty and fairness; pure and wholesome home life and habits; unselfishness and diligence. I am not aware if these sentiments have been planted and taken root in the southern portion of the state, but am sure the central and northern sections know whomever I speak and can hardly fail to agree with me. If so, why not others add their "bit" and keep the ball rolling until the common people "go over the top" with a man as free from self-seeking, entangling alliances and allied interests as it is possible for one to be in public life—Fred V. Tuiler in Randolph Herald.

Vermont Cities Looted to Support Deserted Towns. The Burlington Clipper inveighs against the Rutland newspapers because they are "wrought up" over the tax problem and want some radical change. Criticism of the present system is not "made because Rutland pays more into the state treasury than is returned to the city," as the contemporary puts it. Rutland is willing to pay more, much more, into the common fund for highway improvement and the common school system, and all the rest, than it withdraws. It is willing to do this because life in Rutland is worth more than it is in the great majority of the rural towns, and the residents of the city get more use of streets and get better schools than do the rural districts. There is objection only to carrying this so far that it becomes practically a looting of the cities and larger towns to support many towns which are practically unoccupied areas and still have as much legislative representation as the thickly populated towns and cities. In plain English, Rutland and a hundred other municipalities in Vermont are disposed to be generous, even benevolent, but they do not feel just right about being cleaned out for the benefit of staggering and practically deserted and bankrupt localities.—Rutland News.

Making New Parties. It is always possible to find the "makings" for a new party. It is certain that there will be a new party now and then. But a new party that will really threaten either of the old ones seriously is more easily dreamed of than realized. The former Progressives who met at Harrisburg a few days ago showed no signs of wishing to go to it alone again. Their mood was all that Chairman Hays could have desired. Their avowed purpose was to organize their forces within the once unholy Republican party in order to insure the nomination of a presidential candidate whom they could support with enthusiasm. They recognized that the nominee of 1920 might be a man whom they would not have chosen, but they are evidently prepared to vote for such a candidate in the good old way. As for Senator Borah inviting the presidential lightning by standing upon a conductor labeled, "No league of nations," all that it is necessary to say is that it is just like Washington to thrill with excitement over such a prospect.

What stands in the way of the formation of new parties is the law of economy of effort. It may be as easy to capture the machinery of one of the old parties as to devise new machinery upon the scale required, and the advantages of the capture are manifest. The most striking illustration of such an event in our history is the stroke of the free-silver men in 1896 in electing a controlling

number of delegates to the convention at Chicago that nominated Bryan. The Roosevelt forces that organized the most formidable third-party movement since the Democratic split in 1860 did so only as a last resort, after they had moved heaven and earth to win in the Republican convention. The American, as the English, way is not to form a new party to urge a reform or a program of reforms, but to press the issue in one or both of the existing parties until one of them makes it its own. The contest is not always in form a struggle between platforms. The dramatic balloting at Baltimore in 1912 was in reality not so much a rivalry between Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson as a battle to determine the attitude and the temper of the Democratic party for at least the next four years.—New York Evening Post.

The Middlebury, Vt., Fair. (Daniel L. Cady, in Rutland Herald.) When thirteen teams go past your door, A-followed up by fourteen more, And one or two to spare; All heading toward the county seat, With something in behind to eat, You know them teams are bound to meet At Middlebury Fair.

Yes; that's the way the crowd convened Before the world was gasoline. And if you'd cast an eye At noon behind the Floral Hall You'd see 'em eating, one and all, A-hunks of cheese that wasn't small And pie that sure was pie.

The one-eyed, two-tailed Weybridge calf, Made lots of wimmen squeal. The sight our family liked the best Was what they called the "cattle test"; It made your heart-throbs pause To hear a great long whiplash crack, And see them oxen take up slack, And haul a mountain lot and back And leave it where it was.

But when they rung the trotting gong That crowd became a "struggling throng," And bolted toward the track; They left each cage and coop and pen, They cut the Shropshire-Dorset men, Goodbye to blooded hog and hen— You couldn't hold 'em back.

My! how they watched the different heats, And stood a-top the buggy seats And almost come to blows; One feller climbed the quarter pole, And once a deacon flashed a roll, And Uncle had his lap-robe stole Right underneath his nose.

But going home—Je-hosh-a-phat! You never saw a race like that, Each boss and every mare Picked up their everlasting heels, And dust and sass and scraping wheels, And numerous spill-outs, cuts and keels Wound up the Merry Fair.

An Unusual Case. "Can you see as well with one eye as with the other?" "Better, sir."—Boston Transcript.

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WAITSFIELD

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The ladies of the Home circle served the first dinner of the season at the Congregational church Wednesday. The next dinner will be in two weeks and will be the annual harvest dinner. At the next meeting, also, a quilt will be tied for the McIntosh school.

Mrs. Clayton Boyce of Montpelier is visiting relatives in town. E. S. Joslyn and sons, Ralph and Frank, were in Montpelier Tuesday. Ward and Ruth Joslyn are visiting in Fairfield.

Ralph Buzzell, Miss Jean Bisee and Clarence Bisee were in Montpelier and Barre Tuesday. Seth Boyce has purchased the Aiden Foley house on the old road. Mr. and Mrs. Thad Martin returned to their home in Barre Wednesday, after visiting at M. L. Martin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells of Shirley, Mass., were over-Sunday guests at M. L. Martin's. George W. Wallis was in Montpelier and Northfield Tuesday. Ralph Buzzell is visiting relatives in Randolph.

Miss Lullie A. Jones went to Northfield Wednesday. Hiram, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, fell from a horse Sunday and broke his collar bone. The fracture is being cared for by Dr. Kent, and it is hoped Hiram will be able to go away to school as he planned.

District Superintendent of Schools Martin W. Chaffee of Waterbury was in town Wednesday. John Buzzell and wife were in Montpelier Wednesday. Misses Madeline and Loraine Frontier of Montpelier are guests of Mrs. Herbert Smith.

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