

ABOUT THE STATE

Happenings of Interest from Different Sections.

Franklin county jail did not have an inmate Christmas day, for the first time in years.

Rev. Robert Lawton of Island Pond has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Orwell Congregational church and will begin his duties there Jan. 23.

Michael Barnes, for 55 years an employee of the Central Vermont power plant, died at his home in St. Albans Christmas day at the age of 72.

A 22-caliber rifle bullet went through a window of the house of William Duffy in Rutland one day last week, flattening itself against a stove and falling on the floor. The bullet is supposed to have come from boys carelessly shooting in the neighborhood.

Seventeen of the principal employing concerns of Bennington have announced a cut in wages, declaring that manufacturing costs must be lowered if there is to be work the coming year. No orders are being received at old prices.

A railroad section hand at Middlebury, whose identity remains anonymous, rescued from drowning three-year-old Edna Comstock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Comstock of that place. In a spirit of fun, her small cousin and playmate pushed her into the water. She was rescued by the railroad man who held her under the water until she was able to breathe. She suffered no ill effects.

Deer have been frequently seen around Brattleboro since the close of the deer season and last week two does broke through the thin ice on the West river which they were crossing, one drowning and the other narrowly escaping by means of a plank which men laid on the thin ice. After the doe revived, she bounded off into the woods. A big buck deer, lame in one foreleg, seen frequently before the hunting season in Townshend, is still alive and one day last week traveled more than 200 rods to the railroad man who he leaped a fence and went across a meadow to the woods.

An unexpected Christmas gift to Vermont academies was received by Professor Raymond McFarland, principal of the academy, at his residence at Middlebury. In a letter dated at Los Angeles, Mortimer R. Proctor, of Proctor, enclosing a check for \$1500, wrote to Principal McFarland: "I have been much interested in your going to Vermont academy and once more bringing a valuable and well known Vermont institution to life. The academy can fill a large part in the career of young Vermonters and with you at the helm, all possible success is assured. I am mailing a check which you may use as you think best in the interest of the academy. It is a small token of my best wishes to you and your work." It is the wish of Professor McFarland that the gift be used to establish a prize for improvement to be awarded to the senior of the academy who makes the most improvement in his or her academy course.

Thrift in the Schools.

The next great accomplishment in educational matters will be the introduction of thrift teachings in the schools of America. Forces are now at work to this end, and in all states definite phases of thrift work are being added to the school curricula. The educational forces of this country are proving their worth when they give encouragement to the propagation of such sound practices. The first steps in this work were taken in 1912 when the International Congress of Thrift met in San Francisco under the auspices of the American Society of Thrift. Later the National Education Association and the American Society for Thrift joined forces and concentrated their efforts through a committee of the two associations. At a meeting of the National Council of Education in Portland, Ore., in July, 1917, this committee reported that the introduction of thrift teachings in the schools was both advisable and possible, and outlined plans by which the work could be developed.

These interests also conducted two nationwide essay contests in which several thousand prizes were awarded to school children. A similar contest was held in the New York city schools under the auspices of the American Society for Thrift in which more than 300,000 compositions on the subject of thrift were entered.

A great amount of literature has been disseminated in educational circles on the subject of thrift in the form of definite text books have been published, and are still being issued from time to time.

It is not considered a discouraging aspect that the work has progressed slowly, as it is recognized among leading educators that in following new lines of education it is highly essential that the ground work be thoroughly and adequately laid. This is particularly true in this case for if thrift be not properly understood and taught, there might result practices of parsimony and avarice. Unqualified encouragement of non-spending might have a narrowing effect upon the individual and produce harmful results to the business interests of the country. The American people will to-day welcome any definite plans for the inculcation of the principles of thrift in the minds of the young which the schools have to offer, provided such plans are sound in method and fund mental in results.—The Thrift Magazine.

Men Who Owe Money

are apt to die. There is a great value in life insurance to secure credits which are good if the debtor lives, doubtful otherwise. National Life Ins. Co. (Mutual), S. S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto block, Montpelier, Vt.

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A STAY-ON-THE-LAND PLAN.

Leigh Hunt of Seattle Proposes a Way to Bring Man and Land Together.

It has remained for Leigh Hunt, former owner of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and a traveler and sojourner in many lands, to offer a plan for keeping men on the land that is already cultivated by enabling them to buy it and farm it themselves. This is his remedy for growth of tenantry and abandonment of farms in contradiction to the familiar back-to-the-land movement. Mr. Hunt sets forth his plan in a pamphlet entitled "Our National Land Problem."

Against the old theory that 160 acres constitutes "the only workable agricultural unit," Mr. Hunt says that the "conception of small units begetting thrift, economy and independence is gaining favor" and he sets himself to work of realizing this conception with the minimum of paternalism. Rejecting the land policies of Australia and New Zealand and the soldiers' settlement plan of Great Britain as open to serious objection from the American viewpoint, he sees little hope for the landless farm worker in irrigation of government arid land or in reclamation of cut-over land. He finds that the farm acre offers aid against mortgages to the land-owning farmer, when it is "the tenant and the landless to whose aid we should first come" and when "the vital question is how to give a reasonable opportunity of future possession to those who have nothing."

He believes that, "in particular provision should be made to facilitate the purchase of leased lands by tenants." Owners of large holdings refuse to sell piecemeal, therefore means must be found to buy their entire holdings and divide them into farms. He holds it probable that "the owner of a 40-acre farm will nurse his land in such a way that within five years it will yield twice as much as when held under lease." He is confident that "ownership will develop a more intense love of the soil and of country, together with a higher degree of intelligence and a better idea of citizenship than experience has shown to result from a migratory tenantry."

An illustration is used to explain his solution of the problem. A 40-acre farm is let for sale at \$150 an acre. Ten "landless men of that community club together and negotiate an option of purchase," make a tentative subdivision, draw lots for each plot and permit the dissatisfied members to withdraw and be replaced by others. The club then submits a map to the government authority with proof of ability and readiness of each member to advance \$1 for each \$3 that the government is asked to lend. After investigation proves all well, the government advances the entire purchase price, gives each member a deed to his plot and takes a first mortgage, to be paid in 20 years beginning five years after date, interest payable annually. The money which each member advanced will build a home and provide equipment for the farm, or it could be used in part payment, the government withholding a like amount to pay for improvements as they are made. The number of members in each club would be limited to 25, and the size of farms would vary according to the soil—20 to ten acres for trucking, ten to five acres for fruit and truck, 40 to 60 for cotton and grain, 40 to 80 for grain and dairy.

This plan is offered "as an entering wedge—a beginning that may conceivably have a cumulative effect." It might best be worked out by the states, and "adoption by the government might well be simply in the nature of a trial." In that case, a model colony could be set up in each state, for which an appropriation of \$10,000,000 "would amply suffice."

This plan has points which will commend it as a valuable contribution to the great end of putting and keeping the land as property of those who cultivate it. It starts with the initiative and spirit of those who are already on farms, know how to farm and desire to remain as land-owning farmers. It is not an alternative to the farm loan act, which benefits mainly those who are already owners. It could be carried out on land that is already cultivated simultaneously with reclamation of arid, swamp and cut-over land. It would not involve large government expenditure and its operation could readily be handed over to the states. Though designed to keep on the farm men who are already there, it might bring back from the towns those who have left the farm because they saw no chance of becoming owners, but it would hardly attract the green city man who would run the risk of failure. It would contribute to one of the great ends of after-war reconstruction by anchoring many men to the land and inspiring a motive for patriotism through giving a stake in the country.—Portland Oregonian.

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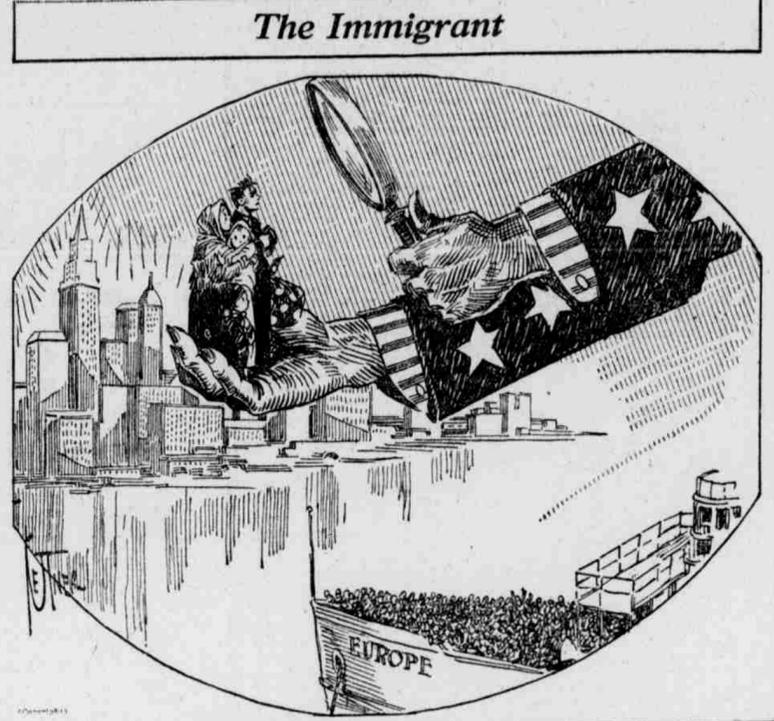
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Boy Scouts With Warnings.

One of the most interesting features of the "No Accident Week" campaign in this city is the presence at the most crowded corners in the downtown section, in the rush period of the afternoon, of numbers of boy scouts bearing slogan signs. These little fellows are well chosen for this duty. The organization which they represent stands for safety and security. The boys themselves are trained in helpfulness and good order. The presence of a boy scout bearing a "Be Careful" placard on a board impresses everybody with the admonition with double force.

It will be impossible to keep these boys on duty at these corners permanently. They will have done their bit and earned the thanks of Washington for their service. But the hope is that everybody will carry in mind the picture they present for all time. Whenever there is a temptation to take a chance with the traffic, remember the figure of the boy scout carrying aloft a word of warning. Whoever thus gets a mental glimpse of the lad in khaki will be inclined to check his impulse to cross the street at the wrong time at the wrong place.

Hurry is the cause of most traffic accidents, hurry on the part of the pedestrian or on the part of the motorist. And there is not one of them who needs to hurry or to whom a few minutes saved by haste is of the slightest importance. This spirit of hurry causes many motorists to take their cars by the shortest cuts through the business section, whereas if they would go out of their way a little bit they could find less congested streets

and the longer route would only call for, perhaps, three or four minutes more time in transit. On the pedestrian's side a little less speed would, perhaps, cause the missing of one street car. Those who go to the hospital after an accident—those who are conscious—have occasion to deplore the effort to save those few seconds or

minutes. Not all the minutes that are saved by hurry in the streets can possibly be lost in bed, and a year of saved time in accumulated dribbles of corner-cutting and traffic crowding will not compensate any motorist for the pain of conscience after somebody has been maimed or killed.—Washington Star.

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Teacher—Children, how can we distinguish right from wrong? Pupil—if we enjoy doing a thing, it's wrong.—Stray Stories.

ESTATE OF FRANK COTE.

State of Vermont, District of Washington. The honorable probate court for the district aforesaid, do hereby and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, interested in the estate of Frank Cote, late of Town of Barre, in said district, deceased.

WHEREAS, application hath been made to this court in writing, by the executor, praying for license and authority to sell the real estate of said deceased to wit: Situated in the town of Willamstown, county of Orange, State of Vermont, representing to said court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And being into court the consent and approval in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this state, and setting forth the details of the real estate.

WHEREUPON, the said court appointed and assigned the 4th day of January, 1921, at the probate office in Barre, in said district, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the Barre Daily Times, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, on each of the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and 31st days of January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., on each of said days, and that six months from the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at City of Barre, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1920.

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Dated at Barre, Vt., this 28th day of December, 1920.

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MINNESOTA'S MODEL LAWS.

Other States Request Information on Education, Forestry, Etc.

Minnesota laws are being scanned with unusual interest by other states this year, as possible models for their legislation. Inquiries are coming constantly to state departments, stating that it is proposed to model departments on the Minnesota system and full information is wanted.

Officials of the state securities commission reported that many states are contemplating enacting laws covering the same scope of activity as the Minnesota department, and are seeking information on it.

The department of education is being asked regarding its proposed legislation and considerable interest is taken by the various educators of the country in the part-time compulsory education law, as proposed by the members of the state board of education.

O. M. Sullivan, director of re-education and rehabilitation, department of education, is a constant recipient of requests for working suggestions as to how the Minnesota law is administered.

The forestry problems seem to give numerous states considerable difficulty according to the number of requests for help received by W. T. Cox, state forester.

Other departments receiving requests are: State oil inspection department, state hotel inspector, boiler inspection department, board of control, banking department, children's department and the state labor and industries department.—Minneapolis Journal.

An Old Favorite.

"Professor," said Mrs. Newrich to the distinguished musician who had been engaged to entertain her guests, "what was that lovely selection you played just now?"

"That, madam," he answered, "was an improvisation." "Ah, yes, I remember now. I knew it was an old favorite of mine, but I could not think of the name of it for the moment."—Boston Transcript.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A good farm in the town of Washington, also an eight-room house on Brookline street; inquire of William Martin, 109 Brooklyn St., Barre, 2231-R.

FOR SALE—Three cow farm, eight acre, good house, barn and 100 trees, three miles from Montpelier one mile from car line, reasonable payment down, balance as cash. John F. Benjamin, Barre, phone 106-R.

HOUSES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Standing lumber and wood on the Williams farm, about three miles from Montpelier, estimates lumber 40,000 feet, and 1,000 cords of wood; John F. Benjamin, Barre, phone 106-R.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Make your plans in advance for a rushing business for 1921, for indications are that the winter will be a very busy one after the New Year. A fine time to arrange for that home, during a quiet spell. We can assist you.

One of the best residences in the city of Barre, one of the most desirable lots in Florida, a lot nearly all the city. No chance for obstruction being placed to shut it off either. There are nine rooms, finished in selected levels with polished floors, open fire place, two baths, sleeping porch, besides two screened in verandas. The owner wishes to make sale before January 1st, and has instructed us to offer it for half the price asked. If you are interested in a really good home, this ought to appeal to you.

SOUTH MAIN STREET—House and barn for \$1,500.00. This looks cheap, but the price asked. Easy terms. Would exchange for farm.

EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE in the south end. All ready for immediate occupancy. No rent. Renting property and would make a splendid location for boarding house.

WILLIAMSTOWN FARM—One of the best in town; practically level field of about 30 acres, smooth enough for tractor. Large quantity of hardware, and other things to pay for the farm. Sugar place of about 1200 maple, equipped for 300 trees. Will carry 20 cows and 100 head of wintered forty. Good fruit orchard. Extra good eight-room house, shed and carriage house. Stock barn is 40x60 with lean-to built. Price \$8,800.00. Will sell equipped if desired.

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We are always glad to show farms and other properties. If at all interested, call on us.

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HELP WANTED—MALE WANTED—One good live representative to sell local pure food products, wages proportion to the right party, whole or spare time; Box 258, Barre, 2265-R.

1150 MONTHLY AVERAGE PAID MAIL, clerks, carefully wanted, list available, free, write immediately; Franklin Institute, Dept. 490 K, Rochester, N. Y. 22340.

CHIFFERS WANT TO go to work in woods, none but experienced men need apply; F. E. Downing, 22 Cliff St., phone 144-W.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE WANTED—A woman to help in a boarding house, state wages wanted and experience in first letter; R. J. Miller, Ricker's Mills, Barre, 2231-R.

WANTED—A lady between 30 and 40 years of age for light housework, to care for children, and to do general housework in connection with a gentleman of means, must be of neat appearance, to such can offer liberal salary, to those desiring to work in city, apply to Mrs. E. M. Everett, Mass. 2285-R.

MAID WANTED—For diet kitchen; apply Heaton Hospital, Montpelier.

WANTED—Girl to work in kitchen; Kelsey Boarding House, Montpelier, 2265-R.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE. ESTATE OF ALEXANDER ROSS. The undersigned, having been appointed by the honorable probate court for the district of Washington, commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Alexander Ross, late of City of Barre, Vermont, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Granite Savings Bank & Trust Company, in the City of Barre, in said district, on the 18th day of January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., on each of said days, and that six months from the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

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