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The appointment of a state fuel administrator for Vermont, in common with other states of the eastern part of the country, at least, reads a good deal like war; and the situation really is war, with the innocent public the great sufferer, or likely to be. At the present outlook, the position of state fuel administrator in Vermont is not likely to be very onerous as far as the handling of coal is concerned.

Possibly the victory of United States Senator James A. Reed for renomination against the determined opposition of Breckinridge Long was due as much to a desire to rebuke ex-Pres. Wilson's seeming interference in Missouri politics as it was to a desire to give Reed a strong vote of confidence. Wilson has been somewhat unfortunate in his recent essays into the political game and he has also evidence of blundering in his methods. If he desired to defeat the candidacy of Senator Reed he might better have maintained a strict silence regarding his opinions concerning the gentleman.

The prediction of a car famine in the central part of the country during next fall and winter seems like a far cry, in view of the very large number of idle cars now standing on the tracks of every railroad in the country; but the prediction seems more likely of fulfillment when one considers that the great crops of the middle-west will have to be moved about that time, that the transportation of coal will reach the maximum of the season if the coal strike is settled within reasonable time and that the acceleration of business in general should become more pronounced by late fall. At the present outlook there does not seem to be a pressing need for freight cars; but conditions may materially alter during the next six months.

When the name of Rockefeller was heard, one's mind always reverted to consideration of John D. Rockefeller. Rockefeller was John D. in the minds of most of the people; and it took the death of William Rockefeller to bring out to the general public that there really was a more wealthy Rockefeller than John D. The late William Rockefeller was considerably more wealthy than his more famous brother, due, perhaps, in large measure to the fact that during his lifetime William had given away comparatively little while John D. had bestowed millions after millions on various institutions and various purposes. The comparison of the two in this respect reveals what an evanescent thing mere riches can be. Both the men gained their immense wealth in the same way to a considerable extent; William had more money but far less renown than John D. simply because, during his lifetime, William hung onto his wealth, and his brother put much of his possessions to some useful public services.

American golf has surely "arrived" when a native American can go over to the British Isles and bring back the trophy symbolic of the British open golf championship, as Walter Hagen of Detroit did recently, not to forget also the performance of two other Americans by adoption, Jim Barnes and Jock Hutchison, the former of whom tied for second place and the latter of whom came next to the tie in the same contest. The game of golf is in-

digenous to British soil and skill in its performance goes with the native sons, of course; yet that does not preclude others, including Americans, from becoming proficient in the game, just as Japanese are becoming proficient in the American game of baseball. It is even possible that foreigners may surpass the native sons, as the American golfer, Hagen, did at Sandwich, England; and when that time comes the winning nation must certainly be given place in the front rank, especially since the United States has been playing a superior brand of golf for many years, matching skill against skill with the Britishers. All hail to Hagen, the American!

**FOLLOWING THE LEADER—BOY ISH DAREDEVILTRY.**

The foolishness and the foolhardiness of youth was never more accurately displayed than by the act of a 15 year-old boy at Milford, N. H., who, having "stumped" the other boys to jump over the dam in Southegan river, was himself "dared" by the other boys to make the leap as an example for them and who shouted "I never back down" as he jumped to his death. The swirling waters underneath the dam caught and sucked him down before the eyes of the boys who gazed in terror at the form of the unfortunate youth as it was swept about in the current and then deposited, lifeless, in the still water at one side. Absolutely foolish, you'll say. And, indeed, it was. Yet many youths are almost equally as foolish in taking a false view of bravery and of the display of that which is thought to be courage. How many boys, playing the game of "follow the leader" or something like that, have placed themselves in jeopardy in a silly notion that they are standing out before their fellows as brave boys, even heroes? In the idea that they will otherwise be taken as cowards, they attempt feats that are impossible, or well nigh impossible. Sometimes they come through safely; sometimes they are severely injured; some times the fall and are killed, as in the case of the misguided youth at Milford. In nearly any event they place themselves in imminent danger. The really brave boy is one who calculates and who measures his ability to perform a "stunt" and, feeling the unnecessary hazard, is courageous enough to face the taunts of his boy companions providing the companions are foolish enough to taunt him. Foolhardiness is not bravery—that is something every boy ought to learn.

**Famous Last Words.**

"I wonder if it's loaded. I'll look down the barrel and see."  
 "Oh, listen! That's the train whistle. Step on the accelerator and we'll try to get across before it comes."  
 "They say these things can't possibly explode no matter how much you throw them around."  
 "I wonder whether this rope will hold my weight."  
 "It's no fun swimming around in here. I'm going out beyond the life lines."  
 "Which one of these is the third rail, anyway?"  
 "There's only one way to manage a mule. Walk right up in back of him and surprise him."  
 "That freeracker must have gone out. I'll light it again."  
 "Watch me skate out past the 'Danger' sign. I bet I can touch it."  
 "These traffic policemen think they own the city. They can't stop me. I'm going to cross the street now. Let the chauffeurs look out for me."  
 "What a funny noise that snake makes. I think I'll step on him."  
 "I've never driven a car in traffic before. But they say it's perfectly simple."  
 "I think I'll mix a little nitric acid with this chloride of potassium and see what happens."—Life.

**DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING.**

The Democrats of Washington county will hold a mass convention at the City hall in Montpelier on Friday August 4, 1922 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon to select candidates to be voted for at the county primary. John J. Wilson, esq., candidate for Congress in the second district, and others will address the meeting. Per Order of the County Committee.

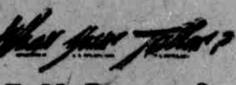


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**BETHEL**

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Lawrence of Bristol are visiting at Arthur L. O'Bryan's.

About 55 people attended a Methodist lawn party at F. B. Southworth's last evening.

Claude B. P. Ryder is in New York on business.

Mrs. Edith Davis goes to-day to visit her brother, Scott Hatch, at Edgerton, Wis.

Rev. Will C. Harvey is enjoying his annual vacation from the Universalist pulpit.

Mrs. John C. Preston and two children went yesterday to Tafsaville to visit before returning home to Brookline, N. H.

The Chelsea baseball team won its game on the playground yesterday by hitting Marcus hard in the third inning when they made all their runs. The local team made a fine uphill fight the rest of the game and a ninth-inning rally fell only one run short of tying up the score. In that inning Nobie walked, Stafford singled and Barnes doubled. Laver's work in the box for Bethel was about as good as has been seen here this season. He held Chelsea without a run after the third. Adams pitched a good game but not good enough to have won with Laverer pitching the whole game. The locals played an excellent fielding game. The score:

Chelsea	ab r h po a e
C. Burgess, cf	4 0 1 2 0 0
Adams, p	5 1 2 0 6 0
Corwin, 1b	5 1 3 15 0 1
O. Burgess, lf	4 1 1 0 0 0
Titus, ss	4 1 0 0 2 1
Morey, 3b	4 1 1 3 4 2
Kendall, rf	4 0 1 1 1 0
Densmore, c	4 1 0 5 0 1
Baraw, 2b	4 1 1 1 4 2
Totals	38 7 11 27 15 8

Bethel	ab r h po a e
Healey, cf	5 2 2 0 0 0
Nobie, ss	4 1 0 2 2 1
Staord, 2b	5 1 2 1 0 0
Barnes, 1b	5 1 1 9 0 0
Alkens, 3b	5 0 1 1 1 0
Marcus, p, lf	5 0 2 3 1 0
Laverer, lf, p	3 0 0 2 1 1
King, c	4 0 2 10 2 0
Moriarty, rf	4 1 0 1 1 0
Totals	40 6 10 27 9 2

Earned runs, Chelsea 3, Bethel 1. Two-base hits, Barnes, Corwin, Titus. First base on balls, off Marcus, off Adams. Struck out, by Laverer 9, Adams 3. Double plays, Noble to Barnes, Alkens to Barnes. Left on bases, Chelsea 6, Bethel 10. Passed balls, Densmore 2. Hit by pitcher, O. Burgess by Marcus. First base on errors, Healey, Stafford, Barnes 3, Alkens, Moriarty, Densmore. Time, 1:43. Umpire, Ralph Shaw.

**The Thrifty Race.**

A Scot and an Englishman were included in an exploring party, and in a very remote spot they discovered some empty whiskey bottles. "Ah!" said Donald, "a Scotchman has been here first."  
 "No," said the Englishman, "if that were so he'd have taken the bottles back."—Boston Transcript.

**Companionship.**

"Don't you feel sorry for the poor animal that was skinned for the furs you bought for your wife?"  
 "Why should I feel sorry for the quadruped? It's true he was skinned for those furs. But so was I."—Washington Star.

**Practically a Monolog.**

Heck—I hear that you and your wife had some words last night.  
 Peck—Well, I'll admit that she had some, but the few I had are hardly worth mentioning.—Boston Transcript.

**A Naval Battle on Lake Champlain**

During the War of 1812, a naval battle was fought on Lake Champlain. It seemed as if the odds were all against the American fleet, but Commodore Macdonough concentrated the fire of all his vessels upon the big ship of Downie, regardless of the fact that the other British ships were all hurling cannon balls at his little fleet. The guns of the big ship were silenced and then the others were taken care of easily.

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(The First)

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Next week we will talk about the second age.

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