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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1915.

The Poultney Journal finds in a Kansas paper an old story with a new point—not altogether without application hereabouts. Here it is:—

A man was afraid of a thunder storm and crawled into a hollow log. The rain poured down in torrents and the log swelled up until the poor fellow was wedged in so fast that he could not move. All his past sins began to pass before him and he suddenly remembered that he had not paid his newspaper subscription. It made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log through a knot hole.

VERMONT SOLDIERS IN CAMP.

Vermont's army is in service this week, or at least very nearly all the soldiers the State has on her rolls, and they are camping on the State Reservation adjacent to Fort Ethan Allen under as near war conditions as regular army men practice in times of peace. There is only one regiment, twelve companies supposedly of sixty-five men each, but not all are of full strength and the actual number on the ground is about 650. This regiment, with some 150 of the Norwich cadets, who are organized as a company of the Vermont national guard, is all the army Vermont has. Surely the State has not gone very far in the direction of militarism. If the nation were really called upon to defend herself, Vermont could do much better than a few hundred men. The relative small number of Vermont men in training as soldiers makes a graphic picture of the national unpreparedness, for in proportion to her population Vermont has an average number of citizen soldiers.

It makes a pretty sight on the wide sandy plain north of Burlington, the rows of khaki tents in company streets, with the national and State flags by the Colonel's tent in headquarters row. Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump are in plain view, in a half circle of protecting mountains to the east and south. The cross on the Fanny Allen hospital adds a subdued tone to the landscape and the ordered buildings of Fort Ethan Allen remind the State soldiers of their near affiliation with the army of the nation.

Soldiers of today, even citizen soldiers, work hard. First call sounds at 5:15 a. m. and at 5:30 every man is on the parade ground for fifteen minutes of vigorous physical drill. From that time until taps at half past ten at night there is something for almost every moment, a fuller program than many citizens have for their hardest days in the year. A schedule for the entire encampment was made weeks ago and it is being carried out to the letter. The staple is rifle practice on the national range, carried out to the last detail in the latest methods known to produce an accurate firing soldier. It is hard work, shooting under these conditions, trying on the eyes, the muscles, and the patience. The careful schooling on the range does not show on parade, but it will show if Vermont soldiers are ever called upon to defend their country.

Of course there is also what is popularly known as "military drill," how to carry and present arms, squads right into line and all of that, which is necessary if an army is to be moved anywhere, but even that is not for display. The most thorough, as well as the hardest, drill is in "extended order," where the men take actual battle positions under the modern principle of protecting each man as much as possible. There is none of the old notion of "fighting like a man," marching in solid ranks toward the enemy until you can see the whites of their eyes. Instead the men are taught to take care of themselves, to fire from behind a tuft of grass after a hard run from the available cover next behind. The whole idea is to train men to do what soldiers of their branch would have to do in actual warfare.

Years ago the militia were left to themselves, one citizen officer teaching another, and there was a wide breach between the regular army and the

State organizations. The regular army looked down upon the militia as "tin soldiers", and the guardsmen scorned the regulars as of a lower social class. To-day all that has disappeared. Officers of the regular army, West Point men often, have part in the camp and take their share of the instruction. They teach militia men just as they would teach regulars. One discerns no patronizing, but an earnest effort to inspire confidence and cordial cooperation. The resulting friendly attitude of the militia toward officers and men of the regulars is unmistakable.

It is a pity more of the citizens of Vermont can not see more and know more of their own State soldiers. In towns like Middlebury and counties like Addison, which have no companies of the Regiment, there is little conception of what is going on in the military organization of the State. Doubtless some imagine that the annual camp is a sort of idle junket for both officers and men and that the militia is made up of the roughest and wilder sort. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The men are just average Vermont youth, not a whit worse for being organized as militia. The guard house is empty and intoxication is extremely rare. A wet goods peddler appeared in officers row the first day, but his trade was so small he did not return. The favorite place of recreation, when there is a little time off duty, is the Y. M. C. A. tent—an excellent service of this organization, which is highly appreciated by the men.

The officers set a good example. Col. Johnson shows what he is—a sterling, sensible Vermonter, a farmer at home, in his church pew with his family every Sunday, a man the men respect for his character not less than for his position. He has worked up in the regiment from private to Colonel, did his duty in the Spanish war, and is working hard to make Vermont's regiment equal to the best in the nation. He is a man of whom Vermont should be proud and to whom it owes a debt of gratitude for what he is doing for the State's national guard. From Adjutant-General Tillotson down the Vermont officers are a capable and high-minded group of men and it is good to see the respect they command from the officers of the regular army working with them.

Vermont's soldiers have only ten days in the open and next Wednesday return to their duties on the farm, the railroad, and the shop, but if the nation has need of them they will be ready to a man and they will be found a good deal better soldiers for the hard work they are doing at Camp Governor Gates this week.

MUSICAL RECITAL BY MISS HAYDEN'S CLASS.

Lovers of good music who gathered at Music Hall on Weybridge street last Tuesday evening—too small a number for a village like Middlebury—enjoyed a treat which well repaid their efforts to get there, and this was the total cost, in the recital given by the music class of the Summer Session. A well balanced program of classical and popular songs was presented which gave an opportunity for the display of Miss Hayden's abilities, both as a teacher of voice and trainer of chorus.

The full program is given below, but special mention should be made of several members. Miss Ruth Flint of St. Johnsbury made a very pleasing impression by her accurate and conscientious interpretation of the songs by Lehman and Leoni, and suggested certain qualities of voice which time and study cannot fail to develop and enrich. Miss Flint's services at the piano, as accompanist for the remaining soloists, deserve commendation. Not every accompanist displays so much sympathy and intelligence in supporting the singer.

Miss Lott and Miss Hayden have in themselves resources for a full concert program at all times; but Miss Lott's work in song was a revelation to those who had heard her hitherto only in readings. Especially delightful was her rendering of the Little Songs from Child Life, both the original numbers and the encores.

A young singer of much native grace and charm, who displayed power and technique as well as perfect control and unusual flexibility of voice was Miss Stoddard of Brookline, Mass. Her numbers met with instant favor and an encore was demanded.

Miss Alite Monroe of Orange, Mass., revealed the possession of a pure soprano voice of great range and dramatic power in the two songs assigned to her, and in the encore which the audience insisted upon Miss Monroe added greatly to the effectiveness of the program.

It was a happy thought to lend variety by including an old favorite like "Annie Laurie," and the quartette arrangement by Potter was excellently done by the Messrs. Monroe and Harris, Miss Monroe and Miss Flint. A chorus often reveals better than individual singers just what a competent and inspiring director can do in a short time. The work of the Summer Session chorus gave little opportunity for criticism. The numbers were admirably selected; the folk songs were especially well done, and the famous sextet from Lubia was a revelation in unity of response, modulation, and

power; the voices of the thirty-five singers were as one, and displayed a volume in crescendo passages that would have done credit to twice the number, while admirable balance of parts was apparent at all times. Miss Hayden's class gave a most delightful evening's entertainment.

HARVESTING A FOREST.

Some have the idea that forestry is confined to tree planting, but while this is becoming a very important work in Vermont, over one million trees having been planted this year, it is not nearly as important as the proper care of existing forests. It does not require a great deal of skill to plant a forest, although considerable care should be used. But to double the growth of a young forest is the work of an expert forester. To cut off an old forest in such a way that it will reseed to desired species is also a very difficult undertaking, and one which calls for the highest skill and greatest experience on the part of the forester. By improper selection exactly the wrong trees may follow cutting, as is usually the case after lumbering. Again seed trees improperly left in exposed places may be blown over before they have served their purpose. A thick bed of pine seedlings may be secured by a correct cutting, but they may all die out within a few years because of the need of a further cutting.

The State Forestry Department, which gives expert advice on the handling of all forest problems, is having more and more requests for practical information of this kind. Although the department is hampered by a scarcity of technical assistants, it has been able thus far to answer all demands for advice. Where desired an expert will mark the trees which should be cut from a small woodlot. On larger lots he will supervise the marking. The only cost for this is his travelling expenses to and from Burlington.

In several localities of the State land owners are demanding an annual call from the Forestry Department to mark out their winter's cut. This work preferably should be done during the summer and early fall, although much of it is done in the winter. Among those who are practicing up-to-date methods of cutting, a few may be mentioned as examples.

In Middlesex C. C. Putnam & Son are lumbering a large lot in connection with a mill at Wrightsville under forestry principles. There is here a splendid second growth of poplar, ash and birch, and higher up an old growth of hardwoods with spruce and hemlock in mixture. Several hundred thousand feet have been marked and cut in the past two years. The object of the marking is to bring about the greatest possible number of ash seedlings, and the ground is already well covered with these mixture with other less desirable kinds.

In Barnet Mr. Wilbur Nelson, the forest fire warden, plans to cut an annual crop of pine in such a way that his forest will be improved rather than deteriorated. The State Forester has marked here the slender spindling pines whose tops are so small that they could never develop, also trees of inferior species which do a great deal of damage in mixture with the pine. Mr. Nelson estimates that by the time he has been all over his forest area once in this way his forest will have grown enough so that he can begin again.

Church Notes.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. Roy E. Whittemore, Pastor. Morning worship at 10:45 with sermon by the Rev. George B. Halsey, D. D. Bible school at 12.

Open-air service in rear of church at 6:30 p. m. (If weather is unfavorable, service will be held in the church.) Mid-week prayer service Thursday at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all these services. Visitors in town especially welcome.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Rev. John Evans Bold, Rector. Rectory No. 119 Main street. 7:30, Holy Communion (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.) 10:45, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays.) 10:00, Sunday school.

A MILITARY FAMILY.

E. D. Baker of Keene, N. H., returned to that city last Saturday, after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Middlebury, New Haven and Salisbury. Mr. Baker is a native of Middlebury and for 25 years has been janitor of the public schools of Keene. He served in Co. B, 11th Vermont Volunteers, in the Civil war for three years. Another brother, Lewis A. Baker of New Haven, served in the same command, and still another brother, Lucius C. Baker of Co. F, 5th Vermont, after a four years' service, was killed in the last fight before Petersburg, April 2, 1865.

Better Stay at Home.

A married man may better stay at home in the evening and agree with his wife's opinions than go uptown and me-too to all the fool theories men advance.—Toledo Blade.

Doing is the great thing, for if resolutely people do what is right in time they come to like doing it.—Ruskin.

ADDISON COUNTY FAIR.

The premium lists for the big Addison County fair have been issued by Secretary F. C. Dyer and contain a great deal of interesting matter and useful information. The dates for the fair are August 31 and September 1, 2 and 3. All the buildings and sheds are being put in fine shape for the proper housing of the exhibits, which this year promises to outdo any previous year. The services of the veteran starter, Fred A. Upton of Rochester, N. Y., have again been secured to act as judge of the races. He will also act as judge in the light harness classes. The races will continue to be one of the great features of the fair and the long list of entries insure good racing. The sum of \$3900 is offered in purses for the races and a still larger sum for premiums in the other departments. In the departments of horses, cattle, sheep and swine the entries will close Thursday, August 26, and the entries in the poultry department will close Friday, August 27.

Mr. Andrew Elliott of Galt, Ont., will judge the cattle classes. Mr. Elliott is one of the most competent judges of live stock on this continent. He has had many years' experience as a breeder and in awarding premiums tells why he does so. Mrs. Smith S. Ballard of Montpelier will act as judge in Exhibition hall. Her ability and experience is a guarantee that the work will be well done. The interior of Exhibition hall has been greatly improved. All of the 29 buildings of the association have been put in good condition. The dining hall, called the "Inside Inn," has been doubled and is now the largest dining room in Vermont, having a seating capacity of 260. A large addition has been built to the checking room in Exhibition hall, which has outgrown its quarters. A competent attendant is in charge of this department. One of the features of Exhibition hall is the open air rest rooms for the weary, which afford unrivalled views of the fair. It is expected the Government Morgan Horse farm will exhibit some of their choice stock. This stock will not be shown for premiums. The following is the program for the week:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

Devoted to entering and arranging exhibits, the sale of membership tickets, etc. Every article and animal must be on the grounds before 6 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1.

9:00 a. m. Judges will begin the examination of exhibits.

10:00 a. m. Exhibition of Stallions on the track for premiums.

1:15 p. m. Races called. 2:30 Trot, \$200; 2:15 Trot, Stake, \$500; 2:17 Pace, Stake, \$500.

8:00 p. m. Band Festival in the Village Park.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2.

10:00 a. m. Exhibition of Matched and Single Driving Horses on the track for premiums.

1:15 p. m. Races called. 2:13 Pace, Stake, \$500; 2:30 Pace, Stake, \$200; 2:19 Trot, Stake, \$500.

8:00 p. m. Band Festival in the Village Park.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3.

All children under 15 years of age admitted free on this day.

10:00 a. m. Special exhibition of premium winners will be made under the direction of the Chief Marshal and the Department Superintendents on the track in front of the grand stand.

1:15 p. m. Races called. 2:40 Pace, Stake, \$500; 2:25 Trot, Stake, \$500. Free-for-All, \$500.

Continuous performance each afternoon on the stage opposite the Grand Stand. Tickets sold for Grand Stand in the morning good for all day. Special exhibitions on the track each afternoon.

PANTON.

Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Cornell and their guests, Misses Caroline and Bertha Sinner and Estella Goodman, spent last Wednesday at the lake.

Bessie Rodgers is spending a week with Mrs. Orison Metcalf.

Mrs. Howard Allen and daughter, Marjory, of Bridport spent last Friday with Mrs. Frank Hartwell. They also called on Mrs. Ferson Hartwell and Mrs. Warren Norton.

Mrs. Walter White has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Elbert Stagg, Mrs. Arthur Vanderhoon and Miss Elsie Merrill went with Walter White in his car to Burlington last Wednesday to see Mrs. White at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Norton and son of Bridport spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norton.

Misses Helen Adams and Sadie Converse went with Mr. and Miss Dudley on a two days' auto trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kimball called on Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Tuesday.

Our mail carrier, Fred Chamberlain, is on his vacation. Mr. Adams of Vergennes is carrying the mail.

Miss Sadie Adkins is spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Ferson Hartwell.

Rev. Ralph Stone and party of friends are camping at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend Adams spent Sunday at the Davis brothers.

Mrs. Reine is visiting at the Davis brothers.

Herbert Sprague is still confined to the house by illness.

Mrs. Mary Sprague is in Vergennes caring for Mrs. Crane.

The well drawers are back at Herbert Norton's.

For baby's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mamma's sore throat. Grandma's lameness.—Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil—the household remedy. 25c and 50c.—adv.

SEE THE GROWTH OF THE BURLINGTON SAVINGS BANK AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE STATE. Table showing growth from 1850 to 1915. Interest 4 Per Cent Compound. Write For Further Information. CHARLES P. SMITH, President; F. W. PERRY, Vice President; F. W. WARD, Treasurer; E. S. ISHAM, Assistant Treasurer.

EXTRA DIVIDENDS. are the surest evidence of the "Mutual" feature of financial institutions. This bank has made two such dividends in the past two years in addition to paying the regular guaranteed rate of four per cent. THE BURLINGTON TRUST CO. "Safety First" City Hall Square—North Burlington, Vermont

ASSETS OVER TWO MILLIONS JUST NOTICE THIS GROWTH. Assets November 5, 1906 \$50,000 00 Assets July 1, 1915, \$2,026,415 00 FORTY TIMES as big as when we started less than nine years ago. Chittenden County Trust Co. 114 Church Street, Burlington, Vermont

RARE BARGAINS IN CONGOLEUM RUGS. We are going to close out our line of Congoleum Rugs at these marked reductions. Agents for HERRING—HALL—MARVIN Safe Company Geo. A. Hall, 212-214 College Street Burlington, Vermont A STRICTLY ALL FURNITURE STORE

A Curious Wish. I want to be sick! I want to lie in bed and be fussed over and petted and nursed. Mrs. Sourspite—When I gave you that solemn warning against marrying I said that some day you would regret it. Mrs. Newed—The time has come. Mrs. Sourspite (gleefully)—I thought so. Then you regret your marriage? Mrs. Newed—Oh, no! I regret the warning you gave me. It kept me from marrying for nearly a year.—Pittsburgh Press.

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR. This school is not an experiment. Its endorsement of you will stand for high character and ability. E. George Evans, Principal add Brandon

CARBORINE ROOF COATING applied to your roof now will save you the cost of a new one later; because it will instantly impart new life to the roof and extend its term of usefulness many years. STRONG HARDWARE CO. Burlington, Vermont

NOTICE Found—Came into my enclosure a heifer. Owner can have same by proving property, pay for this adv. and the keeping of same. C. O. Church, Trustee, Whiting, Vt., July 18, 1915.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS. THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. For baby's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mamma's sore throat. Grandma's lameness.—Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil—the household remedy. 25c and 50c.—adv. Subscribe For The Register