

THE MIDDLEBURY REGISTER

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Unmindful of the old adage that fools rush in where angels fear to tread, it is understood that 36 signers have gone on record as guarantors for another season of the Middlebury Chautauqua.

The late P. T. Barnum said that the people like to be humbugged, and The Register, without depreciating the generally good work of the Chautauqua scheme, does emphatically jump on its system of humbugging the public into the belief that this large corporation is acting to any great extent on altruistic principles.

There is no complaint from this quarter as to the work or the expense involved, but the whole principle of the Chautauqua financing, and its camouflage of community ideals, is more than 50 per cent wrong.

Anything worth while to the community should be able to stand on its own feet, and not lean upon the community.

There is also subject to criticism some of the Chautauqua's extravagant claims regarding many of its speakers and entertainers. The Chautauqua is a fairly good show, excellent for the money, which same could be said of many entertainments which Middlebury enjoys in the regular order of things.

The fact that Lake Dunmore has been reasonably free from drowning accidents, considering the large number of people who frequent it—for there have only been five drownings recalled there in the past 25 years—that fact makes more severe the shock of the news of last Tuesday's unfortunate case.

If there is any lesson in the disaster it is surely that a canoe even in still water and with reasonable care, is a treacherous craft, and that an upset even not far from shore, when one is handicapped by ordinary clothes, is a real peril even to fairly good swimmers.

Two cases in a single week give evidence that Middlebury men keep on the upward climb in the business and professional world. The appointment Wednesday by Governor Clement of John M. Avery, a former graduate of our high school and college as State Tax Commissioner, deserves congratulation, as does that of Earle T. Tracey, Middlebury, 1912, who finds himself promoted from the principalship of the Brandon High School to head the Junior High School in the Queen City, Burlington.

It is known that the College is engaged in the preparation of a new book that is to present some random biographical notes on some Midd men who have "made good", a task of selection that will be difficult since the list is large and growing. Midd has and is making better men, and with the recent augmentation of the faculty and the enlarged building equipment which better financing has made possible, there is unquestionably at the present time a glorious future for the little college.

DID YOU KNOW THIS? MIDDLEBURY'S STONE BRIDGE MODEL ED AFTER "OLDEST BRIDGE IN THE WORLD"



A Picture of Famous Bridge Across the Tiber at Rome Which Emperor Hadrian Built Exclusively as Approach to His Tomb and Which is Said to be the Oldest Bridge in the World—Taken by Joseph Battell, as Model for the Middlebury Stone Bridge Which Spans Otter Creek Falls

The Ponte St. Angelo, as the bridge in Rome is called, is the Pons Aelius of Hadrian, built as an approach to his mausoleum, and only intended for this, as another public bridge existed close by, at the time of its construction.

These angels, which have been called the "breezy maniacs" of Bernini, are only from his designs. The two angels which he executed himself, and intended for this bridge, are now at St. Andrea delle Fratte. The idea of Clement IX.

was that "an avenue of the heavenly host should be assembled to welcome the pilgrim to the shrine of the great apostle."

Dante saw the bridge of St. Angelo divided lengthways by barriers to facilitate the movement of the crowds going to and from St. Peter's on the occasion of the first jubilee, 1300. (Inferno XVIII, 29.)

From the Ponte St. Angelo, when the Tiber is low, are visible the remains of Pons Vaticanus, begun by Caietula, and finished by Nero, by which the ancient Via Triumphalis crossed the river. Close by, where Santo Spirito now stands, was the Porta Triumphalis, by which victors entered the city in triumph.

Facing the bridge is the famous Castle of St. Angelo, built by the Emperor Hadrian as his family tomb, because the last niche in the imperial mausoleum of Augustus was filled when the ashes of Nerva were laid there.

NATIONAL GRANGE MASTER TO BE HERE

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have Mrs. Julian Dimock of the New York Extension Service here to speak again this year. Mrs. Dimock is well remembered here as a fine speaker on women's topics.

Last year in New Haven the field meeting was attended by 1200 persons and an even larger gathering is expected this year at the Remele farm, which is a beautiful site for the meeting.

Jeffrey-Dratt

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell of Bridport was the scene of a pleasant event Wednesday evening when their granddaughter, Miss Gertrude Eliza Dratt and J. Milo Jeffrey, son of W. H. Jeffrey of Montpelier, were united in marriage by Rev. Harvey Gulick.

The bride's gown was white georgette crepe over white satin with silver trimming. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of white georgette over pink taffeta.

Among those present were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dratt and sister, Winnie, of Woodford, Va., her aunts, Mrs. Martha C. Andrews and Miss Aldiane R. Derby of Auburn N. Y., W. H. Jeffrey and his daughters, Misses Alice, Ellen and Ruth Jeffrey of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Manning of St. Albans, Michael Cohan and E. A. Emery of Montpelier, Miss Hannah Devorcel of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bristol of Burlington.

After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey will reside in North Stratford, Vt., where Mr. Jeffrey is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Rain Prevents Park Service

The first of the series of proposed out-of-door Community Services was spoiled by rain last Sunday evening. The service was held, however, in the Congregational church where Professor Raymond McFarland spoke.

Prof H. P. Williamson de Visme will speak at the Community Service the first Sunday in August.

The hour of the Community Service on Sunday evenings has been changed from 7 o'clock to 7:30.

—Miss Anna Cook of Albany, N. Y., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook on South street.

—Dr. P. L. Dorey and Edward Butler of Cornwall were in St. Albans Sunday where Mr. Butler was one of the candidates of the Fourth degree exemplification of the Knights of Columbus.

—Charles H. Williamson was taken yesterday to the Mary Fletcher hospital for treatment. He was accompanied by Dr. P. L. Dorey and Mrs. N. A. Seymour.

—A power ditcher said to be capable of digging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet of ditch a day was received yesterday and Supt. Hammond and a force of men from the Morgan horse farm conveyed it to the farm. It is the intention to drain a large tract of wet land this summer.

THE DROWNING OF GERTRUDE M. DONAHUE

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couple at the Camp knew nothing of it until Smith was brought in by the stranger's car; and LeRoy Russell who had sighted them fifteen minutes before from off Calhoun's Camp learned first of the accident after he had arrived in Middlebury.

Miss Frances Caswell of Middlebury and Orren Nelson of Salisbury had started out from Meehan's at the same time with the other couple, but when the dancing began they had turned back and were on the floor of the pavilion when word reached them of the disaster.

The canoe in which Smith and Miss Donahue were paddling was later recovered and drawn up on the beach at Zelenko Camp where the broken canoe in the forward seat was plainly an evidence of one of the contributory causes of the upset. The canoe, however, was otherwise sound and no action was suggested against Mr. Meehan who declared that every effort was made at the pavilion to rent canoes only to experienced parties and during safe hours on the lake.

The scene of the drowning, directly out from the pathway that leads to Ethan Allen's Cave on Mt. Moosalaun, is close to that where Ella Barton, the 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ira M. Taylor was drowned in August 17, 1905, in a very similar canoe upset while in company with Ducher Hamilton. In all there have been less than half a dozen drowning accidents at the lake in the last twenty-five years.

No Latin Play Next Year

The proposed presentation of another Latin play by students of the College next Commencement has been abandoned. At a meeting of the President and Trustees, after hearing reports on the expense involved in the presentation, the matter was dropped.

Prof. Myron R. Sanford of the Latin department has had a number of inquiries regarding the prospects for another such Roman Drama as was so successfully presented in 1900 and in 1910, but the expense, if a specially constructed building is required, as it has been in former years, would be especially heavy at the present price of building materials.

It was also suggested that the new gymnasium could be used next year, although it would necessitate the curtailment of scenic effects and smaller audiences, but neither this plan nor that of a special building apparently was considered feasible as at the Trustees' meeting the matter was laid on the table.

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A GREAT CHANCE IN LATIN-AMERICA

Horace Greeley's famous text "Go West, young man!" was paraphrased by Director-General John W. Barrett of the Pan-American Union in an address at Mead Memorial Chapel last Monday evening to read, "Go South!" To an audience made up largely of Summer Session students and particularly members of the Spanish School Mr. Barrett depicted the vast territorial extent of the nations of Central and South America and declared that the key to great commercial opportunities and to better international understandings in the Western Hemisphere was the study of the Spanish language.

In beginning his address, Mr. Barrett spoke in complimentary terms of Middlebury College, whose attractions appealed strongly to him. As a Vermonter himself by birth, and a distant relative of Dr. Ezra Brainerd, he felt closely attached to the college, and even felt some circumstantial relationship to President Thomas himself.

"The coming era" said Mr. Barrett, "will be a Pan-American era. And that means all America, even including Canada, for the Dominion will eventually become a member of the Pan-American Union. What this linking together every nation of the western hemisphere will mean, it is difficult to grasp fully, but it will certainly mean the leadership of the world; it will mean an alliance that will consist of twenty-one nations with a population of two hundred millions and a wealth of four hundred billions."

Latin-America, said Mr. Barrett, had a far greater determining influence in world affairs than generally realized and it was because of the support given President Wilson by the Latin-American representatives at the recent peace conference, he declared, that Mr. Wilson was able to dominate the conference.

Before the United States entered the war, the German newspapers and some in America also ridiculed Mr. Barrett and his Pan-American Union, he said. These publications had declared that if United States entered the war the Latin-American countries would swing over to the support of Germany. Germany, he said, seemed to believe this, and even declared that the United States would be helpless because of the "Latin-American counter-action." The result, however, was that 18 of the 20 Latin-American countries broke relations with Germany almost as soon as the United States declared war on her, and thirteen of the southern republics declared war upon the Central Powers. This, said Mr. Barrett, was fine evidence of the friendliness of South America toward the United States.

The Pan-American Union had been the greatest agency in binding North and South America together, he said. The Union has a building at Washington, where the headquarters of the organization are located, which is one of the most wonderful buildings of its kind in the world. In this building the representatives of the different countries have gathered with the secretary of state of the United States and have formed a regular League of Nations. During its establishment the Union has prevented eight wars between Latin-American countries and since its organization there have been no wars at all among any of these countries. Balfour and Joffre when they visited the buildings were greatly impressed with the great work which the Union is doing. Balfour said, "I honestly believe that if there had existed in Europe a building like this and a room like this and the representatives of the European countries had met on the first of August, 1914, the great war would have been prevented." In the last 100 years there have been seven times as many wars in Europe as in Latin-America, and with the exception of Mexico, no country has seen a revolution in the last twenty-five years.

"The whole of the United States", said Mr. Barrett, as one illustration of the size of South American countries, "could be set inside the country of Brazil. I myself have counted no less than 19 vessels drawing 22 feet of water navigating the Amazon river 2,200 miles from its mouth—a distance greater than it would be from the mouth of the Mississippi to Hudson Bay."

Many of the smaller countries of South America were still bigger than great groups of the Northern states, in fact if a plumb line were dropped down the Mississippi river, all east of that line could be called the Argentine and would fairly represent it in range of climate as well as size. The beautiful city of Buenos Aires can boast of the most magnificent newspaper building in the world; schools that would compare favorably with the best in America, theatres and opera houses of the finest type and modern facilities of civilization in almost every line, but the remarkable fact was that this country of the Argentine and the other Latin-American countries, with all of their vast extent, their great development, and their natural resources, still had a population of less than twenty million.

Finds Them Everywhere

It is a rare trip on which President Thomas does not find a Midd alumnus. This week he was in Bennington to sit for the first time as one of the trustees of the Vermont Soldiers Home, an appointment he recently received from Governor Clement, and he found there as one of the inmates of the home an almost helpless old veteran, Bradford P. Sparrow, who was a graduate of the college in 1874, a classmate of the late George M. Wright of Orwell.

—Miss Estelle Lavonche of Worcester, Mass., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lavonche, jr.

JOHN AVERY, STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

An appointment by Governor Clement this week brings a well-known former resident of Middlebury to the post of state tax commissioner. John M. Avery, the new appointee, was born in Wallingford, April 4, 1880. While he was still a boy his mother brought him and three of his sisters to Middlebury on account of the educational advantages of the town and college. He is a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and while in college he was especially known for his skill as a debator. His three sisters, Rena R. now in Y. W. C. A. work, Lucia E., now Mrs. Warren L. Carpenter, and Maud E. Avery were all graduates of the college.

Following his own graduation in 1912 Mr. Avery studied law in the office of Judge Charles I. Button, and while in that office was appointed legislative reference librarian, which position he has held since May 1, 1913. Mr. Avery was married in June 1912 to Ida Gertrude Spier, who died last year

leaving two young children with whom Mr. Avery lives in the village of Berlin, near Montpelier. His work as legislative reference librarian during the past three sessions of the legislature has given him a wide knowledge of legislative problems and an opportunity for familiarity with state affairs which should prove of especial value in his work as commissioner of taxes.

No Sunday Dancing

The dance at Meehan's Park, Lake Dunmore, which was to have been held last Sunday evening was called off on account of numerous protests against Sunday dancing. State's Attorney Allan R. Sturtevant reported that a dozen or more Addison County residents had registered their objections, and that no Sunday dancing would be allowed at the lake this summer.

—Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Kathryn Lamorder, a former resident here, and Raymond G. Thompson of Florence Saturday in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will make their home in Florence.

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