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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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FREE trial bottle to PHILO HAY, 229 Lafayette st., Newark, N. J. Large 50c. bottle at druggists'.

WHIST CLUB ORGANIZED.

Nine Tables Surrounded at Its First Meeting.

A whist club was organized Tuesday evening at the Catholic Order of Foresters Hall:—President, Harmon Therian; treasurer, Melvina Damon; secretary, Mary L. Therian. The ladies prize went to Mrs Pereault; consolation prize to Mrs Thomas Thebarge. Gentlemans prize to Mr Peladeau; consolation to A. Thereault.

There were nine tables and cards were enjoyed until ten, after which cake and coffee were served by the L. A. S. of the C. O. F. They will meet again in two weeks.

MISS ROBINSON SURPRISED.

Visited Without Warning By Twenty of Her Friends.

About twenty young people, gave Miss Lizzie Robinson a surprise at her home south of the village Wednesday evening. Although a genuine surprise, the guests were none the less welcome.

The rooms were quickly cleared for action, cards, dancing and other entertainments provided, and it was late before the party started to return to their homes.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Miss N. Jennie Cleveland, who has been out of town two years, has returned and is staying at Mrs Frank Harwood's on Main street.

The members of the Young Ladies' club enjoyed a delightful sleighride last evening, followed by a supper.

A telephone has been placed in the office of Dr F. W. Goodall. 3-2.

Rev D. B. McNeil of Manchester is visiting Rev Philip Schuyler for a few days.

Mrs L. B. Parker entertained a number at cards Wednesday evening. The prizes were won by Mrs R. W. Hyde and Miss Mary Hyde.

News has been received of the death in the Mary Fletcher hospital, Burlington, Wednesday, from appendicitis of Miss Bertha M. Pratt, daughter of Rev Dr Parsons S. Pratt of Dorset.

Elmer Lever has moved into Mrs F Scott's tenement on Park st.

William Tiffany is dangerously ill.

L E Callender clerk of the Bennington and Chatham RPO was unable to attend to his duties yesterday.

O E Gibson is confined to the house with an attack of kidney trouble.

Mrs William Long is quite ill.

William Buss has been laid up the past few days with a sliver in his hand He had a narrow escape from blood poisoning.

Mrs John O'Hearn of Bradford st is under the doctors care.

W F Peltier of Park street was in North Adams last week on business.

John Mulligan of Maple street returned from Montreal where he has been visiting his mother.

The Ladies of the church of the Sacred Heart are planning to hold a fair in the near future. The following ladies have been appointed to oversee the affair: Mrs B Pinsonvault, Mrs P Damon, Mrs E Burgess Mrs W F Peltier, Mrs John E Healy.

Joseph Gondreau has moved from Grove St into J M Healey's tenement at the corner of Park and Gage.

Messrs Martel and Ricard have purchased the business of Peter Roy corner of Mill and River sts. They will run a grocery and bakery combined.

The semi-annual meeting of the statl court catholic Order of Foresters wil be held in Bennington, Feb 9. A banquet will be served in the evening by the Ladies Aid Society of the local court. The entertainment committee consists P Longtin, J E Healy, E La Franchise, W F Peltier.

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight and Friday; continued old.

Relief In One Minute.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs and prevents any lung trouble. A pleasant and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by H. A. Quigley.

WAR READY TO BEGIN

Admiral Alexieff Empowered to Commence.

MIKADO HOLDS COUNCIL

War May Be Declared at Once—Russia's Reply is Still Unsatisfactory.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the Russian government has given Viceroy Alexeieff authority to declare war and open hostilities on his own responsibility if circumstances render it necessary.

The dispatch adds that an imperial manifesto declares that war is expected if the Japanese government does not accept the conditions proposed in Russia's response, which, it is asserted, is Russia's last word.

Late dispatches from Tokyo indicate that the prolonged tension has reached a climax there.

The Marquis Ito, president of the privy council, was summoned from the country during the night. The emperor received him, and a council of the elder statesmen was held with the war minister and three admirals.

The conference lasted several hours. While it was going on Premier Katsura and Foreign Minister Komura had a long audience of the emperor.

Although the government officials continue reticent, it is manifest that the situation is of the gravest and that a crisis is near at hand. The time in which the Russian reply will continue to be a factor in the situation is narrowing.

The patience of the government is becoming exhausted, and if the expected answer is delayed many days longer the issuance of an ultimatum by Japan will become inevitable.

The Japanese feel that the existing conditions have entitled them to a more prompt reply and are bound to infer that the St. Petersburg government is determined not to yield, but is utilizing the time to advance its preparations for war.

The highest officials make no pretense of concealment of their exasperation at the tardiness of the Russian reply.

An unofficial dispatch says it is expected that the Russian reply will mean war.

Port Arthur dispatches indicate that in response to the Japanese war measures important naval and military movements have been effected. The Russian squadron heretofore inside the harbor, consisting of the battleships Retvisan, Peresviet, Czarevitch, the cruiser Fremiaschek, the battleship Orel, the cruiser Smiely and the battleship Sevastopol, have joined the outside fleet, consisting of the battleships Petropavlovsk, Probieda and Poltava, the cruisers Diana, Pallada, Askold, Varyag and Boyarm and the gunboat Bakan.

The latter has just arrived here from Chemulpo, Korea, with complete Japanese charts of the Korean coast.

The cruiser Djigit, the torpedo gunboat Gaidamak and the sloop-of-war Zabiyaka, four gunboats and the torpedo flotilla remain inside.

Simultaneously the Third brigade of Siberian rifles and two batteries of artillery started for an unannounced destination from the Liao Yang, south of Mukden.

Altogether about 9,000 troops have departed, leaving 10,000 men at Port Arthur, exclusive of the troops manning the fortifications.

In consequence of the military authorities monopolizing the use of the railroad the latter has declined to transport any more commercial freight.

The telegraph company declines to accept any more press or private messages, so they will have to be routed via Chefu.

The authorities declare the naval and military dispositions should be regarded as precautionary, not as offensive.

Made Child Fast Seventy-two Hours.

AUBURN, Me., Feb. 4.—Rev. F. W. Sandford, head of the Holy Ghost and Us society, was tried in the supreme court here and found guilty of cruelty to his six-year-old son. Sentence was deferred. The state charged that Sandford in fulfillment of his religious teachings compelled his son to fast for seventy-two hours. The defense offered no evidence. Sandford is also under indictment for manslaughter, the charge growing out of the alleged ill treatment of children in his congregation.

MRS. WILLIAM WILKINS.

Mother of Mrs C. S. Kehoe Died Yesterday.

Mrs William Wilkins died at her home on Booth Terrace yesterday. She had been in poor health for some two years, so that her death was not unexpected. She was 71 years of age, born in England, but had resided here some 25 years.

She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, regular in her attendance until her health gave out She was also a member of Mount Anthony chapter OES.

Mrs Wilkins is survived by her husband, four sons, one, S. J. Wilkins, now residing here; and two daughters, Mrs C. S. Kehoe and Mrs A. C. Thompson, both residents of this place.

Her funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev W. H. Washburne officiating.

KNIGHTS EAT AT NIGHT

Voted to Hold District Meeting Here in March.

At the regular meeting of Monument Lodge K. of P., Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed by D. D. C., J. H. Habberly: C. C., Ward L. Lyons; P., Frank E. Howe; K. R. S., R. F. Rawson; M. A., C. F. Barnes; M. W., H. C. Rosier; M. F., T. H. Southall; M. E., F. B. Packard; I. G., C. G. Houghton.

Following the installation ceremony came a turkey supper served to the members and invited guests. Nearly fifty enjoyed the feast which was about the best ever given.

After the turkey was disposed of and cigars were lighted, the company adjourned to the lodge room where informal speeches and music were enjoyed. One of the features of the evening was the presentation of a chancellor's jewel to the retiring chancellor, Dr L. H. Ross.

Plans were discussed for the holding of a southern Vermont district meeting. It was decided to hold this some time in March with Monument Lodge. The only lodges in the district are the one here and Vermont Lodge of Rutland.

Letters received in St Johnsbury by relatives of Vice-Gov Henry C. Ide, of the Philippines, contain the news that he is now enjoying his usual health and began his duties as vice-governor of the Philippines Monday. It will be remembered that Vice-Governor Ide was seriously injured in a runaway accident in Manila, early in November. While out driving, the horses became frightened and started to run toward a narrow gate in the old city wall. Judge Ide, fearing a collision with an approaching carriage, jumpted out and landed on his head on the rough stone pavement. Beside receiving severe bruises, he injured a nerve in his head, and was confined to the house for over a month

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We render our own Lard and cure our own Salt Pork—pure, sweet and wholesome.

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AT WILLOUGHBY'S
E. T. CULLINAN, Mgr.
Telephone Call 12-12

HIS WIFE HAS GONE

Edgar Rhodes of Pownal is again Wifeless.

SEVEN WEEKS OF BLISS

And then the Honeymoon Ended and the Moon Set in a Cloud.

In its issue of December 21 the Evening Banner told the story of the difficulties experienced by Edgar Rhodes of Pownal in his search for a wife, and the next day congratulated him on his marriage to Ella May Butcher of Waterbury. The honey moon started off very auspiciously with a reception to friends in Pownal when the guests were entertained by Mr and Mrs Rhodes while he was telling those present of the happiness he was experiencing at the happy conclusion of his matrimonial troubles.

The newly married couple took up their abode with Dexter Rhodes intending to go to housekeeping in their own home in the spring.

To make a long story short the honeymoon ran out of honey this week and Mrs Ella May Butcher Rhodes has gone back to her home at Waterbury leaving Edgar to drag along alone.

After seven weeks of wedded bliss and double harness the ties are severed and, to use the words of a quondam celebrity she has "went, gone and vamoosed the ranch, leaving a small circle of mourners made up of one husband."

Mr Rhodes states that his wife says she will be back in about three months but some of his friends fear she may be detained longer.

NORTH HOOSICK.

Miss Minnie Eldred is with her sister in Saratoga.

We are having splendid sleighing and daily additions to our snow.

Mrs Bradt and Miss Leila Marsh are on the sick list. Mrs A. D. Potter is better.

There was a sheet and pillow case party Friday evening at the home of Mrs Allen.

Mrs Frank Beagle of South Shaftsbury has been visiting her mother for several days.

Tuesday, Mrs Frank E. Howard spent the day with Mrs Mason Smith of Bennington.

As Mrs Louber was going to the cellar Friday, the top stair broke, letting her fall, hurting her quite badly.

Mr and Mrs Samuel Brooks, who have been spending the winter with their son have gone to Gloversville to visit their daughter.

The Walloomsac school had a sleighride Friday, passing through North Hoosick about 5 o.clock p. m. enroute home. They had a pleasant time.

Two large sleighloads of about fifty attended a Rag Ball sociable at Wm. Johnson's Wednesday evening. The roads were drifted so badly that it was almost impossible to get there, but they had a good time and a nice supper.

Sickness and Trouble.

(they commonly go together) attack the rich in their palaces, the poor in their tenements, the lawyer, the doctor, the judge, the preacher, the woman at her housework, the sailor on the sea. Dr David Kennedy prepared his new medicine, Cal-cura Solvent, to cure it and it does Write to the Cal cura company, Rondout, N. Y., for free booklet and sample bottle.

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York.

SOJOURNING IN TROPICS.

Mr and Mrs Harrie C White Spending Winter In Jamaica.

The Evening Banner received a letter this morning from Harrie C. White, who with his wife is sojourning in Jamaica, called the "Pearl of the West Indies."

Mr White writes, after referring to some personal matters, "Mrs White and I are now pleasantly located at the Constant Spring hotel, five miles from Kingston." Both are enjoying their visit there, and hope that their trip will accomplish the desired result, in the way of perfect health.

RECORD OF TRUSTEES

Hope to Leave Treasury Better than They Found It

Of the bills approved Monday evening by the village trustees amounting to some $1000 orders were drawn for $309 73 leaving the balance to be paid by the incoming board. The general fund is actually overdrawn only $54.76 by this board.

The approved bills will increase this amount to some $700 which will have to be paid next year. There will also be the bills for the current month of February which will be audited by the board to be chosen at the coming village election but barring unforseen things this year's board will leave a smaller floating debt than any that has preceded it for several years.

This Board of Trustees paid at their first meeting last year over $2700 of bills contracted by the old board, and since that time other bills amounting to something less than $1000 in the aggregate. This board will be obliged to leave a legacy of debt to the incoming board, as was left to it by the preceding board, and likewise in succession from one board to another for many years past.

It was the ambition of this board to pay not only the debt left by the preceding board, but all its own bills as well, but the impossible was evidently not attainable.

This board, aside from the legacy above mentioned, and the current expenses of the village, has expended $500 for a sewer on West Main street and $100 on a heating plant in the Stark hose house.

The truth is that practically every dollar raised by taxation for the general fund is either spent or mortgaged before a newly elected board of trustees takes its seat As a matter of law, however, every board has the legal right to expend all the taxes raised during the year it holds office.

If it pays the bills contracted by a preceding board, it does so because they are legitimate and lawful claims against the village, but these bills cannot be charged against the current tax budget. In other words, any board of trustees may pay the bills contracted by former boards, and also expend every dollar raised by taxation during their term of office. For this reason this board has not overdrawn its credit by more than $3500.

POWNAL CENTER.

Miss Bessie Reynolds spent Sunday in Bennington.

Some of the roads are drifted badly but they are kept open for travel.

Rev Dr Gates of Troy will preach at the Union church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Charlotte Barber of Bennington Center was at C. H. Myer's last week.

Mrs John Sweet and Mrs William Moulton have recovered and are again about.

Evangelist C. J. Butler of Camden, N. J. is holding services nightly at the Union church. He is a singer of rare ability and plays the auto harp for an accompanyment.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by O. E. Gibson Druggists. Price 50c & $1.00. Trial Bottles free.

CLEMENT TO SPEAK

Supposed Opening of His Campaign.

ADDRESS AT WINDSOR.

Invited to Speak on Good Roads by Selectmen and Other Citizens.

What is likely to prove the opening of the political campaign for 1904, will be substantially begun in Windsor tomorrow, Friday evening, Feb. 5, by Hon Percival W. Clement.

Wednesday Mr Clement received the following letter:

To the Hon Percival W. Clement:—

It is understood that you have made investigations on the subject of good roads for the state of Vermont and have also studied into the finances of this state. As we deem that these matters are of great importance to the citizens of this state, we respectfully invite you to address the citizens of Windsor upon these subjects at your earliest convenience.

Windsor, January 29, 1904.

This letter is signed by the selectmen, postmaster, the town representative and about fifty of the leading citizens of Windsor. Mr Clement accepted the invitation and will speak on the issues in the town hall in that village at 8 o'clock.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

E. T. Cullinan is spending a portion of the week in North Adams.

George Lockwood is confined to the house with an attack of quinsy.

Joseph Lumb, who has been in Torrington, Conn., has returned. He is making arrangements to remove his family to this village.

Mrs Leon Parker entertained a few ladies Wednesday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs A. J. Pike.

Mrs H. N. Williams gave a small card party Wednesday evening.

Mrs A. J. Pike of Jacksonville has been visiting her son, Sele S. Pike. She returned home this morning.

E. J. Stratton went to New York yesterday on business.

Rooms have been rented in the Hawks building for a United States recruiting office. This will be opened in the near future.

Captain R. C. Graves is expected home this week. He will attend the officers' school to be held in Burlington next week.

The Seventh Day Adventists will meet with Mrs Wilkins at 208 Grove street, Saturday afternoon for Bible study.

"The Right of Way" will be the topic at the Baptist church Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev Frank R Morris, will preach at both services.

The Enquiry Class which has been meeting at the Baptist church Friday evening will meet at the Pastor's home from 7:15 to 8 o'clock, afternoon classes at the church as usual.

A man whose name could not be learned was knocked from a load of wood at the corner of School and Main streets last evening. The binder of the load struck him in the head and knocked him senseless. He soon recovered consciousness and delivered the wood.

It is announced that the proposed sale of timber lands in Glastenbury, Wilmington, Stamford, Woodford and other towns, to a syndicate of New York and Boston capitalists, the option on which expired Feb. 2, has not been completed and probably will not be.

Mrs James H. Whitney went to Pittsfield Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs Sarah M Laugh in McDeavitt, a relative. She was accompanied by Miss B. McLaughlin. Mrs McDeavitt was a former resident of Dorset and mother of Miss Mary McDeavitt, who has many friends here.