

BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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PRICE ONE CENT

When Gas Pipes Freeze Up Alcohol is Turned into the Pipes. Who Would Suppose that a Gas Pipe was so Near Hum in?

ROOSEVELT TALKS TO GARFIELD BUT NO OTHERS

Will Not Make His Choice of Candidate Known

DIDN'T TELL GARFIELD

Garfield Supposed to Have Visited the Ex-President in Behalf of the Progressives.

New York, Jan. 6.—After a talk with James R. Garfield, ex-secretary of the interior and a leader of the republican progressives in Ohio, ex-President Roosevelt returned to Oyster Bay, N. Y., last night. Col. Roosevelt had just one thing to say. It was that he had no intention of letting the public know what he thinks about the selection of a republican candidate for president. He declared his purpose of bottling himself up at Sagamore Hill and refusing to answer any questions. "Does that mean that your attitude will remain a riddle from now until the republican convention is held?" he was asked. But on that point Mr. Roosevelt refused to commit himself saying merely that as far ahead as he could see he could make no public expression of his position.

Mr. Garfield's journey to New York was regarded as significant because it followed so closely the convention of the Ohio republican progressives, where he was credited with having taken a leading part in dissuading the convention from endorsing Senator La Follette for the nomination for the presidency. Neither Col. Roosevelt nor Mr. Garfield would say a word in regard to their talk. Mr. Garfield succeeded in entering Col. Roosevelt's editorial office unseen and had been there some time before his presence became known. He departed soon after, and subsequently met Col. Roosevelt at a club house where they were able to talk in seclusion.

Despite this arrangement Col. Roosevelt's presence at the club became known and when he emerged to go to his train he found a squad of interviewers and photographers waiting for him. The colonel was not at all pleased. He said it was most offensive to be followed to private clubs and that he regarded it as an outrage. Col. Roosevelt saw many visitors at his office yesterday but he declined to say who they were explaining that some of them did not like to have their names appear in the public prints. One of them was "Mike" Donovan, an athletic trainer who used to go to Washington to box with the colonel when he was president.

A bitter wind was romping across the bay when Col. Roosevelt returned last night and started on the one and a half mile drive from the station to his home. As he alighted from the train he said he wished to make it clear that he could see no interviewers at Sagamore Hill. So many of them wanted to see him, he said, that if he granted their requests he would have no time for himself. Then he bundled himself up in a large fur coat, entered his automobile and was driven off.

Earlier in the day in New York the colonel was asked whether he had seen the statement made by Lawrence Abbott, president of the Outlook company, declaring that Col. Roosevelt was not a candidate for the presidential nomination. "I have not seen it," he replied. "Do you expect to see it?" he was asked. "I shall not," replied the colonel, with a vigorous shake of his head, as he strode into his private office.

Mr. Abbott was more communicative. "I made the statement," he said, "without any consultation with Col. Roosevelt. He did not see the article before its publication, and so far as I know he has not read it. I have had no communication with him on that subject." "You don't expect to be put in the Annapolis club do you?" Mr. Abbott was asked.

"I have no fear of that," he said. "The statement in my judgment represents Col. Roosevelt's attitude at the present time. I have been closely associated with him for three years and in that time I have formed my views of his attitude. I believe that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination, will not be one and will do what he can to prevent action being taken in his behalf."

Mr. Abbott said he wished to make it clear that the statement could not be construed as an authorized expression of Col. Roosevelt's views. "Do you think Col. Roosevelt would accept the nomination if it were offered to him?" was asked. "I don't know. I don't believe Col. Roosevelt himself knows," was the reply.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For eastern New York and western Vermont increasing cloudiness probably followed by snow late tonight or Sunday. Not quite so cold in extreme south portion.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

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

\$15 buys a Hart Schaffner & Marx \$25 overcoat at Mulligan & Roche's.

Charles Percy of Valentine street is employed at the C. D. Sweet meat market.

Harry, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Silver of Bradford street is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. Burgess and Miss Carrie Burgess have been called to Shushan because of the death of a relative.

Edward L. Sibley Jr., who has been recovering from an attack of tonsillitis has had a relapse and is quite seriously ill.

The Bible class will meet at 5 o'clock Sunday in the Y. M. C. A. All older boys and men are invited to spend a half hour in the study of "Abram."

Fred Russell reports that on December 28th he dug a peck of potatoes from his lot. These were some that had been overlooked in the early season.

The Giants defeated the Pirates in the Y. M. C. A. ten pin tournament Friday evening. They won two out of the three strings but lost the match by 23 pins.

Orin B. Bowen has purchased of Claire E. Soule the pool room and shooting gallery which the latter has conducted in the basement of the Norton block during the past year.

The ladies of St. Monica's society are requested to meet at the home of the late Mrs. Anna Carroll of West Main street this evening at eight o'clock to recite the Rosary. They are also requested to meet at the same place Sunday afternoon at 2.30 to attend the funeral in a body.

Christian Science service every Sunday at 11 o'clock corner Park and Scott street. Subject "God." Golden text: "There is one God; and there is none other but he; and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." The public is cordially welcome.

NORTH BENNINGTON

There will be special meetings held at the Methodist church the coming week on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Several from this village attended the leap year dance given by the Seniors of the Bennington high school last evening.

Services will be held as usual at the Congregational church on Sunday. The pastor will preach on the topic: "The Life Worth Living" in the morning and will administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the close of the service. All should be present. Sunday school will meet at 12:10. Begin the new quarter and the new year right by being present. The Endeavor society will hold its consecration meeting at 6.15 o'clock with the topic "Courage." At the evening service at 7 o'clock the pastor will continue the readings in Ephesians, chapter 2. This week will be observed as the week of prayer and services will be held on the evenings from Tuesday to Friday. We will meet Tuesday evening with Senator and Mrs. H. T. Cushman, on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Payne, on Thursday at the church, on Friday at the parsonage. Let us have large gatherings for prayer. The annual meeting of the church society will be held at the church Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

"Farmhands"

"Supposing a farmer employing six farmhands was a candidate for governor of Vermont and supposing those six farmhands thought enough of the ability and sincerity of the farmer to say a word in behalf of the farmer's candidacy, when the chance came their way. Would the farmer be accused of building up a 'machine'?" Would he be told to shut the mouths of his six farmhands? Would he be shyly informed that such is 'indivisible politics'? Would he be told to prevent those six farmhands from doing or saying anything which might in any manner of means be construed as favoring the candidacy of said farmer? We think not."

But, supposing that one and possibly more, of those trusted farmhands had taken to writing letters to other farmhands, that had aspirations of being farm superintendents, etc., sometimes, telling them that if they did not support the good farmer they need expect no favors from any of the farmers in "his" county, etc.; that they should not have been so hasty in pledging support to another farmer, etc., but "should have left a string to their pledge" so that they might have withdrawn it, etc.

What then? Are not certain letters that have been sent out from Montpelier by some of these "farmhands" exactly like those used in previous campaigns by unregenerate politicians? Are not these methods just what the good farmer condemned?

This paper does admire Joseph A. Do Boer.

It does believe that he would give Vermont one of the best business administrations she ever had if he were elected governor.

It does not believe that he knew that any such letters were being sent out and that he would have promptly stopped them had he known it.—Morrisville Messenger.

WAR RESUMED AND SEVEN HUNDRED ARE SLAIN

Severe Struggle Yesterday Near City of Hankow

IMPERIALISTS LOST MOST

Revolutionists Attacked Manchu Troops As They Were Leaving the City and Retreating

Peking, Jan. 5.—Seven hundred imperial troops are reported to have been killed or wounded Thursday in a battle near Hankow, province of Hu Pei, with the revolutionists. The imperial forces were evacuating the city when two of their trains were destroyed. From these trains 1000 troops, independent of their commanders, were making an effort to return to Hankow. The revolutionists, however, attacked them vigorously inflicting heavy losses.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Local Lodge of Foresters Elected Officers for Ensuing Year Friday

At the annual meeting of Court Bennington, Foresters of America, held Friday evening the following officers were chosen for the year:—C. R. Edward Shanahan; V. G. R. Schuyler Dean Sr.; P. C. R. Fred Peake; lecturer, F. Howard Ferguson; recording secretary, Clarence Shippey; financial secretary, James Hornidge; treasurer, William C. Houran; senior woodard, Henry Pratt; junior woodard, William Hollister; senior beadle, Elmer Barrett; junior beadle, Dennis Gragon; trustee for three years, Chris Fruitch.

These officers were installed by D. G. C. R. Fred Peake with Grand Herald Daniel Merriman. On assuming the chair Chief Ranger Ed. Shanahan appointed the following committees: Financial committee: Frank Shaw, George Martin, Chris Fruitch. Auditors:—E. J. Crahan, Fred Peake, Schuyler Dean Sr. Arbitration:—Henry Pratt, Clarence Potter, Dennis Gragon, E. J. Crahan, Frank Shaw, William Hollister, George Martin. Hall committee: D. A. Ward.

FIGHT OVER MILLIONS

Three Aged Women Control Estate of William P. Furniss

New York, Jan. 5.—A remarkable lawsuit which has disrupted one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic of New York's Knickerbocker families, has come to light with a decision handed down by the appellate division which, in effect, prohibits the presumptive heirs of William P. Furniss from demanding an accounting of the enormous estate of the "West Indian merchant prince" left his three daughters in trust when he died in 1871.

These daughters who live at 289 Madison avenue, are Sophia R. C. Furniss, aged 90; Margaret E. (Zimmerman) Furniss, 80, and Clementina Furniss, 75. They have been fighting the action brought by their nearest of kin for upward of a year but so carefully has the secret been guarded that the facts did not become public until yesterday.

The complainants, who declare they will now carry the case to the court of appeals, are Miss Grace Livingston Furniss a playwright and niece of the three defendants; William P. Furniss, 2d, her brother, and his son, Clinton Challet Furniss, great-nephew of the venerable and determined women.

The trouble grows out of the unusual will made by William P. Furniss, a native of Portsmouth, N. H. He acquired a fortune in trade with the West Indies, and when the business was well established he came from the island of St. Thomas to New York and built a handsome residence known as the "White House," on what is now Riverside, considering the attractive effect.

By the terms of the will the estate was divided into six parts, one for each heir. Three sons were given their shares outright, but a trust fund was established for each daughter, which were to be kept intact unless the beneficiaries bore children, when the funds could be willed to the offspring. Margaret married John E. Zimmerman but there was no child. Hence the funds have grown to enormous proportions.

Another provision was that in event of the death of any of the sisters her trust fund should go to the two survivors. With the death of a second sister, the estates of the two should be merged with that of the sole survivor. However, it was permissible for one or more survivors to will to whom they liked such money as was inherited.

The presumptive heirs are sure of shares in one of the funds, if not in all, and they are anxious to determine the value of the prospective legacy, and whether it is being properly administered. While they have been unable to get at exact facts and figures they declare that if the funds have been husbanded they must run far into the millions.

TICKET SCANDAL IS WHITE WASHED BY REPORT

Commission Says Officials Were Not at Fault

NOR WERE THE PLAYERS

Everybody Connected With the Baseball Series is Given a Clean Bill of Health.

Cincinnati Jan. 5.—The final lid was clamped and sealed here today on the celebrated ticket scalping scandal that ruffled the baseball horizon directly following the world's championship series in New York and Philadelphia last October. While the national baseball commission gathered enough evidence to assure it that wholesale ticket scalping took place in both towns, yet this evidence indicated that neither the New York National nor Philadelphia American league club owners, managers, players, or employees were in collusion with the scalpers. On the contrary, the commission says, the evidence shows that both clubs used every reasonable precaution to protect the public.

The commission holds that the charges of the press at the time were justified but gently scores a number of people who at the time of the episode offered to produce proof as to the alleged collusion but failed to deliver any evidence of value.

In addition to exonerating both clubs the commission praises them for the extra precautions that were taken against scalping. State and municipal legislation against scalping is urged.

BENNINGTON FIRM BANKRUPT

Cole & Mortland Have Liabilities of \$18,297.11

Rutland, Jan. 6.—Three cases of bankruptcy were filed yesterday at the office of Clerk F. S. Platt in the federal building. They are as follows:

Parker Cole and James A. Mortland, known as the firm of Cole & Mortland of Bennington filed petitions in company and individually. The company's liabilities are \$18,297.11, assets \$5596.65 of which \$100 is claimed exempt. Cole gave his liabilities as \$8874.32, assets \$590. Mortland's liabilities are \$1265.20, assets \$225.

TWO PIGS STOLEN

Unknown Person Got Away With Two Little Pigs

Two young pigs were stolen from the piggery at the Soldiers' Home on Thursday night and up to the present time no trace of the thief has been discovered. The porkers were only three weeks old and it was therefore easy for the thief to get away without discovery. A lantern, which was apparently used by the thief in making his selection from the litter of pigs, was found not far away.

Knighthood For Women.

It is not at all well known that knighthood has constantly been conferred upon women. Many English ladies received the accolade, and many more were members of such knightly orders as the Garter and St. John. When Mary Cholmondeley, "the bold lady of Cheshire," was knighted by Elizabeth for "her valiant address" on the queen taking command at the threatened invasion by Spain, did she know that a whole city of Spanish women, the gallant women of Tortosa, had been knighted for saving that city from the Moors? Mary and Elizabeth had both been knighted at their coronation, but by the time Anne, the second Mary and Victoria ascended the throne it had been quite forgotten that, according to English law and use, a woman who filled a man's office acquired all its privileges and was immune from none of its duties.—London Graphic.

Repenting at Leisure.

Agnes was a little tot of five, with curly, flaxen hair, china-like complexion—and a will of her own. She had been ill advised, not to say deliberately naughty, at the dinner table, and mamma had dismissed her to her bedroom, to remain in durance vile till she should express due contrition for her behavior. Agnes cheerfully obeyed the parental order and showed no spirit of repentance at the end of the first quarter of an hour. When thirty minutes had elapsed mamma called from an adjoining room:

"Agnes, dearie, aren't you sorry?" There was no reply from the darkness beyond.

Ten minutes later the question was repeated. Back came the reply in the patient dignity and childish treble of five summers:

"Mamma, please don't ask me any more. I'll come and let you know when I'm sorry."

COLD WAVE HOLDS COUNTRY IN ITS EMBRACE

First Zero Weather of Winter in This Section

TEN BELOW THIS MORNING

Much Lower Temperatures Reported and Severity of Weather Increased by Biting Northwest Wind

For the first time this winter zero weather prevails and according to the weather reports it is likely to be still colder. The whole northern and central part of the country is in the grip of a cold wave.

Standard thermometers this morning registered ten below zero and ordinary mercury thermometers in some cases made the record much lower. The sharp northwesterly wind made the temperature seem much lower. The frozen ground and lack of snow makes the country roads bad but in the mountains to the east, there is snow enough so that logging has been resumed.

Cold weather records for the year, and in many instances for many years, were either broken yesterday or will be during the succeeding 24 hours in the territory within a 1000-mile radius of the great lakes, according to the prediction issued by the Chicago weather bureau. In the immediate vicinity of the lakes, where the open water tempered the blasts, temperatures were materially higher than in places farther away. But a low record for many years for Chicago was established shortly before noon, at 9.6 below zero. Today's figure is placed at 15 degrees below zero.

Westward as far as the Rocky mountains and northward into Canada, the low temperatures yesterday, it was predicted, would be surpassed in the bitter weather of the next 24 hours. Canada's low figure, 42 below zero, would be lowered several degrees, it was said, and in states north west of Chicago, when Duluth reported 35 below, La Crosse 25 below, and Eau Claire, Wis., 28 below, a shrinkage of the mercury to figures like 40, 30 and 22 degrees, respectively, was forecast. Tomorrow also will be cold and clear, and the wind will be northwest. At Chicago yesterday the wind reached 38 miles an hour and in western states it blew 45 miles an hour.

GUIDEBOARD SCHOOL ELECTS

Meeting of Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society Held

At a meeting of the Guideboard Sunday school the following officers were elected: Superintendent, Philip T. H. Pierson; assistant superintendent, A. J. Elwell; secretary, Burton Harwood; assistant secretary, Miss Sarah Elwell; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Frandenburg; pianist, Miss Velma Elwell; superintendent primary department, Miss Bessie Elwell.

The Ladies Aid society of the chapel met Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Elwell and elected these officers: President, Mrs. Edgar Harwood; vice president, Mrs. A. J. Elwell; secretary Robert Hill; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Frandenburg. The school has had a prosperous year.

Cutting Off Queues

"The Vermont bank report, like that of New Hampshire, makes a highly prosperous showing; and a rivalry in thrift with our over the river neighbors should be encouraged."—Concord Monitor.

This is a generous little comment and happily contrasted with the Smart Aleck idea of some paragraphs to lose no opportunity for intensifying a mistaken popular impression that Vermont is merely a wilderness where stage Reubens are grown. That bank report will make any state in the Union sit up and take notice. And it is only one of many things in which the slow-going but persistent Vermont character is reflecting the best sentiment of its old New England origin.

Vermont has many things to learn yet. Vermont is behind her neighbors in the practical adaptation of some modern ideas of public service, and ahead of some in others. She is pretty near an average, probably, taking things by and large.

But she is not in a place where she can afford to stand still. She has much to do and some things yet to learn. She can simply take courage from the fact that here and there good neighbors of impartial mind are willing to give her credit for what she has done and is doing.

These are some of the things that go toward realizing the "New Vermont." The old state is beginning to cut off her queues.—St. Albans Messenger.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

TWELVE DIVORCE CASES HEARD AND GRANTED

County Court Reached Adjournment This Morning

BIG REDUCTION IN DOCKET

Fifty-three Cases Have Been Disposed of in Some Manner During Short Term.

The December term of county court finally adjourned this morning after a session that has continued, with a week out for Christmas and New Year's, since December 5.

The time of the court during the present week has been largely occupied with the hearings of court and divorce cases.

The session has witnessed one of the biggest docket reductions in the history of the county court, no less than 53 cases being either tried or disposed of in some manner.

The following divorces were granted: Mary Calente vs. Masseno Valente; Cornelia A. White vs. Zaddock White; Mary J. Ritchie vs. Charles Ritchie; Frances M. Lincoln vs. Daniel H. C. Lincoln; Jessie L. Becker vs. Benoni T. Becker; Susan J. Sherman vs. William M. Sherman; Eugene J. Lyons vs. Elizabeth B. Lyons; Myron F. Stratton vs. Elizabeth Stratton; George H. Papers vs. Nellie H. Papers; Clara Barber Franks vs. Jay R. Franks; Minnie A. Woodard vs. Fred A. Woodard and William C. Wood vs. Addie N. Wood.

FIRE AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

An Entire Block in the Wholesale District is Wiped Out

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 6.—Fire wiped out an entire block in the wholesale district of this city yesterday and inflicted damage estimated at between \$325,000 and \$450,000. It was the most disastrous conflagration there since the fire during the last year of the civil war. Starting in the repair department of the Gibbes machinery company, probably from an overheated boiler, the flames were driven by a stiff wind to adjacent structures. The building occupied by the Gibbes company and four other concerns were destroyed, together with three residences and several stables. Five other firms suffered loss by fire and water.

BURLINGTON TRACTION'S DEAL

Minority Stockholders Kick Against Buying Vergennes Concern

Burlington, Jan. 4.—Minority stockholders of the Burlington Traction company met today to talk over the proposed purchase of the plant, machinery, etc., of the Vergennes Power company. The latter company is owned by Elias Lyman, John J. Flynn, W. W. Hendee, and C. W. Brownell. The activity on the part of the minority stockholders is occasioned by a call just sent out notifying the stockholders of the traction company to attend a meeting next Wednesday to see if the stockholders will authorize the directors of the traction company, namely, Elias Lyman, C. W. Brownell, Henry D. Hendee, W. F. Hendee, John J. Flynn, C. D. Brownell and N. E. Pierce to buy the real estate, water power and property of every nature now owned by the Vergennes Power company, for a sum not exceeding \$230,000.

The call proposes that the directors, "be authorized to borrow money, or issue notes, or bonds, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum to an amount not exceeding \$500,000 and to mortgage the railroad of the Burlington Traction company and all its other property including its franchise and also all property of every kind, including the property of the Vergennes Power company, hereafter acquired by the Burlington Traction company, to secure the payment of said notes, or bonds, to be used in retiring, paying, or refunding the present bonds of the Burlington Traction company, which amount to \$150,000 and to be used also in developing the street railway system."

Minority stockholders are inclined to oppose this proposition—for the present at least. The purpose of today's meeting was to formulate plans to prevent hurried action along the lines proposed by the call. These stockholders take the position that this purchase should not be made until the actual value of the Vergennes property has been demonstrated. If the minority stockholders should decide to oppose the proposition it will be possible for them to bring up the fight either before the Public Service Commission or by a minority stockholders' bill.

At the meeting this afternoon the minority stockholders made it plain that they intend to oppose any attempt on the part of the majority to railroad the purchase through and it was intimated after the meeting that if such an attempt were made in junction proceedings might result.