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NOTICE

Bennington County Savings Bank
 The annual meeting of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said bank, in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday (1st day) of January, A. D. 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of incorporators, and to alter and revise the by-laws.
 CHARLES H. DEWEY, Secretary
 Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 29, 1912

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington Vt. will be held at their banking-house on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, 1912, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for any other proper and necessary business.
 RALPH A. JONES, Cashier
 North Bennington, Vt., December 4th, 1912

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank will be held at the banking rooms in Bennington, Vermont, on Tuesday, January 14, 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
 L. A. GRAVES, Cashier
 Dated at Bennington, Vt., Dec. 10, 1912.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bennington County National Bank of Bennington, Vermont, will be held in their banking rooms on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to consider such other business as may come before it.
 CLEMENT H. COVE, Cashier
 Bennington, Vt., November 30, 1912

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The fate of primary election bills before the legislature this year is still in abeyance and no one can say at this writing what the outcome is likely to be. There is a general demand from the rank and file of the voters of the state for a straight forward primary election law and with a strong republican majority in both branches of the legislature, it will practically seal the fate of the republican party in Vermont if this demand is not heard and heeded. All three of the platforms of the leading parties in the state declared in favor of a primary election law and in several county conventions, including the republican county convention of Bennington county, this demand was made explicit and unmistakable. Any attempt to dodge the issue or to substitute some theoretical remedy is sure to be regarded by the voters of the state as a breach of good faith.

The Banner reprints in another column a rather peculiar utterance from the Montpelier Journal. Just what there may be back of this statement The Banner is unable to guess but it sort of looks as though the Journal was going out of its way in order to get a slap at the Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer, president of the National Life Insurance Company and perhaps the most distinguished citizen of the capital. In the first place, there is nothing to indicate that Hon. Roger W. Hurlburt is making any plans to capture the governorship in 1914. Secondly, the probability of the election of Col. Earle S. Kinsley of Rutland as chairman of the republican state committee has nothing to do with the National Life, with Mr. DeBoer, or with Mr. Hurlburt. Mr. Kinsley is the present secretary of the committee and to make him chairman would be but an earned promotion. Thirdly, the remark made by Col. Kinsley at the reunion of the legislature of 1908 appears to have been nothing more than a slip of the tongue and if he had given the matter a moment's thought it is not probable that he would have made so impolitic a remark. To apparently try to discredit Mr. DeBoer through a chain of circumstances partly imaginary and partly accidental will appeal to most people as in exceedingly bad taste on the part of the Journal.

The legislature so far has not accomplished much of importance. On the tax question there is a disagreement between the two houses which may or may not be reconciled. On other matters, the Senate has taken the lead in passing a number of important bills and sending them to the House where in this larger body they are still held in abeyance. With the members of both bodies home for two weeks, the citizens of the several towns should impress upon their senators or representatives that there are several important things that the people expect of this legislature and that the legislature will be to a considerable degree discredited if it fails in these respects. Of first importance is the tax question. The flat rate and the five per cent exemption bills should not be confounded. They are separate measures and not in any real sense antagonistic to each other. What ever is done should be with an earnest effort to induce and encourage investments of Vermont money at home to increase the growth and prosperity of the State and equalize the burdens of taxation as far as possible. Especially should it be charged on the conscience of the legislature to do away with the evils of double taxation and to make the rich pay their fair share of the taxes which they do not do under the present system. Second in importance is to make such changes in the educational system as will help to prepare the boys and girls of Vermont for actual service in this state rather than to encourage them to go to some other commonwealth. Right in line with this should be included some measure to give the sons and daughters of indigent, insane, or criminal parents, just as good a show as is possible. At the best, they have entered life with a handicap and it is a charge on the honor of the State to see that their early disadvantages

should be overcome as far as may be. These two propositions are the ones of supreme importance before the legislature of 1912.

Political Signs.

The mariner studies the weather, the clouds, the light, the wind make signs to him which from long observation, he understands. He reads the signs and sets his course accordingly. When the storm breaks he is prepared to meet it. He knew it was coming. The signs told him.

There are signs in politics. Shrewd politicians learn to read them and are credited with wisdom. The people, intent on their regular pursuits, overlook them often to their loss. What the intelligent reader of signs saw foreshadowed months, often years before, comes upon the people as a great surprise.

If we could look into the future one, two, three, four years and see how the little happenings of today—little things apparently, hardly worth our notice—combine with other things to lead up to some important political result—perhaps a nomination to some high office; if we could read the ambition of this man and that man and see how the desire of one was used to influence the acts of another—not illegitimately or dishonorably but skillfully—if we could, in short, see now spread out before us, all the events that will lead up to some important development and see at the same time the final result, we should know how to act. We should know how to act with regard, not only to the big question, but with regard to the minor incidents to which in all probability we should give no serious consideration but which would constitute the threads from which the final fabric would be woven.

It is impossible, actually, to see the future, but we can study the signs. They are not wanting even in the political situation in Vermont. The Hon. Frank C. Williams has announced that he will not be a candidate for another term as chairman of the Republican State Committee, a position which he has filled with satisfaction and skill. The most vigorous aspirant for the place is Mr. Earl S. Kinsley of Rutland. Mr. Kinsley is one of Vermont's virile and able young men. As one of the general agents of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, he has built up a wide acquaintance and displayed an aptitude for business details that fit him to be a most excellent and efficient chairman of the State committee.

Although the Hon. Roger Hurlburt of Hyde Park has not openly announced his candidacy there is a well defined rumor extant that he intends to shy his castor into the ring as a candidate for the nomination for governor. No orator in the State has spoken more often, more eloquently or more effectively for the triumph of the Republican party than the silver-tongued one from Lamotte. We can think of no man who is more wholesomely popular with the party than he. Mr. Hurlburt has the winning manner, the dignified bearing, the well-trained mind the varied experience that has made him one of the most effective business-getting general agents the National Life Insurance Company has in all the length and breadth of the State. The Hon. Roger would make an excellent governor.

There was a banquet at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier not many weeks ago and around the table were gathered the members of the Legislature of 1908. It was a reunion, neighborly and friendly. One of the speakers was the gentleman from Rutland who aspires to be chairman of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Kinsley does not possess the oratorical genius of Mr. Hurlburt and makes no pretensions to it. He seemed to be letter-perfect and the sentences flowed from his lips in well rounded periods. There was no hesitation, no break in thought, no groping for an idea. Mr. Kinsley evidently knew what he wanted to say and he said it. Mr. Kinsley's little speech was manifestly a studied effort leading up to a climax. And this in substance was the climax: "I feel sure that should Senator Dillingham decide not to be a candidate for renomination we all here would join in an effort to place the Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer in the United States Senate."

The Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer is the distinguished president of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier. And the Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer was one of those who sat about the banquet table. Now the question is, are those incidents signs that should engage the serious attention of the people, or are they merely innocent happenings, without any relation one to another? Are they happenings that should interest the seven or eight thousand citizens of Vermont and the seventy-five or eighty thousand people of the country who hold policies in the National Life Insurance Company? Are these incidents signs that Vermont's greatest financial institution is going deliberately into politics or is it just a coincidence that three men whose ambitious take them into the thick of the State's political activities should hold such high place in this particular institution?

It certainly can do no harm for the people to consider these happenings in an honest effort to read the political signs which point to events in which the State is profoundly interested. Indeed it is their duty to do so.—Montpelier Journal.

Dr. Wm. Sadler, author of "The Cause and Cure of Colds," says that common colds should be taken seriously, especially when they "hang on." Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable household medicine for coughs and colds, equally effective for children and for grown persons. Take it when you feel a cold coming on. It will avert danger of serious results and cure quickly. No harmful drugs. Cole's Pharmacy, Adv.

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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Miss Alice McDermott, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Miss Edna Walbridge is home from her school at Hancock, Mass., for the holidays.

Joseph O'Brien is home from Williams college for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dorothy Carver has returned from Wheaton seminary for the Christmas vacation.

Nineteen thirteen calendars, Gilt-on art Co., productions in great variety at Evans'. Adv.

All the best sellers in latest books fashionable writing papers in gift by popular authors at Evans'. Cranes boxes. Adv.

Do your Holiday shopping at The New York Store on North street and get good goods at low prices. Don't forget to ask for the checks. Adv.

Miss Martha Dewey who is attending the Glen Eden school at Poughkeepsie, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dewey for the holidays.

Haviland Sibley of the Westminster school of Simsbury, Conn., is passing the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buel Sibley.

Miss Ethel Davenport, who attends Howard Seminary at West Bridge-water, Mass., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davenport.

Pork roast 15 cents, pork chops 16 cents, leg of lamb 16 cents, lamb chops 2 lbs. 25 cents, lamb stew 5 cents lb., loin lamb chops 15 cents. Burk's Cash market. 6112

Miss Margaret Kirkwood of New York, daughter of William Kirkwood of North street, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in a New York hospital, is rapidly recovering.

Rosaries, Prayer books and crucifixes at Evans'. Books for boys and girls, music rolls, bill folds, pen-nants and pillow covers, Bennington colors. Adv.

A sale of home-made candy and pop-corn and cranberry decorations, will be conducted at the Baptist church social rooms on Monday from 5 until 8 o'clock p. m. Refreshments served. 6112

The Christmas Sunday service at the Second Congregational church tomorrow will be as follows: Morning worship at 10.30. Theme of sermon, "Full of Grace and Truth." Evening worship at 7.30, with address, "If Christ Should Come Again this Christmas Week of 1912." The choir will render special music at both services. See notice elsewhere. As a stranger or a visitor you will be cordially welcomed. As an attendant of this church you will feel very much at home.

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