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The legislature has a bill aiming to compel lights on all vehicles using the highways at night. If there is as much careless running of automobiles in other parts of the state as there is around Bennington we should think the farmers would want lights on their vehicles to protect themselves from being run over by the joy riders.

It is sometimes as difficult to discover the good points of a horse or a man as it is to hunt up the editorial page of the Bellows Falls Times. Of such brilliancy and value are the gems of thought exuding from the intellect of Editor Belknap that he seldom hides them twice in the same place.

The equal suffragists are to hold a public meeting in the hall of the House of Representatives at Montpelier next Wednesday. The anti will send spies and possibly dispatch aircraft (hotair) to drop a few bombs. Later there will be a clash of the two forces and the legislative hospital will be filled temporarily by those who have carelessly promised to vote both ways.

The reappointment by Governor Gates of Tax Commissioner Plumley, Bank Commissioner Williams and Commissioner of Agriculture Brigham was highly proper because of the services they have rendered. It may not be generally known but so bitter was the feeling of some of the voters at the state house against former Governor Fletcher that they wanted Plumley and Brigham turned over merely because they were appointees of Governor Fletcher. It is creditable to Governor Gates that he gave no heed to such a spiteful proposal.

War works hardships and loss in curious ways. The coal mines of northern France are in the district held by the Germans. As a result the rest of France is short of fuel and to keep from freezing people are cutting up fruit trees, grape vines and everything else that will serve as fuel. The fruits and wine of France have been one of her greatest sources of wealth. It is said that the damage already done amounts to many millions and that unless coal is supplied in central and southern France the injury will soon be so great that it will take many years to repair the damage inflicted thus indirectly.

It has been given out that there will be no more free telephone service for the members of the legislature while at Montpelier. This is correct. There is no reason why the telephone company should furnish free telephone service to the State, to members of the legislature or anyone else. The principle is bad and is nothing more or less than graft. The members are paid for their services and if they want to use telephone service let them pay for it the same as other people—Burlington Clipper.

Sh-h-h! The biggest users of the free telephone service were the newspapers, the poor we have with us always.

One does not need to be told that the Austrian prisoners are in wicked distress in Russian hands. A despotic country which treats its own people and especially the Jews as Russia does has no feeling of sympathy for prisoners of war. If the war lasts six months they may just as well be counted among the dead, as few will live to return from the Russian prisons in Siberia where they have been sent. England and France need only to hark back to the fate of their own soldiers who fell into Russian hands during the Crimean war to know what will happen, but now they are in alliance with Russia and are not in position to protest. The situation in Galicia, that province of Austria-Hungary, which has been overrun by the Russians, is said to be appalling and far worse than in Belgium. An American relief committee is now on the way to Galicia and the United States will soon be called upon to help. Regardless to their differences on other questions relating to the war the American people are on the side of the suffering and they will cheerfully accept a trust of this kind. This is one thing that makes our country the greatest nation in the world.

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MIND AND BODY.

Human Emotions Have a Potent Effect Upon the Physical Being.

A man is handed a telegram. He is eating and enjoying his dinner. He reads the contents of the message. Almost immediately afterward his body is a-tremble, his face either reddens or grows "ashy white," his appetite is gone; such is the effect of the mind upon the stomach that it literally refuses the food; if forced upon it it may reject it entirely.

A message is delivered to a lady. She is in a genial, happy mood. Her face whitens, she trembles and her body falls to the ground in a faint, temporarily helpless, apparently lifeless. Such are the intimate relations between the mind and the body.

Great stress or anxiety or fear may in two weeks or even in two days' time so work its ravages that the person looks ten years or even twenty years older. A person has been long given to worry or perhaps to worry in extreme form, though not so long; a well defined case of indigestion and general stomach trouble, with a generally lowered and sluggish vitality has become pronounced and fixed.

Any type of thought that prevails in our mental lives will in time produce its correspondence in our physical lives. As we understand better these laws of correspondences we will be more careful as to the types of thoughts and emotions we consciously or unwittingly entertain and live with. The great bulk of all diseases are generated in the body through certain states and conditions of mind.—Ralph Waldo Trine in Woman's Home Companion.

PANGGANGS OF MALAY.

Ruled by an Old Witch, They Are the Quickest People Known.

Ruled by a great enchantress and having no form of money, the Panggangs, a tribe in a mountainous jungle in the northern part of the Malay peninsula, is one of the queerest known to white men. The tribesmen are of a negroid type, whose social organization is that of a simple form of commonwealth and who are nomadic, wandering about from place to place in their dense jungles and forests.

Among them dwells a woman whose strange characteristics are strongly reminiscent of Haggard's famous "She." The woman is supposed to be a great enchantress. She is held in dread by the Panggangs. She lives alone in a bamboo hut, shaded by the leaves of the sacred ubang tree. Food is brought her daily by the oldest man or woman of the tribe.

The Panggangs are said to be a peaceable and honest people, and do not, among themselves, either fight or steal. They literally have no use for money for trading purposes, but if by chance they get money they bury it, so that they may use it in trading after death. After getting a supply of food, they do no work whatever until the supply is ended. They eat any wild creature.

These people do not seem to have any religion, but they have a queer belief in the transmigration of souls. In their country tigers are numerous, and they believe that sometimes their relatives, when they die, become changed into tigers.—Argonaut.

The Bodleian Library.

In size and importance the Bodleian library at Oxford is the greatest university library in the world, and the greatest library not directly aided by the state. About seven rank above it in the world, but among English-speaking peoples only the British Museum. It contains 2,750,000 printed literary pieces in perhaps 800,000 volumes. There are also about 40,000 manuscripts, not counting separate charters and deeds, which number about 18,500. The staff consists of sixty-eight persons. The number of readers averages more than 250 a day.—London Standard.

Obliging Conductor.

The fussy lady had noticed that the rule man sitting beside her on the street car had expectorated on the floor. The fussy lady immediately signaled the conductor, and that official came in to see what was wanted.

"Do you allow spitting in this car?" demanded the fussy lady.  
"Well, no," replied the conductor.  
"But you can come out on the platform if you want to, lady."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Knew His Limitations.

"I don't want to brag about myself. I've done many foolish things in my time, but I've been wise in one way."

"What's that?"  
"I never had an idea that I could poison a bedroom myself."—Detroit Free Press.

The Careful Wife.

"Wife, I wish you'd buy me a couple of five cent collar buttons. I need 'em badly."  
"All right; just as soon as somebody has a sale."—Kansas City Journal.

Satisfactory.

Mrs. Gabb—Are your new neighbors all right socially?  
Mrs. Tabb—Oh, yes—their children stand even lower in their studies than mine do.—Kansas City Star.

Twisted Logic.

Pat—So ye don't expect Miss Mulligan will accept ye? And why not?  
Mike—So that she will. It is always the unexpected that happens. Pat.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The desire of appearing clever often prevents one becoming so.—Rochester Courier.

# BENNINGTON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK CHRISTMAS CLUB

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Roger Perkins, who has been spending his vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. Perkins, has returned to Amherst college.

The missionary circle of the Baptist church will hold a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith's Wednesday evening, January 20th. All are cordially invited.

Miss Letha Kerr, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Kerr of Schenectady, N. Y., has returned to her studies at Burr & Burton seminary.

At a meeting of Battenkill Valley Grange held Tuesday evening the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Worthy Master, Geo. Lawrence; W. Overseer, Henry Chapman; W. lecturer, Mrs. Henry Chapman; secretary, Miss Bertha Shaw; W. steward, A. J. Davis; assistant steward, Earle Fowler; lady assistant steward, Helen Reed; chaplain, Mrs. Fred Fish; gate keeper, Owen Smith; Ceres, Ruth Walker; Pomona, Bernice Hosley; Pomona, Mrs. Irving Connor. Mr. Barnes acted as installing officer. Refreshments were served after which dancing was enjoyed. Music by Jamison's orchestra was fine.

BONDVILLE

Mrs. Sarah Burbee was in Jamaica last week.  
J. J. Johnson of Dorchester, Mass., is in town.

Mrs. Lydia French recently visited in Wardsboro.  
Ten boys and one infant were baptized at the church Sunday.

Born, Jan. 9, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Howard, weight 10 lbs.

Miss Lila Stude is in Peru visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence Smith.

The Ladies' Aid society met last week at J. M. Kendall's and was well attended. The next meeting will be at G. L. Burbanks, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

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