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"One day," said Edwin, "my father dashed into the bedroom where I was sitting, and almost breathless with haste, exclaimed: 'Gould! Coming up! Say I'm out,' and literally dived under the bed. I received Mr. Gould, who seemed surprised not to find my father (I think he had seen him rustling upstairs), and he talked with me for several minutes. Then there was a moment of silence, and my father, becoming impatient, thrust his head out from under the bed, inquiring as he did so: 'Is that infernal bore gone yet? Imagine the effect!'—Collier's Weekly.

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Monday, September 27, 1915.

The Paris reports of the French victory over the Germans, Saturday and Sunday, state that the British forces "cooperated." After fourteen months of preparation the British hold only one short section of the front in France. England will surely beat the Germans if the French are able to do it for them.

Herbert B. Viall, a native of Dorset and relative to the well known Viall family of Bennington county, died last week at his home in Keene, N. H., at the age of 76. Mr. Viall was a banker and one of the prominent citizens of Keene. He had been mayor of the city and held many other places of trust.

The German government wanted to borrow two billions and three billions were promptly offered. Probably the poor Germans hadn't heard that Lord Kitchener has announced that Germany has shot her bolt and will soon be crushed. In the meantime England is trying to borrow a half billion over here to bolster up failing British credit due to the fact that the British public is, to a large extent, opposed to this war.

The allied onset in the west which it was guessed would take place about the first of October, started just about a week ahead of schedule. Considering the effort that Germany has had to put forth to overcome the Russians in the east it does not seem possible that the Germans can have forces sufficient to withstand a determined effort of the French and British in the west. They must have not less than five or six trained soldiers for every one German on the western front and, to a person untutored on such matters, it would seem as though the allies ought to carry all before them and be well on the road to Berlin within a few days.

On a recent visit to scenes of their childhood in Townsend a party of former residents found 11 deserted homes in two school districts that once comprised a thriving farming section. (What's the answer?—Brattleboro Reformer.)

Give the rural school a chance to "come to its own" again. Develop it as an educational and social center. This will help some in reducing the number of deserted homes, which speak so loudly of conditions that may well be averted.—Ludlow Tribune.

Bring on the pupils and the towns stand ready to provide the schools. In fact in this section, at least, we doubt if the schools, and particularly the rural schools, were ever before as good as now. It is the lack of pupils that has crippled the schools in so many towns. When the writer was a boy and attended a district school in Windham county there were from 24 to 32 pupils in the school. Today that district is combined with two others and the combined districts have a school which in late years has sometimes had less than a dozen pupils.

The Ludlow Tribune is one of the conservative newspapers of the State and is slow to be carried away with "new fangled notions." Yet the Tribune comes to the defense of the direct primary and favors its adoption by the people next March. It has never been claimed by the supporters of the direct primary that it is the true ideal way to make nominations. Nothing is perfect. Yet the direct primary has many worthy features and as the Tribune states, it is worth trying out.—Burlington Clipper.

Look the ground over and see who the most violent opponents of the direct primary are. Corporation lawyers, delegate fixers, traders in votes, politicians who work for hire, newspaper owners or controlled by rich men, schemers who have made money or who expect to make money through some sort of manipulation, and those who do not think the people should manage their own affairs, but a few select persons (selected by themselves) should govern the country and take the principal profits of business—all these are strongly opposed to the direct primary. In addition to these, not a few good

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citizens, who are ultra conservative and are doubtful about changing over old things that have served pretty well, are likewise opposed. The voters are to have the chance to decide for themselves next March whether or not they want a direct primary. All the selfish interests of the state, political and business, are already at work against the primary. Those in favor of the direct primary have no organization, will spend no money and make no canvass. The direct primary is in the interest of the rank and file of the voters. It puts the nomination of candidates into their hands and takes it away from the manipulators, the traders, the bribers and the fixers who have some personal object in view. The primary law on which the Vermont voters are to pass carries with it a corrupt practices section which will tend to make elections cleaner and this is one reason why those politicians who work for hire are opposed to it. It will be more economical than the caucus and convention system now in use in Vermont. The crooked, the reactionary, the politically selfish and the timid will vote against the primary, but we do not believe there are enough of these classes to defeat it. The question is whether they can get the rank and file of the voters to go with them. Every voter, who thinks the people have a right to name their own candidates and have some say in their own affairs, will vote for the direct primary because that is what the direct primary does.

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Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1915.

White Grub Pest.

Farmers who have suffered losses from attacks of white grubs in their fields this year should plan their crops for next year so as to avoid a repetition of the loss. Although the actual numbers of white grubs in the fields next year will probably be less than this year, those remaining will be larger and more voracious and do a great amount of injury, says William Moore of the Minnesota experiment station.
All fields infested with white grubs should be fall plowed as early as possible, not later than Oct. 1. Badly infested fields should be planted with grain or some crop not in hills, as such crops are least affected by white grubs. Only fields slightly, or not at all, infested should be planted with corn, potatoes, strawberries, or other plants grown in hills. Fields which have been in sod in 1914 and 1915 should be considered as infested fields and, if to be used next year for susceptible crops, should be plowed this fall.
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