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LOW PRICED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Two black colts, one 3 years old, the other 2 years old. Well matched. Apply to H. S. Burrington, Pownal Center, Vt. 6-1. 5125

FOR SALE: Hay, oat and wheat straw, cab (base), turnips and cornstalks. Apply to John J. Sq. Ave., Tel. 177-2. 5126

FOR SALE: Second hand winter, good as new and of this season's style. Will be sold very cheap. A new black suit, new worn. At sacrifice C. W. Peterson, Hawks Block. 5127

FOR SALE: Standard sewing machine, good as new. Will sell at sacrifice. C. W. Peterson. 5128

FOR SALE: Household furniture, consisting of beds, bedding, chairs, desks, rice, etc., all nearly new. Call afternoon from 2 until 5 p. m., 112 Pleasant St. 5129

FOR SALE: Oliver typewriter, nearly new in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. Joseph A. Come, Old Bennington, Tel. 341-10. 5130

FOR SALE: One 1915 Ford Touring car equipped with shock absorbers, at a low price. Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams, 441. 5131

FOR SALE: Don't pay rent; \$15.00 per month for 20 years, with interest, amounts to \$7,210. Buy a lot and save time. I can sell you a building lot on Main St., Grant St., Elm St., Weeks St., Levey St., Putnam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Dunbar St., Eye St., Convent St., Monument Ave., and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Agt. 5132

WANTED: A girl for general house work. Apply Mrs. Tarrant Sibley, Tel. 4-10. W. 5133

WANTED: Girl for general house work. Apply to M. S. H. Greene, Upper Main St., No. Bennington. 5134

WANTED: Pupil nurses at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars apply to Miss Adams, Supr., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton. 5135

TO RENT: Two houses on Depot St., 50-51. Apply Frank Starbuck, 53 Depot St. 5136

TO RENT: Stores, office tenements, shops, etc. Individual garage, individual storage lockers, furnished apartments and rooms all centrally located. Geo. M. Hawks 455 Main St. 5137

To Rent—Small tenement on second floor, bath with hot water, 119 Jefferson Ave., after Jan. 22, suitable for man and wife. Apply on premises. 751t

TO RENT: Eight room house on Greenway St., No. Bennington. Apply to Mrs. M. C. Hulung. 791c

TO RENT: Furnished rooms, hot water, bath, electric lights and bath. Mrs. J. T. Bennington, 406 Billings St. 62

FOR RENT: A lot for rent, as soon as necessary repairs are completed, and steam heat, being in the Brewster building on North street, being the store lately occupied by Candy Kitchen. Charles N. Powers, Agt. for the property. 5138

TO RENT: Tenement, Apply E. S. Harris, 121 Division St. 211f

TO RENT: Two houses on Silver St., with all modern improvements. Apply Melissa H. Mason, 201 South St. 411f

TO RENT: North side of tenement on North Branch St., \$5 per month, inquire Marie Rickart Patterson 128 Scott St. 611f

TO RENT: Three furnished steam-heated rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, in the Levin house, formerly the Eric Adams comedon on Pleasant street. Apply to Charles N. Powers, agent for the property. 481f

REWARD: One stock Certificate of the Free Press Association, a Vermont Corporation, and certificate being dated February 25th, 1913, being numbered 133 and remove the seal and one-half share of Capital Stock of said corporation. Notify Holden and Reedy Attorneys, Bennington, Vermont. 621b

NOTICE: Sleigh ride parties cared for on short notice at Summit Hill, Pownal Center. Lunch or refreshment supplied if desired. Telephone 805-1. C. H. MYERS, Prop. 5139

Notice—The Glenwood hotel in North Pownal will accommodate sleighing and dancing parties, supper served at short notice. Tel. 2-15. Adv. 7916

LOST: A milk fur hood, out of a double sleigh, somewhere in the lower part of the village. The hood will please leave it at 622 Main St. and receive reward. 5140

LOST: Sunday, on School or Main Streets, a gold pocket and chain, bearing monogram. Finder please return to Banner office and receive reward. 5141

Before and After: Before marriage he has a duck fit if she sees him with a shave and massage that are more than two hours old or the perfect pulse of his correct the disturbed a hair's breadth, but afterward he comes to the table with his shoestrings untied, no collar on and a stubby growth of beard that would play a tune if you ran it through a music box.—Judge.

SLANDER: The many persons who are always quick to spread evil reports about other persons should ponder these words of Henry van Dyke: "Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true and never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary."

ULTIMATUM SENT BY ENTENTE TO SPEEK KING

Demand That He Break With Tents in 48 Hours

AGENCY DISPATCH FROM SOFIA

King Reported to Have Told Central Powers Ministers to Remain in Athens.

Berlin, Jan. 18. (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—A note to the Greek Government, amounting to an ultimatum, is said by the Overseas News Agency to have been presented by France and Great Britain. According to a Sofia dispatch to the news agency, Greece is required to deliver their passports to the Ministers of the Central Powers within forty-eight hours, failing which the Entente will take "necessary measures." "Persons in a position to judge do not agree as to the dependability of the Greek Army," says the Cologne Gazette. "Apparently the King controls a considerable portion of the higher officers, and in view of his popularity among the people, it will not be an easy matter to compel him to step out. The King has told the Ministers of the Central Powers that they are to remain with him."

NORTH BENNINGTON

Mrs. Prescott Brown is confined to her home by illness.

Regular meeting of Tucker Lodge, F. & M. S. this evening.

Mrs. James King of North Adams is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Griffith.

Miss Helen Brown of Hoosick is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ray Johnson, for two weeks.

Mrs. Wm. Harrington of Railroad avenue, fell on the ice near her well, Monday, and broke her left wrist in two places.

Dr. L. H. Ross of Bennington has purchased a 1916 Oakland six Roadster of W. M. Marshall.

The regular meeting of Tucker Chapter No. 38, O. E. S., will be held in Masonic hall Friday evening, January 21, at 8 o'clock.

The ice crop is being harvested on Lake Paran. While the ice is good thickness this season, the quality is not equal to that of some other years, several inches being snow ice.

A. N. Shepard has purchased of Mrs. Anna Thomas her half of the building occupied by A. S. Hathaway & Co.

Following is a list of new books which have been recently added to the North Bennington Library: "Lent Twig," Dorothy Canfield; "Free Lands," Galsworthy; "The Island of Surprise," Brady; "Story" of Julia Page; Norris; "Hempfield," Grayson; "The Indiscreet Letter," Abbott; "The Heart of the Desert," Willkie; "Rainbow Trail," Grey; "The Grey Dawn," White; "The Law Breakers," Cullum; "Jean of the Lazy A," Bowser; "God's Man," Howard; "Straight Down the Crooked Lane," Runkle; "Hiss Official Fiance," Rae; "Heart of the Sunset," Beach; "The Hills of Hampshire," Cressy; "Burkesses Amy," Lippmann; "Beltane in the Trenches," Fritz Kreisler; "Pan-Germanian," Roland Usher, Juvenile books; "Camp-fire Girls in After Years," "Camp-fire Girls Across the Seas," Vandercook; "Range and Trail," Sabin; "Jane Stuart at Rivercroft," Remick; "Nancy Lee's Look-out," Ward; "Beth's Old Home," "Beth's Wonder Winter," Taggart; "The Lost Prince," Burnett; "Mother Westwind Stories," Burgess; "Deal Woods," Griswold; "Lotta Embury's Career," Peattie.

Montenegrin Caps Speak: The Montenegrins carry on their caps a reminder of the history of their race, in the shape of a deep black border surmounted with five semicircles of gold. The black border is symbolic of mourning for the fatal battle of Kosovo, which shattered the Serbian empire, while the five lines signify the five centuries which have elapsed since that event, and stand also as a sign of hope that one day the glories of the old Serb empire will be restored.

NORTH BENNINGTON

C. E. Knapp is attending annual meeting of New York Agricultural society held in Assembly rooms of capitol in Albany this week.

NO FIRE THIS NOON

Can of Phosphorus Made Smudge at High School Building.

A can of phosphorus from which the water had dried began to give off smoke in the high school building this noon and an alarm was rung in from Box 16 by Chief Spear who was taking no chances of any live sparks igniting the building again.

The phosphorus is ordinarily kept in water to make it safe for handling in the chemistry department. During the inventory of the recent fire cracked and some of the phosphorus came into contact with the shelf on which it had been placed. The result was a smudge without the building being actually afire.

Chief Spear believed in "Safety First," pulling the alarm in order to have the apparatus on the way if a fire had broken out again. Then he investigated the root of the smudge and upon removing the jar found himself a very effectual fire department. A small space on the shelf was scorched. The release signal was sounded in a few minutes.

BUYS MORE FOREST LAND

State Has Acquired Another Tract on Mount Mansfield.

The Vermont forestry department has just concluded the purchase of a tract of about 2,000 acres lying on the east side of Mount Mansfield. This property, added to the one acquired a year ago on the west side of the range makes the total area about 5,000 acres. The Mansfield forest thus becomes not only the largest state forest in Vermont, but, next to the Crawford North forest in New Hampshire, the largest in New England. It is understood that the state of New Hampshire paid \$100,000 for the Crawford North property of 6,000 acres. The Mansfield forest will cost Vermont about \$12,500. However, in the former case the timber was included in the purchase, whereas funds were not available for the Vermont forestry department to purchase the merchantable timber. A fairly satisfactory arrangement has been made by the state forester with the grantors whereby they agree not to cut spruce and fir trees which are less than 10 inches in diameter; and hemlock and hardwoods less than 15 inches tall trees to be measured at breast height. On certain areas no cutting are to be made and the time limit will make it impossible to cut close. The legal arrangements for the purchase were made by State's Attorney Maurice of Lamoille county.

From a forestry standpoint the purchase of this large area at a reasonable price, with a fairly good stand of growing trees, makes this by far the finest area in the state. Markets for lumber in Stowe and Underhill are bound to improve and there can be no question but that the purchase will prove a good investment to the state in future years.

Governor Gates, who has been in favor of this purchase since it was first called to his attention, is particularly interested because of its scenic aspects. On the north the tract crosses the Smuggler's Notch road, which the governor hopes to develop as one of the chief attractions of the state. It is unsurpassed for beauty by anything in New England. Farther south the Nebraska Notch crosses the state forest. By a development of roads through these two notches a wonderful circuit would be thrown open to the automobilist. State Forester Hawes believes that the demonstration of practical forestry principles in a section which will be so widely visited cannot fail to produce good results throughout the state.

In still another way this large state forest will be beneficial. This is in the protection of the streams. Several large brooks rise in this forest and are important tributaries of the Winooski and Lamoille rivers. The water-croft in the forest are numerous and exceedingly picturesque.

It should be mentioned that the summit of Mount Mansfield is not included in the purchase, since that belongs to the University of Vermont through a gift dating back to 1859. These purchases are made possible through an appropriation made to the forestry department by the legislature of 1912.

Her Compensation.

Her Ladyship—You are a disgrace to your title—banned from decent society and expelled from all your clubs for crooked gambling and dissipation—and, though I am from common stock, I've paid all your debts and kept you in luxury. I'd like to know what I've had out of my marriage. Lord Black-sheep—Das it all, woman, haven't I made you my equal?—Exchange.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, fair tonight, Thursday fair and slightly warmer.

GERMANY HAS LOST TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS OF MEN

Of These But 613,060 Have Been Killed

WOUNDED NUMBER 1,566,549

British War Secretary Makes Statement in House of Commons of Enemy's Losses.

London, Jan. 19.—The Germans have sustained losses of 2,525,768 since the opening of the war, according to a statement made in the House of Commons by Undersecretary of War McKenna this afternoon. The Germans have lost in killed, 613,060 and 1,566,549 in wounded, the secretary said.

THE FORTNIGHTLY

Mrs. Van Patten of Burlington to Read Short Plays Saturday

The Fortnightly meeting this week at the Congregational chapel should be one of the most attractive of the season. Mrs. Elizabeth Grinnell Van Patten of Burlington, who proved to be so fine an artist in her recitations last year, will read two short plays, "The Twelve Pound Look" by Barrie and "The Open Door" by Sutro. This program is one that has recently been added to the repertoires of some of the most noted dramatic readers, and it seems to be received everywhere with high praise.

Mrs. Van Patten possesses all the fine qualities necessary to visualize her characters, and she is one of the few who really seem to endow them with life. She has already presented these plays before several clubs with great success.

Music will also be a special feature of the program. Miss Vera Suter, soprano, will sing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Albert W. Varney.

KEEPING A PIANO IN TUNE.

Use All the Keys Every Time the Instrument is Played.

The trained musician has little trouble in keeping his piano in excellent tune. But the amateur pianist who just plays little snatches of this and that soon finds that some of the keys are in much better tune than others. The fault is not always that of the piano tuner, nor is it always due to the fact that the piano has been exposed to dampness or left in a strong draft of air. Usually it is because the amateur player doesn't use every key when he plays. The musician who plays merely for his own benefit and who is far from being a skilled pianist discovers that he plays better in some one key, and consequently he selects all his music from that key. The true musician plays all keys and has no preference for any particular one.

If for any length of time we play almost entirely in one key the notes which are not used are bound to produce a different sound from those which are used constantly.

The skilled musician runs his fingers lightly over the whole keyboard before starting any piece, thus bringing all the notes into action. But the clumsy amateur usually starts without the slightest pretense of a prelude or ending forth the different tones of the piano. No piano can be expected to keep long in perfect tune unless every key is used about as much as every other key. The well modulated instrument is the one whose notes all see equal amounts of service.

The piano, like the voice, must be evenly used to be perfect. Any one who talks in a high pitched voice and only calls forth the high tones of his throat cannot expect to talk in a low, well modulated voice when he never uses the low, soft strains. A cheap piano will taken care of will sound better if played by a musician who uses all the keys than a higher priced one which is only allowed to produce the tones of the single key which the amateur player can read best.—New York American.

Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has from time to time been an annex of various states. After Ohio was admitted to the union, Wisconsin from 1805 to 1809 formed a part of Indiana territory. From 1820 to 1835 Wisconsin was embraced in the territory of Illinois. When Illinois became a state all the country north of it, including Wisconsin, was joined to Michigan. After more than forty years of shifting, Wisconsin was admitted into the Union with her present boundaries in 1838.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

STAMFORD LOOKS TO FUTURE

Citizens Elect a Committee to Develop a Village Plan—Bennington County Association Co-operating

The North Adams Transcript of January 14th has the following article:

Why should not a community plan for the future? Many communities, like many men, simply drift. Other communities, like many other men, steer. They have an ideal, a purpose, toward which they work. The man who drifts winds up in jail, or the poor house or the gutter or at least in poverty. The community, which drifts winds up with deserted farms, impassable roads, tumble-down houses, poor schools and general dilapidation. The man, who has a great purpose in life, who shapes everything toward that purpose comes out prosperous, likewise the community.

Today everyone recognizes the fact that a man must have a plan in life if he is to succeed, but few realize that their community must also have a plan if it is to succeed. Most communities simply drift. Roads are patched up anyway from year to year with little thought of a constructive plan. Schools are conducted with only the thought of how the pupils this year may be accommodated, with no thought of five years in advance. Officers are elected from mere caprice or personal preference with little thought of who is best qualified to develop the community. Resources, agricultural, mineral or industrial, lie undeveloped, water power goes to waste, when there are people and when there is money to develop these resources, simply because of a lack of a community plan. People remove from a town and no one comes in to take their places, because no one outside knows of the opportunities and resources.

But one town is going to drift no longer. Stamford has long been one of Vermont's most progressive small towns and now it is taking the lead by appointing a committee to study the community, its resources, possibilities, needs, and to develop a constructive plan for the future.

The committee is unofficial and has no power other than to suggest and recommend. But Stamford people co-operate, they work together. There is a great village pride and it is pretty certain that everything recommended by this committee will be brought to pass.

For a week the citizens have been conducting a campaign in co-operation with the Bennington County Association. Mass meetings have been held every night, public spirit is at a high pitch. Last night Secretary Bartlett of the County Association, gave an address on Co-operation in which he urged a plan for the future.

FOR "PORK BARREL" FIRST

Clark of Florida Against Defense if it Stops Public Buildings.

Washington, Jan. 17.—National defense and "pork barrel" legislation were linked in a speech in the House today by Representative Frank Clark of Florida, Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, who stated that he favored a public buildings bill at this session and was against preparedness, if it meant a stoppage of internal improvements.

Mr. Clark attacked yellow newspaper and "safron magazines," which attacked appropriations for public buildings, rivers and harbors and other internal improvements.

"I am in favor of reasonable preparedness," said Mr. Clark in discussing the defense program, "but if preparedness means the stoppage of all progress, then I am against preparedness tooth and nail, forever and a day."

Mr. Clark advocated the payment of expenditures for preparedness by a bond issue, and not out of current revenues.

ENTERTAINMENT BY PASTOR

Pleasant Gathering at Home of Rev. C. E. Provost.

The Sacred Heart church choir ushers of the church and some invited friends were very pleasantly entertained at the parsonage by their pastor, Rev. C. E. Provost at an elaborate luncheon Tuesday evening. The house and tables were very tastefully decorated for the occasion. After lunch time was passed by a musical program and singing of National songs by all the members present. Speeches were made by Senator Edmond Lafranchise and choirmaster, Edward Noel, and in a closing address, Rev. C. E. Provost congratulated the choir master and members of the choir, on their successful services of the past year, praised the work of the ushers and hoped that at the next annual supper given these officials of the church, he might again be with them and find the same faces around the board.

PROFITABLE CROP ROTATION.

Central Aim Should Be to Leave Fields in a Better Condition

The most profitable crop rotation does not consist merely in changing the crops around from year to year regardless of the relation of the crops to each other. The central aim in all crop rotation systems should be to leave each field in a better state of cultivation, better physical condition and reasonably free from pests at the end of each rotation cycle.

No hard and fast rotation system can be laid down for any community, but the most profitable system must be worked out for each farm and indeed for each field. There are certain general principles, however, that should be borne in mind in this connection in order to accomplish the most satisfactory results. For soil improvement there should be at least one leguminous crop in each rotation cycle. To this class of plants belong the clovers, alfalfa, peas, beans, etc. There should be also a sufficient quantity of live stock, especially milk cows, on each farm to utilize the roughage and to supply the desired quantity of stable manure, which in addition to green crops plowed under will furnish the necessary amount of humus to the soil.

The conditions resulting from this treatment if the soil is properly handled will make the succeeding crops more vigorous and capable of offsetting in some measure at least the effects of any pests that may appear. Again, the successive crops in any rotation should be so selected and arranged that no two upon which the same pest may thrive will be grown in succession. The principles of disease control by means of crop rotation are based upon the fact that certain pests can thrive only on certain kinds of plants. Therefore when the crops are changed and the food supply thereby cut off the pests must perish or be greatly reduced in number.

Chinese Junk.

The Chinese junk is to most western eyes a curious not to say outlandish type of vessel. Yet a nautical authority in picturing and describing a famous craft of this kind which visited Europe and America as long ago as 1818 says that she proved herself an excellent sea boat, with powers of weathering a storm equal if not superior to vessels of western build. This junk, the Keying, is also declared to have made a run "equal to the time of the best packet ships of the period." Information of this kind about foreign methods is often truly educative to Americans inclined to be boastful—Outlook.

THE SHADOWS.

Do not borrow trouble and do not anticipate misfortunes. Were a man's sorrows and disquietudes summed up at the end of his life it would generally be found that he had suffered more from the apprehension of such evils as never happened to him than from those evils which had really befallen him.

Keeps Our Bodies Warm.

Pure, rich, red blood is a necessity in the production of animal heat. It keeps our bodies warm. We all know very well that when the arteries that carry it to a limb are bound or tied, the temperature of the limb is immediately lowered.

There is a suggestion in this that, at this time of year especially, we should take Hood's Sarsaparilla, if our blood is impure, impoverished, or pale. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood good in quality and quantity. It has an unequalled record for radically and permanently removing blood diseases, scrofula, rheumatism and catarrh, and giving strength and tone to the whole system. It is a scientific combination of roots, barks, herbs and other medicinal substances that have long been used by successful physicians. Get it today.

JOHN CONE FOUND DEAD AT HOME IN W. BENNINGTON

Was Last Seen Alive Late Saturday Afternoon

BODY DISCOVERED ON TUESDAY

Authorities Who Investigated Were of Opinion Death Occurred on Sunday.

John Craven, who lives in the west part of the village, made a gruesome discovery Tuesday morning, when he forced an entrance into the nearby home of John T. Cone and found the body of the owner lying frozen near his bed. Authorities who examined the body stated that Mr. Cone had been dead since Sunday morning.

The two neighbors were in the village together Saturday afternoon. When they reached the Cone place the owner asked his friend to feed the stock before going on home. Craven did as requested. Sunday morning Craven again called at the Cone house, but was unable to arouse his neighbor. He again fed the stock and returned home. Craven did not call at the Cone place on Monday, but Tuesday observing no signs of life about the premises he became curious to know what had become of Mr. Cone.

As he was familiar with the house, he secured an entrance and found his neighbor lying near his bed where he had apparently fallen after laying materials for a fire in the kitchen stove. Death had been caused by heart-failure before the deceased could reach the bed.

Mr. Craven at once notified the authorities who made an examination and ordered the body taken to Walbridge's undertaking rooms.

Mr. Cone was 48 years of age and had lived on the property practically all his life. He had indicated his intention of selling the Homestead in the spring and moving into the village. He was a native of Bennington, the son of Patrick Cone, who died about a year ago.

It is claimed that he made a will shortly before his death, but his only near relatives are two uncles, James and Francis Cone, both of this town.

The body was later removed to the home of Francis Cone on Depot street, pending the funeral, which will be held from St. Francis de Sales church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot in the cemetery at Bennington Center.

Motor Car Makes Remarkable Record in Its First Season.

In speaking of the Dodge Motor Car, E. W. Williams of the Bennington Garage says "This car has made an unequalled record for giving its owners perfect service. Twelve Dodge Touring cars were sold this season in this vicinity. At the end of the season not one of these twelve cars had broken down or given out. They have not required the replacement or repair of any parts of the mechanism, and all of them are in condition for next season's work with but any thorough overhauling. They have made a greater mileage on gasoline than any car of their size and horsepower that we have ever known. Their record for fire economy might be envied by many smaller and lighter cars. Fire economy on the Dodge Cars is much increased by the special self lubricating springs which give the car its beautiful riding qualities assisted by the genuine grain leather Turkish Upholstering which is so good that it does not suffer by comparison with that in two thousand dollar cars. The finish is baked enamel of which the higher priced cars are this year bragging. Dodge Cars that have been used an entire season will be found to have a luster on the finish equal to that on most cars a few weeks out of the factory."

The Dodge Car has made the same record all over the country. While the number of cars being manufactured by Dodge Brothers is second only to the output of The Ford Motor Company they have never been able to catch up with orders since they announced the car a little over a year ago.

No car selling at near the Dodge Price (\$785.00 F. O. D. Detroit) gives anywhere near the value in power, high grade materials, workmanship, and finish. Adv. 713

Dr. Montmarquet, chiropodist, will be at the Colonial Thursday. Adv.