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LOW PRICED ADVERTISING FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1913 Cadillac roadster, DeLco starting and lighting system, fully equipped, excellent condition. Bargain if so desired. W. M. Marshall, North Bennington 165.

FOR SALE—Two Cypher egg incubators 144 in a set each. 1 Mann house cutter, 70. 7 Rhode Island Red and Blue Wyandotte cockerels and pullets. Also 50 birds of all manner. Mountain View Poultry Farm, Tel. 171-W.

FOR SALE—A moderate priced six room cottage in desirable location. This house is suitable for small family or is conveniently located. Will be sold at a bargain and on easy terms. One half acre. Price \$1,500.00. See agent or remain on mortgage. A. J. Bennett, C. N. Powers, Savings Bank Building, Bennington, Vt. 115.

FOR SALE—Chestnut Fence Posts, any size desired, also seed early and late. J. H. Peters, North Bennington Tel. 185-15 759.

FOR SALE—Extra good black work horses, every kind, 1800 pounds. K. J. and gentle. Carefully broken. Also a few good wagon equipped with brass. Three Red Island Red cockerels. Guy C. Staney, North Bennington Vt. 545.

FOR SALE—40 horses. We just arrived from Arlington Station 34 horses in a load. Brown and grey, 30 to 45, also 10 to 15; several pairs \$150 to \$200; several pair mares in load. 1 black mare \$80. 1 black horse 1500. A few single horses 1.50 to 1.500. We can save you money if you want good healthy nice horses. We buy direct from farms where raised. No sick or rotten stuff. We buy in large quantities than any dealer in this state; have 100 head ready to ship to you in lowest cost. Warranted—next load to W. W. Gulliver & Wood, P. O. Box 100, Shelburne Falls, Mass. 578-8.

FOR SALE—Farm of 96 ac. ca. 2 1/4 miles from Arlington Station 34 horses in a load. 20 acres in pasture with trout stream. Balance timber with pine and white oak that will amount to for farm. 57 on house painted, late roof. Barn 34 x 30 with a cement floor. 30 x 30. Sugar Orchard, running water at well in dirt in at house. 0 water will not freeze a machinery and tool worth about \$400. Price \$1700, part cash. Nash & Hutson, 24.

FOR SALE—Small place in South Shaftsbury consisting of eight room house, 1000 sq. ft. of land, more or less, utility, small fruit and nut buildings and good well. Apply to C. C. Salmons, South Shaftsbury, Vt. 917.

FOR SALE—Three Stewart parlor coal stoves and two small bed-room stoves as hotel is now heated by steam. Apply O. L. Lawrence, So. Shaftsbury, Tel. 184-4. 931f.

FOR SALE—Six cows due to freshen soon. Apply Charles L. Davis, Bennington R. F. D. 2. 5757f.

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte breeding flocks. Pigeons, etc. Also a variety of poultry. W. C. M. Cushman, No. Bennington, Vt. Phone 183-3. 911f.

FOR SALE—One 1915 Ford touring car equipped with shock absorbers, at a low price. Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams, 441f.

FOR SALE—Don't pay rent; \$10.00 per month for 30 years, with interest, amounts to \$472.50. Buy a lot and save \$100. I can give you a building lot on Main St., Grant St., Elm St., Weeks St., Devoe St., Putnam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Durbin St., Green St., Convent St., Monument Ave., and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Agt. 32f.

LOST—Gentleman's gold watch on way through soldiers home to the Mill M. W. day morning. Call for reward if returned to his owner. 184f.

LOST—Feb. 21, on Monument Ave. or West Main St. Old Rembrandt, a lady's small gold watch, on face, in leather case at the initials "H. S. A." Suitable reward if returned to the Banner office. 143f.

TO RENT—Tenement on South Branch St. Apply to Mrs. B. J. Slade Tel. 167-M 135f.

TO RENT—Furnished room, 240 Union St. Apply to Minnie V. Davis, 147f.

TO RENT—Desirable tenement on Silver St. at moderate price. Clement B. Cone, Grandview St. 747f.

TO RENT—Six room house at 221 Dewey St. even room house at 23 Putnam St. Apply Edward E. Dewey, 12367f.

TO RENT—First floor, pleasant 5 room tenement, all modern improvements. Inquire 112 Putnam St. 147f.

TO RENT—Four room tenement, down a side. On McKinley St. Clarence Chandler, 372-11, 95-1f.

TO RENT—Stores, offices, tenements, shops, and all individual garage, individual storage lockers, furnished apartments and rooms all centrally located. Geo. M. Hawks 188 Main St. 72f.

TO RENT—North side of tenement on North Branch St. \$8 per month. Inquire Matt Hickart Patterson 198 Scott St. 342f.

TO RENT—A house on Silver St. with all modern improvements. Apply to Melissa H. Mason, 204 South St. 414f.

TO RENT—One side of new two family house containing 7 rooms and bath, steam heat, electric lights and all improvements. Inquire Lewis L. Osborne, Convent Ave., 104f.

WANTED—An industrious man who can earn \$100 per month and expenses by selling our products for farmers. Must have some means for starting expenses and furnish contract signed by responsible man. Address W. T. Rawleigh Company, Freeport, Ill., giving age, occupation and references. 1241f.

WANTED—Men for wood working department. See R. H. Williams, Eagle Square Mfg. Co. 111f.

WANTED—By a good reliable girl of 23, a position as second girl, cook, general, or dress making apprentice. Address M. Banner office 1115f.

EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN—At night manufacturing operations. The work pays well and the girls' boarding house run by the Company and not owned by a company in town offers a desirable home with learning. Address Waltham Watch Co. Waltham, Mass. 1116f.

TEACHER—A young lady graduate of Bennington Coll. grad. Bennington, Mass. Will give instruction in any of the elementary and high school subjects except foreign languages including Education, day or even night. Terms reasonable. Any who are interested. Address Teacher, Banner Office 5225f.

K. OF C. MINSTRELS GIVEN WITHOUT CATASTROPHES

Appreciative audience Packed Harte's Theater

MANY GOOD VOICES PRESENT

Local Knights Have Established Precedent For Minstrel Entertainment in Bennington.

Those who expected to take the fur tulle at the Harte Theater to pieces for chairless to protest against the quality of the K. of C. Minstrels last evening, were agreeably surprised to be suddenly handed their money's worth and incidentally saturated with one of the best minstrel entertainments offered by home talent in the village for several winters. Music—that least disagreeable of all noises—was in abundance, and several cracked a joke. But otherwise the performance was bright, breezy, bell-couse and bustling.

The show was prompt in starting, snappy in delivery and when it came to an end, it stopped! The start occurred about 8.15 while some of those standing in the rear waiting for ushers still had a long neck. But the orchestra, composed of Harold R. Hurley, violin; Daniel Rifenburg, cello; R. D. Long, bass viol; Harold Cook, clarinet; Murray Hamilton, cornet; A. D. Hurley, trombone; Edward Hurley, drums and Miss Helen Hurley at the piano satiated the place with first class melody for a spell, and otherwise kept indiscretion at a minimum and director E. C. Bennett got on his rostrum on schedule and began to make with his hands motions.

The leadership of Judge Bennett deserves a whole paragraph. The musical judge found a chair-rung, round the place, with which he proceeded to slash up the atmosphere in a scandalous manner, followed by the orchestra in such perfect time that it was well worth the price of admission to watch his perfect control over his thoroughly efficient salon of harmony artists and wonder how they did it. When it comes to leading an orchestra, Judge Bennett knows his job and he lost no fragments of his reputation in that quarter, keeping the performance up to the chalk-line in first class shape.

After the overture, the curtain arose on an imposing assemblage of fair women and brave men, the fair women being in the auditorium and the brave men behind the footlights. A tier of male singers in white shirts rose behind a half-circle of similar sex and species in dress-suits below, with William J. Lineman as interlocutor in the center, wearing a smite that wouldn't come off. Subsequently on the ends, appeared apparitions in canvas pajamas, silk sashes and soot from their kitchen stoves, who proceeded to instigate a musical disturbance without further incentive. When behaving themselves in the even tenor of their way they are known as John J. Whitney, Joseph J. McDermott, Marden H. Nichols, H. Harry Sharpe, Gidon LaCrosse, Edward M. Whitney, Martin Cutler Patrick Dunn and David P. Sears. The larker side of Collins (M'Lord) Graves was also present, but of him, more later.

The doings commenced with a minstrel overture played by Judge Bennett's baton and accompanied by a lusty chorus of the fifty-odd male voices and consisting of all the recent songs on the Chautauque circuit, several popular hits and a few picked up by somebody on a Saturday night visit to Hoosick Falls. The choruses and songs for the entire performance were arranged for the occasion by Fred Thebarge, who has praise-worthy talent in this direction and

showed his genius in last evening's program. Joseph A. Pellerin was the first man to use the footlights. His song "Moon Beams Bring Love Dreams" brought out the first encore. Joseph J. McDermott, who is a wary wizard on his feet then started something with "When Old Bill Bailey Plays the Ukalele." In the second verse he got the song tangled up with the name of Bennington's popular and patient-souled dentist, Dr. F. S. Braley, and began to unroll a startling series of misadventures encountered by the "Doc" and Atty. Robert Healy "in foreign parts."

William Shaw then rendered that classical solo, "A Son of the Desert Am I," and he received an encore likewise, not because the audience was polite, but because not a number found its way onto the program and subsequently into the atmosphere which was not well worth hearing over again. Gedlon LaCrosse described the "Alabama Jubilee" with anatomical gyrations and when Michael Gilmore and quartette sang "My Old Home Town in Ireland" one could believe there were three or four Irishmen in the house judging from the continued and tumultuous applause by which they were again and again called to repeat the last verses.

It was somewhere about this time that the stage door opened and a strong wind blowing up Main street wafted into the Cardinal Edifice something dressed in pale terror, a pair of black eyes that covered his whole face, a suit of clothes that Harry Vandenberg usually wears while maintaining sanitation in Main street buildings, kindly loaned for the occasion, and a scarlet stomacher made from all the red stripes in the national flag, cut out and sewed together. A derby hat, held on by a few hairs on the top of the usual location was also present, and when the misdeed opened its face to sing "They All Had a Fingie, In the Pic." The audience knew instinctively that Collins M. Graves was somewhere about, but horribly mutilated with mural decorations and a propensity to furnish humor for the occasion. Along about the third verse the singer got off the track and picked it up again on the man-trail of Bennington's selectmen, several local doctors and others who would not bring suit for damages. Mr. Graves delivered himself of the verses on his chest with neatness, clearness and dispatch, after which he sat down where he could be plainly seen with the naked eye. The performance continued.

ONE GRAVE FOR WAR AND MILITARISM SAYS ASQUITH

One Will End With Death of the Other, Premier Declares

BRITAIN'S TERMS DEFINED

Sword Will Not Be Sheathed Until Belgium and Serbia Have Been Avenged.

London, Feb. 24—Philip Snowden, socialist member for Blackburn, took advantage of the discussion of the government's consolidated fund bill in the House of Commons, yesterday, to raise the question of conditions under which it would be possible to bring the war to an end with the object for which the allies were fighting realized.

Both Mr. Snowden and Charles Phillips Trevelyan, liberal member for Yorks, who followed along similar lines, were listened to in silence, but when Premier Asquith replied his speech was punctuated with loud outbursts of cheers. "There is absolute unity in the country" said the premier. He declared that Mr. Snowden's statement on the military situation was a matter of opinion. "It is not mine," was his comment.

Mr. Asquith concluded as follows, his words evoking applause from every corner of the House: "I have stated in clear, direct, explicit and emphatic language what are the terms upon which we in this country are prepared to make peace. I will repeat them. They are familiar to our allies and well known to the German chancellor. What I said November 9, 1914, I repeat now: 'We shall never sheathe the sword' we have not lightly drawn until Belgium—and I will add, Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unsailable foundation and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."

"What is there wanting in clearness and directness in that? I ask Mr. Trevelyan and the German chancellor how I can make it fuller and more intelligible. How can I do more to convince him and all our enemies that not until a peace based upon these foundations is within sight of attainment shall we or any of our allies abate by one jot our prosecution of this war?"

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont rain or snow tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

The board of civil authority will meet Saturday afternoon Feb. 26 and March 4 to revise the check list.

EAST ARLINGTON

Mrs. Davis of Bennington visits at Mrs. Nellie Bromley's with a good line of second hand clothing which will be sold very cheap to close out winter goods. Men's and boys' overcoats and suits \$1 to \$3, ladies' coats and suits \$1 to \$2.50. Hats for every body, shoes, notions, etc. Sale began Wednesday evening and continues all the week. Adv. 1413

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Merritt Burgess has bought a Hup car from the P. B. Gardner agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Blandy of Green will be spending a few days at the guests of Mrs. James A. Eddy in Troy, Mrs. Blandy's niece, who is a summer resident here.

Miss Myrtle O'Connell of Safford street has returned from the Troy City hospital where she has been undergoing treatment for the past week.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CARRIE S. EVANS

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

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COMMERCE RAIDER MOEWE DOCKS HER SECOND PRIZE

British Steamer Westburn Arrives at Canary Islands Port

HAS 206 PRISONERS ON BOARD

Seven Merchantships Now Believed to Have Been Sunk by Daring German Craft.

London, Feb. 24—A dispatch received from Santa Cruz, Tenerife (Canary Islands), says the British steamer Westburn has put in there for repairs flying the German flag and with a prize crew of seven men and one officer. The officer is believed in London to belong to the German raider Moewe. In addition to her crew there are 206 prisoners taken from various vessels on the Westburn. The Westburn left Liverpool on January 21 for Buenos Aires.

The Westburn is a vessel of 3200 tons. She was built in 1893 and is owned by J. Westall of Sunderland. The prisoners on board came from the British steamers Flamenco, Horace Clan MacTavish and Cambridge, the British bark Edinburgh and the Westburn, after her departure from Liverpool, was last reported as passing St. Vincent, Cape Verde, the 4th. The Flamenco left Newport, Eng., for Valparaiso, January 21 and the Horace left Buenos Aires January 26 for Liverpool. The Luxembourg was on a voyage from Newport for Buenos Aires, having departed for the South American port January 18. The bark Edinburgh sailed from Rangoon, India, September 22, for Liverpool. The Luxembourg and the Flamenco had been placed on the overdue list. The Cambridge cannot be identified.

The fact that the steamer Westburn has taken the prisoners on board men from the British steamer Clan MacTavish, which was sunk after an exciting battle by the German raider Moewe off the west coast of Africa in January, seemingly would indicate that the Flamenco, Horace, Edinburgh and Luxembourg had met a similar fate. The Moewe, which captured the British African liner Appam, which was later taken into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, in addition to disposing of the Clan MacTavish, destroyed six other steamers, the Cambridge (which probably is the Cambridge Trader, Author, Ariadne Drummond and Farrington).

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BOYS' WORK DAY

Local Organizations to Appeal for Funds Saturday.

Saturday, February 26th, has been set aside by the Young Men's Christian Associations, the Knights of King Arthur, the Boy Scouts, and the Boys' Clubs of Vermont, to emphasize the movements in Vermont which are making for better boyhood.

On this day the boys, themselves, will appeal for funds for the support of their institutions.

In Bennington, the Y. M. C. A. Junior boys plan to see every person in town and ask for a contribution, with no set minimum.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. for the Juniors in Bennington is headed up in the Junior Boys' Club, which includes all Junior members. Monday is the big day. The boys go into the gymnasium that afternoon at four o'clock. The exercises are accompanied by the piano, and the session ends with basket ball played by teams of the Junior League. After baths, supper is served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which is followed by a religious talk by some leading citizen. Then the club meets formally, with its boy president in the chair. The Scout meeting follows.

During the week, the boys control the conduct of their game rooms, with some member on duty. He keeps the lights down, curtains even, waste paper off the floor, collects dues, etc. On Saturday the gymnasium class is repeated.

It is toward the maintenance of this program, the purchase of magazines, light, heat, water, etc., that these lads will ask for funds on Saturday.

Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of our beloved wife and sister. Also for the many beautiful floral tributes especially the employees of the Cooper and Bradford mills.

Ernest Dupee, Olive Parker, Mary Gregg.

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WESTBURN IS RUN OUT OF HARBOR AND SCUTTLED

Prize Crew Feared She Would Be Returned to Owners

DRIVE AT VERDUM CONTINUES

Germans Have Captured Two Villages and Are Training Big Guns Against Defences.

London, Feb. 24—The British steamer Westburn, brought into the Canary Islands port of Santa Cruz yesterday by a prize crew from the German commerce raider Moewe, was today run out to sea by the crew and sunk, according to dispatches received here today from Madrid. After sinking the Westburn, the German sailors escaped in boats.

The action of the prize crew was taken, it is believed, because of information from the Spanish government that the steamer would be returned to her owners if she was interned.

London, Feb. 24—Under the eye of the Kaiser the great offensive movement of the Germans north of Verdum continues today. The Teutons have taken the important village of Brabant within eight miles of Verdum and also the village of Samognux only six miles from the apparent objective point of the attack. The losses of both armies is estimated at 60,000.

Big guns are being hurled forward by the Germans to batter the defences of Verdum but the French war office declares that the forts are too strong to be reduced.

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Spring is Near

With the coming of longer days and warmer sun, the long, cold winter is nearly forgotten. With spring so near we are prepared for it with new Walk-Over shoes, new Elite Shoes and new Durians Shoes for men, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 per pair.

The new military cloth top shoes for women are sure to please.

Two new lines of shoes for misses and children have been added to the stock. These shoes have high cloth tops, plain or cap top, patent or full leather. A person now in the store just remarked, "These high cloth top shoes look nice on a girl." We think so too. You should call and see them.

Five new styles of Comfort Shoes for women. Are you going about with tired, aching feet? Come in and be fitted with shoes that are fitted with comfort and good looks.



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HIS WORK DONE

When the firemen's work is done comes the adjustments of the damage and the call on the fire insurance company to pay for the loss.

The Hartford Fire Insurance Company has, in its hundred years and more of life, paid over \$150,000,000 to make good the losses by fire.

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