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It is significant that the advocates of the direct primary have practically admitted that the first test of the law on May 19th will be a fiasco.—Rutland Herald.

There will be no test of the direct primary Mar 16. The first trial of the direct primary in Vermont takes place on Sept. 12. If the Herald has editorially spoken the sentence of truth about the primary at any time it has escaped our attention. Judging from its past record it appears safe to assume that whatever the Herald says on the subject is based on prejudice and its statements chiefly without foundation.

Following the example of his father, and to make his father's gift soon available, Henry W. Putnam, Jr., has given the sum of \$50,000 to build the new Putnam Memorial hospital. This will enable the trustees to erect the hospital at once without waiting for the income from the water works to increase. It will make the fund of \$43,000 on hand an endowment except a little for equipment and will put the institution upon a sure financial basis. On an occasion like this The Banner finds itself unable to put into language the sentiments which the people of Bennington would like to express to Mr. Putnam for his generosity in this great gift. It comes without suggestion or solicitation and from his heart to his home town, Bennington is grateful and appreciative and in all the years of the future good will come, to the generations as they pass, from these gifts of father and son.

Bennington's little and half-efficient board of trade, always hard up and with all the work falling on the backs of a few men is going to have an annual meeting and banquet. This year and crippled little organization has been the means of locating four fine new industries in Bennington. It helped another to stay here when it was on the point of moving. It has assisted another that was weak and threatened. It has labored for better railroad service and helped some. It has tried to advertise the town and more people are coming here each year. It has endeavored to encourage worthy objects and to increase the material prosperity of the town and Bennington has grown steadily in population and business. Last year the board of trade got one of the finest speakers of the state here for the annual banquet and only about 50 people bought tickets to hear him. Nobody gains so much from the efforts of the board of trade as the merchants. Last year just two merchants came to hear Mr. Crockett and his address was one of the best ever heard in Bennington. Tomorrow night the Bennington board of trade is to make another attempt. It has engaged Mr. Lyman E. Wilson to make the address at the annual banquet. He is a great man and said to be a great speaker. The banquet will be at the Putnam house at 7.30 o'clock and tickets will be one dollar each. The board of trade of Bennington has accomplished a good deal, with mighty little capital to use. It is trying to help the town and the men of Bennington ought to give it the encouragement of at least turning out for the annual banquet. Notify President W. H. Nichols or Secretary Emory S. Harris that you will be present, not later than noon tomorrow as it is important to know how many to provide for.

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NORTH BENNINGTON
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Miss Christine Lund of Springfield, Mass., was a week end guest of Mrs. Erin Tompkins.
Elmer Rockwood of Bennington was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Dunham, Sunday.
Mrs. Harriet Williams of Bennington was the Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. G. E. Green of Upper Main St.
Leslie White of Reading, Pa., made a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White Friday and Saturday, while on a business trip for the firm with which he is connected.

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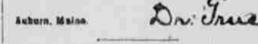
The mythology of dragons is immensely varied. The one thing certain seems to be that of the many writers who describe them not one ever saw them. Many of the descriptions come nearer to a winged crocodile than any thing else, and the conjecture that the dragon idea was developed from some tradition of an extinct saurian seems probable. In the craggy lore of south eastern Europe the "drakoo" becomes the terror of the nursery. He takes a human white lamb, is an expert in horse-stealing and lives, of course, in a palace. Andrew Lang pointed out that the modern Greek story of "the last Drakoo" is the same as that told in Scotland of "the last Piet."

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