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Final price reductions on all winter clothing and heavy rubbers now prevailing at JOE LEVIN'S. Call and save.

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Fancy Groceries, imported goods of all kinds. What we can't have on hand we will gladly get for you, in a very short time. E. B. PATTERSON, Phone 217-M.

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New styles of shoes now in. Famous "Walk-Over"—"Erie"—"W. L. Douglas"—"Patrician"—"Doris"—The celebrated Eop-Notch Rubbers. HART'S SHOE STORE.

Horse Shoeing, Wagon and Automobile Repairing. First class work at right prices. S. H. PERCY, Phone 179-B Garage Court.

Our drug store is a model of neatness. Everything as it should be and at the right price. THE HARWOOD DRUG STORE, 201-203 North St. Phone 288-M and 819.

Let us furnish your house or place of business with gas or electricity. Gas Stoves, Ranges, etc. Electrical appliances. TWIN STATE GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.

Books, Stationery, Post Cards. Office supplies and an immense variety of articles that have gained for this big store a reputation all its own for quality of merchandise at right prices. E. T. GRISWOLD, Musical and Sporting Goods.

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Before you buy anything in Furniture or Stoves we would be pleased to have you see our fine stock at very moderate prices. THE WALBRIDGE STORE, Geo. A. Parker.

Good meals are greatly to be desired. Get the habit. Our meats and oysters are delicious. CARROLL'S RESTAURANT AND LUNCH, 117 North St.

A visit to our up-to-date Department Store will convince you that both as regards to quality and quantity that we can surely please you. ESTATE OF A. K. RITCHIE.

Complete stock of Tobaccos and Cigars. Sporting Goods of all kinds. Smoke "R. J. H." Specials, 5c. RICHARD J. HURLEY, North St.

Agency for Famous Chevrolet Automobiles. Automobile supplies and accessories. Expert repairing, fittings, etc. 311 Main St. Phone 227-M. THE PUTNAM HOUSE GARAGE, P. B. Gardner, Prop.

Just received a carload of flooring and shingles. JAMES S. SILK, Contractor and Builder, 312 W. Main St.

Auto and Wagon—House and Sign Painting, Paper Hanging and Interior Decorating. Sales agent for U-Auto Varnish. E. F. LANE, Garage Court, North St.

Trade here and save money. We continually offer exceptional values in groceries, teas and coffees. THE SATTER GROCERY & TEA CO., 469 Main St., Phone 450.

Bennington folks and people for miles around know that it pays to trade at The New York Store, M. MARGOLIN, Prop., 109 North St., Bennington, Vt.

No store anywhere can fill your wants any better for good heavy Chicago beef, native fresh, salt and smoked meats. E. H. M'CUDE, Main and Union Sts.

Everything in the Painting and Paper Hanging line. Hardwood finishing, staining, polishing, water colors, burlyaps, varnishing, sign writing, etc. All work guaranteed. MASSE & SONS, Contractors & Painters, 211 Depot St.

Electrical construction and supplies. First class work at reasonable prices. W. J. LENNON 214 South St., Phone 474-W.

Fine assortment of Silver, Wedding Presents, Cut Glass, and China. JAMES WOOD, Jeweler, Next Door to Bennington Co., National Bank.

Millinery with that style and becomingness so much desired and at moderate prices. MRS. FANNY M'LEOD, 515 Main St.

An exceptionally good automobile tire is the Radco, which we carry in stock and which sells at a reasonable price. A. H. WINSLOW—The Hardware man, 315 Main Street, Bennington, Vt.

A cigar that Bennington likes and boasts "Marie" 5c cigar, 6 for 25c. J. J. BURNS, MFR. All kinds of Pipes and Smoking Supplies.

Latest Pictures—Big Features—As good a moving picture show as one can find no matter where they may travel. DENNINGTON OPERA HOUSE.

Full line of Tobaccos, Cigars, Candles, Fruits, Vegetables, and Canned Goods. Delicious Soda at our fountain. GEORGE SALEM.

Manicuring, Facial Massage, Shampooing, Scalp treatment. MISS NELLIE A. BACON, 615 Main St. Phone 434-W.

Our stock is complete, our service unexcelled, and we are able to give you what you want at the right price. WILLIAM L. GOKAY, The Rexall Drug Store, 405 Main St.

A cordial welcome awaits you here. Special rates by the week. COTTAGE HOTEL, J. H. Leahy, Prop., Main Street.

A full line of Curtice Brothers canned goods, vegetables, fruits, jellies and jams. E. E. BOTTUM, Phone 4-M.

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A Good Citizen and a Friend In Need.

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He Would Rather Be Right Than President—The Local Retail Merchant Is Without Question the Community's Most Prominent Factor. Aids Farmer by Buying From Him.

(Copyrighted, 1916 by Thomas J. Sullivan.) I would rather be right than president is the principle followed by many retail merchants.

There is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of the law, no high destiny without earnest perseverance, no greatness without self denial.

As a dispenser of important services to his town none compares with the retail merchant.

Perhaps the most tenacious of importance is the retailer's accommodations which he extends his customers. His books show that where merchandise, looked or lost of recognition overflows his customers he is frequently obliged to carry them for many months.

Honest Men Get Credit. The man who has not established a reputation for unreliability or dishonesty is reasonably sure of securing credit for the asking. And the extension of credit is equivalent to making loans without interest. And who would ask or expect any such favor of any one but a merchant or a very close and sure friend?

The local town to be a desirable place to live must have police and fire protection. It must have bridges, improved streets, water, sewers and good schools. To secure these necessities

The New Wonder samples are here. Suit or overcoat no more \$19 no less. O'BRIEN, The Cleaner, Office Main St., in Burgess House, Works, Depot St.

Interior Decoration. Would be pleased to have you call and talk over your plans. ISAAC P. WALKER, Interior Decoration, Bennington Savings Bank Building.

Good drugs at right prices always with. D. A. WARD Registered Pharmacist. Complete stock of Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Glass, Brushes, etc., 219 Main St., Phone 59-2.

Furniture repaired, saws filed, shovels and knives sharpened, lawn mowers repaired and sharpened, bicycle repairing, pattern making, general repair shop of. H. S. ALLARD, 133 North St.

any improvements and to maintain them in their proper condition. The local merchant pays a large share of the taxes.

Among other things, the local merchant is continually forced to contribute to all manner of charitable enterprises, both public and private. He is the local benefactor, inasmuch as he is the employer of labor. Numerous young men and women find employment in his store, and as the result of his investment and efforts many dollars find their way to the pocket of the doctor, the dentist, the officer, the druggist and the banker, all of which contribute to the social and financial prosperity of the community.

Faith in the Community. He aids the farmer by buying from him his products to the extent of his needs, thus increasing the profits of the farmer.

He has shown his faith in the community by investing his capital there, consequently his interests center there; upon him, in a measure, depends the social, religious, educational and commercial existence of the town, and he is ever willing to do his part.

All this being true, why is he not entitled to the same amount of consideration as that exacted by the farmer, the wage earner and the other factors of the community that are always crying for "fair treatment" and "the right to live"?

Destroying Local Markets. All he asks is that which is rightfully his—the opportunity to display his goods and compare prices with those shown in the misrepresented "picture albums" of the catalogue houses before you send your money away from home to buy something of the same quality which he can sell just as cheaply as does the big city merchant price.

Take away from the community one of the most important elements of prosperity, the medium of exchange, and the effect is inevitable—a weakening of the organism. And that is precisely what the great mail order retail houses are doing. They are bleeding the local communities. They are destroying local markets, weakening local credits, reducing the volume of deposits in small local banks, starving out local business men who are consumers of farm products as well as dealers, driving to the large cities

Evidently In Love. "I told that boy," remarked the teacher, "to remain after school and write some word 100 times. But I don't think it was any great punishment."

"Why not?" "I noticed that he wrote the word 'Rose' 100 times with an ecstatic smile."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Different Style. Edward, aged six, was sent to a barber shop to get his hair cut. The barber who was assigned to the job had red hair.

"Would you like to have your hair cut like mine?" asked the barber. "No, sir," answered Edward. "Cut it some other color, please."—Chicago News.

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing, clothing, dry goods, shoes, notions, trunks, bags, etc. The New York Store, MARGOLIN, Prop. 109 North St.

Headquarters for reliable furniture and stoves. It will pay you to do your trading at THE WALBRIDGE STORE, Geo. A. Parker.

THE PUTNAM HOUSE is liberally patronized on account of the fact that it is always catering to the welfare of its guests. P. C. CORNELL, Prop.

Expert plumbing, steam and hot water heating. Pipe work of all kinds. First class work at right prices.—WILLIAM H. NEVILLS, Rear Y. M. C. A. Building.

Electric lights, king of all lights—quicker—cleaner—easier—TWIN STATE GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.

thousands of consumers who can no longer find employment in small towns, and the men who are aiding them in their work of destruction will soon pay the penalty in the shrinkage of the value of their property, as well as in the loss of their markets.

A Gigantic Monopoly. That the managers of these gigantic enterprises understand what they are doing is amply demonstrated by a remark recently made by one of their number in Chicago. He said, "Give us a few more years and we will make every town outside of Chicago a town, every town a village, every village a hamlet, and every hamlet we will wipe off the face of the earth."

What will the customers of the mail order houses do then, poor things? They will have given aid and comfort to the enemy that has destroyed their prosperity. They will have assisted in building up a gigantic monopoly. Seduced by pretty picture books, they will have in their innocence starved out their own best customers. Deserted villages will then mark the places where prosperous communities formerly thrived, and the population of the country will be divided between the farms and the large cities. The prospect is not a pleasant one to contemplate.

We are prepared to furnish anything in the automobile supply and accessory line. Expert repairing. Agency for "Hudson," "Ford," and "Dodge" automobiles. THE BENNINGTON GARAGE, E. W. WILLIAMS.

Big 2 lb. loaf of Froehner's Bread for 10 cents at THE MILL STORE, corner Mill and River streets, E. F. Houran.

Ice Cream, Candies. Full line of Tobacco and Cigars. Best Soda Fountain in town. CHRIS SAVAS.

Send your laundry to us. We are experienced in the business and will give you first class service. BENNINGTON SANITARY LAUNDRY, John H. Powers, Prop.

Fine line of Groceries, Canned Goods, etc. Candies and Cigars. Bologna, Pressed Ham and Sausage. THOMAS STEWART, River St.

Our meats are the best money can buy and we sell at a small profit. CULLINAN'S CASH MARKET, 108 South St. Phone 131-M.

Choice Candies, Schraff's Chocolates, Imported and Domestic Fruits. Also a full line of vegetables. BENNINGTON FRUIT CO., Charles Tomasi, 421 Main St.

Ladies' Tailor. Habit maker and Furrier. Cleaning, repairing and pressing carefully done. JULIUS L. WEICHMAN, Importer Phone 432-W, 111 North St.

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Ladies' and Gents' Shoe Shine Parlor. All shines 5 cents. All kinds of shoe polish and shoe strings at CHAS FELOS, 100 1/2 North St.

We carry a full line of choice groceries, fresh fish, oysters, clams, fruits and vegetables and our prices are right. C. S. ESTES, Phone 203 & 204.

V. PARTENOPE & SON Shoe repairing. 409 Main St. Opp Opera House.

Fine confectionery and ice cream. Delicious and refreshing ice cream soda, sandwiches, etc. C. L. HUDSON, Opera House Block...Phone 292-M.

Fine millinery, embroideries, art needlework, stamped goods and flosses. Strictly up-to-date. MISS L. M. BARNEY, Main St.

No better bread than "New Era Bread" and it's made in Bennington by THOS. A. DAVENPORT, Baker, Gage St. Phone 299.

A dollar's worth of goods for every dollar spent here has made this store its reputation for real values in Hardware, House Furnishings, Paints, Oils, painters' supplies, mill supplies, Glass, etc. THE ADAMS HARDWARE CO., Main and Silver Sts. Phone 222-M.

Tobacco and cigars—high grade confectionery, sporting goods of all kinds. Up-to-date billiard rooms. JOHN J. WHITNEY, North St.

Choice family Groceries, Provisions, Farm Produce, Chicago Beef, Native Fresh and Cured Meats. R. E. HOWARD, Gage and Park Sts.

When it comes to photography, picture framing and enlarging, cameras and supplies and amateur finishing you all know the artistic and up-to-date studio of L. DE FOREST CONE will please you. 441 Main St.

Splendid showing of fine furniture at prices that justly defy competition. M. J. WELSH, Furniture, Upholstering and Undertaking, 195 North St., Phone 175-W.

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Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Work. Second hand stoves and stove repairs. HARRY CUMMINGS, 135 North St., Garage Court.

Don't forget we do all kinds of Hat Cleaning and Reblocking and Repairing. Shoe Shining that satisfies. BENNINGTON SHOE SHINE PARLORS, Felopulos Bros., Walkers Block, Main St.

Boost Bennington by boosting local trade. Stick to the Home Merchants. Boost Bennington. JOHN T. CARROLL, 122 North St. Phone 420.

Fine groceries and provisions, choice meats and poultry. Everything first class. KARP'S CASH MARKET, 104 River St...Telephone connection.

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Our trade booster, a regular \$1.00 Corset for 79c. See window display. E. L. NICHOLS.

J. H. Livingston had the reputation of doing the best work in Bennington. We are prepared to live up to that reputation. THE LIVINGSTON PRESS J. Guy Livingston, Mgr., Phone 292-W.

Before you buy anything in Dry Goods, Shoes, Cloaks, Suits, Dresses, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, etc., be sure and see our fine stock at correct prices. N. NOVECK, Main St.

Everything usually found in the up-to-date department store will be found here. Right quality and correctly priced. ALEXANDER DRYSDALE & SON.

When you see the label "C. W. Peter" on a man's suit or overcoat or ladies' garment you may rest assured that it suits the wearer. C. W. PETERSON, Merchant Tailor, 435 Main St. Phone 208-M.

If you want the best in millinery at reasonable prices you will surely in spect our real up-to-date styles. MRS. J. B. HANNON, Library Building.

Diamonds, Watches, Cut Glass and Jewelry in beautiful variety and rightly priced. L. COOK, Optometrist and Jeweler, 410 Main St.

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A mighty good place to buy your meat. Heavy Chicago beef, native fresh, salt and smoked meats. CURTIS D. SWEET, 110 Gage St.

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EAST BURLINGTON Mrs. George Hulle is visiting relatives in Manchester.

Born, Thursday April 14th a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Youngs.

Ralph Gault of North Bennington was in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. O. L. Hewes passed the week end in Shaftsbury with her mother.

Miss Edna Green passed a few days in Rutland last week with relatives.

Howard Willis, a nephew of Rev. J. G. Robinson is visiting at the parsonage.

Robert Walsh, who has been confined to the home with the grip, is able to be out again.

George McDonald of South Shaftsbury was visiting his mother, Mrs. E. A. McDonald of this place Sunday.

Rehearsals for the children of Olivet Sunday school on Thursday at four and on Saturday at three o'clock.

ATTENTION! The Parisian Cleaners and Dyers, Troy, N. Y., opened an agency in charge of J. C. Jensen, Merchant Tailor, 422 Main Street.

HIGH GRADE WORK AND PROMPT DELIVERY. PARISIAN CLEANERS AND DYERS S. SHRAGG, Prop. Main Office 133 Third St. TROY, N. Y.

WANTED. Able bodied American men, ages 21 to 35 to learn auto tire building, good wages paid while learning.

Apply Employment Dept. The Hartford Rubber Works Co., Hartford, Conn.

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ROCKWOOD & BUSS Contractors and Builders. Estimates on new buildings. Repairs, etc., promptly made. Shop in rear Dr. A. Z. Cutler Block, Main St. Telephone H. P. Rockwood or M. E. Buss.

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Employment for Young Women at light manufacturing plants. The work is light and wages are good. If you hold a home card or a passport you are entitled to a special rate. Address: Waltham Watch Co., Waltham, Mass.

SHAFTSBURY VALLEY Ruth Peters is ill with measles. Edward Bouplon was in South Shaftsbury Saturday.

George Bouplon was a North Bennington visitor Saturday.

Helen and Lillian Bouplon are confined to the house with measles.

J. F. Stanley and daughter, Eva, were in Bennington on business Monday.

Jared Howard and Clyde Fuller were in Bennington on business Saturday.

Hiram Hlake and Percy Woodward from Walpole, were in the Valley Sunday.

F. W. Fuller and son and Jesse Woodward, were in Hoosick Falls Wednesday.

Byron Pierce has moved his family from White Creek to his mothers farm in the Valley.

A large class is expected to be initiated at the grange in White Creek Friday evening.

Earl Howard, who recently purchased the Loren Sweet place below White Creek, who was unfortunate in breaking his leg soon after moving there and was making a speedy recovery, until last week he rode to the Green Mountain creamery with his hired man when the young team became frightened, throwing Earl violently to the ground striking on his head and shoulders. His man had presence of mind enough to draw him from under the wagon before the wheels passed over him. The team ran nearly a mile and were stopped by Harry Bennett. At this writing he is feeling fine again.

George McKinley, who was a well known and respected citizen of White Creek and vicinity for several years, died at his home in Cambridge, N. Y., Friday evening after a short illness, aged 75 years. He was a veteran of the civil war and gained distinction and promotion in the 2nd battle of Bull Run, by saving the colors after the color bearer had been killed. He enlisted in the 22nd Regiment Company B, serving two years. He re-enlisted in the Second Veteran Cavalry and finished when peace was restored. He was a member of Post McKie of Cambridge. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and three daughters, Helen, Celia and Marcella. Funeral services were held in Cambridge Monday morning. Interment in Hoosick Falls cemetery.

Thaddeus Russell of White Creek, who has been in feeble health, died at his home in White Creek April 12. He was the son of Christopher and Jane (Kennett) Russell and is survived by his wife, one son Arthur of Schenectady and a sister, Mrs. Harriet Ray with whom he resided. Funeral services were held from his late home Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. Mr. Turner of North Bennington officiating. Burial

in Rosewood cemetery.

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