

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Get your Chautauqua tickets now. "Peg O' the Ring", opera house tomorrow. Adv.

Otto Steck of North Adams is visiting friends in town.

A new style comfort shoe for men just in at Hart's. Adv.

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Several cases of shoes for men just unpacked. Prices \$2.25 to \$4.00 at Hart's. Adv.

New rubber sole low shoes for men just received. Price \$3.00 a pair at Hart's. Adv.

Mrs. Charles Barnes of Pleasant street returned today from a week spent at Camp Hannon at Barber's Pines.

Warren Pierce of Waltham is visiting in town for a few days. Mr. Pierce is the son of the late Charles A. Pierce who was a former owner of the Banner.

J. Warren Kerrigan supported by the winner of the Alabama beauty contest, Miss Lois Wilson in the big Bluebird romantic drama, "A Son of the Immortals" opera house today. Adv.

J. Warren Kerrigan the idol of a million theatre goers in the five-part Bluebird sensation romantic drama "A Son of the Immortals". Opera house today. Adv.

The 13th annual pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre will begin Sunday and the tickets are good for one month which is the usual length of the pilgrimage.

The funeral of George W. Bromley, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bromley of North Bennington, was held this afternoon, the Rev. James S. Clark officiating. The burial was in the North Bennington cemetery.

Marshall H. Gardner, White Creek, aged 77, died Thursday afternoon at his home after a short illness resulting from a shock. The funeral will be at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and the body will be taken to North Adams for burial.

Half the Chautauqua tickets sold to subscribers have been called for at the office of William H. Willis. Those who have not called for their tickets are urged to do so at once to save the bother and expense of sending somebody around to the houses.

There will be a baseball game this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the playground between a local team and a team from Camp Hill, the Troy Y. M. C. A. boys' camp at Barber's pond. Judson Center of Cambridge is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. B. Hunt of North street.

Mrs. W. H. Buss has received a letter from her son, Ansel Buss, who is with the Hoosick Falls company at Mission, Tex. Ansel writes that the heat there is not as bad as reported and that the boys are well and comfortably located. They have plenty of good water and their worst hardship so far was the eight day trip to the border. They particularly miss news from home and he would be glad to hear from his friends. His address is Ansel Buss, Company M, Second Reg't N. Y. N. G., Mission Tex.

Page Bank Loans

A correspondent of the Bristol Herald asks a lot of insinuating questions, in that paper, last week, regarding Senator Page's banking methods, but is ashamed to sign his name to the article or father it in print, which is enough to condemn it as unworthy of notice.

The charge that the depositors have been deceived in regard to the investments of the Lamouille County Savings Bank and Trust Company, we happen to know are unqualifiedly false.

Up to the time that C. S. Page was elected senator and went to Washington, this bank had advertised that all its loans were made in Vermont or to resident Vermonters.

The year following his election the deposits increased nearly half a million dollars. There was no demand

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Why Does Ex-Gov. Smith Desire the Re-election of Sen. Carroll S. Page?

At a meeting of the Greater Vermont association in Montpelier, held July 12th, 1916, former Governor Edward Curtis Smith of St. Albans was a guest of honor and one of the principal speakers.

Among his varied activities, Gov. Smith is head of the Central Vermont railway system, which is one of the corporations whose taxes were materially increased by the legislation of 1912.

It is not surprising, therefore, that he should feel some resentment toward the executive whose influence was potent in placing such legislation on the statutes.

After attacking the legislatures responsible for increasing railway taxes, Gov. Smith made a direct attack on Allen M. Fletcher, who was governor at the time the taxes of the Central Vermont Railway company were increased by law.

Governor Smith said:

"There is another subject concerning which I have some hesitation in speaking, solely for the reason that my motive in doing so may be misconstrued, but at the risk of the criticism that I may be passing from the realm of political economy to that of politics, I want to say that I believe our high offices in Vermont should be kept for Vermonters. This doctrine ought to be a principle of state policy at all times and under all circumstances. It matters not whether the position involved is temporary, or whether it is for a term of years, Vermont should be governed by Vermonters and I mean true Vermonters. Any departure from the strict enforcement of this principle as a state policy will in the end lead to a system of government of the state by absentees that will be humiliating and disastrous. There is not a state in the Union that would tolerate the introduction of outsiders

to its high offices.

"If it is right to permit a man who is a temporary resident of the state to represent the state in one high office, why is it not equally right for such a man to represent Vermont in the other offices of the State Government, in the legislature, in the judiciary and in all public offices? If it is right in any of these instances it is right in all of them. If it is wrong in any of them it is wrong in everyone of them.

"The practice can only be justified on the principle of a quid pro quo, and this means nothing else than selling our birth-right for a mess of pottage, larger or smaller. Such a practice can bring no ultimate benefit to the State. It only stamps the people of Vermont as easy and holds the state up to ridicule and contempt. What expectation or hope will there be if such a practice is allowed to grow and increase, for the ambition of the youth of this state?

"It would be a short step from request to a demand, and from a demand for high office, to the suggestion followed by a demand, for the reform of our institutions, and for the reorganization of our entire political system."

This attack, made in the presence of nearly 1,000 guests gathered at the Greater Vermont meeting, was characterized by the Rutland Herald as follows:

To say that Vermont offices should be conserved for native Vermonters alone would have prevented Horace P. Graham from being state auditor and would prevent him from being elected governor, which now seems to be the purpose of the voters of Vermont.

It would bar Frank E. Howe a most valuable legislator and lieutenant governor.

It would bar James Hartness of Springfield, one of the most diligent workers for educational betterment.

It would prevent Theodore N. Vail from such service as he rendered the state in the recent national conven-

tion.

It would remove from active life John W. Titcomb, whose long and faithful service for the conservation of Vermont fish and game would have been lost to Vermont under the "native son" rule.

It would have disqualified John W. Rowell, a jurist whose claim to a place in the hall of fame as an able judge, an upright citizen and a true Vermont-er could hardly be disputed.

Would Have Barred Distinguished Governors.

This rule, if applied during the lifetime of Vermont as a state, would have prevented the following men of distinguished attributes from becoming governors of Vermont:

- Thomas Chittenden, the first governor, born in East Guilford, Conn.
- Roswell Farnham, born in Boston.
- Samuel Pingree, Salisbury, N. H.
- Urban A. Woodbury, Acworth, N. H.
- Paul Dillingham, Shutesbury, Mass.
- Martin Chittenden, Salisbury, Conn.
- Peter T. Washburn, Lynn, Mass.
- John G. McCulloch, Newark, Del.
- Moses Robinson, Hardwick, Mass.
- Isaac Tichenor, Newark, N. J.
- Jonas Galusha, Norwich, Conn.
- Cornelius P. Van Ness, Kinderhook, N. Y.
- Samuel C. Crafts, Woodstock, Conn.
- John Mattocks, Hartford, Ct.
- Asahel Peck, Royalston, Mass.
- Levi K. Fuller, Westmoreland, N. H.
- Josiah Grant, Compton, P. Q.
- Frederick Holbrook, East Windsor, Ct.
- Erasmus Fairbanks, Brimfield, Mass.
- Julius Converse, Stafford, Conn.
- Allen M. Fletcher, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Paul Brigham, Coventry, Conn.
- Israel Smith, Sheffield, Conn.
- Richard Skinner, Litchfield, Conn.
- Ezra Butler, Lancaster, Mass.
- William A. Palmer, Hebron, Conn.
- Charles Kibbourn Williams, Cambridge, Mass., and many others.

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As to congressmen, the list is legion. It includes such names as Niles, Lyon, Morris, Chamberlain, Olin, Elliot, Witherell, Shaw, Strong, Rich, Jewett, Langdon, Marsh, Noyes, Merrill, Richards, Meech, Mallory, Keyes, Whit, Heman Allen, Cahoon James, Isaac Fletcher, John Smith, Henry, Joyce, William W. Grout.

Attacks Great Memories From Collamer Down.

Among the statues in the rotunda at Washington, adjudged worthy of honorable position alongside Ethan Allen's, is that of Jacob Collamer, one of Vermont's grand old men. He was born in East Guilford, Conn.

Governor Smith's doctrine would have prevented his own uncle, Worthington C. Smith, from holding public office in Vermont. Born in Barre, Mass., Worthington Smith represented St. Albans in the legislature in 1863, was county senator in 1874-75 and a member of congress in 1876-78. Should he have been barred out on account of the native son rule?

See the array of distinguished senators who have represented Vermont in the past, all born outside the state: Stephen R. Bradley, Wallingford, Ct. Nathaniel Chipman, Salisbury, Conn. James Fisk, Greenwich, Mass. Samuel Prentiss, Stonington, Conn. S. S. Phelps, Litchfield, Conn. Elijah Paine, Brooklyn, N. Y. Dudley Chase, Corinth, N. H. Horatio Seymour, Litchfield, Conn. Benjamin Swift, Amenia, N. Y. Wm. Upham, Leicester, Mass.

Brattleboro Reformer Deprecates Attack.

Referring to Gov. Smith's attack The Brattleboro Reformer said:

Ex-Gov. E. Smith opened his mouth and stuck his foot in it when addressing the Greater Vermont association he injected politics into his remarks. What he said, in the language of one of Belasco's characters, was

"irrelevant, immaterial and not germane to the subject."

If the Greater Vermont association is to be used as a political agency it will soon lose its usefulness, and it has started on a course which ought to make it the most potential force for upbuilding the state that has ever existed.

People also will revolt at the idea of railroad influence in public affairs. There was too much of that sort of thing years ago, but fortunately there has been little apparent attempt in recent years by the railroads to use their influence in public matters. The people of the state have shown a disposition to be fair toward the railroads and to co-operate with them.

Another break like that which Smith made will arouse antagonisms which will be harmful to the railroads. We are willing to forget what Smith said, and we hope the newspapers and the public generally will take the same attitude.

But for heaven's sake, Eddie, don't do it again.

The sequel to Gov. Smith's speech at the Greater Vermont meeting is the endorsement of Senator Carroll S. Page's candidacy for re-election by the St. Albans Messenger, Gov. Smith's newspaper.

Is This the Reason For Governor Smith's Attack?

In declaring his candidacy for the United States Senate, Mr. Fletcher said:

"I am influenced in reaching this decision by my belief that such decision will not meet the approval of paid lobbyists, big interests, or such newspapers as may sustain them. These elements have persistently conducted a campaign of misrepresentation against the constructive legislation enacted by the General Assembly of 1912, and my administration as Governor, and for reasons which appeal to them, stand today energetically and vociferously demanding the re-election of the junior senator."

Why Do the Railroads Desire the Return of Senator Page to the United States Senate? WILL SENATOR PAGE ANSWER?

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Estates of Jane S. Taft and John P. Taft.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estates of Jane S. Taft and John P. Taft, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Shaftsbury in said District, on the 29th day of October next from 1 o'clock P. M. until 3 o'clock P. M. on said day and that six months from the 19th day of June A. D. 1916, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Shaftsbury this 7th day of July, A. D., 1916.
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