

Be a Booster For Bennington Business

Our stock of men's, ladies' and children's clothing, drygoods and shoes has never before been so complete as it is now. Ladies' coats and suits will be sold at exceptionally low prices. **JOE LEVIN'S.**

The Bennington County National Bank is one of the strongest banking institutions in the country. Bank your money here. **BENNINGTON COUNTY NATIONAL BANK.**

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

Electricity and Gas in the home is a necessity. Call and inspect our electric flat irons, ovens, ranges, supplies, everything in electrical and gas appliances. **NICHOLS & WARREN ELECTRIC CO.**

First class job printing of all descriptions, done promptly in an up-to-date manner. **PERRY & KEESMAN, 425 Main St., Phone 194-N.**

The Drysdale store with its bright new spring goods beckons you a cheery welcome. **ALEXANDER DRYSDALE & SON.**

The Electric Shop, Engineers and contractors. Headquarters for things electrical and gas appliances. **NICHOLS & WARREN ELECTRIC CO.**

Dealer in Grain and Manufacturer of Flour, Meal and Feed. Mixed Chicken Feed. **HENRY W. PUTNAM.**

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 prices. **THE HARWOOD DRUG STORE, 201-203 North St., Phone 288-M and 813-F.**

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

Let us furnish your home 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.**

Headquarters for crockery, glass and lamp goods. Tin, agate and wooden ware. Where you are sure of the quality and know the prices are right. **THE COMBINATION CASH STORE, John H. Moore.**

Good meals are greatly to be desired. Get the habit. Our meals 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**

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

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 427-31. **THE PUTNAM HOUSE GARAGE, P. B. Gardner, Prop.**

JAMES S. SILK, Contractor and Builder, 312 W. Main St., has for sale shingles from the Fraser mill, New Brunswick. Secum, clear, \$2.50; All clear, \$3.50; Extras, \$4.00. Also floorings and moldings.

Auto and Wagon—House and Steam Fitting, Water Heating and Interior Decorating. Auto 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'CUIC, Main and Union Sts.**

Everything in the Painting and Paper Hanging Line. Hardwood finishing, staining, polishing, water colors, burlaps, varnish, stain, walling, etc. All work guaranteed. **MARSE & 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.**

Military with that style and become immensely so much desired and at moderate prices. **MRS. FANNY M'LEOD, 515 Main St.**

An exceptionally good automobile tire is the Racine, 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 you can find no matter where they may travel. **BENNINGTON OPERA HOUSE**

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

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

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

WOMAN TO BUY IN HOME TOWN

Quick to See Mail Order Description.

WILL BUILD UP LOCALITY.

Realized That She Was Doing Injustice to Family and Friends by Sending Husband's Earnings to Out of Town Competitors—Now Boosts Home Trade.

(Copyrighted, 1916, by Thomas J. Sullivan) A couple of years ago I noticed while passing through a manufacturing suburb of Milwaukee that hundreds of large, expensive catalogues were being distributed.

The big mail order houses have found it necessary in order to win the confidence of their patrons to offer bargains and therefore scatter here and there through their catalogues a list of certain goods, with which the public is familiar, with prices attached that will serve to convince the prospective purchaser that the bargains are real and not fictitious.

Without license to do so they seem to be able to prove to their prospective patron that they are advertising items in their catalogues that are offered at prices the local dealer, who sells the same goods, cannot duplicate, and the chances are the patron will be convinced that every article advertised in the book is sold at a bargain.

The New Wonder samples are here. Suit or overcoat no more \$10 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. **519 Main St., Phone 58-2.**

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

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human nature and won, as a personal investigation of the town a few weeks later revealed.

I checked up the money sending families of the town and was surprised and amazed to learn that in the few days that had elapsed since the catalogues were distributed no less than 218 money orders had been issued in favor of the catalogue houses, aggregating a total of several thousand dollars.

Why City Does Not Prosper. Can any one imagine anything so ridiculous—a manufacturing city where all residents are wage earners, who live modestly and without luxury, where each side of the home merchant are the exception, not the rule, sending 218 money orders to an outside concern for household and personal necessities which could be bought as cheaply and delivered more promptly right at home?

And those same people wonder why their city does not thrive and prosper. One woman with whom I had talked bought shoes for her children. She said that she had to pay only \$1.45 a pair, while they would have cost her \$3.00 at home.

Yes; she always bought on credit at home, but usually paid in two or three months. No; she had never asked the retail mail order house for credit.

She Was Not a Taxpayer. No; she was not a taxpayer, but she sent her children to school. They have good schools too. Yes; they have sewers, water and street lights, and the city is patrolled and protected by an ample police force.

Who pays for it all? Why, the business men and taxpayers, of course. No; the Chicago mail order houses do not pay anything toward the education of her children or the comfort of her family.

Sure, she was a church member, and the church often gave fairs and socials and things. No; the Chicago mail order house never bought any tickets, but the home business men did and paid for them too.

Yes; her husband was employed in the suburb, and his employer depended upon and must have local business

Plumbing, tinning and roofing, stove repairing, steam and hot water heating. General jobbing. **WINSLOW & CRAVEN, 134 North St.**

Eyes Tested, Glasses Fitted. Registered Optometrist. **603 Main St. (Near Baptist Church) J. E. MATTISON**

Bring in 10 empty bags from Hollander coffee and receive one pound free. Sells for 50c. **THE MILL STORE, Corner Mill and River Sts.**

Let us hope The Banner has discovered a solution for tempering the attitude of those who buy away from home. **H. B. RICE, Wholesale Grocer.**

A most complete stock of high-grade Clothing and Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Neckwear, etc., correctly priced. **BURT BROS., Ritchie Block.**

in order to provide work and money for his help.

Admitted She Did Wrong. Yes, she now, for the first time, realized that she was doing herself, her children, her husband and, above all, the home merchant a grave wrong by sending her husband's earnings to an out of town competitor, but she would never do it again.

The world is full of just such women as described above. They do not think or understand, but when they do no power on earth will swerve them from their sense of right and duty. Then let us change all this and get together. It is only right and honorable and just to ourselves and high time to reform—to adopt the buying at home system of everything we need.

Even if some of the neighbors have not yet learned that they owe a duty to their town it cannot be said that their case is hopeless, for we can set them a good example.

We can show by action that we will never be a party to putting the local merchant out of business through lack of patronage.

Do you know of one single mail order house that has ever spent a dollar in your community?

His Sage Method. "Since I have given my best thought to the problem I have not found it especially difficult to take care of my sister-in-law's two-year-old baby while she goes shopping," said the bachelor brother-in-law. "For a time, until I mastered the subject, I must confess that it had me considerably confused. But now I merely put the dear little fellow under a tub, weighted down so that by no possibility can he over-set it, and then go out to the burn and read and smoke in peace."—Judge.

Queer Human Nature. "Man's a funny proposition!" "What now?" "When he reads a medical book he fancies he has every disease described, but let him read the work of a moralist and all the faults pointed out he sees not in himself, but in his neighbor."—Boston Transcript.

50c. full size sheets, special 39c; pillow cases 11c. at the **NEW YORK STORE.**

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.**

Tobaccos 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, 105 North St., Phone 175-W.**

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 Freihofer'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. Candles 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.**

When in need of Plumbing and Heating, guaranteed work at reasonable prices call. **Phone 256-W. D. T. MURRAY**

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.**

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.**

Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Work. Second hand stoves and stove repairs. **HARRY CUMMINGS, 136 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.**

JOHN T. CARROLL, Ales, Wines and Liquors, Tel. 429., 122 North St., Bennington, Vt.

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.**

Von Dette's

Cut prices now on all the spring wool suits. **E. L. NICHOLS.**

PREPAREDNESS Whether Militarist or Pacifist preparedness regarding your printing should be your watchword. We are prepared to do your work at short notice. **THE LIVINGSTON PRESS**

AT JOE LEVIN'S 50 pairs of ladies \$2.50 pumps and oxfords at \$1.55. Boys' J. P. S. shoes, Lady Bess shoes and men's King Quality shoes at lowest possible prices.

Before you buy anything in Dry Goods, Shoes, Cloaks, Suits, Dresses, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, etc., be sure and see our fine stock at correct prices. **N. NUVECK, 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. Peterson" 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 206-M.**

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

Outside and Inside Mouldings Clapboards and Frames, Windows and Doors, Casings and Base, Wainscotings, Ceiling, Flooring, etc. **THEO. A. CARPENTER & SONS Good Building Materials.**

The best at the right prices. Heavy Chicago Beef, Sausage and native fresh and preserved meats. Home grown poultry. Exclusive agency for Saratoga Vichy Water. **L. J. EDDINGTON, 424 Main St., Phone 100.**

No millinery store is in a position to more satisfy your wants. Our prices are most reasonable. **M. P. DAVIS, 121 North St.**

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

DR. ROLLIN D. JENNEY DENTIST Gas and Oxygen given Manchester Mondays. Phone 277-W

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Repairing?

We carry in stock a full line of Rough and Dressed Lumber, Lath, Shingle, Hard Pine and Maple Flooring, inside finish, Yellow Pine and Cypress, ceiling and partition Sash, Piazza Posts, rail and balusters, Window Frames and Sash, Doors of all kinds and sizes, Prepared Roofing, Nails etc. All first class stock.

We will gladly give you prices and estimates. All orders will receive prompt and careful attention.

Phone North Adams 32 or Write Us **B. B. Fitch Lumber Co. 101 State St. North Adams, Mass.**

REDUCTION SALE Children's Wash Suits!

All our Children's Wash Suits to be cleaned out at greatly **REDUCED PRICES**

All 50c suits Reduced to.....40c
 All \$1.00 suits Reduced to.....75c
 All \$1.50 suits Reduced to.....\$1.00
 All \$1.75 suits Reduced to.....\$1.25
 All \$2.00 suits Reduced to.....\$1.50

Included is every Wash Suit in our store some with straight pants and some with Knickerbockers.

Buy your Wash Suits now and save money.

BURT BROS.

Ritchie Block, Bennington, Vt.

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Mr. Emery and family have moved into Mrs. Dimp's house.

Albert Benham has returned to his home in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. E. S. Dugan has returned from a visit to Cobleskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Cox of Poultney has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. J. Jones.

Miss Dorothy Holden of Bennington called on friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. Margretta Killian of Hoosick Falls spent Sunday at the home of M. P. Ebbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mowley of Eden, N. Y., have moved to the Sarah Kildes house.

Mrs. Frank LaBatt and Miss Flora Gannon have returned from a visit with friends in Chester and Rutland.

Mrs. John Robinson who has been confined to the house for the past week with illness, is able to be out.

Ernest Remillard finished work at the refrigerator factory Saturday and expects to take a position soon in Bennington.

Mrs. Sarah Morey and son Merritt John Morey, Mildred Sheldon of Rupert spent Sunday with the former's father, John Robinson.

Mrs. Claud Campbell and children who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Batchelder, have returned to their home in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Miss Meta Mills and Mrs. E. C. Woodworth and Percy Lathrop left Friday by auto for a camping trip going to Bretton Woods, N. H., Maine, and home by way of the Adirondacks.

Frances LaBatt has gone by auto to Theford, Vt., to bring Mrs. John Fisher and children home. August 5th Mrs. Fisher and children will go to Paris where Mr. Fisher has been for the past two months doing repair

work in a garage in connection with the war.

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