



### Removal Announcement

We are moving our entire stock of FURNITURE AND STOVES from the Walbridge Building on Main Street to our new, commodious store in the HAWKS BUILDING ON UNION STREET

near the Post Office. We are now better equipped than ever to render our patrons a dependable service. Comprehensive assortments of

### SERVICEABLE GIFTS

await your inspection and we anticipate with pleasure your early call.

Respectfully,  
GEO. A. PARKER.



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JUST WHAT YOU WANT FOR  
**Father or Brother  
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- NOBBY MUFFLERS—CANES—GARTERS—HOUSE SLIPPERS—BELTS
- HOSIERY—SHOES AND RUBBERS—SUIT CASES AND BAGS
- PAJAMAS—NIGHT ROBES—TOQUES AND TOBOGGANS—HATS AND CAPS
- SHIRTS OF ALL KINDS—NECKTIE PINS—CUFF BUTTONS
- FUR CAPS—JERSEYS—COLLAR BOXES
- HANDKERCHIEFS, ALL PRICES—SILK HANDKERCHIEFS
- INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS—INITIAL SILK HANDKERCHIEFS
- SUSPENDER SETS—UNDERWEAR—MACKINAW—MEN'S AND BOYS' TROUSERS

**Join The Red Cross**  
FRED C. MARTIN - County Chairman  
WM. E. BISSELL, Town Chairman

**Keep Your Pledge**  
BUY W. S. S.

## Mulligan & Roche's STYLE SHOP

# Female Help WANTED

## Black Cat Textiles Co.

We have positions open in our inspecting department for experienced inspectors. Apply at once.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Attorney J. K. Hatchelder was in South Shattsbury having received the following letter from their son, Wallace Harrington, who is a member of Battery C, 302nd Field Artillery with the American Expeditionary Forces in France:

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### SHAFTSBURY BOY WRITES

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### BEST YEARS OF LIFE STOLEN

Spanish Influenza Epidemic Found Most Victims Under 30.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Spanish influenza epidemic which swept this country during the autumn "stole" millions of the best years of life from American manhood and womanhood, Henry Moir, an insurance authority of this city, declared here today.

The average economic loss of active life in each case of death from the malady or its aftermath was at least 25 years, said Mr. Moir, emphasizing the peculiarity of the epidemic, which found most of its victims under 30 years of age, as compared with the average life of 55 and 60 years of persons insured in well established companies.

Addressing the association of Life Insurance presidents, Mr. Moir, who is president of the Actuarial Society of America, described how the epidemic had dislocated the standard of mortality experience of the insurance companies in the past 15 years. With no pestilence taking toll of lives in the United States and Canada during that period, he said, the standards of health of persons under 50 were found to be much better than at any recorded time in the past. But this influenza epidemic, causing \$6,828,000,000 in 14 large cities in eight weeks, or an average of four of every 1,000 of the population, he added, had brought a new element into the situation. Investigation of claims before several large insurance companies, he declared, showed that 13 per cent. of the deaths were due to influenza and 37 per cent. to pneumonia following influenza, while less than 2 per cent. were of persons over 55 years, as against 80 per cent. under 40 and 60 per cent. under 25.

From these figures, the actuary said, it was apparent that the age of maximum virulence of the epidemic had been under 30, taking the young and vigorous—those whom we expected to undertake much of the world's work.

Mr. Moir warned the public that there is no assurance that the danger is past. "We learn," he said, "that influenza is now revisiting Europe and this time there are indications that it may be more objectionable than the milder form of midsummer. We should, therefore, take warning from this recurrence and observe watchful care to prevent further infection, since the disease has distinctly decreased and seems to be dying out in this country."

### SHIPBUILDING EMPLOYEE RECEIVES ENORMOUS WAGES.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Ralph Adams Cram, member of the Boston planning board, told the members of the Boston Housing association today that he had found at the Fore River yard of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation a die cutter who received \$244 for one day's pay. For a period of four months this man averaged \$220 every working day, Mr. Cram said. This according to Mr. Cram, was considered by men at Fore River to be record wages paid during the war in American shipbuilding plants.

The die cutter, according to Mr. Cram, was given a new machine to work with which made it possible for him to increase his output greatly, while the piece work basis upon which he was paid remained unchanged for the period of his record wages.

### BIG TASK OF RED CROSS

Coming of Peace Increases the Work of That Organization

Washington, Dec. 19.—The coming of peace has served to increase rather than diminish the work of the American Red Cross, said Provost Marshal General Crowder in a statement issued today in connection with the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign.

"With the war at an end," he said, "the Red Cross must turn its hand to the rehabilitation of the devastated land just delivered from hostile occupation and among all those people who, for more than four years, have felt the heel of German oppression. To embarrass its activities at this time is to add misery and suffering."

### NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, 1919, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for any other proper and necessary business.

Ralph A. Jones, Cashier, Dated North Bennington, Vt., December 5th, 1918.

### GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER

German Minister to Denmark Receives Appointment.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Count Von Benckendorff, the German minister to Denmark, has been appointed German foreign minister, say Berlin reports.

### NOTICE

Bennington County Savings Bank

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Bennington County Savings bank will be held at the office of said bank in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday 1st day of January, A. D., 1919 at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met especially to fill vacancies in the number of corporators and to alter and revise the by-laws.

Charles H. Devey, Secretary, Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 20, 1918.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the County National Bank will be held at their banking rooms, Bennington, Vt., on Tuesday, January 7, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Henry H. Webster, Cashier, Dated Bennington, Vt., Dec. 4, 1918.

### Annual Bank Meeting

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Bennington, Vt., for the election of directors and transaction of any other business which may be properly brought before said meeting, will be held at the banking house of said association on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919 at ten o'clock a. m.

L. A. Graves, cashier.

## SAVE YOUR MONEY

Economize—Avoid wasteful spending. Join our Christmas Club and save systematically during 1919.

**YOUR SAVED MONEY**  
will insure your future—Save a little money every week for the next fifty weeks and on December 13th, next, you will receive a check for the lump sum, plus interest.

**WE HAVE SEVERAL PLANS**  
that will make it easy for you to Save as you Earn.

- Deposit \$ .25 weekly and get \$ 12.50 plus Int.
- Deposit .50 weekly and get 25.00 plus Int.
- Deposit 1.00 weekly and get 50.00 plus Int.
- Deposit 2.00 weekly and get 100.00 plus Int.

EVERYBODY WELCOME. NO CHARGE TO JOIN.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK BENNINGTON, VERMONT.

## Fire Charcoal

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**Fancy Holly, Holly and Evergreen  
Wreaths and Christmas Trees**

- CALIFORNIA NAVAL AND FLORIDA ORANGES, TANGERINES, MALAGA AND RED EMPEAROR GRAPES, SPITZBURG, SPIE, BALDWIN'S, GREENING AND SNOW APPLES.
- ENGLISH WALNUTS, BRAZIL, PECAN, HARD AND SOFT SHELL ALMONDS, FILBERTS, BUTTERNUTS, HICKORY NUTS; FIGS, CURRANTS, RAISINS AND DATES.
- HOT HOUSE TOMATOES, CELERY, LETTUCE, CAULIFLOWER, STRING BEANS, RADISHES, EGG TURNIP, SWEDISH TURNIPS, HUBBARD SQUASH, SWEET POTATOES, WHITE AND YELLOW ONIONS.
- SAGE, AMERICAN, CREAM, SNAPPY, PIMENTO, KRAFT, PURITY CROSS, PARMESAN CHEESE; WEST RIVER AND BROOKFIELD CREAMERY BUTTER.
- SWEET MIXED, PLAIN SWEET, SOUR, DILL PICKLES PLAIN RIPE AND STUFFED OLIVES IN BOTTLES AND OLIVES IN BULK; GRAPE FRUIT AND ORANGE MARMALADE AND ALL KINDS OF JELLIES AND JAMS.
- SUNBEAM AND MISTLETOE CANNED VEGETABLES; HUNT'S AND DELE MONTE CANNED FRUITS; HEINZ AND BEECHNUT CATSUP AND SAUCE—EVERYTHING IN THE BEST OF CANNED GOODS.
- NARRAGANSETT BAY, MEDIUM AND SELECT OYSTERS, CHESEPEAKE MEDIUMS, HARD AND SOFT SHELL CLAMS, BLUE POINTS, SHRIMP AND LOBSTER AND EVERYTHING IN SEA FOOD, FRESH, CANNED OR SALT.

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