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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, 17th day of January, A. D., 1920 at 2 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Trustees for the year ending 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.

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### 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 6, 1920, 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.

HOMER H. WEBSTER, Cashier.  
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### PRICE OF BANNER RAISED

Beginning Monday, Jan. 5, the price of The Evening Banner will be \$5 per year instead of \$4 as heretofore. This is not as much of a raise as ought to be made in view of printing conditions but we hope it will suffice for the present.

For less periods than one year the price will be: six months, \$2.50; three months, \$1.25; one week, 12 cents; single copies, 2 cents. This new rate is now the minimum rate of country papers and many of them are more. The Troy Times goes this week to 3 cents per copy and 15 cents per week and the Troy Record and other papers announce the same raise, going into effect Monday.

The Banner hates to raise its price but sees no other way to meet the growing cost of doing business.

This paper was one of the last in the country to change to two cents, Dec. 1, 1917, and the present increase from 10 cents per week to 12 cents and from \$4 per year to \$5 is barely enough to meet the increased cost of white paper.

Some of the ex-cikings of Europe are reported to be badly in need of cash. They may have the novel experience of having to work for a living, in which case, they could easily secure good-paying jobs in America. The novelty over here of bossing a king would induce many to make that a consideration in the salary.

As an evidence of good faith, the united telephone outfit might try to stop the otherwise useful and ornamental operators marring their operations by that maddening interjection, "I beg your pardon," when they have committed an offense whatever.

If they have discovered a talking phonograph he will be able to express his opinion of the fellow with the hand organ, who bundles him up on hot summer days and drags him around at the end of a string.

In justice to our soldiers let the ships which bring them back return to Europe filled with undershirts who are trying to undo what the soldiers have done.

Perhaps American returned soldiers from rural districts will be more content to go back to the farm and raise good food after seeing the high prices in Paris and their duplication here.

Thomas A. Edison says we have advanced 50 years in the last four. This rate, if maintained, will bring the millennium by 1925.

### Woman Sick Two Years Tells How She Got Well

Miss G. J. Baird of 30 Glenville Ave., Allston, Mass., writes: "I have been sick almost two years, had four doctors with little or no relief. I was growing thin every day, went from 125 to 111. I was so discouraged I didn't know what to do. One night about three weeks ago, I picked up a paper and saw your Dr. Tracy's Elixir. Family Laxative and Worm Expeller advertised. I made up my mind I had worms, and the next day bought a small bottle of Dr. Tracy's Elixir. I was surprised at the result, stomach worms some a finger long, six small pills, that looked as though it was just the skin of worms. The day before I took Dr. Tracy's Elixir, I thought I should go with the crawling in my stomach. I felt like a new person, all my friends say I look so much better. I wouldn't have believed any one could feel so much better in such a short time. I can't give your medicine praise enough. I was suffering from worms of the breath, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, dehydrated stomach, occasional crampings and pains about the navel, pale face of catching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, red points on the tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever. Dr. Tracy's Elixir, The Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, is sold by ALL DEALERS.

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### THE RUNAWAY

By ALICE FREEMAN.

BZZZZZ rang the telephone. "Oh, Louise, you answer it. My hands are all sud."

A group of five girls were scattered around the kitchen of the large country house. A little over a week before they had come to the country to stay two weeks under the chaperonage of "Aunt Evelyn," at her summer home. Mrs. Bradford was really an aunt to only one of the girls, but as the others expressed it: "She seemed to belong to the rest of us just as much as to Elsie." With the exception of Louise Strand, all the girls had come out to enjoy their vacation. But with Louise it was different. She had come away from the city to forget—if such a thing were possible; forget a certain young man and the happy hours she had spent with him; forget the other girl who had sprung up suddenly from nowhere and taken him away from her—the girl who had taken the sunshine out of her life. If she could only forget!

Mrs. Bradford had gone to town early in the morning.

The girls were just trying to decide how to spend the day when the telephone buzzed.

"Oh, Louise, you answer it," came a cry from the direction of the sink.

A minute later Louise returned to the kitchen and said: "It's a young man, Elsie, and he wants to speak with you."

Elsie dried her hands and went to the telephone: "Hello—yes—oh, when did you get back?—That would be fine. Well, there are five of us in all—we could go any time. Let's go early and bring our lunch. We'll bring the lunch if you'll provide the fruit and tonic. Eleven o'clock—all right—at Pointed Rock crossing. All right; good-by."

All this was a meaningless string of endless sentences to the other girls, who had gathered around Elsie, so the moment she said "good-by," a chorus of voices cried out for an explanation.

"Who was it?"

"What did he want?"

"What does it all mean?"

"One at a time, please," interrupted Elsie with a mysterious laugh. "It was Bob Tracy. The Tracys are old friends of Aunt Evelyn. I used to play with Bob when I was just a wee tot and came to visit auntie, so we have almost grown up together. He's been away at college, and has just come home on a vacation with some friends. He heard that there were a few girls over here with me, and wanted us to go on a berry-picking party, so I suggested making a picnic of it."

"Just the thing!" enthusiastically from all the girls except Louise, who said nothing.

An hour later they were ready to leave the house, each with a small pail. A large basket containing a hastily prepared lunch was on the top step.

"Where is the key?" asked Ruth.

"Why, I thought Aunt Evelyn gave it to you."

"And I thought some one else had it."

"What shall we do?" asked some one.

"Well, I don't really care much about going," volunteered Louise, trying to hide the eagerness in her voice, "and it's a shame to keep the boys waiting, so I could just as well stay at home. I can find something to read."

A few minutes later Louise, with a book in her hand, sat down by the window, thankful of having escaped the blueberry party. Just then she noticed some one coming up the path toward the house. At the same time she noticed a basket on the top step.

"Why, I do believe the girls have forgotten their lunch," and in the same breath she added: "Who can that man be?"

She went to the door and opened it. As the man came nearer she thought she recognized a familiar gait in his walk. Suddenly she became very white.

"Could it be?" she thought.

Just then the young man reached the step and glanced up.

"Louise!" he cried, as he fairly flew up the steps.

"Jack!" was all she could say.

"After one happy moment in his arms, thoughts of the other girl flooded her mind. She tried to push him away from her, but he held her close.

"Louise, dearest," he said softly, "why did you run away from me like that?"

Then she told him about seeing him out driving with another girl; how she had at first felt angry, then disappointed; how she had shed tears and then gone away until he had gone to college.

"I thought you would come to say 'Good-by' before you went away," she finished, "and I didn't want you to offer any excuses for another girl. But how did you get here?" she asked.

"I felt as though I had nothing to go home for this time," he told her, "so when Bob Tracy asked me to spend my vacation with him, I accepted the invitation. Then he dragged me off to that blueberry picnic today. When I saw my chance to come back for the lunch basket, I quickly volunteered."

That bunch of girls didn't appear to wish to talk. "That girl I was driving with," he continued, "was my young married sister, who you have often heard me speak of. Didn't you know, dear, that there was only one girl for me?"

"I suppose I should have," she admitted shyly.

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### Cork Trees.

Cork trees grow in Sardinia. A tree is stripped of its bark only once in nine years.

### STATE BUDGET GROWS

Because of Increased Cost of Materials for State Buildings.

Montpelier, Dec. 31.—Gov. P. W. Clement stated yesterday that the Vermont budget committee would be ready in a few days to issue a report. The committee held a conference some weeks ago and made up the budget for the state expenses the coming year. There has been a marked increase in the expenditures in the last year, due to the increase in articles that have to be bought for the state institutions, but Governor Clement said that there will not be double what they were a year ago as some would expect, and that the state departments have been able to keep within their appropriations in almost every instance.

### Sound Banking.

There may be some grumbling here and there in reference to the ruling of the attorney-general and subsequent order of that state bank commissioner which will tend to limit the interest rate on savings deposits to 4 per cent or less, but there is not much fault to be found with his very conservative reasons therefor.

He says:

"I am satisfied that the policy of paying 4 1/4 or 4 1/2 per cent would not be a wise one to adopt or to have in force throughout the state in view of the tax of seven-tenths of one per cent which is levied by the state on all deposits in state banks. The results in a first cost of money to the banks higher than the employment of funds in a desirable class of securities will warrant."

In an interview published in The Barre Times, Mr. Carpenter goes a little further and says that "any competition among banks to increase the rate of interest unless warranted after fulfilling statute requirements" might result in getting an undesirable class of securities into the assets of savings banks.

It is further true that such a policy would almost inevitably tend to encourage speculation, which, considering the fiduciary relations of such banks, might still further demoralize the situation.

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—Rutland Herald.

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