

In Spite of National Prohibition And Mr. Volstead There Are Still a Lot of Crooked Men Who Drink Straight Whiskey

PICNIC DINNER AT ROAD HOUSE WELL ATTENDED

Keen Interest Shown in Stratton Turnpike Road Meeting

J. K. BATCHELDER SPEAKS

Gives Comprehensive History of Road—Commissioner Bates Also Speaks.

Unexpected interest was shown by the road meeting Saturday afternoon at the Kelley Stand in behalf of the old Stratton turnpike from Wardsboro to Arlington...

Windham and Bennington counties were about equally represented in the company that gathered around the old road house for the picnic dinner followed by an extemporaneous program that proved all the better for not having been prepared in advance.

The speakers were: Hon. James K. Batchelder of Arlington, Miss Ethel A. Eddy of Brattleboro, Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Senator George L. Dunham of Brattleboro, Senator Walton F. Andrews of Peru and State Highway Commissioner Stoddard B. Bates of Derby...

Mr. Batchelder, whose memory of the subject of the gathering extends back for more than fifty years, gave an interesting historical summary. There has been, said Mr. Batchelder, a highway from the west river valley to Arlington since shortly after the close of the Revolution, but it did not follow the present route until about 1830 when what is now known as the Stratton Sunderland turnpike was built...

The first village of Stratton was considerably north of the present highway and two or three miles north east of the now deserted second village. At this old community center in Stratton four roads converged, one from Winhall, one from Somerset, one from Jamaica and Wardsboro and one from Arlington. Of these the first two have utterly disappeared and even the route they followed is now hardly known.

Before the days of radiofading this old highway was a busy line of travel. Four horse stage coaches were filled with passengers, taverns and road houses were frequent and heavily laden wagons and ox-carts carried the products of industry from east and west. The Kelley Stand where the meeting Saturday was held, was one of the best known taverns of southern Vermont. It was kept by William Kelley who was a famous landlord and popular alike with travelers and teamsters.

History, said Mr. Batchelder, is now repeating itself. The railroads took away the glories of the old stage and coaching days, but the automobile has brought them back. The people are now seeking the hills and the mountains, the roadside tavern is again coming into its own. Dwellers in the great cities in search of rest and recreation are hunting out the paths by which their great grandfathers sought their way through the wilderness. Travel requires roads and the old road over the Sunderland and Stratton pass the highest and one of the most scenic and beautiful in Vermont should not be closed for the want of a few patry dollars.

Miss Ethel Eddy, Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Senators Dunham and Andrews further emphasized the importance of keeping this useful highway for further services. People are turning more and more to Vermont as the most charming vacation spot and summer paradise in America.

Closed roads and inaccessible mountains are not the lure which Vermont should offer. Mr. Haggood brought out the further point that the timber resources of the Green mountains are of great and growing value. The wilderness here is thirty miles broad and for protection against forest fires it is essential that the roads be kept open by which fire fighters can quickly enter and to supply a line against and advancing fire like trenches to stay the progress of enemy forces. Mr. Haggood also called attention to the fact that it was on this old mountain road that Mrs. Blake perished in the snow in December, 1821 but

ONLY \$9.00 LEFT

Bellows Falls Has That Sum on Hand For Expenses.

Bellows Falls, Sept. 25.—At a special meeting held in the Opera House last evening a statement was made by H. S. Bishop for the trustees saying that they had only about \$9.00 to run the village government for the remainder of the year. Had all bills been paid last year, the receipts of the taxes for the present year would have been ample to pay all current bills. But because some of last year's bills were paid out of this year's taxes about \$7500 must be secured from some source to carry through the remainder of the year.

It was finally decided by vote to draw from the water Department surplus to be used in paying current expenses.

BIG CRIME INCREASE

Vienna Burglaries Total 2200 Each Month.

Vienna, Sept. 25.—Ten thousand criminal cases were recorded in Vienna during the year 1919 against 1574 in 1918. The prisons are so crowded that it has become a scandal and the dockets so extended as to lead the public prosecutor to recommend that all cases in which conviction would involve not more than five years imprisonment be quashed. It is said that many of the cases can not be reached for years. The judicial machinery of the state is wholly inadequate to cope with the situation. Burglaries alone are stated to average 2200 monthly.

COOLIDGE ROAD BAD

Road to Farm in Plymouth Once Figured in Court Action.

Rutland, Sept. 23.—The road leading to the Coolidge farm in Plymouth, where Gov. Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts, republican nominee for vice president, spent his vacation the past summer was once the subject of an important court proceeding, the town authorities having been indicted by the Windsor county grand jury for not keeping it in repair for safe travel. This happened in 1825 when the farm was occupied by Calvin Coolidge, grandfather of the governor, as is shown by the precept which is now in possession of Charles T. Tuttle of this city, collector of Vermontiana. The return of Asaph Fletcher, then high sheriff, who served the summons, shows that his charge was 78 cents for 13 miles travel and he taxed the county 11 cents for making a copy of the paper. While the grand jury found the road bad in mid-June, it was not until August 23 that he got around to serve the paper.

He saved her child by tearing off her own clothes to wrap them around her baby.

The last speaker and the special guest of honor was Hon. S. B. Bates, Commissioner Bates at the time he spoke had been over the road from Arlington to the Kelley Stand but later completed the trip to West Wardsboro. He declared himself astonished to find how little was required to make the route passable and safe for mountain travel. Later he told the reporter that he believed that \$5,000 would save the road and that \$500 to \$500 per year would keep it open and safe for careful driving.

The commissioner marvelled at the fact that this, though said to be the highest of the highway passes over the Green Mountains, is a road of easy grades and firm foundation. Not a yard of rock removal is required on the entire length of the highway. While he made no search for material he believed that an investigation would disclose banks of mountain hard-pan such as that which is proving good road material in other places. It is a road said he that is not easy to make a boulevard but which can readily and cheaply be made passable.

Commissioner Bates told of the conditions under which state money is used and said that as this is not a selected highway it would not be possible to use funds from the highway department. It would be necessary to raise money by public subscription, by special appropriation or by local taxation. He promised to cooperate with the people of Bennington and Windham Counties in every way in his power in improvement of this and other highways.

All members of St. Francis de Sales choir are requested to attend the rehearsal at the church Tuesday evening at 7:30. An effort is being made to secure new members who are urged to be present at the rehearsal.

HEYDLER CALLED TO TESTIFY IN BASEBALL CASE

Ten More Are Sent for by Probers of Scandal

NAMES NOT MADE PUBLIC

National League President Has Two Portfolios Filled with Evidence.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Ten subpoenas were issued late tonight by the Cook County Grand Jury investigating the baseball scandal. The names of these subpoenaed will be kept secret by the Grand Jury until the writs are served.

John Heydler, president of the National League, arrived in Chicago today. He brought with him two portfolios filled with records, just what the records had reference to, he declined to say.

"I do not care to discuss this unfortunate affair at this time. I have been making a little investigation of my own. The result of my findings will be given to the Grand Jury when I appear before them on Tuesday," said Mr. Heydler.

"No matter what comes to light as a result of this Grand Jury investigation I still contend that the best team won the world's baseball championship last fall. I shall call a conference of the owners and managers of every National League team after the Chicago investigation to run down all this idle talk of gambling syndicates and 'fixed games.' There is too much raking going on by people who have not the best interests of professional baseball at heart. I absolutely refuse to outline my testimony, which will be offered before the Grand Jury."

"Would you go on record, Mr. Heydler, with the statement that all of the evidence now before the Grand Jury about the 1919 world series is gossip?" he was asked.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

BROKEN UP BY ARRESTS

Men Admitted Stealing Autos to Attend Church Socials and to Carry Out Holdups.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—A flourishing Sunday school class was ruined here today because its leading members were in jail.

Four of its members fought a running pistol fight with the police when they were discovered riding in a stolen automobile. Commands to stop were answered by bullets and the driver put on full speed. They were run down when stopped by a traffic jam and the quartet jumped and ran through an alley.

When Gene McLaughlin, and Anthony Regan were captured, they admitted according to the police, they were members of a Sunday school class, most of whom stand in the choir, who had stolen automobiles to attend church socials, and who planned and executed holdups after church meetings. They named enough companions to account for empty pews.

SCRIVENS—JEWELL

Fred Scrivens and Mrs. Daisy Jewell Married Saturday Evening.

Fred Scrivens and Mrs. Daisy Jewell both of Bennington, were united in marriage at the bride's home on School street, Saturday evening at 8:30 by the Rev. W. G. Towart.

The marriage ceremony was private and only a few relatives and friends were in attendance. The bride was dressed in blue and carried a large bouquet of carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Thobler were the attendants.

Mr and Mrs. Scrivens are to reside in Bennington Falls where Mr. Scrivens is employed in the Fillmore & Slade paper mill.

WEATHER FORECAST

Unsettled with probably showers tonight and Tuesday; colder Tuesday and in northwest portion tonight.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the maintenance staff, office and overseers of Holden, Leonard company for their tokens of friendship rendered to me on September 25th. George Illingworth.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR SALE—Five P. P. Stewart stove, one side-board, leather couch, white enamel bed, springs and mattress. I buy second hand furniture and mens clothing. James Fox, North St., next door to Harry Noone's. 1216.

FUNERAL OF MR. DRYSDALE

Held Saturday Afternoon at Late Home on Harrison Street.

The funeral of the late Robert S. Drysdale was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on Harrison street. The service was private. Rev. J. Elmer McKee, rector of St. Peter's church, officiated and the interment was at Park Lawn cemetery. Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held in this and other communities. Nearly place of business in the village was closed between 3 and 4 o'clock.

Six employees with the longest periods of service at the Drysdale store, were the bearers: Harry A. Willis, George W. Gatchell, James R. Lovett, Ralph L. Remington, Joseph Vachon and Alexander L. Dragon.

BRIDAL RECEPTION

Mrs. Leo Keough Entertained by the Daughter of Isabella.

Mrs. Leo Keough the most recent bride of the Daughters of Isabella, was the guest of honor of an entertainment at the Knights of Columbus hall on Friday evening. The bride was formerly Miss Mary Powers of North Bennington.

Mrs. Keough's efficient work in the Daughters of Isabella court, has won for her the admiration of a large circle of friends in Bennington and vicinity. About 70 members of the society were present at the reception to extend to Mrs. Keough their heartiest congratulations.

Mrs. Keough was escorted into the reception room by Miss Martha Waite who carried a large bouquet of asters. Following Mrs. Keough and her escort were the Misses Mary Cunningham and Margaret Waite carrying a white basket containing the bridal cake. The Mendelssohn wedding march was played by Miss Rose Morrissey. In behalf of the members of the Daughters of Isabella, Mrs. Keough was the recipient of six cut-glass sherbet glasses, presented to her by Miss Frances O'Donnell. The guest of honor responded to the presentation with appropriate remarks of gratitude. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to all the Daughters and also to the members of the Knights of Columbus who were lucky enough to be present at the hall that evening.

The music program consisted of several pleasing vocal selections rendered by Miss Rose Morrissey and Mr. Bridget Hart. A bride and groom specialty act was successfully enacted by Miss Margaret Hayes and Agnes Hurley. Several reading numbers completed an interesting program.

SHALL LEGION PLAY POLITICS?

Is Question to Be Settled at Convention in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 23.—One of the most important questions to be discussed before the second annual convention of the American Legion, which will open here Monday, is that of the Legion's participation in politics. Franklin D'Olier, the national commander, declared today.

"The Legion constitution states that the organization shall be absolutely non-political," he said, "and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment."

"Legion men everywhere believe that this provision is the fundamental principle of the Legion's being; at the same time they do not believe they must at all times be silent on certain matters; just because they happen to be political. Where matters come up which clearly involve the principles for which the Legion stands the Legion will not hesitate to give its opinion in strong terms."

Beliefs Concerning Teeth.

There are curious fancies about teeth. To dream about teeth was held to be a warning that sorrow was at hand, and it was still more unlucky to dream of one's teeth falling out.

Many people still throw an extracted tooth into the fire for luck, and this is observed specially in the case of young children to ensure that the remainder of their teeth will come properly. Teeth wide apart is said to be a sign of future prosperity and happiness.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

Results of Games in Both of the Major Leagues.

Table with columns for League, City, and Score. Includes American League and National League results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for City, Played, Won, Lost, P.C. Includes Brooklyn, New York, Cincinnati, etc.

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BIG EXPLOSION AND RIOTING IN CORK, IRELAND

Irish City in Disorder After Policeman Is Killed

STORE IS DEMOLISHED

Rifle and Machine Gun Fire Follow Explosion—Many Troops on Duty.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Cork was shaken early this morning by a terrific explosion and a large dry goods store was completely demolished. The explosion was followed by rifle and machine gun fire.

Three men were slain apparently in cold blood in Belfast as the sequence to the murder of a policeman. Three others were wounded. Serious rioting has occurred in Belfast and many wounded people have been received in the hospitals.

Large forces of troops are on duty. The bulletin of the Irish Self Determination League this morning says that Mac Swiney passed another bad night and is very weak and exhausted this morning.

Belfast, Sept. 26.—The Falls district of Belfast seethed with excitement today as a result of the murder last night of a policeman, the wounding of two others and the swift vengeance enacted in the killing of three civilians, who were shot down in rapid succession by bands of men who visited their homes.

Previously the shootings in this city had occurred in the heat of rioting, but last night for the first time deliberately planned killings were carried out.

The affair had its beginnings at 11 o'clock as Constables Leonard and Carroll were patrolling the Falls road. When passing a public house they heard footsteps behind them. Swing round, they were confronted by two men armed with revolvers, who ordered hands up.

Simultaneously with the order, fire was opened upon the officers and Leonard fell dead, the first bullet taking effect in the breast. His companion had a remarkable escape. Four shots were fired at him. Three missed the fourth lodging in the thigh. Apparently thinking both men dead, the assassins made off.

DENSE FOG KEEPS SHIPS OUTSIDE N. Y. HARBOR

Ferry Boats Make Trips with Difficulty—Fleet Remains at Anchor.

New York, Sept. 27.—The port of New York was blockaded yesterday by a fog which was one of the heaviest that local mariners have seen in recent years. Harbor and river traffic was almost at a standstill, although a few ferriesboats and tugs, by dint of much whistling and maneuvering, managed to keep fairly well to their schedule of trips across the Hudson and East rivers and up and down the bay.

Most of the big liners waiting outside the Hook to come into port, however, were unable to move. The Atlantic fleet, which has been outside the harbor since Saturday afternoon, continued to spend the week end off shore.

There were no accidents of importance, because the unusual density of the fog convinced the most daring mariners that navigation was next to impossible, but friends and relatives waiting on shore for fogbound travelers had an anxious time of it.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Tonight, Corinne Griffith in "The Garter Girl." There were two Knights of the Garter but one lost the garter and with it the girl. The play has some strong situations and interesting moments and should please you. The Big V comedy, "Loafers and Lovers" will add to the amusement.—Adv.

The funeral services of Mrs. Ray Johnson were held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edward Tibbitts, rector of the Episcopal church at Hoosick, of which she was a member, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. W. R. Hamlin of the Congregational church. Interment was in Grandview cemetery.

Spencer Tefft of Bennington was the week-end guest of his grandfather, S. O. Tefft.

Peter Edwili, who is in the Putnam Memorial hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis, expects to return home Wednesday.

The H. C. White Co's. plant closed all its departments Saturday night for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Rotterdam Junction were in town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ray Johnson.

E. E. Bottom who was in town for the week-end returned to Hodges lake Sunday.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

STATE MERCHANTS' ASS'N

Organization Will Be Formed in Burlington Wednesday.

Bennington merchants in all lines of business have received invitations to be present in Burlington this week at the organization of a Vermont Retail Merchants' association. The invitation is general and is extended to every line of trade.

The preliminary meeting will be held at 7:30 tomorrow evening, September 28. The business session will open Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock for the organization. A representative of the National Retailers' association will be present. Among the Bennington business men who are planning to attend the meeting are J. Oliver Burt, Morris Levin, H. J. Cole, Benjamin Shimplitzky, J. P. Mulligan, Feinberg Brothers, and L. H. Nichols.

WOMEN FORM LEAGUE

Vermont Voters Elect Officers in a "No Political" Organization.

Burlington, Sept. 22.—At the recent League of Women Voters held just before the primaries in Burlington, a constitution was adopted, and plans of work discussed by the delegates who represented many parts of the state. The organization is non-partisan and urges its members to join the party of their choice, and if they desire, work for and endorse candidates, but the League as an organization cannot endorse or work for any candidate.

The purpose of the League of Women voters is twofold: "To foster education in citizenship, and to support improved legislation." The ultimate purpose of the National League of Women Voters, of which the Vermont League is a part is, "A Country in which all voters speak English, read their own ballots and honor the American flag." Several plans prepared by the National League were adopted by the major political parties at their national convention.

Every woman in Vermont is invited to join the League, either directly through the state organization or through local leagues which are already in the process of organization. Headquarters for the state are at Burlington.

The names of the executive officers who have been appointed are: Chairman, Mrs. Lillian Oldeman, Burlington; vice chairman, Mrs. Edward C. Smith, St. Albans; treasurer, Mrs. Susan A. Nott, Burlington; executive committee, Miss Julia I. Bates, Burlington; Mrs. H. B. Shaw, Burlington; Miss Carrie M. Ormsbee, Brandon; and Mrs. Herbert Miller, White River Junction.

Miss Ormsbee is also the County Director for Rutland county; Mrs. E. C. Smith for Franklin county; and Mrs. Robert E. Twitchell of Windham county.

4th VERMONT HAS REUNION

Meet At White River Junction and Elect Officers.

White River Junction, Sept. 22.—The Fourth Vermont Regimental association held their 26th annual reunion yesterday afternoon and evening in the Knights of Pythias hall. The afternoon session was given over to business and the election of officers.

The following comrades were elected President, Capt. J. P. Aiken of White River Junction; vice president, William H. Niles; secretary and treasurer, Warren E. Bliss; executive committee, Capt. Aiken, Lynn B. Taylor, C. P. Sillaway.

At 6 o'clock the members and a few invited guests sat down to a banquet donated by the ladies of the Loyal club. At 7:30 a campfire took place presided over by Capt. Aiken. A number of the comrades related their war experiences and Rev. H. L. Thornton and Robert Hazeltine made a few brief remarks. William Bowden spoke for the American Legion. Two of the comrades, A. J. Bachelder and C. P. Sillaway came from North Dakota and Minnesota to attend the exercises.

LEFT HIS BODY TO SCIENCE

English Physician's Disposition of His Mortal Remains—Great Philosopher's Corpse Preserved.

In leaving his brain to be analyzed by a colleague for scientific purposes, Dr. Joseph Simms, the American specialist, follows the example of an eighteenth century physician, Dr. Messinger Mommsey, of Chelsea hospital, London, who bequeathed his body for dissection, adding: "When the dissectors have finished with my carcass the remainder may be put into a hole, or crammed into a box with holes, and thrown into the Thames."

Jeremy Bentham left his corpse to University college, Gower street, London. The dead philosopher is preserved in the anatomical museum there, seated in a chair and wearing the clothes he affected in life—black coat and waistcoat, fawn breeches and a broad-brimmed, high-crowned straw hat. The body is surmounted with a wax reproduction of Bentham's head, the original being preserved in a case near by.

Bees Replacing Beer.

Altosna, Pa.—During a baseball game at Dunconville a swarm of bees came over the hill and settled on a bush near the diamond. Some boys procured a beer keg, knocked in the head, and set it under them. A twist of the bush and into the keg went the bees. The improvised hive was turned up on some stones and the new inhabitants immediately went to work. Samuel Kelle carried the keg home and the bees are filling it with honey.

ROOT IS SILENT ON LEAGUE UPON RETURN TO U. S.

Has Been Spending Several Months in Europe

COUNTRY AWAITS VIEWS

Opinions of Former Senator Expected To Help Unity of Republican Party.

New York, Sept. 20.—Arrival of former Senator Elihu Root in New York today after several months in Europe, coupled with recent political developments points to a decided quickening of the fight around the League of Nations issue during the closing weeks of the Presidential campaign.

The Republicans are looking to Root as the Moses to lead them out of the situation wherein they find one wing of the party speaking in support of Senator Harding because he favors absolute "scrapping" of the League of Nations, while another wing is sending out speakers who favor the League with such reservations as will safeguard American interests.

A series of conferences between Root and various Republican leaders are on the books for the next few days, and it would not be surprising to see the former senator paying a visit to the front porch at Marion in the near future.

Meanwhile, it can be stated that there is a strong feeling about Democratic headquarters, and in Washington, that Gov. Cox has been "seating his fire" too much. President Wilson still regards the League as the dominant issue in the campaign. He is ready and as previously forecast in these dispatches, may be expected to issue statements bearing on this issue, or otherwise take a hand in support of Cox from the White House. Those who view the situation in the same light as the President are consequently bringing pressure to bear on headquarters to see that Democratic speakers concentrate on the League and are hopeful that Cox will also devote more of his utterances to straight support of the covenant.

Whether coincidental, or otherwise "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge" the story which drew high commendation from the President, and which has figured in some of the campaign charges of recent weeks had its first showing in New York as a "movie" tonight.

This story is regarded as a strong argument for the League of Nations and many prominent Democrats attended the initial showing of the film.

BIG TRADE INCREASE

Porto Rico's External Trade Last Year Was \$247,199,983.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 10.—Porto Rico's external trade for the last fiscal year, ended June 30, reached a total of \$247,199,983—almost a quarter of a billion dollars, an increase of \$105,295,583 over the previous year, the biggest year on record up to that time; and an increase that was greater than the total trade for any year up to 1916.

More than 90 per cent of the total exports and imports were with the United States.

Exports were valued at \$160,811,449, a gain of approximately \$70,000,000 over 1919, while imports were valued at \$96,338,534, a gain of \$34,000,000 in one year.

In value, exports exceeded imports by \$54,500,000. In 1919 the balance of trade in the island's favor was a little more than \$17,000,000, so that the trade balance gain for the year was more than three-fold.

Sugar exports during the 12 months were valued at \$98,823,750, more than double in value the sugar exports for the year ending June 30, 1919. In fact, the value of sugar exported from the island accounted for more than \$50,000,000 of the \$70,000,000 by which the island's exports were increased during the year. Sugar exports amounted to 419,288 tons as compared to 351,910 tons in 1919.

With the exception of coffee most of the island's products exported went to the United States. Coffee exports to foreign countries were valued at \$5,769,047, and to the United States \$284,981. The average value per pound was 27.6 cents as compared with 21.7 cents the year before.

Fruit exports included grapefruit worth \$1,332,742; oranges worth \$832,346 and pineapples valued at \$479,461. There were 226,776,000 cigars sent to the United States, valued at \$11,607,445. In 1919 the cigar exports were 149,335,000, valued at \$6,647,521. Other exports included coconuts worth \$1,129,752 and sea island cotton, 349,005 pounds, valued at \$193,260.

Next to the United States, Santo Domingo and Cuba were the island's best customers.

Anti-Kissing Law.

In Bavaria, the state railways forbid kissing either on stations, where friends, relatives and families are met, or on trains, while France issued an order two years ago forbidding kissing on trains.