

JOHNSON

Nat Freeman returned to Boston last Friday. Mrs. Fred Jones is spending a few days in this place. Walbridge Fullington returned to Middlebury on Monday.

The rural schools opened Monday, after the holiday vacation.

Albert Sweet is suffering from blood poisoning in one hand.

Dr. Folsom's father from St. Johnsbury visited him recently.

Miss Myrtle Cunningham was here from Morrisville last week.

Mrs. W. S. Benton of Ferrisburg is visiting her father, J. V. Baton.

Hubert Morway of Grand Isle is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Florence Jaynes.

Miss Josie Brown returned last Saturday to her school in Brookton Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose were in Burlington Friday and Mr. Jose again Saturday.

Miss Ruth Riley of Highgate has been a guest at L. L. Bailey's the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sulston have returned from Maine, after spending Christmas at her parents'.

Howard Driscoll has returned from a visit to his grandfather, S. H. Leach, at Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Bashaw, who has recently come here from Barre, will occupy the Scott house on Pearl street.

Cornelius Coleman has returned to Harvard College, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Hinds.

The Normal, High and Graded schools resumed their work after the holiday recess, Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Joseph Odell was called to Rouses Point, N. Y., by the death of his sister, who has been poorly for some time.

Miss Luella Leslie was home from her school in Waterbury, Conn., for the holiday vacation, returning last Friday.

Fred Garland, who has been engineer in the Parker & Stearns dressing mill for the past five years, has finished work there.

Bert Holbrook of Barre, Representative-elect, visited his aged mother at his brother's, Charles Holbrook's, last Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Leslie and brother, Joseph Odell, have returned from Rouses Point, where they went to attend the funeral of a sister.

Mrs. Hattie Pearl and son, Lloyd, have returned from Newport, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Pearl's uncle and aunt.

Misses Katherine Penhalls and Gertrude Baker returned Wednesday to Auburndale, Mass., to resume their studies at Lasselle Seminary.

Doris and Gladys Rand returned to their schools in Hatfield, Mass., Saturday. Harlan Dyke went the same day to Warren, N. H.

Miss Susie Collins returned to her school in Barre Saturday, after spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Collins.

The next Oread Club meeting is on Thursday evening, Jan. 1. Costumes—Ancient and Modern, Miss Mary Johnson. Current events, Miss Ida Jones.

The High School and alumni attended the basket ball game between Hardwick and P. A. teams last Thursday evening at Morrisville, chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. A. W. Stone.

Charles Davis, a veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914, after a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach, aged 72 years. The funeral service was held Friday afternoon from the farm home near the school house in Dist. No. 9, Rev. F. W. Hazen officiating. The attendance was large, the G. A. R. and S. of V. attending in a body. The burial was in the Plot cemetery. The deceased is survived by a wife and two sons, Walter and Winnifred Davis of Johnson.

Mrs. Susan Freeman has gone to the home of L. S. Morse in Jeffersonville to keep house while Mrs. Morse visits her daughter, Mrs. Shaffer, in Massachusetts.

The U. V. M. students, Misses Lou Fullington, Drusella Waterman, Junnie Maxfield, and Eric Holmes and Merle Davis returned to their work Tuesday.

Laurence Bailey and Howard Bailey returned to Albany Business College on Monday. Allen Fletcher, who is taking a course at the same college, remained and kept on with his work during the vacation.

Mrs. Charles Whiting entertained several lady friends in honor of his mother, Mrs. Geo. Whiting, Friday afternoon, it being a surprise to the mother, who was made very happy. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Whiting spent two weeks at the home of her son, and returned to her home on the farm the first of the week. Mrs. Whiting enjoyed the meeting of so many friends exceedingly and all were pleased to find her so comfortable and cheerful.

Want Bids for Mail Transfer

The post office department advertises to receive sealed proposals for carrying the U. S. mail (including parcel post mail) on messenger route No. 203040 between the post office at Johnson and the B. & M. R. R. station. The proposals will be received until January 10.

No Such Thing as Chance.

If you mean by chance an absence of unaccountable cause, I do not believe such a quality as chance exists. Every incident that happens must be a link in a chain.—Anon.

STOWE

George S. Harris and Raeburn K. McMahon attended the Pat-Holistic banquet at Morrisville Wednesday evening. Grover S. Smith of J. H. Coombsville, who had been visiting his brother, Carroll Smith, at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Anna Smith, went last week Wednesday to Barre to visit his father and sister.

Mrs. E. C. Russell gave a card party to some of her friends last Wednesday evening. Five tables were played. Mrs. Russell's nephew, Robert Bacon, of White Salmon, Wash., visited her the past week.

The funeral of Daniel Merritt was held Thursday afternoon at Stone Forks, after a long illness from tuberculosis. The service was conducted by Rev. F. T. Crane and the burial was in the West Branch cemetery. Mr. Merritt was about 79 years of age and had spent most of his life in Stowe. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Francis Merritt, and by one brother, Joshua W. Merritt, of Newport, and two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Woods of Woodsville, N. H. and Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall of Garfield.

Death of Old Resident

Frederic M. Sears died at his home on West Branch about two o'clock on the morning of December 31. The cause of his death was a general breaking down. He was 77 years of age and was a lifelong resident of Stowe. A brother, Nathan Sears, of St. Paul, Minn., 88 years of age, is now the only survivor of the large family of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Sears, for many years residents of Stowe. Mr. Sears was married in March 1865 to Miss Susan Thomas of Stowe, who died December 23, 1911. Of their three children, Walter A. Sears, is the only survivor. A son, Henry A., died in 1890, and a daughter, Flora, wife of Lewis H. Raymond, in 1898. Three grandchildren, Mrs. Margaret Raymond Payne, Albert Raymond and Floyd Sears, and a great grandson reside in Stowe.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at his home on West Branch. The Rev. Lemuel Davis conducted the service. Members of the family acted as bearers. The burial was in the family lot in West Branch cemetery. Among those from out of town to attend were Albert Raymond of Middletown, V., Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Barrows, R. E. Barrows and Mrs. R. L. Barrows of Morrisville.

Man is Decapitated

Axel Valin of Northfield, a Swede, committed suicide early last week Wednesday evening. His body, with the head nearly severed, was found on the tracks after the 7:07 train had left the station there. A note on the body told of the man's intention to commit suicide, saying he had no work and was despondent. He was about 52 years old. Valin was seen at the station and crossed to the west side about opposite to the window in the ticket office shortly before the 7:07 train arrived. When the train pulled out his body was found on the first track. It was apparent that the man had kept his hands from the rails so that they would not be mutilated. He had worked at the Woodbury Granite Company's plant, being a surface cutter.

Audiences With Sovereigns.

The right of subjects laboring under a grievance to claim a personal audience with their sovereign is fully recognized in a far less democratic country than ours. Ever since his accession the Emperor Francis Joseph was accustomed to get apart one day a week on which he personally received petitions. Although care was taken to exclude those seeking to gain admission on purely frivolous pretenses, there was but little formality on those days. Persons of all classes—ranging from a peasant wronged by his landlord to a highly placed official who had been unjustly passed over for promotion—might be seen standing together in the audience chamber, and to each and all the emperor endeavored to do justice.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Great Merit Required to Win the People's Confidence

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact that it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder diseases, corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism.

You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention the Morrisville Weekly News and Citizen.—adv.



Our Query and Reply Department

Please state the meaning of ex dividend as used after a stock quotation in the financial column of a newspaper.

It means the sale of a stock with the agreement that the dividend about to be paid shall not go to the buyer or that the buyer of a stock is not entitled to the next dividend paid.

What is the principle of the adding machine and how long has it been invented?

The adding machine is of modern development, but not a modern invention, a passable one having been invented in 1642 by Pascal (1623-1662), a celebrated French mathematician, philosopher and writer. Later, in 1671, the adding machine was modified to facilitate multiplication by Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz, a German mathematician of great achievement, and his invention was followed by many improvements.

A notable experimenter in this line was Charles Babbage (1732-1821), an English mathematician, many years professor of mathematics at Cambridge university. In order to secure accuracy in tables of logarithms he conceived the idea of doing the work by machinery and was commissioned by the British government to superintend the construction of a machine for the purpose. He spent much time and money in experimenting and attained some remarkable results, but died before perfecting his machine.

All calculating machines contain certain features devised by special reference to the work to be done, including circular metallic disks, wheels with teeth, etc., ingenious, but not more complicated and no more responsive to human intelligence than many other machines. The thinking is all done by the operator.

Why were the initials "V. D. B." put on some 1909 Lincoln pennies and why not all of the 1909 Lincoln pennies? Also, are they worth more than their face value?

The initials "V. D. B." stand for the name of the designer, Victor D. Brenner. They were taken off later by an order of the treasury department because of objections to the initials. As about 29,000,000 pennies were stamped with the initials they have no special value.

Can you give figures to indicate the increased cost of the naval armaments of the great powers of the world in the last decade?

The increased cost of the naval armaments of the world is shown in the following table recently given in an official document published by the British admiralty:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, Austria, United States, Japan, Total. Shows increasing naval expenditures from 1905 to 1914.

How is the German army divided? How do its companies, etc., compare with those of the United States?

A company in the German army is commanded by a captain, who is mounted, and three or four lieutenants, and is about as strong as a battalion in the United States army. Their battalion consists of four companies and is commanded by a major. Its war strength is 1,083 men, with sixty officers, nineteen vehicles and 1,000 rifles. A battalion is almost equal in strength to an infantry regiment of the United States army. The regiment consists of three battalions and a machine gun company, which is the thirteenth company, and is commanded by a colonel or a lieutenant colonel. The war strength of a German regiment is 3,200 men, 100 horses and 59 vehicles. The fighting strength of a German regiment is 3,000 rifles, or about the same as a brigade of infantry in the United States army. The war strength of a cavalry squadron, composed of three troops in the German army, is 180 men. A regiment of cavalry consists of five squadrons, and upon mobilization the fifth squadron becomes a depot squadron from which the others are filled.

Please state how the word "Junker" originated and its significance as applied to the war party in Germany at present.

From the German Jung (hard g), young, and Herr, master, in this case signifying younger sons of noble houses of military bent. The present use dates from Bismarck's aggressive policy, which appealed to the military element in the "sixties," and involved Prussia in wars with Denmark, Austria and France. A German authority has described the type as combining the traits of the cavalier, Prussian lieutenant, feudal lord and Don Quixote.

How much over \$20,000,000 did we pay for the Philippines? What is the area of the Philippine Islands?

We paid \$20,000,000 in 1898 for 143,000 square miles of Philippines, and then two years later we handed over \$100,000 for sixty-eight square miles of them.

What is the repeal act? Give me a few facts concerning it.

A law of congress passed in 1912 regulating Panama canal toll rates provided that "no tolls shall be levied upon vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States." The British government protested that such exemption was in violation of treaties between the United States and Great Britain. The repeal act repealed that provision of the canal tolls law which exempted American coastwise ships from the payment of tolls.

Please explain what is meant by stock dividend.

It is when, instead of declaring and paying a dividend in cash, the profits of a corporation are retained as additional capital, new stock being issued pro rata to those already holding stock in the company.

Please give a brief account of the origin and growth of the National Library at Washington and its present size among the libraries of the world.

Its official and proper name is the library of congress, though often erroneously styled Congressional library. It was established in 1800, destroyed in 1814 by the burning of the capitol, afterward replenished by the purchase by congress of the library of ex-President Jefferson, 6,750 volumes (cost, \$23,950); in 1851, 35,000 volumes, destroyed by fire; in 1852, partially replenished by an appropriation of \$75,000; increased, first, by regular appropriations by congress; second, by deposits under the copyright law; third, by gifts and exchanges of the Smithsonian institution, the library of which (40,000 volumes) was in 1865 deposited in the library of congress with the stipulation that future accessions should follow it. Sixty sets of government publications are at the disposal of the librarian of congress for exchange, through the Smithsonian, with foreign governments, and this number may be increased up to a hundred. Other special accessions have been the Peter Force collection (22,529 volumes, 37,000 pamphlets), purchased 1867, cost \$100,000; the Count de Rochambeau collection (manuscript), purchased 1883, cost \$20,000, etc. The collection is now the largest in the western hemisphere and the third in the world.

First—Can you give approximately the population of the several countries now engaged in war in Europe?

Second—How is available military strength in men estimated on the population?

First—The population of the antagonists, Germany and Austria on one side and the allies on the other, may be stated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Population. Lists Germany, Austria-Hungary, and their totals.

Only those portions of the various empires which are connected most directly with the warring mother countries are included in the population.

Second—It is usually estimated that the male population of a country between the ages of eighteen and forty-five fairly represents its military strength in men. The proportion is one to five, or about one-fifth.

What was the Ostend manifesto, a diplomatic incident in United States history in slavery days?

A dispatch drawn up at Ostend, Belgium, Oct. 9, 1854, by the United States envoys to England, France and Spain, declaring that if Spain would not sell Cuba to the United States for a sum not to exceed \$100,000,000, self preservation required that this country take the island by force. The official communication of the three ministers created a sensation and became known as the "Ostend manifesto."

Can you give an idea of the highest destructive power of war projectiles in the days of Grant and Lee?

A new war projectile under test near the close of the war, in 1865, traveled half a mile, then penetrated eight inches of iron plating and its backing of twelve inches of oak and three inches of hemlock. This was considered an achievement in gunnery.

What majorities did Lincoln receive on his second election, and what was the keynote of his campaign?

On Nov. 8, 1864, President Lincoln was re-elected upon a strictly war issue, the prosecution of the struggle to the bitter end. While his opponent, General George B. McClellan, vigorously insisted that the war should be fought out, the convention which nominated him had advocated "peace at any price." Lincoln polled 212 electoral votes to 21 for McClellan, but only 2,203,821 popular votes as against 1,797,019 cast for the soldier candidate.

Gems In Verse

THE SILENCE.

WHEN, laughing round the leaping fire tonight, We think of you, yet never speak your name—

Lest sudden sparks of memory grow too bright And burst into a softly shuddering flame To burn our happiness and leave it waste, Do you then long to leave your mystic lands

For one brief earthly hour, once more to taste The little human joys, the clasping hands

Of those who loved you and would hold you still Dearer than friends who closely round them press?

Or are you far away, and must we fill Our aching dreams with fruit of bitterness?

O Death, with hand fast clinched, we plead anew— Loosen thy grip and let one whisper through!

—Wilfrid L. Randall.

HOWDY, MISTAH PUNKIN!

HOWDY, Mistah Punkin! Good mawwin! Howdy do? I been all thro' de market To find a scamp lak yo'!

Mammy says to bring yo' home, An' dat's my 'tention too, So howdy, Mistah Punkin? Good mawwin! Howdy do?

SAY, Punk, I'll tell yo' fortune, One sholy comin' true, Of co'se I know yo'se yallah, 'But dis'll make yo' blue—

A cullud lady wif a knife Am going to cut you thro'! So howdy, Mistah Punkin? Good mawwin! Howdy do?

SHANNON AND CHESAPEAKE. (Anglo-American war, 1812.)

AT Boston one day as the Chesapeake lay The captain his crew thus began on: "See that ship out at sea! She our prize soon shall be.

'Tis the tight little frigate, the Shannon, Oh, 'twill be a good joke To take Commodore Broke And add to our navy the Shannon!"

THEN he made a great bluster, calling all hands to muster, And said: "Now, boys, stand firm to your cannon.

Let us get under weigh without further delay And capture the insolent Shannon, We soon shall bear down on the Shannon, The Chesapeake's prize is the Shannon.

Within two hours' space We'll return to this place And bring into harbor the Shannon."

NOW alongside they range and broadsides they exchange, But the Yankees soon flinch from their cannon.

When the captain and crew without further ado Are attacked sword in hand from the Shannon,

By the tight little tars of the Shannon, The brave commodore of the Shannon Fired a friendly salute Just to end the dispute, And the Chesapeake struck to the Shannon.

LET Americans know the respect they should show To our national flag and our cannon, And let her take heed that the Thames

Give us tars just as brave as the Shannon. Here's to Commodore Broke of the Shannon!

May the olive of peace Soon bid emity cease From the Chesapeake shore to the Shannon!

—Anonymous.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE.

GOD of the warring nations, God of the wyes of peace, Hark to the pleas of women

And bid the warfare cease! Hark to the prayers of children, Their small hands lifted up, And from the world forever Remove this bitter cup!

A wife stands all forsaken And peers into the storm, Above the smoke of battle She marks the vultures swarm.

No loved one hears her pleading And to her succor flies, Besides where she stands weeping A baby starves and dies.

God, lift the burden from them Who bear the burden most! God, touch the hearts of rulers! God, turn each warring host

From ways that lead to slaughter Back to the paths of peace! God, hear the plaints of women And bid this warring cease!

—Judd Mortimer Lewis.

SONG.

"TO suffer grief is to be strong, And to be strong is beautiful and rare"—

'Twas in thy court, O Love, I learned it there, This sad, sweet song!

NO one man dwells thy ways among Who shall not learn thy thousand ways of grief

Or how wild fears succeed each poor rebel In dark'ning throng.

THERE, too, a man may learn to put away The crowned summit of his heart's desire; But oh, the bitter burning of love's fire— Its bitterer ashes gray!

—Fiona McLeod.

THE MAN WHO FAILS.

"ALL honor to him who shall win the prize!" The world has cried for a thousand years,

But to him who tries and fails and dies I give great honor and glory and tears.

And great is the man with a sword undrawn, And good is the man who refrains from wine.

But the man who fails and yet still fights on— Lo, he is the twin born brother of mine!

—Selected.

NOTHING BETTER FOR WEAK WOMEN

"I Never Spent Any Money That Did Me So Much Good as That I Spent for Vinol."

Bellefontaine, Ohio.—"I wish every tired, weak, nervous woman could have Vinol for I never spent any money in my life that did me so much good as that I spent for Vinol. My nerves were in a very bad condition, making me very weak, tired, and worn out and often drowsy headaches. I had tried cod liver oil, doctor's medicines, and other preparations without benefit.

"One day a friend asked me to try Vinol. I did and soon my appetite increased, I slept better and now I am strong, vigorous and well and can do my housework with pleasure."—Mrs. J. F. Lamborn, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Nervous, weak, tired, worn-out women should take Mrs. Lamborn's advice and try Vinol for there are literally thousands of men and women who were formerly run-down, weak and nervous, who owe their good health to Vinol.

It is the medicinal, tissue building elements of the cod's livers, aided by the blood making, strengthening influence of tonic iron, contained in Vinol, which makes it so efficient in all such cases.

Arthur L. Cheney, Druggist, Morrisville, Vt.

CENTRAL VT. RAILWAY

Trains Leave the following stations daily except Sunday.

IN EFFECT JANUARY, 1915

Table with 3 columns: Station, No. 72, No. 24, No. 36. Lists departure times for Cambridge Jct., Ferrisville, and Cambridge.

Connections are to be made at Essex Junction as follows: No. 72 with the Mad Train for all New England Points; No. 24 with the New England States Limited Express for New England Points and with Local Passenger for Montreal No. 36 with the Night Express for all New England Points.

STATE OF VERMONT—District of Lamoille, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Lamoille.

To all persons interested in the Estate of MARY J. DWYER, late of Hyde Park, in said District, deceased, GREETING:

At a Probate Court, holden at Hyde Park, within and for said district, on the 26th day of Dec., 1914, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary J. Dwyer, late of Hyde Park, in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court, that the 14th day of January, 1915, at the Probate Office, in said Hyde Park, be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned by publishing this order three weeks successively in the News and Citizen, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said Will, if you have cause.

Given under my hand at Hyde Park, in said District, this 26th day of December, 1914.

NOYES G. WOOD, Judge.

STATE OF VERMONT—District of Lamoille, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Lamoille.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Susan A. Shaw, late of Morrisstown in said District, deceased, GREETING:

At a Probate Court, holden at Hyde Park, within and for said District, on the 7th day of December, 1914, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Susan A. Shaw, late of Morrisstown, in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate.

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