

# News and Citizen

MORRISVILLE AND HYDE PARK  
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The Army shows no lack of preparedness on the gridiron.

Affairs are normal again along the Rio Grande—the Mexicans are shooting Americans again.

A New York doctor presented a bill of \$90,000 to the executors of a \$120,000 estate. The wonder is, what was the matter with remaining \$30,000?

Three thousand maudlin admirers of a Utah murderer who was executed for his crime, glorified him as a "martyr." This particular "hero" killed a man and a boy in cold blood. Nothing, of course, was said about the two victims of the assassin. Such trifles do not concern I. W. W. sympathizers.

The conquest of Serbia is practically complete, and most of her territory is in the hands of the invaders. But the Serbians do not despair. Serbia will live again. A nation with such brave people; people who won their liberty after five centuries under the Turkish yoke can not be permanently enslaved.

Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, who has filled a difficult post with signal tact and great judgment, is home to rest. His fellow citizens seek to honor him, but it looks like scant recognition of duty well done to suggest that as a reward he be named as the Democratic candidate for Vice President.

If Mr. Ford wants to spend a lot of money running a "peace excursion" to Europe, it is his own business. No one cares anything about his ridiculous enterprise so long as it is understood that he alone is responsible for it. He has invited, among others, to take this trip, the several Governors of the various States and almost all of them, including our own Governor, have declined, owing to "other important business."

### A Dismal Christmas

The little children of Germany will not have their customary Christmas delicacies. The materials going into them are needed for the sick and wounded soldiers. American children, who had arranged to send Christmas gifts to the little folks of Germany and thus provide a little Christmas cheer to the war-worn empire, now find that they cannot ship goodies across the sea, as the parcel post service has been suspended with Germany. Grim war has blotted out the prospect of Christmas joy within the Kaiser's realm.

### He Still Speaks

"It is our own experience that the most sincere neutrality is not a sufficient guard against the deprivations of nations at war. To secure respect for a neutral flag requires a naval force, organized and ready, to vindicate it from insult or aggression. This may even prevent the necessity of going to war, by discouraging belligerent powers, from committing such violations of the rights of the neutral party as may, first or last, leave no other option."

These are not the words of the Kitcheners and the Bryans who oppose the President's scheme of national defense and who accuse every real American who demands that his government protect him and his home and his household with being in the pay of armament makers. No, these are the words of the first American who was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The wise counsel of George Washington is still potent. He yet speaks. No doubt if he were alive to day and uttered such sentiments he would be denounced by the little American group of crawlers as a militarist and as a tool and spokesman of the armor trust.

### Jeffersonville

Mr. and Mrs. Norton of Huntington are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ira Morse.

Mrs. Class Patterson has been critically ill from pneumonia. A trained nurse is caring for her.

M. H. Start and daughter, Mrs. Chas. Pearsons, spent Thanksgiving with the former's son, F. L. Start, and family.

Last week Tuesday Lewis Hebb, a veteran 73 years of age, shot a five point buck. Congratulations are extended to him as he is the oldest successful hunter in this town.

A double wedding took place Thanksgiving day, when Ernest L. Blanchard of Fletcher and Frances C. Payne of Cambridge, and John B. McQuin of Fletcher and Melba Payne of Cambridge were married by Rev. H. C. Howard at the parsonage.

Last Friday morning while going into the woods to work, Reuben Reynolds dropped dead. He had been in his usual health, and after having been allowed a suitable length of time to get to the woods, his fellow workmen started down the mountain side and found him lying face downward in the road. The authorities were notified and a coroner's inquest was held, which revealed that his death was due to heart failure. The body was taken to Pope's undertaking rooms. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. F. B. Hyde officiating.

### Optimistic Thought.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against another's ill manners.

### Help for the Belgians

Three millions of Belgians will have to be cared for this winter. They will need clothing and food. Morrisville and several of the other towns have in the past given generously to aid these hapless people and will now have another chance to befriend them. The Belgians are destitute through no fault of their own. They have suffered because of their proximity to great warlike powers. In happier times they are the most industrious people of the world and in days of peace they would scorn charity. Their sad plight has been forced upon them and they are compelled to appeal to this country for assistance. The American flag in Belgium is revered almost as a sacred banner. It is to them an emblem of mercy. They, at least, have the grace to be grateful, and we believe that out of the abundance in this country, something can and will be spared for this brave and afflicted nation.

### Juvenile Book Week

The first week in December has been set apart by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America as Juvenile Book week, the object being to arouse sentiment in favor of buying and reading better books. In observance of this week the Library is making a special display of boys' books. It has also for free distribution the pamphlet entitled Books Boys Like Best, which is compiled by the Library Commission of Boy Scouts.

The list is made up of titles of books which are favorites with the boys themselves as they have been sent in by librarians and booksellers all over the country. The books are arranged according to classes and a short review together with the price and publisher is usually given.

It is hoped that people who are planning to give books to boys for Christmas gifts may find this list helpful in making their selections.

### East Cambridge

Carl Manchester shot a large doe one day last week.

Henry Moiles, wife and baby of Johnson spent Sunday with N. J. Nye and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tatro, Mrs. Vincent and Harry Rice visited in Jeffersonville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilcox and Mr. G. E. Sheldon visited at Chas. Holbrook's in Johnson Saturday.

F. H. Fullington was in St. Albans last week Monday with business connected with the Leach estate.

A representative of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Co., of Morrisville was in this place Saturday.

F. Earl Fullington and wife spent Thanksgiving at the home of his parents F. H. Fullington and family.

Mr. J. A. Watkins of Jeffersonville and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of St. Albans visited at N. J. Nye's Saturday.

C. L. Demeritt of Burlington, has been spending several days the past week at his farm, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilcox of North Bangor, N. Y., spent Thanksgiving with her brother, G. E. Sheldon and family, and are spending some time here.

The Eastern Talc Co. of Rochester have a steam drill working in the mine on A. F. Rousseau's farm. Azel and Wm. Brooks of West Virginia are running the drill.

Those who spent Thanksgiving out of town were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Putnam at Plummer Fletcher's in Cambridge, and N. J. Nye and family at W. H. Nye's in Johnson.

Mrs. A. D. Rogg and son Clayton were in Burlington Saturday to attend the funeral of her grandchild, the two weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munson who died Friday.

News has been received from George Thompson of Middlesex, of the death of his mother, Mrs. Johnson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur C. Nye in Bala, Kansas. The body is expected to arrive at West Farnham, P. Q., her former home, Wednesday morning. Arthur Thompson of this place is a grandson.

### Poetic Definition.

Language is a city to the building of which every human being brought a stone.—Emerson.

## You Are Judged by the Appearance of Your Letter

If your stationery is up to the minute, with type the proper size and neatly displayed, your communication will command attention.

That Is the Kind of Stationery That Our Job Office Turns Out

### FIFTY YEARS A MASON

#### Austin Wilkins' Fiftieth Masonic Anniversary Appropriately Observed

On Monday evening last was observed the Masonic birthday of Austin Wilkins of Morrisville. Nov. 29, 1865, Mr. Wilkins first saw the light of Masonry and for fifty years he has been an active and consistent member of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 8, F. & A. M. of Morrisville. It was fitting, therefore, that this event should be observed by the Lodge and so on that evening, in spite of the inclement weather, 75 members of the order, mostly members of the home lodge, gathered at the lodge rooms and devoted the evening to addresses and a social time in honor of Mr. Wilkins.

After the lodge had been called to order and opened in the usual form by W. M. Atchinson, T. C. Cheney was called to the chair and presided as toastmaster. A very interesting program had been prepared and carefully carried out. After an appropriate selection by a quartet composed of Ernest Gates, Frank Thomas, F. W. Mould and Rev. W. E. Baker, remarks were made by Bros. Rev. Cramer, Judge Powers, Dr. G. L. Bates, Hon. R. W. Hulburd, Prof. Reynolds and Rev. Baker. The several speakers were introduced in a felicitous manner by the toastmaster and each spoke very impressively concerning the guest of honor and his long and faithful Masonic record, suggesting also of what good Masonry consists.

Mr. Wilkins thanked all for the honor shown him, speaking as follows:—  
Brother Toastmaster and Brethren of Mount Vernon Lodge:—

I thank you for this honor you have conferred upon me to-night. It is perhaps more than I deserve, but I am thankful to have so many come out this bad night.

Fifty years ago to-night, in the old hall, which was destroyed by fire in 1869, I was raised to sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Samuel M. Pennock was Master, Brother H. H. Powers, Senior Warden, I think Brother D. J. Safford, Junior Warden, and Brother R. K. Cook, Senior Deacon. It I remember rightly there were seven raised that night. I do not remember them all now, but Brother Willard Stowe, whose picture hangs in the northeast corner of the Lodge was one of them. I think the Lodge closed at 2 a. m. the next day.

There were some sturdy old Masons at that time who belonged to Mt. Vernon Lodge. I remember such men as David McDaniel, Hiram Wolcott, P. K. Gled, Cordilla Fitch, John Miles, L. Wakefield, H. Gates, Chas. Bliss, C. S. Page, and the officers that I have heretofore named. I was fortunate in this fellowship. I was soon appointed Steward, and from that to Worshipful Master up through the chairs without a stop. During the war and for a few years thereafter, there were many that joined the lodge, so at the time I became Master there was a lull for several years. I was elected to the East in December 1877, re-elected in 1878 and 1879 and 1880, and I may say to my surprise.

I have not looked the books up to see the number initiated through my terms of office, but assure you that the number was nothing like that of the few years just past.

Among those who were made Masons the years I was in the East, there were some good men, such as Rev. L. P. Booth and Carlos Burke.

I am a firm believer in Free Masonry. A man who is a good Mason must be a man, and a good Mason will mix his Masonry with his business. In all my fifty years in the Lodge my relations have been pleasant with the men I have been associated with and I hope the Lodge will be as fortunate in the next fifty years in getting good men as it has in the past.

Again I thank you for this honor and hope I may assist many others on their fiftieth anniversary.

Brief remarks were also made by Bros. H. D. Bryant (82 years old and the oldest living member of the lodge) and John Miles, who are in the fifty-year class; also by Bro. W. M. Clark, who is "an old timer," but not yet reached the half century mark. Another song concluded the formal proceedings, which were followed by an oyster supper served by A. C. Sulham in his usual good style. A smoke talk and a social hour concluded this very interesting and memorable occasion.

Mr. Wilkins, although beyond the three score and ten, is a lively young man, takes much interest in local and current events and is fully enjoying the afternoon sunshine of a well spent life. He has always lived in this county, being a native of the old town of Sterling. His Masonic brethren, as well as citizens generally wish him many years yet of health and happiness.

Persons afraid they will do more work than they are paid for never, advance so that they are paid for more work than they do.—Bennington Banner.

The American Red Cross has sent \$1,600,000 abroad since the war began and needs \$1,500,000 more for the coming year. This band of mercy is doing its share in binding up the wounds of the war.

With all the lining up of favorite sons for candidates for Governor, the Manchester Journal has so far failed to mention the name of an old time favorite, Frederick G. Fleetwood of Morrisville. Fred has made some pretty good runs in the conventions heretofore and Lamotte County politicians from time immemorial have had visions of breaking the mountain rule.—St. Johnsbury Republican.

### MORRISVILLE

Miss Helen Crocker was a guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. G. E. Smith, returning to Montpelier Sunday night.

Mrs. Otto Blodgett and daughter were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. W. O. Davis, in Wolcott, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fleming returned last night from a several days' visit in East Berkshire, with the latter's parents.

Mrs. William Jeffords and daughter of Hardwick, returned home Saturday, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark entertained several days the past week, Mrs. Eunice Pottle of Stowe and daughter, Mrs. F. O. Wheeler, of Waterbury.

Miss Clara Dodge has returned to her work Monday as teacher in Montpelier, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dodge.

Dr. A. J. Valteau and Dr. W. M. Johnston performed an operation upon Dora Smith, little daughter of Harry Smith of Elmore, this morning, for the removal of adenoids.

Fred Utton, who came here with the remains of his mother last week, returned to his home in Cheshire, Conn., last Saturday. M. P. Cutting and W. L. Adams, who were called here to attend the funeral, returned to Brandon, Saturday night.

Mrs. C. C. Boynton and daughter, Miss Josephine, who came here with the remains of the former's mother, Mrs. Betsey Utton, last week, accompanied her brother, W. J. Utton, and family to Newport last Sunday to remain a few days, before returning to Cheshire, Conn.

The condition of R. S. Beard, who suffered a complete fracture of the right leg last Friday, is comfortable. The fracture was just below the hip and it will probably be several months before he will be able to resume work. He was thrown from a load of baled hay in the depot yard.

### Funeral of Mrs. Betsey Utton

The funeral of Mrs. Betsey Utton, whose death in Cheshire, Conn., last week Tuesday, was noted in the last issue of this paper, was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Cutting, in Morrisville, last Friday afternoon, the Rev. W. E. Baker of the Cong'l church, who spoke eloquently of the life of the deceased, officiating. The services were very largely attended by old friends and neighbors, who took the opportunity to pay their last respects to a woman whose beautiful and useful life, over 40 years of which was spent in Morrisville, had made a lasting impression upon them. The bearers were Fred and Will Utton, Henry and Mark Cutting, H. L. Spear and Dr. W. L. Adams.

The beautiful and unusually large offering of flowers included 75 pink and white carnations from former Maple street neighbors, a pillow and spray of white carnations, the children; a blanket of 75 white roses, nieces and nephews; a large collection from Cheshire, Conn., including a wreath from neighbors and white chrysanthemums from the Tracy family; spray of lavender and white chrysanthemums, Charles and Leon Adams of New Hampshire; a beautiful spray of chrysanthemums, Mrs. Cutting; pink and white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lunt; spray white chrysanthemums, Morrisville Cong'l. church.

Betsey A. Adams, daughter of Rufus and Charlotte Adams, was born in Cabot on February 16, 1841, one of eight children, of whom Mrs. Cutting is the only survivor. She was united in marriage in Plainfield 49 years ago, to John Utton of Worcester, Vt., and after living a few years there, came to Morrisville, where Mr. Utton was engaged in the horse training business until his death six years ago last April. Four children were born to them, one of whom, Lilla, died in childhood. She is survived by three children: Fred Utton and Mrs. C. C. Boynton of Cheshire and W. J. Utton of Newport.

The deceased had lived for the past three years with her daughter in Cheshire. She had been in poor health for several years and during the last few months of her life was a great sufferer from cancer, which caused her death. Mrs. Utton was a woman of many fine qualities and her life in Morrisville was an exemplification of the true Christian, her unselfish interest in the members of her household and neighborhood being well known to all who enjoyed her acquaintance. The family have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

The body was accompanied here by Fred Utton and Mrs. C. C. Boynton of Cheshire, and W. J. Utton of Newport. Others who were present at the funeral were Mrs. W. J. Utton and three children of Newport, Dr. W. L. Adams of Brandon, Henry Cutting of Cheshire, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin of Cabot and Harold Billings and family of Stowe.

### Sunny South Company Good

J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South Company played here last Wednesday night to nearly a capacity house, which was the largest audience given a traveling company at the town hall for some time. It was a clean, breezy and thoroughly up-to-date performance, in which some excellent voices were heard in plantation melodies rendered as only real colored people can give them. In fact it was one of the best shows ever brought to Morrisville by Mr. Rockwell, and "Jed" has been coming here now for twenty years or more. The orchestra was good and some of the specialties much above the average.

## Why Not Let Well Enough Alone?

The proponents of state-wide prohibition are asking the people to vote next March on the so-called Perry referendum, which repeals the present local option law and seeks to forbid the sale of alcohol and alcoholic liquors in Vermont for any purpose—always excepting Hard Cider.

### WHAT VERMONT NOW HAS

Under Local Option Vermont has a law which has reduced the number of towns in which liquor is sold from at least 110 towns under state-wide prohibition to 17 towns under local option.

Since the law went into effect in 1903, the tendency has been toward fewer saloons and sobriety.

The first year under local option 96 towns voted "Yes"; in 1915 only 20 voted "Yes" and in three of these no licenses were issued.

The law is better enforced than state wide prohibition. Graft and perjury have disappeared. Prosecutions now mean business and illicit selling is costly and dangerous business.

Many practical temperance people declare that conditions are much better to-day than they ever were under the prohibitory law.

The Local Option League has hundreds of letters commending its work and expressing a hope that the people of the state will not return to the scandalous conditions previous to 1903.

Would not the state and its people, rich and poor, be better served in the long run by retaining a law which has been proven successful, which compels respect, which tends towards sobriety and temperance? The record of thirteen years demonstrates the value of

### LOCAL OPTION, A TEMPERANCE MEASURE

Vermont Local Option League, Raymond Trainor, Secretary, White River Junction, Vermont

### What the PERRY BILL Means

The Perry prohibitory bill, which was submitted to the people by the present legislature, would prevent the sale of alcoholic liquors for any purpose, excepting Hard Cider.

No Liquor for medicine; No Alcohol for the liberal arts; No Liquor for aged and feeble; No Alcohol for external purposes; No Liquor for family use; No Alcohol for scientific experiments;

No Liquor for an emergency; No Alcohol for antiseptic purposes;

No alcohol for diluents, compounding drugs or as a preservative.

No alcoholic liquors for any purposes, always excepting Hard Cider.

No pure alcohol for any purposes, no matter how proper, can be purchased legally in Vermont if the Perry bill becomes law.

Physicians, almost as a unit, declare that the Perry bill goes too far.

Practical men, who employ labor, declare that it will prevent them from enforcing sobriety.

Manufacturers object to its too rigid restrictions.

### Garfield

D. H. Bedell of Morrisville was a business visitor in this place Monday.

Mrs. Aletta Davis is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Jones, at Morristown Corners.

Arthur Trescott has gone to Penn Grove, N. Y., where he has employment for the winter.

Mrs. Ella Trescott is at the home of Fred Jackson caring for Mrs. Leon Jackson and that new daughter that came to their home Saturday, Nov. 28.

Mr. Middlebrook and son of N. Y., spent several days recently at the home of B. J. Taylor. While here Mr. Middlebrook built a foot bridge across Green River.

Fred Noble and family of Hyde Park spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. C. M. Davis and family. Among their other guests who visited at their home during the past week were Mrs. W. A. Keeler, Earl and Mary Keeler of Morrisville, Mrs. H. S. Keeler of Morristown Corners, Harold Keeler of Lawrence, Mass., and Mrs. Humphry of St. Johnsbury.

### Cady's Falls

Leo Bullard shot a nice deer last week. School commenced again Monday, after a week's vacation.

Miss Beulah Sherwood has taken a school in Wolcott this winter.

Mrs. Minnie Hilliard was a visitor at N. E. Cobleigh's last Thursday.

Mr. Price from Connecticut was a guest at W. S. Newcomb's the past week.

Sam. Perry is going to move to West Hill, where he has work this winter.

Dr. Rublee and family of Hardwick spent Thanksgiving at Oscar Sherwin's.

Orin Jones and wife were visitors in Johnson and Burlington the past week.

Amos Davis and wife from Centerville were visitors at Sylvester Wood's last Saturday.

E. T. Houston and family from Waterbury have been visitors at E. J. Houston's the past week.

Misses Gertrude Bachelder and Mildred Seaver spent Thanksgiving at the former's home in Calais.

Mrs. Delia Bullard, who is working for Mrs. Ray Baker in Hyde Park, is visiting at the home of her son, Leo Bullard.

George Terrill had as Thanksgiving guests H. D. Bryant and wife, Mrs. Sarah Hoyt, Wm. Cheney, Mrs. Myra Siles, Herbert and Bertha Terrill.

Mrs. L. J. Smith had for dinner Thanksgiving her father, Joseph Towle, and all her brothers and their families, with the exception of one sister, who lives in Greensboro.

Mrs. Julia Peake of Elmore spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Terrill. Mrs. Peake is 84 years old. Other guests were Leon Terrill and wife, Ervic Terrill and family and Harold Magoon. Mrs. Terrill treated her guests to oranges picked from her orange tree in the house.

The fall term of school closed Nov. 19 with exercises. Those having no absent marks during the term were Coridon and Offen Bullard, Bernice Siloway, Meiva and Roland Robbins, Dorothy Seaver, Bessie and Glenn Hill, Clayton Blake and Russell Hicks. Donald Terrill and Anson Siloway each missed one day.

### Riverside

Pat Waugh from Underhill is visiting at Geo. Allen's for a few days.

Miss Helen Coombs from St. Johnsbury spent the week-end with Mrs. Kate Allen.

James McClusky from the Street was a visitor at James Roddy's the last of the past week.

Mrs. Maud Darrah and three children from Morrisville were Sunday guests of Mrs. Allen.

Horace Fleming has gone to Morristown to spend some time with his son and other relatives.

Miss Helen Bucklin commenced the winter term of school at Hyde Park Center Monday.

Mrs. Ellsworth from Garfield, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. George Horner.

Misses Mary and Gertrude Finnegan from the River, were recent guests of Mrs. James Roddy.

Mrs. Alma Crowell who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowell returned to her home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Morey from Johnson were Sunday visitors at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horner, at Willow Brook Farm.

Gardner Lucas and Mrs. Grace Elliott were called to Montpelier Monday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Eben Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Calkins and son from Cady's Falls spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Broadwell.

### McKinstry Hill

Everett Whitcomb is working for Frank Jones.

Misses Myrtle and Shirely Jones were visitors in Garfield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones were guests Sunday of Geo. Jewett's people.

Roger Bedell, who is working in Stowe was a week-end visitor at B. E. Wheeler's.

Several relatives of O. H. Jones partook of Thanksgiving festivities at his home. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wheeler and children ate Thanksgiving turkey with Arthur Clark's people in Johnson.

Misses Ola and Weldie Stewart from Burlington spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart. Miss Weldie will remain awhile, but Miss Ola returned Thursday night to her work as stenographer for the E. J. Davis machine works.

### Eden

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., P. T. O'Hear, administrator of the estate of H. H. Adams, will offer at public auction a lot of personal property belonging to said estate. See bills for detailed account and remember the date and place.

### Appropriate.

A young lady entered a bookstore and inquired of the gentlemanly clerk—a married man, by the way—if he had a book suitable for an old gentleman who had been married fifty years. Without the least hesitation the clerk reached for a copy of Parkman's "A Half Century of Conflict."—Atlanta Journal.