

ENFORCING THE NEW LAW

Well Known Democratic Editor Gives Some Points.

SUCCESS DEPENDS ON IT

Thinks the Surest Way of Defeating the New Law is to Not Obey Its Provisions.

Bennington has on the whole been fortunate compared with other towns in the state in not having the opening of the saloons followed by any grand debauch but the letter printed below is none the less pointed and apt for that reason and applies to other communities as well as Brattleboro.

This letter is written by C. H. Davenport, for twenty-five years editor of the Brattleboro Reformer and the strongest Democratic editorial writer in northern New England. Mr. Davenport has for twenty-five years been a consistent believer in high license and a foe of prohibition and has probably through his writings done more to overthrow the prohibitory law than almost any other man, not even excepting Mr. Clement, but he is none the less free to criticize conditions as they arise and to urge a remedy. His letter which was written to the Brattleboro Phoenix is as follows:

To the Editor of the Phoenix.

Sir: Friends of the new local option license law note with dismay, and some of them with qualms of repentance, the multitudinousness on our streets of the "man-with-a-jag" since the licenses went into operation. I myself stood on the street a couple of hours the other forenoon to see five of them stagger by, and candid and intelligent citizens tell me of seeing many times that number on some days, and especially Saturday evenings. It is not to be denied that the situation is serious and fully justifies Rev. Mr. Keneston's strictures last Sunday, however much that earnest and accomplished gentleman may err as to its meaning and the remedy. The contrast is not exactly inspiring with the old conditions, when Brattleboro used to take pride in the fact of only six or seven arrests of "drunks" yearly—though that time was quite a while back.

It also goes without saying that the new system will die a yearling if these conditions continue. Nor need we be surprised, nor should we complain, that prohibitionists chuckle, or even if any of them are disposed to let things go at their worst in the belief that it will only render more certain a return to what they believe to be the only right way of dealing with the subject. This, in part at least, is only a parallel to the attitude of many license men under "prohibition," and it only makes plainer and more imperative the duty of the believers in the new law as a measure of the best public policy.

State's Attorney Schwenk has set the right example in giving to the license board the name of every person prosecuted for intoxication so that the board may forbid licensees to sell to him again. The bailiffs ought, for the sake of public decency, if nothing more, to give to the police officers strict orders to "run in" every drunk they see. And the rest of us, to make sure of covering every case they overlook or neglect, ought to hand the name of every intoxicated person we see or know of to the license board. Thus a quick end would be put to these exhibitions that now disgrace our streets. And it would not be any "busy-body meddling" on our part but only plain duty to neighbors and community: for the man drunk is a menace to life and property generally as well as to family, and we have no right, knowingly or repeatedly, to let him run at large than the maniac.

The law (Sec 24) forbids the sale of liquor to any person who is known to have been intoxicated with in six months. Any seller who violates this condition is liable to forfeiture of his license, and one forfeiture bars him forever (not for one year only as in Massachusetts) from getting another license anywhere in Vermont. It is a penalty that no seller is likely to risk for the sake of the profit on a ten cent sale. By making sure then that the license board and through it the seller "knows" of every case of intoxication that the good citizen knows, we have the seller fixed where a single sale, with no screens or obstructions to hide it from the passer-by, brings the penalty and the life-long bar. The easy and direct way is provided for condi-

tions infinitely better than were ever known under so-called prohibition.

It is very likely that the present recrudescence of drunkenness is in some degree temporary on the "new broom" principle, but in the main I believe it is only bringing to the surface what has all along existed, because the seller now feels safe in letting loose the sot he before stowed away to sleep it off. It is only for the body politic one of these eruptive diseases who poison only the fool physician thinks it safest and best to keep working out of sight. The one great theory and purpose of the new law is to have nothing hidden, and then, knowing the measures and extent of the evil we have to deal with, to "provide with precision" in Madison's words, so far as possible, how to deal—and therein as this great statesman said, is the art of good law-making.

Not only is it provided, so far as law power can do, to shut off the supply of the drunkard but the liquor seller, who under "prohibition" was at the mercy of that individual whom he dared not refuse, can now be placed where he dare not sell.

We have a law that is practical of thorough enforcement, because it draws the line more clearly, and definitely than was ever done before, between that part of the traffic that ought to be prohibited and that part, which, under the best theories of government, we have no right to meddle with. In the American system, however, as distinguished from those of a despotic cast, the indifference of citizenship will defeat the operation of any law, however carefully devised. And here in Brattleboro above all other places, respect for the memory of the late Dr. Conland and his part in the enactment requires that there be no such indifference, but that all join in heartily seeing that the new law has good faith enforcement.

C. H. DAVENPORT. Brattleboro, May 27, 1903.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES.

Some Routine Business and Then An Adjournment To Friday Night.

The regular meeting of the village trustees was held Monday evening, the entire board being present. Bills amounting to \$1338 were paid. These included \$413 for electric lights, \$45 for police, \$927 for highways. The matter of a fire alarm box at the head of Gage street was referred to the light committee. The light committee was instructed to place a light on Scott street between Park and Safford streets. It was voted to reimburse the hook and ladder company for the harness used by said company.

It was also voted that the chief of police should make a report each month of the number of arrests made and how disposed of. The matter of an increase of salary to the superintendent of the fire alarm system was left with the fire committee to investigate and report.

An adjourned meeting is to be held Friday evening.

WANTED FOR BIGAMY.

Joseph Socia Came Here From Rutland And Was Arrested.

Joseph Socia wanted in Rutland to answer to the charge of bigamy was arrested in the mill of the Bennington Knitting Co. Tuesday afternoon by deputy sheriff Nash. Socia applied there for work in the morning and had just got commenced when the officers took him.

It is claimed that while he had a wife living in Fort Ann, Socia married another well known young lady of Rutland. As soon as the matter was known Socia skipped, but was finally located here.

When arrested he said that he supposed that the Rutland matter had been settled up. Officers from that city came down and got him Wednesday afternoon. He was employed in the express office there.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Thieves Scared Away From Grocery Store Sunday Night.

An attempt was made to burglarize the store of E. E. Bottom in the Putnam house block Sunday night. One of the rear windows is fastened down by a spike.

During the night Earl Darling who sleeps in the store was awakened by some one who had put their hand through a broken glass and was endeavoring to take out the spike. He frightened the intruder away.

NORTH POWNAL.

Mrs Dewey Gardner has several summer boarders from New York city. They have engaged rooms for the entire season. Many more are expected soon.

THOSE WHO PAY TAXES

On Property In Excess of Four Thousand Dollars.

IS AN EXTENDED LIST

Showing Some of the Sources of Bennington's Wealth—Several Pay on Over a Hundred Thousand.

The following are the residents and firms in the town, and incorporated villages of Bennington who are assessed by the listers this year on \$4000 or over.

- L F Abbott, \$7400
Sarah A. Adams est, 42,191
Orin D. Adams, 13,420
Amelia O. Austin, 4000
Wm. F. Baker, 5000
Ben Water Co, 125,000
Edwina C Bennett, 4540
E D Bennett, 4400
Ben W P & L Co, 40,000
Waller Berry, 6900
H S Bingham, 9500
Anna Blackmer, 13,850
S Huling Blackmer, 10,550
E L Bates and wife, 8205
Mrs E A Bradford, 16,700
E W Bradford, 8225
W H & E W Bradford, 80,200
H E Bradford & Co, 17,175
Hinman S Brown & wife, 30,600
Burden Iron Co, 13,000
J O Burt, 4800
A S Burt and wife, 4375
T A Carpenter and Sons, 4280
John Carrigan, 4000
E S Chandler and wife, 7400
M N Clapp, 4000
Helen C Cole, 12,720
J C Colgate and wife, 100,070
Anne Cone, 6200
A J Cooper, 5700
Chas Cooper and wife, 8365
Cooper Mfg Co, 5059
John Craven, 5074
F M Crawford and wife, 4350
Frank Cromack, 4810
M Culliton, 4974
H T Cushman Mfg Co, 8050
C H Darling, 8025
A J Dewey, 4150
C E & E Dewey, 38,545
Geo H Dewey, 4100
Elijah Downs est, 4821
R S Drysdale, 7536
Geo H Elwell, 13,585
Lucinda Elwell, 6200
Hiland Fay, 8393
Fillmore & Slade, 7000
Fillmore & Luther, 4000
Albert Fiske, 6900
I E Gibson, 8900
Nellie Gilman, 4000
Ruth S Godfrey, 15,735
R O Goldsmith, 7800
F W Goodall, 8225
C M Graves, 7000
F O Graves, 36,840
Flora Graves, 7200
Geo F Graves, 32,070
L A Graves, 28,040
R C Graves, 9570
F A Greenleaf, 6800
J Wool Griswold est, 15,840
Michael Gullitman, 7500
J H Haberly, 4500
H D Hall and wife, 6125
S B Hall, 8320
Clark H Hall est, 100,000
L D Hamlen est, 9100
Fred B Harrington, 4300
E E Hart, 7695
Amanda M Harwood, 4600
Mrs Mary Harwood, 4700
S Everett Harwood, 6865
Carrie C Hawks, 4625
Wm F Hawks, 98,575
John M Healy, 11,500
M C Healy, 7000
Geo F Heath, 4700
B T Henry, 5500
A J Holden and wife, 5700
John S Holden, 12,200
Holden, Leonard & Co, 104,214
Frank P Hopper, 4000
Mary E Houghton, 13,890
Jared Howard, 4960
Columbus Huling, 12,300
M C Huling, 29,620
C Floyd Huling, 9,400
David Hurley, 4100
J E Hurley, 4330
W J Hurley, 5750
F B Jennings and wife, 85,566
Philip Jennings, 6200
Mrs E A Jewett, 6000
Frank H Jewett, 6553
John Cronin est, 5350
Celestia Keyes, 6000
Thomas Kinney, 6079
Edward Kinsley, 4100
Leon LaMarre, 4000
Geo B Lawrence, 4545
H C Lindloff, 8200
Catherine Lyman, 5100
S C Lyons & Bros, 8985
C H Mason and wife, 6625

- J G McCullough and wife, 143,970
Mrs H C McEwen, 6200
Wm McGuire, 5300
Martha McLeod, 5500
Elizabeth C Merchant, 5700
J V D S Merrill and wife, 4700
Geo H Moore, 8060
Wm R Morgan, 45,250
Mrs Jennie M Myers, 10,600
W D Newton and wife, 10,600
E L Nichols and wife, 8500
Harrison I Norton, 20,050
J H Norton and wife, 32,600
L P Norton, 7850
Sarah Norton, 7525
Maria O'Donnell, 7900
Mrs Phoebe Oviatt, 6167
Trenor L Park, 60,470
A G Patchin and wife, 6100
Susan S Peck, 5000
Selig Pike and wife, 6800
H J Potter est, 4300
F S Pratt, 14,370
Fanny Pratt, 5000
Norman M Puffer, 7570
E H Putnam, 10,081
W E Putnam, 12,600
H W Putnam, jr., 22,200
Henry W Putnam, 184,357
M G Remington est, 4530
Clarence and Fred Rice, 4600
Robert M Rice, 5940
R B Richmond, 4000
Georgiana Riddle, 4080
A K Ritchie, 22,200
David Robinson est, 6400
Daniel Robinson, 11,575
Jesse Robinson, 6002
John Robinson, 8200
S H Robinson, 4700
S L Robinson, 4700
A W Rockwood, 4275
Alfred Rockwood & M P Pratt est, 15,200

- A B Rockwood, 4200
Burt & John W Rockwood, 4000
Elmer F Rockwood, 4275
Geo Rockwood & Co, 17,154
Luey E Rockwood, 8250
S H Rockwood, 5400
W A Root and wife, 36,800
H G Root est, 9500
Elmer H Rudd, 6050
A H Sanders, 7732
Harmon Sanders, 5565
C R Sanford, 9625
Mary R Sanford, 15,300
Samuel Sanford est, 6000
Elizabeth Scott, 4400
Henry Scott est, 6900
Olla Scott, 43,372
H L Shields est, 5775
W B Sheldon, 9600
Harry Shields, 5900
Howard Hart Shields, 18,200
A Buel Sibley, 5550
E L Sibley and wife, 10,679
Harriet J Sibley, 6785
Jeanette H Sibley, 5000
H C Simmons, 14,800
Sopha H Skinner, 4000
B G Slade, 4150
N F Smith, 8320
F N Squire, 5901
Stark Paper Co, 42,000
Hamilton Stewart, 3800
Lafayette Stratton, 11,076
Samantha R Swift, 5250
Mrs F D Taylor, 5900
C W Thatcher, 28,919
C C Thompson and wife, 5000
Frank Thompson, 4000
A M Tibbitts est, 4000
Tiffany Bros, 13,576
Eli Tiffany, 4300
Eli J Tiffany, 10,260
Ellen C Towalee, 24,200
Barker F Vall, 5720
Thomas Vall, 5500
A B Valentine and wife, 33,800
A B Valentine, trustee, 5500
Mrs Alma P Valentine, 4720
Seymour Van Santvoord, 11,665
S Van Santvoord & wife, 4925
J H Walbridge and wife, 18,840
J Ed Walbridge, 9850
C E Welling and wife, 13,300
E D Welling, 7000
Eliza Welling, 4000
Eugene West, 5088
H C White Co, 28,563
W R White, 11,500
S R Wilcox, 12,900
John H Willoughby, 7540
Moses Wilson, 5305
A H Winslow, 7200
E J Winslow & Co, 4450
William Winslow, 5625
Geo H Worthington, 8700
W R Worthington, 5929

LOST HALF A FINGER.

Lynn Wood Victim of An Misfortunate Accident Tuesday.

Lynn Wood while feeding a press Tuesday afternoon heard a click, and stopped the machine as soon as possible.

He immediately found out the cause of the clicking when he saw in the cogs of the main wheel the upper part of the middle finger to the left hand which had been cut off as nicely as if done by a natcher. So quickly was it done that he did not feel it.

At Mrs. Morgan's.

The annual June reduction in Millinery, commencing Thursday, June 4th, Special for one week "Ready to Wear" hats at half price. Also childrens school hats.

BIG FIRE IN WHITINGHAM

Manufacturing Section of Jacksonville Burned Out

WITH A LOSS OF \$15,000

Aid was Summoned from Readsboro and Wilmington to Subdue the Fierce Flames.

The manufacturing section of the village of Jacksonville in the town of Whitingham was burned out Tuesday afternoon entailing a loss of some \$15,000 and throwing a score of men out of employment.

The fire started in the boiler room of the North River Mfg Co, and made a clean sweep along that side of the street to Mr. Reed's barn where it was stopped by the Wilmington and Readsboro fire department which were telephoned for and did good work.

The property burned included the shop of the North River Mfg. Co, which was engaged in the manufacture of sash doors and blinds, the hall of the Knights of Honor, Postmaster Albert Stetson's house and barn, the buildings on the Dan Collins place, the North River Cider and Jelly mill and Mr Reed's barn.

The fire burned fiercely for four hours before it was subdued and threatened the entire village. All of the property was insured for a part of its value.

A man named Coleman and Postmaster Stetson's son were quite badly injured. The shops burned were the property of the estate of the late J. C. Newton of Holyoke and Wilmington. A special from our Readsboro correspondent this morning says that there were severe forest fires in the town of Whitingham yesterday, and the residence of Charles Morse was saved from burning by hard work of a gang of men. The fires were under control this morning. No fires in that immediate vicinity, but a large one reported in Stamford.

Inquiries to the north part of the county bring no reports of fires in that section, but it is stated that Danby mountain is a mass of flame.

ANOTHER MORNING FIRE.

McCue's Market and James Silk's Stock Room Were Gutted.

An alarm from box 48 at 2:45 Monday morning brought out the fire department for the second time within a week. The fire was in the wooden building corner of Pleasant and North streets owned by H. W. Brewster of Middlebury. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered by officer Kelly. The fire had apparently broken out on the side near the brick block, from which it was separated by a narrow passage and was decidedly suggestive that the blaze was not accidental.

The fire department was on hand promptly, and soon had the flames under control, but the building was comparatively ruined. It was insured for \$800.

The lower floor was occupied by E. H. McCue's market. He states that no one had been in the building as far as he knew since he closed Saturday night. He had about \$800 in stock and fixtures and an insurance of \$500.

Overhead James Silk had a quantity of dry lumber, most of it hard pine, and considerable mouldings, which was badly damaged. He had an insurance of \$500.

PUBLIC SCHOOL WORK.

An Exhibition To Be Made of Results in the Several Grades.

On Tuesday and Friday, June 18th and 19th, from 4 to 9 o'clock P. M. there will be held in the Graded School Hall a partial exhibit of the work of the various grades and the high school. This will be suggestive of the character of the work done in our schools and is not at all designed to be an exhaustive showing of the amount of work accomplished.

In general the display will consist of work in writing, language and grammar, geography, history, arithmetic, and various high school branches, with such incidentals as lend themselves readily to this manner of presentation. This work has not been prepared for show purposes, but will fairly represent the average results of the pupils.

The public is cordially invited to inspect this work and the hall will be freely opened to visitors at the times above named.

MANY DRUNKS.

Municipal Court Did a Heavy After Decoration Day Business.

Decoration day drunks were numerous and Judge Bates court ground a large grist Monday. The following is a resume of the business for the past week.

State vs Jennie Hon. Complaint by Grand Juror for truancy. Nolle Pro entered by reason of age of respondent; above the age of 15 years.

State vs Jennie Hon. Complaint by Grand Juror for violation Sec. 5098 V. B.

State vs Bert DeForge. Complaint by Grand Juror for violation Sec. 5093 V. B. The above cases entered nolle pro upon recommendation of the court upon the marriage in court of the respondents Jennie Hon and Bert DeForge.

State vs John Hamel. Complaint by Grand Juror for intoxication. Fine \$5.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid May 29th, 1903.

State vs Albert Noyes. Complaint by Grand Juror for breach of peace; fine \$100 and costs; appeal taken May 29th.

State vs Wesley Noyes. Complaint by Grand Juror for intoxication; nolle pro entered May 30th.

State vs John Gunsbannon. Complaint by Corporation Attorney for Intoxication; fine \$5.00 and costs with alternative sentence of 10 days in jail at Bennington; mittimus issued June 1, 1903.

State vs Will Stratton. Complaint by Corp. Attorney for breach of peace; fine \$15.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid June 1, 1903.

State vs Myron Stratton. Complaint by Corp. Attorney for breach of peace; fine \$5.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid June 1st.

State vs William Palmer. Complaint by Corp. Attorney for intoxication; fine \$5.00 and costs with alternative sentence 10 days in jail at Bennington. Mittimus issued June 2, 1903.

State vs Walter Elwell. Complaint by Grand Juror for intoxication; fine \$5.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid June 1st.

State vs Martin Dunlap. Complaint by Grand Juror for intoxication; fine \$5.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid June 1st.

State vs John Casey. Complaint by Corp. Attorney for breach of peace; fine \$10 and costs. Appeal taken June 1st.

State vs Ora Stratton. Complaint by Corp. Attorney for breach of peace. Respondent acquitted June 1st.

State vs Bert Loveland. Complaint by Grand Juror for breach of peace; fine \$5.00 and costs. Fine and costs paid June 1st.

State vs Bert Loveland. Complaint by Grand Juror for intoxication. Nolle pro entered June 1st.

The case of State vs. Mason L. Knapp for lewdness has been partially heard. Other cases for violations of the law stand continued to June 8th, next.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Gathering of Importance To Methodists Held Here Tuesday.

A convention of great interests to Methodists was held in the M. E. Church at Bennington, Vt. on Tuesday. It brought together delegates from the various auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Burlington district, and the program planned by Miss Mary Walker of Burlington, the corresponding Secretary, was so full and varied that the interest was well sustained throughout the day.

The morning session was devoted chiefly to business and reports from the auxiliaries which showed the work of the district to be well sustained and growing.

The afternoon and evening session were devoted to papers and addresses on the many different phases of Missionary work in behalf of heathen women and children.

Mrs G. W. Brown of Rutland was the genial president and without the least friction gracefully presided over the meeting. Mrs Joseph Hillman, of Troy who is the conference secretary, was present and added much by way of suggestion and remarks to the general interest and enjoyment of the convention.

Rev. G. W. Woodall D. D. of Pittsford formerly missionary to India and China, addressed the convention on Woman, The Saver of Missionary Success illustrated with a large collection of idols and curios from India, China and Japan. Mrs Woodall also gave a brief address during the childrens hour.

Mrs Emma Cummings Park, medical missionary from India spoke briefly in the afternoon and gave the principle address of the evening, portraying in vivid and graphic words, pictures the degraded condition of the heathen, emphasizing the fact that

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

Important Social Function Saturday Afternoon

TO PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

Senator William P. Dillingham, Ex-Governor Stewart and Other Distinguished Guests Were Present.

Governor and Mrs McCullough last Saturday afternoon entertained at their beautiful home, Hall Farm at North Bennington, the local members of the several patriotic societies. Nearly 300 invitations were extended and over 250 were present.

The gathering was the most brilliant as well as one of the most enjoyable social functions ever given in Bennington, lasting from 4 to 7 o'clock, during which time the governor's mansion was filled with guests, including many of note and standing.

The personal staff of the governor, including Gen W. H. Gilmore of Fairlee, Gen J. E. Thomson of Rutland, Col F. E. Burgess of Burlington and Col L. D. Taylor of Brattleboro, did much toward making the affair the success that it was. The staff was in full uniform. Gen E. L. Bates, secretary of civil and military affairs, was on the outside landing to welcome the guests. Inside the door Quartermaster General Gilmore and Surgeon General Thompson performed like duty, while a score of valets were present to conduct and show the way to the preparation rooms. The ushers were Cols Burgess and Taylor.

The guests were received in the reception room of the mansion. The receiving party was composed of Gov and Mrs McCullough; United States Senator W. P. Dillingham, representing the Sons of the American Revolution; Mrs A. B. Valentine, Miss Kathryn J. Hubbell and Miss Anna C. Park, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution. Among the guests present were ex-Gov John W. Stewart of Middlebury, and Mrs E. J. Phelps of Burlington.

Elaborate refreshments were served by a caterer from New York city. Goldsmith's orchestra furnished music being stationed up stairs.

They have risen no higher in social and moral condition than their ideals as represented by their idols which they worship.

The sessions were lengthened by excellent music by the choir Mrs Varney, Organist and Mrs E. Copeland of Cambridge N. Y. and Mrs H. Downs and Miss Georgiana Austin of Bennington.

AMATEUR CIRCUS.

Hoosick Club Guarantees Another Splendid Success.

The Hoosick Club amateur circus which last year proved the event of the season at Hoosick Falls will be put in the shade entirely by their circus this year, which is to be given next week Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The club has secured attractions never before seen in this section and every indication points to a grand success. Special excursion rates from this section.

SHIPPY-WOOD.

Miss Bessie Wood and Stephen S. Shippy Married Yesterday.

Miss Bessie May Wood, daughter of Mrs John C. Clark of Bennington and Stephen L. Shippey of Bernards-ton Mass, were married Wednesday Noon at the Methodist Parsonage by the Rev Dr Washburn.

Miss Lillian Galusha was Bridesmaid and Fred Perry was best man. After the ceremony the couple left for a trip East. They will reside in Bennington.

Card of Thanks.

I hereby wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Hinsdillville church Christian endeavor society and to the community at large for their utmost aid and sympathy extended at the time of the death of my late grandson, Charles E. Canady.

Mrs Jeanette A. Ballard.

WEST RUPERT.

Last week Thursday evening the barn owned by Mrs Howlett and occupied by Fay Hay, was burned with four ton of hay and farming tools, loss \$500 with no insurance except \$50 on the lawn.