

ESTEY

Of the six pianos mentioned in last week's advertisement, three remain. They are well known and thoroughly made "Newtons."

\$150.00 Each.

Terms cash, or 10 per cent down and \$6.00 per month with interest on deferred payments. Our piano factory has been working overtime. We have five new Estey pianos that are worth your inspection. Estey fame has been built on the quality foundation and nothing which approaches cheapness is permitted in any instrument bearing the name of Estey. Write, to-day.

ESTEY ORGAN CO.

Sales Dep't. Brattleboro

We Have Purchased

2000 bags of Steam Dried Brewers' Grains, manufactured by Anheuser-Busch Co. The official analysis shows 24 per cent. protein, 7-1/2 per cent. fat. We shall give the farmers the benefit of this large purchase by offering these goods, to introduce them, at \$1.20 per hundred, which is 25c less than Gluten, 50c less than Cotton Seed, and 5c a bag less than Old Corn Meal. This is considered the best cow feed in the world, and has no equal as a milk producer.

CHRISTMAS MILLINERY

Come and secure one of our

Pretty Hats

We have them, trimmed & untrimmed, that will be sold early at reduced prices.

Respectfully,

MRS. W. F. NEAL

Elliot Street

E. CROSBY & CO.

The Price of Gas is Dropping

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A

GAS STOVE



Twin State Gas & Electric Co.

Investments

This is what you are thinking about as you approach the New Year. You can do no better than put your money in

Real Estate

In Brattleboro. Shrewd men are doing it and for this reason you should. People of moderate means always follow the example of those of larger means.

We have some good houses for homes or investment. Here are one or two bargains:

One two-tenement house, \$2,300.00
Two two-tenement houses, 2,550.00
under 2,800.00
20 to 30 lots, from \$300 to \$600
Between Pine and Elliot Sts.

These are good properties to buy and hold, as values are increasing every day. These lots, within easy distance of all factories, electric cars and business part of town, will be in demand in the very near future.

Come in and talk it over. Or you can reach us by rail, mail, tele, phone or telegraph.

S. W. EDGETT & CO.
Brattleboro

HORTON D. WALKER

Everything Electrical

JOHN B. DUNLEAVY
Custom Tailor,
RYTHER BUILDING, BRATTLEBORO,
Up one flight.

Wanted.

WANTED—To contract for drawing 150-00 logs. We buy all kinds native lumber. S. A. SMITH CO. 48-17

WANTED—Carpenters for inside finish steady work. WAGON MANUFACTURING CO., Brightwood, Mass. 48-22

WANTED—Several experienced trimmers in the factory of the VERMONT FARM MACHINE CO., Bellows Falls, Vt. 48-17

WANTED—To buy spruce, pine, hemlock, basswood and oak in log, or standing timber. HOLDEN & MARTIN, Brattleboro. 48-17

WANTED—At once, a competent second first good pay for good work. MRS. GEORGE E. CROWELL, Brattleboro. 48-17

WANTED—Traveler for established house. \$12 weekly to start, expenses paid. References. Address GEORGE G. CLOWS, Brattleboro, Vt. 48-17

For Sale.

FOR SALE—Dry hard wood, stove length. FRED COOMBS, 48-17

FOR SALE—Choice lot of slab wood. HOLDEN & MARTIN. 48-17

FOR SALE—Chester White pigs. G. A. COLLINS, Brattleboro. 48-17

FOR SALE—Horse hay, and dry hard wood cut one foot length. J. HENRY PRATT. 48-17

FOR SALE—No. 7 Remington typewriter. \$12 weekly to start, expenses paid. References. Address GEORGE G. CLOWS, Brattleboro, Vt. 48-17

FOR SALE—Two two-horse traverse sleds and two light one-horse traverse sleds. Will sell cheap. CHARLES MINK, Brattleboro. 48-17

FOR SALE—Pure-bred Ohio Improved Chester swine from prize-winning stock for breeding also pigs and sows. A. G. BARNES, Vernon, Vt. 48-17

FOR SALE—Good Vermont bred horses, well broken, also wagons and harness both new and second hand, always on hand at my livery stable, 25 Birge St. Also set double harness nearly new. J. G. BAKER. 48-17

FOR SALE—Having decided to return from business, I will dispose of the remainder of my Boot and Shoe stock at 67 1/2 cent. These goods are of fine quality, but they must go at some price. I will visit my store, in the heart of the business section, at a reasonable figure. Here is an excellent opening for an enterprising young man. THOS. JUDGE, 48-17

Kindling Wood for Sale.
Also dry 4 foot wood at \$4.00 per cord. Saved three times at \$5.00 per cord.
S. A. SMITH CO., Brattleboro, Vt.

Special Notices.

Horses wintered at Dummer Farm. JOHN R. HUNT, Telephone 28, Brattleboro. 48-17

I WILL be in Brattleboro Wednesday, Dec. 20, with baled hay, which I will sell for \$12.00 at car or \$13.00 delivered. A. H. HOLDEN, South Londonderry. 48-17

ESTRAY—Came to my place Nov. 28, one old black mare. Owner please prove property, pay keeping and cost of this notice, and take away. WM. A. GORHAM, Jamaica. 48-17

1000 feather beds wanted. Pay highest cash price. Also antique furniture. Last call this winter. Don't dispose of your feather beds until you see us. GERMAN FEATHER CO., Box B, Springfield, Mass. 48-17

TO RENT—Saturday, Dec. 15, in West Chester, Ohio, at 10 o'clock, will be sold the two stables, a large leather bookcase containing books and papers, and a large quantity of clothing, including the following: Exchange, Brattleboro. 48-17

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FOR SALE.

PIGS AND SHOATS.
W. F. RICHARDSON CO.

Johnson's Bookstore

313-315 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

North to South, East to West

In all the length and breadth of the land there's no such Christmas spot as Johnson's Bookstore. The unique and charming atmosphere beyond telling. Here, there, above, below, around this corner, into this nook—'tis as full of Christmas spirit as that jolly soul is full of good will.

Splendid Books

Any book is splendid that meets the fancy of any soul, from the rollicking baby to the thoughtful and silver-haired man and woman. This department is rich as the wide world is rich, in the very best that men can give, of word, song and picture.

Oh! the Merry Toys

What's so inspiring as a child's laugh? Who in all the years sees so much in a toy as the child sees? Fairies and gnomes of course it's fairland. And, you grown-ups, come in, let gravity and wrinkles go, laugh with the toys and see how it all becomes fairland to you.

Now, Don't Omit It

Don't omit the visit at Johnson's Bookstore. Don't omit to take the children there. Don't omit a remembrance, if but a simple one in form, to all your friends. The Christmas spirit so pervades it that everything is Christmas through and through at Johnson's.

Johnson's Bookstore
313-315 Main Street
Springfield

Johnson-Butler Co.
348 High St., Holyoke

Books Stationery Pictures

E. L. HILDRETH & CO.
Brattleboro, Dec. 13, 1906.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

When on your round for presents, remember our store. Nothing is more acceptable as a gift to a lady than a stylish, becoming hat. There isn't anything which is desirable for children's headwear which we do not have.

Whenever there are new ideas in Neckwear you are sure to find them here, as we carry a large stock of the celebrated Keiser make.

Collar & Cuff Sets

The new round collar with the small bows. The new short tab stock, also the long tab in various patterns. Four-in-hands and dainty muslin ties. Our black silk stocks sell at sight. An endless variety of Turnovers in muslin and linen. An elegant line of Hat Pins in medium priced goods. A good assortment of Back and Side Combs and Barrettes. Veilings in lace, chiffon and chiffon cloth.

New effects in fancy ribbons. Our Salem Witch Pen Wipers are unique and very attractive.

Respectfully,
Donnell & Davis

We Have No Special Xmas Goods

to offer, but have got a lot of Barney & Berry Skates, Hockey Sticks and Balls. Everything in Cutlery and Tools.

ROBBINS & COWLES

Brooks House Block

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A Happy New Year and 365 Good Mornings

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Come thou dear Prince, oh, come to us this holy Christmas time! Come to the busy marts of earth, the quiet homes, the noisy streets, the humble lanes; come to us, and with thy love touch every human heart, that we may know that love, and in its blessed peace, bear charity to all mankind!—Eugene Field.

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child himself.—[Charles Dickens.]

We Can Now Think It Over.

With the legislative part of our water works controversy settled we can now take time to think the situation over deliberately, in cool blood, and see what it is best for the village to do.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist as to ideas advanced or the wisdom of methods used, let it be conceded that the water board have worked for what its members believed to be the best good of the village.

In the final onset of the contesting interests at Montpelier Mr. Gibson probably felt that he had reasons to pray to be delivered alike from his friends and his enemies, but we think that, in view of his own personal position on the water question, he steered through the rapids successfully. He certainly would not have been justified in refusing to accept, and to support in the House, the Senate amendment.

As the case now stands the village will save \$24,000, if it buys Mr. Crowell's system, from the sums which the water board agreed on with Mr. Crowell in November. It is our own belief that if we are ever to have municipal ownership now is the time to bring it about.

With the purchase price fixed at \$200,000 the 16-inch main could be laid down through Western Avenue and a reservoir sufficient for present needs could be built for a total sum not much in excess of \$300,000. This done, a yearly income of \$25,000 is in sight, and from this income all expenses could be paid, the system could be developed as the growth of the village demands, and a sinking fund could be established that would take care of the bonded indebtedness as it becomes due. It would be a good business proposition beyond any reasonable doubt. There are other considerations to be taken up when the time for action comes.

Until after Christmas and New Year, at least, let us put away our troubles and differences and forget all about them.

Gov. Proctor struck twelve in his appointment of John W. Redmond of Newport, Ell H. Porter of Wilmington and S. Hollister Jackson of Barre as railroad commissioners. It would be difficult to pick a better board. Here are three men of ability, capacity and integrity who are in the prime of manhood. Redmond is a lawyer of high rank. Porter has proved himself as a business man and a legislator, and Jackson is a lawyer of clean-cut, energetic type.

As representatives Porter and Jackson had a part in framing the new railroad law. The recognition of Porter, a Democrat, shows that the governor was looking for men of service instead of paying political debts in making the appointments.

In the January Century, J. C. Leyendecker has made two paintings, of Cuchulain in battle and of Queen Meave, which will be reproduced to accompany Theodore Roosevelt's article on "The Ancient Irish Sagas" in the January Century. These paintings are said to be notable, even for Mr. Leyendecker, in expression of character, heroism and action.

Among other interesting pictorial features of the number will be a portrait, printed in tint, of William Vaughn Moody, the poet and author of "The Great Divide." There will be, also, in "The Century" series of pictures of American workmen, scenes in railroad yards from pictures by Thornton Oakley, and, in connection with an account of "The Freer Collection of Art," reproductions of a number of the canvases in this fine collection, including several valuable Whistlers.

Lucius Farnham, 79, who died in St. Johnsbury Cent. Dec. 11, is said to have been the oldest Granger in Vermont. In company with the late Jonathan Lawrence he organized the first Grange in New England at St. Johnsbury July 4, 1817.

A Card. We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to those who have so kindly assisted us during the sickness and at the time of the death of our beloved wife and mother.

HARVEY L. GANEY and Family.
Brattleboro, Dec. 13, 1906.

Over Cautious Legislators.

The House of Representatives voted Friday to raise the salaries of the speaker of the House, vice president and members of the President's cabinet from \$3000 to \$12,000 each, but by a vote of 188 to 107 voted down the proposition to increase the salaries of representatives from \$5000 to \$7500. The resolution for the change came from Mr. Littauer of New York, who will retire to private life at the close of this session. Nearly all of the representatives will admit privately that owing to large expenses of a Congressman in Washington the salary of \$7500 would not be excessive, but the ghost of the salary grab bill of 1873-74 stalked ominously through the hall, and, remembering the political cemetery that was built after that bill passed, the representatives did not have the courage to vote to raise their own salaries. Congressman Haskins had the courage of his convictions and voted for the increase, but Congressman Foster was one of seven members who refused to commit themselves and simply answered "present" when their names were called.

The proposition voted on was not to increase the salaries during the next Congress, beginning March 4, 1907, that is to say of members already elected—but "on and after March 4, 1907," of members who will be elected a year from next fall. The committee on appropriations had figured it all out, and under the basis of increase proposed the expense to the government would be just about what it now is in paying mileage both ways at 20 cents per mile, and would place all the members upon an equality as to compensation and emolument. This is manifest when one considers the amount paid for mileage to members from Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and other Western states.

From this point of view the measure was a just and reasonable one, entitled to be considered on its merits.

Death of World's Greatest Linguist.

Jeremiah Curtin, 66, who died in Bristol, this state, Friday, was the world's greatest linguist, being proficient in 70 languages. He was a native of Milwaukee, and while a student at Harvard mastered several languages. Soon after his graduation he was appointed secretary of the United States legation in St. Petersburg, by President Lincoln, and later consul general of the country in that city. He was connected with the bureau of ethnology of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington from 1883 to 1891 and since then had engaged in special work for that institution. He had made his summer home a number of years in Bristol, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. A. M. Norton. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Alma Carnell of Warren, this state.

Mr. Curtin was best known to the public as the translator of "Quo Vadis." He also translated eight other works of Henryk Sienkiewicz and the writings of Count Tolstoy and other Polish authors. He was also an author on his own account, among his well known books being the following: "Myths and Folk-Tales of Ireland," "Myths and Folk-Tales of the Russians," "Western Slavs and Magyars," "Hero Tales of Ireland," "Patriotic Tales of Ireland," "Creation Myths of Primitive America and Their Relation to the Religious" and "Mental History of Mankind."

In addition to knowing all the important languages of the world Mr. Curtin could speak the dialects of many of the Pacific coast tribes of Indians and those of the Tunguses and Buriates of Siberia. He was also skilled in the languages of the Tibetans. Mr. Curtin frequently lived months at a time among the civilized tribes of general parts of the world, including Central America and Asia, and was accompanied on all these trips by his wife. A few years ago it was feared that they had lost their lives in the wilds of Yucatan, but after a time they reappeared to civilization.

Minor Notes.

Gov. Proctor on Friday re-appointed J. E. Cushman of Burlington commissioner of state taxes and Luther A. Cobb of Brighton inspector of finance.

The post office department began to sell at the dead letter office in Washington Monday by auction 36,000 parcels of mail matter addressed to foreign countries and held to be unmailable, 35,000 more parcels of unclaimed domestic mail matter, and 2,000 articles found loose in the mails or without wrappers or address.

Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte has submitted to Congress plans for the big battleship provided for at the last session. Some novel features are embodied, the broadside fire being 5 per cent. greater than that of any battleship now built or in process of building; the elevation of the guns is greater, with consequent increased length of range fire; the defensive qualities are distinctly superior to any other battleship. The cost limit of the ship is \$4,000,000. It will be 510 feet long; 85 feet 2 1/2 inches beam; 20,000 tons displacement; 27 feet draft; 2300 tons coal capacity, and 21 knots speed. It will have ten 12-inch rifles and 14 five-inch rapid-fire guns, and some small machine guns, to repel torpedo attacks.

Some writers have referred this week to Thomas C. Cheney as 28 as the youngest speaker who ever presided over the Vermont House of representatives. While not posing as an authority on the ages of former speakers we happen to remember that Judge James E. Martin was only 22 when he was elected to wield the gavel in the lower branch of the state legislature, and he filled the office three full terms before he was 25.

Petty political grafters probably had an envious feeling for the Mormon elders if they read the arraignment of the Mormon hierarchy by Senator Dubois of Idaho. He declared that under the titling system members of the Mormon faith paid to high officials of the church annually in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, and there is never any accounting to anybody for its disposition.

The Village Charter Amendment.

The Brattleboro water works controversy has been settled, so far as the preliminary legislation is concerned, by the enactment of village charter amendments which authorize the village to buy or build, own and operate its water system at a total cost not to exceed \$200,000—with this proviso: That the act shall be of no force or effect unless the village shall within a year buy or offer to buy the Crowell water systems for the sum of \$200,000. If Mr. Crowell refuses to sell at this price the village may then build an independent system, but otherwise not.

The joint committee on municipal corporations reported the bill for the charter amendments substantially as it was introduced by Mr. Gibson, without naming any price or making any requirement for the purchase of the Crowell system, and without any of the amendments which had been asked for in Mr. Crowell's interest. The bill had, however, been drawn in several particulars to make it comply with supreme court decisions in regard to taking water rights, and to meet other legal requirements. The section legalizing the action of the village meeting of January last and continuing the water board in office had been eliminated. The bill, as thus amended, was brought up in the House early last Friday afternoon. No contest was made and the bill passed without opposition, its opponents taking their fight against it into the Senate.

Between Friday night and Tuesday noon a lively contest was waged both for and against the bill as passed by the House. Attorneys for both sides were active. Several members of the water board were in attendance, and there was a lively interchange of letters, telegrams and telephone messages between the state house and Brattleboro. Members of the water board insisted that no price should be named and that no restriction whatever should be put in the charter requiring negotiation with Mr. Crowell before an independent system could be built. In Mr. Crowell's interest it was insisted that a price of not less than \$200,000 ought to be named, and that an arbitration provision ought to be included. The claim was made by the water board that, if they were left unrestricted, they would go home, "take off their coats," and carry through a proposition for the purchase of the Crowell systems. Some of its members insisted that they would rather have the bill killed outright than have any restriction put in.

It finally became evident, as the subject was discussed, that the members of the Senate committee felt that the only way of guaranteeing the good faith of the village and protecting Mr. Crowell was to put a stated price in the charter, and after a good deal