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### LEGAL NOTICES.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.  
FRANK D. ARMSTRONG

VERLIEB ARMSTRONG. Whereas, Frank D. Armstrong of Hills, in the county of Windham, in the state of Vermont, has this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the county court, for said county, his petition for a divorce against Verlie Armstrong, setting forth in substance that he was on the 15th day of April, 1912, lawfully married to the said Verlie Armstrong and that he and said Verlie lived together as husband and wife in the county of Windham until on or about July 1, 1912, that the libellant has resided in the county of Windham for the past year, and has faithfully performed all the marriage obligations incumbent upon him; that on or about the 1st day of July, 1912, the said Verlie did without just cause wilfully desert said libellant, and has continued such wilful desertion ever since. And praying that the bonds of matrimony between him and the said Verlie be dissolved, and that he be granted a bill of divorce. And it appearing that the said Verlie is without this state, and that no summons can be served on her.

IT IS ORDERED that the libellant notify the libellee of the pendency of said petition and summon her to appear at the term of the county court to be held at Newfane, within and for the county of Windham on the second Tuesday in April, 1918, on the first day thereof, and answer to the same, by causing the substance of said petition and this order to be published three weeks successively in The Vermont Phoenix, a newspaper printed at Brattleboro, in said county, this in publication to be at least six weeks previous to the commencement of said term.

Dated at Brattleboro, in said county, this 21st day of February, 1918.  
F. B. STOWE, Clerk.  
Gibson & Daley, Attorneys for libellant.

### AUCTION

Thursday, February 28 at 10 a. m., the following personal property:

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### MOBILIZING BOY-POWER.

During the week beginning March 18, the United States Boys' Working Reserve, a division of the federal employment service in charge of the mobilization of the country's boy power for non-military war service, will conduct a drive for "national enrollment," which is expected to enlist a million boys between the ages of 10 and 21 for patriotic work on farms. The purpose is obvious; to put the members of this reserve at the lighter or unskilled branches of agriculture, so as to make every possible adult farm worker available for the heavier and skilled branches.

The plan should, and undoubtedly will, commend itself to the country over. That there are a million boys in the United States who, albeit too young for actual military service, are fairly itching for an opportunity to do their bit toward winning the war, is a foregone conclusion. Our prediction is that the officers of the reserves, once the drive is under way, will find it a question not of securing the specified number of boys, but of selection from a surplus of volunteers. The international committee of the Y. M. C. A. now represented in war work in every military camp in this country and in France, has joined forces with the reserve for the safeguarding of the health and morals of the hundreds of thousands of boys engaged in non-military service. There is a national advisory committee for this work, as well as for the training and placing of boys. It will be recalled that in New Jersey, last summer, the county branches of the Y. M. C. A. in conjunction with the reserve officials, established boys' camps throughout the state, for the picking of fruit, tomatoes, potatoes and other perishables; each camp being under the careful supervision of men trained in the care of boys.

Some idea of what it means to this country to have its boys mobilized for patriotic service of this character is to be had from last summer's experience in Utah, which mobilized both her boys and her girls and saved the crops of the state—adult labor being so scarce that, otherwise, there could have been no such thing as a harvest in Utah; of western Kentucky, which would have lost 7,000 crates of strawberries but for the lively and patriotic work of a camp of 121 city lads inspired by the United States Boys' Working Reserve; of Pennsylvania, which witnessed the picking of 17,000 bushels of potatoes in two weeks, by boys mobilized under the same auspices; of Oneida, Wisconsin, where high school boys saved the potato crop, and of Niagara county, New York, where 200 Buffalo high school boys proved their value by toiling in the fruit belt

and picking \$75,000 worth of peaches and other fruit.

The farm help problem is confessedly one of the biggest that will confront our country in the coming spring and summer. American boys are fighting their country's battles in France. Other American boys are only awaiting the word which will put them on the fighting front "over there." Still other American boys will strive as valiantly and patriotically for allied victory in the fields and orchards and gardens of the United States this coming summer. They will show the Kaiser what American boys can do when their country calls them; and they will demonstrate to our allies in Europe the fact that we have, growing up here in America, many more of the kind of boys who can be depended upon. Let the mobilization proceed—American boys will do the rest.

The market basket, worn on the arm, will be a popular style in 1918.

The Lyndonville Journal missed its best chance of the week for publishing a good story by keeping mum about its food hog resident who bought eight barrels of flour. It is the province of every newspaper to turn the light of publicity on this kind of an unpatriotic act.

Henry W. Keyes, the erstwhile Vermontor who is making good as war governor of New Hampshire, is being honored for the United States senatorship by the Manchester Union and other papers. If he does not go to the senate Keyes ought to be retained in his present office. A governor of experience counts for more than usual in these strenuous days.

Boys who go to school never realize the impression older men in business form of them. The lads who swagger through the streets, puffing cigarettes, who are rough and at times vulgar in their talk, and who are seen coming out of pool rooms at an hour at night when they ought to be in bed are getting reputations which will be a tremendous bar to them when they leave school and seek employment in positions offering careers of usefulness, responsibility and remuneration.

If you have a relative or friend somewhere in France, write to him often. Literary quality is not needed. Homely details of happenings at home, with cheering words and not a sign of doubt or pessimism expressed, are the kind of words which the soldier boys will appreciate and read with avidity. Don't wait for answers, but keep on writing. Cheerful news from home will come like a ray of sunshine to the lads thousands of miles who have taken the chance of the supreme sacrifice for the world's great cause.

Mr. Hoover believes that if his program to feed our people at home, our fighting men and our allies is to be put through the whole effort must be placed upon something stronger than a voluntary basis. The president's address to the farmers of the country is another powerful accent from one in supreme authority to call our attention to the grave necessity not only to conserve the food we are producing but to increase the supply enormously. The largest untapped available labor source is the two million boys of 15 years of age and over who are in the schools, or who are engaged in unessential occupations. In the expectation of utilizing the boy power the United States Boys' Working Reserve, which is connected with the department of labor in Washington, has designated the week of March 18 as enrollment week, and throughout six days will make a great drive to enroll every boy of fit age and physical condition into its organization. The aim of the reserve will be the employment of the boys in work on the farms, during the summer vacation period at least.

When rumors arose awhile ago in Switzerland that the United States meant to invade that country in order to attack Germany on an unprotected flank, Americans with one accord indignantly repudiated the slander, and President Wilson gave official assurance that we had no such intention or desire. Lately Switzerland has been afraid that the Germans would send an army through to attack southern France. The massing of the German troops on the upper Rhine has given them good reason for alarm. And what do the Germans say about it? According to a press despatch Teutons who happen to be enjoying the hospitality of Switzerland are jubilant at the prospect, and "Germans in Zurich are openly boasting that Ludendorff could smash the Swiss army in 48 hours." A German attack on Switzerland has a precedent in the fate of Belgium. Prussianism, which reckons nothing of the opinions of the decent portion of mankind, is capable of ending its long, bloody orgy with such a crime. Driven to desperation there is no limit to the depths to which the Teutons are willing to descend.

## PETITION FOR NEW TRIAL IS GRANTED

### Ketchum Was Sentenced to Be Electrocutated Next Month

Judgment of \$10,501 in Favor of Affra Ryder of Brattleboro Sustained—Supreme Court Session Here.

The Vermont supreme court convened here Tuesday forenoon for the February term. After prayer by Rev. D. E. Trout of the Universalist church Clerk Frank D. E. Stowe called the docket and then Judge Hazelton read an opinion in the case of the state against Francis Ketchum of Bennington, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be electrocuted at the state prison in Windsor the week of the first Monday in March of this year. The court holds that there was a mistrial through the disqualification of one of the jurors, F. H. Ferguson of Bennington, and grants the petition of the respondent for a new trial. On Sept. 16, 1916, Ketchum shot and killed William Costello of Bennington. He has admitted that fact. The shooting took place near the street railroad track, and it was thought for a time that Costello was killed by a street car. Evidence later indicated that Ketchum, who stole a horse and landed in jail in New York state. A confession was obtained from him in jail, although no particular motive was apparent, and Ketchum told of having a large number of drinks of liquor the evening of the shooting.

Ketchum was indicted in December, 1916, and was sent to the state asylum at Waterbury for observation as to his sanity. In June, 1917, he was convicted and the death penalty was pronounced. Attorney F. C. Archibald of Manchester represented the state and Attorney Collier M. Graves of Bennington the respondent. Attorney Graves moved for a new trial in January of this year on the ground of newly discovered evidence and later filed an amended petition on the ground that Juror Ferguson was disqualified.

It appeared that Ferguson assisted the undertaker in moving the body of Costello from the place where it was found to the ambulance, thence to the undertaking rooms, that he saw the blood-stained face and the blood-soaked ground where the body lay.

The court holds that Ferguson's knowledge of these facts and his participation in the removal of the body have exerted a similar influence in the consideration of the evidence, and that if he was qualified to sit as a juror then it would have been right to have had the entire jury composed of men situated as Ferguson was, which the court said was abhorrent to the idea of justice.

While Ketchum has confessed to killing Costello, a new trial is necessary in order to determine the degree of guilt, that is, whether it is manslaughter, murder in the second degree or murder in the first degree.

Ketchum was 23 years old and Costello 35, both laborers and unmarried. At the time of the killing Ketchum had been paroled after beginning a state prison sentence for another crime.

As the conclusion of the reading of the opinion by Judge Hazelton arguments were made in the case of G. W. Bradley against Amos N. Blandin and the Somerset Land company. Attorney J. K. Batchelder of Arlington appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney Hale K. Darling of Chelsea for the defendants.

The next case taken up was that of the Cutler company against Herbert G. Barber, which involves the right of way between the Valley Grain company building and H. G. Barber's new building on Main street. Attorney W. R. Daley of Brattleboro made the arguments for the plaintiff and court took a recess until 2 o'clock. Attorney Robert C. Bacon of Brattleboro and Mr. Barber appeared for the defense and Attorney A. F. Schwab of Brattleboro closed for the plaintiff. Court then took a recess until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Much of Wednesday forenoon was devoted to arguments in the case of F. L. Wilhelm, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Bert S. Stone of Brattleboro, against Barney E. Mead of Brattleboro, an automobile dealer in this town. The arguments were on an appeal from the judgment of the Windham county court, where the jury awarded the plaintiff damages of \$4,000 as a result of an accident in which Mrs. Stone was fatally injured while riding from Springfield, Mass., to Brattleboro in an automobile driven by Mr. Mead. Several points are in issue, chief of which is the claim of the defendant that the Vermont courts have no jurisdiction in the case and that the case comes under a penal statute in Massachusetts. Arguments were made by Attorney W. R. Daley for the estate, after which court took a recess until 2 o'clock, when Attorney Harry B. Chase closed the arguments in behalf of Mr. Mead. That ended the session and final adjournment was taken about 3 o'clock.

An important decision of the court was that of judgment affirmed in the case of Affra Ryder of Brattleboro against the Vermont Last Block company. In the county court Mr. Ryder was awarded damages of \$10,501 for injuries received while at work at the defendant's factory on Vernon street. The company is now in bankruptcy and is in the process of liquidation. Gleason & Wilcox of Montpelier, counsel for the company, did not press their exceptions and on motion of attorney Frank E. Barber the court affirmed the judgment. This was the second largest verdict for damages for personal injuries ever rendered in the Windham county court.

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