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THE RAILROADS IN PRIVATE HANDS

The return of the railroads to the control of their owners pleases the great majority of the people. The management, however, must remember they are on trial.

The big problem is whether the railroad can get the money to improve their facilities. Several billions should be at once invested in railroad improvements.

The president of the Minnesota Highway Association, says the wheat growers of that state alone lost \$7,811,500 by the lack of sufficient cars to move the last wheat crop.

Practically all the people who have invested in railroad securities during the past ten years, have lost money heavily on them due to the fact that their earnings were limited by government while their expenses increased without limit.

Before putting any more money into railroad securities, investors want to feel sure that the public will permit them a fair dividend. There are of course objections to the idea of guaranteed dividends.

But if the government had limited the earnings the roads could make, and at the same time had given no protection against losses, any man would be a fool to put money into railroad bonds or stocks.

Such a policy would have made private operation a failure from the first day, because the money for improvements could never have been raised.

A policy of absolute honesty and of earnest work for good service on the part of the managements, will do much to place railroad operation on a better basis.

THE PEACE TREATY SITUATION

The statesmen at Washington have now talked eight months about the peace treaty. The people have had no chance to do much talking that can be heard at Washington.

But that does not mean that they are not interested. The country is a sentiment of deep indignation is manifested that the treaty settlement has been held up so long.

Europe is on the verge of anarchy, as it struggles with hunger and despair. America is the dominating factor, and nothing can be done until America is willing to act.

Europe is willing to act. Everlasting waits the pleasure of America, who dangles while statesmen quibble.

If the people could get a chance to act on this question, they would settle it very promptly, and on a basis making for world peace and assuring the safety of America.

The great majority of the American people want some kind of a League of Nations. They believe that it takes united action to get things done in this world.

They do not see how peace can be secured unless some kind of organization is formed through which the nations can act together.

At the same time they do not propose to sacrifice the independent rights of this country. They do not intend to have any American army ordered into Europe by a League of Nations, without the full and free consent and approval of the representatives of the American people.

If this peace treaty becomes an issue in the coming campaign, it is an issue that will cut very deep and wide. Those who have been quibbling over trifling differences, who have thwarted the desire of the people for prompt action, or who have failed to protect the right of the United States to maintain its own independent rights under all circumstances, will themselves be marked for slaughter.

PRESS COMMENT

Governor Clement Looking Backward

(Bennington Banner)
Governor Clement has turned down the unanimous request of the Republican state committee asking for a special session to act on the equal suffrage amendment.

Probably nothing else could be expected from Mr. Clement. Due to ill health and advancing years the governor has lost his perspective and persists in looking backward instead of forward.

The arguments he uses are without weight and will satisfy only those who set in opposition to equal suffrage that they can hardly be expected to look at the question on its merits.

The issue just now is out of proportion to most national questions with which Vermont has to do, for the reason that the self-willed view taken by Governor Clement will probably prevent ratification of the amendment in season to give the women of the United States the vote for president this year.

Up to March 1st, 33 states had ratified and three more are required. The possibilities are West Virginia, Delaware, Florida, Washington, Connecticut and

Vermont. All of these states will eventually ratify and there is no doubt as to the final outcome. Governor Hays of Washington has already announced that he will call a special session in season to act. As a new hands governor Clement can apparently block ratification for this year. It does not seem probable that a man who has been honored by Vermont as its Governor Clement could be so contemptuous of the state committee and so unfair to the women of his state as actions are the best rather than words. Apparently Governor Clement does not believe with Emerson:

Every line of history inscribes a compulsion that we shall not go far wrong; that things mend. That is the moral of all we learn, that it warrants hope, the prolific mother of reforms. One part is plainly not to throw ourselves across the track, to block improvement and sit till we are stone, but to watch the uprise of successive morning and to conspire with the new works of new days.

THE COBBLER AND HIS LAST

(From Rutland Herald)
The mechanics think they can run the railroads a good deal better than the railroad men, the railroad men think they can run the farms a good deal better than the farmers, and the farmers think they can run the shops a good deal better than the mechanics.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

Before proceeding with a comment, The Herald confesses its consciousness of the fact that the natural retort might be that editors think they know more about every man's business than the man knows himself. In fact, the accusation was directly made by a public meeting in Rutland that The Herald probably considered that it knew more about a certain big job than the president and faculty.

A newspaper, however, reserves the right to comment on matters of public interest according to its information and ability, and it does not follow that because its criticism seems for the moment destructive that it is necessarily striving to pull down any thing or any one. Just at present, this newspaper would be deeply satisfied if every man would return, like the cobbler, to his last, then indefatigably and intelligently stick to it.

It may be said generally that the cause of our present industrial and business situation is the lack of plain, faithful, skillful "cobblers," by which we mean men trained to a certain useful if humble handicraft or occupation, essential to the progress of big things. Such things are bungled if undertaken by novices, and enough bungling stops the "whole works" or sends the boss into a sanitarium.

Our former cobblers are trying to be salesmen or office managers. Our clerks and salesmen are in the movies. Our farmers have gone to railroading. Our car cleaners are janitors. Our school teachers are turning to stenographers or milliners. Our printers are going in for publicity. Our carpenters are shipbuilding. Our masons are contractors, and so it goes.

Meanwhile, to fill the place of our steady, faithful cobblers, salesmen, car cleaners, etc., we must choose between the untrained boy or girl and the superannuated inefficient. The former no sooner learns the rudiments of his craft—and expects to be well paid for his learning—than he moves on. The unskilled boys remain and possibly a few of the more unenterprising youths, but where are the cobblers of yesterday?

It is not so much a question of pay, because, sooner or later, that matter adjusts itself. It is an underlying banking for the hazardous of new fortunes. It is an unwillingness to stick to the last and produce a good job for a good day's wage.

Much of this may be chargeable to the war and the way the war was "run" from Washington. Men were "jumped" by political manipulation so that the "boss of the shop" might find himself taking orders from the firemen. Message boys were qualified as signal corps experts. Half-trained doctors commanded distinguished surgeons. Plattsburg "hurry-up lieutenants" tried to teach old soldiers their business.

It was all very fine and miraculous, but it hurt the rank and file of cobblers. It sent men to sea and life uneasy under the ranking mark of the boss. They "jacked the job" at the slightest provocation. They weren't satisfied with the pay; they wanted part of the boss' pay as well. All this must adjust itself, and presently we shall get back to first principles when the man that owns the business will have something to say about running it.

Meanwhile, the reward of the man who knows his job and sticks to his last will be certain and inevitable. What the English call our "beastly American versatility" is likely to run its course, and the expert, even in patching shoes, is coming into his own.

Boss and worker, cobbler and electrical engineer, shipwright and blacksmith will presently find their niche and—God bless the cobbler who will stick to his last!

Not Meant for Household Pets.

If taken young the grizzly is easy enough to handle for at birth he weighs only from 10 to 20 ounces and is about the size of a full-grown chipmunk. Later the bears run between 350 and 600 pounds in weight, although they have been known to reach 1,500 pounds. This, of course, makes the domestication of grizzlies by apartment house dwellers difficult.

RECENT DEATHS

WILSON

On the morning of March 6th, Mrs. Emily Wilson crossed the threshold of this life into her eternal home.

Prussia S. Albee was born July 21, 1860, in Littleton, N. H., daughter of Joseph A. Albee, and Mary Ballou Albee.

She lived there until her marriage to Mr. Wilson, July 9th, 1889, when they went to Bradford for a time, later moving to Barnet and finally to St. Johnsbury, where they have lived for over 25 years. Three children were born to them, but two died in infancy.

Mrs. Wilson led a very quiet life because of impaired eyesight, but she bore her affliction with rare patience, and gave unstintingly of herself to bring joy and comfort to others. She was a queen in her home, and unselfish and gentle with all whose lives she touched. Her neighbors and many devoted friends will long miss her thoughtfulness and loyalty.

Her loss is most keenly felt by her husband, after fifty years of married life, and an only daughter, Mrs. Alice Galbraith, and little granddaughter, Marion Galbraith of Passumpsic. She is also survived by a brother and sister, Ira Albee, and Mrs. Charles Parker of Barnet.

The funeral was held at her late home on Main street at two o'clock on Monday. Her pastor, Rev. George A. Martin, conducted the service. Mrs. Ethel G. Stiles sang two of her favorite hymns, and Rev. Mr. Pierce of Passumpsic made the prayer.

The many beautiful flowers spoke silently of love and high esteem. The burial was in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Our Home-Maker

Where the mountains slope to the westward, And their purple chalcids hold The new made wine of the sunset Crimson and amber and gold.

She has stood to welcome our coming, Watching our upward climb, In the summer weather that brought us, Oh, many and many a time!

Again is her doorway opened, And the house is garlanded and sweet, But she silently waits for our coming, And we enter with silent feet.

A little within she is waiting, Not where she has met us before; For over the pleasant threshold She is only to cross once more.

The smile on her face is quiet, And a flower is on her breast, Her hands are folded together, And the word on her lips is "rest."

And yet it looks like a welcome, For her work is compassed and done; All things are seemly and ready, And her summer is just begun.

It is we who may not cross over, Only with song and prayer A little way into glory We may reach, as we leave her there.

But we cannot think of her idle; She must be a home-maker still, God giveth that work to the angels, Who fittest the task fulfill.

And somewhere yet, in the hilltops Of the country that hath no pain, She will watch in her beautiful doorway To bid us a welcome again.

NEWELL STOCKER WILLIAMS

Newell Stocker Williams died at Brightlook Hospital on Monday, Feb. 25, of pneumonia. He was born in Danville, August 17, 1844, being the son of John and Adeline Stocker Williams. His father came from Orange, N. H., in 1801 and his mother was a native of Danville. When a young man he spent a few years in Peacham and later worked a couple of years in Minnesota.

Mr. Williams married on Dec. 15, 1880, Mrs. Nancy Morse Stevens and shortly afterwards they came to make their home on the farm in the village where he has since lived. Mrs. Williams died April 20, 1906, and after that date Mr. Williams and his son kept the home.

Mr. Williams had been in ill health for several years with heart trouble, and for a few weeks had been having treatment at Brightlook Hospital. He was nearly ready to return home when pneumonia attacked him with fatal results. The funeral was held at his North Danville home on Feb. 27. Rev. C. A. Adams officiating and the interment was in the family lot. He leaves one son, John, of North Danville and a brother, Charles, of Peacham.

MRS. ANNA PINKHAM

After failing health for a period of nine years, Mrs. Anna Pinkham died Wednesday, March 3rd at her home 26 Lafayette street, at the age of 38 years and 11 months.

She was married to William B. Pinkham at Concord, N. H., in 1908, and for the past ten years Mr. and Mrs. Pinkham have made their home with Miss Minnie Hulburty here in St. Johnsbury. Mrs. Pinkham united with the Baptist Church here in 1911. Throughout her life she has been most brave and cheerful in spite of her failing health, always thinking of others and striving to add to their happiness. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Edmund Meched, and

SELLING MAPLE CANDY IN FLORIDA

The Caledonian-Record recently received the following interesting letter from Miss Minnie H. Rodey, who will be remembered as one of the telegraph operators in the St. Johnsbury office, now spending the winter in Orlando, Fla.:

I thought a letter from the land of sunshine and flowers might have an effect on the temperature that I hear you have back in Vermont. Dear old Vermont cannot be surpassed for summer and autumn, and winter "zero temperature" ha!

This town, Orlando, is certainly one of the most picturesque places I have ever seen. Much of the Vermont wealth is here in beautiful winter homes built around the lakes, which are many.

Cinema's band, a fine band plays every afternoon and evening at one of the lakes where seats are and also a playground for the children. This band is paid ten thousand dollars a week by subscription. Think of it. I wish you could step into the lobby of San Juan Hotel and see one of the most exclusive novelty shops in Orlando, with the "Maple Grove Candies a specialty," conducted by yours truly.

Last winter I found the going quite slippery between St. J. House and the Western Union and the latter quite frigid so I made up my mind quietly I should come to the land of sunshine and flowers, but how to do it was a puzzle to me.

However, I had a dream and this time "my dreams came true." Through observation and telegraphic information I just thought Vermont maple products would help me do it, together with a nice line of novelties from New York, so I am established with a nice little business until it's time for me to return to the telegraphic field in May. So, it should be May or June to me now 80 above, I was just reading in the Orlando Evening Star "Northfield, Vt., 30 below," Orlando Fla. 80 above same day today Jan. 29. Stepping out of the San Juan yesterday I met Mr. and Mrs. Flint and daughter which was a great surprise to both sides. They are pleasantly located and wear the Florida sunshine smiles already.

I am having my own time persuading the Southern or better known here as "The Florida Crackers" that I am selling pure Vermont maple products. They finally venture a quarter pound box of Maple Grove and then say "laws that's sweet." My customers are the northern people. They know a good thing when they see it.

Sincerely, MINNIE H. RODEY.

EAST RYEGATE

Mrs. Norway of Manchester, N. H., who was caring for the little daughter of her brother, Orville Skinner, was taken ill with pneumonia and died at W. S. Skinner's Thursday morning. The remains were taken to Newport Friday for burial. Miss Vera Powers R. N. of St. Johnsbury, a granddaughter of Mrs. Norway cared for her during her illness.

Miss Kelley of Vermont was a guest at her uncle's, Lawrence Conner's last week.

Karl Maynes and W. S. Skinner are on the sick list.

W. H. Smith, R. G. Batten and Mrs. J. R. Alger attended the missionary conference at South Ryegate last week.

There were no services Sunday owing to the illness of the pastor, L. W. Simpson.

St. Johnsbury Boy With "Roving Marines"

Robert Mackinnon, the St. Johnsbury boy who is the clarinetist in the United States Marine Band of Washington, is with the "Roving Marines," a group of vaudeville performers who are touring the United States to enlist recruits for the United States Navy.

The talent as a whole, even to the minutest detail, is Marine Corps material, consisting of singers, dancers, musicians, boxers and entertainers. They gave their opening performance at Washington before a representative audience of officers and distinguished personages when the jazz orchestra and the "hula" dance burlesque were the two best bits of the performance.

The itinerary of the "Roving Marines" takes them to all parts of the United States and they will be gone from Washington several months.

FARMERS BUY PLYMOUTH CREAMERY

(Continued from page 1) now offered them to purchase a growing concern in New England. He said such a proposition would eliminate the middleman, give a profit to the stockholders and reduce the cost of the product to the consumer.

A. F. Lawrence thought if the farmers only received half the profits that Mr. Davies had been getting they would be doing mighty well and Seth L. Grant of East St. Johnsbury also favored the proposition.

Mr. Hallett then called for stock subscriptions on the basis of ten dollars per cow and the following subscriptions per cow were received:

- Andrew McKee, 10
- C. C. Renick, 10
- E. C. Chandler, 10
- Freeman Bradley, 10
- George Simpson, 10
- G. W. Hodgkins, 15
- A. A. Hawkins, 10
- George Drew, 10
- C. C. Drew, 10
- William Bedor, 10
- H. Massie, 10
- H. G. Spaulding, 10
- Mr. Parker, 10
- N. E. Burpee, 10
- O. A. Astle, 10
- E. H. Miles, 10
- F. Bowman, 10
- Charles Bowman, 10
- Thomas Parker, 10
- P. C. Shattuck, 10
- H. C. Ingalls, 10
- G. W. Bedor, 10
- M. E. Ball, 10
- C. W. Cushman, 10
- W. T. Smith, 10
- W. G. Sparrow, 10
- S. G. Wilson, 10
- James Somers, 10
- A. F. Morse, 10
- Frank Hastings, 10
- H. J. Root, 10
- Homer Shattuck, 10
- Wilmet White, 10
- W. C. McCrea, 10
- George S. McCrea, 10
- F. H. Stevens, 10
- Henry Cole, 10
- Robert Leafmouth, 10
- E. M. Maynard, 10
- L. H. Simpson, 10
- A. F. Lawrence, 10
- Dr. J. M. Allen, 10
- E. H. Hallett, 10
- Louis Albiser, 10
- P. N. Granger, 10
- J. A. Morrill, 10
- H. E. Remick, 10
- J. J. Foran, 10

Total cows 755

Before the meeting adjourned President Hallett announced that the canvass would be continued in other communities where the Plymouth Creamery Co. had their plants.

AWARD PRIZES FOR U.S. ARMY CONTEST

(Continued from page one)

Joseph Laliberte, 25 passes at the Globe Theater.

Argeline Lavie, \$5 in groceries at F. A. Scott Co.

Yvonne Grogorec, box chocolates at Paino's store.

Verda J. Smith, \$2.50 in cash from Tom Phillips.

Elsie Wild, music portfolio at Moore & Johnson's store.

Mary C. Trankla, Boston bag at Frank E. Harris'.

Edward Turnbly, pair shoes at Nolin Bros.

Angelina Racicot, \$3 in merchandise at C. H. Howe's store.

Jeannette Desrochers, 20 passes at the Pleasure U.

Ethel Simpson, box camera at the S. K. Brigham store.

Mildred Allen, fountain pen at the Stanley Furniture store.

Allen E. Ashcraft, silk scarf at L. S. Jewett's store.

Charles Malam, 1/4 bbl. flour at Smith's cash grocery store.

Ronald Bernier, Ideal restaurant meal tickets.

Joseph Cormier, bottle hair tonic at Sanitary barber shop.

Lucille Bruppelle, framed picture at the Calderwood store.

Irene Landry, chocolates at the Concord Candy Kitchen.

Norman Gagner, \$3 in mdse at L. F. Frye's.

Lorraine Asselin, book ends at Charles C. Locke's store.

Eugene Desrochers, pair white mice, given by Edward Trembly.

Alex. Trembly, skis, at the C. E. Brown store.

Evangeline Massie, hair brush at F. G. Landry's.

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AMERICAN LEGION

The Vermont Department of the American Legion will hold a Conference with the Bureau of War Risk Insurance at the City Hall, Montpelier, Friday, March 12.

The head of the Bureau, Director R. G. Cholmondeley-Jones, will explain to the Legion members just how to get straightened out on all matters of compensation, insurance, back pay, and all other matters on which the former soldiers are having difficulty with the Government.

At 8 p. m., a public mass meeting will be held, with addresses by Mr. Fred G. Howland and Major John T. Axton, chaplain of the Port of Embarkation.

It is expected that the matter of extra bonus, or "adjusted compensation," will be considered. The National Executive Committee is urging upon Congress a \$50 Liberty Bond per month of service. The Brattleboro Post has passed a resolution in opposition to a bonus at this time, but the Vermont Department has as yet taken no action.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The English Club of the Junior High school held its regular meeting Thursday night, March 4th. The papers given were all original and very interesting. The program was as follows:

Roll call with alliterative sentences; report of Secretary; report of treasurer; piano duet by Perry Fitch and James Woods; "History of St. Johnsbury," by Donald Lindley; "The Three K's," by Edwin Wilkins; solo by Edward Fountain Jr., accompanied by Sylvia Rieker, piano and Edwin Burrows, violin; "The Farmer and the City Guy," by Muriel Clifford; jokes by Maurice Schoppe; "Be Prepared," by James Puffer; "Speech is silver, silence is golden," by Ida Constantine; "The Funniest Animal I ever Owned," by Bertha Long; "The Story of the Parrot," by Josephine Barrett; "Manufactured Herbs," by James Woods; story by sentences by the English Club.

REBEKAH LODGE

Oliver Branch Rebekah Lodge at their meeting Tuesday evening presented Mrs. Ina Shaw three five dollar gold pieces as an appreciation of her faithful and efficient services in office for many years.

A poem was read by Mrs. Mary Underwood which she composed most fittingly for the occasion. It was a complete surprise to Mrs. Shaw. She responded in words of appreciation for the evidence of the esteem in which she was held by members of the lodge.

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- Corn—Golden Bantam
- Cucumber—Fordhook Famous
- Lettuce—Hanson
- Lettuce—Grand Rapids
- Onions—P prizetaker
- Parsnip—Guernsey
- Peas—Notts Excelsior
- Radish—Crimson Giant
- Radish—White Icicle
- Spinach—Long Season
- Swiss Chard—Lucullus
- Tomato—Chalks Jewel
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