

June Is the Month of Graduates and Politicians and After Thinking the Matter Over We Think That In Nine Cases Out of Ten the Graduates Have the Best of It

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers. Thomas Lyons will spend Sunday in Cambridge. Fred Archie left this morning for Sticker pond. E. B. Hyde has returned from a few days visit in Burlington. John Mahoney of Blackton was in town Friday on business. Mrs. Marvin White of Scott street is spending the day in Troy. Miss Nellie Coffey will spend Sunday with friends in Pittsfield. William Whislow left this noon to spend Sunday with friends in Troy. The Bennington Water company has finished laying its pipes on Scott st. E. Huling Blackner and T. P. Gregg were in North Adams Friday evening. Miss Susan Colgate arrived at the "Ben Venue" Friday evening for the summer. Mrs. Allen Shaw of Sandy Hill, N. Y. is in town this week visiting friends in town. George Cooper of Main street was in Woodford Friday morning over his property in that town. Most of the bridges in town have been painted this season under the direction of the selectmen. Mr. and Mrs. John Burns are spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. William Lundgren in the west part of the town. The employees of Rockwood's mill are enjoying a day's vacation. This is the first day they have had off in several months. Louis Tiffany who has been visiting his father, E. J. Tiffany for the past few days, returned to his home in Boston this morning. Mrs. Edward Notum of West Main street is spending a few days in South Shaftsbury as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Howard. Mrs. George Dandy of Thompsons Mills, N. Y. is spending a few days in town as the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Burgess of Silver street. Charles Batten, who was called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Martin F. Barney, returned to his home in Chicago this morning. Fred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown returned last evening from Shoreham where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. Fred Brown. Dr. Harry Sumner, who has been a physician in the canal zone at Panama, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Eli J. Tiffany. Mrs. E. L. Nichols of Main street is suffering from a sprained arm. The accident happened some days ago, but was not painful until the last few days. Latest reports of the condition of Mrs. Harry Harbour who is seriously ill in Woodford, state that she is just alive. Her death is looked for any minute. The Eagles of South Shaftsbury arrived last this morning and will play a return game with the Y. M. C. A. baseball team on the athletic field at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Mitchell and nephew, Charles McMaster arrived here Friday from Rutland to spend a few days as the guest of Mrs. David Rockwood of Jefferson avenue. Richard Lyster and Charles Gordon of North Bennington have returned from a fishing trip at Lake Ossauyau bringing home with them 130 pounds of pickerel and bass. A few from this town went to Williamsburgh this afternoon to attend the Williams-Ashcroft baseball game. The game is the last home game that Williams will play this season. There will be a meeting of the Pastors at the Methodist church this evening at 7 o'clock. As it is time for election of officers, all members are requested to be present. The Society of the Deafened-Blind will hold a reception tomorrow in St. Francis de Sales church before Benediction in the afternoon. About 16 members will join the society at this reception. Mrs. Joseph Marbury of Maple street attended the commencement exercises

BAILEYS FOUND NO HAVEN OF REFUGE IN HONDURAS

Brothers and Associates to Be Brought Back.

GLDSBORO INCIDENT ENDS

Officer Sent After Alleged Users of the Mails Who Fled to Central America.

New York, June 20.—A warrant has been issued by the federal authorities for the arrest of H. H. Myers, an associate of Francis G. Bailey, president of the Export Shipping company, who, with his brother, A. W. Bailey, are in custody in Honduras awaiting extradition. The Baileys purchased the ship Goldsboro and after loading it with general cargo which, it is charged, was never paid for, sailed for Honduras, with this cargo, conspired to use the mails for fraudulent purposes, which is the same as the charge against the Baileys Captain Oxley of the Goldsboro was charged in a warrant with the crime of perjury, in that he made a false statement with regard to his cargo. An officer has gone to Honduras, and barring complications will return shortly with the four prisoners, the two Baileys, Myers and Captain Oxley. es of the North Bennington high school Friday afternoon. Her brother had a hat in the blue army 3000 strong, will move on Pine Camp late tonight from a point near Sterlingville and camp, with a desert sand waste as the battle ground. Both armies consist of regulars and militia and total 6000 men—all that could be spared from actual duties of the camp. Col. Hatfield of the regular army is in command of the Blue army and Brig. Gen. Clark of the Massachusetts militia leads the Brown army. Lieut. Col. Edwin F. Glenn of the 22d Infantry acts as umpire. This afternoon a convoy train of 120 wagons in charge of the Browns was attacked by the Blues. The corps of engineers under command of Capt. Brown and Lieut. Thomas has been engaged in the construction of a bridge 150 feet long and 14 feet wide over a ravine, the deep end of which is 30 feet. The work was begun Tuesday and must be completed by Saturday noon when the artillery will pass over and immediately dynamite the structure.

ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT

Country Has Chosen the Best Man Possible. Washington, June 18.—Immediately upon receiving news of the nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency, President Roosevelt made the following statement: I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years and I have a peculiar feeling for him because throughout that time we have worked for the same object with the same purpose and ideals. I do not believe there can be found in the whole country a man so well fitted to be president. He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a president of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind. He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of all our people—the farmer, the wage worker, of the business, of the property owner. No matter what a man's occupation or social position nor matter what section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest hard working man, who is trying to do his duty towards his neighbor and toward the country, he can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions. Mr. Taft stands against privilege, and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well-being.

BATTLE FOUGHT LAST NIGHT

Pine Camp Attacked and Defended in the Mimit War

Pine Camp, June 18.—The siege of Pine Camp is on and before morning dawn the battle which will decide its fate will be fought. Attacking and defending forces are about equal numerically and the conflict promises to wage hot and long. In this mimic battle, which is known as No. 1 problem in the list of joint army and militia maneuvers the militia leads the Brown army 3000 strong, will move on Pine Camp late tonight from a point near Sterlingville and camp, with a desert sand waste as the battle ground. Both armies consist of regulars and militia and total 6000 men—all that could be spared from actual duties of the camp. Col. Hatfield of the regular army is in command of the Blue army and Brig. Gen. Clark of the Massachusetts militia leads the Brown army. Lieut. Col. Edwin F. Glenn of the 22d Infantry acts as umpire. This afternoon a convoy train of 120 wagons in charge of the Browns was attacked by the Blues. The corps of engineers under command of Capt. Brown and Lieut. Thomas has been engaged in the construction of a bridge 150 feet long and 14 feet wide over a ravine, the deep end of which is 30 feet. The work was begun Tuesday and must be completed by Saturday noon when the artillery will pass over and immediately dynamite the structure.

POLANDER IS DEAD

Five Men Under Arrest on Charge of Being Implicated in Affair.

Bethel, June 19.—George Badero, alias "Billy Smith," the Polanders, died last night. In addition to the four men previously arrested charged with being concerned in the attack, Frank Millman was arrested yesterday. The five men were turned over to Windsor county court under bail of \$500 each.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

Abram Brissette, of Montgomery Center, Cut His Throat.

Montgomery Center, June 19.—Abram Brissette committed suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat. He was found after life was extinct, in an outbuilding. A box of pills green and a razor were found near him. Ill health and trouble were doubtless the cause of the act. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little liver pills, sold by D. A. Ward.

ENDING OF SCHOOL YEAR AT NORTH BENNINGTON

Graduating Exercises Held on Friday Afternoon.

ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

Well-Written and Well-Delivered Essays and Orations—Alumni Association Meets.

The graduating exercises of North Bennington High school were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Congregational church. As usual the church was well filled with the friends and relatives of the graduates. The church was tastefully decorated with the class colors, gold and white. The class motto, "En avant," was suspended over the class. Goldsmith's orchestra of Bennington with H. S. Phillips at the piano furnished the music. At 2:30 Principal A. M. Jones entered followed by the class of 1908. The program was as follows: Oration—Some Great Engineering Feats. Gordon K. Allen. Essay—The American Indian in Literature. Elinor L. Beagle. Essay—From Superstition to a Science. Dorothy Houghton. Oration—The Independence of the Modern Farmer. Edward P. Powers. Essay—On the Nettle Movement. N. C. White. Essay—In One Hundred Years. Mary H. Woodhall. Conferring Diplomas—Principal A. M. Jones. The orations and essays were of exceptional merit, and each showed that it had been given careful thought and study in preparation. Mr. Allen's oration called to mind some of the most wonderful of the engineering feats of the day, which we are apt to take as a matter of course, and forget that they are really wonderful, especially when compared to the achievements of our forefathers. The oration on the "American Indian in Literature" by Miss Beagle was very interesting and presented the Red man in some new lights. Miss Houghton's essay "From Superstition to a Science" was full of interest from start to finish, beginning with the old witch doctors and their healings and superstitions she brought the audience up to the present day of trained nurses performing their ministrations. Edward Powers' oration on "The Independence of the Modern Farmer" should have been heard by the young men who think it a disgrace to stay on the farm. "On the Nettle Movement" by Miss White was a beautiful description of the historical events with which we are so familiar, yet her presentation of them in a visionary light new beauty. The residents of Bennington would have been interested in the last essay on the program, "In One Hundred Years" by Miss Woodhall. She pictured wonderful things for the city of Bennington in the next century. Principal Jones in conferring the diplomas gave a short history of the North Bennington High school since its beginning in 1870. The first class was graduated in 1879 and the number of graduates since then has been about 170. This closes Mr. Jones' third term in connection with our schools, and as he leaves for larger fields of labor, the good wishes of the citizens go with him. He has been a faithful worker, and his life during his stay among us, has been an example before the young people which should lead them to aim for the best and highest.

PRIZES OF \$400 AWARDED

Four Members of Senior Class at Brattleboro School Get \$100 Each

The graduating exercises of the Brattleboro high school took place in the auditorium, tonight before an audience that filled the house. The program included music by Lettsingers orchestra, selections by a girl's chorus and the high school glee club, an address by Rev. Alfred H. Webb, followed by the Golden Age and the Common Man, by Prof. James W. Crook of Amherst college, announcement of honors and presentation of the class to the committee by Principal E. B. Smith, conferring of diplomas by L. F. Adams of the school board and singing of the class song, written by Robert P. Kenney. A specially interesting feature of the graduation was the announcement by Principal Smith of the winners of the four Austine prizes of \$100 each. These prizes constitute the income of a fund left by the late Col. William Austine, to be awarded to the graduates attaining the highest averages for the four years courses. Mr. Smith presented \$100 checks to night to the following winners: Margaret G. Barber, Brattleboro; Nellie E. B. Smith, Westminster; Ralph F. Howe of East Dover and Paul F. Jones of Windham, the three last named being tuition pupils.

TAFT AND SHERMAN

Sketches of the Candidates For President and Vice-President.

Secretary Taft is of Vermont ancestry, being a descendant of two noted Townshend families. His father, Alphonso Taft, was born in Townshend and passed his early years on a farm in that town. He was graduated from Yale in 1833, was admitted to the bar in 1838, and the next year went to Cincinnati, where he began a notable career. August 29, 1841 Judge Alphonso Taft married Fanny Phelps, sister of the late Judge James H. Phelps of West Townshend, and their marriage is on record in the Townshend town clerk's office. She died in Cincinnati in 1851, and in 1853 Judge Taft married Louisa Maria Torrey, mother of Secretary Taft. Judge Taft's parents were Peter Rawson Taft and Sylvia (Howard) Taft. Peter Rawson Taft went to Townshend from Uxbridge, Mass., with his parents when he was 14 years old, studied law with his father, who was a college graduate, became a successful teacher, judge of the probate court, and judge of the Windham county court, represented Townshend many years in the state legislature, had an important part in establishing Leland and Gray Seminary in Townshend, and was the first president of the board of trustees, from 1835 to 1841, moving to Cincinnati in the latter year. He married Sylvia Howard, of Townsend, in 1810. His father, Aaron Taft, great-grandfather of Secretary Taft, Aaron Taft went to Townshend from Uxbridge in March, 1799, when the snow was so deep that it took nineteen yoke of oxen to draw the household goods from West Townshend to what is now Taft Hill. Secretary Taft takes his middle name from his father's mother, Sylvia Howard. She was a daughter of Levi Howard, who went to Townshend from Milford, Mass., in 1775. On his mother's side Secretary Taft is a descendant of William Torrey, who went from Somerset, Eng., to Weymouth, Mass., in 1640.

GRANGE NOTES

Items of Interest to Members in This County

Bennington Grange held one of the most interesting sessions of the year Wednesday evening when Flora's night was observed. Robert Thomas in decorating the hall were sent to the youngest juvenile granger, Dwight Rugg Jr. Messrs Lampman and Dutcher of Pownal Grange were present. Messrs George Rice, Elmer Rockwood and Will Clark were appointed a committee to arrange for a union picnic of the nine granges in the county. Three applicants for membership were accepted, and all others interested in agriculture and desiring to join should hand in their names before the next meeting so as to take degrees in August. The next regular meeting will be July 15. Interesting papers on various subjects were read by Misses Ruth Denio, Mary Rose, Nellie Rice and Medames Quackenbush, Brooks and Patterson. The Grange orchestra consisting of W. J. Hicks, cornet, Robert Thomas, trombone, Jesse Dunham, 1st violin, Wheeler Rice, 2nd violin and Carrie Rugg pianist made their first appearance to the satisfaction of all present. Pownal Grange extended an invitation to their dinner July 4th. About 50 expect to attend Pownal meeting at Stamford next Wednesday.

PUPILS OF EIGHTH GRADE

Some of Those Who Have Creditable Record the Past Year.

The pupils of the Eighth Grade, in room No. 14, whose attendance was perfect for the spring term were:— Arthur, Jessie Burgess, Emma Fischer, Myrtle Ganser, Mildred Haynes, Inez Kimball, Fannie Mor, Ann Avis Myers, Mary Thomas, Ina Walker, Tillie Hervey, Goodall Huoton, Ramon Sexton, and Samuel Patterson. Emma Fischer, Myrtle Ganser, Mildred Haynes, Inez Kimball, Fannie Mor, Ann Avis Myers, Mary Thomas, Ina Walker, Tillie Hervey, Goodall Huoton, Ramon Sexton, and Samuel Patterson. The children of room 14, who are interested in their school work, gathered and named 203 different flowers this term. Avis Myers and Ina Walker, each gathered 60 or more different specimens. This "Class Song" was composed by one of the girls of the eighth grade. We are the Class of 1908, We're smiling, and we're up to date; Some are pretty, some are plain, But we are happy just the same. Our teachers are the very nicest Of the rooms, and are the wisest. We've studied hard, we've studied long, But "The End Crowns All" is our song. All the grades we leave behind us; Are we sorry? Do not ask us. Four years more we have before us So we'll sing the glad new chorus. Hurrah, hurrah for 1908, Be sure we'll get there and not be late, And our colors of purple and gold, Stand for the high aims we hold.

SECRETARY TAFT RESIGNS WAR PORTFOLIO

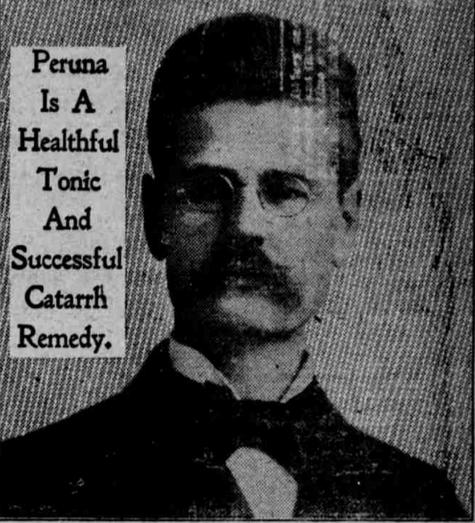
Will Leave Cabinet at End of the Present Month.

LUKE E. WRIGHT TO SUCCEED

Prospective New Head of War Department Was Captain in Confederate Army

Washington, June 20.—Secretary Taft has presented to the President his resignation to take effect June 30, and it was announced at the White House that Luke E. Wright of Tennessee will be appointed secretary of war to succeed Mr. Taft. The prospective appointee when a young man was a captain in the Confederate army. He is one of the leading lawyers not only of his state, but the entire south. He has also been foremost in advocating and insisting upon fair treatment for the colored people. He was appointed by President McKinley as one of the Philippine commission and enjoyed President McKinley's heartiest confidence, being selected as one of the southerners who were in sympathy with his administration. Under President Roosevelt he was made vice-governor and then governor of the Philippines, and was afterward made the first ambassador to Japan.

MEMBER 54TH CONGRESS U. S. Recommends Per-u-na.



HON. W. E. ANDREWS. Nebraska has furnished to our National Congress some of the brightest minds that have ever adorned that great national legislature. Men of push and fire, men of great oratorical and intellectual resources, men who have done much to shape the destinies of the great western section of our country. Among these modern statesmen of that versatile, American type, is Hon. W. E. Andrews, of Hastings, Nebraska. Hon. Andrews was formerly Vice President of Hastings College, and established an excellent record as promulgator of public education before he came to Congress. Speaking of Peruna, he says: "I cheerfully recommend the preparation, Peruna, as a healthful tonic and a successful remedy for catarrh in its various forms."—Hon. W. E. Andrews.

LARGEST CLASS GRADUATED

Thirty-five Receive Diplomas—Valedictorial Had Record Marks. Rutland, June 18.—The Rev. John Martin Thomas, president elect of Middlebury college, gave the address today at the annual commencement of the Rutland high school. The graduating class, numbering 35, was the largest which ever received diplomas from the high school and the number of boys 14, was above the average. A feature of the exercises was the presentation by the school of a purse of gold to Principal Samuel H. Erskine who, after 14 years service, leaves the school to become superintendent at Lancaster, Mass. Miss Edith Marjorie Bates, the valedictorian, had an average scholarship of 99 and a fraction for the four years. This is the highest on the records of the school. The salutatorian was Miss Mildred Cora Leffingwell. Twenty of the class took the college preparatory course.

B. H. S. COMMENCEMENT

Program of Exercises to be Held in Opera House Monday Evening. Following is the program of the commencement exercises of the local high school which will be held in the opera house Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Music Invocation Rev. H. S. Rowe Music—"Father, Our Country Bless" High School Chorus Essay—"The Indian Romance" Miss Kathryn Jenney Oration—"The United States Among Nations" Roy C. Denley Essay—"Joan of Arc" Miss Florence M. Quinlan Oration—"A Plea for Good Roads" J. Guy Livingston Music—(a) "Gondollers" Semi-Chorus (b) "Spirit of Poesy" Trio with Violin Oration—"Forestry" Raymond C. Parrey Essay—"The Pathway of the Pioneer" Miss Margaret M. Dwyer Oration—"Cecil Rhodes" Francis W. Smith Essay—"A Lady With a Lamp" Miss Lila F. Krogman Music—"Summer Fancies" High School Chorus Essay—"The American Girl in Fiction" Miss J. Edna Walbridge Essay—"Nature's Picture Gallery" Miss Elizabeth L. Keeler Address to class— W. LeRoy Bates, President Presentation of Diplomas— Supt. Albert W. Varney Music Orchestra

TEDDY WAIST

Really, name ought to be changed to "Taft Waist," but the name doesn't matter as long as "IT'S THE WAIST." For boys, ages 2 to 12 years. Holds the drawers, trousers and stockings. Nothing about it to wear out. It's washable, and much cooler than ordinary undershirts.

MOTHERS BETTER SEE IT

25 Cents COLE



Hot Weather CLOTHING

Soft-collar Shirts 50c to \$1.50. Negligee Shirts 50c to \$1.50. Straw Hats 25c to \$5.00. Farmer's Straw Hats 10c to 25c. Crash and White Duck Hats 25c and 50c.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR

SHORT AND LONG SLEEVES 25c TO \$1.00. Knox Straws and Panamas from \$3.00 to \$15.00. Union Suits, short and long sleeves, from \$1.00 to \$1.50. Children's Wash Suits 50c to \$2.00. Blue Serge and Alpaca Coats from \$1.50 to \$6.00.

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothing

Nobby Gents' Shoes \$3.50 and \$4.00. Caps 25c and 50c. Fancy Hat Bands 25c and 50c. Flannel Trousers from \$2.50 to \$6.00. Kahki, Crash and Linen Trousers \$1.00 to \$1.50.

MULLIGAN & ROCHE

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for this Section for the Next 24 Hours. For Eastern New York and Western Vermont showers and slightly cooler this afternoon and tonight. Sunday generally fair.