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Barber Gets Suspicious.

State Auditor Barber is reported to have got "suspicious" at last at the way liquor agency accounts are kept in many parts of the state and to suggest that an investigation is in order not only for the year past, but for the previous years. He could very properly go several years further back, covering all the time since the passage of the bill, which for the purpose of discouraging or repressing a rum traffic for town profit, required all profits of the agencies above 10 per cent to be paid over to the state treasury.

The king of Siam, they say, is coming to visit us soon. We have no objection. Kings and princes may be benefited by a glimpse of a country where every person is at once in his own right a subject and a sovereign.

The Republicans are divided between the consciousness that they must do something for Cuba, and the fear that if they do, the people will profit by the object lesson and want to do away with protection altogether.

Our criticism of German tariff legislation against the United States is like a physician's objection to a dose of his own medicine. It's a poor rule that won't work both ways, in tariff as in other matters.

Those people who advocate a strong navy to build up our oriental trade should get down their dusty volumes on "Political Economy" and find out how much a warship has added to the trade of any nation.

Gov. Taft doubtless speaks truly when he says the Filipinos are unfit for jury duty. It's a common failing. With all our advantages, many of our men are also found lacking in that respect.

Imperialism has to answer for some new elements of civilization in the Philippines, among them, intemperance and yellow journalism,—intoxicants for mind and body.

Reciprocity is said to be the handmaid of Protection; but this particular kind that the Republicans are fixing up for Cuba seems to be largely machine-made.

Soldiers' homes and cemeteries at Manila, Cuba, Porto Rico and elsewhere will serve to counterbalance the too great gains and glories of imperialism.

BORROWED BRILLIANCY.

EXTRACTS FROM VARIOUS EDITORIAL UTTERANCES.

What the Newspapers All Over the Country Are Saying About Current Events—Interesting Points from Many Pens. There can be no doubt that Vermont stands squarely and unequivocally for reciprocity with Cuba.—St. Albans Messenger.

Is the governorship of Vermont to be an ornamental appendage to the New York Central system?—White River Junction Landmark.

A Central Vermont train came into Barre on schedule time yesterday. Can it be that Mr. Fitzhugh intends to run a railroad instead of a public re-echo?—Barre Times.

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WINDHAM COUNTY EVENTS.

AS REPORTED BY THE REFORMER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

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WEST BRATTLEBORO. Mrs. C. R. Evans is seriously ill with pneumonia.—Constable J. L. Stockwell spent Tuesday driving over the Marlboro hills in search of witnesses in the Bartlett-Prentiss case which is now going on in Brattleboro. Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Pease went to New York city Saturday for a short visit.

WEST BRATTLEBORO. First Congregational church, West Brattleboro, Luther M. Keneston, pastor. Sunday, 10:30, preaching by the pastor. Theme, "Saved to Serve, or the Motto of the Grandest Life." Envelope offering for current expenses: 11:45, Sunday School; 5, monthly consecration meeting of the Christian Endeavor society, led by the pastor; 7, union preaching service, sermon by Rev. N. A. Wood, singing by a large chorus.

THIS COUNTRY OF OURS

AND A FEW OF THE PEOPLE IN IT.

A German Post Sings of the President's Daughter—Maize for Our National Flower—Sketches of Some Noted Men—Some Romances of Washington by Edward Everett Hale—Curious Literary Efforts of Pension Seekers—Benj. Butler's Love of Flowers. German Tribute to Miss Roosevelt. The following verse is taken from the Klubradatzech, published in Berlin, of January 20: (Translation.)

I would I were the Kaiser's yacht And must be launched; and oh, oh! Should have the fair Miss Roosevelt there christened me with dignified name. Whose lips and eyes and golden hair Into despair must urge a man; For were I not a German, I'd swap full many a clergyman!

Estrada Palma, who has been elected the first president of Cuba was formerly a schoolmaster and lived for a period in Orange county, N. Y. During the war between Spain and the United States he was held of the Cuban Junta. For seven years he was in a Spanish prison and being offered freedom if he would swear allegiance to the Spanish crown, he answered: "No. You may shoot me if you will, but I will die as president of the Cuban republic." Palma has been called the Franklin of Cuba.

Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, was born January 6, 1730. He held the office for 20 successive years, save one; in truth, was the fixed star that guided us on our way from hopeless anarchy to order and independence. Ethan Allen said of him that he was the only man he ever knew who was sure to be right in all, even the most difficult and complex cases, and yet could not tell or seem to know why it was so. The secret was his mind, heart and judgment all centered upon one point which was justice.—David Read.

Apologies of the more rigid social rules introduced into some of our colleges for women. Seth Low tells a story of a western seminarian where the young women had arranged an evening's entertainment, at which some young men were to be present. These young men were to be lifted into one of the dormitory windows by means of a basket, with a rope attached thereto. A vigilant professor discovered the basket, slipped into it and gave the signal to hoist. His head finally appeared above the window sill, and he was recognized. The professor heard one frantic scream of terror in unison from a dozen charming pupils, and then—"What happened?" demanded Mr. Low's listeners eagerly. "They let go the rope!"

Maize for a National Emblem. Corn has often been suggested as our national emblem. Its praises have been sung in poetry and prose. Carved in marble, its ears surmount and ornament some of the columns of our Capitol at Washington. Its harvests nearly equal in value those of all the rest of our cereals combined. Its beautiful leaves wave over our fields from ocean to ocean, for it grows in the sunny south as in the frosty north. It is God's great gift to our land, and he gave it to no other.

John Fiske, our historian, said: "In adopting maize for the national emblem, we do not invent anything out of our fancy, but simply recognize an existing fact." Shall we not then do honor, give it praise? A noble emblem should be ours.—Upon the fair shield set thy maize, More glorious than myrtle flowers, And let thy States their garland bring. Each its own lovely blossom sign. Be leading all, let Maize be king. Holding its place by birth divine.—New York Tribune.

WEST CHESTERFIELD. A third child of Moses Chickering has been quite sick with scarlet fever. Several are ill with the prevailing distemper. Mrs. Agnes Randall does not sit up any yet.—Chester Burnham is unable to work on account of a badly jammed thumb.—Mrs. Sarah Farr has gone to Monroe Leonard's in Westmoreland to work.—Don't forget the festival Friday evening.

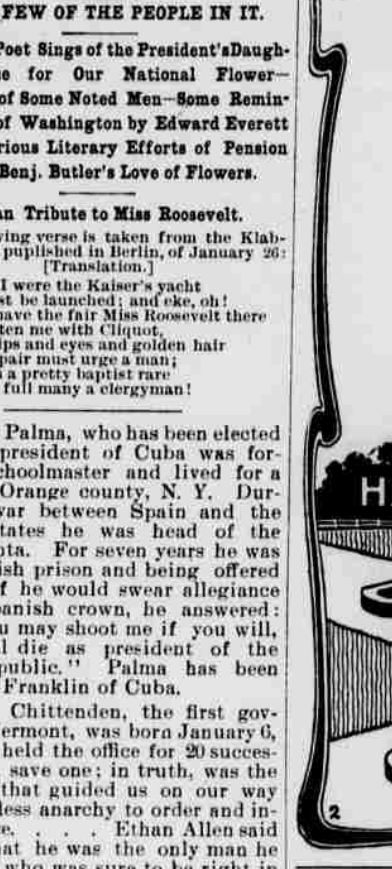
Old Resident Found Dead in Bed. John O. Hubbard was found dead in bed Monday morning. He retired as well as usual; in the morning his son, Leslie, tried to arouse him and found that he was dead. He is survived by his wife and two sons. He was born in 1839 and has always lived on the old home place.

ROCKINGHAM. Ninety-five couples were present at the dance at Mrs. Lovell's Friday night. The pretty home of Mr. Veyo on the Upper Meadows was destroyed by fire Sunday night. At a special meeting of Pleasant Valley grade Saturday night nine candidates took the first and second degrees. The many friends of George Tanner, who has been critically ill with pneumonia for the past week, rejoice that he has safely passed the crisis.

After reading the Rutland Herald account of the late George Tanner and citizens here are wondering if they are to have a "new depot," too. Work on the new iron bridge at Lawrence's mills is progressing. When completed the bridge will add much beauty to the picturesque scenery. George Divoll of Somerville, Mass., spent Sunday and Monday with his parents here.—Miss Baker went to her home in Marlboro, Mass., Saturday, remaining until Monday.

GUILFORD. Mrs. Patrick Ryan is ill with pneumonia. John Gale is on the sick list this week. Will Shine is also sick at the Brown place where he is at work. John Gould of Ohio who is spending the month of February with the board of agriculture at a series of meetings in this state, spent Saturday and Sunday with old acquaintances in town. (Other Guilford News on Page 7)

THE CROSSROADS OF GOODNESS.



The Thermometer Goes Up and Down,

But the prices on our Winter Clothing have taken a

TREMENDOUS DROP

JUST AT INVENTORY TIME.

\$1.00

Is the price for your choice from the balance of our \$1.50 and \$2.00 Blanket Lined Duck Coats, nearly ALL SIZES in stock.

\$2.00

Buy one of the \$2.50 and \$3.00 Hamilton, Carhartt & Co., Union made, Blanket Lined Coats.

\$7.00

Purchases a Suit for Man or Youth from lines that we have sold at \$10 and \$11.

\$9.00

Is the price of a suit from lines that we have sold at \$12 to \$15. A few broken lines at this price that were even more than the latter figure.

\$3.50

Is the present figure on a line of Overcoats that you would call Bargains at \$5.

\$5.00

Just look at what a fine Overcoat you can buy for yourself or your son for \$5. Several lines at this price that have been sold for \$7, \$8 and \$9.

\$10.00

Only a few Overcoats in our Winter Stock too high priced to be placed at this price now. At these figures you will find Overcoats that we have retailed as high as \$16.50.

\$15.00

Only four more of those \$20 "American Buffalo" Coats left. These coats actually cost us \$15 in Michigan, but they must go, as they are too bulky to carry over. \$15 is the price while they last.

Our Prices are Low but the goods we offer are the best. This is truly a "Clearance Sale" to reduce stock.

Young & Knowlton.

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