

Vermont Watchman.

THE ELECTION OF JUDGES.

The proposal of amendment to the Vermont Constitution, introduced Tuesday by Senator Archibald, of Bennington county, providing that the Supreme Court Judges shall be elected every ten years instead of every two years deserves careful consideration and is a measure of no little merit. Of course the Judges almost always are reelected every two years, as a matter of form, but the tenure of office would be more secure and would tend to give the Judges a greater sense of stability than the present method.

Few States elect their Judges for such short terms as Vermont does. Most States elect their Judges by direct vote of the people instead of laying that duty upon the Legislature as we do in Vermont. In his speech at the Tercentenary banquet at Burlington President Taft said: "You elect your Judges by the Legislature. I should think a way that might be improved and you elect them every one or two years. I forget which, but whatever it is, the tenure of office is practically for life, because you believe that when you have got a good thing you ought to keep it. The President was right. The method of electing our Judges might be improved, and this year would be a good time to accomplish the change."

We lay too many election duties upon the Legislature, which is supposed to be a law-making body, not an executive body. Even the constitutional provision providing for the election of United States Senators is opposed by many States and probably will be changed within the next decade or two.

There are serious objections to the election of Judges by the Legislature. A proposal of amendment already made is designed to put a stop to the practice, so prevalent of choosing Judges from the membership of the Legislature which elects. It will be remembered that two years ago there were persistent reports to the effect that the election of a Judge was complicated with the passage of the so-called "salary grab" bill. It ought not to be possible to allow such an important matter to depend in any degree upon the passage of legislative measures, or to give occasion for any suspicion of deals or combinations.

If the Judges were elected directly by the people this paper, for one, believes that the system would be an improvement over the present one and that a ten year term would be in keeping with the dignity of the office, and the quality of the men whom we choose for high judicial positions.

THE IMMIGRATION COMMISSION.

"A Brief Statement of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Immigration Commission" of which Senator Dillingham is chairman, has recently been issued, and it is an interesting and an important document. The pamphlet gives a brief history of the commission and its work, including the investigations made in Europe and the United States. It is shown that from July 1, 1819 to June 30, 1910, 27,218,710 immigrants were admitted to the United States, and of this number 91.5 per cent came from European countries. From 1819 to 1883 more than 95 per cent of the European immigration originated in Great Britain, Germany, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Switzerland. Since 1883 70 per cent of European immigration has come from the southern and eastern portions of the continent.

The older immigration was one of permanent settlers. Of the newer immigration at least 40 per cent returns to Europe and at least 30 per cent remains there. More than 25 per cent of the newer immigration is illiterate as compared with less than 3 per cent of the old class.

It is interesting to note that the commission declares that "emigration from Europe is not now an absolute economic necessity and as a rule those who emigrate to the United States are impelled by a desire for betterment rather than by the necessity of escaping intolerable conditions. This fact should largely modify the natural incentive to treat the immigration movement from the standpoint of sentiment and permit its consideration primarily in an economic problem."

WITH MRS. DENNY.

Montpelier W. C. T. U. Has an Enjoyable Session.

expected. Not many of the newer class of immigrants have engaged in agriculture, although Italians have been successful in truck farming. Assimilation is retarded by the absence of family life among many immigrants. It is significant that the commission says that "the most potent influence in promoting the assimilation of the family is the children who through contact through American life in the schools, almost invariably act as the unconscious agents in the uplift of their parents." Not only do the immigrants change their habits of life and ways of thinking but an interesting anthropological discovery is made in the fact that the children of such immigrants present an entirely different physical type.

The commission recommends that "further general legislation concerning the admission of aliens should be based primarily upon economic or business considerations, touching the prosperity and economic well being of our people"; that aliens convicted of serious crimes within a period of five years should be deported; that immigrant banks should be strictly regulated; that the amount of money required of the immigrant should be materially increased; that the head tax should be materially increased and that it should discriminate in favor of the man with a family.

The report indicates a vast amount of research and is an exceedingly valuable. Much of the success is due to Senator Dillingham and to Walter W. Husband, Morton E. Crane and C. S. Atkinson, the efficient secretaries.

The weights and measures bill is a matter of such vital importance to the State, involving, as it does, the saving of tens of thousands of dollars annually, that no matter of jealousy between the House and Senate over the choice of Commissioner should be allowed to imperil the bill. The House alone cannot elect, but must do so if at all, with the Senate in joint assembly. The office requires expert and technical knowledge and this paper believes that a better choice is likely to be made by the Governor, under the circumstances, than will be made if 276 legislators, knowing little of the merits of the candidates elect the commissioner, after the scramble that is sure to ensue. If the Governor is qualified to appoint a State Highway Commissioner, he is also qualified to make this appointment.

Montpelier will take a lively interest in the railroad project designed to open the asbestos region, because it promises to develop an important Vermont industry and because it promises to form part of a new line from Newport to Rutland by way of this city. Such a road would be of great advantage to this city.

Evidently Ex-President Roosevelt changed his mind in regard to speaking of the election results in his New Haven speech.

POSTAL REGULATIONS

Postmaster Brown Receives Notice of Several Changes.

Postmaster J. G. Brown has been notified of several interesting changes in the postal regulations among which is the following:

When the writer of a letter on which postage is prepaid shall endorse on the outside thereof his name and address, such letter shall not be advertised, but after remaining uncalled for in the office to which it is directed the time the writer may direct or postmaster general prescribes shall be returned to the writer without additional charge for postage and if not delivered treated as a dead letter.

In view of the differences arising through compliance with the requests for endorsement of their patrons in testimonials or guarantees as to honesty, reliability, postmasters are informed that in their official capacity they should not write or sign statements of this character.

The department supply of 15 cent stamps has been exhausted the manufacture having been discontinued November 9, 1909, but those still in the postoffice or on sale will be valid until the issue is used.

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The board of directors monthly meeting last night transacted routine business.

IS NOT TRUE, AND THE ARGUS KNOWS IT

(From the Evening Argus)

The Evening Argus with double the circulation of any Montpelier paper is unapproached as an advertising medium in Montpelier. New names are being added to the list of subscribers daily, without solicitation.

The above item appeared in the Evening Argus of last night. The Journal management doubts the statement. The Argus mechanical equipment is not equal to the task of printing and distributing twice the number of papers the Journal does, and no one knows it better than Mr. George Atkins himself.

The Journal invites the merchant's committee of the Montpelier Board of Trade to see what we are sending out each day. They are invited to come into the Journal office and spend the night, and see how many we run, where they go, and in every way to judge for themselves as to the truth of the Journal's statement.

To make its statement good the Argus has got to show over 7,000 each day. They cannot print that number of papers daily, and it knows it.

REDMOND IN MINORITY.

Majority of Public Service Commission Decides in Favor of Bassette.

With its chairman dissenting the Vermont Public Service Commission has granted the petition of Theodore Bassette of Hyde Park to enter an appeal in Supreme Court on the commission's order in the case of Selectmen of Hyde Park vs. St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain Railroad, Mr. Bassette being one of the adjoining land owners.

Supreme court in October dismissed the appeal on the ground that the motion for it was not filed with the commission but with the clerk of the Supreme court of Lamoille county.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The High School and graded schools close Friday for a two weeks' holiday, reopening on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Miss Mary Doherty of the grades, who has been at her home in Northfield owing to the illness of her mother, will not return until after the Christmas recess.

Rhetoricals will be conducted by the High School students Friday afternoon.

W. D. Bartlett has been ill the past week and has just resumed his work so that the drum corps is slightly out of practice. Rehearsals will not be held again until after the recess.

The Batavia system is being tried in modification in the second grades of the primary building, this system providing for two teachers in the same room at the same time, one teaching, the other doing individual work with the pupils.

There are 50 pupils under one teacher in the eighth grade, a sign of overcrowded conditions which the taxpayers who voted against the new High School proposition do not seem to realize as a very serious and vital problem. The average efficient plan is 35 pupils to a teacher at the most. Practically the same crowded conditions prevail throughout the grades and high school. The total enrollment is 1039. There were but 17 tardy marks in November to be registered and there were 351 visitors.

Music Director C. G. Egg is rehearsing the children in Christmas carols which they are learning accurately and with great eagerness. This is the first year these carols have been introduced and give the youngsters a thorough training and familiarity upon more classical ground than is usually the lot of graded school children.

There is now in progress of planning an oratorical debate between Montpelier Seminary and Montpelier High School. A number of High School students are taking commercial courses at the Seminary and Dr. Bishop of the latter institution reports that their work is commendable. Superintendent of Schools F. J. Brownscombe reported to the School Board that "Dr. Bishop reports favorably on our High School students who attend the Seminary and I am happy to call your attention to the kindly feeling now existing between the two schools as evinced at the union banquet. Believing that scholarship should have more recognition in inter-school contests and intellect as well as brawn should have a chance for distinction, I brought up the proposition of an oratorical contest between the two schools. Dr. Bishop favors the plan." The School Board favored such a plan and authorized the going ahead with the scheme. It is planned not only to have the usual debate but essays, recitations, etc., and give the girls equal opportunity with the boys of the two schools to compete in scholastic contests.

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NEWS NOTES ABOUT TOWN

The State and Baldwin street whist club meets tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Best.

The Pythian Sisters had a well attended bean supper at their hall on Main street last night.

The recital given by Prof. Hathaway's younger pupils last night was very successful and highly enjoyed.

C. F. Buswell has the Woman's Club Christmas seal which is selling for district nurse work and other health work.

The funeral of Willis C. Hawley will be this afternoon at 1 o'clock from his home on the Worcester Branch road.

The funeral of Francis Laboursire will be at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Augustine's church with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

A marriage license was issued yesterday from the office of the city clerk to Harry Edward McKeeffe of this city and Miss Ruth S. Furnau of Northfield.

Mrs. William Miller, who suffered a slight shock some time ago, is much improved. She is still at the home of her mother, Mrs. Greenwood of Court street.

In a fast game of basket ball the Capitols defeated the Barre Presbyterian Athletic Association last night by a score of 57 to 11 at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Trinity Home Missionary Society will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. R. M. Harvey of College street and Miss Schwartz will be present to address the members.

A number of the Baptists of the city assembled at the home of C. C. Holmes last night for a social. Games were played and refreshments served, making a very enjoyable evening.

Drop a coin into your Christmas money into the red kettle that the Salvation Army have put on the streets. This money will do some poor mortal good at this glad time of the year.

Edward Olney, who injured his elbow by falling down stairs at the Methodist church Sunday, is resting comfortably at Miller's Inn, and he will probably go to his home in Nashua, N. H., today.

The Firemen's club has taken up the matter of the annual ball and the committee appointed Tuesday evening will make arrangements as soon as convenient. The affair is generally conducted in February.

Miss Bertha Terrill of the University of Vermont faculty will be here today to consult with the Montpelier Woman's Club. Miss Terrill teaches domestic science at Burlington and is an authority on the subject.

The thermometer took a decided rise yesterday with indications of snow or rain. Whatever snow remained on roofs slid off and the ice on the river began to soften. Unless there is another change colder, a green Christmas is in prospect.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Jerome of Barre street was severely burned about the face a few days ago by falling against a stove pipe. A physician was summoned and made the little fellow comfortable and it is hoped no serious results will follow.

The Salvation Army has placed a Christmas kettle at the head of State street, in charge of one of the soldiers. The contributions are to be used to provide Christmas dinners for those who would otherwise be without. Last winter a substantial sum was raised in this way.

At the meeting of the Firemen's club Tuesday night the following officers were elected in addition to the list published yesterday. Auditors, E. A. Powers, V. B. Persons and D. R. Campbell; literary committee, E. B. Gilbert, H. G. Strannahan and N. P. D'Arthenay; ball committee, E. J. Blanchard, F. S. Pratt, E. A. Powers, E. B. Gilbert, N. A. Alexander, N. P. D'Arthenay, B. S. Snow, D. R. Campbell and C. B. McAllister.

LEBLANC GIRL NOT GUILTY

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would warrant the indictment of Mrs. Lillie M. Glover, the widow of Clarence Glover, who had been accused by counsel for the defense of being the real culprit in the case.

Judge Bond declined to grant the request. Last spring Mrs. Glover was acquitted of a charge of being an accessory after the fact.

Mrs. Glover was not in court when the verdict was returned. When informed at her home of the result, she received the news coolly.

"Does it surprise you?" she was asked. "Well no," she replied. "I can't say that it does. This has been a very funny trial right through. Hatie was accused of the crime, but in reality I was tried for it."

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The result of cold weather. The cold weather of the past week combined with the light covering of snow on the ground has caused a good deal of trouble with water and sewer pipes freezing. The water department has had several breaks to repair and the plumbers have been busy because busy.

NO PROTECTION FROM A FOREIGN INVASION

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country and abroad. In fact, the real significance of the document is that it makes official admission that conditions are already well known among army and navy officers in this country and abroad.

General Wood, in his testimony before the House military committee today furnished some of the most interesting information ever given before that body. He discussed the whole subject of national defenses, told where the weak points lay and laid particular emphasis on the possibility of attack from the orient. He did not give vent to any alarmist views as to danger of any immediate invasion, but talked confidentially of the need that Congress take immediate action to guard against any possible trouble from Japan or China.

Representative McLachlan of California, the author of the resolution which brought about the official exposition of the weakness of the military defenses said today:

"A foreign country could land 200,000 troops on the Pacific coast in 30 days, and the only intimation of trouble would be their blowing up of the mountain passes, thus preventing and communication with the East. In the three States west of the Rocky Mountains—California, Oregon and Washington—we have 3,000 regular troops and 5,000 of State militia men. The best military authorities say that it would take years to dislodge foreign troops if they ever secured a foothold under these conditions, and that it would cost the United States a billion dollars."

results which Mr. Carnegie desires to achieve. He is entitled to the hearty praise of all good citizens here," said Colonel Roosevelt, "and of all patriots in all countries."

"But remember," he said, warningly, "that the ultimate worth depends on the good, practical sense, the judgment and ability of the men who, administering the fund, succeed in translating the theory into action."

This translation of the moral theories of government into practice or with the term "applied morality" he sought to illustrate by the Panama canal, under the direction of Colonel Goethals; conservation as exemplified by the labor of Garfield and Pinchot; and the peace movement as furthered by John Hay and Elihu Root.

He declared himself in favor of the fortification of the canal and of a larger navy as the best guarantees of peace, referring to "the foolish and shortsighted people, who objected to the fortifying of the Panama canal and to the building up of the United States navy."

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POSITIONS UNCHANGED

Government Fills 331 and Opposition 251 Seats in Commons.

London, Dec. 14.—The results in the general elections announced tonight leave the position of the rival parties unchanged. This is as follows: Government coalition; Liberals 223; Nationalists 61; Independent Nationalists nine; Laborites 38. Total 331. Opposition: Unionists 251. Coalition majority 80.

A further sign of the growing discontent among the Unionists over Mr. Balfour's management of the campaign, which started in an editorial in the Morning Post, was noticeable in a speech made by Austin Chamberlain at Buxton tonight. He said that it was no part of the original plan that tariff reform should be submitted to a referendum.

Accepts Bennington Call. North Bennington.—The Rev. W. I. Coburn of Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted a call from the Baptist church and will come here in January.

Normal School Supporters Criticize Superintendent at Hearing. State Superintendent of Education Mason S. Stone was plentifully hammered by the normal school representatives at the hearing in Representatives hall last evening on the bill providing for the establishment of a central normal school.

Those interested have felt for some time that Mr. Stone was opposed to their schools and they took advantage of their opportunity to scarify him, though whether or not they did themselves any good by that course is something that remains to be seen. The principal speakers were C. H. Stearns of Johnson, who has been active and vigilant in guarding the interests of the schools; E. D. Collins, former principal of the school at Johnson; C. H. Morrill, principal of the Randolph school which is to be turned into an agricultural school; Principal Allen of the Johnson school and Philip R. Levenworth of the school at Castleton.

Completes Handsome Monument. The Johnson Granite Company recently finished and erected a handsomely designed monument at Middlesex Center for Martin L. Chandler. The monument, which weighs four tons, stands nearly seven feet high, and is an excellent specimen of granite in polished and carved work.

\$25 Reward! I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who have robbed hen coops in East Montpelier recently. D15-tf C. F. BENTLEY.

IT'S time you were thinking of doing your Christmas buying; if you've a man to buy for, we know what a problem confronts you. The safest thing is to come to a man's store, where you find the things men have to buy for themselves. You'll find a

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX suit or overcoat as good a gift as you can offer. But you'll find here also plenty of other things suitable; neckwear, hosiery, gloves, waistcoats, sweaters, house coats, etc.

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BY STATE GRANGE.

Legislature's Action on Agricultural School is Commended.

(Special to The Journal.) Burlington, Dec. 14.—The State Grange this afternoon passed resolutions endorsing the act of the Legislature in establishing an agricultural school and renewed its stand favoring a referendum on the liquor law.

It unites with the National Grange in favoring an oleomargarine law, a parcels post law, direct election of United States senators and opposition to ship subsidies. The sixth degree was worked on 100 candidates tonight and the sessions will close tomorrow.

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may show his thoughtfulness for the future comforts of his family. Insurance is a demonstration of true affection and the most substantial means whereby a man's family life insurance company, Montpelier, Vt. (Mutual), S. S. Ballard, General Agent, 11-12 Lawrence Bldg., Montpelier, Vt.



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SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

10 Dozen More Neckwear opened this morning Bows, Tabs, Etc., Handsome; all the newest effects and color combinations at 25c each.

Leather Bags. My but they are selling way beyond our expectations, still a good line to select from at 98c, \$1.50, \$2 up to \$15 each.

Ladies' Men's and Children's Umbrellas an unusual showing.

Just a Few "Vaco Bottles" Left, they will all be sold before Saturday 98c each.

Colonial Spoon Holders. Six dozen arrived yesterday. Sold four dozen of them in the afternoon. Hurry you want one 17c each.

Brown Opossum Muffs, just a dozen of them a Christmas Special at \$2.49 ea.

Bridge Whist Sets. Playing Cards in Fancy Cases.

Belt Pins, Jewelry, Loveliers, all in great abundance.

Pocket Books and Purse for all at 25c, 50c, 75c to \$2.50.

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Black and Colored Silk Petticoats, all handsomely boxed in Black and Colors at \$3.98 to \$5.00.
Five Dozen Tailored Waists all neatly boxed, a \$1.50 Waist, Special at 98c ea.
P. S. Childrens 25c Mittens 12 1-2c.
N. B.—Childrens Bags 25c, 50c and \$1.00 each.