

# BENNINGTON BANNER.



VOL. LIV.

BENNINGTON VT. FRIDAY DECEMBER 21. 1894.

NEW SERIES NO. 68.

**If Your Time is Limited  
Please Omit Reading the Following  
as It is only Facts which  
you Already Know,**

Cole advertises facts, shorn of all embellishments; when he says he has received and placed on exhibition his Christmas line of ties, silk handkerchiefs, plush caps, mufflers, and jewelry, he does not try to give you the idea that he purchased all these was in New York.

It is enough to let you know that his Christmas goods are now here; for to say his stock is large and assortment most complete is to tell you a fact which you already know, if you have visited his fine store in the Opera House Block, Bennington.

## Christmas Specialties!

Carnations, Holly, Mistletoe. Book your orders early.

W. G. Richardson.

## A NEW DEPARTURE!

Nearly every day some one has asked us if we kept glass or where he could get a broken pane re-set. People naturally come to us, as we are headquarters for builders' materials, and glass is usually found with these goods. In order to save people trouble and at the same time to increase our business, we have put in stock a full line of all sizes of glass. The quality is superior, and as it was all bought at hard times' prices we can sell it at low prices. We have a competent glazier who will set glass at your home, or if the frame is brought to our shop, will do it "while you wait," and charges for this work are very reasonable. In buying our stock of glass we were very particular about the quality.

## Coal & Wood. CHILTON PAINTS,

—AND—

A FULL SUPPLY OF BUILDERS HARDWARE.  
**Russell & March,**  
County Street, foot of School.

### 25 POUNDS

### Granulated

### Sugar \$1.00!

AT THE

## MILL STORE.

Also, complete stock of Candy, Raisins,  
Nuts and Fruit at Lowest Prices.

E. E. HART & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS.

### IF YOU NEED

HOLLY, BOUQUET GREEN OR CHOICE ROSES, CARNATIONS,  
HYACINTHS, ETC., ETC., for Christmas Decorations, call on  
**L. M. HOLTON & SON,**  
323 School Street, Bennington, Vermont.

## Books at the Banner Stationery Store.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

### FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Among the new publications just from the press, received this week at the Banner Stationery Store, are:  
Rider Haggard's "People of the Mist";  
Rose Carey's "The Old Old Story";  
Mrs. Humphry Ward's "Marcella";  
S. Burton Harrison's "A Bachelor's Maid";  
Charles Egbert Craddock's "His Vanishing Star";  
Mrs. Oliphant's "A House in Bloomsbury";  
Margaret Deland's "Philip and His Wife";  
Mary Halleck Foote's "Coeur D'Alene";  
Captain Charles King's "Under Fire";  
Anthony Hope's "The Prisoner of Zenda"; and others.  
A large variety of standard works of fiction, history and poetry, in cheap and expensive bindings. Juvenile books, select now. Banner Stationery Store.

ALBANY BUSINESS COLLEGE & SCHOOL  
of Shorthand and Telegraphy.

**Albany Business College**  
Practical.  
Progressive.  
Popular.  
Best in everything. For catalogue address  
CARNELL & GUTCHESSE, Albany, N. Y.

**TO RENT.**

TO RENT—Several desirable tenements. For  
1 session given immediately. WILLIAM E.  
HAWKS.

### THE BANNER.

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.

[Entered at the Bennington Post Office as second-class matter by C. A. PIERCE & CO., Publishers.]  
Terms. - \$1.50 per year, strictly in advance

**FOR ONLY \$1.75.**

THE SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER, 104 Issues,  
THE N.Y. SEMI-WEEKLY WORLD, 104 Issues

**FOR ONLY \$1.75.**

Henry Clews has written to Chairman Springer a letter urging the retention of the present bond basis for national bank circulation with the right to issue notes to the par value of deposited bonds. He urges the issue from time to time of \$500,000,000 of gold 3 per cent. bonds, of which \$250,000,000 are to be sold by public subscription, in order to meet the needs of the treasury. The remaining \$250,000,000 he would use to redeem the Sherman treasury notes at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month, beginning July 1st, 1895. The Bland silver notes he would redeem and cancel in blocks of \$5,000 to \$10,000, at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month, in bar silver at its market price after Jan. 1st, 1896. He would exchange 3 per cent. gold bonds for outstanding 4s and 5s at a premium on the latter equivalent to 10 per cent. He thinks that United States bonds, being all of one grade, would be accepted all over the world as an equivalent of gold. The adoption of these suggestions, he says, would turn the tide of gold to this country. This proposed is quite a contrast from the bill of ruin reported by the Democracy to the House.

In a recent issue we noted a decision of the Vermont Supreme Court relative to the duties of the treasurers of the old school districts. The school law of 1892, establishing the town system of schools provided, by section 2, No. 20, that "the several towns shall take charge of the school houses and property belonging thereto." It was claimed by many school districts that the school "property" did not include money and uncollected taxes; and in the administration of the law after April 1st, 1893, when the law took effect, some districts divided their surplus funds among the taxpayers. Others paid it to their town treasurers, while many did neither but retained the funds, awaiting a judicial decision. Well informed persons estimate the number of school districts which have retained their surplus funds or returned them to the taxpayers at not less than eight hundred. The subject of the proper disposition of these moneys has been under earnest and sometimes heated discussion in many towns for more than a year, and a half, and the public can not fail to be interested, in the opinion of the Supreme Court which has now been published in full. Our readers will recall that the leading papers of our State maintained from the start that all the property of the districts, including money on hand and uncollected taxes, belonged to the town, concurring in this view with many of the most intelligent friends of education in the State. The Supreme Court unanimously sustains this view as a legal proposition, and the equities of the case and the public interest will alike be observed by the decision. The money was raised and the taxes laid for school purposes alone. The districts, which have ceased to be such. They exist simply to close up their business. The towns take their places as trustees, and the funds and other property in the possession of each district when the law took effect, or since acquired by it, must be handed over to the town. This is the gist of the decision, and those who paid over to the town treasurer are all right, those who held their funds will now pay it, while those who sequestered the funds will now have to hustle, indeed it is probable they will be obliged to pay the amounts out of their own pockets as a reward for "smartness."

**The Proposed Cleveland Museum.**  
In our Tuesday's issue we gave the New York Press's version of the possible Christmas at the White House, but here follows a proposal that "caps the climax":

A committee has been formed in London to purchase Carlyle's house in Chelsea, repair it, fit it up as a Carlyle museum and establish it as a memorial. This suggests the idea of a Cleveland memorial. If Carlyle can be thus honored in England, surely the great and good and consecrated Grover Cleveland should have a similar honor paid to him in this land of his temporary residence. The house where Mr. Cleveland lived in Buffalo could be purchased and fitted up as a memorial to the Man-Afraid-to-Go-Out-Alone. Such a Cleveland museum is needed, and it could easily be filled with relics of the Consecrated One. Here could be put an exhibition of the uniform that Mr. Cleveland's substitute wore during the war and the gun he carried, and over them a picture showing the substitute dying from want in a country porch. In one corner would stand Mr. Cleveland's favorite fishing pole—the one that he used to go fishing with when he refused to review a parade of Union veterans on Decoration day.

In another part of the house could be shown the chair in which Mr. Cleveland sat when he first thought of appointing Gresham as Secretary of State, and the pen with which he did not sign the Democratic Tariff bill. There would be a picture of him in his Sheriff's uniform and one showing him dodging into the White House while the soldier in the sentry box stood guard. Behind a thick fireproof glass frame could be exhibited his opinion of Mr. Hill and on the table would be a degraded copy of his favorite encyclopedia. In a large case could be seen such valuable mementos as a diary of the Hog Island trip, a list of the supplies which were put on board the Violet upon his last fishing excursion, an autograph letter of thanks from Queen Lil, written with a missionary's wishbone, and a statement in Mr. Cleveland's own handwriting of how he came to know of the existence of Hoke Smith; the certificate showing that Mr. Cleveland is a trustee of the Buzzard's Bay Land Company, and side by side, two of his checks—one for \$10,000, given to aid his own election; the other for \$200, given to aid

the Charleston earthquake sufferers. Such a museum, with cuckoo birds singing in the windows and attendants in English uniform, would be a deserved honor to our Consecrated One.

### FEAST OF THE NATIVITY.

**Commonly Called Christmas Day.**  
This festival is of very ancient date. St. Chrysostom in the fourth century, speaks of it as of great antiquity. Julius I., A. D. 337, had caused strict inquiry to be made, and he confirmed its observance on December 25th. It is spoken of by Clemens Alexandrinus, who died about one hundred years after the death of St. John.

In the earliest chronicles Christmas-day and the Epiphany were identical in their association, the actual Nativity being the first Manifestation. The name of Theophany was given to the two-fold observance of one mystery, the Manifestation to mankind of the Word made Flesh.

The ancient custom in England was to celebrate the Festival with three Masses and in common with the whole of Western Christendom, which includes the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches, to appropriate to each office a special and distinctive Epistle and Gospel.

The English Prayer Book of 1549, as well as the present Book of Common Prayer, provides Collect, Epistle and Gospel for two celebrations, and there has always been more than one celebration in the larger churches—and the midnight celebration has of late years been revived.

The early morning, its revelation to mankind in the person of the Shepherds. That at mid-day, the higher and more ornate Ritual signifies the glories of the Eternal Sonship of the Babe of Bethlehem.

In Bennington the Baptist, Second Congregational and Methodist churches, will observe Sunday, Dec. 23d, at the usual hours of worship. These and the other Christmas exercises will be found noted below, under proper heads. At St. Peter's the hours of service will be at 7:30 and 10:30, Celebrations of the Eucharist.

We give the order of services to commemorate the Angels' Song: "Peace on earth; Good will to man."

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—MORNING.**  
Organ voluntary..... Rakoczy March  
Justitia..... Stanley  
Doxology.....  
Invocation.....  
Te Deum Festival in A..... Gabel  
Responsive reading in A..... 72nd Psalm  
Gloria.....  
Anthem..... Schnecker  
Scripture Reading.....  
Sanctus from the St. Cecilia Mass by Gououd.  
Prayer.....  
Response, Composed by Mrs. G. W. Keseman  
Hymn.....  
Offertory, "Die Klingen Von Tabak,"..... Gououd  
Sermon.....  
Anthem, "Sing, O, Harvesters,"..... Tours  
Prayer.....  
Hymn.....  
Benediction.....  
E. E. Long leader, Mrs. G. W. Keseman organist.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
MORNING.  
Voluntary—Hallelujah chorus..... Handel  
Carol—"Ring out ye bells,"..... H. W. Downes  
Invocation.....  
Anthem—"Brightest and best,"..... Marston  
Scripture Reading.....  
Gloria from Midland's Mass in B flat..... Millard  
Day of.....  
Gloria Patri.....  
Notices, Etc.....  
Anthem—"Hark, hark with harps of gold,".....  
Hymn.....  
Offertory—"Christmas Pastorale,"..... Gottschalk  
Sermon—Prayer.....  
Anthem—"Nazareth,"..... Gououd  
Postlude—"March Corège" (from Les Indes),.....  
Te Deum.....  
Gloria Patri.....  
Anthem.....  
"Cantique De Noel,"..... Adam  
"The Watchful Shepherds,"..... Williams  
"The Lord Descended,"..... Billings  
"All Glory to God,"..... Bennett  
Organ Postlude..... Bennett

A feature of both the morning and evening services will be the singing of old fugue tunes like Majesty, Sherburne and Antioch by the choir, in which the congregation are invited to join.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHRISTMAS DAY.**  
Professional Hymn No. 50..... Adeste Fideles  
Venite.....  
Te Deum in C..... Buck  
Benedictus..... Hayes  
Hymn No. 87..... Roper  
Gloria Tibi.....  
Hymn No. 59..... Dykes  
Offertory—"Behold, I bring you good tidings,".....  
Baraby  
Sursum Corda.....  
Hymn No. 224..... Seander  
Gloria in Excelsis.....  
Nunc Dimittis.....  
Carol—"Hark! the angels' angelic,"..... Lancaster

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES.**  
At the Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve, in St. Francis de Sales church, the musical programme will exceed in excellence any ever before attempted by the choir. The Kyrie composed for the choir by Charles H. Bennett, is a new one, and the Sanctus and Benedictus are from Gououd's celebrated St. Cecilia Mass. The choir, which consists of 30 voices, will be assisted by Messrs. E. C. Bennett, Jas. Wood, Dr. E. B. Daley, J. H. Donnelly, also, Geo. Donnelly will play the beautiful violin solos of the Gloria and the obligato solos in the Sanctus. The programme has been arranged and the music will be directed by the former organist and choir leader, Charles H. Bennett. The musical service will be commenced promptly at a quarter of twelve. The following is the musical order:

Voluntary—Offertoire de Cecilia..... Balisto  
Chas. H. Bennett.  
Hymn—"Holy Night," choir..... Baraby  
Carol—"Cantat de Noel," Mrs. E. B. Daley, Adam  
Kyrie Eleison..... Chas. H. Bennett  
Solo, E. C. Bennett, Choir.  
Gloria..... Henry Farmer  
Anthem—"Behold, I bring you good tidings,"  
P. H. Kelley and Ward, Solos—Miss Hurley

## THIS IS AN OVERCOAT YEAR

—AND—  
**WELLS & COVERLY'S**  
**IS THE PLACE TO BUY THEM.**

We are now prepared to show the most extensive line of Fine and Medium Overcoats in KERSEYS, BEAVERS, MELTON'S and ELYSIANS to be found in Troy, cut in all the new and desirable styles and made by our own skilled and well-paid tailors. WE LEAVE NOTHING UNDONE to make our garments as near perfect as possible.

**CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS, - - - \$1.50 to \$10.00**  
**BOYS' OVERCOATS, - - - 3.50 to 20.00**  
**MEN'S OVERCOATS, - - - 6.00 to 35.00**

Also, a complete line of Ulsters and Reefers for all ages and conditions. Come and look at our assortment. You will surely find something to interest you. All goods marked in plain figures and strictly one price.

## WELLS & COVERLY

THE PEOPLE'S POPULAR CLOTHIERS,

331, 336 and 338 River Street,  
Bk. 15, 17 and 19 Fourth Street,

TROY, N. Y.

Mrs. Daley, E. C. Bennett, Dr. Daley, Quartet—Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Daley, E. C. Bennett, C. H. Bennett, Violin solo—Geo. Donnelly, Choir.  
Credo.....  
Solo—Miss Sullivan, Quartet and chorus.  
Offertory—Adeste Fideles..... Novello  
Solo—Miss Foley, Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Daley, E. C. Bennett, C. H. Bennett, Choir.  
Sanctus..... Gououd  
Solo—E. C. Bennett, Violin obligato—Mr. Donnelly, Choir.  
Benedictus..... Gououd  
Solo—Miss Foley, Chorus.  
Agnus Dei..... H. Farmer  
Duet and solos—Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Daley, Vocal Center..... H. Millard  
Solos, duet and quartet—Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Daley, E. C. Bennett, C. H. Bennett, Sermon.  
Hymn—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,"  
Choir.  
The music will be repeated at the High Mass at 10 o'clock Christmas morning.

### Bennington Centre.

The young ladies of the Old First Church are preparing a Christmas tree. Miss Hattie Harwood acts as leader.

The vacation organ has been exchanged for another, and again we are indebted for favors to Samuel B. Sanford of Troy.

Miss Jennie Merchant left to-day for her annual visit at an Aunt's in New Jersey.

The Bible class of fourteen ladies at the western part of the parish is resumed, and the teacher is very much assisted by Mr. E. Read's new work on Palestine and the book we hope will be used in all of our Sunday schools.

Frederick Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robinson of New York City, has been very ill with pneumonia, but is convalescent.

### North Bennington.

Great attractions at the Baptist church, Monday evening, Dec. 24th. A snow house, and a very interesting Christmas exercise by the children under the leadership of the teachers: Mrs. C. L. Percey, Miss Addie Loomis and Miss Myra Phillips.

Mrs. A. S. Miner of Binghamton, N. Y., called to town to attend the funeral of the late E. L. Norton, returned yesterday, after a short visit with Mrs. H. T. Cushman.

The accident to Frank Carr at the State Line paper mill, in which he was scalded with steam, though quite serious, it is hoped will not prove as bad as at first was feared.

H. I. Spafford, who has been confined to the house and to his bed for a few days with rheumatism in his arm and shoulder, is better, and he feels quite confident he will conquer the malady sooner than was at first anticipated.

Misses Susie Mattison, Carrie Huling and Amy Strahan have come from their school in Wilbraham, Mass., to spend the Holiday vacation in their respective homes. They are warmly welcomed by their friends here.

Mrs. M. C. Huling is again at home, having visited her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Carter, in Akron, Ohio, after the journey to Washington and others of the far Western States. Uncle Sam's domains are so extensive one can take an inland trip in one direction, of far greater extent than to cross the ocean.

Robinson Hall came from Saxton's River yesterday, where he has been at school the last term. He went last evening to spend the night with his brother, Deming, at Bennington Centre, so few only have had a chance to see him.

John Snow, who has been in Wilmington for some time past, in the employ of the New York Pulp Company, gives a report of the work going on there, which seems quite extensive to us less favored with water power and the products of the forests. Beside changing the highway for a mile or more, and moving the old Fox Hotel for a long distance, to make room for the overflowing country by a dam across the Deerfield river, a building 100 feet by 50, three stories high, and another two stories, covering about the same area, they are still building and employing help for this purpose.

It must be the firm have confidence that the next Congress and the next Republican Administration will make it possible for business to be carried on satisfactorily.

### South Shaftsbury.

The schools will be closed here to-day for the Holiday vacation.  
The cantata of "The Seasons" will be

rendered on the evening of December 28th, at Grange Hall. The patronage of the public is solicited by all concerned. Every thing is being done to make it entertaining.

There was quite a large gathering of friends at Seymour Galusha's, last Friday evening. They passed the evening in the "wee sma' hours" dancing. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Kate Fullgraff will leave town on Friday morning to spend the Holidays with friends in Hudson, N. Y., and Great Barrington, Mass.

Dr. Rogan's practice is gradually on the increase.  
Reports are circulated in town that Dr. Dean of Readsboro, is to move to this village and has rented L. W. Cole's house, recently vacated by Mrs. Bruce. Three doctors in a small village like this reminds one of an old saying: "Business overdone, two peddlars on one cart."

The Eagle Square Company's works are not running up to Wednesday night of this week. Men are seeking for work here and there. There are already ten or twelve empty tenements and prospects of more vacancies. Men cannot live or feed their families on anticipation.

Ed. Way of Manchester, was in town over Sunday.  
There are quite a good number of our people out of health; none dangerously ill, however.

There is no snow here, and the weather is remarkably mild for a Vermont winter.  
Miss Nettie Hawkins is expected home from the Oswego Normal school to spend the Holiday vacation.

### West Arlington.

Harry Moore, wife and child, who have been at Robert Haskin's a week or two, returned to their home in East Arlington last week.  
Dorr Hobart has been visiting in Arlington, recently.

Frederic Farnham of Danby, was in town a few days since, calling on his brothers, Henry and L. J. Farnham.  
Fletcher Hawley and Geo. Staples of Danby, were in town a few days since.

School in District No. 6, commenced on Monday with Miss Kate Sherman of West Rupert, as teacher.  
The sale and supper given by the L. A. S. took place as advertised at H. T. Eaton's hall, last Friday evening, and was well attended. The ladies wish, through the columns of your paper, to thank C. E. Buck for the three tables, two dining and one square, which he made and presented to the society, and which add greatly to the convenience of serving suppers; also Mr. Eaton for the free use of his hall, lights, fuel, etc., which went far toward making the party a success, both socially and financially. Nearly \$30 was realized.

### Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The gymnasium work has fairly begun. Men in the work ready for regular practice every Tuesday and Saturday evening. Inland club practice commenced Wednesday night. There will be a class of 8 or 10 for special work.

A number of business young men have listened to the appeals of the Director to try regular gymnasium work for a month to note the effect which is claimed for systematic exercise.

The educational classes have not started owing to the slowness of young men to hand in their names. The records show twenty men who intend to take the prescribed work. There ought to be forty. The classes will begin in a few days. There is a movement on foot to get shorthand and mechanical drawing. Those who want either should apply at once.

The boys' room promises to be an excellent place for them. Friends interested in them should lend aid. They need periodicals, books, and pictures for ornamenting their room. Those who have books to loan should let them to the boys who have a committee to take care of them. Make a response to this call and thereby materially benefit the youth. Mr. Rowell will teach telegraphy to a class of boys every Thursday at 4.15 p. m.

The meeting Sunday will be at 4 o'clock.  
The meeting for boys will occur at 3 o'clock in their new room.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

# Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE