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#### A WELCOME FOR THE ALIEN.

Former Commissioner of Immigration Wallis is lifting his voice for better conditions at Ellis Island, where the immigrant gets his first experience of America. He feels that Americanization work should start at that point. "You can make an anarchist over night at Ellis Island," says Mr. Wallis.

This is not the first time it has been suggested that the situation at Ellis Island needed improvement. It is a pity the suggestion needs repetition. It would be a very difficult matter to make conditions ideal, but much could be done to better them. The trouble arises not because of the indifference of those handling the immigrants when they come in, but because the subject as a whole never has been provided for on the big scale which its needs demand.

First impressions sink deep and often are lasting. After handpicking and sifting immigrants at the foreign ports, the next best step toward assimilation and Americanization undoubtedly would be a welcome at the gates of America which predisposed the alien to believe in and trust the new land to which he has come. If he leaves the port of entry only and disillusioned, it is bad for him and bad for the country which must harbor him. If the general reform of our immigration policy this point should not be forgotten.

#### LOUD VOICES.

"No loud talking in the halls" is the order sent out by the heads of a big high school. A similar order probably has been issued in every school in the country. What a blessing it would be if the movement could be broadened to encourage low-pitched voices among children in their general conversation in school and out.

It is neither necessary nor desirable that the shouts of playing children should be repressed sternly, but on the other hand there is every reason why the child should be trained in voice pitch and the pleasant modulation of his speech.

An agreeable speaking voice is not only restful to the ear. It is also a distinct business and social asset for the speaker. It is a fact too often overlooked in the child's early training. The shrill American voice is notorious. If the effort to suppress young voices in school halls were elaborated just a little, the timbre of the national voice could be changed in a generation.

Legislation to provide a square deal for the illegitimate child will be pushed when congress convenes again. Under the proposed law the obligation for the education and support of such children will be placed upon both parents. The tendency now prevailing to throw the burden upon the public and the mother and let the father go free will receive a needed check. If the law goes through, the government will stand back of the mother and child to insure that the father acknowledges and fulfills his responsibility for the support and education of the child during its years of dependency. Failure to pay money for that purpose in sums fixed by the court will be considered a criminal offense, and punished as such. This is activity in the right direction. It sets no premium upon illicit love. It offers the innocent child a chance to which he is entitled. By the fact that it throws responsibility

where it belongs it may tend to lessen the number of cases of the sort.

"Restore to towns administration of local affairs" in the state Republican platform might mean a return to town health officers and the abolition of the present force of district health officers drawing full time pay from the state treasury. It is certain little relief from a state tax can be expected if the state continues to pay for the administration of local affairs.

Governor Miller of New York is working on a prison wage plan which will allow prisoners to earn money for the support of their dependents and train them in some industrial work that they may enter when discharged from prison. The plan may develop into a good substitute for the probation system.

Thomas E. Wilson, president of the Institute of American Meat Packers, says the meat packing business has returned to normalcy and the industry is in the best position it has been for years. Prosperity in the meat business does sound quite normal.

We caught the lines in the Boston Transcript "that the game of heaver as it is played in England \* \* \* is both idiotic and cruel." Our first thought was in referring to the attempt to re-establish beaver in Vermont.

The poisonous snake must go. Brazilian scientists declare that its bite is no longer a permit for a quart of whiskey.

#### Bates's Resignation.

(Rutland Herald.)

Mr. Bates tendered his resignation saying that he was unable to co-operate further with the board, the breaking point coming over the matter of a minority report of the commission which Mr. Bates refused to write.

Governor Hartness and Dr. W. N. Bryant, the other members, felt, it is said, that this was somewhat irregular, but requested Mr. Bates to go ahead with his minority report and submit it to the board for consideration. Mr. Bates resigned rather than submit his report to his colleagues, it is understood.

It is said that Mr. Bates has never entered wholeheartedly into the work of the board. A point of difference was the use of engineers in laying out federal aid projects. Governor Hartness and Doctor Bryant felt that it was better to use the engineering force in laying out these projects so that as soon as they were approved work might be begun at once. Mr. Bates argued that the engineers should not be used until the money was in hand. The board felt that the people were entitled to the roads as soon as the money was available and not be made to wait for months with the money being idle in the bank, as the Bates plan required.

Differences were constantly developing on the board, it is understood, and came to a climax with Mr. Bates's decision not to submit his minority report to his colleagues.—News Story in Burlington Free Press.

Stoddard B. Bates's retirement from the state highway commission, it is reported, was the outcome in part of differences between himself and the other two members of the commission, Governor Hartness and Dr. W. N. Bryant, as to the matter of policy regarding the use of engineers in federal highway work. This is one of the few public intimations that things have not been running altogether smoothly in the business of the highway commission for some time, due in a measure to the friction between Governor Hartness and Mr. Bates on the latter's retirement from control of the state highway department. Mr. Bates's resignation from the commission at this time does not mean that he will depart from public life inasmuch as he is a candidate for senator from Orleans county and is certain of taking his seat in the senate, barring unforeseen circumstances. As a practical road builder, his advice is worthy of consideration as he has built some of the best highways in the state; he may or may not be as

strong in administrative work—Barre Times.

Comparing the news story from the Free Press with the actual record of the meeting to which the story refers, shows that some one took particular pains to put Mr. Bates "in wrong," whereas the facts are that his suggestion for filing a minority report was "turned down" peremptorily by Governor Hartness and only partially reversed later when the governor was reconstrated with by his associates. Then he consented to a minority report if Bates would submit it for the approval of the majority of the board. "There is nothing irregular about a minority report, and Dr. Bryant, an experienced legislator, knew it, but he was not given an opportunity to make his point, as the record shows that the governor arbitrarily refused to consider the Bates proposition and the meeting immediately adjourned.

Afterward undoubtedly both Dr. Bryant and Commissioner Dix represented to the chairman (Governor Hartness) that it would not do; hence the Dix letter. This question is not debatable. He did not propose to have a minority report edited by the majority, so he declined and resigned.

The break between Bates and the board was probably inevitable, as Governor Hartness has never forgiven the legislature for so framing the law that he was virtually compelled to appoint Bates on the board, and the presence of the former highway commissioner thereon has always been irritating to the governor.

#### In the Green Mountain State.

(Boston Transcript, Oct. 4.)

Vermont has found that organized effort to make the attractions of the state for the seeker for health and recreation brings return in gratifying measure. With its lakes and hills, its bracing climate and its accessibility, especially to travelers from the West and South, Vermont takes rank among the foremost of the pleasure grounds of the country.

Vermont folk, in common with those of other New England states, are alive to the importance of systematic effort to make known its attractions and to supply information of assistance to its visitors. This year the hotel men, through their state organization, have been the moving force behind an energetic publicity campaign. It has included the maintenance of a publicity bureau in New York in addition to the dissemination of information through an efficient organization within the state. It has been the means

### And He Did!



Wonderin' why they make a fuss Over a country crumpled thus. It seems all uphill to us In old Vermont.

of bringing to Vermont large numbers of visitors in addition to those who had already discovered the charm of the Green Mountain state.

What the Vermont hotel men have accomplished will be reported at their state convention in Manchester, this week. They have done good service not only to those directly engaged in caring for the summer visitors, but it is to be remembered that the great army of tourists stimulates business in many lines. The vacation resort business is an asset of great value to the New England states. Such effort as that which has been made in Vermont to foster it and the efforts which are similarly being made in other states are of general interest. And it appears that these Vermont men are not looking solely to the so-called "summer business." They are alive to the opportunities that are offered Vermont by the growing fondness shown by large numbers of people for vacation days spent among the hills in the exhilarating atmosphere of a New England winter.

The Vermont hotel men who have taken the lead in the present endeavor to further the resort business should be given cordial and active co-operation by other interests. Chambers of commerce and boards of trade may well enlist in the movement. It is of general value to the state and should receive general and generous support.

#### LONGER SKIRTS, HIGHER BOOTS.

Trade Paper Declares Women Demand Them—High Priced Lines Coming.

Longer skirts for women are an established fact. They may be seen in increasing numbers on the fashionable streets of every city. They have displaced short skirts for morning, afternoon and evening wear. This question is not debatable. The commercial interests which imagine they will be adversely affected by this radical change in women's gowns are sore on the old string that the women of America will not accept the edict of Paris, but their arguments are disproved by their own women folk at home.

The hosiery manufacturers and the trade papers which contain hosiery advertising are doing all they can to stem the tide. They fear that long skirts will solve the knell of silk hosiery. They are mistaken. Women have been wearing silk underwear for years, and having acquired the silk stocking habit will not depart from it except as they may be driven by poverty. Furthermore there will not be a return to the feet clattering, impedimenta of former days. The new soles of the shoes are in increased use of the half concealing, half revealing type. They will call for hose and boots which will entrance by flashes of expectancy rather than the frank but less effective display of the knee-length skirts.

High cut boots for women are coming back also, but not in force immediately. They will be featured first in the high priced lines. Fashionable women are demanding a change and the industries involved have not to reason why, but to obey orders and go ahead.

The fashion designers of Paris are evolving boot designs, but not following the old ideas of plain, heavy footwear suitable for wading through snowdrifts. They are in the silent war of the streets of Paris, and will be things of beauty, if perhaps too frail to be joys forever.

In despite of anything the hosiery people and the paper interested in hosiery can do, the modish, attractive boot for women is coming. The advance guard is here and the cohorts will arrive in a later season.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

#### The Green Hill State

Passin' through the Vermont hills, Listenin' to the whippoorwills, Drinkin' in the silent stills In old Vermont.

Cows and critters everywhere Deer and calves are here and there; Now and then a little bear In old Vermont.

'Tis of course Dame Nature's plan— Vermont was not made by man, So she does the best she can In old Vermont.

—E. H. RICHARDS.  
Exeter, N. H., June 12, 1922.

### Rippling Rhymes

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.  
Upon the shelves the good books stand, unblemished by a reader's hand; the gilt is fresh upon their backs, the covers show no seams or cracks; the stately tomes with wisdom stored make small appeal to readers bored by anything in print whose drift is to instruct or to uplift. The queenly dame who is in charge remarks to me, "Our stock is large of volumes stuffed with useful lore; we have nine tons, or maybe more. Our shelves are loaded to the guards with works of sages and of bards, so choose a book to suit your need, and take it home with you and read." "I'm looking for a book," I say, "a noble work by Bertha Clay, wherein a serving maid named Luke is married to a belted duke; that noble's jealous aunts now rush to put cold poison in her mush; plot follows plot till readers-quail—this is an outline of the tale, and I'll be glad as glad can be, if you can find this book for me." "Ah, woe is me," exclaims the dame, "you modern birds are all the same! I thought when I beheld you here, your face so thoughtful and austere, that from the shelf you'd promptly jerk a helpful and uplifting work. But no one wants those noble tomes; you reach for bunk like 'Sherlock Holmes!'"

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### Today's Events

Centenary of the Birth of John D. Runkle, noted American mathematician and educator.

The Southern Commercial congress opens its fourteenth annual convention today at Houston.

A bust of James Bryce will be presented by the Sulgrave Institution to the American people at exercises in Washington today.

Candidates for United States senator, governor and other officials to be voted for in November will be named by the Republicans of Rhode Island at their state convention in Providence today.

A world conference of the technical and commercial press is to be opened in New York city today under the auspices of the Associated Business Papers International of America. The conference will continue three days.

In the Day's News.

Major General Robert L. Howze, U. S. A., who is slated for the command of the First Army Area, to succeed Major General Clarence J. Edwards upon the latter's retirement from the service this month, is a Texan and was born in 1854. The first part of his military career were devoted to the cavalry, his first and longest detail being with the 6th Cavalry. He served under General Shafter in the Cuban campaign and later went to the Philippines and thence to Porto Rico. He was also commandant of the West Point academy for three years. In the early part of the World war he served as chief of staff to Gen. Johnston, commander of the department of the North-east. At the end of 1917 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general and assigned to duty under General Pershing.

**Today's Anniversaries.**  
1770—Count Casimir Pulaski died on board U. S. brig Wasp, from wounds received in the attack on Savannah. Born in Poland in 1738.

1808—John Page, who succeeded James Monroe as governor of Virginia, died at Richmond. Born in Gloucester county, Va., April 17, 1744.

1872—Red Republican rising against the royal authority of Spain at Ferrol.

1888—The German emperor visited the pope at the Vatican.

1890—Michigan supreme court declared the local option law unconstitutional.

1897—Sharp decline of South African securities on a report of the illness of Cecil Rhodes.

1901—Charles Kendall Adams resigned the presidency of the University of Wisconsin.

1911—Henry Broadhurst, the first workman to become a member of the British parliament, died in London.

**One Year Ago Today.**  
British cabinet met Sign Fein leaders New York Nationalist beat New York Americans in sixth game of world's series.

**Today's Birthdays.**  
Elizabeth, the new queen of Greece, born at Bucharest, Roumania, 28 years ago today.

Hon. Henri S. Beland, minister of soldiers' re-establishment in the dominion cabinet, born at Louisville, Que., 53 years ago today.

Joseph I. France, recently renominated for United States senator from Maryland, born at Port Deposit, Md., 49 years ago today.

Dr. Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams college, born at Hiram, O., 59 years ago today.

Willie Hoppe, former professional billiard champion of the world, born at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. H., 35 years ago today.

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