

THE STATE

STATS MUSIC TEACHERS

The Vermont State Music Teachers' association held its mid-winter meeting January 7 at Middlebury College, Prof. Lewis Hathaway, president of the association, presided at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Hathaway followed by a business meeting and conference at Peabody's hall. The speakers were: Dr. Collins of Middlebury College, A. M. Martin of Boston, Mrs. Edna J. Warren of Rutland, Miss Grace M. Stoddard of Granville, N. Y., and Miss Beryl Harrington of Burlington. After this came an informal recital at Mead Memorial chapel by the organ pupils of Professor Hathaway and the college male chorus, directed by Prof. W. A. Russell. At 6:30 dinner was served at Peabody hall. The members of the association were the guests of the college at the concert given by the Berkshire String Quartet and Olive Kilne, soprano.

INSTALL NEW PASTOR

The Rev. W. E. Archibald of Portland, Me., has been formally installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Granville.

33 YEARS OLD, CHOPS 13 CORDS

Although W. C. Peck of Woodbury is 33 years old he has since November sawed, split, and piled 13 cords of stove wood.

INCREASE FOR PASTOR

The Rev. Clifford R. Stetson of the Universalist Church in Rutland has been voted an increase in salary by his parishioners.

35 YEARS BANK PRESIDENT

John Trow, president of the Granite Savings Bank & Trust company of Barre is probably the oldest bank president in Vermont in point of years of service, having been elected to the presidency when the bank was organized in 1885.

CIGARETTE CAUSED FIRE

A cigarette stub carelessly thrown upon the floor and setting fire to some bill paper is believed to have caused the blaze that threatened dire consequences at the City Hall in Barre the other day. Steel lathes in the walls prevented a complete disaster.

\$40,000 FIRE NEAR WOODSTOCK

Prof. Edward H. Williams' house, three miles from Woodstock on the Bridgewater road, was burned to the ground about noon Jan. 4. The fire caught in the roof near the chimney and was well under way before it was discovered. It was a large and well-built house, and the loss is not less than \$40,000. The contents were of valuable, including a grand piano and a valuable collection of stamps. The loss was well covered by insurance.

TO TRY HUNTER FOR MURDER

G. E. Hunt of West Charleston, who accidentally shot Alexander McKee, a Grand Trunk conductor, while in the woods near Wenlock on the ground about noon Jan. 4. The fire caught in the roof near the chimney and was well under way before it was discovered. It was a large and well-built house, and the loss is not less than \$40,000. The contents were of valuable, including a grand piano and a valuable collection of stamps. The loss was well covered by insurance.

ENDED HIS OWN LIFE

Ellis Williams, who was engaged in the real estate business at Fair Haven, took his life the other day by hanging himself from a tree in the woods near his home. He had been suffering from a long illness and had been in the hospital for some time.

TO VOTE ON TEACHERS' RAISE

A special city meeting has been called for January 20 at 7 o'clock to vote on the \$1000 to the school teachers as asked by them in a petition.

Y-D CLUB CHAIRMAN

Cent. Roy B. Miner of Brattleboro, who commanded the Y-D Ammunition Train, has been elected chairman of the Y-D club in Boston. He is asked to raise \$2,500 partly in membership fees from men who served in the 26th division and partly from individuals not eligible to membership, but who are interested in seeing the proposition carried out.

HONOR FORMER RUTLANDER

Hamilton Ormsbee, literary editor and member of the editorial staff of the Brooklyn Eagle, who was tendered an anniversary dinner by his associates on the completion of 20 years of service to the Eagle at the Montauk club, Brooklyn, N. Y., January 18, is a native of Rutland, having received his newspaper training on the Rutland Globe. He stayed with the paper until its consolidation with the Herald in 1877.

BREAD TAKES JUMP

Rutlanders have received a jolt in the sudden jump of the price of bread which on Monday went up to 18 cents for a loaf, formerly selling for 15 cents. The small loaves formerly priced at 16 are now 12 cents. The prices are standard, as the bakers got together and agreed upon the rates.

WORKED 40 YEARS FOR RAILROAD

Charles E. Campbell, who worked for the Rutland railroad for more than 40 years, is dead at the age of 75.

WORKMAN GETS 60 VOLTS

William Kynock, employed at the car barn of the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company got a shock of 60 volts the other day while disconnecting a motor with the power off. While he was unable to get away for it by letting out a lusty yell for help, Supt. M. J. Dooly rushed for the trolley pole and pulled the rope, cutting off the power. Kynock escaped with one thumb and two fingers burned.

MUCH WATER WASTED

Advantage of Storage Facilities for Dry Time Is Shown
More water flowed down the main river of Vermont during the year ending September, 1919, than in any year in which the records have been kept, and taking everything into consideration, the water power people had a big spring and summer according to the United States geological survey, which is made in cooperation with the State of Vermont. The report is made by C. H. Pierce, district engineer.

One fact is borne out. That is, that there is a tremendous amount of water going to waste, which if storage facilities were provided, would provide a great amount of energy. This is shown by the fact that the discharge during the month of February was only about one-third the average for the year, and the discharge for July and August was less than one-fourth the yearly average. If the excess run-off, which occurred in October and November, 1918, could have been carried over for use during February and the flood waters of March and April could have been saved until July and August, the value of this great natural resource for furnishing light and power to the people of the State would have been tremendously increased.

The total amount of water which went down the rivers was 14 per cent. greater than the average of many years and varied between six and 55 per cent. in different rivers over the year previous, making an average increase of 23 per cent. With all this, no disastrous floods were experienced although the Lamolle river reached a height on April 12 which was never known before.

Each year shows some increase in the water power developments, not alone in new developments, but increasing the size and capacity of power plants already in existence. As a result of construction work of this kind it has been necessary to discontinue the gaging station on the Passumpsic river near St. Johnsbury. The normal hydraulic conditions at this station were destroyed by the redevelopment at Pierce's Mills, and it did not appear wise to incur the expense of establishing a new gaging station on the Passumpsic. One new gaging station, on West river, near Newfane, was established in September. This river discharges into an area of 40 square miles in the southeastern part of the State; no information regarding the flow of this river had previously been obtained.

SALARY RAISED

Baptists at Annual Meeting Vote Minister an Additional \$400

At the annual meeting of the First Baptist Church, Thursday evening it was voted to raise the salary of the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Braker, \$400 over the last year, bringing his stipend up to \$2,500. The church janitor has also received a raise. The church has had a year of unprecedented success. Every department has been doing splendid work. The people are thoroughly united for the advancement of the church in this community. There has been a net gain in membership during the last year.

A. G. Crane acted as moderator of the meeting. The regret of the meeting was expressed at the enforced absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. S. Braker, who is confined to his bed for a few days. Hope was expressed by the society for an early recovery of Mr. Braker.

A vote of thanks was given Herbert B. Beecher, treasurer, and Mrs. Charles E. Thompson, collector, for their splendid work during the past year. Congratulations were extended also to the other officers for the good work done. The young people's society and the ladies' union were highly praised for their efficient work done during the last year.

Officers and committees for the coming year were elected as follows: Church clerk, William F. Laughton; treasurer, Herbert B. Beecher, collector, Mrs. Charles E. Thompson; auditor, Daniel H. Cameron; music committee, Deacon J. C. Howard Crane, Arthur G. Crane, Elmer B. Bailey and C. Durrell Simonds. Advisory board: A. C. Ferguson, E. S. Spear and A. H. Buck.

Memberships in the church were: D. Tousey, Henry R. Hill, William J. Laughton, Mrs. A. B. Simonds, Mrs. Lena M. Baldwin, Mrs. A. O. Ferguson and Mrs. Clara Orton.

Music committee, Mrs. George D. Thompson; organist, Mrs. Mabel Casavant; Sunday school officers: Superintendent, A. G. Crane; assistant superintendent, H. L. Ford; secretary and treasurer, Willard C. Arms; librarian, Charles Tousey; assistant librarian, Mrs. H. R. Stanhope and Mrs. W. A. Davison were elected members of the corporation of the Home for Destitute Children.

MACCABEES INSTALL OFFICERS

Officers of Queen City Review No. 7, Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees, were installed Monday evening by Mrs. Charles E. Thompson, collector, with Mrs. Mabel Casavant as lady of ceremonies and Mrs. Dora Peck as chaplain. The officers installed were: commander, Mrs. Mabel Peck; lieutenant-commander, Mrs. Josie Tobin; past commander, Mrs. Carrie Paine; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby; record keeper and collector, Mrs. Mabel Zeiner; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Eva Robbins; sergeant, Mrs. Margaret Kane; sentinel, Mrs. Anna Curtis; picket, Mrs. Mary Chitt; captain of guard, Mrs. Eva Gaskell; color bearer, Mrs. Mary Janke and Mrs. Maud...

After the meeting the commander and the keeper of records and collector were presented with traveling bags by the members in appreciation of their work for the order. A social hour followed and refreshments were served. There were about 30 present.

FRIDAY IN PROBATE COURT

The following business was transacted in probate court Friday: A guardian's license to sell real estate in the matter of the estates of Grant J. and Guy O. Gordon of Jericho was issued.

The will of B. L. Mykes, late of Essex, was presented for probate. There were settlements and decrees in the following estates: Louise May Allen, late of Burlington; Stephen Dupaw, late of Colchester; Eliza S. McGowan, late of Burlington.

Henry Johnson was granted in the estate of James H. Miles, late of this city; and Cyrus P. Van Vliet, late of Shelburne.

"CLOSING A TRADE" IN VERMONT

(By Daniel L. Cady)
In boyish days 'twas fun to watch
A pair of men a-trading,
And hear 'em talk of "beating down"
And "holding out" and "shading";
And ways when they sold a colt
The buyer seemed to falter.
Until the other fellow growled,
"Well; I'll throw in the halter."

I used to joke when Uncle said
To Ebenezer Gurney,
"Well, you've got to buy, Eb," they both
Was going on a journey.
And when their talk grew so strong
It reproduced the matter,
They calmed right down if either one
Threw in a webbing halter.

They used to "split the difference," too,
And that seemed awful funny;
I'd heard of splitting wood, of course,
But not of splitting money.
And once I went a mile to ask
My sister's feller, Walter,
"What it meant to "split," "it aaves"
A-trading in the halter."

You've got to have some kind of cord
To draw two sports together;
You've got to have some closing speech
In selling lace or leather.
Perhaps there ain't no better way,
When traders split no better way,
Than jest to sugar off the thing
By throwing in the halter.

And yet sometimes that closing word
A-plagues you if you say it,
They've worked you up to pay a price
So steep you shouldn't pay it;
You're being "skinned," as Queen Bees
said.

The time the porridge halter!
And what a lot of cut-throat
Has vanished with the halter!

Classified ads are news messages from people who live in your city, who have business to do with you, and who seek through these little ads to get in touch with you.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN CONTINUE TO DISAGREE

Former's Request for Economy Laid on the Table and Resolutions Looking to the Purchase of New Fire Fighting Apparatus Adopted

Following the reading of a communication from Mayor J. Holmes Jackson Monday at the meeting of the board of aldermen, advising against the purchase of any new equipment unless very necessary and urging the strictest economy, the board by a vote of seven to one favored resolutions presented by Alderman Beecher ordering the fire commissioners to advertise for bids for a triple combination pump for the fire department and another resolution advertising for bids for a tractor for the hook and ladder and a chassis for the wagon body of the truck at station two, thus leaving some of last year's desires. The line-up on the voting remained the same with Aldermen Woodbury, McBride, Beecher, Hanbridge, Hall, Patrick and Devoite favoring the resolutions and Alderman Caisse voting against them. The other aldermen were absent. This was all of the business transacted following the street car service hearing and the meeting adjourned until next Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

A resolution, presented by the mayor to the board through Alderman Caisse, was laid on the table, on motion of Alderman Beecher. Some spirit was manifested in the process of burying the resolution and Alderman Beecher stated that if the mayor had felt so keenly about the city's expenditures in the past the city would not need to practice such rigid economy now. Alderman Hall thought that a majority of the board had to do with the appointment of the present commissioners who had been selected because of their business ability and because they had the interest of the city at heart. He had no desire to curtail their power, as was suggested in the mayor's resolution, and would vote against it. Alderman Caisse was again the dissenting vote in the process of laying the resolution on the table.

Adjournment was taken to next Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

MAYOR JACKSON'S LETTER

Burlington, Vt. Jan. 12, 1920
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Burlington, Vt.
Gentlemen:

At the very beginning of a new fiscal year I call your attention to the necessity of requiring the several departments to practice rigid economy. Because the city is rich in credit is no reason why we should pledge this credit, except in cases of emergency, or in cases where the demand seems to justify doing so. In the long run the greatest efficiency is attained in practicing economy. I do not advocate stinginess but I do advocate economy, just such economy as a good business man would practice. The mayor and aldermen are trustees for the taxpayers, and responsible to them and the several commissions, in all practical things, as agents of the city.

The tendency of those in charge of the departments is to lay out and do more work than they have money to meet these expenses. It is easier for some people to spend somebody's else money than it is to spend their own. Especially should the government, when it has used more of its credit than it ought to have used in current expenses, be still more careful and try to catch up, so to speak, drawing less upon our credit reserve. I have no doubt we all agree in these general propositions. How can we apply them to present conditions? The charter, section 82, reads as follows: "Sec. 82. The credit of the city other than by temporary loans not exceeding one hundred and twenty cents upon the dollar of the grand list of said city shall not be pledged by the city council nor by any officer of said city unless by vote of the board of aldermen. No resolution thereof shall be called for that purpose except for the purpose of issuing school bonds, or of refunding outstanding and unpaid negotiable notes or bonds, as provided for in this act."

The amount of said city credit which we can make such temporary loans is \$234,454.13 per cent of it is \$233,388.50. You have already, and during the past six months, borrowed, as against this credit, \$210,000.00. We have left a margin of only \$23,388.50. This small margin will not be sufficient to meet our needs until we are able to come in until we are able to pay our bills more than six months before we shall have money from taxation available to carry on the city's business, as we have left under our right to pledge the credit of the city, according to section 82, \$23,388.50.

If it is no answer to say we ought to have levied a higher rate of taxation, the city voted on this proposition, and voted it down ten to one; and the majority against a larger rate, was almost the same per cent in all the six wards of the city, showing the large vote against heavy taxes was not confined to any one ward, but was about the same in all wards. This was a notice to the city government not to take on new work that could be postponed, but we have not heeded this notice.

We have a war debt to pay, and we shall have another this year, and we are asked by this vote to "cut our garment according to the cloth." Now I am urging you not to order any new work done until you have carefully looked into the matter, and not then unless you find, after the most thorough investigation, that there is an urgent demand for it, a demand that will justify such action.

The practice of ordering new work done because some one, or several, ask for it, or because it would be a good thing to have it done, is such as any of you gentlemen would adopt for their own business. This practice has not been confined to the present board, but has too easily been followed in former years.

The necessary ordering of repairs must, of course, be done, but here we should stop. Because an appropriation for any department may be larger than the surplus, and I think more to our credit.

In order that the departments may fully understand that they are not to spend, and not to expand, and not to spend, I ask you to adopt the resolution which I have requested an alderman to introduce. In this way you will, in my judgment, be best serving your constituents, namely, the taxpayers of the city, and at the same time be doing right.

Respectfully,
J. HOLMES JACKSON, Mayor.

THE RESOLUTION

Resolved by the board of aldermen of the city of Burlington, as follows: That the commissioners of the several departments of the city be and they are hereby requested and directed during this fiscal year to confine their work to taking care of the ordinary repairs, and not to take on any new work, or contract or obligate the city to pay any new work unless specially authorized by the city council; nor purchase or contract for any new material except what is absolutely necessary to make good the wear and

For the interest period ending December 31, 1919, this bank has declared and is crediting its depositors interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

BURLINGTON SAVINGS BANK
1847—Seventy-three years of Stability—1920.

BURLINGTON TRUST CO
Couple with those good resolutions you are making for the new year the resolve to do your banking at 162 College St.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS
UNITED STATES BONDS, TRUST DEPARTMENT,
FOREIGN EXCHANGE, INVESTMENT SECURITIES

SINCE JAN. 1, 1914,
the Winooski Savings Bank has paid interest for six semi-annual periods at the rate of 4 1/4 per annum, and the last two, July 1, 1919 and Jan. 1920, at 4 1/2 per annum.

Such other dividends will be paid from time to time as the law permits and the condition of the bank warrants.
Deposits made on or before January 13 receive interest from January 1st.

Winooski Savings Bank
51 years of successful business.
No. 11 Winooski Block. Winooski, Vt.

WAGES AND LIVING EXPENSES
Many seem out of joint. Bank men have been forced to economize as have many other classes of labor. The wise man or woman lives within his or her income and saves regularly what is possible against sickness, etc., and deposits this in a savings account. We welcome you to use our facilities to this end.

Home Savings Bank, 190 Main Street, Burlington, Vt.
C. W. Brownell, Pres. C. S. Brownell, Treas. E. B. Taft, Vice-Pres.

SHIP'S HULL IN MID
American shippers turned out 2,285 vessels of 4,234,075 gross tons during the twelve months ending November 1, 1919, according to the figures of the bureau of navigation of the department of commerce. Although a small tonnage bulk for foreigners is included in the figures as it circulates in the larger portion of the corresponding output was 2,280,000 gross tons, part of which represents private investment in ships.

Of the number constructed during 1919, 1,157 of 4,128,480 gross tons represented sailing vessels, including 777 steel ships built as it circulates in the larger portion of the corresponding output was 2,280,000 gross tons, part of which represents private investment in ships.

Chittenden County Trust Co., Burlington
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That little word will mean much to you in the future. Now is the time. Our savings department will help you save your money. Interest is paid twice a year and the principal can be had on a moment's call.

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E. D. WORTHEN, Treasurer. HARRIE E. HALL, Asst. Treasurer.