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WANTED: When you want a thing, advertise in the Burlington Free Press.

Governor Cox might with propriety move to make it unanimous. It's nearly so anyway.

Now that woman has really "arrived," it is true that ever before that the "indispensable man" remains to be discovered.

The game of football at Centennial Field this afternoon between Vermont and Norwich will deserve a record crowd.

Different candidates for the speakership are being "mentioned" in various directions.

THE GRAHAM PARDON: The fact that Horace F. Graham was sentenced to imprisonment for five to eight years for using the State's funds, vindicated the good name of the State.

OUTSIDE VIEWS ON CLEMENT AND GRAHAM: It is not a pleasant task to insist upon strict and impartial justice for a friend and fellow-worker.

And then, as you pass among your fellows of varying social grades and classes, you hear expressions that set you thinking seriously of another side.

You have doubtless heard comments like these as you have passed in and out among men.

The New York Times shows that the terms used by Gov. Clement in pardoning Graham is a direct unquestioned reflection on Vermont's public morals.

"Always, when a president or a governor exercises his pardoning power for any other reason than that there has been a miscarriage of justice in the courts—a miscarriage as a result of which a man has been punished for a crime he did not commit or has been punished more severely than in the circumstances.

"Well, my boy," said the Superintendent encouragingly, "who was she?" "Please, sir, Mrs. Bruce."—Columbus Dispatch.

NO TIME TO INCREASE EXPENSES: It is a poor time to boost wages and salaries in general when the great industrial plants of the country have instituted a movement to pull down both wages and the consequent cost of living.

"In closing his address before the Burlington chamber of commerce, E. S. Brigham, Vermont's able commissioner of agriculture had increased during his term of office but he believed they are not yet high enough and that the State should spend more money for the purpose of furthering the work of one of the most important of the State departments.

"Apparently Commissioner Brigham's appeal for more money is only a part of a general move for an increase of salaries for State officers and employees, and for more money for use by the different departments of the State government.

"Don't you want the commission?" "No, I don't need it. The fellow in the suit tent give it to me some time ago. I got it all right."

SPACE RESERVED: The jocular old party was about to board a street car on a pouring wet day.

"Vermont salaries are small compared with other States, but the State itself is small, smaller in fact than single cities in many States. The high cost of living

But before taking that office, while State auditor, Graham had been guilty of embezzlement. After indictment and before trial he made restitution of the greater part of the money he had taken, but he was convicted in the lower court and the Supreme Court sustained the conviction, declaring the verdict well founded and that it could do nothing except enforce the law.

Before a single day of this sentence had been served, Governor Clement, on the ground that enough punishment already had been inflicted, Graham, being what he was, gave him unconditional pardon and full restoration to citizenship.

"In doing this, the governor used, unquestionably, a permitted discretion, but had he been of another and sterner temperament he would have seen Graham, not as a man deserving mercy, but as one whose sin was the more grievous, because committed against the light, without any of the excuses that can be made for criminals without his training, intelligence or environment.

"Perhaps Governor Clement gave some weight to the consideration that his State would be humiliated by having one of its ex-governors in jail. Is the State not more humiliated by what seems to be proof that its governors can do without going to jail things which, when done by men of less official eminence, send them there to stay till their sentence has been served?"

The Boston Transcript discusses the merits of the whole situation in a somewhat similar vein.

It, however, finds in Gov. Clement's action and language a reflection on both Vermont's courts and public morals. It says:

"It may be a matter of sound sympathetic satisfaction to Governor Clement of Vermont, that he is able to set ex-Gov. Horace F. Graham free, with a certificate of high character and of distinguished public service, in opposition to the decree of the Supreme Court of the State, which had condemned the former governor to from five to eight years in prison.

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has made the salaries of Vermont officers proportionately smaller than they have been. But it should be remembered that the cost of living is likely to be reduced, while salaries of State officers are never reduced. Once increased a State salary is stationary until another increase is demanded; and the legislators should be cautious how they increase salaries in the face of reduced costs of living.

"In the case of Commissioner Brigham his statement that money expended for the purpose of retaining the young farmers in Vermont is a good investment will be well received generally. Quite as true and forcible is the statement that money which does not accomplish the purpose for which it is expended is not a good investment.

The encouragement of agriculture is encouragement to the base industry of the State and taxpayers will endorse expenditure of public funds for it so far as it brings actual results. It is hoped Commissioner Brigham will demonstrate to the people that a more expensive department of agriculture will increase young and successful farmers in the State before the increased expense and taxation are imposed upon the taxpayers."

Governor-to-be Hartness has asked for more aid for schools and roads and agriculture. We need to beware that we do not make the mistake of assuming that the absorption of more money in salaries alone will be a step to make Vermont a State of enlarged opportunity for Vermont youth. More practical ideas and less red tape and officialdom is one of the great needs of Vermont.

CARE FOR GARDEN TOOLS: Amateur Horticulturists Should Clean and Store Theirs Now

From the St. Joseph's Gazette: Where are the gardening tools now that the gardening season is over? Are they strewn around the yard in trifles and unsightly fashion? Are they thrown in a heap in some shed or box, scantily protected from thievery or the weather? Is the well-worn rake, shovel, hoe and spade covered with concrete rust? The little tools buried under old baskets and rubbish? And the lawn mower, most expensive and often most abused of the home lot equipment, what of its fate, and its chances for practically unimpaired usefulness next summer?"

All of these things cost money, all of them will be needed again, next spring, yet how many of them will be ruined or lost within a few minutes' time would save them?

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HELD SEVEN WEEKS BY THE BOLSHEVIKI: Joseph Kershner Has Thrilling Experience in Getting His Wife's Family Out of Polish Russia—Accomplishes Mission, and 11 Reach Burlington

Captured by the Bolsheviki, held prisoner by them for seven weeks and later freed on the arrival of the Polish troops are some of the experiences of Joseph Kershner of Burlington, who Tuesday returned with his wife's family from Polish Russia.

Mr. Kershner reached New York Saturday on the S. S. "Zealand" with his wife's family consisting of eleven persons and returned to Burlington at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Mr. Kershner left New York on July 10 last on the S. S. "Kronland," going direct to Southampton, England, from which place he sailed to Danzig, the new Polish port. From Danzig Mr. Kershner went to Warsaw, arriving there July 25.

The city at the time of Mr. Kershner's arrival was in serious danger of being captured by the Bolsheviki, and he was warned by the American consul not to attempt to go into the interior where his relatives were. The city in which they resided was Wladimir-Wolynsk.

Mr. Kershner, in order to reach Wladimir-Wolynsk, had to pass the Bolsheviki lines and was forced to remain concealed in the cellar of his relatives' home during the night of August 1, while the Bolsheviki troops were storming the city. Later that night he was found by the Red commander and, according to his story, he was there put through a "third degree."

Mr. Kershner stated that the condition of the Bolsheviki was indescribable, as they were without necessary clothing and only a few of them were fortunate enough to have a pair of shoes. Mr. Kershner was ordered to report to them twice while they occupied the city. In the early part of the Bolsheviki occupation Mr. Kershner stated that a thorough search was made of all houses and stores in the city, and that many articles were stolen by them, such as clothing, shoes, food and the like.

During the Bolsheviki occupation Mr. Kershner had an opportunity to see and to note the actions of the Red troops with each other. He stated that there was no saluting between the officers and enlisted men, and when they were addressing one another, instead of using a title, they would use the word "comrade."

Conditions grew so bad that bread made of oats, rye and corn by the inhabitants was selling at ten rubles per pound, about 25 cents in American money, and with very scarce that scarce when the Poles, when they advanced upon the city, were accompanied by and aided by veteran French troops, who, according to Mr. Kershner, were very conspicuous, owing to their light blue uniforms and blue steel helmets.

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Shortly after the arrival of the Polish troops, Mr. Kershner, with his relatives, and by way to Warsaw, which was aided by the American consul, he at last, with a great deal of difficulty, succeeded in getting accommodation on the S. S. "Zealand" and sailed from Antwerp, Belgium, on October 27, arriving in New York November 4. Some little difficulty was experienced at the immigration station on Ellis Island in the passing of Mr. Kershner's father-in-law, who is an aged man. This was, however, accomplished and Mr. Kershner, with his seven relatives, arrived in the city yesterday morning.

THE STATE: GETS LIFE SAVING MEDAL: Robert Frost, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Frost of Rutland, has been awarded a medal by the Boy Scouts of America for saving Marcellus Parker of this city from drowning in July, 1919.

HURT IN AUTO CRASH: Miss Lillian Cutting of Lacombe, N. H., is in a serious condition as the result of a collision between the buggy in which she and H. H. Simpson of St. Johnsbury were riding in St. Johnsbury Thursday and an automobile operated by E. C. Bullock of that place.

PLANNED 50 GALLONS HOME BREW: A. W. Clark of Barton, who was charged with being implicated in moonshine distilling business, has been acquitted in Orleans County Court, but after a grilling he pleaded guilty to grand larceny, the object of his theft being a pair of auto tires. He was fined \$50. He was believed to be one of the ring of moonshiners who have been operating in Barton. So great has been the demand for "mountain dew" in Barton village and its environs that stills have been regularly manufactured and sold to the distillers. James Good, who until his arrest recently furnished on Lowell Mountain, is said to have gone to a manufacturer and offered \$20 for apparatus of sufficient capacity to turn out 50 gallons a day.

VOTES AT 90: John Bean of St. Johnsbury was 90 years old November 2. He voted for Harding, having voted the Republican ticket since he was 21 years old. He is very active and is a familiar figure on the streets.

SENTENCED FOR SHOOTING: Clarence King of Florence, who recently was in Rutland County Court found guilty of simple assault in connection with the shooting of Arthur Duley at Florence in 1919, has been sentenced to five years in the House of Correction at Windsor.

OLDEST WOMAN TO VOTE: Mrs. Elizabeth Newcomb of Thetford, who is 101 years old, voted on Tuesday November 2. She was probably the oldest woman in Vermont to vote.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: (From the New York Times) With another year's experience with daylight saving, its advantages and disadvantages, the country has quite enough knowledge on which to base something approaching final action before the season comes, next year, either to set the clocks forward again or let them keep "standard time" throughout the winter.

EVERYBODY BY NOW HAS LEARNED WHO are the friends of daylight saving and who oppose it. As to the relative number of people in the two cities there can be no doubt—the friends are in an enormous majority, including as they do practically the whole urban population and no small fraction of citizens and farmers. Its foes, almost without exception, come in the category last named. Some of them, especially the dairymen and the market gardeners, are really inconvenienced by daylight saving; but that the inconvenience is serious as well as real has not been proved, and doubts are justified by the fact that no intolerable losses of health or money have been suffered, even by those most injuriously affected. At least a part of the woes about which they complain so bitterly are due less to unavoidable consequences of the plan than to obstinate refusal to modify old habits and adjust them to new conditions.

As for the ordinary farmer, raising chiefly staple crops, there is nothing to prevent him from doing his work, or having it done, exactly as before daylight saving was invented. Like the more complacent railroaders, he also only do everything an hour later—later by the clock, that is—and not one of his precious habits or of his relations to the sun will be changed.

MOST LIKELY: Well, at any rate," remarked the flat dweller, "I don't have to pay any garage bills."

"How much is your rent?" "Three little rooms and a trick kitchen cost me \$100 a month."

"Don't flatter yourself. Some of that money helps to pay your landlord's garage bills."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Read the ads and see how many opportunities there are.

MOTHER SAVES SON: The mother of Harry Price, 14, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who stole the automobile of Frank Soulla of Pittsford, has been in Rutland and returned home with her wandering boy. Being 14 he could be tried only in the juvenile court and the industrial court has sent instructions not to commit anybody else. The boy had started out for Canada, turned back, bobbed up in Proctor seeking a marble job, and had come upon the automobile of Frank Soulla. Forthwith he embarked in it, was overtaken and arrested. Friends notified his mother and she solved the difficulty.

READING'S REPRESENTATIVE: The town clerk of Reading informs the Free Press that the representative elected in that town last week Tuesday is Wade Keyes.

ESCAPEE SCANTILY CLAD: The family of Mrs. Anna Walbridge of South Cabot were awakened the other morning by hearing the crackling of flames and had time only to escape nonchalantly from the house. The structure was destroyed and its contents totally lost.

KILLED BY BOULDER: William Saville, 28, quartermaster of Springfield, was fatally hurt the other day in Amosden when a large boulder came dislodged and rolled down the hill. Saville and another man saw the boulder coming and ran, but Saville fell and the big stone cut off one of his feet and the leg to the knee. He died shortly afterward from shock and loss of blood.

LULL REDUCES PRICES: As a result of a lull in the granite industry in Barre, local clothing merchants offered fall and winter merchandise at greatly reduced prices in an endeavor to move a portion of the large stock on hand.

VERMONT GIRL LEADS: Miss Mineeva Blanchard of Springfield will take the leading part in "All of a Sudden Percy" to be presented by the Dramatic club at the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University on November 18. She is a soprano and has been prominent in all dramatics.

MAY RESUME RELATIONS: Indications point strongly, it is said, to a resumption of athletic relations between Goddard Seminary and Spaulding high school of Barre which have ceased for several years. With a new administration insisting on high scholastic standing, it may be possible to bring the seminary and other school teams together again.

PROBE GAS RATES: The Rutland Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to ask the right to examine books of the Rutland Railway Light & Power company in relation to gas rates. The purpose is to make an impartial inquiry before the organization takes any action.

CRITICISE FIRE DEPT. COST: Criticism over the increased cost of the fire department of Barre received attention by the city council the other day. The department has already overdrawn its appropriation to the extent of nearly \$1,300 and estimates for the remainder of the year will total nearly \$4,000.

CLOTHES AFIRE, FLEES AUTO: His clothes having become ignited from the scratch of a match upon his gasoline soaked trousers, Harry A. Young of Miles Pond, jumped from the automobile in which he was riding with his wife and friends, and rolled in the dirt in an effort to extinguish the flames. The machine ran wild and nearly crashed into a steep bank. Mr. Young was badly burned.

UPHOLD PRINCIPAL: The trustees of Goddard Seminary uphold the stand of Principal Davidson, who ruled that a standing of \$9 must be maintained before any of the students will be permitted to represent the school on any of the athletic teams.

EAR CENTENARIAN VOTES: George W. Smith of Stratford voted at the general election last week, though he is 98 years old. He rode six miles in order to cast his vote. Jasper H. Harding of the same town, who is 93, walked two and a half miles to the polling place.

ATTACKED BY HIS MOTHER: Herman Fulson of Cabot, 38, pleaded guilty in Barre city court the other day to rough handling of his mother, who is 78. She was scratched in the disagreement, and as a result Judge Scott gave the son a year and a half at the State prison and a fine of \$50. The sentence was suspended and he was put on probation for two years.

FIRE IN NORTH TROY MILL: