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THE BENNINGTON SHOE STORE, MAIN STREET.

On account of retiring from business

**ALL GOODS MUST BE SOLD OUT
BEFORE MAY 1st NEXT!**

Another series of extraordinary reductions in our large store in order to dispose of entire stock of high grade Shoes, Slipper, Oxford Ties, etc., within the next 30 days.

Greatest Sacrifice Ever Known!

Without exception; early and secure first choice.

THE BENNINGTON SHOE STORE, New Ritchie Block.

Sole Agent in Bennington county for Serrano Shoes.

Everything in Flowers.

W. G. Richardson, TECUMSEH GREENHOUSES, Telephone 8-6.
Electricity pass the door.

LUMBER

Of Every Description is to be Found
at Our Yard. We Have the Largest
and Best Assorted Stock in this
Part of the State.

Also a complete line of

PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES, BUILDERS' HARDWARE A SPECIALTY.

C. A. Russell Lumber & Coal Co. CONTRACTING AND BUILDING,

All kinds and qualities of

SHINGLES,

A full line of

FINISHING LUMBER,

Builder's Hardware, Stove Wood, Paints and Oils,

C. B. MARCH, 208 Depot Street.
Telephone.

The next thing to be thinking about is your GARDEN SEEDS,

We have them, fresh 1898 crop, true to name and at right prices.

L. C. HOLTON,

The School Street Green Houses, Bennington, Vt.

As per REPORT of HON. F. A. HOWLAND, Secretary of State, and HON. JOHN L. BACON, State Treasurer,

The INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS for the STATE of VERMONT
the GAINS and LOSSES of INSURANCE IN FORCE for 1898 over 1897 of
the REGULAR MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES doing business
in Vermont, is as follows:

NORTHWESTERN,	\$300,497 Gain.
National of Vt.,	223,072 "
Mutual Life of N. Y.,	187,828 "
New York Life,	104,477 "
Conn. Mutual,	92,127 "
Phoenix,	39,709 "
Mutual Benefit,	9,498 "
State Mutual,	1,137 "
Mass. Mutual,	25,941 Loss.

"Insurance Gained" and NOT "Insurance written" is the TRUE
MEASURE of progress.

The NORTHWESTERN is recognized as the BEST DIVIDEND
paying company in the United States; and the persistency with which
its policy-holders maintain their policies evinces their appreciation of
that fact.

L. P. & L. S. NORTON,
General Agents for Vermont,
Opera House Block, Bennington, Vt.

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Bennington Mails.

Mails arrive at post office:
From all points, 7:00 A. M.
" North and Boston, 8:10 A. M.
" South, East and West, 8:30 A. M.
" Woodford, 11:40 A. M.
" North of Rutland, 1:05 P. M.
" South, East and West, 3:10 P. M.
" Albany, N. Y., 4:30 P. M.
" Troy, Albany and Cohoes, 6:15 P. M.
" Rutland and North, 6:30 P. M.
" North Bennington, 9:30 A. M., 3:10, 6:35 P. M.
Mails depart from post office:
For South, East and West, 7:25 A. M.
" Rutland and North of Rutland, 8:45 A. M.
" South, East and West, 12:30 P. M.
" Woodford, 1:30 P. M.
" North, all points, 2:27 P. M.
" Troy, South, East and West, 3:50 P. M.
" All points, 9:00 P. M.
" North Bennington, 7:35 A. M., 2:27, 5:00 P. M.
Registered mail closes at 2:00 P. M.
ARTHUR J. DEWEY, P. M.

New Advertisements in This Issue.

Another Big Sale—E. E. Hart.
First National Bank Statement.
The Right Time—J. T. Shortell.
Spring Styles—W. H. Frear & Co.
Stylish Vell, Free—Miss C. E. Keyes.
Hemlock Oil—Standard Oil Company.
Singer Sewing Machines—J. G. Harwood.
Children Haven't Any Respect—G. G. Cole.
Men's Ten Dollar Suits—Mulligan & Roche.

TOWN TALK.

—Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures
will appear at Library hall, Monday,
May 1.

—Herbert Hurd, who has been driving
Gibson's bakery wagon for some
time has started in business for him-
self in the Gavin bakery on County
street.

—On another page will be found an
article written for the Chicago Record
by C. S. Severance, a former editor of
the Banner. It gives an interesting
and suggestive insight into practical
charitable work as it is carried on in
that city.

—Between November 1 and April 1,
eleven examinations were made in the
State Laboratory in Burlington, in re-
sponse to calls from Bennington coun-
ty—namely, 4 in diphtheria cases, 1 of
typhoid fever, 5 of tuberculosis and 1
of malaria.

—A trolley party from Housick Falls
came up Wednesday evening to see
Della Fox in the "Little Host."
There were also parties from Rutland,
Manchester and many other surround-
ing towns, to whom her "prostration"
was a great disappointment.

—There is a scarcity of stove coal in
town and local dealers are anxiously
waiting for delayed shipments to
"catch up." The lack of coal is at-
tributed to the large dealers who are
banging on to their supply until prices
go up. At present there has been an
advance of 25 cents per ton, making
the price \$6.50 instead of \$6.25 as for-
merly.

—A travelling man registered at the
Putnam last evening, who had a nar-
row escape from the hotel fire in Bel-
lows Falls. He was surrounded by
the flames on each floor, his room be-
ing in the third story. When the fire
broke out he did not think it was in
the hotel, and continued his slumbers.
It was almost too late when he was
forced by a fireman to leave the burn-
ing building.

—Misfortunes are sometimes bless-
ings in disguise. The Hawks Block
fire which seemed such a loss at the
time of its occurrence has been the
means of giving a number of men em-
ployment for a time. The stone ma-
sons are now at work on the block lay-
ing the foundation for a new cellar.
The new block which is being erected
will, when completed, be far ahead of
the one which formerly occupied this
site.

—The remains of Mrs. Bridget
Baughn, who died at her home in Co-
hoses last Wednesday, are expected to
arrive here at 3:10 p. m., to-morrow.
The interment will take place at the
hill cemetery, her grandchildren acting
as bearers. Mrs. Baughn moved
here with her husband about the year
1840 and lived here until 1875, when
she moved to Cohoes. Her husband
died about 30 years ago in this vil-
lage. Deceased was 76 years of age.

—An enterprising merchant in Housick
Falls has offered \$5 to the person
who drives to that village from the
farthest point and registers at the
"Democrat" office, between now and
May 1. Incidentally too, it will be
necessary for those competing to trade
at least one cent's worth at the store
of the merchant making the offer.
This inducement is to encourage peo-
ple to take advantage of the excellent
facilities which Housick Falls mer-
chants offer for shoppers. A fine lap
robe will be given to the farmer near-
est the village who makes the largest
purchase at that store any time before
May 1.

—A call for a special school meeting
appears in another column. This call
naturally follows the action taken at
the regular meeting in March.

—List of letters remaining uncalled
for in the postoffice at Bennington, for
the week ending April 10:—Pitrou
Allard, J. C. Coker, H. R. Hamer, Jos-
eph Howard, 131, Nicholas Ward,
Frederic Humard, Mrs. Caroline Col-
lins, Miss Eliza Rafter, Mrs. L. C.
Vass.

—A well known physician in the vil-
lage inserted an "Ad." in last Fri-
day's issue of the Banner, advertising
a phanton for sale. He had a custom-
er every next morning. This is simply
to illustrate the value of a Banner
"Ad." Quick returns and good
profit result from an "Ad." in this
paper.

—The chute fire escape was ready
for use at the performance at Library
Hall Tuesday evening, but nobody
had come to use it. It is worth
something, however, to know that this
very effective means of leaving a
building in a hurry is within reach.
An office of prevention is worth sev-
eral cures, and it is always
well enough to be on the safe side.

—The postponed annual meeting of
the band was held at the rooms last
Monday with a large number in at-
tendance. Reports of the year's work
and the condition of this excellent in-
stitution were read by the secretary
and treasurer and approved. It was
found that the organization is in bet-
ter condition financially than it has
ever been before. The following offi-
cers were elected to serve during the
ensuing year:—President, Fred Har-
mon; vice president, Arthur Moore;
secretary, Charles Praver; treasurer,
W. L. Goley; business manager, W.
L. Log; executive committee, Fred
Sticks, Fred Packard and Lawrence
L. Goley. It was voted to retain R.
O. Golesmith as leader for the coming
year.

—Fiscal services for the late Wil-
liam Campbell were held at the resi-
dence, on Main street, Wednesday
forenoon, and a very large attendance
testified to the community's sorrow.
Those present were quite a num-
ber of relatives, N. Y., where Mr.
Campbell had lived for some time.
Rev. Mrs. R. Seymour officiated, as-
sisted by Rev. W. M. Johnson of Co-
hoses, music being furnished by a
mixed quartette from the Second Co-
gregational church choir. Many beau-
tiful floral offerings were sent in by
sympathizing friends. The bearers
were John H. Riley of Cohoes, George
Thompson of Chicago, Frank Hyde
and William D. Haytree of Benning-
ton. The remains were taken to Cas-
tleton, N. Y., on the 12:40 train, be-
ing escorted to the depot by 35 mem-
bers of Mount Anthony Lodge, F. A.
M., of which fraternity Mr. Campbell
was a member.

—To judge by appearances, L. W.
Redington, who went from Rutland to
New York years ago to practice law, is
not unlikely to make quite a little ex-
citement in the legislative investiga-
tion now on in New York and directed
against Tammany. Mr. Redington is a
democrat and represents the 34th as-
sembly district in legislature. He was
formerly a Tammany man, but voted
contrary to that organization some
time ago and now has a fight on his
hands. Boss Croker demands his res-
ignation and is angry because he does
not receive it, but according to the
New York Sun, Mr. Redington will
not resign. Instead he may tell the
Mazette a few things about Croker's
rule of Tammany hall, which he
knows, and which if told may not be
to the credit of the Boss. Croker
knows this and is worried over it and
consequently is doing all in his power
to get Mr. Redington's resignation,
but the probabilities are that Mr.
Redington will be called as a witness
notwithstanding.

The "Hello" Field.

The store of Winslow & Co., has been
connected with the telephone ex-
change and six or eight more new sta-
tions are to be put in very soon.

The more the merrier. Every new
phone added to the list makes the ex-
change of just so much greater value
to all the other subscribers; and Ben-
nington can profitably use an exten-
sive exchange. The phone is a con-
venient thing to have in the house,
the store, or the office.

No Excuse for Dirt.

Business is humming at the North
Bennington Soap Works. Two hun-
dred and fifty cases of their goods
were shipped yesterday to Malone, N.
Y., and there are many large orders
ahead.

There isn't the slightest excuse for
dirt getting too conspicuous while
soap is being turned out at this rate.

"A KETTLE OF FISH."

Put on by Home Talent—Financial
and Dramatic Success—Manage-
ment of the Art League Happy.

One hundred and thirty dollars were
put into the Public School Art League
treasury as the result of "A Kettle of
Fish," presented at Library Hall last
Tuesday evening, by local talent. It
was a dramatic success also, and gave
genuine pleasure to the large number
of people who witnessed it. The com-
edy is a bright one, full of appreciable
hits, and the audience aided material-
ly in its successful presentation on
this occasion by taking hold of the
plot from the outset, following its de-
velopment closely, and generously ap-
plauding the points made by the per-
formers. Not a break occurred from
start to finish, and the interesting sit-
uations which materialize soon after
the beginning of the first act were
brought out with excellent effect.
Miss Lulu Holden, in the leading
character of "Mrs. Salmon," was per-
fectly at home, planning for her hus-
band's fame and her daughter's mat-
rimonial alliance in a way that delig-
hted her audience and proved her the
possessor of much dramatic ability.
Miss Lila Mattison, as "Rosa Sal-
mon," also did finely, entering with
refreshing spirit into her encounters
with "Grayling" and winning her
share of commendation. Miss Amy
Gordam was energetic and effective as
"Maud," and ably seconded her
mother's endeavors to point a moral in
husband-choosing. Miss Nellie M.
Coffey made a bit as "Minna," the
maid, and did some clever gypette
work, especially in her scene with
"Pescatore." Dr. Ross had the audi-
ence with him from the start, and
gave a capital impersonation of "Fre-
derick Salmon," an adept at plagiariz-
ing and not at all averse to "collect-
ing materials" for a society novel.
W. G. Richardson's vocabulary, and
gestures as "Signor Pescatore" were
apt, and the house was quick to
award him his share of the honors;
as the prince's emissary he was a
success. W. C. Cushman as "Paul,"
contributed considerable life to the
play and bore up bravely under mater-
nal and wifely "discipline." Paul
Horman did some good amateur work
as "Grayling," the lover of "Rosa,"
and was duly rewarded for the persist-
ent pressing of his suit. J. W. Sault
appeared in the role of "Dr. Pollock,"
a scheme-worker, and also as postman.
Harry Mattison and Tarrant Sibley as-
sisted as messengers.

Much of the success of the evening
was due to Dr. J. I. Cochrane's care-
ful direction and close watching as
stage manager; as well as to the ear-
nest efforts of Mrs. J. L. Alger of the
Art League's executive committee.
The stage furnishings were looked
after by Mrs. George Graves, and the
handsome furniture used in the second
and third acts was generously loaned
by Walbridge. The music for this oc-
casion was furnished by the Graded
School orchestra under Prof. Downs'
leadership, and was excellent.

After the play the artistic posters
used to advertise it were sold by Hon.
A. P. Childs as auctioneer, \$19 being
realized from the sale. The auction-
eer interspersed considerable humor
with his calls for bids, and many per-
sons lingered for a part in this after-
feature.

"The Little Host."

The Opera House was crowded to
the doors last Wednesday evening to
see Della Fox and her company in
"The Little Host." Many from sur-
rounding towns were present and great
was the disappointment when it was
announced that, owing to an attack of
nervous exhaustion the star would be
unable to appear that evening. The
management of the Opera House was
considerably non-plussed at this unex-
pected turn of affairs, but they were
in no wise responsible for it, and the
certificate of a local physician who
visited the actress at the Putnam
House was produced in proof of the
genuineness of the alleged indisposi-
tion. The audience were given a
chance to get their money back if they
felt dissatisfied, but only one man took
advantage of this offer. It was a
bad break, as the public generally
felt better when they get what is
advertised to be given them; but nat-
urally nobody could regret this particu-
lar occurrence any more than the lo-
cal management.

The Same Old Tune.

The frogs are giving symphony con-
certs in all the suburbs in the even-
ings now. Their music as old as na-
ture, but nobody finds fault with it.—
Boston Transcript.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

Made from most highly re-
fined grape cream of tartar.

Makes pure, delicious,
wholesome food.

THE FOURTH BANQUET.

Monument Lodge, K. of P., Cele-
brates Its Anniversary with Speeches
and Banquets.

Thirty-five members of Monument
Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, sat
down to a banquet at the American
House last night at about ten, and
finished the celebration of their anni-
versary at 1:30 this morning, after a
very enjoyable social occasion.

Landlord Parker served an excellent
ten course dinner, which kept the
company fairly busy for the first two
hours. The viands were varied
enough, and sufficiently prepared, to
suit an epicure, and the spread was
generally complimented by the guests.
When coffee was brought in and cigars
had been lighted, Chancellor Com-
mander Habbler rapped for attention
—and got it. Then, after referring to
this pleasant annual custom of cele-
brating, into which the lodge had fall-
en, he proceeded to introduce, with
appropriate preliminaries, several
members of the lodge, who responded
briefly to these toasts:

"The Good of the Order"—Grand
Chancellor G. M. Rowell.
"The Educational Element in the
Order"—Prof. J. L. Alger.
"The Social Work"—Vice Chan-
cellor A. W. Braisted.
"The Fraternal Press"—Grand Tri-
bune H. L. Stillman.
"The Business Man and the Order"
—Harry C. Cole.
"The Law"—E. C. Bennett.
"The Ladies"—F. H. Battles.
"Our Visitors"—J. H. Livingston
and J. W. Sault.

Monument Lodge is in excellent con-
dition, both as to the personnel of its
membership and its finances, and
these annual "outings" serve to em-
phasize the social side of the work and
create added interest in the deeper
and more substantial part of the frater-
nity operations.

The Darker Side.

Mrs. Edward J. Macie, a Barnard
town charge, is under arrest for the
murder of her infant son. Her hus-
band is said to be in North Hartland,
having deserted her last June. She
has been despondent and Sunday
morning gave both the children laudanum
and took a dose herself with sui-
cidal intent. The baby died, but the
mother and the other child were saved.

Pete Davis of Northfield drank a
quantity of carbolic acid which he had
mistaken for a spring medicine, and
died in a few minutes.
George Manning is on trial at St.
Albans for the murder of one Ledoux,
at Georgia, some time ago.

Men's \$10 Suits.

Exchange a ten-dollar bill for one
of our All-Wool Spring Suits in
Blue Serge, Black Worsteds, Cassi-
meres and Fancy Plaids. You
never saw anything like them for
the money.

Our Fashionable \$10 Top Coat is

Cut and made in the height of
fashion; Italian Cloth lined, silk
sleeve linings, strap seams, box
back and fly front.

Shirts, All Sizes, 50 cents.

Working shirts for men and boys,
strong and well made, light and
dark colors, all sizes, 50 cents, guar-
anteed to be the best.

Low Price Cash Clothing and Furnishers.

Mulligan & Roche

409 Main St., Bennington.