

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL NEWS

**MUSIC OF THE CHIMES**  
Local Singers Made a Decided Hit in Comic Opera

Two Successful Performances Under Auspices of Murray Club—Personnel of the Cast and Chorus—the Patronesses.

Two enjoyable performances of the old favorite comic opera "The Merry Widow" were given in the Auditorium Friday and Saturday evenings by a large chorus of Brattleboro singers under the direction of C. E. Macomber of Boston. A large audience was present each evening, insuring financial success to the undertaking, which was backed by the Murray club of the Universalist church. The rough places in Friday night's rendition were not too rough to be excused in an amateur performance, and on Saturday night the lines were well in hand, the music was in full sympathy with their roles and the chorus was snappy and vivacious. The audience, too, was more demonstrative than on Friday night, which gave the singers encouragement, following in the cast:

Serpolette, Mrs. A. H. Brasor.  
Gertrude, Mrs. F. W. Weeks.  
Mina, Miss Edith Farr.  
Suzette, Mrs. G. S. Dowley.  
Sunshine, Miss Alice Eels.  
Jeanne, Miss Edna Crosby.  
Henri, F. C. Adams.  
Jean Grenacheux, W. Jackson.  
Registrier, Alton J. Dugan.  
The Bailiff, E. H. Crane.  
Notary, E. J. Waterman.  
Assessor, H. C. Rice.  
Mr. Crane's valet, S. W. Hubbard.

The part which demanded most in the way of real dramatic ability was that of Gaspard, the miser. Mr. Dugan acted it to perfection and was given a curtain call in the second act. Mrs. Brasor was fitted by voice and temperament for her part and never failed to reach an effective climax. In the character of Germaine, Mrs. Weeks again displayed her exceptional vocal attainments and in the ensemble work her pure high soprano was distinctly a leader.

Mr. Adams' delineation of Marquis of the second act was more than satisfying. His acting was at all times easy and graceful, and his singing was delightful. Mr. Jackson, who took the part of Jean Grenacheux, came in for a good deal of applause. He was heard to good advantage in the obligato to the quartet number in the second act. In the part of the magistrate Mr. Crane combined in a most happy way with good singing and was warmly received. The four minor roles assigned to Misses Farr, Howe, Eels and Crosby were taken with each added strength to the general effect.

The characters represented by Mr. Waterman, Mr. Rice and Mr. Hubbard were designed more than anything else to give fun, and in this the three actors were entirely successful. Their costumes were marvels of the "Dusty Rhodes" type and their original local hits were much appreciated. The production of the art of hypnotism was particularly pleasing, and ridiculous.

Leitinger's orchestra, with Miss Lulu Crosby as pianist, did excellent work and Mr. Macomber directed the performances with a masterly hand. The scenic effects were produced principally by stock equipment. Particular interest in due recognition is due to Mrs. G. S. Dowley and Mrs. H. R. Brown, the committee, for the painstaking efforts which they made to insure an entertainment which would give perfect satisfaction.

In the ladies' chorus were Misses Zetta Weid, Carolyn Clark, Mabel Winchester, Alvina Walker, Hope Howard, Lois Mather, Helen Robbe, Inez Goodale, Marion Simonds, Madeline Leitinger, Minnie Leitinger, Lena Young, Grace Johnson, Charlene Adams, Ruth Rogers, Blanche Brown, Eva Hill, Ruth Rogers, Alice Whitney, Florence Brockington, Pauline Miller, Meta Stolle, Florence Penland, Marion Baker, Ann Kirwan, Florence Dunnette, Mrs. Carl Leitinger and Mrs. B. M. Switzer.

The men's chorus included Ernest Arnold, Harold Miller, Lawrence Barber, James Jones, Lyman in due recognition, Edna H. H. Wood, Harry Bingham, Robert Mitchell, Alfred Thompson, Arthur Brasor, Frank Brasor, W. H. St. Germain, Charles Stealer, John Eckels, Edward Smith, Hal R. March, Murray Frost, Avery Miller and Frank Barber.

The patronesses of the opera were Mrs. E. E. Warner, Mrs. F. L. Macneil, Mrs. G. S. Dowley, Mrs. G. S. Dowley, Mrs. H. R. Brown, Mrs. F. L. Burnett, Mrs. F. R. Vaughan, Mrs. G. F. Barber, Mrs. A. W. Rockwell, Mrs. A. E. Hobart, Mrs. L. Dunham, Mrs. H. B. Brown, Mrs. C. L. Stokney, Mrs. F. K. Barrows and Mrs. C. G. Staples.

**One Perfect Woman.**  
Sam P. Jones, the revivalist, about whom revolve a legion of anecdotes, was preaching in Dallas, Texas, on the rarity of a perfect life, says Everybody's Magazine. He suddenly interrupted his discourse with the query:  
"How many of you have ever known a perfect man, entirely perfect" without any fault at all?"  
He glanced fiercely at his silent audience that made no sign. Then evidently to show his fairness he asked:  
"Well, who's ever seen a perfect woman? Any one's ever seen a perfect woman please rise?"  
To the evangelist's utter amazement a tall, middle-aged woman, whose big dark eyes set in her sorrow face were fixed upon the preacher, arose from her seat on the front bench.  
"Madam," he thundered, "do you mean to tell me you've seen a perfect woman that never did no wrong at all?"  
"Wal," she said slowly, gazing at her interlocutor with the air of one who feels that she has the hand "truce" on her side and who is solemnly conscious that she should adhere to the letter of it, "wal, I can't say as I ever did 'exactly see her, but I hear tell she was a perfect woman—that she was my ole man's first wife!"

**SUICIDE AMID LUXURY**  
Miss Mae Jeanette Cayley Well Known in Brattleboro

Shot Herself in Hotel Aberdeen in New York—Jewels Valued at \$2000 in Traveling Bag.

Surrounded by every evidence of wealth, a young woman who a week previous had registered as Miss Mae Jeanette Cayley, committed suicide Oct. 24 in her apartments in the Hotel Aberdeen, 17 West 32d street, New York city. The body was found lying on a rug in the bath room fully dressed. In the right temple was a bullet wound and beside her the revolver with which the fatal shot was fired.

Miss Cayley had many acquaintances in Brattleboro. She came here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Raftler about three days ago, and remained some time with them and with friends whose acquaintance she made soon after her arrival here.

The young woman left a note directed to her sister, Miss Lillian Landon of Tarrytown, N. Y., which said: "Tired, Tired, Forgive me, dear sister, Love." A bundle of letters was addressed to Mrs. G. Allen, who occupied an adjoining apartment in the hotel. Mrs. Allen heard the fatal shot fired and alarmed the hotel employees who entered the room. Dr. Townsend, the physician who arrived while the room was still clouded with smoke, said death had been instantaneous. Detectives took charge of the woman's traveling bag, which contained \$125 in cash and jewels to the value of \$2000. Miss Cayley was dressed in an embroidered white silk waist and a silk walking skirt. Her trunk was packed, her rooms were in perfect order and she had paid her bill at the hotel, stating that it was her intention to go away. There had been nothing in her appearance while she was at the hotel to indicate that she was troubled.

The New York Herald says that the cause of Miss Cayley's suicide was probably a love affair, as she is known to have had an affection for John Maclean, a publisher of New York. The body of Miss Cayley was shipped to her mother, Mrs. George A. Clark of Akron, Ohio, who was in New York before her last marriage. Lillian Landon, the sister who is in a boarding school in Tarrytown, N. Y., came to New York to claim the body.

Miss Cayley was married in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1901 to Ralph Pitzer of Youngstown, Ohio. He says the ceremony was the result of a banter and that he never lived with the young woman. A despatch says that in the party at the time of the marriage was "the wife of a prominent resident of Boston who is in the rubber business." This may refer to Mrs. Raftler. Mr. and Mrs. Raftler were in Brattleboro at that time, and went from there to Boston, where Mr. Raftler was agent for a rubber horse company.

Of more than ordinary good looks, Miss Cayley was blonde, five feet and five inches tall, and six inches in height. Her artistic taste was shown in the objects of art and bric-a-brac that were about her rooms. Her collection included several costly small bronzes, a small ornate clock, and trinkets in silver. Her clothing was of expensive variety.

Miss Cayley in the last few years has traveled from New York to San Francisco. She had large sums of money all the time and always wore a large number of valuable diamonds. In Akron Mrs. Clark was killed by a falling safe. It was reported that Mrs. Cayley was a divorcee from Frank Pitzer. She thought of a great deal of "Jack" and was trying to get the divorce from the courts. It is believed she committed suicide. She often said she would never commit suicide, and she had a horror of a revolver.

**Right of Way in a Cemetery.**  
Chancellor James M. Tyler heard Monday the petition of Miss Sylvia Whitted of Vernon for the dissolution of the injunction issued by his Oct. 6, by which she was restrained from erecting a monument in the Whitted cemetery in Vernon. The petition was taken under consideration. Early in October Julia S. Frost and Julius C. Frost of Worcester petitioned for an injunction against Miss Whitted, alleging that on Sept. 1 she caused a foundation for a monument to be built in the Whitted cemetery on the main entrance of the cemetery to the Frost lot, which had been in the Frost family since 1840, that they had enjoyed the use of the foot path for many years, and the defendant was about to erect an inferior monument which would obstruct their right of way, "out of spite and annoyance to your orators." The answer of the defendant denies that she is actuated by spite and avers that her object in wishing to erect a monument is to show her appreciation of the fact that show her appreciation of the fact that her ancestors as far back as the time of King George. She denies that the monument would be inferior and says that she has the right to erect a monument on her lot, and that it would not encroach upon the rights of the Frost lot, that she has permission in writing from the daughter of R. Wood to erect a monument there, and that it would not obstruct the rights of the Frost lot. H. G. Barber appeared for the orators and A. F. Schenck for the defendant.

**Some Patent Medicines Will Be Considered Liable.**  
Elaborate preparations are in progress at the internal revenue bureau office in Washington for putting into effect on Dec. 1 the new order requiring dealers in certain patent medicines and essences to conform to legal requirements and regulations. From correspondence and conversations with the manufacturers of these articles, it appears that without their consent they intend to apply for additional medicine to their compounds, to bring them within the exemptions of the law, and their present inquiries are devoted to ascertaining where the line will run.

Commissioner Yerkes has nothing to do with the deceptions practiced upon the consuming public, to which some of the magazines have recently called attention, but he does purpose to make the vendors sell something that is really medicine in its nature rather than whiskey in disguise. An authentic case has come to the knowledge of the office of a worthy man, who supposed himself a total abstainer, suffering from delirium tremens. When the physician, who diagnosed his ailment, firmly, he replied indignantly that he never drank anything in his life. Subsequent inquiry revealed that he was greatly enjoying his "medicinal wine," he had been taking in large quantities.

An attempt will be made in the ways and means committee to bring out a bill taxing proprietary medicines on the basis of their alcohol contents, perhaps leaving a minimum quantity which any preparation might carry, without subjecting itself to this penalty.

**MASSACHUSETTS NOTES.**  
**Northfield Schools in Good Financial Condition.**  
The finances of the Northfield schools are in better condition now than at any time for 15 years. The total amount raised has increased 70 per cent. in 10 years; of course the expenses increasing correspondingly. The Mount Hermon school, which it was necessary to increase its tuition to pay its expenses, is now out of debt and the tuition can remain where it is for the present at least. "The passing of the electric rope across school to continue to do just the work planned by D. L. Moody. The increase in contributions is due to the fact of the wide increase in the number of friends of the school. The younger Mondays are showing ability as money raisers equal to D. L. Moody himself.

A great improvement is being made this fall by building electric lighting and heating plant of brick for Northfield seminary to cost about \$35,000. The money for this is nearly raised. Electric light is being generated by steam, and half a dozen of the seminary buildings are to be lighted by this power. The exhaust steam will be used for heating the buildings. Fuel oil will be supplied from gasoline machines and each building was heated by its own heater. The change will be more comfortable and will make the seminary more attractive. The younger Mondays are showing ability as money raisers equal to D. L. Moody himself.

**The Waiting Task.**  
Rise! for the day is passing.  
And you lie dreaming on!  
The others have buckled their armor,  
And forth to the fight have gone.  
A place in the ranks awaits you,  
Each man has some part to play;  
The Past and the Future are nothing,  
In the face of the stern Today.  
—(Adeleide Procter.)

Hard may be Duty's hand; but, lo! It leads  
Out into perfect joy, where pain shall cease  
God sees thy striving, and thy patience heeds:  
And thou shalt find his peace.  
—(Celia Thaxter.)

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**PEN PICTURE OF "OUR JOHN."**  
[Randolph Herald and News.]  
John H. Merrifield of Newfane, speaker of the Vermont house for the last two sessions, has signified a willingness to serve as lieutenant-governor next year. He will not make an active canvass for the place, but will leave his candidacy in the hands of the party for action. No man, woman or child in Vermont but has a feeling of tenderness for "Honest John" Merrifield. He is an anomaly in public life—a man so conscientious that he cannot sleep nights or enjoy life if he has any reason to believe that by his word or act he has unwittingly given a fellow citizen cause to harbor resentment against him; a man of the most scrupulous honor and honesty; in the estimation of his high places; one whose promotions have come to him in each case wholly unbidden and unthought of. There are some who express the opinion that the Merrifield lacks force; that he is too fearful of hurting people's feelings; and that in the face of a crisis he might waver when strength was a question needed. If such faults exist, their presence cost him nothing in the place he has twice occupied with high credit—a place, by the way, much more than the presidency of the senate. His very gentleness and the loveliness of his nature had a far-reaching influence over the temperaments of those with whom a word in disparagement of Messrs. Leland and Prouty, the other announced candidates, either of whom would serve with dignity and ability and whose names are given in honor to a strong sympathy with the most ardent and deserving ambition of "Honest John" Merrifield of Newfane.

[Northfield News.]  
Speaker John H. Merrifield modestly admits that he would not refuse the lieutenant-governorship candidacy if he were on his front doorstep some fine morning. The Republican party would do pretty well to leave it there.

[Barre Times.]  
If there ever was a modest man, John H. Merrifield of Newfane is that man. His reply to the interviewer who asked him if he was a candidate for lieutenant-governor, "Well, hardly anybody would refuse such an honor if it were offered," is characteristic of the man from the ground up. Modesty among dwellers in a political field is unusual and it is sometimes refreshing.

**Wardsboro Woman Died in Greenfield, Mass.**  
Mrs. Rozella Briggs, wife of C. A. Briggs of Wardsboro, died of apoplexy very suddenly Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Stetson of Federal street, Greenfield, Mass., as she sat reading. A native of Townsend, Mass., she was married to her husband, Troy N. Y., and Wardsboro, where she had lived 22 years. A few weeks ago she went to Greenfield for a visit and from there to Troy, returning to Wardsboro several days ago. Besides her husband and Mrs. Stetson, she leaves another daughter, Mrs. A. I. Wheeler, and a son, George W. Briggs, both of Wardsboro. Short services were held at the home of Mrs. Stetson Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon funeral services were held at the church in Wardsboro.

**REAL MARVELS OF SPEED.**  
**Bicycle Records That Put to Blush the Autos.**  
Because the automobile is so conspicuously in the public eye, the world is inclined to marvel at each successive report of its speed performance. They almost invariably are, and the records of the bicycle are more remarkable as being permitted to be passed "unhindered and unimpeded" the performances of men on bicycles.

How insignificant appears 60 miles an hour by a gigantic motor car propelled by thundering monsters of 90, 100 or even 120 horse power. And while they marvel and wonder at the speed of the automobile, the more remarkable are being permitted to be passed "unhindered and unimpeded" the performances of men on bicycles.

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**State's Attorney Pointed Out Irregular Sales of Liquor**  
Reflections Do Not Apply to All Druggists—Only Those Whom the Coat Fits Need Put It On—Inventories Required.

As a result of his discoveries in looking over the records of druggists' sales of liquor in the county, State's attorney H. D. Ryder of Bellows Falls sent notice to the druggists Monday, calling their attention to certain technical irregularities.

"I find upon a recent examination of the books returned by the fifth class license holders in this county that certain physicians are evidently violating the requirements of the statute here in giving prescriptions for intoxicating liquor. I also find that in practically every prescription that I have examined the requirements of the statute have not been complied with. I enclose that sentence of Sec. 24 of No. 115, Acts of 1904, which covers those requirements.

"The holder of such license shall sell only upon the written, not printed, prescription of a legally qualified physician, signing its date, the name of the person for whom and to whom it is given, and that the prescription is given and is necessary for medicinal use in his practice.

"If you will examine these requirements carefully you will probably find that many if not all of the prescriptions do not conform to the requirements of the statute as technically violations of the law.

"I do not question the honest desire of any druggist to conform to the law, but I leave her, and those who are filled by one druggist in one month it is evident that there is need of investigation and reform. I also notice that some druggists do not report sales to physicians for necessary use in their practice. Such sales should be reported in every instance.

"These reflections do not apply to all druggists in the county and to only a very few physicians and only those whom the coat fits need put it on.

"I have requested the county clerk to require from all holders of fifth class licenses a sworn inventory each month as provided by law."

In conversation with a representative of the Phoenix Mr. Ryder stated that no holder of a fifth class license was under legal obligations to refuse to fill any prescription properly made out, but that it was the duty of such licensees to see that every requirement of the law regarding prescriptions for liquor was complied with before making sales. He said that certain physicians on account of the large number of prescriptions issued by them, no physician could be convicted unless it could be proved in a specific instance that he prescribed liquor when he had reason to believe that it would not be used for medicinal purposes.

**THE LOST LETTER**  
I was never happy at Aunt Browne's, but there seemed no prospect that I should ever see her again. I had come so to speak, as far as any one so depressed could come out, but I might as well have stayed in. I only sat in corners, talked with the chambermaids, or listened to some garrulous octogenarian. Aunt Browne's interest in me, such as it was, died a natural death after my first season—she had always been weakly—and the result was a sad deficiency in my wardrobe. She had married off two daughters without difficulty, but a niece, it seemed, stuck closer than a burr. However, it was not my fault I remained unmarried. I had done my best to be fascinating. Though I hated the idea of marrying for money, yet I was sure I would not find it hard to love one who was kind to me, if only on account of the novelty. I was thirty now, and not unused to hearing changes rung upon the old maid, and the beggars who shouldn't be chosen by my young cousins, Susette and Anne. But I had had one opportunity to change for better or for worse of which I never availed myself. The son of Aunt Browne's second husband, Cedric Browne, had asked me to marry him three years before, as we rowed up the river in June for the rosy laurels to decorate the house and piazza for Susette's fête. I sometimes wonder what Aunt Browne would have thought of the proceeding, as she had set her heart upon marrying Susette. I had brought presents for Cedric, but he had refused them because I was taken unawares, because I was not enough interested to care about frustrating Cedric's plans, and perhaps he had not expected to be taken at my word, but I imagined it the proper way to decline, in order to be impertinent. I believe all my friends would have conducted me to Cedric. 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