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## WHY JUMP ADDISON?

A letter is reported from Montpelier as coming to the office of the secretary of state from the Vermont Anti-Saloon league in which Superintendent Albert E. Laing refers to "serious booze conditions in Addison county." It is further reported that Mr. Laing is investigating these conditions.

There are some cases in Addison county where the condition of booze is indeed serious, in fact the condition is so low as to be a matter of utmost alarm. We refrain from naming specific instances.

But the serious and energetic superintendent apparently refers to the abundance, and not the scarcity, of the danger-liquid as it pertains to this particular section of the state. Just how serious are the local conditions in Addison county in regard to booze we are not in a position to say. However, relatively speaking, we do not feel that conditions are any worse than in other sections or counties of the state. To be sure, liquor, Canadian liquor, can be purchased in Addison county, just as it can in Chittenden county, Franklin county, Rutland or any other place. To be sure, home brewed hooch of doubtful quality can be bought on the back roads in Addison county, just as it can in the suburbs of Lily-white St. Johnsbury, peaceful Guildhall or noisy Graniteville. To be sure, poison-booze, concocted in a neighboring county and sneaked in while no one was looking, has been bootlegged in Addison county, but the offender was caught and properly dealt with by the municipal court judge before any caskets were ordered.

Oh, there is no question that we people of Addison county are not in a position to call ourselves blameless or to profess innocence with respect to violations of the Eighteenth amendment. But the question is, are we so much worse than the other 13 counties in the state that we should be selected for special investigation on the part of the Anti-Saloon league? We do not believe so. It is reported that a man was arrested in Burlington for stealing booze out of a gentlemen's club rooms. If this is so, it seems that this is a rather serious booze question right in the home town of the Superintendent. We are not aware that a gentlemen's club is within the law when it has booze in its quarters to steal—or to drink, either. We have been told by someone, and for obvious reasons it would not be best to give his name, who claims to have tried them all, that there are 27 separate and distinct places in Rutland county where one can buy booze, good, bad and indifferent, if he has the price. Rutland county, if we recall rightly, houses the state prohibition director.

Conditions are bad, woefully bad here, there and everywhere when it comes to violations of the bone-dry laws, and they are bound to be just as long as the present attitude of law-defiance and hypocrisy exists and the present inadequate enforcement methods prevail. It is altogether too big a job to handle with the resources and equipment at our command. Intimidation alone, when whole-hearted public sympathy for the law is indeed doubtful, will not answer the enforcement requirements.

The Anti-Saloon league in its complaint against Addison county no doubt has told the truth—but not the whole truth. Alphabetically speaking, why not say that booze conditions are bad from Addison to Windsor counties? Addison county has not been so much more wayward than her sister counties as to warrant a special pointing of the finger of shame.

His friends of the craft throughout the state, are united in congratulating L. H. Lewis, veteran newspaper publisher and republican on his appointment as deputy collector of internal revenue. The appointment was made by Collector R. W. McCuen, who has selected a man in Lewis who is qualified to handle the work. Major McCuen has also rewarded a staunch, enthusiastic and worthy republican possessing a good record through many strenuous years.

The people of Addison county join the rest of the state in wishing for Governor Hartness, ill in Montpelier, a speedy recovery.

## AUDIENCE APPRECIATIVE

Though the wintry winds blew fierce and cold outside, they in no way chilled the enthusiasm of the audience at the recital of Pablo Casals in Mead chapel Wednesday night. The wonder 'cellist is called by no less an authority than Kreisler, the eminent violinist, as the "greatest musician that ever drew a bow." From the attentiveness of the audience and the volume of hearty applause that was accorded the artist in Mead chapel, it would seem that Middlebury agrees quite fully with Kreisler.

It is indeed rarely that the privilege is allowed the people of a Vermont community to hear such an artist perform, except on a disc record, and the attendance at Mead chapel, despite the very unfavorable night is sufficient evidence that Casals' coming was appreciated. One thing was very noticeable in the Casals' recital, that distinguishes it somewhat from the concert performances of some of the great celebrities, and that was his generosity in granting encores. The 'cellist does not stint. He very kindly played an encore after two of his numbers, and again after the final number he appeared once more and rendered a delightful encore.

It was here that the audience made a mistake. Casals, with plenty of time before his train, was quite willing to play as long as the audience cared to remain, but he was not given the chance. After the last encore the audience left the chapel thinking, of course, that his performance was done. This was rather unfortunate, but after all it was no one's fault. Casals did not know that the audience would leave and the audience was not aware that they would be further favored.

It might be well in the future for the people not to leave their seats too hurriedly when the numbers on the printed program have been completed, because there may again be an artist appear with a big heart like Casals. It seems too bad not to get all they offer. They do not come very often.

## BAILEY'S GOOD WORK

The talk on government material goes on from week to week in a rather desultory manner, now and then a mild surprise being offered by the state press.

The editor of the Bennington Banner, who himself may be a candidate for the high office, is disposed as always to give everybody, no matter how remotely concerned, a fair show in his column of "among those mentioned." The Banner says:

"Guy W. Bailey, president of the University of Vermont and long secretary of state, is said to be considering becoming a candidate for governor this year. Whether this report is a mere idle rumor, or has some foundation will appear later. In the meantime it can be truthfully said that Mr. Bailey is better qualified to be governor than most of those who have been mentioned."

Mr. Bailey is without question one of the best qualified Vermonters to handle the work in front of the executive's chair. Mr. Bailey, however, has just got into the harness in good shape as president of the University of Vermont, and the effects of his successful endeavors in that capacity are just beginning to be felt. Indications are that his administration at Vermont will be one of accomplishment and marked success.

We would not like to see him interrupt his good work by laying it aside for a two year job with opportunities so colorless as are encountered in a governor's job.

Reports from the annual meeting of the Addison county farm bureau are most encouraging. There was a good attendance and enthusiasm for work during the coming year was more marked than ever before. The Bureau starts the year with a membership of about 600 and plans call for a little intensive work when the roads are good next spring to bring the membership up to 1000.

Addison county has the first Bureau in New England to go onto the \$10 plan. This was considerable of a jump from the old \$2.00 plan, and the strong and steady growth is all the more an excuse for demonstration.

President Harding does well to caution the republican leaders against laxity in work for the party. Already leaders of the minority are launching propaganda to discredit the administration in preparation for the congressional elections next fall.

If the republican leaders fall asleep at the switch and lose a congressional majority in the next elections, the administration's endeavors in this period of readjustment will be doubly difficult. Concurrent harmony between the executive and legislative branches are essential at this critical time.

The startling revelation that many women of Arabia spend from \$500 to \$1000 each year for perfumery, makes one wonder if perhaps it would not be just as sanitary and far more economical if the beauties of Arabia would specialize a little more in some good white floating soap, and ease up a trifle on the synthetic essences.

The days are beginning to lengthen. You may now safely look for the cold to strengthen.

## To Establish a Department of Mines, With Cabinet Representation

By SENATOR SAMUEL D. NICHOLSON of Colorado.



Upon our entrance into the World war an analysis of the mining industry showed the United States governmental machinery to be woefully deficient to cope with the many problems of mineral production. There was no executive branch of the government with well-coordinated facilities to assume the responsibility which was imposed. It became necessary, therefore, to create many independent agencies for the purpose of extending and developing the governmental machinery. I have therefore introduced senate bill 1957, to establish a department of mines, with cabinet representation for the mining industry.

Practically all of the foreign nations regard the mining industry so important that they have made special governmental provision for it in creating departments of mines. Under the present system the United States geological survey and the bureau of mines are but two subordinate bureaus among fourteen over which the secretary of the interior must exercise control.

The American Mining congress, at its twentieth annual meeting, endorsed this bill, setting forth among other things that the employment of 10,000,000 wage-earners, of which some 5,000,000 are now out of employment, is dependent directly or indirectly upon the products of the mines; the implements of agriculture, the machinery of industry and the tools of trade, and that the agricultural industry in 1889, when a cabinet representative for that industry was appointed, had a total value of production of less than \$2,500,000,000, while the mining industry had during 1920 an estimated value of production of over \$7,000,000,000.

I am an exponent of economy in the expenditure of public funds. The creation of this new department will effect economies arising from the elimination of all duplications of effort of the various agencies now employed and will expand the present governmental service to the industry at less expense. The indirect benefits which would accrue to the public generally would be an even more important consideration.

## THE LEGION GROWING

According to the report of Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, the American Legion enters the year 1922 with a wonderful record of success behind it.

The report shows that the Legion now has 10,751 posts, all in a healthy condition, 776 of which have been added during the past 12 months. Steadily the Legion is finding its way into every corner of the earth. Eleven of the posts added during 1921 were outside the boundaries of the United States. These were Fort Gibson, Tanana, Alaska; Andernach, Germany; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Luke Field, Hawaii; Ensenada, Lower California, Mexico; San Juan, Porto Rico; Loanda, Angola, Portuguese West Africa; Tela, Spanish Honduras; Maracibo, Venezuela; Warsaw, Poland; and Constantinople, Turkey.

The Legion's growth is nothing less than remarkable when one considers the unemployment and industrial conditions of the past 12 months and with the return to normal conditions there is no question but that the Legion membership will double.

In an organization that has made such a splendid record it is worth something to be the banner state in per capita membership. Again Vermont scores.

The Rutland Herald quite candidly confesses that it is interested in Mr. Coxon's suggestion of a new Bible. We take it as a most encouraging sign if the Rutland Herald is interested in any Bible.

We felt quite sure that April weather wasn't destined to last all through January, because no robins were seen.

Friday the thirteenth—watch your step.

## PRESS COMMENT

## More Dangerous Now

"Probably the safest prediction is that Eugene V. Debs will head the usual ticket in 1924," says one newspaper. And the worst of it is that he hasn't such a safe place in which to run for the presidency as he had in 1920—Brattleboro Reformer.

## Cady's Stray Poem

The Burlington Free Press of Saturday featured in all honesty a poem—The Passing of the Old Vermont Meeting House—with an introductory announcement that it was written by William Rutherford Mead, a New York architect, a native of Brattleboro and brother of Larkin G. Mead the famous sculptor. While it is not doubted for a moment that Mr. Mead could produce a poem on Vermont affairs, it happens that this particular poem was written and published in 1916, by Daniel L. Cady, a well known writer of poems having to do with Vermont rural life. Just how the name of Mr. Mead became attached to it has not yet been explained.—Brattleboro Reformer.

## Optimism.

"Your true American is always an optimist." "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "But his isn't a lazy optimism. He is able to smile the sweetest when prepared to fight the hardest."

## Fickle Applause.

"Did your speech get prolonged applause?" "Yes," said Senator Sorghum; "almost as much as the jazz orchestra that played at the reception the same evening."

## The Semaphore

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## With All Due Apologies To Mr. R. Service

There are strange things done in the daylight sun  
By the folks who make their booze;  
The things they'll do for the sake of home brew  
Make you laugh clean down to your shoes;  
The grocery clerks have seen queer quirks,  
But the queerest they ever did see  
Was the day Jim Leest bought four dozen of yeast  
And of flour—just pounds three.

## Kindness To Dumb Animals

Fond mother to erring son: "Now Johnny, you mustn't shoot craps for life is just as precious to the dear little craps as it is to us."—Ex.

## The Tell-Tale Mirror

The editor of the Mud Creek, Minn., Mirror is confined to the house with sleeping sickness. The bride's father hit him with a vacuum cleaner, one of the wedding presents. Here's what the editor saw in the Mirror just before he went to sleep:

"The bride was charmingly dressed in wild flowers and evergreen, completely filling the alcove where the ceremony was performed."  
Oh, tempora, oh, mores. Hang a line-type, anyway.

## We Had The Same Luck With Ours, John

John Davis had a little bad luck this week.—Lincoln news.  
Try it once more, John, we're going to.

## More Hard Luck In Lincoln

Wedding bells have rung again—Lincoln gleanings.

That guy who pulled the plug on those rum-soaked cocoanuts no doubt thinks that all cocoanuts are filled with the milk of human kindness, but he's wrong.

## Or, How Do They Get That Way

What we want to know is, Why is a flapper?

## They Don't Make 'Em That Way Nowadays

News item from files of 35 years ago: "An old lady, the wife of a well to do farmer of Camden, Mich., wears the same bonnet she did 35 years ago when she first came to this state."  
The old lady may have had her faults but she sure kept a soft pedal on the old man's wad.

## Not Yet, But Soon

Limit reached in armament cuts.—Headline.  
Is the limit in chapel cuts reached yet?

Dear W. W.—Should vitamins be chewed?—Dyspeptic Reader.  
No frail one, vitamins, like children, should be seen and not heard.

Another From The Bargain Basement  
"Extra large railroad men's overalls, way down to clean up. Don't fail to look them over."

## Floored With Floor Finish

Those church elders who so disastrously celebrated communion with varnish probably got hold of a can of floor finish instead of inside finish. It always pays to look at the label.

"Remove bullet from college girl's head."—Headline.  
Of course that's serious, but there are still other things to be removed. Ask dad.

## How Do You Figure That Out?

"There was a call on the phone Friday that William Noonan's farm house was on fire. The fire was caused by cressote in the chimney, but if no one had been there the house would surely have burned."—Addison pickups.

## Only Four Performances, Get Your Seats Early

"The world is due to come to an end this year according to prognosticators, on April 3, June 16, July 9 and October 21."—Announced in The Pepper Box.

Say it with raisins.

Vive la cocoanut!

C'est vrai.

W. Wagg

## Intense Chill.

"So you have made several polar explorations?"

"Yes."

"What's the coldest experience you ever had?"

"Last night's, with the audience at my lecture."

## COMMUNICATION

## Charles F. Partridge Tried To Aid Industry In Middlebury Years Ago

A few weeks ago a very interesting article appeared in your paper describing manufacturing interests in Middlebury village 60 and 70 years ago, written by Mr. McMillan. As late as the winter of 1868-69 farmers were hauling logs from the swamp lying in Cornwall and Middlebury to a saw mill in East Middlebury, owned by Charles F. Partridge, because there was no planing mill in the West village.

In the fall of 1869 the above mentioned Mr. Partridge purchased the old marble mill at the foot of Mill street, in Frog Hollow, and transferred it into an up-to-date saw mill. For this act Charles F. Partridge was regarded as a benefactor by the Cornwall farmers and the name of Partridge should be linked with that of Jason Davenport as one of the men who tried to promote manufacturing interests in the town of Middlebury.

Yours truly,

F. H. WARNER

Cornwall, Jan. 7.

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## RUTLAND SAVINGS BANK

141st Semi-Annual Statement

July 1st, 1921

## RESOURCES

Loans and Securities	\$8,634,696.67
Cash on hand and in Banks on interest	306,162.05
	\$8,941,158.72

## LIABILITIES

Due depositors	\$8,051,182.31
Surplus and interest	\$863,607.03
State taxes accrued	26,369.38
	\$8,941,158.72

Deposits made up to and including July 13th, draw interest from July 1

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