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BRATTLEBORO, FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1911.

Patronize your home merchants. Do you know the more money you spend away from home the poorer your town will be?

A NEWSPAPER SITUATION.

Much has been said in the state newspapers—particularly those favorable to Mr. DeBoer—because the Montpelier Journal has not come out actively in support of the candidate from that city.

law has behind it continually the sentiment of the majority of the townspeople. What would be the probable result of county option? The small towns would be given the control, and Brattleboro's vote on the question would amount to nothing.

Having depleted the forests of some 10,000 deer, 200 moose, several scores of bears and innumerable other beasts and birds, the hunting season in New England and the eastern Canadian provinces came to a close at midnight Friday.

Though fresh feathers are fewer now, there is still a wonderful variety of beautiful plumage worn in spite of all the efforts of the humanitarians.

Simple pop corn in itself is a valuable food, and nobody will refuse it. A peck of warm, fragrant corn ready to serve is a welcome addition to a good family gift.

The progressive administration in New Hampshire is anything but popular in certain quarters. Witness this mail from the Newport (N. H.) Champion: "Reform, as it is practiced in New Hampshire, is about as beneficial to a political party as the horizontal maul is to the foliage or the grasshopper to the hay crop."

The Reformer is staunch in its democracy, the consistency of its position is at once recognized. Anything with a "progressive" tail hitched to it lives the hopes of the opposition party.—Newport (N. H.) Champion.

It was not to be expected that a way would not be found to evade the law imposing on dealers in Christmas trees a license of 25 cents per sapling. The statute, passed at the last session of the legislature, allows property owners to cut trees on their own lands without paying a license.

Bennington failed in its commendable effort to reorganize Company K, Vermont National Guard, and the charter is once more a-begging. But Bennington should not feel downhearted; it is not to be expected that the state can have a full regiment of militia until it makes adequate provision for its care and training.

What is the matter with Barre? Two of its ministers have left and a third announced Sunday that he was going too. Is the granite metropolis so good that the preachers feel they cannot earn their money—or is it a hopeless field?

County option is advocated by C. F. Smith, master of the Vermont state grange, as a remedy for the evils that exist under the present liquor law.

It is now too late to do your Christmas shopping early, although early enough to do it now.

John Bigelow, 94, the venerable diplomat and author, died at his home in New York Tuesday. He was well known in public life and in letters, having been minister to France, editor of the New York Evening Post, inspector of Sing Sing prison and secretary of the state of New York.

For the Women to Think About

Written Especially for The Reformer

Clotheslines may be washed by winding them on a long board, then scrubbing them with a brush. This prevents them from tangling and makes them easy to wind, once they are dry.

A practical housewife wants to give her fellow workers a secret well worth knowing. She has discovered that by soaking peonies in cold water over night much of the difficulty of removing the meat is eliminated.

The fad for wearing the bag hung from the shoulder is a thing of the past. The words are very much shorter, and if the bag is allowed to swing at all, it is from the wrist.

Wall paper which has become blackened from lamp smoke or gas can be made to look very much cleaner by rubbing the place briskly with a stiff, dry sponge.

Almost any pie is good made with lower crust only, the top covered with pastry strips, and when nearly baked, a soft custard poured over the top, and sweetened, makes a delicious pie so treated.

Cotton-covered circles of cardboard, made in pairs to fit the different sizes of dollies and centerpieces and caught together with ribbon, are a dainty and acceptable gift.

I wonder if any of my readers know how to prepare camellia water at home as an eye wash, or the rose water so much liked for use after bathing?

The shortest variety of dressing saque is usually cut in two pieces, says the "Dry Goods Economist," with seam down the center-back and butterfly sleeve cut in one with the garment.

Distinctly new and very smart are the tortoise and amber shell circular ornaments which are placed at either side of the head. New York stores are showing them.

Buttered corn will keep longer than plain corn and may be prepared two days before Christmas. Take one tablespoonful of butter and put, with a teaspoonful of salt, in a clean paper bag or in a pretty crepe paper bag, and it is ready to give away.

Sugared corn is made by preparing a rich, thick taffy of granulated sugar and a little water, and threading it hot over the popped corn, having one or two assistants to turn it all the time.

OBITUARY.

ALONZO H. HINES.

Veteran Musician Died at His Green Street Home Monday Morning.

Alonzo Hiram Hines, 72, for over half a century a musician at dances in Windham county and the adjoining counties of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, died early Monday morning at his home on Green street of valvular heart trouble complicated with pneumonia.

TOWN WON AGAINST CARPENTER.

But Defendant in Tax Suit Has Taken an Appeal to County Court.

Another chapter in the case of the town of Brattleboro against Frank O. Carpenter, to recover taxes for the years of 1909 and 1910 was finished Tuesday afternoon after occupying the attention of Justice T. E. O'Brien and a jury of six men for two days.

The older generation of dancers remember the predecessor to the Philharmonic orchestra of this town. It was called the Burnett and Higgins band and was organized in 1870 with Mr. Burnett violinist, Mr. Higgins cornetist, Mr. Norcross clarinetist, and Mr. Hines organist and promoter.

The suit was brought by W. A. Shumway, tax collector, to recover \$15,850 to Tax Collector Shumway for the 1909 tax bill and \$73 on the 1910 bill. The defendant offered to show that he had been taxed upon 268 acres of land in the town of Brattleboro when he owned only 120 acres in the town.

The Meddler

"If the coat fits you, put it on."

Superstitious persons who believe that one alarm of fire beguiled others within a few weeks ago, doubt breathed easier since the call the department received early last Friday morning, that being the third within 11 days.

For your traveling set of bags for various toilet articles, shoes, rubbers, and so on, have you ever thought to make a mirror case? A bag lined with quilted satin which its tightly will protect the glass better than wrapping it in underclothes or some such thing.

When work on the electric road extension was begun three weeks ago Tuesday a good many people were only too glad to advance the opinion that it was utter foolishness to start so late in the season on a piece of work that was not of immediate importance.

Right here it may be of interest to local people to know that the first carload of cotton for use of the Fort Dummer Mills arrived in Brattleboro this week from Yazoo City, Miss.

There is probably no town in Windham county that does not contain at least a few people who will note with a sense of regret the passing of "Len" Hines.

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