

Who will be the next Republican nominee for governor? We can tell you who ought to be nominated: an honest, able, upright man, one in whom the people believe, and who is not bound hand and foot by the thongs of cliques and bargains.

Senator Blair of New Hampshire, bids fair to win for himself the title of champion joker of the country; he has announced himself as a candidate for the Presidency.

Of course Ex-Governor Hill had his own way in the Democratic State Convention. Why shouldn't he? It was his convention, as much as his personal property as if he held it by a quit claim mortgage. Hill will have the solid 72 votes of New York at his back in convention; but we have too much faith in the common sense and decency of the Chicago convention to believe it will ever nominate a man like David B. Hill for the Presidency. But should it do so, the American people will repudiate him at the ballot box, and the party will receive a blow from the effects of which it will not recover in a quarter of a century.

Ex-Pres. Cleveland delivered one of the best addresses of his life, Washington's birthday, to the students of Ann Arbor, Mich., university. It was a magnificent appeal for the cultivation of true American sentiment.

There is no doubt that the feeling in favor of electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people, is gaining ground throughout the country. There is no good reason why they should not be chosen the same way Governors and Congressmen are elected.

Under the two-thirds rule the votes of 597 delegates to the next national convention will be necessary for the nomination of a democratic candidate for president. In times of sharp rivalry it is not an easy matter for any candidate to obtain 597 votes in a national convention. Any combination which is able to muster and hold 300 votes out of the total 596 can prevent the nomination of any candidate not satisfactory to the combination. In the nature of things the next Democratic National Convention will be confronted by many interesting possibilities.

Republican protection benefits the wage earners of the United States, not only by creating demands for their services, but by securing them ample wages for their work. Free trade would admit, without duty, into this country the products of the pauper labor of Europe, which would naturally tend to reduce the rate of wages here. For instance, we learn that in Munich, Germany, it was disclosed in the trial of a case, that an embroidery manufacturer there had in his employ women who received only five cents a day, under the "sweating" system. Of course, such articles can be sold at a much less price than those made by employes who receive adequate compensation. Do our wage earners care to have their wages reduced, to enable their employers to compete with the pauper made articles of the old world with which democratic free traders would flood this country?

Vermont's Industrial Progress During the Year 1891.

For the year 1891 Vermont claims a full share of the prosperity and progress which has come to our whole country. Probably no year of her history, in recent times, has shown so great progress in the way of building up new enterprises and extending the operations of those already established. The Board of Agriculture has recently taken a few statistics, gathered from reports made to the Board by the clerks of the several towns, relative to the transactions in farm property and the establishment of new manufacturing. Reports have been received from 220 towns. A full report would undoubtedly increase considerably some of the results found, as a few of the towns that it has been impossible to get reports from, were among the largest in the state. The reports received show that 1764 farms have been sold during the year, of this number 252 were of the class known as

unoccupied farms. In most cases the purchasers of these unoccupied lands were persons who wanted them for homes. A good feeling, is reported as prevailing among the farmers and a slight increase in price of real estate is generally claimed. The sales made have been quite general throughout the state, the number sold in each county being: Windsor, 238; Orange, 219; Washington, 199; Windham, 163; Orleans, 159; Franklin, 130; Addison, 129; Caledonia, 125; Rutland, 93; Chittenden, 84; Lamoille, 67; Bennington, 56; Essex, 46; Grand Isle, 2. The town of Barnard leads the list with a sale of 52 farms of which 34 were of the unoccupied class. In many localities it is claimed that the purchasers of the farms are young men of the town, in other localities it is found to be young men who have for a little while tried farming in the new West and returned to find in Vermont what they had sought for elsewhere, the best place to secure a home and surround themselves and families with the greatest number of advantages at the least expense. The following extract from a letter from a man in Breckenridge, Minnesota, is a fair sample of many received within the past few months. It illustrates both the ignorance in regard to Vermont and the feeling for their own country. Under date of Feb. 3rd he says: "I want to learn about Vermont. Is it too cold to raise wheat, corn and beans? Is it very rocky and hilly? Is the land badly exhausted and run down? Please send me the pamphlet issued by your Board as I would like to see what you have to offer. I don't like this miserable prairie country and want to get into a more attractive place." The fact that Vermont can raise wheat, corn and beans, as well as every other crop adapted to her latitude, and place her record in all or very near the head, is coming to be understood, and the fact is bringing customers for all farming land that is for sale.

New Manufacturing.

The reports to the Board show that \$741,000 of capital has been invested in new manufacturing plants during the year 1891. This does not include the working capital required to conduct the business. There has also been quite a large investment of capital in extending manufacturing already established. This is not here included. The new plants were giving employment Jan. 1 to 2197 persons. In view of the fact that since 1850 the census report credit us with an increase of population of less than 20,000, the large increase the past year which must come from employing this additional number of persons makes a pleasant and striking contrast. These new industries have been scattered through the entire state and the range of products has covered a wide field. The leading branch of manufacture has been in the line of wood products. The following towns have put in new plants under this head: Bristol, Canton, Lincoln, Arlington, Lyndon, Searsburgh, Burlington, Canaan, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Swanton, Westfield, Barton, Benson, Mendon, Clarendon, Chittenden, Fayston, Moretown, Marshfield, Waitsfield, Warren, Berkshire, Whitingham, Vernon, Stratton, Springfield, Bridgewater, Plymouth, and Weston. These plants vary in capital invested and help employed from \$1000 with one or two men to \$50,000 with 100 employes. The total investment in this line of manufacture is \$214,800 and 590 persons employed. Factories for the manufacture of shoes have been built at Burlington, Bethel, Royalton, and Chelsea representing an investment of \$136,000 and employing 425 persons. New granite quarries or shops have been started in Hardwick, Burlington, Montpelier and Calais, \$36,000 of capital invested 210 persons employed; new slate works at Poulney and Fair Haven with an investment of \$78,000 and 155 workmen; New Marble Co at Swanton, with \$20,000 capital; new creameries or cheese factories have been built at Bridport, Danville, Lyndon, Guildhall, Vershire, Theford, Sharon, Barnard, and Reading, \$25,000 invested. Morristown has a \$50,000 tannery and a Company for the manufacture of boot heels with a \$30,000 capital; a button factory has been built at Stockbridge and \$8000 invested; at Newport a factory for the manufacture of overalls and shirts with a capital of \$14,000.

Another feature of the year not coming within the line of either manufacture or agriculture, has been the building of several fine hotels intended, largely, to accommodate summer travel. Salisbury, Castleton, Woodstock and Chester have built during the past year and invested about \$200,000 in this way.

In the building up of new manufactures Burlington takes the lead and reports an investment of \$155,000 and 930 persons employed. All the manufactures that have been reported from the county of Chittenden came from Burlington. The several counties of the state have invested capital and employed help in these various enterprises as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Capital, Workmen. Rows include Chittenden (\$155,000, 930), Windsor (103,000, 211), Rutland (104,000, 277), Addison (50,000, 95), Lamoille (80,000, 90), Orange (39,000, 75), Washington (36,000, 90), Caledonia (30,000, 155), Windham (27,000, 94), Franklin (22,000, 92), Orleans (18,000, 58), Bennington (12,000, 33), Essex (9,500, 33), Grand Isle (none, none).

An inspection of the progress made in the past year may well raise a reasonable doubt as to the truth of the theory that has long prevailed, that Vermont could never be a manufacturing state. It is found generally that manufactures are built up wherever good opportunities are offered and encouragement is given. To secure manufactures it is first necessary to have some advantages and then let the fact be known. That Burlington has been able to offer such inducements as to determine a large Shoe factory to cross the continent to enjoy her privileges is good evidence in her favor. Probably no

TAX SALE.

Taxes on warrant and will be sold at public auction on Saturday the 12th day of March, A. D. 1892, to satisfy said taxes now remaining unpaid on the following described real estate situated in Lunenburg, Essex County, Vt. to-wit: On the lot 25 on the 27th of March, 1892, containing about 130 acres, more or less, and part of lot 15 and 16, about 40 acres, and part of lot 17, 75 acres, known as the Howe lot. And so much more or less as may be required to satisfy the 12th day of March, A. D. 1892, at 2 o'clock P. M. as shall be required to discharge said taxes, with costs, unless previously paid.

Filed at Lunenburg this 15th day of February, A. D. 1892.

A. J. MILLER, Collector.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL ROWE.

The undersigned being appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Essex, Commissioners, to receive, examine and settle the claims and debts of the estate of Samuel Rowe, late of Burlington, in said district, deceased, hereby gives notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid, at the office of A. Bartlett, Son & Co., on the 27th of March and 5th day of August next, from ten o'clock A. M. until two o'clock P. M. at each of the said times, to present their claims to be allowed or disallowed. Dated at Burlington this 20th day of February A. D. 1892.

A. BARTLETT, Son & Co., Commissioners.

STATE OF VERMONT, DISTRICT OF ESSEX.

The Probate Court for the District of Essex, to all persons interested in the Estate of Noah Perkins, late of Guildhall, in said district, deceased, Greeting: By the authority of the State of Vermont, you are hereby notified to appear before the said Probate Court for the District of Essex, in Guildhall, in said district, on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1892, to show cause, if any, why the will of the said Noah Perkins, Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, should not be allowed. And that the said will and the said Estate should not be distributed to the parties entitled thereto. Dated at Guildhall in said district, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1892.

CHARLES B. BENTON, Judge.

town in the state has done so much to

advertise its advantages as has Burlington and no town has made so great progress. In the sales of farm property, Barnard leads all other towns. Last summer Barnard did some liberal advertising of its advantages. These facts tend to the conclusion, that it is a wise policy for towns or localities possessed of natural advantages or attractions to let the outside world know what they have. A little judicious advertising is liable to bring a large return.

From the industries already established there comes generally a report of prosperity, and the many extensions made to their plants would indicate that they had reported correctly. Of the towns claiming a large increase of existing industries may be noted Barre and Dummerston in the production of granite, Proctor of marble, Pawlet, increase in slate quarrying. Morgan and Andover, increase in production of lumber, Thetford, large addition to their fish-rod factory, Randolph, increase of business at furniture making, Vershire, extension of copper mining, Ryegate, increased production of brick and Weybridge of wood pulp.

The information received points to a still greater progress for the year 1892 than in the year just closed. Several large enterprises are only awaiting the opening of spring. In this list we find the towns of Windsor, Dummerston, Montpelier, Tunbridge, Fairlee, Chelsea and Groton that expect to undertake new work in quarrying and working granite, Bridport and Manchester are to work new marble quarries, Westminster is to have a paper mill, Ludlow a \$60,000 woolen factory, Dover expects to do an extensive business in mining iron ore. Springfield has in view a railroad and new hotel, Lemington has organized a Stock Co. with \$250,000 capital to develop its mineral springs and build a hotel and Burlington is expecting to secure several new enterprises.

The only new railroad construction that has come to our knowledge for 1891 is the extension of the Narrow Gauge road from Readsboro to Wilmington, thereby opening up the upper portion of the Deerfield Valley. In all the correspondence held with the officers of the several towns of the state, in visiting the several counties during the past three months attending institutes held by the Board and making many inquiries among the people, there has been very little discontent, dissatisfaction or discouragement manifested, but rather a hopeful, wide-awake, aggressive spirit, a disposition to make the most of the advantages at hand and we feel that the past year is but the beginning of an era of development and prosperity. V. I. SPEAR.

A Plea for Fair Play.

The leading candidates named for the office of governor, are all good men—why should not all have fair treatment at the hands of the press and people? Why, for instance, should it be brought up as an objection to any candidate that "his father and brother have been honored by the highest office within the State's gift." Since, when, pray, has the possession of a name, long honored in the annals of our State, or membership of a family long and intimately identified with the name and material prosperity and high standing of Vermont as a commonwealth, become a disqualification for public office. The intelligent and independent freemen of Vermont have not been wont to so regard it. It was not objected to Henry A. Fletcher, two years ago, that he was the son of a former good governor, nor before that did any one want William P. Dillingham set on one side because he was the son of Paul Dillingham. These "accidents of birth" do not qualify, neither most assuredly do they disqualify, a man for high responsibility. Let every tub stand on its own bottom. The man is the man, for all that he may have or lack of ancestral distinction. Col. Fairbanks, as we understand, is presented by his friends on his personal merits. So is Col. Fuller, who is at present the other leading candidate for the nomination. Each is connected with an important home industry, which has done much to build up the business of Vermont. Each has shown himself to be a liberal-minded and public-spirited citizen. Each is a sound and true republican. Each an honest man. Both have many mutual friends; and each should be perfectly fair play from the friends of the other. Let us have a fair, free and open campaign. There is no danger that the State will elect a good governor next September.—Free Press.

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