

More Public Spirit Wanted.

The following is a very good article taken from the Woodstock Dispatch and while the same thing cannot be applied to Hartland in every way, it hits this village in a number of points:

"It is hardly fair to say that Woodstock people are deficient in public spirit beyond citizens of all other places. But there certainly is a lack of unanimity among the residents of this town, which bodes no good for its future. There is a tremendous amount of time wasted in street-corner talking, and in discussion of other people's affairs which can bring no profit. For some reason or other there is a deep-rooted aversion to new industries. Frankly, there are people in this place who would like to see all new undertakings prove failures, even although these businesses do not compete with their own line. Then, there is an altogether inexcusable amount of razor-slashing. Men who are engaged in similar lines of business appear to think it is their bounden duty, quite as binding as the duty of attending religious exercises on Sundays, to run down the business of their competitors.

It is really annoying, the extent to which this feeling exists, and that Woodstock does not go ahead as rapidly as it should, considering its many advantages, is due in no small measure to this same sentiment.

An attempt to get up a "big day" fails because of it. Somebody is afraid somebody else may make a dollar or two. A proposal to form a produce company or some other industry falls through because it is hinted that Mr. A. or Mr. B. has "an axe to grind," and "that is why he is so energetic for the scheme."

To the credit of the younger generation this insane proclivity is not found among them to the extent that it is found among their elders. Younger men cannot fail to be impressed with the spirit of the times, and the spirit of the times makes more for cooperation than for competition. So when some of the older generation, in the fullness of years are called to their fathers, it may be found that business men of Woodstock will be content to work in harness together, instead of pulling apart. If they don't do so we will certainly lose court house and gaol besides various industries, and we shall become a suburb of Newburg Junction."

Paris Riots.

There was a fierce riot in Paris last Sunday caused by anarchists. The interior of the Church of St. Joseph was completely wrecked, the altar, font statues and pictures being destroyed, while the chairs were carried out, piled and burned, the crucifix being thrown into the fire as well. It took the authorities until midnight to restore order. About 25 arrests were made, and more than 50 people injured.

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