

tel business. The block was remodeled by him twenty years ago.

Mr. Miller was probably one of the best known hotel men in Vermont and "Billy Miller's Place" was known from one end of New England to the other. He made a specialty of "lobster" spreads at his hotel and members of the legislature from governor down did not think their term of office was sufficiently polished unless they had partaken of several of "Billy's favorite dishes before they had returned to their home to spread the news to others so that in this way his place became famous. Mr. Miller always took great pride in his restaurant and the class of viands spread on his tables was the equal of any.

Mr. Miller took great pride in appearances and everything he had done about his place of business was always first class and usually a little better than one would expect. He was strict himself hence his place of business had a record peculiar to itself, and on that account everyone had implicit trust in him. Not in sympathy with the prohibitory regime the local option cause had no greater advocate than he, and he was also a believer in laws to increase the summer tourist trade in Vermont.

Mr. Miller was a large man. He stood six feet high and during his prime carried his 300 weight as handily as if it were only half that amount. He was an indefatigable worker and was busy from early morning until late at night. Being naturally handy with tools he did a great amount of his own repair work. One minute he might be found doing a piece of plumbing and the next on the order team. It was always said of him that he did two men's work. His disposition was to be genial and cordial, it was, therefore, natural for everybody from little boys to old men to call him "Billy." He was generous with his charities and benevolences, and was always loyal to Montpelier. A 4th of July celebration in which he figured prominently 25 years ago is still fresh in the minds of the older people.

In connection with his hotel he carried on a bottling business, his soda waters being sent to towns throughout central Vermont.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Manchester, N. H., lodge of Elks, the Capital City aerie of Eagles, the St. Jean Baptist, Board of Trade and other societies and clubs. He took particular satisfaction with his membership in the Elks. He was one of the charter members of the Knights of Columbus but some years ago received a demit. He was also one of the oldest members in the St. Jean Baptiste society