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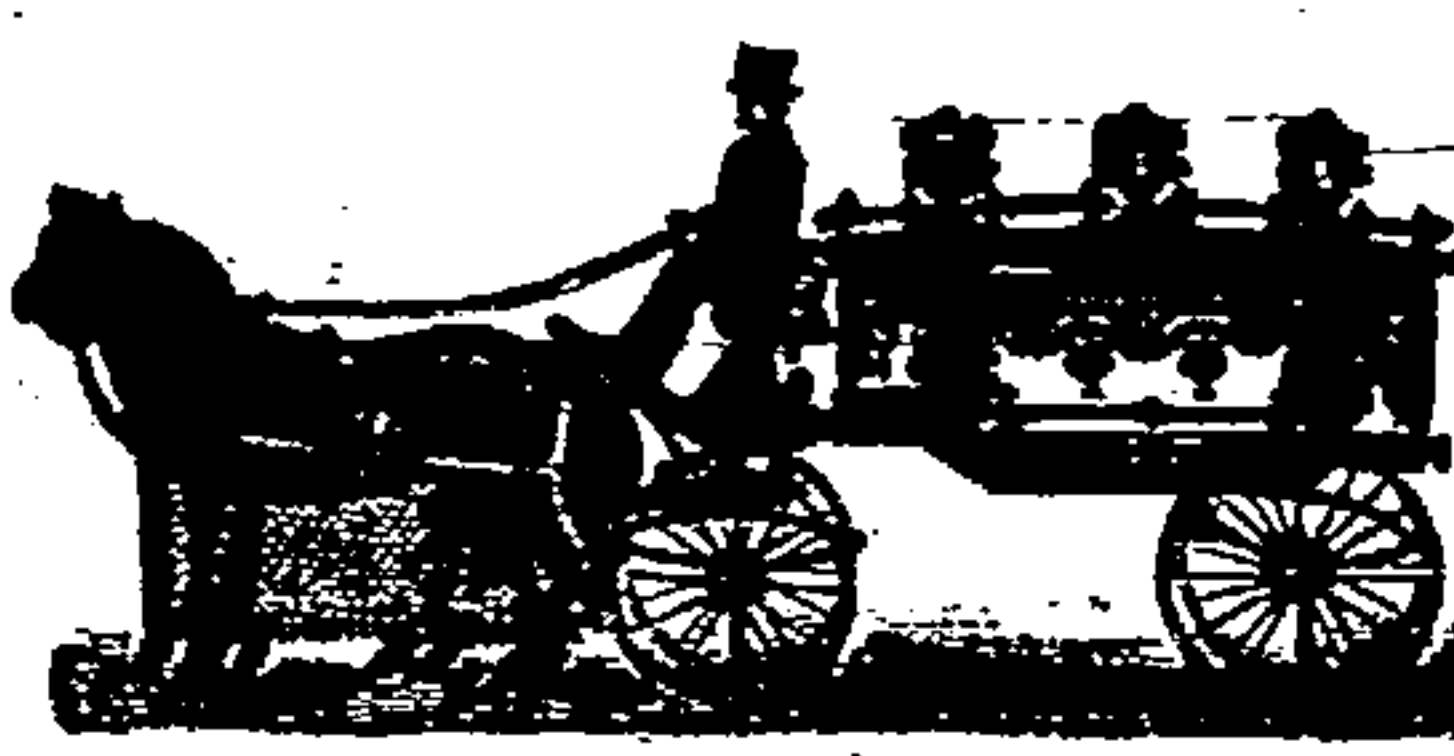
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SHALL WE HAVE A TOWN HALL?
More than the Interest on \$4,500 Spent Annually for Rent.

Several articles have recently appeared in the NEWS relative to the matter of the erection of a Town Hall, and it has invited a discussion of the question in its columns, both for and against the proposition. While it may not always be wise for a person to express his views through the columns of a newspaper, still questions concerning the public good should be fully discussed, and as a citizen and taxpayer I have no hesitancy in expressing my views upon the question at issue.

Every citizen should at all times take an active part in promoting such interest as shall accrue to the benefit of the entire community. Where questions like the one proposed arise, our position regarding them should always be guided by a spirit of public enterprise, and never actuated by any selfish motive or personal desire to advance the interests of a certain clique or any particular organization. We should constantly keep in the foreground the particular object sought, the greatest number to be benefited thereby, and also carefully guard against the extravagant expenditure of town funds, for those things which are not warranted by the benefits to be gained. Looking at this town hall question along the lines above indicated, I can conceive of no valid reason why this town and village should not erect and maintain a town hall to meet the requirements which the town and village demand.

We generally expect all propositions of this kind to be at once met with a certain degree of opposition based upon the cry of "high taxes." It shall be the purpose of the writer, however, to show, if possible, that this claim of high taxes is not entirely justified by the facts as they now exist.

All will admit that the town and village must have at least some place to be used purely for town and village purposes. A suitable place for holding town meetings, village elections and caucuses, has always been necessary. Polling places are equally essential. The town and village boards, the board of health, assessors and other town and village officials should at least have some room wherein they could meet and transact the business which falls to their lot. A great many of these needs are now supplied, at different places and rooms, at no small expense, which will be referred to later. An annual rent is now paid for a jail lot, and no person will deny that a jail in this place is absolutely essential to the peace and welfare of the community. The hose company has been provided with rooms for its members at an expense of \$100 per year, and the rooms are far from being amply commodious; and no citizen would be so prejudiced as to deny that the fire company is an indispensable organization, and I trust neither would one be so penurious as to deny this privilege to the boys upon whom, in a great measure, rest the responsibility of protecting from the angry flames the property within our midst. The public records show that for the past year, for the accommodations which we now possess, we expended the sum of \$228. Thus it can be readily seen by glancing at these figures that the taxpayers of the town of Andover are now paying an amount each year which equals the interest, at 5 per cent., on over \$4,500, which amount, in my judgment, would be amply sufficient to erect a building adequately suited to the requirements of our town and village.

The money expended each year for purposes above mentioned would be saved by the erection of a town hall which would amply accommodate the various objects for which this amount is expended, aside from affording other privileges and accommodations which are actually necessary to the protection of our village. Even if the village should borrow the money to erect the hall, the amount now expended would pay the interest on the amount loaned; we would have better accommodations and the various needs and wants of the town and village would be supplied without further expense.

Since the completion of the system of water works, the village very wisely provided the necessary equipments for the extinguishment of fires. Two feet of hose were purchased at an expense of \$800, and the hose is now reeled

on the hose cart, and kept in an old ice house in the rear of the American House, barely large enough to contain the cart. This is not a proper place for such material, and the hose is not kept in such a manner as a prudent man would provide for his own property. It is a well known fact that hose, if properly taken care of after it has been used, should be hung up so it will be kept dry. If this is not done it will, in a short time, decay, and become wholly unfit for use. If the hose now owned by the village is kept in the condition which it now is, it will soon necessitate the purchasing of new hose, which means an additional expense of \$700 to \$800 to the taxpayers of our village. The only reason why the hose is kept in this improper condition is simply because no place is provided to do otherwise.

Then another matter for which no provision is now made is as to the means of giving an alarm for fire, in order to call out the fire company for service. This is something worthy of our serious attention in connection with the town hall question. If a fire should break out in the middle of the night, aside from the church bells there is at present absolutely no means of giving the alarm of fire. Imagine some person discovering a fire in the night time, and anxious to give the alarm, being compelled to arouse the sleepy church sexton, obtain from him the church key, before he would be in a position to give the alarm. This simple failure on the part of the public to provide some means of alarm for fire might easily cause the loss of several thousands of dollars of property.

A building could be erected by the town or village at a moderate expense which would satisfy all of the needs above set forth, and be in my judgment a lasting benefit to the community. The people of this village have in times past never refused to keep in step with the drum-beat of progress. They will still continue to display that same degree of public spirit and enterprise which has characterized them in the past. A town hall is a public necessity; let us give the proposition our hearty support.

TAXPAYER No. 2.

Woodworth-Tiribury.

The wedding was not a gorgeous affair—it was unpretentious, unassuming, and had no frills about it. It eventuated on Feb. 18th, 1897, at the office of E. Kinney, Esq., and the high contracting parties were known as Mr. Ora E. Woodworth and Miss Estella Tiribury, both of Alfred. Mr. A. B. Burrows performed the office of best man in a manner which will demand his frequent service in that capacity, and Mr. J. S. Phillips, a former schoolmate of the bride, did the groomsmen act very prettily. Congratulations to the entire bridal party.

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County Convention of Political Equality Clubs of Allegany County.

All persons interested in the suffrage movement are cordially invited to attend the second annual convention to be held in Wellsville March 2d, at the Congregational church. A fine programme has been arranged for both afternoon and evening. Miss Harriet Mary Mills, of Syracuse, State Organizer, will be present. In the evening, Miss Mills will give her famous address, "Campaigning in California." Supper will be served to all who wish by the ladies of the Congregational Church at 15 cents each. Delegates and guests will be entertained over night by the members of the Anthony Club. It is desired that all Political Equality Clubs send delegates.

HOW TO VOTE ON LICENSE.

The Four-Excise Propositions Should Each Be Marked.

In voting on license this year care should be taken to make an X mark in either the "Yes" or "No" square before each of the four propositions.

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Water Consumers' Attention!

Interest money on Water Bonds must be paid this week. Delinquents should pay at once, to save cost of collection.
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THE HAMEL WELL IS A GREAT GAS PRODUCER.

Operators are "getting in their work" all over the Andover Field—Odds and ends of Local Oil News.

The Harold Oil Co.'s well on Hamel farm, lot 67, Andover, is a fine gasser in the Penny sand. They drilled deep enough, as they supposed, to strike the lower sand, but found none. The well may be drilled deeper and get pay streak yet.

The Grant Duke well on the Wood farm, lot 26, Andover, is completed, and is very light. If put to work it might do one barrel a day.

Riley farm, lot 47, Andover, Brown, McCarn & Co. drilled into the Penny sand Monday, and the well shows for 5 barrels per day in that sand, but they are going on down for the Phillips sand.

Geo. E. Backer, on the Mibgas farm, lot 50, Andover, drilled into the Penny sand Monday, and the show is for a good well.

PERSONAL.

'Tis pleasant sure to see one's name in print."—Byron.

Frank Miner was in Hornellsville Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Burrows went to Castile Monday.

Miss Maggie Mosher spent a couple of days in Alfred last week.

Mrs. May Chase, of Alfred, is a guest of Mrs. Ella Bundy this week.

David M. Davis and wife, of Benetts, Pa., arrived in town Tuesday evening.

John Swain, of Almond, spent a day or two in town this week. John says he is not feeling first-rate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grantier, of Greenwood, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Livermore Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson, and Messrs. John and J. P. Cannon and W. H. Phillips were in Wellsville Sunday.

Miss Edith Howard, of Andover, spent Sunday as the guest of the Misses Grace and Maude Vincent.—Wellsville Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Saunders and daughter Jessie, Mrs. Henry Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lewis and son Leon, and Mrs. Roswell Cook, all of the town of Alfred, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mosher the latter part of last week.

Inauguration Excursion Rates via Erie.

Account of the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Erie railroad will sell special excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., and return, at the low rate of one fare for the round trip on March 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th. Tickets will be good for continuous passage, and good for return on any regular train leaving Washington not earlier than March 4th, and not later than March 8th inclusive. Those contemplating taking this trip will please call on Erie Agents for further information, and, should special accommodations be required, the same can be arranged through an Erie Agent, or address H. T. Jaeger, General Agent, 177 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Case of Lunacy.

A commission in lunacy, held last week, in the case of Daniel Tullis, of this town, pronounced him insane, and he has been removed to Willard State Hospital.

JOHN'S
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At the recent Teachers' Association at Wellsville, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. B. G. Estes, Andover; Vice President, Mrs. S. L. Wardner, Friendship; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Marie Allen, Alfred; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. E. Lee Perry, Pikeville; Treasurer, Mr. Albert Ball, Belmont.

See Sutton's ad. in this issue.

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