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ANDOVER PERSONALS.

E. J. Atwood passed Sunday in Hornellsville.

D. K. Porter was a Hornellsville guest Sunday.

G. A. Young visited friends in Hornellsville Sunday.

Frank Wilkinson was visiting in Wellsville Sunday.

J. D. Cheesman was a business visitor at Hornellsville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gray passed Sunday with Purdy Creek friends.

R. A. Smith returned to his work yesterday, after two weeks vacation.

Mrs. John Hawkins visited at the home of Walter Lanphear Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Wescott is passing a week or more with friends in Hornellsville.

Miss Anna Patten has been a guest of Mrs. E. C. Henry at Purdy Creek.

M. Ryan passed several days with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Deane, at [illegible]an.

Mrs. G. M. Janes of Belmont was a guest of Mrs. F. S. Clark one day last week.

Mrs. H. H. Williams visited her father, B. C. Cole of Stanards, last week.

Andrew Corwin of Decatur, Mich., is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Dr. C. M. Post, Fred Ellis and P. S. Place of Alfred were Andover callers Sunday.

Mrs. Alonzo Slocum of Wellsville was the guest of Mrs. H. C. Coleman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Pickett attended the District Conference at Friendship last Tuesday.

Miss Helen M. Baker passed Sunday in Wellsville the guest of Miss Ada M. Rickerson.

Misses Harriet and Gertrude Richards of Wellsville were guests of Miss McKay Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Thorne of Wellsville visited Miss Helen M. Baker a few days last week.

Mrs. Walter Lanphear wa sin Cuba caring for her sister and niece, who have typhoid fever.

John N. Boyd was up from Pennsylvania Saturday, where he has been working the past summer.

Mrs. H. S. Teeple and Miss Sara Blackman of Wellsville were guests of Andover friends Tuesday.

W. H. Crandall, the hustling insurance man from Alfred, was an Andover business caller Tuesday.

Dr. Thompson and mother of Hornellsville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson Sunday.

Miss Mae Cartwright of Richburg was the guest of Miss Florence M. Bassett from Friday to Tuesday.

Misses Sarah McElroy and Leona Place of Alfred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davis Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Broderick of Hornellsville were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cannon Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Miller of Wellsboro, Pa., is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. E. S. Bradley and Mrs. A. M. Burrows.

D. B. Spaulding and daughter, Miss Fannie, left for Washington, D. C., on Wednesday of last week, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Catlin will spend the winter with her son-in-law, Dr. A. W. Sullivan, at Austin, Pa. She left for that place on Wednesday of last week.

O. E. Vars and daughter Mabel attended the Semi-annual Convention of the Seventh-day Baptist Western Association at Hornellsville Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie Clarke of Moshertown, Pa., returned home Friday morning after [illegible] with her parents [illegible] this v[illegible]

David [illegible] James [illegible] this [illegible]

FOURTH DAY ON STAND

President Mitchell Cross-Examined by Three Attorneys.

CHAIRMAN GRAY CALLED TIME.

Arbitrators Growing Restless at Repetitions — Companies Will Oppose Recognition of the Union—Question of Weighing and Docking — Social Conditions In Coal Fields.

Scranton, Nov. 19.—President Mitchell for the fourth successive day occupied the witness stand during the two sessions of the strike commission and was cross-examined by three attorneys for as many coal companies.

While a considerable amount of information for the enlightenment of the commissioners was brought out the day was rather a quiet one compared with those which have preceded it.

The arbitrators are growing restless in consequence of the long cross-examination which apparently does not bring out the facts as quickly as the commission would like to have them presented. Several times during the course of the session Chairman Gray reminded the attorneys of the value of time and suggested that cross-examination be limited to new features of those questions that have already been gone over.

The commissioners for the first time entered into the discussion with the lawyers and the witness over disputed points which arose from time to time.

Mr. MacVeagh, who began his cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell on Saturday concluded at 11 o'clock. He attempted to break down the miners' reasons for asking for a yearly agreement with the companies on hours of labor, wages and other conditions which if formed would be recognition of the union.

Recognition of Union.

The recognition of the union is looked upon as the most important question before the commission and it is quite evident from the trend of the proceedings thus far that the companies will oppose it to their utmost.

Francis J. Gowan for the Lehigh Valley and W. W. Ross for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western questioned Mr. Mitchell regarding conditions existing at the collieries of the companies they represent. Mr. Mitchell's answers, as a rule, differed very little from those given in his preliminary statement to the commission for improved conditions for the mine workers.

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Ross, "has not your organization stopped the miners from working on the days the breakers were idle?"

Mr. Mitchell admitted that in this district the rule is that the men shall not prepare coal on idle days. This he said was for the purpose of preventing favoritism.

"Do any of these epithets and slurs," inquired Mr. Ross, "you have made regarding the horrible condition of the miners apply to our company?"

"Will you tell me particularly what slurs you refer to?" Mr. Mitchell asked.

Getting no direct answer, Mr. Mitchell, with some spirit repeated his query, saying: "I should like you to refer specifically to what you mean by slurs. I do not recall having used language of that character."

Mr. Ross did not take any notice of Mr. Mitchell's remark but instead took up the line of his examination. "You have referred to the existence of favoritism for one thing," Mr. Ross said, "and you referred to the excessive system of docking. Do they exist in our mines?"

"That is my information," was the reply.

In reply to another question by Mr Ross, Mr. Mitchell declared that the rule of the local unions not to prepare coal when the breakers were idle did not have for its object the restriction of the output.

"If these miners had been permitted to work," asked Mr. Ross, "on these idle days, the output would have been greater, would'nt it?"

"I don't know whether your company wanted more coal than the miners produced or not."

"We have wanted for several years all the coal we could get. We have never been able really to supply our orders."

"That information," Mr. Mitchell answered, "is much different from what I usually got from the men you represent, because they said their sales were limited entirely by the competition of bituminous coal."

"We are not discussing competition at present," Mr. Ross remarked.

"During this era of prosperity we worked all the miners we could to advantage."

"I say," said Mr. Mitchell further answering the question, "that that information is contrary to the statement made by the presidents of your companies."

Social Features of Coal Fields.

The social features of the coal fields was taken up and Mr. Mitchell said he could not see any other reason in child labor than that the families required the money to live on, the exception being where the parents may be inhuman. He then reiterated his former statement that the minimum wage should be $600 a year.

"We might want to go to the seashore," said he, speaking with a little sarcasm, and he added in the same vein that the company had some employes who had visited Philadelphia once in 24 years, thereby having an important event in their lives to relate to their grandchildren.

At this point Mr. Ross took occasion to call attention to the fact that his company owned 234 houses which were rented to the miners on an average of $5 a month.

"So you see," remarked Mr. Ross "we haven't very many houses for the number of employes, upward of 12,000."

"You charge enough for the ones you do have," was Mr. Mitchell's dry response, which caused merriment among the miners in the court room.

After securing an expression from the miners' president that the company paid to stockholders 26 per cent on their capital stock, Mr. Ross inquired if he was not incorrect. "I think the earnings were that," said Mr Mitchell. "There are a good many methods for putting profits away in a railroad," he added.

Replying to further inquiries, Mr Mitchell said there had been very few failures of coal companies either in the anthracite or bituminous fields, although Mr. Ross contended that from an investment standpoint it is regarded as a hazardous business.

Giving as a reason for the miners preferring to be paid by weight rather than by measure, Mr. Mitchell said that persons buying coal wanted it weighed as do sellers of coal.

He insisted that he knew of instances where docking amounted to three or four per cent, although Mr. Ross had stated that it was eight-tenths of a cent. Mr. Mitchell then referred to the increase of the size without an increase of wages and said this was another ground for complaint, because it represented a decrease in a miner's earnings.

Answering Judge Gray, Mr. Mitchell admitted that about 10 per cent of the total production of anthracite coal was put out on the weight basis.

When the afternoon session began Mr. Ross examined Mr. Mitchell at great length on bituminous mining in and about Spring Valley, Ill., where Mr. Mitchell dug coal for a dozen years.

Mr. Ross passed to the hours worked by miners. In the course of a long line of questions Mr. Mitchell said that on the days the breakers are worked 10 hours the miners are in the mines 7, 8, and 9 hours. The attorney then took up the question of increase in wages. The witness stood by the reasons he gave in his preliminary statement of the miners' case to the commission.

The commission adjourned until today. Mr. Mitchell was still on the stand.

Pingpong punch has made its appearance in New York cafes. It is said to be fully as bad as its name indicates.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH.

Rev. E. J. Rengel, Rector

The funeral mass for Thomas McLaughlin, who was buried on Sunday, was sung on Monday.

A seventh day mass was offered on Tuesday for Patrick Kelley.

The masses for Sunday will be at 8 at 10:30 o'clock. Closing of the Novena and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. S. D. Pickett, Pastor.

The subject of the sermon in the morning will be, "The great red dragon of the Apocalypse."

Junior League at 3 o'clock.

Epworth League topic, "Thanksgiving and Thanksliving." Text word, Thanksgiving. Leader, Mrs. Jennie Carr.

Union service in the evening, in the Presbyterian church.

THE SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST.

Rev. Stephen Burdick, Pastor.

Regular preaching service at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

A sermon on Temperance, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., will be preached by the pastor in the morning.

Bible-school following the morning service.

Junior Endeavor meeting in the session room at 3 o'clock p. m., Saturday.

Prayer-meeting every Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Hiram D. Bacon, Pastor.

Sunday morning service at 10:30.

Sunday-school and young men's class at 11:45.

Meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school immediately after Sunday-school hour.

Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock p. m. Subject, "Thanksgiving and Thanksliving." Psa. 116: 2 17, Jas. 1: 27.

Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Duty of Parents." Deut. 6: 3-25, Eph. 6: 4, 1 Tim. 1: 5.

The ladies of the church have decided to hold their annual Church Fair on the 16th and 17th of December.

THE BAPTIST.

Rev. Charles H. Harrington, Pastor.

Services Sunday at usual hour in the morning. By request the pastor will preach a sermon on "Temperance."

Evening service at usual hour. The pastor will commence a series of Sunday evening sermons on "The People of Paradox Land." Subject, "The Little Big Man and the Big Little Man." All are invited to attend.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. A live meeting, which all are expected to attend.

N. Perkins leads the C. E. meeting next Sunday evening. Subject, "Thanksgiving and Thanksliving."

The Bible-school is increasing in interest and numbers. There is a spirit of enthusiasm manifest in all the classes.

The Baracas held a very pleasant class gathering at the home of the teacher, Mrs. A. M. Burrows, last Friday evening, at which a large number were present. The attendance last Sunday showed an increase over previous Sundays.

The C. E. Society are planning to send a barrel of vegetables to the "Rescue Mission" at Rochester as a thankoffering. Donations of potatoes, onions or other vegetables will be gratefully received, and should be at the church or parsonage not later than Monday morning next. Let all contribute an offering as a token of gratitude for blessings received.

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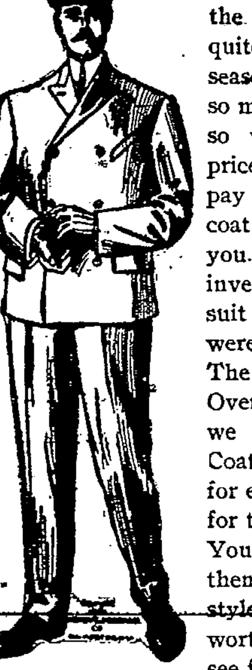

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THE POWER OF THE DAIRY COW.

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To those who are interested in the great dairy industry of the Empire State, particularly those who patronize the annual convention of the New York State Dairymen's Association to be held at Jamestown December 9-12, 1902, will be interested in the following statistics which show the power of the dairy cow and what it means to select one that pays a profit when well kept. This is clearly shown when only 4.3 per cent. gain in number of cows kept and 109 million gallons increase in flow of milk within ten years. This improvement has been brought about in our state by coming in competition with the dairymen of the world and by the combined efforts of the agricultural experiment stations, farmers' institutes, state dairy conventions and dairy schools, whose efforts in this direction for the past fifteen years has been increasing. They will offer at the coming convention a program which represents the brains of the dairy industry, and shall have an exhibition of dairy products and dairy machinery which will prove to all that the state of New York has lost no opportunity to advance and has made the most of all the funds which have been appropriated for improvement along dairy lines.

Come to the convention, bring the family and enjoy the good things that are in store for you. The programs will be mailed in due time and all preparations will be completed.

DAIRY STATISTICS FOR NEW YORK.

June 1, 1900, the numbers of cows kept for milk in the state of New York, which were two years old or over, was 1,501,698 and an average value of $32.43 each equals $48.697,147.44.

The total value of live stock on farms June 1, 1900, was $125,583,715. Of this amount 38.3 per cent. represents the value of cows kept for milk.

The total number of gallons of milk produced in the state of New York on the year ending June 1, 1900, was 772,799,332, or 6,268,794,492 pounds, the value of which was $55,474,155. This comprises all the milk produced, whether sold, consumed, or made into butter or cheese. It also comprises the value of the milk sold and consumed, and of butter and cheese made.

The value of animal products for the state was $95,352,247. Of this amount 58.2 per cent. or $55,495,007.75 represents the value of dairy products, the balance being accounted for. for animals slaughtered on farms, sale of poultry, eggs, etc.

The importance of the dairy industry is shown by the fact that in 1899 the proprietors of 67,457 farms, or 29.8 per cent. of all in the state, derive their principal income from the sale of dairy produce, while the value of all dairy products constituted 30.5 per cent. of the gross farm income.

The production of milk in 1899 was 108,882,112 gallons greater than in 1889, a gain of 16.4 per cent.

As the number of dairy cows increased but 4.3 in the same time, the increased production of milk indicates an improvement in the grade of cows kept and the care given them.

Of the $55,495,007.75 given as the value of daily products $46,670,916 represents the value of such products sold and $8,824,091, that of dairy produce consumed on farms.

Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends and neighbors who assisted us thru the sickness and death of father and husband, to the choir and to all, we desire to extend our heartfelt thanks.

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Wellsville-Andover Foot Ball Game.

The Wellsville High School foot ball team came to Andover last Friday afternoon to kick seven kinds of stars out of the Andover foot ball team. Because they succeeded in winning a game at a very light score on their grounds the week before they imagined they had a walkover. In this they were badly disappointed, as neither team scored a point. The statement made in a certain Wellsville newspaper to the effect that their team only had an average weight of 105 pounds, while Andover's line-up weighed over 170, was absolutely false, and only a hard trumped-up excuse given to the Wellsville lads to calm their feelings, because they couldn't wipe the earth with the Andover High School team. The Andover team will average about 125 pounds, and that of Wellsville not more than five to ten pounds less. In fact the weight of the two teams was as nearly balanced as is ever attainable. We have understood another game is to be played here to-morrow, Thanksgiving-day. If such proves to be the case, it will be well for Wellsville mammas to come along with their light-weight infants with a nursing bottle, so the daily paper will not be obliged to draw on their imagination so much to figure out the cause why they didn't do it.

LATER.—The prospect indicating a stormy day to-morrow, and the Wellsville mammas dare not venture out with their infant-weights, it has been decided to play the game in Wellsville.

"THE CHRISTIAN."

Will be at the Shattuck Opera House, Hornellsville, Dec. 1st.

"The Christian," which will be seen at the Shattuck Opera House, Hornellsville, Monday, Dec. 1st, will be mounted with equipment especially built for the production. In addition to the speaking members of the cast upwards of 80 auxiliaries are carried, whose only business is to form the tableau of the great mob scene.

This is one of the most dramatic pictures put upon the stage, and in the hands of this corps of well drilled supernumeraries, creates an enthusiasm never before equaled. It is estimated that 7,000,000 have read Hall Caine's great novel. The author dramatized his own work, and came from his home to Gruber Castle on Gruber Mountain, Isle of Man, to New York, to superintend the production of his masterpiece. This is one of the greatest plays that was ever produced on the American stage, and without a doubt will play to the capacity of the Hornellsville Opera House. If you wish to attend this production order your seats in advance, by mail, from the local Manager of the theater. Seats on sale Thursdays in advance.

A. I. Miner.

At his home in West Greenwood A. I. Miner passed away very quietly Saturday evening a few minutes past 12 o'clock, Nov. 16th, 1902. He has been failing in health for the past two years. He was the son of Aiden and Susan Miner who moved into Steuben county from Lansing, Tompkins county, in 1837. Deceased was born in West Greenwood Feb. 10th, 1842, and lived nearly all his days on the birth-place and farm joining his birth-place. The last ten years of his life has been spent at his home, where he died, two and a half miles from his birth-place, at Krusen's Corners. Mr. Miner leaves one sister, Mrs. Marion Streeter of Greenwood, another sister, Mrs. Olive Williamson, having died Sept. 1st, 1888. In 1864 he was married to Harriet Krusen of Greenwood. His wife, one child, Mrs. E. B. Rollins of Andover, and one grandchild survive him. A large circle of relatives and friends also mourn his loss. The funeral was held in the M. E. church at Greenwood Tuesday, at 11 a. m., Rev. Adams conducting the services. Burial in Greenwood cemetery. There were in attendance at the funeral, relatives from out of town: Chas. Smith of Hornellsville; A. M. Burrell, Phon. Burrell, A. M. Miner, and Ence Smith of Canisteo; Floyd Smith of Bennett's Creek; Avery Smith of Westfield, Pa.; David Rogers of Whitesville; and Mrs. A. J. Brundage and B. S. Brundage of Andover.

TO DRILL GAS WELLS.

Andover People to Develop the Austin Territory and Pipe Gas to Rexville.

(From the Whitesville News.)

The report is again current that Rexville will have gas for fuel and lights this winter. A. Austin has interested the Andover independent company to drill for gas on several hundred acres of leases he has secured, and work will commence soon. The well drilled near Barney Mill has a good pressure of gas and the company expects to find even better ones in that vicinity. There is also some oil there and the field may develop into something valuable.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT.

Plan to Interest the Government in the Matter.

The effort to form a union of all organizations that have for their object the beautifying of towns and cities which will be made in connection with the convention of the American Park and Outdoor association in Buffalo next year will be widely approved, says the Buffalo Express. Most of the large cities and many towns and villages have such associations and would gladly join in the proposed movement.

One of the objects of forming a union is to interest the government in the work and get its support to the extent of collecting and making public information on the subject, with photographs, etc., showing what can be done by organized effort. The government's work would presumably be largely to show what has been done in foreign towns and cities. The individual organizations have accomplished much as it is, but there is a limitless field in which to work, and government aid would be valuable.

Every city in the country and many towns are, for example, filled with unsightly billboards and display advertising in the form of immense paintings on buildings, etc. The improvement societies have given their attention to this matter for a long time, with considerable success. The courts in several states have upheld the right of a city to regulate the size of billboards, and there is every reason for believing that in the not distant future billboards will have disappeared from towns and cities.

The care and planting of trees and shrubs, straightening the sidewalk lines, removal of sidewalk and lot fences and the beautifying of back yards are a few of the other changes which should be made in towns and cities. The question of architecture is another important point. There is plenty of work to be done in improvement, and any movement such as the proposed union of the separate societies which promises to help the cause should be heartily supported.

Public Auction.

On account of poor health, the undersigned feels obliged to sell the following farm stock and machinery at public auction, on the Dr. Nye farm, one mile east of Wellsville, on Wednesday, Dec. 3d, 1902, at 1 o'clock sharp: 5 young cows, lumber wagon, nearly new; light milk wagon, single buggy, long wood shod sleigh, swivel plow, nearly new; flat land plow, nearly new; Planet Junior cultivator with attachments, nearly new; Perry harrow, wing plow, single harness, set double harness, McCormick mower, nearly new; one pair sorrel horses, weight 2300; grindstone with patent steel frame, chains, whiffletrees, neckyoke, swivel clevice, 39 potato crates, iron bar, post maul Empire State milk can, nearly new; churn, butter bowl, a quantity of hardwood lumber, a quantity of hay, straw and oats; two pigs, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale.—Nine months time will be given on good approved interest-bearing notes on sums over $5.

ALONZO SLOCUM.

F. M. LEE, Auctioneer

Handkerchief Bazaar.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a handkerchief bazaar on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 3d, at the church parlors. Mrs. Hincher's division will serve a New England supper from 5:30 till all are served. Program at 8:30. Homemade candy will also be on sale. Come and buy your Christmas handkerchiefs. All kinds and prices to suit every one. Supper 15 cents.

The following is the program:

Cornet duet,	Bloss and Cossman
Reading,	Mrs. S. D. Pickett
Selection,	Tennessee Mandolin Club
Reading,	Miss Helen Baker
Duet,	Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson