ANDOVER PERSONALS.

Mrs. Emily McCarn is at H. Mourhess' for a time.

Mrs. J. S. Phillips visited Hornellsville Monday.

N. E. Hardy is guest of his daughters in Newton, Pa.

J. L. Williams had business in Hornellsville Monday.

F. S. Clark was a business caller in Hornellsville Monday.

Miss Mary Smith returned to her school work this week.

Dell Hawkins is home from Hornellsville for a day or two.

Alva Slocum and wife spent New Years with their son at Geneseo.

Mrs. E. B. Saunders of Alfred was guest of friends in town last night.

Charles Tracy was in Hornellsville Monday on his way to his Rexville lease.

Mrs. Eliza Doran and daughter Mamie are visiting relatives in Canisteo this week.

Giles C. Hauber of Alfred University was the guest of Miss Helen M. Baker over Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Willard of Alfred Station was a guest of Miss Ruba Slocum one day last week.

Rev. W. C. Gates of Wellsville was a visitor and took tea at the Baptist parsonage last Friday.

Mrs. Delilah Hardy is being entertained at the home of her daughters at Newton, Pa., for a week or so.

Mrs. E. J. Loughlen, Mrs. Ella Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Crandall spent Saturday with Mrs. John Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Baker, daughter Hazel and Miss Potter of Tip Top were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter Thursday.

Fred Parker came home from Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday for a few day visit with his mother and sisters. He returns tomorrow.

Mrs. C. N. Robbins and John Bassett of this village were in attendance at the funeral of A. P. Saunders at Alfred Monday afternoon.

Rev. Chas. H. Harrington of the Baptist church was invited to preach at Olean in the Baptist church two evenings this week.

Mrs. John M. Mosher went to Friendship Saturday to assist in the installation of officers of the W. R. C. of that village, that evening.

Frank Emery returned this morning from Austin, Pa., where he has just completed a contract job of lathing on the new bank building in that village.

Rev. C. A. Clausen of Rochester, formerly associate pastor of the Second Baptist church, visited Rev. and Mrs. Chas. H. Harrington at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Rev. E. J. Rengel left And over last Sunday evening for a four weeks vacation, during which time he will make a visit to the West Indies stopping at the places of special interest. His last was to leave New York today.

Misses Nellie Armbruster, Nina Hogadone and Alice Regan entertained at cards last evening (Thursday) in honor of their guests from Andover, Thomas Malkalve, Herbert C. Snyder and Clifford J. Vars.—Hornellsville Tribune.

John Birmingham, who has been home from Mt. Zion, Ind., visiting friends and relatives in Rexville and Hornellsville, left Hornellsville on train 8 Tuesday last for Marion, Ind., where he has a very responsible position with the Standard Oil Co.

Mrs. D. E. Randolph and Miss Lotta left for Sonyea on train 26 Wednesday. The term of her vacation having ended she returns to finish her two years course at the institution. Through the kindness of Dr. Spratling the Supt., she has been allowed to have her piano in her cottage.

The Sanitarium.

Dr. C. M. Post called on us Monday.

Mr. Simpkins and wife of South Hill called on Mrs. Brown Friday.

Mr. Haskins of Hornellsville called on Mrs. Tannery Monday.

Rev. W. C. Gates of Wellsville made us a visit Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens of Wellsville visited Mrs. Brown last Wednesday.

Rev. C. H. Harrington conducted the service last Sunday night.

Mrs. Willard of Alfred Station called last Friday.

To make hens lay, feed ground beef scrap. Sold by A. E. Starr. tf

ANDOVER STATE BANK.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of Andover State Bank was held last evening at the State Bank building. The following are the directors and officers elected for the ensuing year: James Owen, President; G. M. Barney, Vice President; J. M. Brundage, Cashier; F. S. Clark, A. C. Frisbey and Harrison Mourhess.

At the conclusion of the business, in accordance with an established custom, the stockholders repaired to Swink's Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served them by that popular hostlery in a very appropriate and satisfactory manner. The attendance at the meeting was light, owing to the coldness of the night and the lateness of the trains.

C. M. B. A. Officers.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 37, C. M. B. A., held on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1903, the following officers were installed:

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. E. Rengel.
President—Rev. E. Rengel.
First Vice President—P. C. Lynch
Second Vice President—Patrick Gallagher.
Recording Secretary—J. A. O'Leary.
Treasurer—P. C. Lynch.
Financial Secretary—J. A. O'Leary.
Guard—Henry Horan.
Marshal—James Cannon.

The Erie in Three Divisions.

It is rumored that the Erie contemplate making their entire system into three divisions, the first division including all that portion from New York to Hornellsville, the second division from Hornellsville to Huntington, Ind., or Marion, and the third division from the end of the second division to Chicago.

Lucy Stone Club.

The Lucy Stone Club will meet with Mrs. Mosher Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th. Subject, The Home Program: Roll call, New Year's resolutions or children's sayings.
Paper, How may the busy housekeeper find time for the Club? Mrs. Rolfe
Tried recipes, Club
Committee on music. Mrs. Prest
Hostesses, Mrs. Helen Brown, Mrs. S. Rogers, Miss Brundage.

The Allegany Society of Buffalo.

At the annual meeting of the Allegany Society of Buffalo, held at the office of Hamilton Ward, Jr., in the Erie County Bank Building in Buffalo, on the evening of January 5th, 1903, the following officers were elected:

President—John E. Middaugh, Jr.
Vice President—Andrew Langdon.
Secretary—Royal R. Scott.
Treasurer—Dr. Harry B. Huvor.
Executive Committee—Dr. B. W. Whipple, Chairman; C. F. Bish, C. H. Stanton.
Membership Committee,—Hamilton Ward, Jr., Chairman; W. A. Wells, Merton S. Gibbs.

The next annual banquet of this society will be held at Buffalo on the evening of Saturday, February 7th, 1903, and it is expected that it will be the largest and most successful in the history of the society.

They Stopped at No Dry Towns.

An Erie train of forty-two cars headed with beer passed thru Belmont one day last week. A correspondent states that the railroad company, fearing a loss of the freight, endeavored to have the train pass thru this country in the night, but thru some mistake it was belated. Orders were finally given to proceed but to make no stop at Cuba, Friendship, Andover or Belmont.—Dispatch.

Mrs. Ella Bundy is now ready to supply her customers with muslin underwear, Spring white waists, corsets, etc., at very low prices.

Forty-nine Years Old.

Friends of Al. Brown congregated at his home on Dyke street Saturday evening last, to the number of about 30 people, and proceeded to "surprise" him. It was the event of his 49th birthday. The company took entire possession of the premises, bringing their own refreshments, and had a jolly good time. Mr. Brown's family presented him with a traveling case, which was not only very nice but very appropriate for his use as a traveling salesman.

A Novel Kitchen Carpet.

From Woman's Home Companion.

Take any old carpet that is whole, but too shabby for use, clean thoroly, and tack it down smoothly on the kitchen floor. Then make a good, thick boiled starch of flour and water. Rub a coat of this starch into the carpet with a whitwash brush, and in about twenty-four hours, or when the starch is thoroly dry, give it a coat of paint—any color desired. Dark red is a desirable color for a kitchen. When the paint is dry, give a second coat, and you will have a cheap and durable floor covering, equal to linoleum, at about one-fourth the cost. By giving it a coat of paint once a year it will last for years. One great thing to recommend this carpet is that it is so easily kept clean.

Notice.

All those having accounts with Mrs. Mourhess will please call and settle as soon as possible.

Cash paid for scrap iron at the O'Donnell Foundry. Fifty tons wanted immediately. jan7-feb18

Washington's Scientific Center.

There could have been no more fitting place for the holding of the recent meeting of the American Association For the Advancement of Science than the national capital, nor is there any reason why Washington should not be the scientific as well as the political center of the country. For this the Capital City is perhaps better equipped than any other city in the country. As the Washington Star truly says: "Here are gathered the government's remarkable collections. Here labor the men who are bringing the standard of public work to a high point. Here are the bureaus which in various directions are contributing materially to the scientific education of the people and to their practical welfare."

The great educational value of the Smithsonian and the National museum outside of the lines which may be generally styled practical has been thoroughly established.

It is expected that Washington will develop even more rapidly in the future than in the past in its character as a center of scientific interest and activity. The Carnegie institution, conserving the energies of original investigators, aiding individuals, utilizing to the full the vast stores of learning here, will undoubtedly increase the significance of the capital in the scientific world, great though it is now. Furthermore, the government is steadily broadening in this direction, and congress is no longer slow in providing for new bureaus of a scientific character which promise benefit to the people.

While local civic pride is highly commendable and the people of every city are fully justified in making their own municipality foremost in all possible directions, we may all take pride in the highest development of the national capital. It is now the most beautiful city on this continent and one of the most beautiful in the world, and why should it not become the center of art, literature and science, the Mecca of scholars and savants as well as of statesmen and patriots?

After all, it seems likely that Mrs. Molineux is not going on the stage. The season is now too far advanced for a new enterprise of that kind, and by next season she will probably have been forgotten.

The Scranton (Pa.) justice who fined a woman for doing the family washing on Sunday evidently does not subscribe to the proposition that cleanliness is next to godliness.

CHURCH NOTICES.

THE SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST.
Rev. Stephen Burdick, Pastor.

Regular preaching service at 10:30 o'clock Saturday 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 METHODIST EPISCOPAL.
Rev. S. D. Pickett, Pastor.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon will be, "Religious constancy, estimated in its relation to religious emotion." If the weather is so severe that the audience room cannot be made comfortable, the services will be held below.

The class meeting will have the topic, "How I became a Christian."

Topic of the Epworth League, "A message from His word." Text word, Word. Leader, Henry Carr.

Subject of the sermon at the union service, "The crisis of decision."

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH.
Rev. E. J. Rengel, Rector.

The masses on Sunday will be at 8 and 10 o'clock, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after late mass.

It will be general Communion day for the children.

Confessions will be heard Saturday evening and Sunday before early mass.

Next Sunday will be the last on which to pay pew rent in advance and be entered on the Roll of Honor.

In case of sickness in which a priest is needed during my absence, proper notice should be given to the Rectory by telephone or messenger, and same will be attended to without delay.

THE BAPTIST.
Rev. Charles H. Harrington, Pastor.

The pastor will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Greatest man in the world". Evening, Second in Series of illustrated sermons on Pilgrim's Progress, "Where Christian Lost His Burden," followed by a short after meeting.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Studies in the gospel of John. Bring your Bible. The pastor will use a chart.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Subject, "Young Christians in training for Church work." Leader, Drexia Scott. The Ladies' Aid Society are planning for a social at the home of Mrs. Al. Brown; date announced next week.

The more we become familiar with the new hymn books in the Bible-school, the better they are liked.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. All the Juniors are invited to attend.

The Baracas, a class for men, is well attended and bids fair to have a high average attendance for the year.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. Hiram D. Bacon, Pastor.

Sunday morning service at 10:30.

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

Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock. Subject, "Endeavorers in training for church work." Acts 2: 17, 18, Prov. 22: 1-8, Mark 1: 16-20. Leader, Miss Mira Diffin.

Evening service at 7 o'clock, in the Methodist church.

Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Motives for repentance." Luke 2: 20-36.

On Sunday, Jan. 25th, an offering will be taken for the Board of Home Missions.

On Tuesday last a committee representing the Session and Trustees and the Ladies' Aid Society met with a carpenter to consider plans and cost of church parlors. They are much needed and will, without a doubt, be built in the spring.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the parsonage on last week Wednesday, and elected the following officers for one year: President, Mrs. S. J. Mourhess; Vice President, Mrs. Cunningham; Secretary, Miss Belle Brundage; Treasurer, Mrs. James Owen.

Al. Brown has received his new spring samples. The amount of goods he is selling speaks for the make-up of his tailor-made clothing. Mr. Brown will be at home from Jan. 25 to Feb. 15. Any one wishing an Easter or spring suit then is the time to call on him. jan14-3t

$50 Reward.

Fifty dollars reward will be paid to any one who will give evidence that will convict the person or persons who maliciously entered the school house in District No. 1, on the night of Jan. 10, 1903.

By order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Andover, Jan. 14, 1903.

The Erie's New York Excursion.

Special Attractions.

No visitor to the Metropolis should fail to view the famous Speedway along the Harlem River and its picturesque surroundings.

The upper west side of New York will be of absorbing interest to visitors, the Columbia University, Grant's Tomb and the recently erected Soldiers' Monument on Riverside Drive.

Fifth avenue, the greatest thorofare in the world. To view it properly one should begin at Washington Arch and ride the whole length of it.

Farther down Broadway, the stupendous tall buildings may be seen, also the Sub-Treasury on Wall street with its splendid statue of Washington. It was here that George Washington took the oath of office as the first President of the United States. The New York Clearing House and the Stock Exchange should also be visited. A half day may well be spent at the Battery, the Aquarium, etc.

A special feature of the Erie's Jan. 20th excursion will be the great Automobile show in New York at that time, and special attractions at all of the leading theaters.

The fare, round trip to New York, will be one fare plus $1.00. Half fare for children. Tickets good to return on or before Jan. 25th. Consult Erie Ticket Agents for further particulars.

Poultry wanted A. E. STARR.

For Sale,

a good Millinery business, established twenty-one years. Fine trade and clean stock. Will sell very reasonable. Call on or address

MRS. S. J. MOURHESS,

ERIE TIME TABLE.

GOING WEST.

No. 7 leaves Andover at 3:51 a. m.
No. 25 leaves at 12:21 p. m.
No. 101 leaves at 6:26 p. m.

GOING EAST.

No. 102 leaves Andover at 9:31 a. m.
No. 14 leaves at 1:47 p. m.
No. 18 leaves at 4:21 p. m.
No. 8 leaves at 7:20 p. m.

Oyster Shells

Make your hens lay while eggs are high. We have a big supply.

O. P. VARS,
GREENWOOD ST.

Good Goods

In flavoring extracts, teas, coffee, cereals, baking powder, perfumes, toilet and laundry soaps, self-raising pancake flour, seeds, plants, novelties, etc.

A. A. McCARN,
CHESTNUT ST.

It's Time . . .

To replace that old watch with a new one. Our line of Watches contains the one you want, at the price you want to pay. At every price we can offer a guaranteed time-piece and can put money into your pocket. There's beauty in each design.

H. MOURHESS, The Andover Jeweler.

Fine watch work and repairing given the most painstaking attention.

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

SPECIAL INVENTORY SALE,

Saturday to Saturday, Jan. 17 to 24.

Almost everybody in Allegany and Potter Counties know what this means, and everybody that needs Dry Goods, Millinery, Cloaks and Carpets will attend this sale.

Fifty thousand dollars worth of goods to select from and everything at cut prices during the seven days mentioned above.

ROCKWELL BROS & Co
ROCKWELL BLOCK MAIN STREET
Wellsville, N. Y.

ACTUAL RESULTS, 1902.

Policy No. 239,034, taken 20 years ago, on Endowment plan, at age 35, for $1,000. Options of settling, 1902:

1.—To receive Endowment in Cash, $1,000.00
Also a Cash Dividend of 511.21
Total Cash, $1,511.21

2.—To convert the Cash Value into Paid-Up Life Assurance $2,670 00

3.—To convert the Cash Value into an Annuity for Life $121 80

Actual settlements on 20 year Endowments, to-day surpass those of any Company.

Enquire of V. L. EGGLESTON, Equitable Life.

A SHORTHAND MAN who is in the habit of taking down the fastest speeches, would find trouble to take all the good words said about our market. Our latch string is always out and it's the lever of low prices that pushes our business along.

JOHN E. FOX.

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CANNON BROTHERS.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

We are Cutting Prices Here and There to Reduce the Stocks that Inventory has Shown to be too Heavy. In Both Stores there are Bargains that In Justice to Your Pocketbook You Should Investigate.

The Women's Store.

All Dress Skirts are shaved down this week to one-fourth off. A splendid stock too from $2.00 upward.

Underwear Laces and Fancy Laces in great variety and lower priced than usual.

Bed Blankets at 50c and 75c—worth more at the mill today.

Fifty pieces of dainty Embroideries are put on sale today at 5c, 10c, 12½c and 18c—prices that represent about half their actual value.

The Winter Waists at one-third off are going rapidly—all sizes left yet.

The Muslin Underwear sale offers any number of bargains. Better see the pretty things before the sale is over.

Special prices on Odd Lot Shoes for women and children. If your size is among them it's an opportunity for you. Come and see.

Bed Comfortables at 75c—they were $1.00 and were good for that.

Special prices on Factory Cloth and Bleached Sheeting this week.

The Men's Store.

Our special sale of Clothing is still going on. We want the money and offer you boys' and men's Suits and Overcoats at cost and less. It's up to you to say whether we shall do you good or not.

50 odd Undershirts that were priced at from 48c to $1 00—your choice of the lot for 25c.

Working Coats—heavy lined—the $1.50 ones now $1.12; the $1.75 ones $1.25; the $2.00 ones $1.50.

The best line of Men's Warm Mittens ever shown in town, Staving good Mittens at 25c and 50c.

Men's Caps that were sold at $1.00, now 50c; some 50c style at 25c. Bargains in Boy's Caps also.

Cut prices in Jersey Shirts. The best black and white Shirts made at 48c each.

Groceries.

Though Sugar has again advanced at wholesale we are still selling Granulated Sugar in 25 pound lots at 5¼c—smaller quanties 5½c.
Star Soap, 7 cakes for 25c.
Large Onions, 25c peck.
4 cans choice Corn for 25c.
Our Leader Flour, $1 00 a sack.
Large Sweet Seedless Oranges, 35c doz.

CANNON BROTHERS,
ANDOVER'S CASH HOUSE.

CHEST PROTECTORS.

Prevents those severe colds, which are so serious. They come in different sizes and quality, and are very reasonable in price.

White Pine Cough Syrup.

We have it in bulk and it will cure that cough which could have been prevented by the use of one of the above Chest Protectors. It is also much cheaper to buy in bulk.

Xmas Candy

is still selling at the low prices. Mixed Candy, 8c lb. Pure Twist, 12c lb.

C. J. VARS, Druggist,
Corner Main and Greenwood Streets.

Judge a Housewife

By the Groceries she buys.

Judge a Grocery

By the Groceries he sells.

We welcome this kind of judgment.

H. H. WILLIAMS.

ADAM DAVIDSON & BRO.

HOUSE CLEANING IN EARNEST BEFORE INVENTORY.

Job lot Hosiery in small sizes—2 pair for 5c.

Children's Underwear in small sizes in grey, red and white, 5c to 10c each.

Children's red all wool Pants and Drawers, former price 7c and 30c—sale price 20c and 25c.

Ladies' white Vests and Pants, former price 50c, now 25c.

Ladies' Combination Suits, worth 35c, marked at 19c.

Ladies' Fleeced Vests and Pants to close at 12½c.

Ladies' Black Wool Vests and Pants, former price $1.25 marked to 88c.

One lot of Boys' Drawers, fleeced lined, 15c.

Job in Fancy Waistings, real value 18c to 20c, sale price 10c. Look in our window.

Ways' Mufflers 25c. The 50c grade now 38c. The 85c grade now 50c.

Dress Goods Remnants.—You will find all lengths and bargains. They must go.

The foregoing seasonable bargains ought to make busy days.

ADAM DAVIDSON & BRO.,
HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y.
All Jackets, Capes and Furs at special prices.

REGENTS EXAMINATIONS.

Commence Monday Morning and Continue Till Friday Afternoon Next.

Following are the Subjects and the Time Each Examination will be Held.

Monday forenoon—German, 2d year, Advanced arithmetic, Algebra, Advanced drawing, Latin prose comp, French, 2d year, Virgil's Eclogues.

Monday afternoon—Advanced English, English composition, Roman history, English, 1st year, German, 3d year, French, 3d year.

Tuesday forenoon—Rhetoric, American selections, German, 1st year, Latin, 1st year, Greek history, Adv. bookkeeping, Advanced algebra.

Tuesday afternoon—Cæsar, Virgil's Æneid, Botany, Business arithmetic, Latin, 2d year, Latin, 3d year, Xenophon's Anabasis, Greek, 2d year, Spanish, 1st year, Spanish, 3d year.

Wednesday forenoon—Plane geometry, Physics, U. S. history and civics, Greek prose comp., Chemistry, Commercial law.

Wednesday afternoon—Physiology and hygiene, Economics, Bookkeeping, Business practice, English, 3d year, English selections, Adv. Eng. comp, Zoology.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, Adv. U. S. history, Sallust's Catiline, Greek, 1st year, Trigonometry, Stenography, Commercial geog. Typewriting.

Thursday afternoon—Geography, Physical geography, English history, Civics, Greek, 3d year, Homer's Iliad, Astronomy, Spanish, 2d year, History of commerce.

Friday forenoon—Elementary English, Cicero's Orations, Business English, Writing, Medieval history, Psychology.

Friday afternoon—Spelling, Solid geometry, Geology, Drawing, Business writing, English reading, Hist. of literature.

Death of Mrs. Johanna Drake.

One of Andover's Oldest Residents Passes to the Beyond.

In the death of Mrs. Johanna Drake last Wednesday evening, an aged and honored mother was taken from this to the land of the leal. She was almost 80 years old, being born in Glanworth, county of Cork, Ireland. She came to America when a young woman, with her husband and two children, in 1849, living one year in Springfield, Mass., and one in Wellsville, N. Y., and then came to Andover, where she has made her home for over half a century. Death deprived her of her husband over 28 years ago.

Because of a lameness of her limbs, Mrs. Drake has for the past few years been but little away from her home in this village, but has otherwise been in good health. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James MacDonald, have lived with and cared for her the past seven years. She has been subject to bronchitis, and was taken ill with the prevailing throat trouble, from which medical assistance and careful nursing were powerless to relieve.

Funeral services were held at the Blessed Sacrament church of this village Saturday morning, Father O'Brien of Wellsville officiating. She leaves two sons, John Drake of Salamanca and Wm. Drake of Bradford, and a daughter, Mrs. James MacDonald, to mourn her loss. The interment was made in St. John's cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to publicly express their thankfulness to the kind friends and neighbors who proffered assistance in time of their affliction in the illness, death and burial of their mother.

JOHN DRAKE,
WILLIAM DRAKE,
MR. & MRS. JAMES MACDONALD.

Hawthorne Circle

Will meet Monday evening, Jan. 26. Program:
Roll call, Quotations from Ruskin.
Fact about Ruskin.
Fact, Required reading.
Current event, Foreign.
Reading, Selections from Ruskin, Miss Belle Brundage
Reading, Chautauqua, Mrs. Backus

A STATE BOND ISSUE

Would Lessen the Annual Charge for Road Construction and Create a System of State Highways at Once.

Many counties and towns are desirous, under the Higbie-Armstrong Act, of building long stretches of improved highways in their counties if it were possible to make the terms of payment such that there would be but a small increase per annum in the county and town charges. The Fourth Annual Good Roads Convention of the Boards of Supervisors, held in Albany, January 20th, advocated the issue on the part of the State of $50,000,000 of bonds, payable in fifty years at 3 per cent. interest, with a sinking fund of 2 per cent. per year, with which to pay the bonds, such bonds to be issued not to exceed $50,000,000 per year and the interest and sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds to be provided according to the plan of the Higbie-Armstrong Act, so that the State would have to pay fifty per cent. toward the retirement of the bonds and the interest, the counties thirty-five per cent. and the towns and cities fifteen per cent.

This plan is exceedingly favorable to the counties and towns. If a county desires to build twenty-five miles of road at a cost of $200,000 it would be paid for by bonds issued under the above plan; half the amount, to wit, $100,000, would be charged against the State and the other half, $100,000, against the county and towns benefited, with an interest charge of three per cent. and a sinking fund or redemption charge of two per cent.; there would be an equal charge of five per cent. against the county and towns on the $100,000 of debt used to build twenty-five miles of road. This would amount to $5,000 a year. The county's portion of this would be $3,500 and the remaining $1,500 would be charged against the towns thru which the road passed according to the cost of the road in each town. The retirement of two per cent. of the principal of these bonds each year would constantly reduce this interest charge, and at the end of twenty-five years, when half of the bonds are paid, the county and towns would be paying $2,000 annually towards the sinking fund and $1,500 towards the interest, making a total annual charge of $3,500 per annum.

This plan is also exceedingly favorable to the State. Supposing the State issued $5,000,000 of good roads bonds annually on the above plan. The State would have to pay three per cent. interest and two per cent. sinking fund for the redemption of its half of these bonds each year. This would equal five per cent. on $2,500,000 of bonds and would be only $125,000 a year. In the course of six years if $30,000,000 of these bonds were issued the State would have to pay the interest and sinking fund amounting to five per cent. on half this sum, that is, $750,000 per annum, which is less than the amount of the good roads appropriation under the Higbie-Armstrong Act last year, which amounted to $795,000.

Up to this time 186 miles of highway have been completed by State aid. The counties have petitioned for 2,414 miles of road, and $50,000,000 expended on the above plan would improve about one-tenth of the entire highway mileage of the State, making a system of 20000 miles of splendid road, and this could be accomplished during a period of ten years to the immediate advantage of the State and at a small annual expenditure. There is no question but what good roads improve the value of farm properties, double or treble the load which is now possible to haul, and are a vast saving on wagons, harness, time and the life of the horse. The parties petitioning for roads are not willing to wait for them to be built by an annual appropriation. A Supervisor whose county has recently petitioned for many miles of highway says that in his opinion the matter of issuing bonds is most desirable.

Lost, Friday, between the Erie station and Mrs. J. Driscoll's house, a mileage book bearing the name of I. J. Shults. Finder will please leave the same at this office.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The Town Audits of the Town of Independence in 1823.

In the Long, Long Ago

It may be that there are those among the readers of the NEWS whose shadows, like the writer's, are falling toward the east, who will find something of interest in the town audits of Independence for the year 1823, the year before the town of Andover was taken from it. Even our young folks will find evidences of progress in a comparison of the amount of town charges with those of today. I copy the record as follows:

Joseph Goodrich, surveyor,	$12 00
Elisha Hiscocks, cont. Highways,	26 00
Horace Mallory, "	11 50
Matthew Wilson, "	8 50
David Woodcock, "	19 00
Isaac Stanbro, "	20 00
Caleb Briggs, chainman, "	1 00
Stephen Taylor, "	1 00
Abraham Lewis, "	75
John Pixley, "	2 00
Abel H. Trask, "	1 00
Luther Strong, "	9 00
Robert Hobinson, "	1 00
Wm. Reynolds, school inspector, chainman, "	6 25
John W. Dyer, school inspector, as assessor, "	6 25
Matthew Wilson, school inspector,	2 00
Wm. Fish, assessor 1822,	7 00
James W. Green, town clerk,	25 00
Thomas Baker, " 1822,	7 00
Wm. Reynolds, overseer of poor and axeman,	4 00
Caleb Kingsbury, assessor,	9 87
David Wilson, axeman,	1 00
Amherst Kingsbury, justice and clerk of elections,	8 50
Samuel Livermore, surveyor,	12 00
Road money,	250 00
School money,	68 70
Thaddeus Baker, justice and inspector of elections,	8 00
Shubal Spicer, overseer of poor,	5 00
John P. Livermore, assessor and justice,	20 25
Abel H. Trask, chainman,	1 00
Nathaniel Covil, supervisor,	19 00
Luther Green, assessor,	8 00
Solomon Head, justice,	1 00
Total,	$585 53

The name at the head of this list will perhaps recall to the minds of the "oldest inhabitants" of Andover and adjacent towns the fact that among the pioneers of Allegany county there were few men who surpassed Joseph Goodrich in pluck and perseverance. Altho his name is unknown to the present generation, he attained a wide local celebrity in this section of country in the first half of the nineteenth century, and subsequently became the founder of Milton, Wis., and Milton College. He came to what was then Alfred in 1819 with his wardrobe in a little bundle on his back, a new axe and fifty cents in current coin of the realm, and located on the Vandermark Creek on land now occupied by Mrs. Nathan Tucker.

According to Andover's earliest historian, Seth, son of Alpheus Baker (of whose record of contemporary events many pages of manuscript are now in the writer's possession), Luther Strong came in from the region of Lake Champlain in 1815, and, within a few years, erected, about half a mile southeast of this village, a house—which was the first tavern in town—a saw-mill-grist-mill and a distillery. He was the first Supervisor of Independence.

David Wilson came in from the Old Bay State in 1818 and built the first frame barn in the town.

T. A. BURDICK.

Assembly Committees.

That "to the victors belong the spoils," seems to have been committed by Speaker Nixson, in his committee appointments this year, judging from the howl that comes from the Bowery. He has in naming his committeemen honored those sections of the state who contributed strongest support to his party. If the New York city people want representation in the State Legislature let them roll up the Republican vote in that district or wait until there is Democratic supremacy. Assemblyman Phillips was given Chairman of the Committee on Codes, second on Labor and Industries and Exercise besides being a member of the committed on Unfinished business.

To make hens lay, feed ground beef scrap. Sold by A. E. Starr. tf