ANDOVER PERSONALS.

Miss Bertha Van Fleet was in Alfred Monday.

Chas. C. Burdick was in Wellsville Tuesday.

Wm. E. Snyder was a Hornellsville guest Sunday.

Frank Wilkinson went to Cuba yesterday afternoon.

Miss Julia Regan visited Wellsville relatives Sunday.

Miss Agnes Trainer went to Hornellsville Tuesday.

T. N. Boyd was a Wellsville guest Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Rogers was in Wellsville Tuesday afternoon.

Walter Grantier of Angelica was an Andover guest Monday.

Benj. Conley was a business visitor at Alfred Station Friday.

Mrs. F. E. Martin visited friends in Hornellsville last Thursday.

Miss Mary Collins was in Alfred Thursday, guest of her people.

E. A. Cottrell had business in Hornellsville several days last week.

Mamie Corran of Genesee, Pa., was an Andover visitor over Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Rice Kane of Buffalo spent Sunday with Carolyn Hincher.

John Holleran, Jr. of Hornellsville passed Sunday in Andover, a guest of friends.

Miss Maude Williamson, of Greenwood passed Sunday, guest of Andover friends.

Miss Ethel Mathews of Alfred is a guest of her aunts Mrs. J. L. Williams, this week.

Rev. G. M. Janes of Belmont was a pleasant caller on the NEWS force Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Van Fleet and Mrs. E. G. Smith went to Hornellsville last evening on train 18.

Olin Houghtling of Alfred was the guest of his uncle, M. C. Houghtling, Sunday and Monday.

Harry L. Chisholm of the Prattsburg (N. Y.) News passed Sunday as a guest of Rev. H. D. Bacon.

Mrs. and Miss Rolfe came up from Wellsville last evening to attend the Lucy Stone Club at Mrs. Hincher's.

E. A. Donaldson was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donaldson, at Alfred Station, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leman Lewis and daughters of Belmont passed the week in Andover, guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruger of Greenwood were guests of his brother, Glenn Ruger, at Andover, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Tolan of Hornellsville were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Tolan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Driscoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin of Whitesville were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Robbins Saturday.

Rev. Chas. H. Harrington, of the Baptist church, is assisting the pastor of the Olean Baptist church in special meetings this week.

D. M. Green of Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Green of Whitesville were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Green Sunday.

Mrs. Elisa Sale of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. W. R. Crandall of Whitesville passed the greater part of this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Crandall.

James MacDonald was called to Rexville Thursday, on account of the sudden death of his brother, Thomas MacDonald, who died from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

C. W. Pickette left home on Sunday night for a three weeks trip with the Wagner Opera Co. His engagements for the trip are chiefly in North-eastern New York, with a few in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Andover Hill, Mrs. L. L. Spencer of Alfred Station, Frank Slocum of Genesee, Pa., and Mrs. G. W. Mead and daughter, Miss Nellie, were guests of Mrs. Ruba Slocum Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Deming was a guest at the home of Mrs. H. H. Wilcox, State street, and Mrs. J. T. Lown, Terry street, Hornellsville, from Wednesday until Friday afternoon, also calling on other friends there last week.

W. J. Penny, president of the Mutual Gas Co. was unable to be at his office for two weeks, on account of illness. His familiar face at his desk in the company's office this week was a pleasure to his many Andover friends.

ALFRED STATION.

Attorney D. A. Stebbins of Almond was attending a lawsuit at the hotel Monday in the case of Elisha P. Fenner vs. W. E. Allen. Judgment was rendered for plaintiff.

Mrs. J. R. Willard was in Andover Tuesday.

The brick works have shut down for the winter, to make some needed repairs.

Will Robison of Tinkertown is the happy recipient of a fine baby boy. It is a few hours old at this writing, Jan. 20th.

B. W. Conley of Andover was doing business in town Friday.

Perry Burdick of Wallace was in town a few hours, shaking hands with his many friends, last Friday.

Olin Houghtling is going to Baltimore, Md., to see his brother.

E. A. Donaldson of Andover was calling on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Donaldson, the last part of last week.

M. A. Green and wife of Crittenden, a suburb of Hornellsville, was at J. P. Hamilton's Sunday and Monday.

John Costican and wife of Friendship were visiting at F. L. Pettibone's Sunday.

J. Pettibone and wife of Hartsville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Keller's Sunday.

When baby is tretty or colicky, or feverish, or has bowel troubles or indigestion, how consoling it is for mother to know that Laxakola always brings prompt relief. 25 cents. 2

INDEPENDENCE.

Henry Palmer and wife returned to their home in Almond last week, after spending several weeks in this place visiting relatives and friends.

H. M. Clarke, Esq. made a business trip to Wellsville Tuesday.

Dr. John Clark and wife from Fulmer Valley visited at J. P. Remington's Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Cottrell is in Hornellsville, taking treatment for deafness by Dr. Mitchell.

Myron Bloss and family from Greenwood visited Clarence Clarke's people Monday.

A good many from this place are attending the meetings at Hallsport.

M. A. Crandall, wife and daughter Celestia were in Wellsville Monday.

Arnold Haller and wife returned from Webster, N. Y., last week, accompanied by his sister.

Jackson O'Dell has sold his house and lot to Arnold Haller.

Pepsikola Tablets increase the flow of gastric juice, relieve heartburn, correct acidity, sharpen the appetite, and prevent that choking, filled-up feeling after eating. 2

Factory Statement.

Statement of the Independence Cheese Factory for the Year 1902. A. W. Stone, Maker.

Total pounds milk received,	744,750†
Cheese manufactured,	752.38
Cash received,	$7,555 83
Expense,	$752 38
Net cash,	$6,767 19
Milk per pound cheese,	9.89
Net to patrons per 100 pounds milk,	90.89
Average price per pound cheese,	10.04

D. E. LIVERMORE, Sec'y.
E. E. CLARKE, Salesman.

For Rent.

The Kate McTigue farm, within two miles of this village, 154 acres, with or without dairy. Inquire of C. L. Earley.

Do you know if you have perfect eyesight? If not, we can inform you. W. H. Richmond, eye specialist, at Swink's Hotel, Andover, Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Free examination.

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. jan14-2t

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

If you are going to get married, get your invitations printed at the NEWS office. If you have anything for sale tell the people of it thru the columns of the NEWS.

USEFUL SOCIETIES.

VALUABLE WORK OF VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS.

Towns Beautified and Built Up, Better Sanitary Laws Secured and Some Phenomenal Improvements Made by These Organizations.

Those who would profit by the increasing attention to the opportunities offered by towns and small cities both for living and for the conduct of business must needs resolve themselves into active local improvement organizations such as already exist in all parts of the country, says Frances Copley Seavey in the Chicago Tribune.

These societies, clubs, associations—call them by what name you will—have become the chief factor in the transformation of hundreds of places from the happy go lucky, shiftless, down at the heel appearance and condition characteristic of the ordinary small place to neat and lively business centers that offer many advantages as places to live. These organizations have been started for various purposes, and women have been largely, often exclusively, concerned in their founding and maintenance.

In some instances the primary cause of the movement has been an active evil due, perhaps, to sanitary defects, as in the case of Montclair, N. J., where an epidemic that roused the women to action was found to spring from a milk supply poisoned at its source by fever germs so that residents had actually been paying for a fresh stock of fine, active microbes delivered daily at their doors. Again, it has been the direct result of a longing for neatness and beauty and good "outdoor housekeeping."

Some one, usually a woman, has discovered that the local cemetery, a place hallowed to every resident, was in a shamefully neglected condition; that a park for holding out of door celebrations had become a necessity; that fine natural water privileges were being neglected or debased by the ignorance or selfishness of the few to the direct detriment of the many, etc.

Towns that were mudholes and dust heaps by turns, where tradesmen daily turned loose flying flocks of waste paper to mar the streets and frighten timid horses, where naturally charming adjacent country roadsides were made the common dumping ground for all sorts of unsightly rubbish, where vacant lots bore no attempt at decoration save mounds of tin cans and wildernesses of tangled weeds, have assumed the pleasant aspect of neatly paved, agreeably shaded streets.

Receptacles at street intersections receive the erstwhile loose papers, banana skins and other refuse formerly carelessly thrown into the streets to decay or on the sidewalks to produce dirt or disaster. Vacant lots have been cleared up and a weed ordinance passed and enforced. Ashes no longer form mountain ranges along streets and alleys, all being utilized in grading and filling streets or low ground. River banks have been cleaned, planted and in several instances walled, and with the stream have become the chief attraction of the place. Country roads have been relieved of their accompaniment of broken crockery, wash boilers, old mattresses and springs, etc., and nature given the chance to repair damages and make the drives of the immediate environs as delightful as undisturbed roadsides always are when far enough removed from the haunts of man.

It is a nice comment on the ways of humanity to note that neglected nature is always in a way beautiful, never offensive. It is only when human beings crowd in that ugliness and squalor result. This truth is even paralleled among dumb brutes. Wild animals do not devastate and wipe out the beauty of the woods, fields and waterways. It is only where domestic animals congregate that vegetation is destroyed, beauty obliterated and surroundings made wholly unbeautiful.

Truly civilized man can hardly do less or more than devote some of his mind, ingenuity, time, strength and money to covering up his worse than unsightly tracks. If natural beauty is the heritage of mankind, if we are to "leave the world more beautiful than we found it," we must be up and doing, for the ways of civilization are obstructing or destroying its charm at every turn.

There must be some building up where there is so much trampling down, or what will the world look like after a few more generations of "civilized" humanity have battered it out of all shape and comeliness? We go gayly along, cutting and hacking at everything we find in the way; we, mostly, take no thought in the matter of giving nature an opportunity to retrieve the opportunities that we have wrested from her, yet we make a great hullabaloo when there are floods and droughts and unsalubrious conditions, although we continue to allow all the trees and undergrowth on the watersheds to be swept away. Civilization is a strange term for such stupid, selfish or, at the best, ignorant proceedings.

If every community would look out for itself in these respects, bare banks would again be clothed with the vegetation that not only makes them lovely, but also prevents their being washed into gullies when the water rushes unhindered down such slopes. In the one case it dashes over them as it falls, scours out the soil and becomes a harmful agent; in the other it is first impeded in its fall by foliage and then percolates slowly through a natural retaining sponge consisting of fallen twigs, dry leaves and still older leaf mold and is gradually disseminated to the benefit of everything and every person directly or remotely concerned, which is the entire population.

CHURCH NOTICES.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. S. De Pickett, Pastor.

The theme of the sermon on Sunday morning will be "The religious education, and use of the will."

The topic of the Epworth League will be "Christian Stewardship." Leader, Everett Hodge. Text word, Give.

Union service in the Presbyterian church.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH.

Rev. E. J. Rengel, Rector

The masses on Sunday will be at 8 and 10:30 o'clock.

Benediction will be given after late mass.

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

The young people are especially invited to the Sacrament next Sunday.

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, "An evening with Chinese missions." Leader, Miss Anna Livermore.

Evening service at 7 o'clock.

Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Doing the first works." Rev. 2: 1-7.

Next Sunday morning the annual offering for the Board of Home Missions will be taken.

THE BAPTIST.

Rev. Charles H. Harrington, Pastor.

Sermon subject, morning, "The Greatest Book in the World." Evening, third in the series of illustrated sermons on "Pilgrim's Progress," "The Hill Difficulty," and "Palace Beautiful," followed by a short after meeting. The large attendance is evidence of the deep interest in the services.

Thursday prayer meeting at 7:30. Studies in the Gospel according to John. Pastor will use chart. Kindly bring your Bible.

Junior C. E. meeting Sunday, at 3.

C. E. Society meets at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Subject, "Does God want the West Indies?" Leader, Mrs. E. L. Hann.

The January committee of the Ladies' Aid hold a social at Mrs. Al. Brown's Wednesday, Jan. 28th. All are invited.

The class for men, "The Baracas," meet Sunday from 12 to 1 p. m., Mrs. Burrows teacher.

Last Sunday $25 was raised in nine minutes for the employing of a person to ring the bell. We are commencing the year right.

Riding Away With the Bride.

In many of the border counties of England the quaint old bridal customs of hundreds of years ago are still in vogue. The parents carefully abstain from appearing at the marriage ceremony, clinging to the idea that the bridegroom still rides away on a foaming steed with his bride behind him as in the good old days. The brides prefer the custom to the modern method of being given away at the altar in the orthodox fashion.

To Reform Him.

Minister—You say you are going to marry a man to reform him. That is noble. May I ask who it is?

Miss Beauti—It's young Mr. Bondclipper.

Minister—Indeed! I did not know he had any bad habits.

Miss Beauti—Yes, his friends say that he is becoming quite miserly.—New York Weekly.

The life of a man at Neenah, Wis., has been saved by a suspender buckle, which stopped a bullet fired at him. In the suspender buckle to supersede the corset as a life saver?

It is said that J. Pierpont Morgan was very proficient in mathematics when a schoolboy. He seems to have been figuring ever since.

Progress in Library Building.

Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress at Washington, contributes to the current number of the New York Independent a brief statistical view of the progress made by the public libraries during the present year. The recorded libraries having 1,000 or more volumes now number over 5,300 as compared with 4,000 six years ago and issue 48,000,000 volumes as against 12,000,000 volumes in 1876. The total of gifts of the year has reached $12,000,000, exclusive of twenty-three buildings, twenty-seven sites for buildings and about 300,000 books and pamphlets. The extraordinary increase, of course, is largely due to Mr. Carnegie, who has contributed at least half the total sum.

Mr. Putnam is of opinion that the library movement has now ample momentum and no longer needs impetus. What it requires is proper direction. He enumerates some of the problems which librarians are now studying, such as the propriety of supplying "recreative literature which lacks substantial literary merit merely because there are readers whose taste rises no higher than this," the propriety of supplying current fiction without regard to merit and the policy of general accumulation without elimination, which involves large expense for storage and maintenance, although but a small percentage of the collection is ever in active use.

There is unquestionably room for improvement in the direction and selection of libraries if they are to accomplish the educational purpose for which they are founded.

The irony of fate is again illustrated in the case of the young Guatemalan who barely escaped from the fury of the Santa Maria volcano, hundreds being killed in the immediate neighborhood of his home, and who, with his surviving relatives, after facing many perils, took steamer for San Francisco, where he was killed a few hours after landing by a trolley car.

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,

DRIB TIME TABLE.

GOING WEST.

No. 7 leaves Andover at 8:31 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. E. 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.

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.

THE ANDOVER NEWS.

VOL. XVII., NO. 4. ANDOVER, ALLEGANY COUNTY, N. Y., JANUARY 28, 1903. TERMS: One Dollar a Year, 5 Cents a Single Copy.

Another Week of Special Prices at CANNON BROTHERS.

In order to start February right and turn a naturally dull season into a busy one, we offer the following bargains. The special offerings of last week will also continue during this week and next.

The Women's Store.

56 inch all wool Meltons for skirts and suits, greys and blues, $1.00 a yard, worth $1.25.

Fur Collarettes reduced to less than today's wholesale market value. 79c and up.

Ten Fleeced Wrappers, 75c each. This season's make, worth $1.00 and $1.25.

Large Shetland Shawl Fascinators, blue, white and red, 19c each.

15 pairs Ladies' Regular $2.50 Enamel Shoe, latest style last, at $1.75. A very unusual chance.

Sweeping reduction in Black Merecrized Petticoats. The new price is 98c and up.

A good Unbleached Sheeting, 5c yard.

One lot 50c Golf Gloves, 35c pair.

Boys' and girls' Golf Gloves, 18c, reduced from 25c.

Misses' and ladies' Jersey Leggings and Overgaiters, third off price. Children's Knit Leggins, 25c.

Ladies' 35c wool Cashmere Hose reduced to 25c.

Amoskaeg 10c Sheeting, 7c yard.

Tam O'Shanter Caps, one-third off price.

Red striped Waisting, 16c, reduced from 25c.

Heavy Storm Flannel, 8c, reduced from 10c.

All F. C. dollar Corsets, 69c.

Men's Clothing Sale.

Hosts of people are taking advantage of our Special Clothing Sale. They show their wisdom too, for seldom are stylish suits and overcoats sold at wholesale cost and less. We want the room, we want the money, and if you're shrewd you'll get a suit or overcoat here before this sale ends, although you may not need it right away.

Boy's Clothing too is offered you at about your own price.

Groceries.

Good four string Brooms, 25c.

Good Japan Tea, 3 lbs for $1 00.

Canned Beets, 10c a 3 lb can.

Star Soap, 7 cakes for 25c.

Choice Salmon, 10c a can.

5 lbs Prunes for 25c.

Granulated Sugar, 5¼c and 5¾c lb.

Our Leader Flour, $1.00 a sack.

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 & Co.

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 75c and 80c—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.

THE HIRED MAN.

A. P. Wyatt in the Angelica Advocate Gives the Following Seasonable Advice.

A great deal has been written of late about the hired man by farmers and their wives. Now as I have worked out by the day or month for fifteen years of my life, and run a farm twenty years and hired a great deal, I think I understand both sides of the question.

I am well aware that both parties have a whole lot to contend with, not only the farmer but the hired man as well. He, as a rule, is supposed not to have any heart, soul or conscience, but to be able to endure all manner of hardships, to stay at home on many or all holidays while the family goes. It is well understood before they go that he is to do a good day's work in the field, then milk anywhere from 20 to 35 cows all alone, but let him do ever so well not a word of praise or encouragement does he get from the boss, simply because he is the hired man.

He is usually given a little room up in the back chamber, and his furniture consists of a stand, a slat bedstead and an old rickety chair, and if the stovepipe smokes a little up there it is just as well. He is only the hired man and will plow just as much to-morrow. He is very handy to have about the premises for tools will get mislaid or broken, and as a rule the farmer's boys don't like to have it laid to them. Then if the stock gets out on Sunday, just as all hands are ready for church, he can go and get them, for his clothes are not very expensive and a few burdocks or tory burs wont hurt them.

I learned one thing by experience while working out. Never to hire out to a man that hadn't much to do, for he is the very man that will want you to work until nine o'clock at night, and whose musical voice will come ringing up the stairs at four o'clock in the morning to be sure that the hired man isn't sleeping too sound.

As I said before, I have hired a good deal of help, and seldom had any trouble. In the first place I admire the man whom I had all confidence in his word; that when he told me had or would do a thing I need not light my lantern and follow him up to see if it was true. One that if I am away from home and the stock gets into mischief will not only drive to the pasture again, but will repair the fence as best he can. One that can see an empty water pail and fill it without being asked. Use him white and as a general thing he will use you the same, and I may add he will also work for your interest, and above all things never introduce him to company as Mr. So and So, our hired man.

Don't sit down to the table with a long, sorrowful face, for you will be solemn a long time after you are dead. A good lively story and a hearty laugh will cheer him up and he will return to the field a wiser and a better man. Give him a good bed and plenty of good literature, and try in every possible way to make it not only a good place to work, but a good kind home besides. Ask him to attend church with you when convenient, not merely to attend your horse, but to let him know you feel an interest in him on Sunday as well as thru the week on the farm.

In short, be thoroly conscientious with him at any and all times, treat him as a human being who has an immortal soul, and the chances are you will both be happier, and when his time is out you will be not only firm but lasting friends.

Yours truly,

A. P. WYATT.

Angelica, January 30, 1903.

Notice to Advertisers.

No advertisement will be changed in this paper unless the copy is in the office before 12 o'clock Tuesday noon. This means you, and the rule will not be broken.

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Zion City, Illinois.

In a letter to his parents, Ward Mosher, who is placing terra cotta roofing on the Northwestern's new passenger station at Zion City, Ill., 42½ miles north of Chicago, gives the following interesting item:

"I suppose you have heard of the city [Zion City]. It is run by John Alex. Dowie, the divine healer, and every one of the 8,000 residents are strict believers. . . . The first sign seen on arriving in Zion City is as follows: 'Tobacco and Liquor and Profane Language Strictly Prohibited in Zion City.' The violation of this law is punishable by $25 fine and ejection from the city. No tobacco or liquor is sold or used in the city, neither is pork used by Dowieites. Worldly papers are not sold in the city, but Dowie prints his own papers, and runs the only store, which is a large department store, keeping for sale everything not prohibited. He runs two large hotels, a large bakery, and runs his own electric light and power house; in fact, no one can go in business in Zion City, but all can go to work for John Alex. Dowie, if they join his church and live up to his laws, one of which is that 10 per cent. of their earnings shall be given to the church."

Gas Explosion

U. A. Robinson became aware Sunday that gas was escaping somewhere about his premises. Going down cellar with a light he found it to his surprise. The light ignited the escaping gas with an explosion, tearing out a portion of his cellar wall, ripping up the sidewalk and raising the "Old Nick" in general. Upon examination it was found that the Empire Gas Co.'s gas line that runs directly under Mr. Robinson's sidewalk had become defective, and gas was escaping therefrom. The ice and snow on the sides of the walk had made it impossible for it to get out to the air, so it worked a way thru the snow and into his cellar with the above results.

Oswayo Has a Second Fire.

Before the Wellsville fire department had completed their task in trying to save as much of the property of the Pennsylvania Tanning Co. at Oswayo as possible, another alarm of fire was sounded. The large barn of Ed. McGoingal was in flames. The Wellsville boys responded quickly and soon had a stream of water on the burning building. When the owner of the barn arrived he informed the firemen that there was an animal in the barn, whose life should be saved. Harry Parshall of Wellsville made an entrance into the part of the building where it was located, but did not return as soon as expected. A search was instituted and he was found lying on the floor in an unconscious condition, suffocated by the smoke. He was carried to the Calif Hotel near by and is now out of danger. The insurance on the building was $1,000. Loss $2,000.

All that now remains of the once large tannery plant is the leather furnishing room, containing about $50,000 worth of leather, which stands a short distance from those buildings destroyed by fire, and about 300 cords of bark, that had been carted away during the past three days. About 8,500 cords of bark were burned, entailing an enormous loss.

ELM VALLEY.

Al. Wood of Voorhes Hill spent Sunday at A. A. Hincher's.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Hann was visiting in Wellsville Thursday.

Mrs. Rodolphor Howland si quite sick at the present writing.

Miss Patta Hann of Cuba was home over Sunday.

Gordon Stout has been visiting at E. R. Leonard's.

The friends of Floyd Crowner gave him a surprise Saturday evening, it being his birthday. They were entertained with plenty of good music which they all enjoyed.

Miss Faunie Burdick is in Andover for a few weeks.

Olin Pingrey and wife of East Hill attended the party at Floyd Crowner's Saturday night.

THE EFFECT

Of Good Roads and Railways On The Prosperity of New York State.

While New York State leads all other States in many things yet she stands but seventh in the matter of railway mileage, having only 8,114 miles of railroad. The States of Illinois, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio, Texas and Michigan have more miles of railway than this State. During the year 1901 the State of New York only increased its railway mileage by 19 miles, while the State of Illinois increased hers by 180, the State of Ohio by 126, Michigan by 148 and Texas by 574 miles. This small increase is due to the fact that the railways of this State are collected by a few great corporations which are not at all interested in developing the resources of the State of New York, but simply care to develop their western connections so as to bring produce to New York and have it complete with what is raised by the New York farmer.

In this State, according to the State Engineer's estimate, we have approximately 75,000 miles of highway—that is, wagon roads—and to maintain the commercial supremacy of the State it is essential, as the railways do not develop the State by building more miles of track, that those highways should be improved so that the farm produce may be more economically taken to the towns and railways.

Farming communities are unable to pay the cost of this improvement unaided, and the State therefore passed a law called the Aigbie-Armstrong Law, under which the State undertakes to pay half the cost of improving the roads. Since this law went into operation, some five years ago, 186 miles of State road have been built and 167 miles are in process of construction. Petitions have been received by the State engineer for the improvement of highways amounting to 2,061 miles and the towns and counties have appropriated, or are ready to appropriate, the sum of eight millions of dollars for this improvement, and are only waiting for the State to appropriate a like amount so that these roads may be built. Last year the State appropriated for this purpose the sum of $795,000, and if each year from now on a similar amount is appropriated it will take about ten years to complete all the roads petitioned for. Many of the farmers of the state feel that they cannot wait so long a time to have their roads improved.

Governor Odell seems to appreciate the great demand for improving the roads in the State, for in his last message to the Legislature he said: "The building of good roads has continued during the past year with gratifying results. So great is the demand for State aid that it will soon become necessary to have resource to bond issues to meet these increasing obligations. If therefore, any extension of time for the payment of bonds is authorized for canal improvement it should be made applicable for this purpose also."

A prominent agriculturist said in his opinion the Governor is quite right and he feels that there ought to be a bond issue of a long time bond to build roads so that our farmers may get the benefit of these improved roads at once and not have to wait for ten years for them. He is quite certain that if bonds are to be issued for the improvement of the Erie Canal which benefits only a comparatively few counties of this State, that bonds also should be issued for the building of roads, which benefit every County in the State. There are 57 Counties in this State leaving out the Greater New York and from 46 of them petitions have been sent in for roads.

The railroads are doing nothing to help our prosperity by building more miles of road—should we not, therefore, improve our highways by issuing a long time bond and retain for this State its present high position?

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