PERSONALS.

Guy Wood was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Jesse S. Phillips went to Albany Sunday.

Fred Henderson of Alfred was in town Friday.

Scott Prest was up from Wellsville last evening.

Mrs. Irene Baker visited in Wellsville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Parshall were in Wellsville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hann were in Hornellsville Sunday.

Frank McCarn of Genesee was in town on business Monday.

A. B. Richardson and wife were visiting in Almond Sunday.

Horace Eaton of Alfred was a business caller in Andover to-day.

Herbert Bettinger was the guest of his brother Fred over Sunday.

Frank Cannon returned to school duties at Jamestown Monday morning.

Mrs. Jeff. West of Oil City, Pa., is visiting friends in Andover and vicinity.

Miss Anna O'Leary was the guest of Mrs. Fred Paine at Greenwood over Sunday.

Mrs. Ingram of Hornellsville was visiting at the home of E. J. Bullard on Monday last.

Mrs. Rolfe of Wellsville was in Andover last evening in attendance at the Lucy Stone Club.

Chas. Launsbery of Angelica was a guest of his niece Mrs. John Common Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Palmer, daughter and little grandson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Monroe last Sunday.

Jackson O'Dell of Independence was in Andover last evening and was a pleasant caller at the News office.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tolan of Hornellsville were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Driscoll, Saturday.

Rev. H. D. Bacon and family were called to Prattsburg on Tuesday by the death of Mrs. Bacon's grandmother.

Mr. Bacon will attend the meeting of the Steuben Presbytery at Bath on April 27-29 and return home the last of next week.

Chas. Stillman of Alfred was in Andover Monday in the interests of the Allegany County Farmers' Insurance Co. He was a pleasant caller at the News office.

Mrs. D. D. Dickson of Angelica was a guest at the home of Mrs. John Common last night. She delivered a paper so Co-operative Housekeeping at the Lucy Stone Club that evening.

E. E. Clarke returned this morning from Waterville, where he bought a fine new Holstein. Elsworth does not calculate to let his fine Holstein herd deteriorate because of any inattention on his part.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cannon, Mrs. W. A. Wood, Rev. E. J. Renger, Frank Cannon, Mrs. J. S. Phillips, W. E. Snyder, E. J. Atwood, A. B. Burrows, Mrs. Maud Prest, Miss McKay, Miss Anna O'Leary, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bundy were among the Andover people in attendance at "Princess Bonnie" at Hornellsville.

Can Do Better.

C. D. McCarn received an appointment in the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., at $3.04 a day, but refused it, preferring to stay in Washington, where he can do better.

For Sale.

One thorobred Holstein bull calf; also, a few three-quarters blood heifer calves. R. HARDY.

Miss Genevieve Hecker Married.

New York, April 22.—Miss Genevieve Hecker, the woman golf champion of America, was married to Charles T. Stout of Staten Island. Mr. Stout, first saw Miss Hecker during the play for the women's golf championship of the Baltimore golf club two years ago, and it was her brilliant play which first attracted him to her.

Weather Indications.

Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light to fresh north winds.

A Few Brand New Plows and Harrows

At reduced prices to close them out.

Porter & Richardson.

INDEPENDENCE.

Society News from Our Regular Correspondent.

The weather is very fine, and all the farmers are very busy with road and farm work.

Our former townman, Ray Livermore, of Pusher Siding, Pa., was shaking hands with his many friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Austin and daughter and Mrs. T. R. Bassett took dinner with Mrs. Erwin Briggs Sunday.

Miss Swarts of Whitesville is assisting Mrs. T. R. Bassett with her household duties for a little time.

George Bloss and family were in Andover Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clarke made a pleasant call on their daughter, Mrs. Slade, and other friends in Whitesville, Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Clarke has been staying with Mrs. E. A. Cottrell for a week, helping care for "Uncle Stephen," who has been quite feeble. He has been confined to the bed part of the time, but is reported better.

Frank Bloss has been a pleasant visitor to his many friends during the past week.

Our prosperous farmer and oil producer, O. A. Potter, has purchased a very fine team of gray horses.

Mrs. Lead Briggs died at the home of her son Willie Thursday morning, in her 84 years. The funeral and burial took place at Hallsport Sunday afternoon.

ALFRED STATION.

D. A. Stebbins of Almond and L. C. Van Ekeet of Andover were doing business in town last Wednesday.

O. E. Langworthy of Hornellsville and Fremont Hendee of Hartsville were visiting at F. L. Pettibone's Sunday.

G. W. Cook of Tip Top was visiting relatives in town Saturday and Sunday.

L. M. Emerson is laying off work on account of ill health.

Lavern Shaw of Hornellsville was calling on some of his many friends Saturday.

John Gilbert was calling on his parents at Wellsville last week.

J. W. Smith of Middleton N. Y. was in town arranging to organize a Good Templar Lodge here Sunday.

The small pox scare at A. J. Clark's turned out to be Chicken pox and they want the quarintine removed.

The church choir was entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Potter's last Wednesday evening.

Miss Christene Lewis of the Albert School of Expression came home Thursday morning and returned Monday to New York. Her brother L. C. Lewis of Hornellsville came to join her Sunday.

E. P. Fenner's team ran away Monday. They started from the East Valley cheese factory and were stopped near Charles Stillman's by some men working on the road. Not much damage was done.

S. O. Turner was at Canisteo Monday consulting Dr. Jack.

If you have anything to buy, sell or exchange, you can reach almost every one in this section with an item in the News. Only 5 cents a line. tf

SEEDS.

Large stock Vick's Fresh Flower and Vegetable Seeds. Velvet Lawn Grass Seed. New stock Wall Paper nearly every week. Fine patterns, latest styles, lowest prices. First-class goods. Promotes cheerfully made.

PURE GROCERIES.

First-class Flavoring Extracts by the oz. or in bulk.

A. A. McCARN,

CHESTNUT ST.

ELM VALLEY.

Cheese factory No. 2 has been renovated and is now ready for cheese-making.

Some people were fishing here Sunday morning, contrary to law.

F. R. Hincher of Andover was calling on his brother, A. A. Hincher, Sunday.

Charley Terry and wife of Almond visited E. R. Leonard Sunday

Jennie Smith and Cora Corwin of East Valley were in this place Sunday.

F. L. Beebe has returned to Warsaw.

Lorena Beebe is passing a few days in Andover with her grandmother, Mrs. H. Beebe.

Mrs. Colgrove of Friendship was called to this place on business Saturday.

Printice Burdick and A. E. Beebe were out of town Sunday.

Grace Hackett of Vandermark was visiting Lorena Beebe Friday and Saturday.

Letter to A. P. Wood,

Andover, N. Y.

Dear Sir: Here's an interesting story about paint. We give you the name of the story-teller; write him and find out all about it.

Mr. John Hanna, grocer, of Girard, Penn., painted his house with Devoe Lead and Zinc paint. He thought it expensive but he bought it. After finishing the job, he brought back nearly half the paint and said it was the cheapest job of painting he ever did.

Write to Mr. Burt Young and Mr. E. H. Hiler of the same place. Also to Mr. H. H. Stephenson, Cashier of Oil City (Pa.) Savings Bank.

It is the cheapest paint in the world because it is all paint. It covers most surface to the gallon and it wears longest.

There's going to be a lot of this paint used in Andover. When it gets a foothold it never lets up; and the painter who uses Devoe Lead and Zinc is going to save money for his patrons.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & Co.,
New York.

P. S.—E. J. Atwood sells our paint

NOTICE!

All bids for painting the Catholic church sheds must be handed in on or before May 1st, to E. J. Rengel.

ADAM DAVIDSON & BRO.

SOME OF OUR

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FOR PAY DAY.

WINDOW SHADES.
Plain or fringed in all desirable colors for 23c. Better grades at 35c, 40c and 5cc.

LACE CURTAINS.
Nottingham Lace Curtains at 43c, 88c, $1, $1 25, up to $4.50 pair.
Swiss and Irish Point $4.50 to $10.00.
Ruffle Curtains at 97c, $1 35, $1.75 up to $3.75, all exceptional values.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS.
All Wool Venetians Suits at $10; All Wool Cheviots from $11 to $20.
New line Misses' and Ladies' Silk Jackets from $5.75 to $13.50.
Cloth Jackets $2 to $10.
Special values in Shirt Waists from 50c to $3 50.
Shirt Waists from $2.50 to $7.
Walking Skirts from $1.39 to $6.75.
New line of Children's Wash Dresses.
New Dress Trimmings.
New White Goods.
New Colored Wash Dress Goods.

ADAM DAVIDSON & BRO.,

HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y.

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 7:30 o'clock.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Rev. S. D Pickett, Pastor.

Rev. Pickett preached twice last Sunday, but he finds that the grip has left him in such a condition that he is at present obliged to avoid all public work as far as it seems possible. He expects to preach next Sunday morning on "The lightness of Christ's burden."

The topic of the Epworth League service will be, "Missions for foreigners in our own land." Text word, Teach. Leader, Mrs. Helen Beebe.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH.

Rev. E. J. Rengel, Rector.

A Requiem High Mass was offered on Monday for Mrs. Catherine Gallagher; an Anniversary Mass on Tuesday for Alice Fitzpatrick; and a Month's Mind Mass on Wednesday for Patrick Baker.

The Masses on Sunday will be at 8 and 10:30 o'clock, and the League Promoters will meet after late mass.

Vespers and Benediction at 7:30.

Instructions for children will be resumed on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Hiram D. Bacon, Pastor.

Sunday morning service at 10:30. Sermon by Rev. V. L. Eggleston.

Sunday-school at 11:45.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 o'clock, "An evening with Arctic missions." Job 38: 22, 23, 29, 30. Leader, Mrs. Floyd Richardson.

The Sunday evening service will be omitted on account of the absence of the pastor.

Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock will be led by Mrs. Mourhess. Subject, "Sanctifying the Sabbath." Ezek. 20: 12-20.

THE BAPTIST.

Rev. Charles H. Harrington, Pastor.

The services at usual hours Sunday. The pastor will preach in the morning. Adjutant Johnson will assist in the services, and sing.

Evening, a continuation of the Salvation meetings, under the direction of Adjutant Johnson. All are invited to the services.

C. E. meeting at 6:30. Leader, Grace Cheesman. Subject, "The Great Commission." God's work in the Arctics.

The meetings under Adjutant Johnson will continue every evening until further notice. Mrs. Johnson will arrive Monday and assist in the meetings until they close.

The Programs for the year's work for missions are ready. If you have not received one, ask Mrs. Perkins for a copy.

The Bible-school last Sunday had a large attendance. The encouraging feature is that we are seeing a few new faces.

Special meeting for men only at the Seventh-day Baptist church Sunday at 3:30. Subject, "A fool in a fix." All men invited.

Open air service Saturday evening at 7:30.

World's Fair Dedication.

St. Louis, April 22.—Major General Henry C. Corbin, adjutant general, U. S. A., who will be grand marshal of the military parade during the world's fair dedication exercises, has entered upon the work of preparing for that part of the ceremonies. He held a conference with various world's fair officials. "General Bates will be in command of the regulars," said General Corbin, "with General Grant in command of the First brigade and General Kobbe of the Second. I have not been informed of the exact number officially of troops that will be here, but I presume they will number in the aggregate 12,000."

Former Policeman Sentenced.

New York, April 22. — Eugene A Masterson, a former policeman, convicted of abduction, was sentenced to eight years in prison at hard labor. His attorney contended that the maximum sentence under the law at the time of the commission of the crime was five years. Justice Davis took the matter under consideration. Masterson was accused of procuring girls for immoral purposes.

Shoe Shop.

I have opened a Shoe Shop over the Laundry on Greenwood St., and would be pleased to receive a share of your patronage.

HOMER D. PERRY.

Seeds! Seeds!

As usual we are headquarters for all kinds of seeds.

TIMOTHY,
CLOVER,
CORN,
FIELD PEAS,
BLACKEYED MARROWFAT PEAS,
AMERICAN WONDER PEAS,
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All kinds of garden seed in bulk or in papers. Remember we handle only the best seed and at prices that defy competition. Please call and get our prices.

O. E. VARS.

GREENWOOD ST.

A Good Provider.

The man who is known as a "good provider" always has the respect of his neighbors, and many a man misses that reputation simply because his choice of a Meat Market is unwise. He spends enough money, but he doesn't get full value. This is a "full value" Meat Market. If you have any doubt about it, just drop in and we will convince you.

JOHN E. FOX,

Main Street, Andover, N. Y.

Now Catch Big Fish.

You can do it by using tackle you can depend upon. Before purchasing call in and see my stock of poles, lines and reels.

AN 18 FOOT REED POLE FOR 1.5c.

The largest and most complete line of Bicycle Tires in Andover.

A Good Single Tube Tire from $1.50 Up.

F. C. VARS.

Watchmaker, Jeweler and Engraver, Main St., Andover.

BLACK DRESS GOODS

Are even more predominant this spring then ever.

Great pains have been exercised by our buyers to have on our shelves the very best fabrics procurable. With us it is quality first and yet when it comes to prices we do not intend to be caught napping.

For instance, we sell a 45 inch fine Cheviot at 50c. It would make up into a suit nice enough for any lady to wear.

A better one, heavier, and 50 inch wide, at 75c.

Superb values in Mohairs and Sicilians, 50c, 58c, 75c and $1.00.

We must not pass without mentioning the $1.00 Prunella Cloth, one of our gems, sells itself,

Etamines at 87½c, $1.00 and on up to $1.50.

Voiles, Canvas Soliels, Melrose, Almas, Cravennettes, Silk Warp, Henriettas, Venetians, Broadcloths, Kerseys.

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When You Want to Make a Present

you will find the most satisfactory place to purchase it is at this Jewelry store. No matter how much money, or how little money you want to spend, you will find a suitable present here.

We have a very fine stock of expensive Jewelry, and we also have a fine stock of knick-knacks, the cost of any one piece will not exceed a dollar. We have numberless assortments of little pieces made of sterling silver that any women will welcome.

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Fine watch work and repairing given the most painstaking attention.

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PHILLIPS HONORED.

An Unsolicited Favor Shown Allegany's Assemblyman.

ABILITY IS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED

Jesse S. Phillips was Named as a Member of Legislative Committee to go With Gov. O'Dell to St. Louis.

A very significant recognition of his influence and ability in the State Legislature has been conferred upon Assemblyman Jesse S. Phillips, by his unsolicited nomination as one of the six republican members of the Assembly committee to escort Gov. O'Dell and his party to the dedicatory ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, as well as an honor conferred upon the county which he represents.

The members of the Assembly committee were S. Fred Nixson, speaker; Jas. S. Rogers, Broome; Jean Burdette, Ontario; J. S. Phillips, Allegany; Thos. M. Costello, Oswego; Jas. K. Apgar, Scoharie; John McKeon, Kings and Wm. H. Honridge, New York.

The Special train left Albany at midnight Monday night and arrived at Buffalo Tuesday morning where speaker Nixson and Assemblyman Phillips joined the party. Buffalo was its only stop, reaching St. Louis at 6:30 p. m. The party will remain in St. Louis until Saturday.

Reason for Not Fulfilling Appointment.

Rev. Chas. H. Harrington was to preach the ordination sermon at the ordination of Mr. James Brown, a graduate of Houghten Seminary, who is to be ordained at Hume to-day, but because of the illness of his mother he was called to her bedside in Mount Vernon.

The first gag will be on—Oh! come and find out.

GOES BACK TO WELLSVILLE.

H. A. BENEDICT AGAIN TAKES CHARGE OF THE WELLSVILLE TELEPHONE CO.

R. A. Stout Will Still Have Charge of the Outside Construction Work.

H. A. Benedict, formerly of this place, and who for the past six months has been in charge of the Elmira Exchange has again taken the Superintendency of the Wellsville Telephone Co. The increasing business of the Wellsville Exchange and the extensive changes and improvements to be completed this summer made necessary his return.

R. A. Stout, who has so successfully managed the plant the last few months will also remain in Wellsville in charge of the outside work and extensions. The switch board at the central station now handles ever 220 subscribers and is over crowded and a new board is to be put in at once The central energy system is also to be installed, doing away with the individual batteries with each instrument.

GIFT TO WELLSVILLE WOMEN

Editor New York Journal Starts a Building Fund for Club Women.

The club women of Wellsville are rejoicing over the gift of a nucleus for a fund to build a Woman's Building in Wellsville, in which to hold their meetings, entertainments and receptions. The gift was made by W. R. Hearst, of the New York Journal, at the solicitation of Mrs. Moselle Hill, an old friend of his, who is visiting in Wellsville.

Local Editor of the Patriot.

B. G. Bartle, formerly editor of the Port Allegany Press, and for years local editor of the Potter County Enterprise published at Coudersport, and later of the Port Allegany Reporter, has accepted the position of local editor of the Cuba Patriot, recently purchased by L. H. Thornton.

"You're next" at the minstrel show.

FRANCHISE TAX LAW.

Court of Appeals Declares It Is Constitutional.

OPINION OF JUDGE EARL UPHELD.

Decision of Appellate Division Reversed—Opinion Written by Judge Vann and Concurred in by the Six Other Members of the Court—Over $18,000,000 Now Due

Albany, April 29.—The opinion by Judge Vann, concurred in by Judges Parker, Bartlett, O'Brien, Werner Martin and Cullen, fully concedes that the principle of home rule for communities cannot be infringed by the legislature and local functions cannot be transferred to state officers. If exercised at all, they must be exercised locally. But the functions of local officers have been modified by the legislature, and the names of the offices changed.

The presumption is in every case says Judge Cullen, that the act of the legislature is constitutional and it should be so held by the courts if a reasonable construction of the constitution and of the act will permit.

In the case of the special franchise tax law in question the court declares the legislature, seeking means of more equitably distributing the burdens of taxation, found property scattered about the state, valued at least at $200,000,000 in the way of special franchises in the possession of public service corporations, which were not and never had been taxed. This property they included in a new system of taxation, laying upon the state board of tax commissioners the duty of their valuation. This, the court holds, the legislature had indubitable right to do.

This property was not local, and did not fall within the ordinary taxing scope of county, city, town or village. Moreover, it was of a new and peculiar class of property, requiring peculiar experience and knowledge on the part of the assessing officials

Uniform Action Provided For.

"What greater calamity in the shape of taxation," the court asks, "could threaten the vast interests involved than to intrust this important subject to unskilled and incompetent men, some of them willing, it may be, not only to protect their own localities at the expense of others but to oppress corporations and favor individuals? The burden could not be distributed equally, for each local board would have its own method and theory. Uniform action would be impossible and conflict and confusion would result. A wider view, a different kind of judgment, a balancing of localities and figures, and adjustment and equalization of burdens, and an exercise of functions not local in nature, were required to meet the situation."

The tangible property, previously locally assessed, which the legislature brought in as an essential part of the system, had practically no value except in connection with the right to use it in the public streets and places in question.

"What is property worth," the court asks, "when so fastened to the land in a public highway as to be legally a part of it, without a special franchise to place and use them there as part of a railroad?"

The court denies that the franchises of a consolidation of corporations should have been assessed separately, since they derive their highest if not their only value from the combination of all into a single enterprise.

The court likens the percentage of receipts, licenses and the like, paid by these corporations to municipalities, to the purchase price for state land. "There is no provision that the property created by the grant shall be exempt from taxation," says the opinion, "for no municipality has the power to withdraw property from the taxing power of the state or to provide by ordinance or contract that it shall be free for all time from the common burden which property generally has to bear."

Special franchises were not taxed until by the act of 1899 they were added to the other taxable property of the state.

No blow was struck at the franchise as such, for it remains with every right conferred in full force, but as it is property it is required to contribute its ratable share, dependent only upon value, to the support of government. No burden is placed upon it except such as is borne by the homes of the people and money saved for support in old age.

No Impairment of Contract.

The court declares that it can not sustain the contention of the corporations that the law involves impairment of contracts in violation of the federal constitution, nor that it is impracticable of fulfilment, nor that the franchises cannot be accurately valued, nor that the tax commissioners formulated no rules for valuation, nor that the corporations did not have a fair hearing and adequate review, nor that this taxation takes their property "without due process of law."

In conclusion the court pays high tribute to the late Chief Judge Earl, who as original referee in the case formulated the now prevailing view of the constitutionality of the law. "We have received great aid," the court says, "from the strong and exhaustive opinion of Judge Earl, for many years a distinguished member of the court, who acting as referee decided these cases in the first instance. It was the last judicial work of that ripe lawyer and eminent jurist, and we regard his decision as one of the most able and profound judgments ever pronounced by him during his long and useful career."

Of the $18,412,884 taxes now due for the three years since the law was passed in 1899, $15,214,264 was assessed in the city of New York, $947,855 in Erie county, $343,893 in Monroe county, $260,107 in Onondaga county, $258,963 in Westchester county, $40,779 in Orange, $33,692 in Oswego, $29,805 in Schenectady county, $27,623 in Saratoga county, $26,207 in Fulton county, $25,486 in Herkimer county, $17,080 in Jefferson county, the remainder being assessed, some in each of the other counties of the state. All of this money goes to the counties, none to the state and will serve to reduce local taxation.

SAMUEL POTTER DEAD.

Buried Last Thursday at Friendship.

Henry and Wm. Potter of Whitesville and Independence, took the train at this Station, Thursday morning for Friendship where they had been called on account of the death of their uncle, Samuel Potter of that place. He was born in Madison county, N. Y., and died of old age in Friendship, April 21, 1903, aged 76 years and 4 months. His father removed to Belfast when Samuel was a lad. When a young man he came to Friendship where he resided for about 50 years doing work mainly as a farm hand.

Bill has a good one on you.

"I should think those old men would blush for shame."

One night only.

NEW MILEAGE BOOK

Interchangeable Scheme In Effect Next Month.

ERIE WILL UNITE WITH OTHERS.

The First of May You Can Buy A Mileage Book of 1000 Miles Good Over Several Lines.

What will be known as the eastern interchangeable mileage book will go into effect the first day of May. The books issued under this head will be good on the following lines, and on them only: Erie, Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio, D. L. & W., Lehigh Valley and the Pennsylvania. The book will not be good on the roads included in the territory covered by the "western book."

The book will be issued for 1,000 miles and the purchase price will be $30. If the conditions were complied with the purchaser is entitled to a rebate of $10 upon returning the cover to the office. The book will not be accepted for checking baggage nor by the conductor of the train, as a ticket must be purchased at the station on the presentation of the book. The book is good for passage at the two cent rate only for the individual to whom issued.

No name appears on the mileage book in any place. When the purchaser takes the book he signs his name on an attached slip, which is then torn off and forwarded to the head office. When he wishes to get a ticket he presents his book at the ticket office and the agent detaches the required number of miles from the book and this detached slip is then indorsed by the purchaser and the ticket is issued.

The mileage slip with the purchaser's name is then forwarded to the office and placed on file with the slip which is forwarded when buying the book. Upon presenting the ticket to the conductor the book holder signs the ticket and the conductor forwards it with the signature upon it to the office where it is placed on file.

When the book is used up the purchaser forwards the covers to the office. Then an expert compares the signatures on all of the mileages and tickets sent in with the original signatures on the contract. If there is no decrepancy in the signatures a rebate of $10 is sent the purchaser. If all the signatures do not conform to the original signature the book holder does not receive the rebate and has paid three cents a mile for his transportation.

If the signatures are not exactly the same, but are near enough so that there is but little question as to their authenticity, the purchaser may secure his rebate by going before a notary public and swearing that the signatures are his. This ticket will be limited for one year from the date of issue.

Hats for all, both large and small at Mrs. Mourhess'.

DEATH OF THOMAS G. SIMONS.

ERIE CONDUCTOR DIES AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS.

Ran on Trains 25 and 102 on Allegheny Division, and Popular with the Traveling Public.

At Hornellsville, Saturday afternoon, occurred the death of Thomas G. Simons, the well known Erie conductor, whose run for many years has been on the Allegheny division of the Erie on trains 25 and 102. He has been sick only about a week and his death was sudden and unexpected. The Hornellsville Times says:

Conductor Simons was 54 years of age and had been in the employ of the Erie railroad for 38 years, having entered the service at the age of 16. Thru faithful attention to the duties devolving upon him, Mr. Simons rose to the responsible position of conductor, which he held at the time of his death. Thru his kind and generous disposition he had won the esteem of all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Etta Simons, two sons, Samuel and Hugh, of this city, and two daughters, Miss Emma of this city, and Mrs. Holden of Corning. His father, Mr. John Simons, who is 79 years of age, also survives him. The funeral was held at Christ's Church in Hornellsville Monday afternoon.

Good Well at Scio.

One of the best wells, and possibly the very best producer ever struck in the Scio oil field, is on the Simerson farm at Scio. It was drilled by the Scio Oil & Gas Co., which owns the excellent wells on the Fuller farm. All told the Scio Oil & Gas Co. now have 24 producing wells.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessors of the Village of Andover, N. Y., will meet at the City Hall of said village, on Tuesday, May 5, from 1 to 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of completing the Assessment roll and of hearing and determining complaints in relation thereto.

C. B. LEVER, President,
J. H. BACKUS, JESSE SNYDER, } Trustees.

Seed Potatoes.

Saturday I will have a car of Mills' prize seed potatoes for sale, guaranteed good eating potatoes. Will contract crop raised from them this fall at 5 cents a bushel in advance of regular market price. B. W. CONLEY.

Pasturage of Stock

in less than a mile from this village. Well watered. Inquire of Dr. E. J. Loughlen or Geo. Alford. tf

Card Party.

Miss Bell Brundage and Mrs. Guy Wood entertained at cards Tuesday evening.

New goods the last of every week this month and next at Mrs. Mourhess'.

Put Your Foot In Our Shoes.

We have to-day the greatest stock of Shoes that we have ever collected together. Our Shoe shelves are crowded, and every Shoe is a Shoe of merit. Here, style and quality have to be right, and our prices you know are lower than those usually asked.

MEN'S FINE SHOES.

DOUGLAS SHOES represent more real money's worth than any $3 or $3.50 Shoes on

the market. That's why more Douglas Shoes are made and sold than any other Shoe in the world. We now have ten distinct styles of these famous Shoes in stock.

Our CROWN SHOE pleases more men than any line we carry. The price is but $2.50, but they bear the ear marks of a $3 Shoe. They wear too. Patent Leathers, Velour and Box Calf and Vici Kid in a variety of lasts.

At $2.00 the ARION stands without an equal for a light-weight, dressy Shoe. Tough Vici stock, patent leather tipped. It has the character of a high priced Shoe—and the wear is always satisfactory.

MEN'S HEAVY SHOES.

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