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RESTING SESSION ANDOVER GRANGE

Ice Team from Wellsville Change Work First and Second Degrees at Andover Grange at Last Meeting.

The last regular meeting of the Grange, Wednesday evening, December 26th, in spite of a severe cold, witnessed a large attendance. The offering of the first and second degrees by the degree team of Wellsville was nicely done by the ice team, and they were the recipients of many words of praise.

The work of the degrees as supervised by the supper was served by the Grange and a happy social evening was enjoyed. The Good of the Order, Mr. C. A. Robinson and son, rendered several selections. Fred Hardy read the following:

Over Rhine as I saw it in July
Rhine river rises in the Alps
flows North through German
empties into the North
is the most noted and most
of all the German rivers, be-
cause of the many romances and
connected with it. It is very
called the "German Hud-
son" it greatly resembles our
of New York. The river
is not very wide, but varies
in the section of the
through which it flows,
more or less (mountainous or level). The
is in places quite strong
swift, and the water is of a
color.

Rhine is used very much as
way. There are a number of
going and coming between
cities, for the convenience
people. Also one can always
boats drawing from two to
barges, loaded with grain,
liquors and lumber. All
for shipbuilding is taken from
Black Forest, and floated
the river in huge rafts. The
is floated down the smaller
to the Rhine and there, join-
ing in rafts containing as
as a thousand logs each. In
times, these rafts were float-
steered by men with poles,
the navigation has been
they are towed along by
mats.

Rhine winds in and out
the mountains looking like a
gold ribbon, as it works its
the sea. The shores are very
steep that men are com-
pulsed to wear spiked shoes, in order
to climb them. On these shores
are thousands and thousands
of grapes are grown, from
the Germans, make their
wine, called the "Rhine".
All along the river for
miles and miles the grape vines
are seen. They are grown on
the sides of the mountains, in ter-
race by the Germans. The
of vineyards cultivate them
with a hoe and rake, and
the villages down next to the
as the mountains are too
habitation.

MRS. VIOLA PORTER.

Death Came to Another Esteemed Andover Woman Friday After- noon.

Mrs. Viola Frances Porter, wife of Delaney K. Porter, died at her home in this village, Friday afternoon, December 28th, 1911, after an illness of two weeks, aged sixty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were united in marriage, December 15th, 1870, and the years of their married life have been passed in Andover. To them were born four children, three of which, Mrs. Lottie A. Richardson, Edgar A. Porter and Miss Winifred Porter are living. To them and her husband the sympathy of our townspeople have gone out as in the weeks of illness they have anxiously awaited the reports from day to day from the home.

Mrs. Porter's home instincts were strong, her affection for friends, and kindred tender and abiding, and while in her hearts of hearts she carried those she loved with a hand never too weary to care for and minister to those dependent upon her service—her nature was broad enough to reach beyond to a large circle of friends to whom her memory will always be held in loving regard.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LANE SCHOOL!

The Xmas entertainment at the Lane School although short was very interesting. Sanford Mead grandfather of Miss Stephens the teacher, gave a very interesting talk on his experiences with the Indians while traveling through the West. After the entertainment the Xmas tree was relieved of its burden and distributed among the pupils present after which all returned to their homes feeling happy and wishing Xmas night come often. Those taking part in the program were Walter Redmond, Carl Childs, Leon Cronk, Clarence Cronk, Paul Childs, Robert Perry and Mead Stephens.

When Hats Were Taxed.

Hat taxes were always more effective with regard to men's headgear than with women's. Queen Elizabeth taxed the blocked beaver out of existence, and Pitt's hat tax of 1784 brought a substantial revenue. Stamps were fixed inside the crown of the hat from threepence to 2 shillings, according to its price, while the penalties for selling unstamped hats ranged from £10 to £20, and the punishment for counterfeiting a hat stamp was death. But an attempt to tax women's French straw hats of the wattleau style signally failed. They were smuggled over in large quantities, and before this could be copied with wattleau hats went out of fashion, and the tax was a dead letter.—London Chronicle.

Women Street Cleaners.

Many women in Munich support themselves by street sweeping. Most of the recruits of this army come from the country, strapping daughters of small farmers or laborers, and the task is a coveted one to those stout and wholesome young women, so that there is always a waiting list. They dress in a kind of uniform—Tyrolean hat of green with a feather at one side, blue trousers, red jacket and a neckerchief.

As the Figures It.

It is the first time I have seen a man with ten years.
"What is considerably changed."
"You must consider that she is ten years older than she was ten years ago."
"The Delightful Ball."
"The editor in speaking of life."
"The miser has been for."
"The Other Way."
"The merchant who believes in."
"The miser who believes in."
"The miser who believes in."

THE ANDOVER FREE LIBRARY

Editor "Adolphus" Cowles of the Allegany Co. Democrat Goes Back on Some And- over Democratic Friends(?)

We take the following correspondence from Andover, from yesterday's Allegany County Democrat:
Editor Democrat, Wellsville, N. Y.,
MY DEAR SIR:—I take my pen in hand to inform you, and incidentally the people of Allegany County, that the liberal, progressive and enterprising taxpayers of Andover, have voted to have, to hold, fortuitously support and maintain a Carnegie Free Library.

The special election to decide the important question was held on Wednesday, December 27, 1911. The vote was 218 for the library and 50 against the enterprise. The proposition was in danger of defeat until the source of the opposition to this progressive movement was traced to Jim McGinty, that fine old Irish gentleman, with a soft voice, Chesterfieldian manners, sunny temper—he of the police court record. When this fellow McGinty went on the streets of our village and proclaimed, in soft, dulcet tones for which he is noted that might have been heard by the people on the planet Mars had they been listening: "TO HELL WITH THE LIBRARY! TO HELL WITH EVERY ONE CONNECTED WITH THE LIBRARY!" the question of erecting and supporting a Free Library in Andover was immediately settled in the affirmative.

McGinty's most active lieutenants and noisy echos in the campaign of intelligence repression, were I believe Messrs. Ollie Whitcomb and Charles Cheesman, so well, if possibly not favorably known here. Whitcomb so it is claimed buys his supplies in Chicago, while Cheesman as a taxpayer, would not count one in a public movement to bottle distilled moonshine. Whitcomb and Cheesman may be honest in their opposition to the library movement. With Jim McGinty, however, as their public mentor and moral example, some there are doubtless, who would view such a proposition askance if they did not openly and violently condemn it.

Andover will have her public library. The good citizens of this enterprising, progressive and pleasant village will in the meantime calmly and hopefully contemplate the many possible advantages which would accrue to all towns, not excepting Andover and Wellsville, were they relieved forthwith of the numerous characters who do not adorn the communities with their presence but enrich them with their promissory notes.
Sincerely yours,
A LIBRARY ADVOCATE
Andover, Dec. 28th, 1911.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Do I owe you anything. When I left Andover nearly nine years ago I had all my property both real and personal on my back and far as I know, it was free and unincumbered, but very lately I have been informed that perhaps I have one or two store accounts still unsettled.

If you are one of the unlucky please send me an itemized account as far as possible after this length of time. Also who got the goods. I do not say I will pay any bill sent to me but do say I will pay you whatever is right. Furthermore after this date forever and ever amen if anyone wants anything charged to me. Let them have it if they pay for it.
L. H. Thompson,
747 1/2 Roosevelt St.,
Portland,
Oregon.

"THE MAN ON THE BOX."

For Tuesday, January 8th, at the Auditorium, the attraction will be "The Man on the Box," one of the most delightful comedy dramas ever offered to the public. The play has been dramatised by Grace Livingston Furness from Harold McGrath's famous novel of the same name and it tells a bright wholesome tale which scintillates and sparkles from the rise to the fall of the curtain.



Nearly everybody has read the novel and will readily remember how the mischief-loving young Lieutenant Robert Worburton on the night of Washington's greatest ball, to play a practical joke on his sister, disguises himself as her coachman, intending to drive her and her chum home at a law-defying speed rate, snatch a kiss from his sister and vanish before she could find out the trick. Everything starts in very nicely for the Lieutenant's scheme,



but, by a mistake in carriage signals, he mounts the box of the wrong carriage, and ignorant of the change, drives away at a reckless speed. He gets his kiss, however, from a Colonel's daughter, and is afterwards arrested, locked up on the charge of fast driving and disorderly conduct and is heavily fined the next morning. It would be a shame to tell any more of the plot of this delightful play; it must be seen to be appreciated. The principal role of Lieut. Robert Worburton was created by that excellent American actor, Mr. Henry E. Dixey, and in it he scored one of his greatest successes. The piece had an unusually long run on Broadway and afterwards toured most successfully for three years in all of the larger cities.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Regents' Examinations at the Andover High School Jan- uary 15 to 19—List of Sub- jects and Date of Exams.

Regents examinations will be held at the school building, January 15-19. All students from outside school wishing to take these examinations must bring with them a certificate signed by their teacher stating their age and grade.
The order for examinations is as follows:
Monday, a. m. Geography, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra.
Monday, p. m. Spelling, Ancient History, American History, Civics.
Tuesday, a. m. Arithmetic, Reading, Plain Geometry, Commercial Arithmetic, Physics.
Tuesday, p. m. Elementary English, English I, English III, English 3 years.
Wednesday, a. m. Biology, Physiology, Latin III, Drawing.
Wednesday, p. m. Elementary U. S. History, Physical Geography, English History, Elementary Book-keeping.
Thursday, a. m. Latin II, Latin IV, Mechanical Drawing, 1-2-3-4.
Thursday, p. m. Latin I, English II, English Grammar, English IV.
Friday, a. m. German 1-2-3-4, History of Education.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Burrows National Bank for the election of directors and the transaction of other business will be held at the banking office Tuesday evening, January 9th at 8 o'clock, p. m.
All stockholders are earnestly requested to be present.
F. W. BURROWS,
Cashier.

The Lotus Flower.

Poets and novelists alike have given mythical texture and color to the lotus. The elder Dumas spoke of a lotus flower "pure white and with petals as delicate as fine muslin." Nor did the ancients treat the matter with more truth. Herodotus spoke of the lotus as "of a plant which habitually descended below the surface of the water at sunset to return to view only with the reappearance of the sun. The lotus-known to modern man goes below the surface of the water, like all umbelliferae, when its beauty and its freshness have passed and when the time has come to ripen its seed pod. Then by the law of life it closes its corolla and goes away from the air and the sunshine down into the water to prepare for the future of its family. It goes at the time when the sun sets, but it does not reappear. When it goes down as an individual it is gone forever. The petals described by Dumas as being "as white as the snows of Himalaya" are not pure white, nor can anything be called with justice "as white as the lotus flower," because a lotus flower may be red or blue as well as white.—Harper's.

THE BEEF TRUST TRIAL AND THE PRICE OF MEAT.

The trial of the meat packers, at least fairly under way at Chicago, is even more vital than the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases. The former showed that a great combine can be split up into constituent parts. The beef trust trial is to show whether individual companies can be made to compete if they don't want to. It is not probable that the government can produce documents tending to prove agreements or collusion. But the surprising uniformity of the packing companies, in prices paid for stock and secured for meat, have convinced the country that definite price agreements nevertheless exist. There seems to be but little hope, however, whatever the result of this trial that meat will be much cheaper at the provision store.

The Review of Reviews investigated meat costs last year. It placed the selling price of a steer at \$90.40, and the packers' profit at \$3.40. That is something more than the government estimate of 2 1/2 per cent on sales.

While few people will doubt that the beef packers could well afford to cut this profit of \$3.40 in two, and sell the steer for 170 less, it will be seen that this would reduce the price less than 2 per cent, which would not figure out half a cent a pound to the consumer.

The expense of distribution seems the worst along the whole line. On a \$90.40 steer, it is calculated that the butcher has to add \$32.29. And yet few butchers are plutocrats. Not many of them even have second hand motor-cars. After they have paid their help, fed their delivery horses, pocketed their losses on spoiled meat they do not seem to have much left.

It costs two to five cents a piece to deliver a chunk of meat at your back door. We warmly commend the effort of the government to enforce the law. But our hopes of lower prices for meat depend much more on the possibility of persuading the housewife to study the cook book more carefully, and on inducing the fore of the home to carry brown paper bundles through the street, than on the results to be obtained by jailing the packers.

EVERYBODY IS ANXIOUS TO SEE "THE MAN ON THE BOX."

Withal that the play is styled a comedy, it has its serious moments also, and there is a thread of melodrama and pretty love intermingled with the laughable situations and amusing dialogue, all of which make it a play that will grip the interest at the very start, and hold it steadily until the last word of the play is spoken.
Mr. Walter Scott Weeks will be seen in the role of the gay, masquerading lieutenant, supported by Miss Marion Johnquest and a good cast. Special settings and a complete detail in stage accessories will serve to enhance the value of the production.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the Farmers Scale Co. will be held at the Company's Scale House, Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, at 2 P. M.
G. M. Barney, Sec.

Happy New Year

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