

# ANDOVER NEWS

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## COURTS DEFIANCE AT THE STATE

Niagara Falls Threatens Vigorous Resistance to Mandate From Albany, Ordering General Vaccination.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 1.—(Special) The apprehension of the state department, is based on grounds more serious than the situation in Niagara Falls there is really no good reason to fear an epidemic of smallpox in the state.

The order of State Commissioner Health Eugene Porter to all health officers in the state to begin general vaccination, and to establish strict quarantine, is based on alleged epidemics of the disease in several cities of the state, including Niagara Falls.

There are only three cases of smallpox in Niagara Falls at present and they are of an exceedingly mild character.

There is a widespread feeling against vaccination here, and it is likely that any effort at general vaccination here would meet with vigorous opposition. Compulsory vaccination has not been enforced in Niagara Falls in 20 years.

There has been only one death from smallpox in Niagara Falls in the last 15 years, and in that one case there were contributory causes to death.

Dr. E. E. Gillick, city health physician, admits having received orders from the state department to enforce vaccination.

## OSTRICH FARM IN PENNSYLVANIA

Not many people in this vicinity are aware that Pennsylvania has an ostrich farm, and a successful one, at a hundred miles from here.

The farm is located in Bloomsburg, Columbia county and is not on the only ostrich farm in a northern latitude, but is the only one having Blue Nile ostriches, considered by those who know to be the finest gathered birds, commonly known as the "Aristocrats of the Ostrich Family."

These birds have spent three winters in this climate, during which they have enjoyed the best of health, seemingly more vigorous than those raised in warmer climates, and the cold climate seems to give the feathers more thickness and luster, the same as the fur-bearing animals of the north have thicker, and glossier fur than those of southern climes.

The birds have started laying, the first egg having been laid last week and weighed four pounds and nine ounces. This is the largest egg ever known to have been produced, and its size is attributed to the increased vigor caused by the climate.—Leader Dispatch.

## CLASSIC CONCERT

The Aida Quartette Assisted by C. Poi Pianon, at the Auditorium, Thursday Evening, Feb. 13.

This excellent attraction, which by fortunate open date has been added to the Lecture Course, comes here directly from Elmira, where they play the evening before. We copy the following from the Elmira Advertiser.

The appearance here of the Aida Quartette assisted by C. Poi Pianon, makes an important date to Elmira as who appreciate high standard music. Their recital will be memorable in Elmira musical annals. These persons are accustomed to appearing on programs with the most talented artists in the world, and their ability and rank is unquestioned.

To popularize high standard entertainment such as this the prices have been placed at 50 cents and \$1.00.

The prices at Andover will be 50 and 75c down stairs; 25 and 35c upstairs. Season Ticket Holders may have choice of seats for 35c. Season ticket reservation begins Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Public reservation Wednesday morning.

## QUARANTINE COUNTY

Allegany County Under Restrictions Owing to Rabies

Albany, Feb. 3.—Following receipt of the reports of the death of one dog, and several others, Commissioner Calvin J. ...

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## NEW PARTY OPENS HEADQUARTERS

Progressive Campaign to be Conducted From Capital.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Progressive party campaign for 1914 and 1915 is already on. National headquarters have been opened in Washington, in charge of O. K. Davis, secretary of the national organization. The general plan is to conduct the fight along the lines of the last campaign. The chief object of the bureau here is publicity, and the dissemination of information. A weekly paper, to be called the Progressive Bulletin, will be issued.

Organization from the ground up is contemplated by the Progressive party leaders. They will make an active canvass in every Congressional district of the United States in the 1914 campaign. This fight will be waged in the South as well as in other sections. The organization will reach down to wards and precincts.

Progressive party men are confident they will increase the power of the House next Congressional campaign, and put the party in good shape for the 1916 Presidential contest. Wayside Press.

## THE MEN'S CONGRESS

A special meeting of Congress will be held Monday, Feb. 10, 7:30, at the Odd Fellow Hall to discuss and settle all questions social, economic, political and religious.

There will be light refreshments and some feature of entertainment. Every boy above 16 and every man in the township invited.

The program appended below will show that the meeting will be of extraordinary interest and value to the citizens of the town.

The Rev. F. M. Baker will act as speaker of the house.

The following gentlemen will introduce the topics chosen for open court discussion:

"The Farmer," Charles Robinson; "Advantage and Disadvantage of Living in Andover," Mr. Lash; "Our Industries," Daniel Witter, Hervey Thorne, Edson Langworthy, W. S. Clark; "The Town Beautiful," Andrew Fuller; "Law Enforced," C. L. Earley; "Let's be Friendly," B. B. Hann; "Competition or Cooperation," open court; "Is Government by Commission Practicable in This Town?" J. H. Backus; "The Schools," Principal Sterner, F. W. Burrows, Angelo Tucker; "The Lady's," Clayton Williams; "The Play House, The Auditorium, The Amusement Rooms, Open Court," "The Churches," Revs. Ehret, Randall, H. B. Williams.

Shall we meet again? Open Court. Every boy over 16 and every man hereby invited.

## MASS MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The Auditorium was well filled Sunday evening by those in attendance at the Mass Meeting held under the charge of the pastors of the Protestant churches of the village as a culmination of the five weeks series of religious services conducted in the 1st Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. A large chorus choir and a male Quartette composed of Messrs. Rev. F. M. Baker, Abram Scum, Charles and George Robinson furnished the music. The sermon was delivered by Rev. F. M. Baker, pastor of the M. E. church.

## LUCY STONE CLUB

The Lucy Stone Club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease, Tuesday evening, February 11th. The meeting is under the auspices of the men of the Club. Atty Jesse Grantler of Wellsville, will give an address.

There will be a mock election held and a good musical program arranged by those in charge.

## W. C. T. U.

The Frances Willard Memorial meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held with Mrs. Roxanna Burrows, Friday afternoon, Feb. 7th. It is expected Miss Emma Ross, County President, will be present. A silver offering will be received for the Willard Memorial fund.

## DONATION VISIT

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## Affairs at Washington

### Happenings at the National Capital Tersely Told by a News Representative.

#### THE CORN CLUB BOYS

Washington, D. C., February 1.—Less than a half dozen years ago a few "corn club boys" came to Washington from one of the southern states. The plan of contests for championship in corn growing has made a hit, and now we have just had in our national Capital a great crowd of boys from twenty-five states. The results which each of the visiting boys have gotten from their champion acre would—if applied to the corn-growing area of the United States, multiply the corn production of the country five times. The Agricultural Department has not only given encouragement but has shown every interest in the work of these plained that their work in scientific young men and boys, and it is seed selection, adequate fertilization, and intense tillage must be a revelation and an inspiration to the average farmer. The corn club idea is working well in a number of ways. It is proving the greater possibilities of American soil, creating a spirit of emulation or farm pride among farmers, and it is encouraging boys to stay in the fields instead of seeking their fortune and usually finding disappointment in the cities.

#### LLOYD AND MCKINLEY WILL STEP OUT

With Congressman William McKinley of Illinois retiring to private life, and preparing for a trip around the world, the Congressional Committee of the Republican party will have to choose a new head. Mr. Lloyd of Missouri, who has led the Democratic Congressional organization, also announces that he will step down, and his resignation will shortly be in the hands of the Committee. It used to be a fine job in the olden days to manage these committees, but with everyone new directing where the campaign money must come from, in order that none of it shall be "tainted," and with the great supply out off and its contributors blacklisted it is child's play to out one of these Committees; and the Chairman who does not find the expense greater than his income likely has a different way of spelling his name from the present Chairman.

#### REGULATING THE TELEPHONE PROBLEM

Attorney General Wickerham has turned the entire problem, concerning the "telephone trust" and the "independents" over to the Interstate Commerce Commission, with an invitation to "go to it." The Commission took up the railroad rate problems, under direction of Congress, and later the express and sleeping car questions, with wonderfully beneficial results. Mr. Wickerham evidently believes that results justify intelligent direction through the investigation and orders of the Commission rather than through the sources of punishment that can be reached by way of the office of Attorney General. In New York City a business telephone with a service limited to 600 calls costs \$48.00 a year. In some portions of the country unlimited service is purchased as low as \$1.50 a month up.

#### TO ARBITRATE OR NOT—THAT'S THE QUESTION

Senator Root of New York, declares that the honor of the nation is at stake and that we must arbitrate the Panama Canal controversy with England. Judge O'Gorman, Senator from the same state says we are "running this thing" and don't have to arbitrate. The Senate and the country is becoming thoroughly divided by this question.

#### SUGGESTS MODERNIZING CENSUS METHODS

The Director of the Census recommends simplified methods for taking the next census. He would use the ...

Many vital statistics gathered by the last census are not as yet—nor never will be. The census cost \$14,000,000, and the most of it is stored in junk piles in Washington. The statistics regarding newspapers for 1910 have never appeared, and if they ever do they will be about the same thing as is to be found in an out-of-date newspaper directory. Other instances without number could be cited to prove the popular belief of Washington that most of the statistical work of the Census is a high joke.

#### "RAISING THE ROOF" OF THE WHITE HOUSE

The superintendent of public buildings stirred up something of a sensation when it became known that he was about to commence some alterations at the White House. The report went out over the country that he was "going to raise the roof" to accommodate the large Wilson family. It now appears that Colonel Roosevelt raised this roof high enough for all time, and that the improvements contemplated simply aim to put into serviceable condition the attic of the exterior, thus making available an insignificant expense a lot of room that at present is serviceable only for storage purposes.

#### LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING BUREAU

Senator LaFollette has come to the aid of the bill of Representative Nelson of the same state to provide for the establishing of a legislative drafting bureau, and a reference division, in the Library of Congress, along the lines that have proven so effective in Wisconsin's legislature for a number of years. The whole measure simply aims to systematize the work of drafting bills and to have them in shape so they are not ambiguous or in conflict with other statutes. At present there is a good deal of hit or miss about this sort of thing, with the result that even good lawyers frequently have trouble in finding out what the law really is—to say nothing of amending it, or naming new measures.

#### LOOKING FOR WILSON TO "RUN THINGS"

It is evident that Mr. Wilson is giving his time principally to his position of Governor of New Jersey, since the Democratic party leaders complain that he does not tell them what to do or let them into his plans. Yet these same critics in some cases feel "terribly certain" that Mr. Wilson as President will shoulder most of the responsibility in connection with the big question affecting the party and the country.

#### THE REPUBLICAN APPOINTMENTS

The "fellows back home" who are on the Republican schedule for appointments can feel lots of satisfaction over the splendid fight being put up in the Capital to "get them through" before March fourth. But the indications are that the Democrats have the wheels of confirmation effectively blocked, and outside of army, navy and diplomatic appointments "there is nothing doing."

President Taft has excited a good deal of admiration among his political adversaries by his energetic way of doing things of late, and a prominent Democrat on Capital Hill declares that "if he had been as strong a President before election as he has been since, the country might have appreciated him more." But then that is simply chronicling the statement of a "statesman" who would not have voted for or supported Mr. Taft under any circumstances.

It cost \$6,254,907.37 to maintain the government printing office during the past fiscal year. In contrast to the great expense of this single establishment it appears that \$8,132.08 will be sufficient for the Indian affairs of the entire country.

## SEVEN HOURS SLEEP NO MORE, NO LESS

You Can't be Fit Otherwise, And Make Turn Criminal, Says Dr. Foerster.

"Seven hours sleep is all that is necessary for any human being, and if obtained regularly in certain hours nightly will keep the body and mind in a healthy state," said Dr. Foerster, Coroner of Cincinnati, regarded as an authority on criminology. "Much of the disease of today is due to too much or too little sleep. A person who sleeps over seven hours has had too much rest, which makes the mind sluggish and the muscles lazy. On the other hand, the person who has not had sufficient sleep is mentally and physically unfit to perform his or her duties with that snap and vim found in persons who have had the required rest.

"Men and women who commit crime as a rule are long sleepers. Their minds grow weak from too much sleep and then they acquire the 'don't care' habit, which often results in crime.

"Make it a rule to sleep seven hours and you will be better for it, mentally, physically and financially.

#### ROSE—BAKER.

Miss Chloë Rose of Whitesville, and Rev. F. M. Baker of Andover, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister in Big Flats, N. Y., Wednesday, February 5th, the ceremony being performed at high noon, by Rev. S. A. Morse D. D., Presiding Elder of the Olean District.

The wedding guests included the immediate families only, to whom luncheon was served after the marriage.

Rev. Baker came from Boston, Mass., to the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church in the Genesee Conference, in 1910, and at the last session of the Conference was appointed pastor of the M. E. church of this village.

Rev. and Mrs. Baker arrived in Andover Wednesday evening, going directly to their home in the beautiful parsonage adjoining the church.

The News joins in congratulations and best wishes.

## SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB HAS MEETING AT WELLSVILLE

Wellsville, Feb. 3.—The meeting of the schoolmasters' club was held at the country club last Saturday. Attendance was not large, partly owing to the state meetings at Utica and Ithaca this week and next. The new officers elected were: President, Floyd M. Fernald of Bath; vice president, John M. Foster of Dansville; secretary, S. C. Sumner of Belmont.

The club includes the counties of Allegany, Steuben, Wyoming and Livingston, but as the attendance is usually mostly from the county where the meeting is held, some doubt was expressed as to whether there was a special field for such an organization. After discussion it was decided that there was at least a profitable field for an Allegany organization. Accordingly, a new club was organized to be known as the Allegany School Council, and Principal R. P. Davis of the Cuba High School was elected president, Principal S. C. Sumner of Belmont High School, vice President, and Principal George H. Smith of Belfast High School, secretary.

If you lost it, the finder wants to find you!

## THANKFUL WITTER

Miss Witter died at her home in this village, Sunday morning, February 2nd, after an illness of a few hours with apoplexy.

She was born in Alfred, February 24th, 1841, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Witter. Her entire life having been passed in Alfred and Andover. Miss Witter was a member of the S. D. Baptist church of Hartsville Hill.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning from the church in this village, by Mr. Ehret assisted by Rev. W. H. Randall of the First Baptist church.

Of her immediate family she leaves two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Catharine Green of Andover, Mrs. Louisa Wheaton of Overbrook, Kan., C. G. Witter, Coudersport, Pa., and Frank Witter of Andover.

The body was taken to Hartsville Hill for burial in the family plot in the cemetery in that place.

## ELK IN PENNSYLVANIA

A carload of twenty-five elk, five bucks and twenty does have been released in the state game preserve in Clearfield county and a like number in Clinton county this week.

The carloads were from the Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, and were furnished free to the state by the National Government, the state paying transportation charges and the cost of catching and loading them.

## TRANSPORTATION TO GETTYSBURG

C. F. Davis, Commander of Edward Seamon Post G. A. R. No. 481, has received the following notice from the New York Gettysburg Commission: "The Commission has found it necessary to limit the time within which applications for transportation to Gettysburg may be filed at this office to April 1st, 1913, instead of May 1st, as originally announced." New York Gettysburg Commission, 1 East 9th St., New York.

## A PLEASANT EVENT

The following information was received too late for publication last week. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 28th, a company of about sixty people went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum, on the Pease farm, which included, beside their neighbors, about twenty-five from this village. The evening was spent in dancing, accompanied by an oyster supper. Mr. and Mrs. Slocum proved themselves royal entertainers.

## BASE BALL

A meeting of all those interested in base ball in Andover the coming summer is called for Friday evening, Feb. 7th, at the Village Hall.

Every one who is at all anxious for Andover to have a winning ball team is urged to be present. Don't stay away from this meeting and then knock because of the action of those who do come.

## ENGINEER BLAMED FOR THE WRECK

Engineer Wm. H. Schroeder of Elmira has been declared primarily responsible for the D. L. & W. wreck near Corning, last July, in which 4 persons were killed and 75 injured. The Public Service Commission has spent considerable time investigating the wreck and the decision was reached last week.

### Notice of Dissolution

On account of the dissolution of the co-partnership of H. H. Williams & Co., Mr. C. W. Williams retiring, all accounts due the firm of H. H. Williams & Co. must be settled at once.

H. H. Williams