

FARMERS' MEETING AT WELLSVILLE

On Saturday, the 15th, Jas. A. D. S. Findlay Will Address Two Meetings at the High School Auditorium.

Wellsville, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Wellsville Grange has arranged for a one day Farmer's Institute to be held on Saturday, February 15th, in the High School Auditorium.

Mr. Findlay is a successful and practical farmer. He has a dairy farm in Orange county, where he is keeping 300 head of stock on about as many acres.

Of Mr. Findlay Director Van Alstyne says: "He is a thoroughly practical man and is able to tell what he knows."

Here will be an opportunity for the farmers near Wellsville to hear what a practical man has to say, to ask questions and discuss topics in which they are interested.

Make your arrangements to receive Saturday afternoon and evening, February 15th, to attend these farm discussions at the High School Auditorium in Wellsville.

A PLEASANT OCCASION

Reception to Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Baker, at M. E. Church Parlor. A large and happy company was that which gathered at the Methodist church parlor last Friday evening for a reception to Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Baker, pastor of the Methodist church, to welcome them to Andover.

The church parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion in white and green with floral roses. The officers of the church together with the pastors of the other Andover Protestant churches and their wives were in the receiving line.

Light refreshments were served the company, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker were the recipients of many valuable and beautiful presents, among which was a fine present from the Mim Valley Chapel where Rev. Mr. Baker conducts Sunday afternoon services, and one from Andover Odd Fellows Lodge of which he is a member.

A very enjoyable social hour was had, and the neighborhood quartette rendered several selections to the delight of all.

The entire affair was one long to be remembered as a very pleasant and happy evening, all wishing the pastor and his estimable wife many years of happiness and usefulness in this community.

REGENTS

The following regents passed their term, English, Carl Mark, Arithmetic, Geo. W. Spelling, Geography, Katheryn.

MRS. HENRY HORAN

Mrs. Henry Horan departed this life at the family home, early Saturday morning, February 8th, after an illness of more than a year's duration with stomach trouble.

Ellen Horan was born Mar. 29, 1858 on the farm now occupied by Frank Dean. At the age of 19 years she was united in marriage to Henry Horan, and began her married life at the home of her husband, now the home of her son, Ed. Horan, where she proved a kind and considerate daughter, to the three elderly people then comprising the household.

After some years Mr. Horan acquired his present farm, where she labored with him most zealously to erect the fine substantial home from which she was sadly borne Tuesday morning.

When death entered the happy family circle and removed the beloved wife and mother it left a void, that is also felt by our community, for she had lived her life in our midst, and was loved and respected by all. Many among us have felt her kind ministering hands in sickness, or listened to her words of comfort when trouble came, until her own failing health confined her almost entirely to her home.

Everything possible was done to combat her disease, but without avail, and after many months of patient suffering she resigned herself to the will of her divine Master. The end came most peacefully, and another good wife and mother has gone to her eternal reward.

Surviving are her husband and eight children, E. S. Horan of South Hill, Mrs. John Wall of Elm Va., Mrs. J. P. Smith of Andover, Mrs. Lou Snyder of East Valley and Frank Leo, Dean and Miss Nellie Horan, residing at home, also three grandchildren. She was the youngest living member of her family of which two brothers and two sisters still survive, Michael Dean, Mrs. Rourke and Mrs. Shields of Andover and E. B. Dean of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services which were very largely attended were held in the Blessed Sacrament church of Andover Tuesday, with solemn mass of requiem, Rev. J. J. Sheehy being celebrant; Rev. R. O'Brien of Wellsville; deacon and Rev. Father White of Cuba deacon. Her pastor preached an eloquent sermon, and the choir was augmented by several members of the church's former choir. Burial was in St. Johns Cemetery where by her request her remains were tenderly borne to their last resting place by her four sons.

Among those from out of town in attendance were Anthony Dean his son Martin and daughter Mary, and Miss Margaret Dean of Hornell, William Dean Jr. of Bath, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Keough, Mrs. J. D. Magner, Mrs. John Keough, Mrs. Ray Healy, Messrs. Wm. McAndrew, Ed. McLaughlin, Ted Forhan, M. H. Dean, Henry Coleman, James Coyle and Misses. Mayme, Agnes and Monica Forhan, Elizabeth Yates and Mayme Higgins of Wellsville; and Miss. Anna O'Leary of Dunkirk; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Connelly, Mr. Fred Gonter, Mrs. Michael O'Connor, Mrs. W. H. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Baker of Wellsville; Mrs. J. S. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broderick of Hornell; Mrs. C. O'Hagan and son Thomas of Greenwood; and Miss. Mame Dean of Buffalo, who tenderly cared for Mrs. Horan during her illness.

The News extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Horan and family in their sorrow.

THE ROSARY

Whatever else may be said of Rowland and Clifford's new production, "The Rosary" which comes to the Auditorium next Wednesday evening, the charge of imitation of other plays cannot be made. "The Rosary" virtually breaks new ground in the dramatic field and should prove a veritable surprise when the curtain rises upon it.

The play is built upon a thoroughly modern theme, viz: the influence of thought upon the lives and wellbeing of the men and women of our present day.

That thought is still a force, a power, many thru her Ambassador in Washington by order of the Government.

Baseless Fear of War By Andrew Carnegie

The Absurdity of Taxing Our People Under the Pretext of Averting an Impossible Invasion--The Writer Well Qualified for His Subject.

Officials under the present administration have recently become prominent in surprising efforts to increase our Naval and Military forces, the latest and most startling being Colonel Goethal's estimate of no less than 25,000 soldiers as necessary to guard the Panama Canal, strongly fortified against naval assault as it is.

Under present conditions no sensible man would object to adequate protection of our whole country by the Army and Navy, but surely this is madness. The pending demand is for three battleships this session, but General Wood tells us that the Canal once opened is to require more battleships than hitherto, differing in this form from the President who has assured us that only one battleship per year would be required after the Canal was opened.

It is stated that we, remote as we are from danger, are now spending about 70 per cent. of our total expenditures upon Army and Navy, including pensions, while Britain, in the very center of the only strong military and naval powers, spends only 43 per cent. of hers on Army and Navy, which seems incredible. It is high time we should look into this.

No one ventures to name the faintest idea of quarrelling with us, nor have we any idea of quarrelling with any. All we have to do is to show our confidence in the continuance of present happy relations with all and cease expanding either Army or Navy.

Our Military and Naval officials fight imaginary foes when they think of possible invasions of enemies. The Republic, having no designs of territorial acquisition nor powerful neighbors, has no enemies to fear. It is the reverse with European lands joined together, each armed against the other as probable invaders. We expect those of our Military and Naval circles to dwell in their dream upon possible attacks, devising counter measures of attack and defense.

"This their vocation." But to any proposal of increase Army or Navy we hope our President-elect's response will be—"Pray tell us first against what enemy you need this further protection. Name the power or powers and tell us what object they can have for attacking us, how they can benefit therefrom—what end in view." There are today only two Navies greater than our own, those of Britain and Germany. We rank third. Does any sensible man, Naval and Military officers excepted, fear war between the two parts of our speaking race? Is not this unthinkable? As we have outgrown the duel so have we outgrown homicidal war. English speaking men are never again to assail each other. That day has past. Has there ever been danger of war between Germany and ourselves, members of the same Teutonic race? Never has it been even imagined. America, Britain, Germany in China marched their united forces under a German General to Peking, and so will these three Powers unite again when danger requires. We are all of the same Teutonic blood and united could ensure world peace. The fourth Naval power in our silly of the Revolution, the sister Republic of France. Could even an American admiral or commanding General succeed in believing that war was possible between the two Republics? This would be found beyond even the wildest flights of his vivid imagination. The Taft treaty summing all questions to arbitration was signed by three of these Powers, Britain, France and ourselves. Germany thru her Ambassador in Washington by order of the Government.

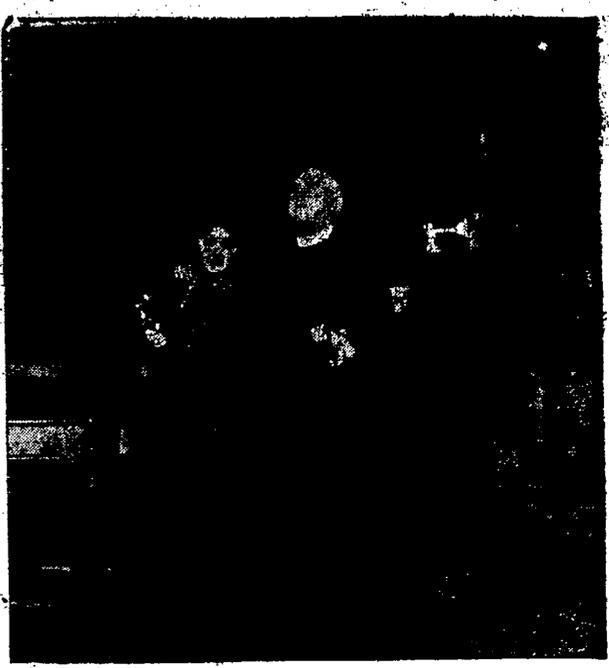
threatening to break world peace that such action would not be favorably considered and asking that their policy of peaceful arbitration be adopted instead, would not, could not, pass unheeded and peace would be preserved, and the foulest blot upon Civilization would thus have been erased. The treaty failed unexpectedly to get the required two-thirds vote in the Senate, but let the peacemakers be of good cheer. We hope and believe that the incoming administration is to renew the effort and succeed. There can be no such word as fail in a cause so noble.

"Let Wood, Mahan, Goethal and others, admittedly the right men in the right places, give us one good reason why any nation should desire war with us. When they do this to the country's satisfaction we should listen, but not till then. To name our probable invaders and describe their means of invading us would banish all ground for anxiety. Think of a European power having to transport an army and its supplies across the Atlantic to attack us, always keeping in mind the question why and with what object. Thanks to our Constitution, if we must repel invasion we shall have the advantage of a civilian commander-in-chief in the President and not a professional theorist, incapable of judging questions of general policy. Here we are reminded of an axiom in business, "beware the expert," especially those whose life work is dreaming of wars which seldom or never happen. Our Naval and Military officials must dream of wars since most of them never even see one. They resemble our warships, few of which ever fire a hostile shot, but parade around the world showing their guns as peacocks display their feathers, always ornamental, but seldom useful. Lincoln with a Stanton, a Grant and a Sherman, is the ideal—not one of whom but come direct from civil life to defend his country. It would possibly be our best policy to invite our invaders to land; guide them into the interior as far as they would go—set them in their would find easy, but when it came to the question how they would get out it would be another story—surrounded as they would be by hundreds of thousands of sharpshooters from every quarter of the compass.

Our Republic, soon to number 100,000,000 of free and independent citizens, our men old and young ready with their rifles to do or die for their country if attacked, surely every soldier man even the narrow professional soldier in his same moments, must realize that no such hairbrained madness as invasion will ever be attempted. Our harbors could easily be torpedoed before the enemy could prepare and arrive.

Men who refused today to walk abroad without lightning rods down their backs with a ground connection, because men have been struck with lightning, would be the counterparts of those who fear invasion. Not one of the three additional warships demanded this year, if built, in all probability will ever fire a shot against a foe, but rust into uselessness—forty-five millions of dollars needlessly squandered. What a waste of capital that could be put to useful ends in improving for the masses the conditions of life. There is to be an end of this folly some day. A man's profession is his hobby; therefore if generals are to decide how many soldiers we are to maintain, and admirals how many fifteen-million-dollar battleships we are to build to rust away, farewell to common sense, for there are 40 extremes to which man's hobbies may not lead them.

There few if any of our officers of war have ever seen war, and thank God never will. The professional hobby



Scene from "The Rosary," at the Auditorium Feb. 19

MRS. AND MRS. R. A. PEASE ENTERTAIN CLUB MEETING

Mrs. and Mrs. R. A. Pease entertained the Lucy Stone Club at their home on Elm street, Tuesday evening. The program under the auspices of the men of the Club was most enjoyable. The first number, a piano solo played by Miss Florence Taylor. Atty. Jesse Grantier of Wellsville, who had been requested to address the meeting on the subject "Direct Primaries" was next introduced. Mr. Grantier, formerly a resident of Andover, and principal of our High School, is always assured of a warm welcome upon his return to this village. During his remarks he spoke most emphatically of the need of organization for the advancement of suffrage sentiment and education in view of the probable submission of the question to the voters of New York State in 1915.

Following Mr. Grantier's address the company were favored by several delightful musical numbers including

LOCAL SOLOS, by Rev. F. M. Baker and Charles Robinson, and a Violin solo by A. R. Brillion, with Miss Gladys E. Thombs at the piano.

A mock election was the final number. Two strong tickets, the "Womans Party" and the "Suffrage Party" appeared with nominations for village officers, and a thorough canvass was made by the candidates for office. An amendment allowing the male members of the Lucy Stone Club the right of suffrage in the proceedings of the meetings was also submitted for vote. The ladies were instructed as to the correct manner of marking and folding the ballot and the election carried through in legal form.

Dainty refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

J. O. SEBRING IS SUSPENDED

Corning's City Attorney is Disposed and Thomas F. Rogers is Selected to Prosecute Charges Against Him

Corning, Feb. 11.—City Attorney James O. Sebring was suspended from office and Thomas F. Rogers was engaged to prosecute charges of malfeasance in office against him at a meeting of the Common Council. The action resulted in a letter being presented to Acting Mayor Alderman Alfred Malby, and signed by all but one of the Aldermen of the city asking that the City Attorney be suspended pending the consideration of the charges of malfeasance against him.

Since James O. Sebring became City Attorney three years ago in January he has conducted a number of investigations of various city officials and departments, and now he is to be made the subject of an investigation. Mr. Sebring has seemed to be courted by the press for some time, and as much has been suggested to him, he has been friendly. To those who have only smiled, and replied that they would be able to take care of it.

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