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TO RETIRE MR. BARNES NOW

League Determined Wage War of Political Annihilation Against Republican Leader. Watch the

Anti-Saloon League of New York State has determined to respect fully to retire Mr. Barnes, Jr., as its representative on the National Republican Committee before he ruins the party in this state. Whatever party does, the League believes as a result of the big gains in the present legislative, congressional and no-license elections in New York State, that the time has come to declare war on Mr. Barnes, in which quarter will be given nor asked until he is permanently eliminated. As well as as ostensible position of political principle in New York, because he has in himself the discredited principles and gath-erings of the vicious, stupid, arrogant political interests are withholding the peo-ple of self-government on their question.

Anti-Saloon League op-poses Mr. Barnes not because he is a political machinist whose power is based upon the support of the most vicious elements of society and the most selfish special interests, but because his political influence is consistently exerted in behalf of the liquor traffic, in opposition to the passage of genuine majority rule legislation on liquor question in New York. It is popularly supposed that the greatest hindrance to legislation in New York is Tammany, but Tammany cannot get the goods if deprived of its fact allies in the Republic-ian party. The influence of Tammany has been thrown with- out on this question when Tammany needed it and the man of the Excise Commit-tee, Mr. Barnes, own county clerk, helped furnish Tam- many the votes necessary to pro- long liquor traffic during the sessions.

of the most grotesque and vulgar jokes in recent political history is the attempt of the Tammany crowd to interpret the provisions of the constitution which allows knifed because Mr. Barnes had not been allowed to run as he desired, in violation of the effect of the constitution. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares. Isaiah, ii:4." "Bryan while secretary of state had them made from a lot of cast-off swords obtained from the war department. — Washington Post.

agement from the liquor traffic. The League in pushing this fight on Mr. Barnes not only does not intend to let up in its fight for the "OPTIONAL PROHIBITION REFERENDUM BILL" in New York, but will use one to help the other by hanging a leg on Mr. Barnes tag on every move made by any recognized Barnes followers against this legislation. We do not know how long it will take to make Mr. Barnes politically worthless to the liquor traffic in this state, except that it will come sooner than bone-head politicians or indifferent good people imagine. In the meantime the Anti-Saloon League can better afford to be temporary defeated in an effort to destroy the liquor grip upon the politics of this state than the Republican party can afford to allow Mr. Barnes to singe and blister it by using it for the purpose of pulling liquor chestnuts out of the fire. And we are as certain of reasonably speedy victory as of sunrise.

(Signed)
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON,
State Superintendent.
New York, Nov. 20, 1915.

CLARK HOUSE BURNS \$10,000 Dollar Fire Loss at Bolivar Sunday Night

One of Bolivar's leading hotels, the Clark House, was destroyed by fire Sunday evening, entailing a loss of about \$10,000, which was partly covered by insurance.

The fire started in the north-east wing of the hotel, in a room occupied by a man by the name of Clark.

The occupants of the hotel escaped with their belongings, excepting W. G. Barton, of the Tidewater Pipe Line Co., who was carried from his room in a semi-suffocated state, overcome by the smoke.

The Clark House is one of the oldest, if not the oldest in this section of the country, was built in 1824 by Hollis Newton for a store building. The next year, however, it was changed into a hotel and has from time to time been enlarged and improved until it was a spacious and roomy hostelry. C. C. Garthwait and C. W. Williams were married in the hotel and within its walls much of the history of Bolivar has been made.

SHORT WINTER COURSES AT STATE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

We are in receipt of a circular describing the short courses in Agriculture to be offered at the State School of Agriculture at Alfred, New York, during the coming winter. The courses are offered in General Agriculture, Dairying, Fruit Growing and Poultry. They are free to any resident of the State of New York, the only charge being for room, board and books. Classes begin January 4th, and continue for either six or twelve weeks as the student may desire. Those interested would do well to write to the Director of the State School of Agriculture at Alfred, New York, asking for a copy of this circular.

BIBLE REPLACES STATUTES

The Bible seem to be supplanting the constitution and the revised statutes in some government offices since President Wilson quoted Ezekiel as favoring a program of national defense. Administration men recognize that they are fighting Bryan on his own ground when they enter biblical controversy, and that greater preparedness may be necessary.

Meanwhile, on the desk of almost every important official is a nickel-plated paperweight in the shape of a plowshare bearing the inscription: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares. Isaiah, ii:4." "Bryan while secretary of state had them made from a lot of cast-off swords obtained from the war department. — Washington Post.

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HORNELL EXCITED BY BIG GASER

Over a Million Feet Per Day of Gas is Estimated to Come From the York Well Just Completed.

Saturday's Hornell, Tribune carried the following story of the new York gas well recently drilled in that city back of Hotel York:

Early next week work will be started on the drilling of two more gas or oil wells in this city. Contracts have been closed with Charles J. York, to put a well down on the property of Edward J. Davis, foundry, and E. M. Chase, owner of the Hotel Sherwood, is to have a well put down on the Sherwood hotel property.

The apparatus which has been in use at the well on the Hotel York property will be moved to a site on one of the above mentioned places and another string of tools and necessary equipment will be shipped from Shingle house early next week to be set up on the other site.

The work will be started as soon as possible and a thorough test for gas or oil will be made. Property owners in this city and on the immediate outskirts are becoming very enthusiastic with the progress of gas development here and are having many visions of the upper Canastota valley being dotted with derricks and its fertile soil about the wells covered with the white clay mud, so typical of deep drilling.

It is generally understood that leases are being bought up and property owners are negotiating for the sale of such leases to companies coming into this city. Mr. York, the pioneer of the present gas boom here, and the one who put down the first, and at the present time, the only well, which is producing such astonishing results, has stated that he would like to consult with property owners before they sell leases of their lands.

Instead of letting so much of the gas escape from the well in the rear of the Hotel York, a cap was placed over the mouth of the casing yesterday afternoon. This is fastened down as tight as possible and still the terrific pressure of the gas forces it out in a volume big enough to run any manufacturing plant in this city.

Before the gas is turned into the lines of the Hornell Gas Company, it will have to be piped to a main that is not being used much, which will act as a reducer to the high pressure from the well. Were it to be turned into one of the big mains where the gas is already forced through, the added force from this well would be too much to handle with safety in the homes where the gas goes.

The gas company is waiting for the necessary four-inch pipe and other necessary material and the work will be immediately started when this arrives. Mr. York will tap in onto the line at the well and will use all the gas necessary to heat and light his hotel and the surplus is to be sold to the Hornell Gas Company at a stipulated price.

It is estimated that the well is producing enough gas every twenty-four hours, which is now approximately 1,250,000 cubic feet, to furnish the daily consumption in this city. This can be taken as a comparison of the astonishing production of this well and it only remains to strike good paying gas in one more well, to start one of the greatest booms that this city has experienced in years.

A store's advertisements determine whether the undecided, the unappreciated, the non-habituated patrons buy it here, or elsewhere.

Read the classified ads.

NEW RURAL DELIVERY FROM ANDOVER

Postmaster O'Connell Secures a New Rural Route Starting From His Office Feb. 1st. It Will Be 28 Miles.

It has come to be public that there is to be a new rural free delivery route starting from Andover postoffice Feb. 1st next.

The new route will be about 28 miles in length. It traverses part of the territory now served by Wellsville Route 4, from Elm Valley up over Pingrey Hill. The new route goes from the Andover postoffice to Elm Valley up over the Pingrey Hill road by the Geo. Barrett and T. N. Boyd farms. In all about 18 miles will be served on the west side of Andover.

The new route will then go up what is known as the Shovel Hollow road, making about 10 miles on the east side of the town. This new route has been secured by the efforts of Postmaster W. F. O'Connell mostly, and is a much needed change, giving back to the Andover postoffice the patrons that justly belong to it.

Heretofore the Wellsville Route 4 has been serving people within two miles of the Andover office, which was not only unfair to Andover office, but gave the patrons much inconvenience, as some times it would take two days to get a letter to a person living within two miles of the Andover postoffice.

The new route will therefore be a great accommodation to the people living on the territory covered. Many who have heretofore refused to be served by the Wellsville route, preferring to come to Andover postoffice, will undoubtedly now make arrangements to have their mail delivered to their farm homes.

The new route will be Route 3, Andover, N. Y., and will give daily service excepting Sundays.

AUDITORIUM, SATURDAY EVENING

Screen Adaptation of "The Commanding Officer" Strong and Appealing

One of the strongest feature photoplays of recent times is the Famous Players Film Company's four-part film version of the noted military play, "The Commanding Officer." The drama that stirred the emotions of two continents. This subject, with the popular ingenue, Alice Dovey, as the central character, is the chief attraction at the Auditorium on the Paramount Program.

The film version of this popular subject bears all the thumb-nails of as great a success as was attained by the original play, and the carefully selected cast covers itself with unassuming but interesting honors. Donald Crisp portrays the Colonel in the title role with a manly, courteous and definite bearing which gives the part weight and elegance. "The Commanding Officer" is the kind of photoplay that nine-tenths of the town will be wild to see two or three times, and the other tenth at least once. There is so much tense story, and so much fine, balanced acting and such delightful personalities in the superb cast that it cannot but be a tremendous success.

Produced in California, under the direction of Allan Dwan, the photoplay is further enriched by broad, sweeping backgrounds that are both charming and appropriate to the action of the play.

A counter-plot of overwhelming power adds to the interest of the subject, which should be as popular an offering at the Auditorium as the original play was at the foremost legitimate theatres of this country and Europe.

Your best buying opportunity of the whole gift-buying season may be outlined in one of to-day's ads.

THE TAX INCREASE The State Tax High, But County An Town Budget Less

A great deal of anxiety has been expressed on the part of many as to how great an increase our taxes were to assume this year over that of last.

Supervisor John Common informs the News that while the state tax is several hundred percent higher than that of last year, the town and county tax is less and our assessed valuation is greater, so the amount of tax will not be a great deal larger than that of 1914.

The State and County budget this year will be \$156,249.79 of this \$55,000.00 is state tax. Last year the state tax was but \$1,600.00. The total state and county tax last year was \$134,343.17, making an increase in the county of \$21,906.63.

The budget is divided into the following funds:

Poor Fund	\$30,450.80
General Fund	85,971.82
Highway Fund	39,827.17
Total	\$156,249.79

Andover has been given a rate of 52 percent by the equalization committee.

The above figures do not include the town audits which are about \$1,000 less than last year.

ERNEST RICHARDSON ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Bolivar Man Shot by Companion He Was Hunting With

While hunting near Bolivar Ernest Richardson was accidentally shot Sunday afternoon by his nephew, Cecil Richardson. Two shots took effect in the back and several in the legs.

Cecil Richardson and Clair McIntyre both shot at a rabbit. Ernest Richardson who was a short distance from them, though they were through shooting and raised his gun to shoot. As he did so, his nephew fired again.

Dr. C. F. Hoffman was summoned and dressed the injuries then had Richardson removed to the hospital in Olean. Richardson is about 23 years old and an oil-field worker. It is believed he will recover.

ALFRED WOMAN SHOT

Rifle Bullet Pierces Her Back, But She Will Live

Alfred, Nov. 22.—Mrs. S. L. Wheaton was accidentally shot at her home in this village to-night. She had just entered the dining-room when a rifle which her son, Fay, was cleaning, was accidentally discharged.

The bullet struck her in the back and she fell to the floor unconscious. Doctors say she will recover.

WARD OATLEY DIES

The funeral of Ward Oatley, a former resident of Andover, who died in Rochester recently, was held in the Hartshorn undertaking parlors, Hornell, Wednesday. The interment was in Hornell Rural Cemetery.

GETS VERDICT FOR \$120 DAMAGES

Case of William Brown of Putney Against R. L. O'Donnell of This Village Tried in Hornell Last Week.

Hornell, N. Y., Nov. 22.—The negligence action of William J. Brown of Putney against Robert L. O'Donnell of Andover was tried in Supreme Court Friday. A sealed verdict was returned by the Jury to be opened Monday morning.

The verdict gave Brown \$120. The action was for \$4,000 damages.

The case was brought by Mr. Brown to secure damages as the result of a collision between an automobile owned and driven by Mr. O'Donnell and his rig, in which he was thrown out and painfully hurt, the wagon damaged and horses injured.

Mr. O'Donnell claimed that a settlement was made with Mr. Brown at the time of the accident.

Attorney James O. Sebring of Corning appeared for Mr. Brown and Attorney Herbert Hemmenway of Corning appeared for Mr. O'Donnell.

STATE SUFFRAGE CONVENTION

The 47th annual convention of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association will be held at Hotel Astor, New York City, Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st and 2nd. This will be in reality, a reorganization convention of the Empire State Campaign Committee, New York State Woman Suffrage Association and Woman Suffrage party for the formation of plan of procedure in the new campaign.

SUPERVISORS MADE TWO NEW APPROPRIATIONS

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors were made. One was for employing a tuberculosis visiting nurse, for which an appropriation of \$1,000 was granted.

Two thousand dollars was also given to the Child Welfare fund. Both propositions are worthy, and are along the line of modern humanity measures which are becoming deservedly popular.

POLICE RECORDS

The past week two arrests were made by the Andover police.

Hiram Weeks was arrested for carrying concealed weapons. He was taken before Justice T. B. Bassett and fined five dollars.

Judge Kinney fined George Crandall five for drunkenness Thursday of last week.

BAKER—GREEN

Married at the Baptist parsonage Saturday evening, Nov. 20, 1915, by Rev. W. H. Randall, Dale D. Baker of Greenwood and Miss Maryella Green of West Union.

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