One Hundred Fortieth Condensed Quarterly Report

## ANDOVER STATE BANK

ANDOVER, N. Y.

as rendered to

NEW YORK STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT

MARCH 22, 1929

| RESOURCES | | LIABILITIES | |
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| Loans and Discounts | $266,174.10 | Capital Stock ..... | $ 25,000.00 |
| Bonds ..... | 86,242.95 | Surplus Fund and Undivided Profits .... | 80,604.26 |
| Real Estate Mortgages | 42,776.98 | Deposits ..... | 329,471.94 |
| Real Estate ..... | 2,500.00 | Unearned Discounts .. | 1,995.00 |
| Accrued Interest .... | 2,689.81 | Reserved for Taxes and Interest ..... | 7,742.07 |
| Overdrafts ..... | 547.19 | | |
| Cash and Due from Banks ..... | 43,882.24 | | |
| | $444,813.27 | | $444,813.27 |

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## PERSONALS

—Mrs. A. C. Frisbey is at the Loughlen home for a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis were Hornell visitors, Saturday.

—Miss Minnie Vaughan of Hornell is a guest of Miss Rosanna Joyce.

—Miss Flora Warren passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Alice Warren of Nile.

—Miss Fanny Weldon of the Bethesda hospital, Hornell, was calling on Andover friends, Tuesday.

—Edward Wilcox of Wellsville was a business visitor in Andover, Friday and called at the News office.

—Mrs. Thomas Joyce has returned from a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mark Loree and family of Almond.

—Mrs. Carrie Loughlen passed Easter with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Guttinger, at Atlantic City.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hale of Hornell.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Millspaugh and family were Easter dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Ella Millspaugh of Whitesville.

—Mrs. Harry Kilbourne and daughter, Helen are visiting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Youmans and other relatives for a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wereley, Miss Lillian Bliwens and Mervin Snyder were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Wereley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Snyder of Canisteo.

—Mrs. Margaret Dean and Miss Anna O'Leary, after a week spent in New York City and a few days at the home of Wm. Dean and family in Philadelphia, returned home Wednesday night.

—Miss Eva Rennells and a friend, Miss Ethel Giger of the Fredonia Normal are passing the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rennells at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Welman Baker of Railroad Valley.


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—George Lewis and Harry Ritter of Whitesville were business visitors in town, Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaff were callers at the home of Louis Hitchcock, Sunday.

—Mrs. A. A. Porter went to the Hornell Sanitarium Wednesday of last week, for a few weeks' rest.

—Henry Gee of Wellsville was calling at the home of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett.

—Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Baker passed the week-end with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Rogers in Rochester.

—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty and son "Billy Pat," passed Easter with their mother, Mrs. Patrick Dougherty and family.

—George Carr has returned home from a month in Canada, where he was sent in the interests of the Albert Godde, Bedin, Inc., silk mill.

—Edward Preston of Chicago arrived in Andover the last of the week for an extended stay at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alfretta Crandall.

—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webster of Jeanette, Pa., motored to Andover, Saturday, to pass Easter with Mrs. Webster's mother, Mrs. Hiram Boyd and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder and grandson, Jack Saunders, were in New York City over Easter and were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Neil Sinclair.

Louis Kenyon, son of Cass Kenyon, was taken to St. James Mercy hospital, Hornell, Wednesday, suffering with spinal trouble. His condition is critical.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Greene, Mrs. Will Bines, Mrs. E. F. Rogers and Mrs. Fred Stebbins attended the Three Hours Good Friday service in Wellsville.

—Robert Barrett and son, Robert, Jr., of Buffalo and Frank Barrett of Groton, N. Y., were in Andover this week, guests of their mother, Mrs. Mary Barrett.

—Miss Mildred Seely and brother, Burton, motored to Almeswon, Saturday, to spend Easter. Their sister, Mrs. Harold Hazzard returned with them, Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Monaghan and Mrs. H. Monaghan were guests at the home of Mrs. William Diffin, Easter Sunday, Mrs. J. F. Monaghan remaining for a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slocum, daughter, Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Slocum passed Easter with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynton of Buffalo. Miss Ruth remaining for a visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett, Clayton Bennett and Douglas Gee were week-end guests of relatives and friends at Rochester. Glenn Amesbury accompanied them to visit relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Nobles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Trowbridge and family of Andover were Sunday visitors at the home of Charles Bloss of No. 12 Fourth street.—Canisteo Times.

—Rev. J. H. Seely and family, including daughter, Mrs. Harold Hazzard drove to Bainbridge, Tuesday, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Seely. They will return Thursday or Friday.


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Friday, Saturday and Monday

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Celery, Lettuce, Radishes, Green Onions Strawberries, Cauliflower, New Cabbage, Grapefruit, Cranberries



GAS 12c

PUMP STATION Andover, N. Y.


—W. S. Calhoun and R. E. Shaff were in Hornell on business, Wednesday.

—Mrs. Emily Swain of Canaseraga is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Orvis, this week.

—Newton Dexter of Seattle, Wash., was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Clara Crandall.

—Mrs. Charles Howland, son, Charles, Jr., and daughter, Kathleen were shoppers in Hornell, Saturday.

—Mrs. Joe Murry and little son of Hornell were Wednesday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cannon.

—Mrs. Hiram Ellis and son of Arkport were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, Wednesday afternoon.

—Mrs. Alex Bessette and children of Whitesville are spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rockwell.

—Mrs. M. A. Fowler and daughter Grace, were over night guests in Andover, Wednesday, returning to their home in Buffalo, Thursday.

—Mrs. Patrick Dougherty is spending a few days in Hornell, guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Griswold of Crosley street.

—DeForest Truman of Alfred and sister, Miss Edith M. Truman of Geneseo Normal were guests Friday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Greene.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stearns and son Judson, of Hornell, passed Easter Sunday and Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

—R. E. Shaff was a business caller in Wellsville, Saturday, in the interest of the Home Enterprise Sales real estate, of which he is gen. manager.

—Mrs. Alfretta Crandall, who has been passing the winter with her daughter in Hornell, returned the last of the week to her home on West Center street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wahl and Mrs. Mary Walsh of Wellsville passed Sunday, guests of Mrs. Dell Hawkins. In the afternoon they all motored to Hornell.

—Roland Laven, Larry McCracken of Wellsville and Misses Edith Gee and Virginia Millspaugh were Sunday evening guests at the home of H. S. Thorne.

—Mrs. F. S. Potter is at Adrian, Mich., guest at the home of her daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sudsborough. Mr. Potter accompanied her as far as Buffalo, Friday.

—Miss Edna Youmans accompanied Ernest Higby to Burke Hill, Saturday, Mr. Higby returning Sunday evening and Miss Youmans remaining with Mrs. Higby at the home of her sister, Mrs. Eagleton, for a few days' visit.

—Mrs. Floyd Hann was among those in Hornell, Saturday.

—Frank Holmes was in West Clarksville, Friday, visiting his father.

—Miss Thelma Alvord was up from Wellsville to pass the week-end at her home.

—Frank S. Clarke returned Monday from his winter vacation in Florida, looking hale and hearty.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Palmiter of Alfred were Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

—Mrs. John Walters and two children of Hornell passed Easter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cannon.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. T. VanWie and family of Painted Post passed Easter Sunday guests of Mrs. VanWie's mother, Mrs. Ida Hammond.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger and son of Hornell passed Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ruger on Dyke street.

—Mrs. P. M. Donnellan and daughters of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. A. W. Walsh and sons of Wellsville were guests of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kilbane, Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Margaret Haines Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Haines of Nunda, former residents of Fillmore, was mysteriously shot Inj. last week, while riding in an automobile with her husband at Ithaca. One version is that Mrs. Hughes tried to change the position of a revolver which he carried in his coat, and that it was accidentally discharged, the charge striking her in the side. She died the next morn.


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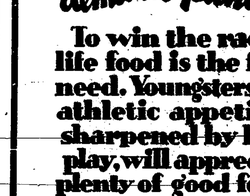

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HEINZ'S KETCHUP Large Bottle 21c

SHREDDED WHEAT 2 Pkgs. 19c

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WHEATENA ... Pkg. 21c

OLIVE GREEN SOAP 4 Bars 22c

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Malted Milk Kraft's, Chocolate Flavored 3 1 Lb. Cans $1.00

Fig Bars Zion Bulk 2 Pounds 19c

Preserves Bauquet Brand Pure Fruit Pound Jar 18c

Borax Soap 10 Bars Kirkman's 55c

Washing Powder Star Naptha Large Pkgs. 19c

Apple Butter Libby's 30-oz. Jar 25c

ANGLO CORNED BEEF ..... 1 Lb. Can 24c

LARKIN TOMATOES No. 3 Can 19c

LIMA BEANS, Breakwater ..... No. 2 Can 15c

LOG CABIN SYRUP Table Size Can 27c

RAISINS, Puffed or Seedless .. 15-oz. Pkg. 10c

½ Lb. Pkg. Label Green or Black 42c



APRIL HATH XXX. DAYS

This month begins with a day dedicated to all fools. The birthstone is the Diamond.

# ANDOVER NEWS

APRIL 12, 1929

Sun Rises 5:39 a. m. Sets 6:59 p. m. Days Length 13 hours, 14 min. Moon Sets 10:14 p. m.

A PROGRESSIVE FAMILY NEWSPAPER FOR ALLEGANY COUNTY PEOPLE, IN POLITICS INDEPENDENT BUT NEVER NEUTRAL

VOL. XLIV., NO. 15. ANDOVER, N. Y., FOR THE WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1929. 5c the Copy $2.00 for Year


## LEON CRONK IS HELD FOR MURDER

### Disagreement Over Debt An Old Fude and Hard Cider Believed to be the Cause of Crime.

Leon Cronk, 26, married and the father of four children, is in the Allegany County jail at Belmont, charged with the murder of Oscar Willard, whose lifeless body was found in a small stream on the Niles Hill Road last Wednesday. Authorities state that Cronk has made a verbal confession that he committed the crime at about 6:30 p. m. on Friday previous to the finding of Willard's body, and that the murder was committed out of revenge growing out of a quarrel over a debt. Cronk, it is alleged, has admitted that he shot Willard in the highway close to his, Cronk's, residence on Niles Hill, and carried the body a distance of about ten rods to the stream.

Cronk's apprehension was due to some clever work on the part of Sheriff Edson A. Brigham, and Deputies D. W. Witter, Monroe D. Ray and Harry Kemp, who discovered that some few weeks ago, Wilson Howland, of Duffy Hollow, on the Wellsville-Andover road, had been intimate with Cronk. The officers found Howland at Port Allegany, Pa., and brought him to the Belmont jail, where he is alleged to have admitted that a short time before the murder he had sold Cronk a 44-calibre Colt revolver, and upon further questioning is alleged to have stated that on the day following the murder Cronk told him that he had murdered Willard, giving the details of the crime and stating that he had thrown the revolver in the mud along the creek.

After Cronk was arrested, officers state that he told them he had hid the revolver in a box along the creek bank and the officers found the gun exactly where Cronk stated.

Whether Young Howland was a party to the crime has not yet been determined, as it is said that after Cronk's arrest he attempted to place the crime on Howland, but later admitted that he did the killing alone. However Howland is being held pending a complete investigation.

Some time ago Willard came to the office of Deputy Sheriff Witter and is alleged to have complained that he had been beaten up by a party of which Cronk was a member, and it was largely through these circumstances that Deputy Witter was able to head an investigation which eventually led to Cronk's apprehension, as at that time Willard claimed that Cronk held a grudge over him regarding a debt and had threatened his life.

### School Monies

Supervisor Potter has received the school money for the Town of Andover from the County Treasurer, the first installment is as follows:

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| District No. 1 | $5,784.81 |
| District No. 2. | 238.36 |
| District No. 3. | 155.42 |
| District No. 4. | 202.29 |
| District No. 5. | 299.54 |
| District No. 6. | 121.46 |
| District No. 7. | 151.26 |
| District No. 9. | 142.18 |
| Total | $7,095.31 |

## FORMAL OPENING SCHOOL BUILDING

### Burton D. McCormick of Department of Education Speaker at Dedication of New Building.

Andover's beautiful new school building is to be formerly opened Tuesday evening next, with speakers from the State Department.

A program is being arranged for the dedication of the new high school building, at the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 16th. Mr. Burton D. McCormick, from the State Department of Education, will be the principal speaker for the occasion, and no one should miss the opportunity of hearing him.

The entire school building will be open for public inspection on this occasion, and it is urged that everyone who can possibly come will be there for the formal opening program.

The State of New York is doing a great deal for her schools, more than does any other state in the Union. They have a program that is of much value to every citizen and undoubtedly Mr. McCormick will tell of the many activities being carried out by the State of New York for her children. Come, hear what he has to say.

## ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLISHERS MEET

### President Fay C. Parsons And Field Secretary Jay W. Shaw of State Press Association Present.

Publishers of Allegany County were guests, Friday, April 5th, of J. Harvey Backus & Son, publishers of the Andover News. There were present, in addition to J. Harvey Backus and Claire C. Backus, were Frank Crumb, editor of the Alfred Sun; Frank Herrick, editor of the Bolivar Breeze; E. C. Bristol, editor of the Belfast Blaze; L. L. Stillwell, editor of the Angelica Advocate, and Frank W. Le Clere, editor of the Friendship Register. Special guests were Fay C. Parsons, editor of the Cortland Democrat and president of the New York Press Association, and Jay W. Shaw, secretary and field secretary of the New York Press Association.

After a much appreciated dinner at one o'clock at the Brundage Tavern, a business session was held in the Village Hall. J. Harvey Backus was elected president; Frank Herrick, vice-president, and Frank W. Le Clere, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Fay C. Parsons told of the valuable work of the New York Press Association, not only for the publishers of the state but more especially for the general public. He said that the New York Press Associations had been devoting its energies in the past largely to the selling of itself to the publishers. The time had now come, he said, for the members of the association to sell it to the people of the state.

Mr. Shaw said he considered the chief function of the New York Association was to stimulate county press organizations and to assist them in solving their common problems. He discussed the Circulation Audit which he said would provide great value to the publishers, the advertisers and to the public.

It was voted to meet again on Friday, May 10th. On invitation of L. L. Stillwell, Angelica was chosen as the place of meeting.

### Miss Sarah E. Waffle

Last Sunday afternoon, April 17, in the Elm Valley Union Chapel, were held the last rites for Miss Sara E. Waffle, who was many years a resident of Elm Valley, and later of Andover. Rev. Sangree of Wellsville, officiated and interment was made in the Waffle plot of the Elm Valley cemetery. There are two surviving sisters, Mrs. Belle Heineman of Colegrove, Pa., who being ill was unable to attend the funeral, and Mrs. Jeannette Owens, of Lewisburg, Pa., who with her husband accompanied the body from Williamsport, Pa., where death took place at a hospital. Mrs. Heineman's daughters, Mrs. Therest Gallup, of Crosby, Pa., and Mrs. Bessie Scanlon, of Colegrove, with their families were present, and representatives from most all the old families of the Valley. A profusion of flowers covered the casket.

Sarah Estelle Waffle, daughter of George and Betsy Waffle, was born at Troupsburg, Steuben Co., April 21, 1852. Two years later Mr. Waffle moved his family to Elm Valley, where he cleared and brought under cultivation the large farm now owned and operated by Frank Mead. Other members of the family left to make homes in other sections, Miss Sarah and her brother, Samuel, remained on the farm. After the death of the mother and the sale of the farm they removed to Andover. Later she went to live with her sister in Pennsylvania, until a few years ago, when by her own insistence she obtained entrance to an Old Ladies' Home in Williamsport, Pa. Always of friendly disposition, she greatly enjoyed the association with those of her own age which this afforded, and many were the expressions of deep grief at her departure. Her last illness was of a few days duration.

## LEE REINARD HAS CLOSE SHAVE

### Lightning Struck Melvin Matison's House Friday Morning Doing Much And Burning Hired Man.

Lightning struck the farm residence of Melvin Matison early Friday morning, shaking it off its foundation, breaking every window except one and burning the hired man, Lee Reinard, quite badly.

The electric storm came slightly after 4 o'clock in the morning. The hired man was the only one up in the house. He was standing at the stove preparing to light a fire. The lightning ran from the stove down his trousers legs, ripping one leg as cleverly as though it had been done with shears the whole length. On the other leg it jumped and tore the leg in numerous places.

While Mr. Reinard was badly burned for a space about two inches wide on one leg the entire length, where the lightning had cut the trousers, he was not fatally injured, but is suffering from the effects.

The pranks the lightning played with Reinard would be almost unbelievable had not Mr. Matison showed the torn trousers. It is marvelous that he escaped with his life.

The Matison house was insured for $500 and the insurance company at once allowed the entire amount because of the damage when witnessed by the insurance inspector.

Mr. Reinard's home is in Hazelhurst, Pa., where he has gone for a few days in order to recover from the shock of his experience.

Two coats of good oil paint over a smooth hard plaster make a sanitary and practical finish for the kitchen wall.

## Y.M.C.A. CONFERENCE AT FRIENDSHIP

### Allegany County Older Boys to Hold 7th Annual Session April 26-27—Expect 150 Delegates.

The second meeting of the Older Boys Conference Committee was held at the "Y" Headquarters in Wellsville Sunday afternoon. Seventeen representatives from nine towns were present to assist in arranging for the spring conference. Fon Boardman previously elected chairman, presided at this meeting.

Representatives of the Friendship "Hi-Y" club issued an invitation to hold the seventh annual conference at Friendship, April 26-27. Following the acceptance of the invitation, a letter confirming the invitation and pledging the support of the Friendship Chamber of Commerce was read. A letter from Ward M. Hopkins, president of the County Association, assured the group of his support.

The conference theme is to be "Where Will You Invest Your Life?" William Regan, principal of the Oakwood School for Boys at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will deliver the Saturday afternoon address, and C. C. Robinson, one of the secretaries of the National Y. M. C. A. council and widely experienced in the Vocational Guidance, is to be the speaker at the banquet, Friday evening. A draft of the program was submitted and the committee expect to have it completed for publication soon. Rev. Richard E. Lentz, of Wellsville, is acting counsellor with the program committee. Group conferences and leaders have been arranged for.

It was decided that a registration fee of $1.50 would cover the cost of registration, Friday night; banquet and Saturday noon luncheon. Registration card have been placed in the hands of the committees and clergymen from the various towns in the county. It is expected that there will be about 150 delegates. An early registration will be necessary. Cards are to be returned to County Secretary S. F. Lester Wellsville, N. Y., on or before Saturday April 20th.

The following committees were appointed: General arrangements, Chairman, Gorden M. Meade, faculty advisor, Friendship Hi-Y Club; Harley Gilbert, (Young Men's Division "Y") Friendship, Lyle Bledsoe, Hi-Y Club, Friendship, Chairman to appoint others to assist.

Committee on Publicity: Chairman, Carl Gilbert, Friendship, Fon Boardman, Wellsville; Ernest Witter, Cuba, and Keith Rearwin, Fillmore.

Committee on Program: (Standing) Chairman, Fon Boardman, Wellsville, Dee Goodrich; Robert Sawyer, Bolivar; Earnest Witter, Cuba.

Rev. C. M. Chauncey, of Scio, in charge of music.

The general committee made the list of nominations for the conference officers to be elected at the opening meeting. Nominations as follows: For President, Frank Williams, Cuba; Major Lampman, Wellsville. For vice president, Dee Goodrich, Richburg; Burdett Thompson, Bolivar, Secretaries (to elect two), Worth Cott, Houghton; Stephen Todd, Belfast; William Whitford, Little Genesee; William Waters, Friendship. Treasurer, Claud Voorhies, Wellsville.

### Cyrneus Campbell

Cyrneus Campbell, aged 87 years, died at the home of Ransome Monroe, on Grove Street Saturday, April 7th. The body was taken to Alfred Station for burial Monday.

# MILTON CLARKE, 91 YEARS OLD, WRITES ON TARIFF AND PROHIBITION

Up in the little hamlet located five miles southeast from Andover, formerly known as "Green's Corners" but in recent years as "Independence," there lives an aged couple, brother and sister, who are very interesting people and who are very unusual in many ways, not the least of which is the long and useful lives they have been given. They are Milton Clarke, and his sister Mrs. Amelia Cottrell. Mr. Clarke is 91 years of age and his sister a few years younger. We wouldn't for anything enumerate her years, as most young ladies do not let that secret out.

Mr. Clarke is in fine physical and mental condition for a man of his years. He has assisted this spring in the work in a sugar bush, making maple sugar and syrup. He has always been an active and energetic worker, and firmly believes that "Idleness is the prolific cause of crime." He has accomplished much and is well and most favorably known by all in the vicinity of Independence. He owns what today is undoubtedly the oldest running automobile in this section of the state, a 1902 Knox. It is in good running condition.

Milton Clarke 91, and Sister, Mrs. Amelia Cottrell, 84

Mr. Clarke has recently cut his third set of upper teeth and can masticate his food just as well as a sixteen-year-old. We haven't heard of his cracking hickory nuts with his teeth. But then, Mr. Clarke wouldn't do that if he could. He now has six wisdom teeth.

Mr. Clarke has been in his day an experienced mechanic as well as a good farmer. Over 70 years ago he built a windmill that could and did saw a cord of stove wood in an hour. He is known far and near as a man who can do the best job of putting a new head into a drum, and still plays a flute very successfully.

To show the grasp this aged gentleman has on the things of the present day we are publishing herewith an article written by him for the Andover News. He has always been a keen observer of conditions and a staunch Prohibitionist. The article follows:

### VIEWS ON PROHIBITION AND THE TARIFF

#### Preliminary Remarks.

In our remarks on the depressed condition of agriculture, prohibition and non-enforcement, we intend to score to the line.

Scientists estimate that 70 per cent of money in the rural people's hands before the tariff, has gone into the hands of the larger town and city population.

"There is a reason," and we have tried to give some of them. As a family of nations it is not right for one to withhold its foodstuff from others by a prohibitive tariff, while they starve.

#### Some Remarks.

Some official and politicians seem to point with pride to the advantages of tariff and leave the other fellow to point out the disadvantages. We point out the disadvantages we are liable to be accused of being disloyal. The Colonists were accused of disloyalty when they revolted on King George's excessive taxes. But the 4th of July orator would wax eloquent over their revolt as the dawn of liberty, and free and independent goverment. It seems the tariff would hardly overbalance its disadvantages. We hear no complaints from the farmers before the present tariff.

We protest against congress making laws to rob honest enterprise to build up a monopoly for others to take advantage of. They are not hired for such business. The farmers grievances don't seem to be what congress has failed to do for them, as some seem to think, but what congress has done to rearly knock the farmer out of business. If we are to believe the non-partisan news from Washington, when congress passed the present tariff law, signed by Harding, it nearly ruined trade and commerce and threw 1,500 merchant ships and crews out of business or ruined our merchant marines. After harboring those ships until they were getting weather-beaten and rusty, 1,100 of them were scrapped and 400 sold to Henry Ford at scrapping prices. That not only means a waste of millions of the people's money that built these ships, but it unbalanced prices by the ruin of trade. It cut down competition, the life of business and gave a monopoly to corporations, manufacturers and tradesman to inflict these prices at the expense of the consumers.

The farmer is a large consumer. He not only buys dry goods and groceries but expensive fence wire and farming equipment. If he is a diversied farmer, as most farmers are in the eastern states, he has to buy equipment for every branch of farming which is expensive to house and care for. While the farmer can hardly get a dollar's worth of produce for the cost of production, he has to pay from two to ten dollars for a normal or pre-tariff dollar's worth of manufactured products. While the tradesman gets from five to twenty-five dollars a day, the farmer can hardly get a living. We have paid the tradesman three dollars an hour for any job that any one could do with a little practice.

The lawyers combine requiring the lawyers to charge ten dollars for an hour or two in making out a will or three dollars for ten minutes of time in filling out a deed and acknowledgement. The lawyers would make the farmer's eight cents about ten cents of legal advice.

The tariff seems to restrict the farmer in his legitimate trade with Europe and confine his trade to a glutted home market. That makes the tariff look like restrictive as well as destructive class legislation. To discriminate against the farmer is to undermine the foundation of all enterprise. For no enterprise can flourish without the farmers foodstuffs.

We are told that prices are governed by supply and demand. As we compare farmers with manufactures prices it tells us plainer than words that prices are governed by a gigantic monopoly, whether intended or not, to rob the farmer of the benefit of his investment and labor, where he ought to get 5 per cent. on his thousands invested, and 5 per cent. on his ten to sixteen hour day of labor. Or a good living and 10 per cent. What does he get? He gets bankruptcy staring him in the face. And the optomistic officials and politician dilates on the great advantage of the tariff in stabilizing prices and building up trade and commerce.

Now, my friends, this is a free country. We have the right to take down every word they tell us. And on the other hand, we have the right to discard every word as too gassy to go down. It seems far better to rest ourselves on the political situation and act on our own judgement rather than to follow such leadership.

In 1923 some farmers left good potatoes to freeze in the ground and thousands of bushels of apples let go to waste, and went to work on the state road to get a little money to pay their honest store debts and taxes. They could make more to leave the farm to grow to weeds and grass and work on the road or in the shop or factory where their boys and girls had been at work or had better jobs since their school days. They very much prefer big pay for short days work and an opportunity to spend it for pleasure or profit rather than stay on the farm with poverty staring them in the face.

Congress may tinker with the price of coal and freight rates, but when they make laws to force hired labor to work for less than a living wage, they will have cut down the laws of nature or God's law. Manufacturers thought to pinch labor below a living wage. After the loss of many lives thru labor riots and millions of dollars thru strikes by unbalanced prices, labor has asserted its rights to a living wage or no more work. Many dissatified joined the "I-won't-workers" Communists, bolshevists and anarchists, which are a bad combination, with foreign and domestic rotgut booze, requiring a large force of police and state troopers to safeguard life and property at the expense of the people. All of which seems to be some of the disadvantages of the tariff. The legislatures appropriate thousands and millions of the people's money and congress millions and billions that don't seem to benefit the people fifty cents on the dollar. Millions have been invested at Muscle Shoals and has been idle since the armistice. What is the use of investing millions of the people's money in draining swamps and irrigating desert lands up west, when no man can afford to stay when there are thousands of good improved farms out in civilization and near markets that can be bought for less than the improvements would cost on the irrigated lands.

Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, says there are eleven or twelve thousand unoccupied farms irrigated at not less than $100 an acre. These are so many more idle farms to grow brush, briars and weeds for the future settler to contend with. Mead gives cases of settlers that went on the irigated land and spent their thousands on improvements only to be ejected because they could not pay for the land and water rent. And the officials and politicians boast of the great advantages of irigation to the farmer. Another government speculation to waste the people's money.

They tell us the farmer has just entered an era of prosperity. It is not visible in the thousands of abandoned lots, fields and farms waving in a thousand kinds of weeds such as border on our public highways. Prominent among the stick-tights are the dreaded burdock, and devil's pitchforks. And the officials thought to compell the farmers to cut and burn the brush, briars and weeds along the highway adjoining their premises. They would seem to sap the life out of the farmer who feeds and pave the way to their own ruin.

We have too many lawyers in office that seem to like the people's money too well. We need more farmers in office that know what it is to earn a dollar and know its value. If persisted in, official waste will concentrate the people's wealth under official control and waste, will make conditions in the United States worse than in Soviet Russia or the heathen China. It is far better for the people to run their own enterprises. Government money before the tariff is now in the city people's hands.

If we had an administration fully committed to prohibition it would be President, as Commander-in-chief, has authority to employ the whole army and navy, if need be, to protect our borders and shores from the invasion of foreign smugglers, bootleggers and rumrunners. Even with half-hearted enforcement the capture of a few more million-dollar cargoes of booze (some called it rot-gut) would discourage the ten million dollar rum-running syndicate. England alone owns 6 miles of 15,000,000 thru our coast-guard. They don't say how much they have swiped from our alcohol. There seems to be some truth in the maxim or proverb that says: "The sin and misery of the alcholic and narcotic degenerate shall be inherited by the offspring, which cannot be eradicated even to the third or fourth generation." Then it will take the fifth generation for nature to undo the evils of the legalized liquor traffic. None of us need expect to see that time. Take a few generations of alcoholic degenerates on the father and mother side and their offspring is liable to be idiotic or an imbecile or too weak-minded to resist temptation. If such weaklings ever live to grow up it is ten to one if they don't become criminals or at least undesirable citizens or thru a hereditary appetite go down to a drunkard's grave.

In the first nine months of 1923 it was estimated that fully two thousand met death and one thousand became blind or otherwise affected by drinking wood alcohol or other poisonous liquors, all because of the legalized liquor traffic that had charmed their judgment and sharpened their appetites beyond control. We have boasted of our unlimited resources, that we could feed the world, while the shriek of destitution went up from the drunkard's wives and children in this our boasted "Land of the free and home of the brave." We boast of this as a Christain country, of millions in time and eternity, or other interest of morals and education, while we have allowed the liquor traffic to crowse than waste millions besides life, propery and misery. Life and misery are not computed with dollars and cents.

President Wilson was accused of

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