

THE ANDOVER ADVERTISER.

The Good of our Community.

The people of Andover as a class are of a higher order than most of those of its size possess. We have the very best of material for making for ourselves an association of young people that shall be an envy to all surrounding towns. But you are too much divided up by lines of church sectarianism, you even carry it into your every-day business, to your home circle and through your society. A man or woman who comes a song you and takes part in the social life of one of your churches, is set down as belonging to that particular sect, and to have further communion with him or her is not only to a certain extent wrong, but is almost considered to be a disgrace.

You watch a young man who comes among you to see which way he will go, and find it dead is the encouraging word he receives from you to come in and be one among you. Now this kind of usage is death to your churches; death to the morals of your place and will eventually result in bringing disgrace to your very doors. We do not insist that you are to take a stranger and invite him to association and familiarity with your household, that he must be invited to your private parties or in any way made an intimate with them. But we insist that he is to be invited to your churches and to your church societies, and that you are to make every effort to fit him for the most intimate association with your children and family.

The association a young man keeps when he first enters a town he is only partially responsible for. He finds upon your streets the very worst dress of your society, and as he is not accessible to you until he has proved himself capable of leading the life of a monk for six months, he is forced to form the acquaintance of these. You who have been away from your comfortable firesides and found yourselves "a stranger in a strange land," will know how to pity the poor youth who thus thrust upon you. The business man who says to the stranger "come in and take a seat," is frequently doing more to save that young man than I could do in any other way. It is in this way that our salacious nee-ome populists, they are a place where a young man can go and feel that he is not intruded upon. If every man in business here would find it his duty to invite all strangers to take a seat to his shop there would not be one half the street loafing that there now is.

Young men, you must not expect to be treated like gentlemen when you spend your Sabbaths on steps of certain shops and hotels telling merry stories and spinning gossamer tales over the walk. This is not the work of gentlemen, it is not the place for you, and if our officials did their duty you would every one of you be arrested as a street nuisance. We know you can refer us to some of our wealthy citizens, who have no respect for themselves, and still less for God; who go about our streets burdened down with profanity, which they take particular pains to relieve themselves of before some business house. We have had two very respectable wars of profanity and obscenity within a week and nobody arrested. Old citizens tell us that it won't do to arrest — he is one of our most influential citizens. The quicker you get rid of that kind of influence the better.

Now we propose to put a stop to this street loafing, on Sunday at least. We intend to get a list of your names and publish you, we intend to stir up our officials, and in every way wage war upon you until you get further back with your snout and profanity.

We want our citizens to take fifteen minutes each, and remove the weeds from our sidewalks. The present appearance of our town is just a fit map of hell. Make your streets look inviting, the worst description of the weeds & vice would be put to shame by the

appearance of some of our walks. Let us see a reform. Let us make Andover the most inviting place in the country.

OUR COUNTY FAIR.

We received through the kindness of J. H. Eggleston, a copy of the list of Premiums of the Allegany County Agricultural Society, containing premiums on list, proceedings, &c. It is miserably printed, and is gotten up with about as much clearness as a common wall-paper.

As a specimen we give the first paragraph in their list of premiums:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'over 2 1/2 yds old', 'under 2 1/2 yds old', 'over 3 yds old', 'under 3 yds old'.

Who is to blame for this blunder? We have heard of all sorts of excuses and reasons, but never heard of a Durham Bull over three years old.

The fair is so extremely losing its agricultural interest, as will be seen in the premium list. Two hundred and thirty-two dollars, in all, are offered for trotting horses, or nearly one-half of the whole amount of premiums. It has had been divided up in premiums for the best draft horses and an Agricultural implement, such as Plow, Harrows, Cultivators, Rollers, &c. It is a all kinds of farming implements, every farmer in the county, and myriads of Agricultural implementors, would have an interest in such an exhibition, and there would have been a much larger crowd.

As long as the managers of our county fairs, make horse racing the great feature of attraction, they need not expect to get up very successful fairs. We venture to say, that had the officers of the fair offered good premiums for all kinds of farm and garden produce, and farming implements, instead of horse trotting, Andover would have been able to hold the crowd.

BARNARD, of the Andover Advertiser claims that Andover has a population of 2,200. Old residents of that place say they have from 700 to 800.—Allegany Democrat.

We were speaking of the town, as having 2,200 inhabitants and not the village proper, which has a population of about 1,200, as estimated by some of our most reliable citizens. We call your attention to the last census.

We admit that there are a few citizens in our village, and not but a few, who are doing all in their power, to make it appear, because we have no license—that the village of Andover is losing ground every day, that the business is decreasing, and in fact every thing that they can say to injury its place. Now, to the contrary, the most of our business men tells us that their sales so far this year, exceeds those of the same length of time last year.—This does not look much like a decrease in business. And but a few village can show a better record as regards number of dwellings being erected, than Andover. Our motto is onward and upward, and hereafter when you here old residents talking about Andover going down hill, just whisper license to them.

The Fredonia Advertiser & Union tells the following interesting story:—J. L. Tallman a farmer living near Fredonia, allowed a pair of pants to hang undisturbed for weeks in his bed-room window. Taking them down one day, he discovered a wren's nest of eggs in one of the pockets. He concluded he would wear other pants for a while, and await the result. The result came. The eggs were duly hatched, producing a lovely nest of innocent little wrens. A few days more and they flew away, never more to return. Mr. Tallman is now wearing the very pants that produced the wrens. The wrens didn't hurt them in the least.

Mr. Richardson and McTigh have had teams at work in the creek near the Tanery, and at the residence of Mr. McTigh digging the channel of the creek deeper to prevent the back-water on the premises.

Jubilee in Greenwood and Grand Display in Andover.

Editors of THE ADVERTISER.—In reporting the scenes under the above heading, a few more of a little historical, varied and lengthy. Andover has done with us as a fine display as the one given by the Catholics of Greenwood last Monday afternoon.

First came the Altire Corbett Band, playing the national airs of Ireland and the United States and clearing a large lot of States flag from the Church Marsh. James McCormie, Senr. (in military uniform) I have a large company of the "Friendly Sons of St. Patrick," each wearing a heavy staff of our national green. This company wore a beautiful green tunic, in which are many national devices in gold. This company looked splendid, and in your next paper I will give you a sketch of the line of St. Patrick, in which honor this society was organized, which I would do in this issue if your Chief Clerk was not calling for the M. S.

Next came the flag of the Irish Total Abstinence Society, followed by a company of Irish nobles, wearing badges of red, white, blue and green. Nothing pleases me more, and I heard many of our citizens remark the same, than the appearance of this Temperance Society. They present the cause of temperance among our Irish citizens, and this, without being a sect or a fanatical. Their integrity in the cause of temperance is as true as the Irishman's heart's honesty. The good people of Andover wish them and their cause God speed, and hope at some future time to meet and greet them again. They were organized by Father Laidy, and were led on Monday by their president, James Conway of Roxville. They number about fifty.

After marching and counter-marching through town several times, making a splendid display with their cavaliers, flag banners and regalia, they found at the depot to receive Bishop Ryan of Buffalo. The Bishop did not arrive on the express, as was anticipated, for the engine would not stop his train; but he arrived on the accommodation, an hour later, accompanied by Fathers Cahill of Buffalo (the Bishop's assistant) Andrews of Dunkirk, McCune of Wellsville, Rodgers of Ellersville, Blommer of Salamanca and Croden of Horn-Bowling. They were met by Fathers Laidy of Belmont and McMullen of Greenwood.

The Bishop and Priests were escorted to the three carriages awaiting them by Marshal McCormie and President Conway. Three cheers were then given for the band "for their good music," and these more for the Total Abstinence Society, which was given with a hearty good will by every Irishman present, (except the Soc. of course,) showing that the Irishmen from our hills honor their brothers in their temperance reform.

The order of marching out of town was the same as coming in, except that the whole were preceded by the Bishop and Priests, and followed by thirty-eight wagon loads of people; making an escort of over one mile in length. Let me here state that the most perfect order and decorum was shown by the societies in their marching, counter-marching and wheeling in line. Despite the efforts of the Marshal, a little less order was shown among the wagons in getting into line, resulting in a few end boards being broken, in the straits to see who should be first in the line of march.

After getting out of town, it being late, we rode and drove "Jehu like," arriving at Greenwood at half-past eight. The Bishop made a few remarks, thanking them for his kind reception, and the honor shown him by the escort. It being late, he did not lecture as was expected.

Mass was celebrated in the morning, commencing at six o'clock, different Priests officiating. Communion com-

menced at nine and lasted till ten.—Among the old and young there were about one hundred and sixty communicants.

High mass was said at ten, in which the whole congregation united. The Bishop then gave some good advice to the church; praising and exhorting them both together; first for their fidelity to their religion, second for trying to worship in a social & home. I think that "faith, hope and charity" were good heritage to be left their children, but these were fading, and his only "lasting and the highest heritage given our children" is a pure religion, a holy faith and good consciences. I will like to report some of the lecture to the church which is well worthy of print, but I have not the space.

Confession came at eleven. There were fifty-six men and boys and nine or two girls confessor. The girls were all dressed in white, with white veils and wreathe of flowers on their heads. Viewing a soul more from his church, it was solemn and beautiful; being white, covering from their Bishop, who was dressed in the rich robes proper to his office, the most sacred relic of the Catholic Church to its laymen. Then came the exhortation of the Bishop to the children. I cannot find words to praise it; it was so good and instructive; and I can only wish that every Catholic and Protestant child in our land could have heard and would have been his.

The Bishop is an easy and fluent speaker, a very pleasant man, having a smile and a word for every one, no matter any way he is in his office. It seems to enter into his church duties with his whole soul.

This church was built about twenty years ago, and there was not an Irish man on the hills; now their church is far too small for them, and they are going to build a new one here at once, a six one in Roxville, four miles distant. Three thousand dollars was subscribed for the lot on Tuesday.

It would be well if the presence of our kind and noble at the celebration of our national day, were more common. I think they would have their church interest in it, instead of decreasing day by day and year by year, in both influence and numbers. Great numbers attended this Jubilee, or a confirmation coming all the way from one to twenty miles, has been in the busy season of the year, giving unmistakable evidence in the Catholic is at all times true to his religion and his CUREN.

I can lengthily in this, Messrs. Editors I know, but I must speak of the hospitality of these people. Always true to their nature, their hospitality becomes proverbial. A friend or stranger would never doubt in their hands. Their great strife Monday night, was to see who should keep the most of these from a distance; and the writer of this would extend his best thanks to Mr. Daniel Ward, for his nights entertainment, also to Mrs. M. of W., for the pleasant music she entertained the evening with.

The fourth annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, of the State of New York will meet at Schenectady on Tuesday, September 21st, 1869, at half past three, and close on Thursday evening. Delegations from all the Associations are expected and the attendance of young men and others interested in the cause, from cities and towns where no such organizations have yet been formed is also urged. Christian Young Men in these places are requested to consult together and see that representatives are appointed. A cordial Christian welcome is assured to all who come. Delegates should be provided with credentials, and lists should be forwarded as soon as possible to Nicholas Cain, Schenectady, N. Y. Arrangements for reduced fare on the principal lines of travel will probably be made.

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