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If there is any one thing that Andover lacks it is a recreation ground or picnic grove where gatherings may be held these summer day. Somebody will say there is the village park. That somebody should say there may be a village park some day but at the present time there is nothing but a grove. A fine place for gypsy encampments by the permission of the village authorities. It is very strange that someone has not seen the opportunity up at the pond. What an ideal place that would make for picnic parties and at little expense the pond could be cleared, the stumps taken out, a few boats placed there, a booth and refreshment stand, a few swings and the place would be equipped and could be made a profitable investment for some person or persons. Not only would parties from the village enjoy it but societies, family reunions from outside would come in and each would help to make it a paying concern. It is strange that the members of the Rod and Gun Club have not seen the advantage of the above proposition or the Business Men's Association. Folks need recreation. They will have it and spend their money to have it. Why not have a place as outlined above, furnish the place for recreation and keep the money at home? Some day some enterprising, progressive, wide awake business man will see the opportunity and will use the pond and surroundings for the purpose outlined and bring a nice income to himself in so doing and a wise man he will be, as well as a public benefactor.

That Training Class.

It seems to be little understood or realized by the people at large the benefit that has come to our school district in the placing of a training class here by the Department of Public Education. The facts are that Andover High School has now the full complement and can send her young men and women out as full fledged teachers with a certificate which entitles them to the life privilege of teaching without examinations. Thus our own young people and the people in the surrounding country have advantages they can enjoy at little expense and in many cases without leaving home. Under the present management and school system with the hearty support and cooperation of the citizens the training class can be made an important feature of the work and give a reputation to the school that will place it second to none in the Empire State. It will need the hearty sympathy of every one interested to talk up the training class, to tell of its merits, to advise young men and women to attend the class here rather than to go out of town. The larger the class the stronger will be the incentive to do good strong work. By all means lend every effort possible by word and act to make the training class from the very beginning of its work next September the most popular institution in all the country round and if you know of any who contemplate taking the class work advise them to attend Andover in preference to any other.

The Legislature's Special Session.

The special session of the State Legislature to pass judgment on the "Hooker" case has had many interesting sessions and the special features have been almost sensational. Charges were made by a New York daily that boodle and corruption was being used to clear Hooker and when the editor was placed on the stand he refused point blank to reveal the name of his informant. A great many people will believe that when there is so much smoke there must be some fire and that Hooker if guilty is not being [illegible] of the most [illegible]

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