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PERSONALS

Edgar Porter was a Hornell visitor, Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Mitchell was in Hornell, Thursday.

Mrs. Hargraves and little son were in Hornell, Thursday.

All of the Andover teachers are spending holiday week at home.

George Adams of Almond was a business visitor in town, Tuesday.

Grace Fowler was the guest of Hornell friends Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Susie Whitney, of Tioga, is a guest of her brother, L. T. Vantagune, Jr.

Mrs. Nellie Gilder and Mrs Wm. Hamel were Hornell visitors, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. John Common are passing Christmas with Angelica relatives.

Mrs. Grace VanWort of Corning, was the guest of friends in Angover, Tuesday.

Dr. Comstock of Wellsville, was a professional caller at James Comstock's Friday.

L. L. Drake of Jasper was a business visitor in Andover from Friday until Monday.

Dr. E. W. Ayars of Alfred was called to Andover on Coroner duty Friday morning.

Miss Minnie Hall will spend the vacation with friends at Andover and Olean.—Alfred Sun.

B. C. Earley of Scio, was a guest at the home of his brother Attorney, C. L. Earley, Wednesday.

Mrs. S. J. Fowler was called to Harpersville by the death of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Yale, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss of Andover visited C. S. Bloss and family Tuesday.—Whitesville News.

J. A. Platts, President of Platts Bros. Cutlery Co., was a business visitor in New York, this week.

Miss Kate Joyce and Master Harry Joyce visited her sister, Mrs. Will Lamphere in Hornell, Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace Lindsay, of Bradford, visited at the home of her uncle, Henry Carr, two days this week.

Walter Lanphear, left yesterday for Salem, W. Va., to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Carpenter.

Edwin Luff left Andover, December 17th., to pass the winter with friends in Massachusetts, on account of ill health.

Chas. Ladow, of Flint, Mich., who assisted J. A. O'Leary in his horse shoeing shop last winter is helping him this year.

Miss Erma Loughlen is home from the Elmira College to pass the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Loughlen.

Mrs. Floyd Hann was called to Binghamton, Monday, on account of the illness of her sister-in-law Mrs. A. J. Stebbins.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert went to Marchias to-day to pass Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Wellington.

A. C. Acker of Bath, Superintendent of the poor of Steuben County, was a business visitor of poormaster, C. E. Hann, Tuesday.

Miss Katherne Moran who is attending the Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., is passing the holidays with Andover relatives.

Mrs. Henry Baker and two daughters are visiting relatives in New York, over the holidays, starting from Andover, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Livermore went to Leonardsville, Thursday, where they will pass Christmas guest of Mrs. Livermore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pingrey go today to Honeoye, N. Y., to attend the wedding of Mrs. Pingrey's sister Miss Katherine Bray to Dr. Elihu Standish, both of Honeoye.

Tim Padden, who is employed as nurse at the Gowanda State Asylum is in Andover to pass the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Padon of Chestnut street.

Prof. Bartlett will attend State teachers' Convocation at Syracuse next week. He and Mrs. Bartlett will also visit during the holday convention at Buffalo and Gowanda.

NOTICE

Please take notice that the annual meeting of Stock Holders of the Burrows National Bank for the purpose of electing directors and such other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the banking office Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at 2 o'clock, P. M. All stock holders are urgently requested to be present.

F. W. Burrows, Cashier

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WE wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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BIG REVIVALS IN BROOKLYN.

Rev. Chas H. Harrington Doing Best Work of His Career.

The following is an extract from a daily paper report of the meetings:

Brooklyn, Nov. 15—A series of remarkable meetings have been held here during the past fortnight under the direction of 20 churches. It is known as the simultaneous evangelistic movement and Rev. Charles H. Harrington, the pastor-evangelist of the Lasterabire Practical Bible Training School's evangelistic forces, has been conducting the meetings at the Grace gospel Church. On Saturday the church was packed to the doors and many were turned away. Evangelist Harrington spoke with much fevor on "An Old-Fashioned Love Story."

A series of meeting on each night of the week will occur this week. Mr. Harrington closing with a great rally next Sunday night.

At a large children's meeting held in the Grace Presbyterian church, Jefferson and Stuyvesant avenues, on Saturday afternoon, Mr Harrington enthralled a large number of little folks with a story of "Glants." Many novel features are being witnessed.

Dr. Charles A. Herald, pastor of the Grace Gospel Church, where Rev Mr. Harrington is holding the meetings, is giving cordial and hearty support to the movement and nightly leads a great chorus choir of mixed voices with soloists and a double quartet of well known singers.

There has not been such a deep spiritual awakening in Brooklyn in years as is now coming to the section and Evangelist Harrington is doing some of the best work of his career. At the close of Saturday night's meeting, many old friends gathered and greeted the evangelist, who is a warm, personal favorite in this section of New York.

The closing service was one of the most memorable and remarkable ever held in this part of New York city. It was with difficulty that the meeting was closed as the people pressed forward to surrender their lives to Christ.

Things We Know and Things We Do Not Know.

We know that Jesus of Nazareth taught and ministered in the holy land, and we know that he chose twelve of his disciples to be his apostles. We do not know that he intended to choose an infallible mission, and we do not know that he intended to choose a fallible mission. But we do know that the mission he chose was fallible, and we know that als chosen were weak and vacillating and denied with profanity being his followers, and by treachery brought him to an ignominous death; that various ones of the chosen at various times brought sorrow to his heart.

We know that Jesus founded nothing on poor humanity for he saw in his chosen every evil of the human heart,—treachery, envy, avarice, and lecelt, but when the great truth was revealed that he is the son of the living God, he built his church, as it were, on this rock and this is the foundation of Christianity for all time. We know that if Jesus is not the son of God the church has no foundation, and is void. We know that there are but two keys to heaven, repentance and righteousness, and these are the keys with which the chosen loosed and bound on earth and in heaven.

We know that the keys were given to the disciples as well as to the Apostles for Jesus says Matt. v. 18, 19, 20. "Verily I say unto you whatsoever ye shall find on earth shall be found in Heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Again I say unto you if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask it shall be done for them of my father which is in Heaven, for where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in their midst." We know by this saying that if two or three disciples, (not Apostles) poor sorrowful and lonely shall be together in his name, Jesus by means of the holy Spirit (the Comforter) will be in their midst as he promised, to dwell in their hearts, to cheer and comfort, and bless them, and as love moves the keys, repentance and righteousness, Heaven is opened to them and more, for it brings Heaven into their midst and communion with Heaven is theirs unalded by aught save a contrite heart.

And can it not be said of these disciples, as Peter said of the scattered strangers, 1st Peter 2-9, "Ye are a chosen generation a royal preisthood an holy nation, a peculiar people."

We know that the church is not supreme, but a means to only aid all to have that communion or intercourse with God which man had with God before man was born.

We know that the saving merits of the church or leadership by some was love to all mankind and if any church by error shall teach opprite measures and by force compel men to follow men in matters of conscience, hate and emity is caused and a church divided against itself by love and hate must reform or fail.

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FOR SALE—Registered yearling Holstein Bull. F. W. Conrad.

FOR SALE.—Two dwelling-houses and lots, one valued at $800 and one at $2000.
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FOR SALE—House on Third St. at bargain if sold at once.
51 Mrs. Mary VanWie.

FOR SALE—Lot consisting of about 2-3 acre. Also barn on lot. Located on First Street Price reasonable. Apply to H. G. Atherton, Center and First St. tf

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FOR RENT—House one mile from village. 2w. Walter Lanphear

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Wanted.

WANTED.—Sealed bids for services as telephone operators will be received by the Secretary of the Allegany Mutual Telephone Co. before Dec. 27. The company reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
52 E. A. Richardson, Secretary.

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$400.00	Bush and Lane for	$325.00
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No more acceptable gift could be found.

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We are prepared to bake anything to order, making a specialty of this work.

The Bennett Bakery

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Owing to poor health I have been obliged to make some changes in my undertaking so Mrs. Fowler can take care of it when I am away. Therefore I have secured the services of Mr. William Ember to take charge of my undertaking. As Mr. Ember is considered one of the ablest men in the profession and stands at the head of the Profession as Funeral Director, I feel perfectly safe in guaranteeing satisfaction and first class service in every respect. Mr. Ember will have full charge of my Business except when requested Mrs. Fowler will assist. Therefore all calls left at my office in the Benton Block opposite the American Hotel will recieve prompt and immediate attention day or night. Equipment; first class Hearse, New Ambulance, New Lowering Device, Tent Service etc. At prices that are right.

S. J. FOWLER

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AN ASSURED SUCCESS

Clarence Bennett, Author of the Play Takes One of the Leading Parts.

It is with delight that we learn of the coming engagement of "The Holy City," with its author, Clarence Bennett playing the dual role of John the Baptist, and Judas. The performance of this genuine wholesome play will be welcomed here by all church goers and theatre goers alike. As the title indicates, it is the story in a dramatic form of "The Man of Sorrows" and of the conditions of Jerusalem at the time of the three years ministry and ultimate crucifixion of Our Lord. Herein is no attempt at sermonizing, neither is there anything in the whole course of the play which borders on the sacrilegious—nothing which could cause an instant's uneasiness to the most devout. With the possible exception of Ben Hur there is absolutely no play extant which can be compared with the "Holy City," in grandeur of theme it stands alone. From what can be learned through the newspaper criticisms given this performance in other cities, the play is mounted in superb style and the acting comprises artists of more than average ability.

NOTICE

All sidewalks not thoroughly cleaned of ice and snow, during this winter, before 9 o'cock, a. m., will be cleaned by the village of Andover, and the cost of the labor charged against the property and collected as a tax against the property.

Jay Scribner, Street Com.

Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Allegany County Bar Association will be held at the Court House at Belmont, N. Y., at five o'clock P. M. Monday, January Third, 1909. Hon. Elba Reynolds is President of the Association.

ELM VALLEY

The Christmas exercises were held at the Union Chapel Saturday evening. The younger Sunday School scholars under the direction of Miss Gertrude A. Osborn presented a program which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Last, but not least, a large and beautiful tree was despoiled of its fruit.

Glenn Burdick of Alfred, was the guest of Wallace N. Frahcisco over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Breese and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Caple attended the funeral of James Covel, last Friday.

Miss Edith Francisco was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. O. J. Button of Wellsville, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rogers and son Raymond spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Breese.

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REV. T. H. CARRYER

Pastor of the Methodist Church at Fillmore, Passed Away at His Home, December, 19th, Aged 60 Years.

Rev. Thomas H. Carryer, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Fillmore died very suddenly at his home in that village, Sunday, December 19th, aged 60 years. He had preached in the morning, when he complained of not feeling well. Upon reaching his home he lay down to rest. A few minutes later he expired. Rev. Carryer had been in poor health for several years. The body was buried at Forest Hill cemetery in Belmont.

Rev. Carryer was well-known throughout Allegany county, where he has been preaching for a number of years. He had served as pastor of the Methodist church in Ceres, Belmont, Whitesville, leaving that place only a short time ago to assume the pastorate at Fillmore. Besides a widow, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Sortore of Belmont, and Mrs. Laurence LaForge of Washington, D. C.

Must Pay More Tax.

At the session of the Supervisors of Allegany County held in Belmont recently, by a vote of 18 to 10 a county dog law assessing dogs in all towns $1.25 each, the second dog $2.00, females $3.25, the second female $5.25, was adopted. The law is the registration tax system necessitating registration and tagging through the town clerk, who receives $.25 for each dog. The new law will supercede all the present dog laws.

INDEPENDENCE.

S. B. Crandall, of Washington, D. C., is home for holidays.

Ralph Crumb of Alfred, is visiting at S. G. Crandall's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greene entertained company, Sunday.

Howard Clarke is home for a few days from Geneva.

Miss Elrene Crandall is home from Berlin for a two weeks vacation Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turck were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langworthy at Alfred Station from Thursday un till Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Pease of Greenwood is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter.

Mrs. E. R. Crandall and two children are visiting F. M. Vogan and family at Canton, O.

Mrs. W. W. Clarke and daughter, Helen returned from Little Genesee, Tuesday.

Mrs. Millford Crandall spent Xmas with her parents at Tip Top.

A. G. Critendon and family of Whitesville, are guests at R. A Clarke's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clarke entertained company Xmas.

ELECT DIRECTORS

Stockholders of Home Enterprise Choose Board to Conduct Their Business The Coming Year.

The stockholders of the Home Enterprise Company, owners of the fine New Auditorium building and commercial block, corner of Main and Greenwood streets, met Wednesday evening and after listening to the report of officers for the year past elected the following directors to look after the affairs of the company the coming year:

J. E. Cannon, C. L. Earley, A. C. Frisbey, F. S. Clark, J. H. Backus Dr. John Common and Frank Raufenbarth.

JAMES COVIL

Sad Death of An Aged Veteran

James Covil, who resided near Hallsport, ended his life by a shot from a revolver, December 21st. He feared insanity, and also believed that he was to be put in an asylum. Monday he asked if that was what the family intended to do. At a few minutes before three o'clock, Tuesday afternoon he went to the granary and there ended his life.

Mr. Covil was a man with a large circle of friends. A soldier of the Civil War, having served in the first New York Dragoons.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Hiram, with whom he made his home, and Fred of Wellsville.

New Year Reception

The Lucy Stone Club will receive their friends at the home of their President, Mrs. Roxanna Burrow Saturday evening from eight to ten o'cock. A cordial invation to attend is extended by the club to all.

NOTICE

Owing to the fact that the Central Office is being changed from the Benton Block to above the Andover State Bank the telephone service is liable to be interferred with Friday and Saturday and possibly entirely out of commission.

E. A. Richardson, Secretary.

Collector's Notice

Notice is hereby given to the taxable inhabitants of the town of Andover, that I the undersigned, collector of taxes in and for said town have received the warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year and that I will attend at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday of each week for thirty days from the date hereof from nine o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of taxes.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909

12 THOMAS M. COMSTOCK, Col.

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LADIES

This is the week to get a Suit, a Coat or a Fur Piece, all of which have been cut to quick closing prices

We wish you one and all a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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What Can I Do?

By J. C. Dyer.

Why am I here; And why do I stay?
That is a question to solve on the way.
What can I do in all the wide world
But stand as a sentry with banner unfurled.
What can I do, if the world's growing better,
To help it along, with a word or a letter?
What can I do, if the world's growing worse,
To stop the mad current of sin and its curse?
Perhaps, my dear friend, if you look nearer home
There's plenty to do for yourself and your own,
But what can I do, or how can I find
A mountain so high it has never been climbed?
Or is there a north or a south pole so far
That has not been discovered from some distant star?
But no one has thought yet to tunnel the ocean,
Or bridge it while yet its waves are in motion.
Or make a straight cut to go through the Rockies;
To save all the climbing, the drifts and the blockings.
And Teddie has killed all the game that inhabits
The East and the West; except woodchucks and rabbits.
And what can I do? So little it would seem
That surely it would be like a bubble or a dream.
Yet little drops of water and little grains of sand
Have filled the mighty ocean; along the billowy strand.
So little, O, so little! and so the leaves in spring,
Can clothe the groves and forest where the birds and breezes sing.
And the river still flows onward into the ocean grand;
Made up of drops of water and little grains of sand.
So little, O, so little! Yet I can do my part,
If to-day, and all the way I work with hand and heart.
If we can only but a smile or a kindly greeting give
Then let us do that little and do it while we live.
Little by little, the blossoms will appear;
Little by little the days will make the year;
Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
Little, O, so little! Yet, so immensely grand!

SOUTH HILL.

Happy New Year.

Christmas of 1909 is now of the past.

The fine sleighing, now makes complete this ideal winter weather.

The children of the district enjoyed a Christmas Tree at the school house in Fulmer Valley, Friday evening.

Our hill was well represented at each of the three parties given at Andover, Independence and Elm Valley, Tuesday evening.

Paul Dean, who has been Timekeeper for a force of Tide Water Co.'s men in Pa. returned home last Thursday in time for the holidays.

Mr. John Forness and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Forness of Andover.

Among those who spent the Christmas Holidays on our hill were Robert Dean of Andover, and Margaret, of Hornell, at the home of P. A. Dean. Mr. and Mrs. John Wahl, of Elm Valley and Miss Lizzie Horan, of Andover at H. Horan's. Misses Anna O'Leary of Andover and, Miss Katherine Moran, of Dunkirk, at Wm Deans. Mr. and Mrs. John Keough and children, of Wellsville, and Miss Chestina McAndrew, of Alfred, at R. McAndrew's. Mr. Thomas Riley and family, of Andover, at W. F. O'Connell's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dean and Patrick Riley ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. M. Garvin of Andover.

Mr. and Mrs Michael Dean, of Wellsville, spent, Tuesday at the home of John Dean.

Messrs Pat. and Mike McLaughlin enjoyed Christmas with their sister, Miss Ella in Andover.

ARMY LIFE TOLD BY ONE ON THE JOB

DESCRIPTIVE OF THE LIFE OF YOUR UNCLE SAMUEL'S SOLDIER BOYS.—TOLD BY FIRST SEARGEANT E. KEMP.

I find that the above title covers too much ground to be written in one article, so I shall give the reader a series of short ones, pertaining to "Army Life" but under sub-titles.

We all have different opinions of the army and the men who compose it. To some the mere mention of the name brings a shudder of repulsion, for they imagine the army to be the last resort for men who are down and out and have no other place to go, and therefore it must be a pretty tough organization, composed, as they think, of crooks, criminals and uninduatrial men. Other people believe a soldier's life is one of hardship and deprivation, comparing with that of a penitentiary inmate. Still others think it one of sunshine and gaiety with nothing to do but parade around advertisting Uncle Sam's uniforms Then there is that ever present element that is opposed to all law and order, consequently they often times feel called upon to publictly denounce and censure the organization which protects and represents the flag of our country.

Every man in the army whether or duty or on pass co-mingling with the public should be judged by his own conduct and not another's. In other words, if a soldier lives up to his obligations, conducting himself accordingly, he is entitled to the respect and honor of his comrades and the public with whom he comes in contact. On the other hand, should he disgrace his uniform and by misconduct cast reproach on the army, he should be judged accordingly.

Of course I fully comprehend the fact that we, as free-born Americans, have a right to our individual opinions regarding all things, and with that ever present fact in my mind, I am not going to attempt censuring those who do not agree with me, but am writing this to give people a clearer conception of the making of a soldier, and their life as it really is.

Now that I have given the reader an idea of how the army appeals to different people, i. e., as I have found it, I will continue this article, taking as my first subject the recrlut.

An applicant for enlistment must be of sound mind and body, between the ages of 18 and 35; able to read, write and speak the English language. Such minor defects as ingrown nails, corns, one or two poor teeth, etc., will bar a man from entering the service in time of peace. Thus, when a man is able to fill the requirements and is finally mustered in, he and his friends may rest assured that he is, or nearly, a perfect species of manhood.

Recruiting offices are located in all large cities where recruits are given their preliminary examination; then forwarded to recruiting rendezvous which are located near Columbus, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo., there receiving their final examination and taking the oath to serve the United States for three years unless sooner discharged. Men from every state in the union and from all walks of life are to be found at these rendezvouses. From 1500 to 3000 are always under instruction at either place, therefore a newcomer need not feel at all lonesome upon his arrival.

First, one is assigned to a company of whatever branch of the service he has enlisted in, then he is issued his clothing and a few equipments such as rifle, belt, etc. It is at this stage of the game that one really begins his career in the army. The first drill that the recruit is taught is setting up exercises and athletic stunts to get the stiffness out of his joints and straighten out his off leg, which is somewhat shorter than the near one, caused from following a plow with one foot in the furrow and the other on the sod for so many years, or perhaps he is given extra shoulder exercise to reduce the hump on his back acquired by leaning on his elbows over the ribbon counter. As a man learns the different drills, he is advanced from one instructor to another until he has become familiar with, but far from proficient, in them all. This takes about three months, then he is ready to be shipped away to some regiment or crops in need of recruits.

The recruit never knows where he will be sent after completing his course of instruction at the rendezvous. For instance, should he belong to the Infantry branch he is available for assignment to any Infantry Regiment in the United States, the most eastern Infantry Post being Ft. Jay, N. Y.; farthest west, San Francisco, Cal.; north, Ft. Assininiboine, Mont.; south, Ft. McIntosh, Texas, or perhaps they will send him to some post down in Arizonia, or some other western state, among the Indians, one hundred miles from a town or railway. So it is not a matter of choice where he is sent, but where ordered.

After being at the rendezvous for about three months the recruit can begin to figure on leaving. Each evening the names of men who are to leave for stations are announced after retreat. The following morning they are marched to the depot, usually fifty or sixty in number, boarding a train for some distant post, and receiving first class transportation, sleepers included. There will be a Sergeant, one of the instructors, in charge. He will take possession of a corner section making a temporary commissary of the place where your rations will be kept for the trip and you can rest assured that there will be enough "chow" for every man and some to share, especially the hard-tack of which they always furnish an abundance for the recruit on his first trip, not that he will find it so palatable, but to give him an opportunity to try his teeth on as many pieces as he likes while looking for a "soft one," but his efforts are sure to be in vain for hard-tack merits its name. During my service in the Philippines we were obliged to rely on hard tack a great deal of the time, with but bacon and coffee to accompany it, and I found but two things that can be called its real conquerors, viz. the butt of a rifle and boiling hot coffee.

Persons having sacks of any sort for which they expect credit from us must return them immediately.

H. H. Williams & Co.