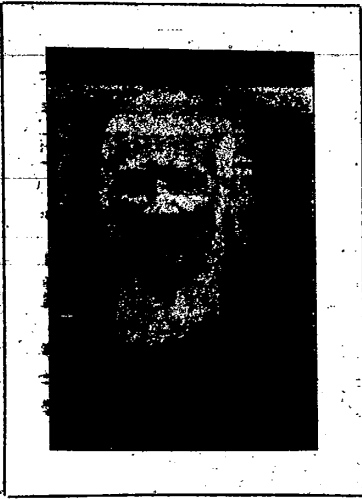


Has Just Passed His Ninetieth Mile Stone

A very interesting birthday party was held at the home of Henry Bullard, on Dyke Street, recently, it being his ninetieth birthday. Seven children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild were present. Henry Bullard was born in Andover, February, 17, 1820, and has lived in this town all his life. He is the only surviving member of a family of ten children. As a boy and young man he lived on the farm



"Uncle Henry" Bullard

now owned by Edward Padden. To a news reporter he has related many interesting stories of the pioneer days of this vicinity. He helped put up the first grist mill built in this town. It was on the farm now owned by David Corwin, on Pingrey Hill.

He was married in November, 1843, to Miss Mary A. Adams, who died about 16 years ago. To them were born ten children, seven of whom are now living and were present at his 90th anniversary: J. M. Bullard and Robert Bullard of Friendship, David Bullard, Mrs. Martha B. Cook, Miss Emily Bullard, Miss Arvilla Bullard, and Lewis L. Bullard of Andover.

Mr. Bullard still retains his faculties and may be seen almost daily, in pleasant weather, upon our streets. He comes of a family of longevity and was the grandson of Henry Heine, a revolutionary soldier, who lived to the age of 114 years. The News wishes for Mr. Bullard an equal number of years.

MRS. ELLEN TISELL.

Mrs. Ellen Tisdell, widow of the late John Tisdell of Alfred passed away suddenly, Tuesday morning, at the home of her brother, Henry Carr, on North Main Street. Mrs. Tisdell came to Andover, several months ago, after the death of her husband, and had been here but a short time when she had the misfortune to fall, fracturing her hip. The long weeks of suffering, as a result, weakened her constitution, and a second fall a short time ago, complicated with a heart difficulty, resulted in her death. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday morning and the body taken to Alfred and buried beside her husband in the Rural Cemetery.

W. T. C. U.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Richard Smith, Superintendent of Literature, Friday afternoon, March 4th.

THOMAS HARRINGTON DEAD.

Word was received Thursday morning of the death of Thomas Harrington at 6:30 at the home of his father on South Hill. Mr. Harrington had been ill with tuberculosis for a long time.

He is survived by his wife, the daughter of Mrs. Henry Garvin of this village, and three children.

DEATH AT ELM VALLEY.

Mrs. Lorena Beebe Howden, wife of Harry H. Howden, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beebe of Elm Valley on Friday morning February 25th, 1910, aged twenty-five years.

The funeral was held at the Elm Valley Union Chapel at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, Rev. H. D. Bacon, of the Presbyterian Church of Andover, officiating. The interment was at Alfred.

Read the News one year for one

IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER

Petition in Bankruptcy Proceedings Filed Against the Platts Brothers Cutlery Co. --Receiver Appointed.

Three creditors of the Platts Bros. Cutlery Company have petitioned the Referee in Bankruptcy to have Platts Bros. Cutlery Company of this village adjudged insolvent and thrown into bankruptcy. The Referee has filed the petition and appointed Arling R. Baker temporary receiver of the affairs of the company, awaiting the proceedings in bankruptcy and the inventory of the property of the company. Mr. Baker has taken possession of the concern and is running the same at full capacity. The plant will not be closed down at present, at any rate, as the only possible way for the creditors to get anything on their accounts is for the plant to make it on new work.

The Platts Bros. Cutlery Company is a stock company, which was organized in Andover, some three years ago, for the manufacture of pocket cutlery in Andover. The stockholders were all Andover people, except that taken by the Messrs. Platts, who have become Andover people. At the time of the organization of the company, the outlook was rosy for the cutlery business, and the expectations and prospects was for a very lucrative business. The Company's first error, however, was in starting with too little money. They tried to do a retail business that should have had from \$50,000 to \$100,000 capital back of it, on \$10,000. The first two or three months went nicely, however, and all seemed well until most of their capital had been scattered among creditors all over the country. Possibly they might have pulled through even then, only for the fact that when over one-half of the capital had been trusted out mostly to good risks, the financial panic struck this country with a flood and collections were almost impossible. With the other fellows holding their money, and also their goods, there was but one of two things to be done; either shut down or borrow money, to run with. If the plant shut down, valuable mechanics would be lost to the Company which years might never replace and our business people would lose much of the patronage which they had figured on obtaining when they subscribed stock in the company. So it was deemed wise to borrow money, expecting that it would be only a matter of a few days before the money would begin to come in. Here was another miscalculation. The panic continued and the plant continued to go bad. Not only did the panic withhold capital but the tinkering with the tariff made buyers of cutlery cut their orders to absolute necessity until they knew what was to be the outcome, and new sales were nearly entirely stopped.

Thus the Company kept getting deeper and deeper in the hole, until they found themselves hopelessly covered with a burden of indebtedness which seemed impossible to remove. Just at the time when it seemed that the last straw had been piled on and their back was about to break, a heavy importer and manufacturer of pocket cutlery came along and wished to make a contract with them to take the entire output of manufactured goods at a fair profit. This was quickly accepted with the idea that they could with it eventually free themselves from the burden of indebtedness. In order to obtain the raw material and keep the plant running on this nice business, the directors of the company got back of it and gave their personal security for funds and furnished the money to do business with, hoping that with such a fine order they might make good, which they could have done only for the heavy burden of interest and urgent demands of the creditors.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Company, both common and preferred is called for Wednesday evening of next week, at which time the welfare of Platts Bros. Cutlery Com-

THE ANNUAL WATER REPORT

Report of the Water Commissioners of the Village of Andover, N. Y., for the Year 1909-10.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand.	
last report,	\$1,105.37
Rents, Taps etc.,	2,013.23
	\$3,118.60
DISBURSEMENTS.	
1909	
Feb. 19 P. A. Dean,	\$10.00
20 Baker Bros., Tap,	7.56
Mar. 4 Burrows National	
Bank, Interest,	21.30
6 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	5.50
Hardware,	8.85
27 Andover State Bank,	
Interest,	320.00
Apr. 12 News Ptg. House,	
Pub. Report,	6.00
May 11 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	10.82
Jun. 5 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	4.25
14 Frank Miner, Rebate,	1.25
Jul. 8 Porter & Richardson,	
Supplies,	30.22
16 Ptg. Meter Co.,	
Supplies,	25.00
Aug. 7 Porter & Richardson,	
Construction,	36.53
11 Baker Bros., Repairs,	7.65
13 Pat'k. Barrett, Labor,	2.00
14 M. Peeley, Labor,	.70
16 T. K. Regan, Express,	3.39
18 Henry Alvord, Labor,	1.00
Earl Bassett, Labor,	1.00
Sept. 2 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	7.20
2 Porter & Richardson,	
Construction,	21.74
4 R. A. Pease, Labor,	3.00
9 Burrows National	
Bagk, Bond	400.00
11 Andover State Bank,	
Interest,	320.00
15 Emeline Loxley,	
Interest,	39.50
16 Geo. Matteson, Labor,	2.68
Oct. 7 Ella Dailey, Rebate,	2.00
6 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	11.44
9 R. A. Pease, Labor,	1.50
Nov. 3 Samuel Coats, Labor,	1.21
4 R. A. Pease, Labor,	4.62
8 Harry Dawley, Labor,	1.80
10 Baker Bros., Tap,	7.50
15 Reed Cooper, Labor,	1.21
20 Alva Slocum, Labor,	2.00
Dec. 1 David Hunt, Labor,	.71
2 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	7.90
4 R. A. Pease, Labor,	1.50
8 P. A. Dean, Labor,	1.00
1910	
Jan. 6 Jett Blodgett, Labor,	6.70
8 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	5.80
10 Flora Deming, Rebate,	1.50
12 Baker Bros., Tap,	7.50
21 C. W. Williams	
Rebate,	1.50
24 P. A. Dean, Supplies,	15.00
Feb. 4 J. C. Scribner, Labor,	14.40
4 Porter & Richardson,	
Bill,	26.08
7 R. A. Pease,	12.40
14 W. S. Clark, Repairs,	4.85
	\$1,434.55
Balance on hand,	\$1,684.05

AN OPPORTUNITY.

The Company which comes to the Auditorium to-night, is the same cast that played "Paid in Full" at the Academy of music in New York City, this season to crowded houses. A rare opportunity is thus accorded Andover people to see this celebrated play with a metropolitan cast and all should take advantage of it, especially when it is known to be the last big attraction now booked for the season.

pany will be considered, and it is hoped that some way will be figured out so they will not be obliged to continue as a bankrupt concern, and the proceedings in bankruptcy may be stopped. It does not seem possible that progressive Andover will let this valuable industry be closed down, especially with such bright prospects as they have for making good with more orders at hand than they can fill in a year, at a good profit.

There is no better cutlery made than produced by Platts Bros. Cutlery Company.

Part of Our Country We Do Not Know

A Trip Down Devil's River from Source to Mouth--A Wierd, Burnt Up Locality on Our Frontier, The Far Southwest.

(By M. J. Brown, Editor Little Valley, N. Y., Hub)

When you come to west Texas, a deer. They abound in these hills the roughness of the country protects them and will for many years to come. But unless one has off of the old times for a guide, he had better shoot quail in the main draw, for the country is a maze, and he will become lost in an hour. Every draw looks just like the other draw, crossing, intersecting and winding, and to become lost in these canyons, with not a ranch house in fifty miles, is dangerous. But any tenderfoot is cautioned when lost to climb to the top of the highest peak he can find, make smoke signals and wait for someone to come and get him.

There are panthers on these hills as big as yearlings; wild turkeys are numerous, deer are plentiful; there are a few bears, while wolves, wild cats, and civet cats can be started anywhere.

And after hours of riding through the hot drains we come to Juno. This cow town is 125 miles south-west of San Angelo--a nice little three days drive. It is probably the most peaceful and the wildest and wickedest west Texas cow town, and one of the oldest towns of the Devil's River country. Two general stores, a smith shop, a hotel and a saloon make up the town. But the saloon should have been named first for it is the magnet. Without it Juno would have long since been lost from the map.

Every Saturday the cowboys come in from the canyons and until Monday morning there is anything in the way of wild west entertainment one wants to see. And when these common drunks become monotonous, a barbecue is pulled off. The "09" boys come in to clean up for the tailor shop outfit and west Texas makes history.

Why men live in these desert hills and canyons I cannot understand. I talked with a bright young puncher regarding his life, and found he was just home from the rich cotton lands of Texas, and glad to be back.

"This is sure 'nough a sorry country, but I wouldn't give one of these little ole sand hills for all the country west of Devil's River."

Such is love of home.

Almost the whole west half of Texas, from the Deaf Smith country to the Rio Grande, is dried up. Not since the spring of 1906 have there been general rains, and the ranches are in bad shape. On many pastures a fourth of the cattle have starved to death, being unable to find enough vegetation to keep alive on. Sheep men are drifting out of the country for want of range and the price has

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