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Fitting Observance of Memorial Day

Edward Seaman Post, G. A. R., School Children and Citizens All Join in Paying Honor to Departed Heroes

The Presbyterian Church Sunday night was filled to its capacity to listen to Pastor Bacon's Memorial Sermon to the G. A. R. and Ladies of the Relief Corps. The services being particularly inspiring and impressive. Mr. Bacon spoke more particularly concerning the perpetuation of Memorial Day and its consistent observance, and was warmly commended by all. The Boys Choir of the church and the orchestra together with a solo by Howard Richardson and a duet by Charles Bloss and Raymond Hardy, furnished the musical part of the program in a most pleasing manner.

Memorial Day passed quietly in Andover this year, with nothing to mar the impressiveness and solemnity of the day. At noon the stores were mostly all closed, and the business places, in spite of the drizzling rain, were decorated with flags and bunting. All Andover people seemed to join with the "Old Veterans" in fittingly observing this sacred day wisely set apart for the purpose of remembering and honoring those patriots, who gave their lives for the sake of the country they loved.

In the morning a committee from the post, marked and decorated the graves of comrades in the cemeteries outside the village.

It was a thinner blue line than ever before, that paraded Monday in memory of comrades of the Civil War. Only about ten members of Edward Seaman Post, G. A. R., marched in the Memorial Day parade where once nearly a hundred comrades were.

At 1 o'clock the line was formed at G. A. R. Hall, and slowly wended its way to Hillside Cemetery, where the ritualistic exercises of the post were performed and the graves of departed comrades decorated.

Three hundred School children,

members of Andover High School, joined in the line of march to the cemetery making a very pleasing appearance.

At Harmony Hall, a large audience gathered immediately after the return from the cemetery and enjoyed the following program:

Selection.—Cannon's Orchestra, Prayer.—Rev. J. W. Wright, Solo.—Miss Julia Raufenbarth, Selection.—Cannon's Orchestra, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.—John E. Cannon.

Selection.—Cannon's Orchestra, America.—by the audience, accompanied by the Orchestra.

The address of Dr. Jones was one of the best Memorial Day speeches ever given in Andover. His personal magnetism and witty style of delivery, took with the audience, and gave him the opportunity all speakers so much desire, to make the truths of his scholarly address sink deep into the hearts of his listeners.

The work of arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day this year, while done under the direction of the local G. A. R., was done by a citizens committee and the G. A. R. and Ladies of the Relief Corps were guests of honor. The Grand Army boys being seated on the platform and the Ladies conducted to reserved seats in the Auditorium.

The "Honor Roll" of Edward Seaman Post, G. A. R. of this village, as read by comrade U. W. Stratton, during the exercises at the Auditorium, Monday shows that 93 of its members have received their final discharge and joined the silent army on the other side. Three members having died within the last twelve months.

LESTER S. BURDICK.

Lester S. Burdick, who died at his home in Elm Valley on May 28, was one of the thrifty substantial citizens of our town and will be greatly missed in the community in which he had lived for fifty four years. Born in Hornell sixty four years ago last November, he came to this section at the age of ten, and when he came to the years of manhood, entered upon his chosen life work as a farmer. He put all of his energy and interest into his chosen work and attained success beyond the ordinary.

Mr. Burdick was a man who met every obligation squarely, loyal to his friends and faithful to his pledges. His appreciation of the humorous was inherent and he loved a kindly joke and bit of pleasantry. Wherever he went one was sure to hear a hearty laugh, and he had a natural wit which served to brighten every bit of life he touched. Even in the days of his prolonged illness he kept up his old time way and few people realized how much he suffered or how ill he was. He was active in the building of the Chapel at Elm Valley and had served as an efficient Trustee from the time it was built. He never missed one of the services and was always an attentive interested hearer, attending the services when many another would have considered themselves too ill to leave their room.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his loss, two sons, Jesse and Fred of Elm Valley, one daughter Mrs. Fannie Dodge of Andover, two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Augusta Hinchey of Andover, Mrs. Amelia Scott of Carr Valley and Timothy Burdick of West Virginia. Harry Burdick of Elm Valley and Prentice Burdick of this village.

The funeral services were held in the Elm Valley Chapel, on Tuesday May 31, at 1 o'clock, the Rev. H. D. Bacon officiating, and the burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery. A large number of friends and acquaintances gathered to pay their last respects to their friend and neighbor, and express their sympathy for the bereaved family.

FINAL WORK OF THE DAY.

Albany, May 27.—With haunting visions of being called back into extra session because of the failure to enact such electoral reforms as advocated by Governor Hughes, two hundred legislators prepared to leave for their homes today. The present session has been one of the most strenuous in years. As a net result Gov. Hughes fails to secure his pet direct nominations scheme, but has been fortunate in obtaining favorable legislation on all his other more important recommendations.

In spite of many sharp clashes which characterized the proceedings, Getaway Day, with music, flowers, gifts, handshaking and throngs of interested spectators, had a marked holiday aspect and everywhere were evidences of strong friendship. As many old timers will not seek reelection, a sweeping change in the personnel of the next legislature is highly probable.

AUTO OVERTURNS.

A Ford Car driven by E. B. Harris of Wellsville and occupied by Mr. Harris, George Lee, Carl Beever and Albert Hammer of Wellsville was overturned near Belmont Sunday. The men were thrown some distance receiving severe bruises in which Mr. Harris suffered the greater. The accident was caused by the driver taking his hand momentarily from the steering wheel, causing the machine to swerve sharply, the front wheel dished, throwing the machine over on its side.

TO CHANGE MEMORIAL DAY.

A number of Grand Army Posts have voted to change the date of Memorial Day to the last Sunday in May, instead of on May 30th. The claim is that it should not be a holiday but a holy day, and the only way to make it so is to change the date to Sunday. Canaseraga Post this county, is one of those Posts that have voted to hereafter observe the day on the last Sunday in May.

Read our "P. E. B." Column.

BELMONT'S NEW HALL.

Presented to the Village by E. A. Willetts—Masons Will Lay Corner Stone on June 4th.

Belmont is to have a new village hall and the work on the new building is going on rapidly. The foundation walls have been completed and the laying of the corner stone will take place with appropriate ceremonies on Saturday afternoon, June 4th. The Masonic Fraternity will have charge of the corner stone laying, and it is expected that the Hon. Robert J. Kenworthy, of Brooklyn, Grand Master of New York State Masons, and other Grand Lodge officers will be present to assist Belmont Lodge No. 474, F. & A. M. The principal address of the occasion will be delivered by the Hon. Charles H. Brown, the Supreme Court Justice, of whom his adopted village and Allegany County are so justly proud.

Belmont is a fortunate village in that this new village hall, amply large to meet all the requirements of the town, is to be erected at the expense of Mr. Elmore A. Willetts, of that village, and presented to Belmont.

DR. RANDOLPH WILL SPEAK.

"The American Boy," will Receive Due Attention From the Doctor Sunday Evening.

An exceptionally rare treat is in store for Andover people, Sunday evening next. Rev. L. C. Randolph of Alfred will speak at the M. E. Church, subject, "The American Boy."

Dr. Randolph has spoken in Andover a number of times and our people all know that when he comes to Andover, there is always something worth while coming their way. As the doctor is soon to leave Alfred for the West, where he has accepted a position as pastor, this will be his last public appearance in Andover and all should hear him.

OSTRANDER-COWLES.

The marriage of Samuel Ostrander of Walla Walla, Washington, and Miss Edith W. Cowles, daughter of Editor and Mrs. A. E. Cowles of Wellsville was solemnized, Wednesday evening, June 1st. The "News" extends congratulations.

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ALFRED'S BETTERMENT FUND.

University Working to Pay \$60,000 Indebtedness before Commencement.

Alfred University and its friends all over Western New York are straining every nerve toward the most worthy object of freeing that institution from the burden of indebtedness which has been hampering it for a good many years.

Solicitors and agents are doing good work, but they must have the support of the entire people in this their parish in order to successfully accomplish the huge undertaking. It is imperative that the indebtedness be paid this week. They must raise \$4,874 by subscriptions. Mr. Carnegie has agreed to present the University with a library building to cost \$25,000 as soon as the debt is subscribed.

By the payment of the debt, the University will be provided with a much needed building and also be relieved from a burden that has crippled the usefulness of the school. The students and friends of this University can render it a great service at this time by contributing to his fund. Subscriptions should be addressed to President B. C. Davis, Alfred, New York.

During the past week several thousand dollars have been subscribed, and the importance of getting in subscriptions at once for the balance can not be too highly emphasized. No town has more loyal friends than Alfred and her call upon them has never been more urgent than at the present time.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

E. J. Leach, Aged 45 Years, Drank Carbolic Acid at His Home in Wellsville, Sunday.

Wellsville, May 31.—E. J. Leach, who conducted a restaurant on Loder Street, committed suicide Sunday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid. A family quarrel is said to have preceded the rash act. Coroner Ayers from Alfred was summoned and pronounced the verdict of suicide. The dead man was about 45 years old and a mason by trade.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Emma Robbins Friday afternoon, June 3rd, for a Floral Meeting in charge of the Superintendent.

Brief Resume of Work in the Legislature of Allegany's Assemblyman

Hon. Jesse S. Phillips, Member of Assembly, from Allegany County has been a prominent man at the Capitol for several years; this year he has been forced into a more prominent position than ever before. During the past Summer he acted as Vice Chairman of the Legislative Commission which was appointed to investigate the direct primary laws of the various States where such legislation has been enacted; this winter he assisted in drawing and perfecting the Phillips bill and which passed the Assembly in one of the greatest contests ever occurring in that body. The passage of that measure, was a great personal victory for Mr. Phillips; it is also considered by many of the conservative men of the State a great benefit and advantage to the State; for there are many prominent figures in this commonwealth, who have believed that the passage of the Hinman-Green bill would have entailed a great cost and untold confusion in our system of nomination and elections. Wednesday of this week the Phillips bill which had passed the Assembly was passed in the Senate by a vote of 28 to 21.

Owing to Mr. Phillips long service in the Assembly he is during the session of the Legislature, constantly called upon by the heads of the different State Departments for advice and counsel; and where it is determined that it is necessary to amend the law or make new laws for the betterment of the service, Mr. Phillips is asked to draft and introduce such legislation into the Assembly; and to follow it through its various courses until it is in the hands of the Governor.

During Mr. Phillips' ten years in the legislature there has never been a suspicion as to his integrity and honesty; he is perfectly frank and open in his convictions; he is openly in favor of laws which he

thinks will advance the interests of the people of the State; but he will not advocate or champion any proposed legislation, simply because it is popular; if, after a careful study of the matter he does not believe in it, he opposes it whether it is popular or not to do so.

This year Mr. Phillips has introduced bills amending the Code of Civil Procedure, the Charities Law, the Insanity Law, Election Law, Penal Law, Game Law, Corporation Law, Education Law and other matters; he introduced a bill to rebuild the burned buildings at Alfred University and amendments to the law to further safe guard the primaries and the elections.

Few men in the State have a better knowledge of the affairs of the State than Mr. Phillips; his long experience in the Assembly and his naturally studious turn of mind has made his knowledge of the State Departments not superficial but deep and firm.

Hon. Jesse S. Phillips is as popular at Albany as he is at home; he is plain "Jesse" Phillips from the page boys to the highest officials; he is especially courteous to new members and they are all willing to help him if they can. Mr. Phillips is no more of a boss at Albany than at home; he is in public life to be of service to the people of the State; long ago he could have accepted flattering positions and he has remained in his present place because of the earnest solicitation of many friends not only in Allegany County but throughout the State.

The people of Allegany County are to be congratulated upon their Member of Assembly; no one in the State has a cleaner or better reputation; he is able, honest, courteous and a credit to the constituency which sends him to the State Legislature.—Reporter.

Society Influenced by Political Methods

Rev. V. L. Eggleston Tells Us How Our Environments Effect Our Development and Our Destiny.

Science records many strange and interesting facts concerning the power of environment to work transformations of living organism. And when we rise into the region of mind we discover the power of environment at work producing changes as marked and instructive as in the realm below.

We are to consider the influence exerted upon man by the form of government under which he lives. A government reflects its character in the thought, manners and customs of its people. If despotic and oppressive, we can read the whole story in the condition, the physical appearance, the mental and moral characteristics of its subjects. If there should be driven through our streets a herd of lean, scrawny cattle it would not be necessary for any one to tell us that this herd had not been properly fed and sheltered. We could read the story of insufficient food and long continued neglect in the almost bare bones and sorry appearance of the animals. Likewise in the poorly developed bodies, the ignorant minds, and the moral degradation of many immigrants crowding our shores, we see the disastrous effects of the oppressive and defective governments from which they come. A government founded on the divine right of kings, in which men are separated into the privileged and unprivileged, into upper and lower classes, will mirror itself in the character of its people. The privileged will exhibit the influence of privilege in education, in refinement of taste and manners, and in conscious superiority to the class below them.

The unprivileged will display their lack of privilege in ignorance, uncouth manners, and a deferential spirit toward the class above them. Ours is a democratic form of government. In the oft quoted words from Mr. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, "It is a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Here, instead of the doctrine of the divine right of kings, we preach the more glorious doctrine of the divine right of the people. Here we have no privileged and unprivileged classes, no titled nobility, no laws of primogeniture. Our heritage is that of manhood, and is open on equal conditions to all. The form of our government and the methods by which it is administered have profoundly influenced the character of the people. We are differentiated from all the nations of the earth, not so much by soil, climate, and natural scenery, for other peoples are environed in these particulars, almost exactly as we are, but by the political system to which we belong.

The people of this republic have been powerfully influenced by the postulates of the Declaration of In-

dependence, viz., human equality and the inalienable rights of men. So far as I know, save in the platform of principles of the Kingdom of God, enunciated in the sermon on the Mount, not until the fourth day of July, 1776, was ever such doctrine taught on this earth.

If we search through the history of governments, ancient or modern, we will fall to find principles like those with which the founders of this republic began that immoral declaration. And these postulates have been accepted by the people, they have believed them true and have felt the emancipation and enlargement of life flowing from such teaching.

For thousands of years the doctrine had been accepted in all the earth that God intended some men to be kings and others to be subjects; some to be masters and others slaves; that by an arbitrary decree the Creator had ordained that some should be born with certain political, social and religious privileges, and that others should come into this world deprived by divine authority of such rights and immunities.

And upon this assumption, one part of mankind lorded it over the other part. And the world moved along under the injustice and oppression inspired and kept alive by this lie on God and outrage on man.

Who can appreciate the influence on the thought and character of the citizens of this country of the doctrine of equality and the rights of man? Men have been enabled and freed by living under a government emphasizing these vital political truths. How stimulating the realization that the highest station in the government may be reached by its lowliest citizen. Another fact powerfully influencing the people of the United States is that of universal suffrage. Here every man of age and sound mind exercises the sacred right of suffrage. There is one day when every man is a king, and that is election day. Then it is that he speaks with authority and his will expressed at the ballot box is the supreme and final law. Then it is that all those artificial distinctions of wealth and rank fade away. Then men stand upon a common level. Rich and poor, educated and illiterate, high and low, speak with equal influence.

We sometimes deplore the frequency of elections, and possibly we do have too many of them; but the educational influence of our elections, especially the presidential, is of immeasurable value to the people. All questions affecting the national government are brought in review before the people. The great political parties meet in national conventions and promulgate in their platforms the principles upon which they propose

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