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OBSERVER SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Andover Methodist Episcopal Church Hold Special Services Sunday in Commemoration of its Organization.

Last Sunday was observed the seventieth anniversary of the organization of the Andover Methodist Episcopal Church. The act of incorporation bears date, June 9, 1840. The names of the first board of Trustees was as follows: Lorning Leonard, Orlando Kaple, William Hardy, Ira S. Mills, Jason Hunt, J. S. Martin, and Isaac W. Page. At the time of organization, the church consisted of eleven members. It would be interesting to know who these were but the records do not give their names. From that small beginning the church has grown in numbers and influence, effecting as is believed, great good in the community.

During the 70 years since the society was organized, it has occupied three buildings. The first stood where the present one stands. It was dedicated December 15, 1840, and cost about seven hundred dollars. The second building, the one now owned by the Seventh Day Baptists, was next built and cost about two thousand dollars. This was used for twenty years, by which time it became too small and was, in 1862 sold to the above organization.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Davis that occurred the greatest revival in the history of this church. One hundred and seventy-five persons professed conversion. Since then there have been revivals, but none so sweeping, or far reaching in effect. The present brick church was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Cook, and dedicated by his successor, the Rev. David Nuttin, in 1873. The cost of the building was thirteen thousand dollars. This amount did not include the value of the land as that was owned by the society.

Last Sunday morning, the pastor preached on the theme, "Our Inheritance" endeavoring to show that a great material, moral, and spiritual inheritance had been handed down by the founders of the church, and those who have since labored in, and for it. The church was beautifully decorated, among the decorations were two large cards, one bearing the date 1840, the other 1910.

The following is the list of pastors who have served the church. It is not claimed that this list is absolutely correct, but as nearly so as possible, owing the brief and imperfect records from which it is taken. The records show the dates of appointment of only a few in the list: Alvin Torry, Samuel Nichols, J. St. John, William Jones, S. J. Martin, Curtis Graham, William Manning, L. Benjamin, J. J. Ashworth, Bush, (no initials), J. Shaw, Pindar Nortrop, H. Wisener, A. Davidson, S. B. Dickerson, Roger Madison, Thomas Jolly, Henry Harp, Bronson, (No initials), W. Post, Cook (No initials given), A. N. Filmore, David Nuttin, E. A. Rice, E. C. Williams, Andrew Sutherland, R. C. Grame, P. P. Sowers, G. W. Gibson, J. M. Leach, W. B. Wagoner, S. D. Pickett, G. W. Adams, M. E. Hedding, G. H. Patterson, J. W. Wright. Total number of pastors, 33.

TROUT RECORD BROKEN.

The Big Fish That Did Not Get Away—Caught by Amory Stewart, of Wellsville.

An eight and a half pound trout was taken from the waters of Pine Creek, near the cottage of the Brooklyn Fishing Club, by Amory Stewart, of Wellsville, Tuesday.

It was a German trout and measured 28 1/2 inches long and breaks all records for trout fishing in these parts. This is a fish story that can be verified, as the trout has been on exhibition at the Teeple-Green Drug Store since its capture. It will be sent to a taxidermist and be mounted and placed with the collection at the Brooklyn Club.

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HORSE'S KICK FATAL

Frank Kemp of East Sharon, Pa., Well Known Farmer, Died at Olean Hospital.

Frank Kemp of East Sharon, Pa., a well known and highly respected farmer, aged 39 years, died at the Olean Hospital at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning from injuries sustained on Friday morning.

At that time he was tying his horse in the stall, when the animal kicked him in the abdomen, rupturing that part of the intestines known as the ilium. The injured man was carried to the house and a doctor hurriedly summoned. On Sunday his condition became so alarming that H. L. Hulet, the doctor in charge, had him removed to the Olean Hospital, where he died as above stated. The body was taken to East Sharon, Monday, where the funeral was held at Mr. Kemp's late home. The burial was in the East Sharon cemetery.

Mr. Kemp leaves to mourn his death his wife and seven children: Esther, Mary, Evia, Francis, Milo, Elba and John, all of East Sharon. He also leaves his mother, and five brothers, Daniel of Wellsville, William of Michigan, Milo of Langdon, N. Y., Melvin of Norwich, N. Y., and Nelson of East Sharon; besides three sisters, Mrs. Cordelia Porter of Andover, Mrs. Green of Hornell, and Mrs. Ella Fly of Smithboro, N. Y.—Bolivar Breeze.

HIRAM PITTS BENTON.

Hiram P. Benton died at his home in this village, Thursday night of neurralgia of the heart, aged 80 years.

In the passing of Mr. Benton, Andover loses one of its business landmarks. A man of sterling qualities, of the old school type, who has been an active business force in this community for the past forty-five years.

Mr. Benton had been poorly all summer, but had recovered his health so far that he was again attending to his large lumber business and would turn out work enough in an average day to put to shame many a younger man.

Wednesday, Mr. Benton was ill with a pain in his chest, but it was not considered anything serious. Thursday afternoon he sat up an hour or more and retired, believing he was much better. Not long after going to bed, however, Mr. Benton noticed that he was not breathing right and upon investigation found that he had passed from this life. The end came with no struggle, and seemingly with no suffering.

Hiram Pitts Benton was born in Franklinville, N. Y., June 9, 1830. His early years were passed in Livonia, N. Y., and later at Oramet, this county, coming to Andover forty-five years ago, as stated above. The first years in Andover, Mr. Benton conducted a drug store and later has been a very successful lumber merchant. He has been much interested in the growth of Andover and contributed both of his time and means to assist his home town to develop manufacturing industries.

Mr. Benton was married in 1860 to Hannah B. Spaulding, who died in 1887. He took for a second wife Ann Baldwin, who survives him.

Besides his wife, Mr. Benton leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Hatch, of Dresden, Me., and Mrs. Jennie B. Rhinevault, of Andover.

Funeral services were conducted at his late residence on Maple Avenue, Monday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Wright officiating. Mr. Benton was an active and enthusiastic Mason and a member of Andover Lodge, No. 563 and was very punctual in the performance of his Masonic obligations. The funeral service was conducted by his beloved lodge, over sixty of his brethren being in attendance and participating in the services. The burial was in Valley Brook Cemetery.

CHILDREN CAN'T EAT THESE

Marshal Seizes 4,500,000 Unfit Ice Cream Cones

New York, July 12—Four and a half million ice cream cones were seized today by U. S. Marshal Henkel as a part of the campaign being waged by the government under the pure food act. It is alleged the cones contain boracic acid and are injurious to health. The seizure is the second within a few days and was made on the pier of the Southern Pacific Railway. The cones were to be shipped to Galveston, Texas, by the Consolidated Water Co., of this city.

SWINDLE COST FARMER \$3,000

Tin Box Game Worked on Moravia Man—Didn't Turnable Until He Received a Letter.

Auburn, July 21.—A Moravia farmer was relieved of \$3,500 by two swindlers, in the supposed sale of his farm. The victim is David Dennis, 74 years old, who lives about two miles north of the village of Moravia, on the lake road. Mrs. Minnie Ware, a step-daughter, lives with him.

Dennis came to Auburn by the Lehigh Valley railroad last Wednesday to buy machinery for the farm. As he was nearing Auburn a man sitting behind him tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he knew of any farms for sale in the locality. The stranger represented himself as a Mr. Keator of Cortland, and said he had a commission from a Mrs. Green of Syracuse to purchase a farm. There is a banker in Cortland named Keator of whom Mr. Dennis had heard.

Mr. Dennis thought it a good chance to sell his farm, and as they parted at the Lehigh Station in Auburn, made an appointment with Mr. Keator for the next day, at the farm. The stranger did not keep his appointment, but on Friday he drove to the farm and looked it over. They agreed on a price of \$10,000, and as it was too late that day to close the transaction they agreed to put up a forfeit of \$3,500 each the next day.

Saturday Mr. Dennis came to Auburn. At the station the stranger met him with a horse and carriage and took him up town. Mr. Dennis then went to the Cayuga County Savings bank and drew \$3,500. He then returned to the Lehigh station and met the supposed purchaser, who said to him:

"Have you got the money? This is no place to count it."

Keator suggested that they drive to some quiet place to count the money, and they drove to the Soule cemetery. There they met another man, who was introduced as a friend of the prospective buyer.

Keator showed a large sum of money and said it was the \$10,000 with which he was to purchase the farm. He had with him a metal box, similar to those commonly used in safe deposit vaults. The box was in a grip. After the money had been counted, Keator put the whole amount, his \$3,500 and the \$3,500 of Dennis, as was supposed, in the box and dropped it in the grip. Then he said to Dennis: "You might as well keep this money; I will take charge of the key, so that when the deal is finished you will get your forfeit back." This arrangement seemed satisfactory, and the obliging "Mr. Keator" drove his victim over to Wycoff's station and saw him on the train back to Moravia.

Mr. Dennis received a letter a few days ago, containing the key and the advice that he had better go out to some quiet place and make no noise, as everybody would laugh at him and somebody might try to blackmail him. Dennis was overwhelmed by his loss and refused to make a complaint to the district attorney until urged to do so by Mrs. Ware. Now he has put the matter in the hands of the officers.

In the tin box Mr. Dennis found a large, smooth stone, weighing about four pounds and wrapped in an old newspaper. There was no money.

TELEPHONE TELEGRAPH MERGER.

The Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company Has Swallowed Competitors.

Albany, July 20.—The Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company today certified to the Secretary of State, it had merged the following companies of which it owned all of the capital stock. Corning, Watkins, Ithaca, The Springville, The Marilla, Canisota, Wellsville and Hornellsville Telephone Companies, Conewango Valley Home, Cohocton Valley Telephone and Telegraph Companies, Elma Telephone Exchange, Citizens Telephone and Telegraph Co's., Elmira Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Akron and The Valley Telephone Co.

FAVORS' LEGION.

Decision by Justice Lyon in an Important Case.—Decided in Favor of Waverly Corporation.

Waverly, July 20.—Through a decision rendered by Judge George F. Lyon, of Binghamton, the National Protective Legion wins a case that has been pending in the courts for two weeks, involving over \$250,000 and in which several thousand people have been interested.

The action was brought to a test case to decide whether the defendant was obliged to pay to its policyholders the rate of dividend paid during 1907 which was \$250, or the rate paid during 1908, which was \$113. The contention of the policyholders was that the certificates expired to the last day of December and the contention of the Official Board of the N. P. L., was that they expired one day later, or January 1, 1909. The question of one calendar day on the maturing of a policy made a difference of \$137 to each of several thousand policyholders.

OATS ARE BRANDED.

Letter "B" Found On The Leaves of Grain in Fields.

A curious freak of nature can be seen on the oat leaves that are growing this year. Although it may seem uncertain it is a fact that the letter "B" is stamped upon nearly all the oats. A young man who had been visiting out of town was shown the letter on the oats at that place and the oats in this vicinity were examined and it was found to be the same. The letter can be seen very plainly on some leaves and looks as if a worm had done the work. The farmers attention in the Pennsylvania fields was called by an article in a paper. The article said that before the Civil War a letter "W" was stamped on the grain. The letter that is now stamped on the grain is puzzling the minds of a great many but probably it means that this world is nothing but a "Bluff" and no one need lose any sleep over it. Probably there are many such freaks if our attention was called to them.

PEOPLE'S MUTUAL

The first distribution of dividends to certificate holders in the People's Mutual of Syracuse is expected to take place July 23, at which time the members will receive checks for one half the amount due them and which they ultimately will receive.

The State Insurance Department has been in charge of the People's Mutual affairs since the order of liquidation was issued by the court, has had a big task straightening out the records and arriving at conclusions as to whom shall be paid the 50 per cent dividend and what certificate holders have invalidated their claims by failing to comply with the rules during the time the company was going through its troubles.

All certificate holders were required to mail their department certificates, receipts and a copy of their signature. Wagon loads of mail flowed into the Syracuse offices and it has been a big task to straighten out all of these documents.

The department has realized approximately \$1,750,000 from the sale of securities held by the company. With this fund it is possible to make the 50 per cent dividend and there is no reason to believe the department will not be ready to declare it by July 23. An order must be secured from the court authorizing the payment but that will be only a short task.

There are 25,000 checks to be filed and signed personally by Frederick G. Dunham, the deputy in charge of this company's affairs. Later dividends will repay, or very near repay, all the money which the people have paid into the company. The money to pay future dividends will be secured from the sale of other securities. These are held for the most favorable market and by delaying more can be realized upon them.

GIVE DOGS WATER.

The city of Mexico has a law, almost a century old, requiring storekeepers and business men in general to keep pans of fresh water in the doorways of their business establishments for the relief of dogs. The law was secured through the efforts of the kind-hearted women of the city, and in consequence Mexico City never has had a mad dog "scare" and hydrophobia is unknown and muzzles are unnecessary.

BIG ROUND-UP OF HOBOES AT BATAVIA

One Prisoner Claims Gun Found on Him Was Put in His Pocket While He Was Asleep in Buffalo Park.

Batavia, July 18.—Forty-six tramps were arrested on Friday night between 7 o'clock and 4 o'clock Saturday morning by officers G. H. Van Buren, Edward Wolf, Frank Romonowski and Charles Stewart of the Buffalo force of the New York Central and Sheriff Garrett and Deputy Sheriff Ward.

The officers covered the main line and branches of the Central in this town. Nine States were represented by those under arrest. This is said to be the largest haul ever made in one night by the railroad detectives.

Justice Babcock held court in the jail office beginning at 3 o'clock on Saturday morning and worked until 6 o'clock when he had disposed of 30 of them.

Justice Sheed reopened court at 9 o'clock and disposed of the remaining 16. The sentences they received varied from one day in the county jail to 6 months in the Monroe County Penitentiary.

Four were held for further examination. Three Poles claiming Buffalo as their home, were arrested and it is suspected that they had started out for the purpose of pulling off a job of car robbing. When the justice asked one of the trio why he had a revolver he said that he fell asleep one day last week in the park in Buffalo and some one put the gun in his pocket. A Dane from New York said that he had his fare paid to Buffalo where he was promised work, but he did not go to work for the reason that he was handed a card when he got there which read: "Sailors, marine firemen and marine cooks are on strike against lake carriers. Don't be a strike breaker." He had started to walk back to New York and was allowed to continue his journey.

MULE TICKLING DAYS END.

Maud Finds Range at Last and the Doctors Mend Up Man.

Tickling his mule, Maud, to see her heels fly, was a pastime with William Gibson, of Pittsburg, Pa., aged twenty-eight, a colored expressman. After working hours, Gibson's neighbors gathered at his stable to see the daily performances of Gibson with his straw, and the mule with her heels. The other night, as usual, Gibson resumed his tickling, but this time Maud got the range and landed on Gibson's skull with both heels. Gibson would have been kicked to death had not the neighbors pulled him away. When taken to the hospital the doctors said his skull was fractured, and he has little chance of recovery.

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ANDOVER GRANGE NOTES

Conducted by C. A. Robinson.

The last meeting of Andover Grange No. 1098 held July 13, 1910, will long be remembered with pleasure by all present. Following the regular order of opening, John Deery was received by ballot. Two candidates were balloted on and accepted.

Reports of recent Pomona Grange held at Cuba were given by Bro's. Geo. S. Robinson and Harry Smith. Two candidates, Milford Bassett and Wm. Dodge, Jr., were balloted in 1st and 2nd degrees. Recess.

The Lecturers hour was an open session and the following program was given:

Vocal Duett.—"Oh tell us merry birds," by Myra and Lynn Langworthy. They also responded to an encore.

A talk by N. M. Francisco on "Which is the most grievous pest to the farmer, the crow or the crow bill blackbird? Why? And how best to combat them?" He gave a fine talk and facts from actual experience and no doubt many will profit by his remarks.

Piano Solo by Miss Ruth Adams who responded to an encore.

D. L. Langworthy gave a talk on "when I was young." He pictured very clearly the scenes and methods employed in the hay field when he was a boy, which was very interesting especially to the younger Grangers.

Instrumental Duett, piano and mandolin, by Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Fingrey, they also responded to an encore.

After the regular closing of the Grange a banquet was served by the members of the defeated side in the recent contest and to say that it was greatly enjoyed by all is stating it very mildly.

After the banquet the young folks enjoyed themselves playing games etc.

The following visitors were present: Flora Spicer, Blanche Redman, Ruth Miller, Ruth Redman, Aubert Bowlby, Jas. McAndrew, Frank Langworthy, Wm. Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAndrew.

KNIFE PLAY IN OLEAN SALOON

George Houston, Stabbed by Another Negro, May not Live—Assailant Arrested.

Olean, July 18.—Saturday night a resort known as "Tony the Monk's" was the scene of a stabbing affair. Two Southern negroes, both from the chemical works near Little Genesee, were in the place and became angry. George Houston, one of the men, drew a large jack knife and stabbed Allan Franklin, known as "Chief," twice. The wounds will probably prove fatal. Franklin grabbed onto Houston and with the help of another man they held him till the police arrived. He is being held on an open charge till the condition of Franklin is ascertained.

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