

## OPPORTUNITY IN NEW YORK STATE

### Movement Reversed—People Turning Toward Country Says U. S. Department of Agriculture in Circular.

This circular discusses the hill land in parts of nineteen counties in southern and eastern New York. Buckwheat and hay have been grown on these lands and practically nothing has been returned. As a result, the soil has become unproductive. Crops are small and in many cases insufficient to support the persons living on the farm. There are many unoccupied houses and some abandoned fields. Land has depreciated in value from 25% to 75%.

Several causes have contributed to this state of affairs. The movement westward to new lands and the rapid development of our cities drew off both men and money from the older communities of the East and naturally drew heaviest on our cheapest and least accessible areas. Then an exploitative system of farming designed to get the most out of the soil at the present without regard to the future completed the decline of farming here.

But now the movement westward and to the cities has been checked and even reversed. People are turning toward the country and the cheap eastern lands. Success in farming in the region will depend on the practice of such a system of farming as will not only give a remunerative cash return at the present but will build up the fertility of the soil.

Once good soil conditions are restored, the land is well adapted to the keeping of livestock, particularly to sheep raising; to general farming, especially hay and potatoes, and to the growing of certain kinds of fruit. These southern New York lands offer excellent opportunities for intelligent young men with energy. They can be purchased cheap, they respond readily to the proper treatment, they are near to our great markets, and they are certain to increase in value.

This circular, just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, has been prepared by Mr. M. C. Burritt after a year's thorough investigation. In addition to discussing the present conditions and the causes leading up to them, many suggestions are made as to the improvement of these conditions. The circular is No. 64 of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and is entitled "Agricultural Conditions in Southern New York." It may be obtained by request to the United States Department of Agriculture, Division of Publications, Washington, D. C.

Water wagons are good for something beside sprinkling streets, some folks like to ride on them. The more the better.

### HALL-RANDALL REUNION.

Held in Island Park, Wellsville, Last Friday.—Sixty Members Present

The 14th annual Reunion of the Hall Family Association was held August 12, 1910, Island Park, Wellsville, N. Y.

About 60 gathered for basket dinner, which was most highly enjoyed by all. Greeting relatives and visiting, and eating was mainly the order of the day.

Business meeting was opened by Family Reunion Song.

Prayer.—Rev. J. L. Davies. Mrs. Eugena Larabee gave a very interesting talk of our ancestors who fought in the War of the Revolution. A vote of thanks was given her and her daughter, Mrs. Paulene Robertson for their work done in procuring our D. A. R. Record.

A motion was carried that the name be changed to Hall-Randall Reunion Association in honor of Luther Hall and his wife Zylphia Randall, in whose memories we meet.

Officers elected for 1910-'11. President.—Mrs. Lydia Covell. Vice Presidents.—Miss Helen Parker, Mrs. Fannie Slocum, Mrs. Jacob Gena, Mr. Merville Stout, Mr. Elmer Parker.

Rec. Sec.—Mrs. J. L. Dawles, Miss Mary A. Stout.

Cor. Sec.—Cate branch, Mrs. Dildine, Parker branch, Mrs. Melvina Coleman, Parker branch, Mrs. Maud Clarke, Luther Hall branch, Miss Sylvia Hall, Wheeler branch, Mrs. Erena W. Parker, Calvin Hall branch, Mrs. Nora Darling.

Historian.—Mrs. Eugena Larabee. Necrologist.—Mrs. Angie Howe. Treasurer.—Mr. Fred Clarke. Genealogist.—Prof. J. L. Davies, with Cor. Sec. as associates.

Program Com.—Mrs. Lydia Covell, Mrs. Gena, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Mack Fulmer, Miss Mary Stout. Invitation to meet with Mrs. Susie Barney at Whitesville, was given vote of thanks. Invitation accepted to meet with Mrs. Jacob Gena, of Petrolia, second Friday in August, 1911.

### THE DOCTOR.

"The Doctor," a three act comedy drama, will be presented by Andover amateurs at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, August 20.

The cast includes the following: Dillington Hopper, a New York stock broker who wants some fun and gets it, Bert Trowbridge.

Thomas Picton, his friend, who wants peace and doesn't get it, Glenn Cheesman.

Crumley Chuggs, a nice old man who wants the widow and gets her, A. D. Fuller.

Mrs. Fanny Mayfair, a dashing young widow, who wants a "lark" and gets it, Erma Loughlin.

Napoleon B. Plunker, an inventor, who wants the earth and keeps on wanting, John Lever.

Mrs. Anastasia Billowby, another widow who wants to elope and is disappointed, Mrs. Frank Gilder.

Effie Picton, Tom's wife, who wants revenge—and then there's trouble, Helen Richardson.

Music, Cannon's Orchestra, Admission, 25c, Reserved Seats 35c. Up-to-date type for up-to-date work to our job department.

## Republican County Convention

### Assemblyman Jesse S. Phillips is Nominated for the Eleventh Time by Acclamation—J. E. Rice Nominated for District Attorney.

Belmont, N. Y., Aug. 17.—That there is absolutely nothing but harmony in the ranks of the Republican party in Old Allegany County was fully demonstrated here today, at the enthusiastic County Convention at the Court House. Every town in the County was represented by their full quota of delegates, and every one of these delegates was in sympathy with the grand republican principals and candidates which had previously been approved by the republican organization. A more sincere bunch of delegates never assembled in convention. Every officer nominated was named by acclamation. Every delegate responding with a hearty aye.

The Republican County Convention met at the Court House in this village to-day at 2 o'clock and was called to order by Hon. A. Miner Wellman, the County Chairman.

The roll of delegates was called by the County Secretary, Arthur B. Burrows. A full quota was present and there were very few substitutions.

Senator Hon. Geo. H. Witter was named as the chairman for the day and made a fine address, which set the key for the splendid harmonious action that was to follow in the convention. A. B. Burrows, of Andover, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Republican County Committee, was made Secretary of the Convention and the Republican County Editors present, his assistants.

The work of the Convention was expedited with "neatness and dispatch." Hon. Jesse S. Phillips, of Andover, was re-nominated for the eleventh time by acclamation. His nomination being made by Editor L. H. Thornton, of Wellsville, who paid Assemblyman Phillips, a high complement for the work he has done at Albany.

Joseph F. Rice was renominated for district attorney by Mr. Eldyn Reynolds and his nomination was also by acclamation. Coroners W. O. Congdon, of Cuba, and Emerson W. Ayars, of Alfred, were renominated.

The following delegates to the Judicial Convention for the Eighth District were selected: Eldyn Reynolds, of Belmont and Ramsom L. Richardson, of Fillmore.

The delegates to the 44th Senatorial District Convention are: A. M. Wellman, of Friendship; Geo. W. D'Autremont, of Hume; D. M. Hancock, of Belfast; Frank W. Higgins, of Wellsville; Lloyd Miller, of Burns; Walter L. Renwick, of Cuba; and Albert J. Matson, of Bolivar. The delegates are instructed to support Senator Witter for a renomination.

The delegation to the State Convention at Saratoga, on Sept. 27th, is: F. R. Utter, of Friendship; Geo. H. Witter, of Wellsville; Jesse S. Phillips, of Andover; Frank B. Lyons, of Cuba; Frank S. Smith, of Angelica; Clarence Ricker, of Belmont; L. H. Thornton, of Wellsville; D. S. Burdick, of Alfred; Harry Craig, of Burns.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the National and State administrations, Congressman Vreeland, Senator Whittier and Assemblyman Phillips.

After the work of the Convention, addresses were made by Congressman Wm. L. Bennett, of New York City, and Congressman Vreeland, of Salamanca.

The Convention adjourned at 4:00, p. m.

### SUNDAY ACCIDENT.

While four young ladies were out rowing at the Pond, Sunday, Miss Mary Shine, of Wellsville, met with an accident which none of the young ladies will forget. As the young people came to the dock, Misses Ella Mulcahy, Caroline Reinhart and Leona Hunt succeeded in alighting safely and Miss Shine reached for the post, at the same time the boat began to go out from the shore and Miss Shine let go the post only to fall forward into the water where it was at that point about four feet deep. As soon as the young lady came to the top the other girls caught her by the arms and succeeded in getting her ashore safely. The young ladies say, "Water Lillies are found on land as well as in the water."

### HARVEST HOME.

Despite the rain yesterday, a good attendance was at the 34th Annual Harvest Home Picnic dinner, of the Presbyterian Church, of this village. The dinner was served at Harmony Hall instead of the Park, and was up to its usual standard.

Later in the afternoon, Congressmen, E. B. Vreeland, of Salamanca and Wm. L. Bennett, of New York, spoke to the audience. Their addresses were well received, being intensely interesting, and full of good sound logic.

Although there was not the opportunity, on account of the rain, to enjoy the usual hand shaking and visiting with former friends, as is usually the case, the Thirty-fourth Annual Harvest Home was a very interesting occasion.

### AUTOMOBILE BURNS.

Wellsville, Aug. 13.—While attempting to fill the gasoline tank of a new touring car, while the lamps were lighted, Charles Booby, a druggist's clerk, set fire to the machine and narrowly escaped with his life. The car, which had been bought but an hour before, is a wreck. Hundreds of people who saw the accident, fled from the scene expecting a violent explosion. The machine was instantly ablaze, however, and burned without accident. The machine was owned by Henry Horn, a young farmer.

### BRIDE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Lady Sitting on Couch Under Telephone Lost Her Life Instantly.

Fillmore, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Cora Miner Scott, aged 36 years, who has been married only two months, residing in the town of Allen, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon of last week, by being struck by lightning. She was sitting on a couch under the telephone when a charge that had struck the line came into the house, killing her instantly and tearing off some plaster, but otherwise doing no damage.

### PROHI COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Prohibition County Convention was held at Wellsville Wednesday.

Geo. C. Rosa, of Wellsville, was nominated for the Assembly. W. T. Bliss, of Bolivar, for District Attorney, and W. J. Hardy, of Belmont and H. L. Hulet, of Allentown, as Coroners.

### BOLIVAR WILL PAVE MAIN ST.

The village trustees have let the contract for paving 425 feet of Main Street with brick to H. E. Bunce, of Olean, a civil engineer. The contract price was \$2850. The contract or furnishes bonds in the sum of \$1000. The contract provides that the paving job shall be completed by September 20, 1910. The new pavement will extend from the Newton House to the north side of Plum Street and to be 33 feet wide. The curb will be of concrete.

### FIRST-CLASS COMMERCIAL PRINTING AT THE NEWS OFFICE.

### PASTURES IN NEW YORK.

Now and Interesting Bulletin Just Issued From Cornell University.

A recent bulletin entitled "Pastures in New York," by P. J. White, I. P. Roberts and G. F. Warren, from the Department of Farm Management and Farm Crops is ready for distribution to the farmers of the State. This bulletin is composed of four parts. Part one deals with general pasture conditions, kinds of plants best adapted to pasture purposes, and recommendations for pasture management. Part two is a full discussion, with results attained, of the University experimental pasture known as the Preswick Pasture. Part three gives the history of the well known Roberts Pasture, located on the University Farm. The fourth part of the bulletin deals with the cost of pasture land in different states. This last part of the bulletin brings out the fact that New York State now has some of the cheapest grazing land in the United States, considering the number of stock that it will carry.

### THOMAS O'DONNELL.

The death of Thomas O'Donnell, occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eliza Doran on Chestnut Street, Saturday afternoon, of paralysis.

Thomas O'Donnell, was a retired farmer, aged 93 years. Mr. O'Donnell had been a resident of Andover for sixty years. He was born in Ireland, and coming to this country, he worked for six years in New York, then was in Portage about a year, then coming to Andover. His wife, Celia Malley, to whom he was married seventy years ago, has been dead for seventeen years. Deceased is survived by five children: Mrs. Katherine Lenahan, of Canada; Michael and Martin O'Donnell, of Elmira; Mary O'Donnell, of Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Eliza Doran, of Andover.

The funeral was held from the Blessed Sacrament Church, of Andover on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Rev. J. J. Sheehy, officiating, interment in St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

### BRACKING UP THE SERVICES.

From the Spring Valley, Minn., Sun we clip the following local notice:

Rev. Stubbs has warned his congregation that he will resign unless residents near the church cut out phonographic concerts during hours of service. Last Sunday evening just as he announced the opening hymn, "Where is My Wondering Boy Tonight?" the phonograph just across the street broke out with "He's Loading Down at Patsy's with His Hide Chock Full of Boozie," and the coincidence was full of meaning to many of the younger members. The text of the sermon, "Seeking the Man," had hardly been announced when the machine struck up with "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelley?" and Hank Bird went out to catch the chorus several heads began to nod in time with the music. This was too much and the congregation was dismissed, filling out to the tune of "Home is the Place on a Night Like This."—The Hub.

### UP-TO-DATE TYPE FOR UP-TO-DATE WORK

## ERIE RAILROAD'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

### The "Old Reliable" Makes a Fine Financial Showing Under the Most Difficult Circumstances, Last Year.

The Erie Railroad issued yesterday its statement for the year ended June 30, which was decidedly favorable in comparison with reports for other roads and in striking contrast with the position of the Erie two years ago, when the late E. H. Harriman rescued the road from an impending receivership.

For the past fiscal year the Erie Railroad, after providing for all its fixed charges and after allowing a substantial sum for improvements and betterments, shows a surplus of 4 per cent. on both classes of the preferred stock and to more than 2 per cent. on the \$112,000,000 of common stock. There was a large increase for the year in the gross earnings of the property, which amounted to \$54,866,190 for the twelve months ended June 30 last, compared with \$50,441,161 earned during the previous year. The net earnings showed an increase of \$2,228,981, and the income from other sources than operation an increase of \$1,095,614. Charges for interest, rentals, &c., showed an increase of only \$465,695. The net income showed the large increase of \$2,858,839. The sum left after meeting charges was \$5,806,543, and from this was deducted \$737,086 for additions and betterments, compared with \$381,926 similarly expended the previous year.

After these deductions there was left \$5,069,456, compared with \$2,565,717 in 1908, while in 1909 there was a deficit of \$2,199,326. Compared then with 1908, the Erie shows a recovery of \$7,250,000 in surplus earnings.

Not the least striking feature of the excellent report that the large surplus shown above all charges was earned in the face of conditions surrounding railroad operations which many railroad men have been predicting would embarrass the railroads, particularly the weaker railroads, with which the Erie was classed.

These conditions include the increases in wages which the railroads had to grant this spring, and in another direction the closer regulation of railroad affairs by the Government which lately has prevented the application of a general increase in freight rates.

The rescuing of the Erie Railroad from impending receivership in the spring of 1908 by the late E. H. Harriman is one of the spectacular events in Wall Street history, and already the benefits the Erie Railroad has been deriving from its improvements are bearing out the view which Mr. Harriman took when from a sick bed he raised overnight, the \$8,000,000 which was needed to save the Erie.—New York Times.

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