

THE ANDOVER NEWS.

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DEAN WOMAN MURDERED

Mary O'Connor Found on Kitchen Floor With Her Head Crushed and Her Body Terribly Bruised.

Miss Mary O'Connor, of 410 East State Street, Olean, was found Friday evening upon the floor at her home in a terribly mutilated condition. Her skull fractured, left side of her face smashed in, chest and shoulders badly bruised and her left hand split from the thumb down as if she had attempted to ward off a blow. Miss O'Connor was 65 years of age and lived with her sister, Mrs. Dwight Dean and Mrs. Dean's son, 18 years of age. Mrs. Dean claims to have left the house at 8 o'clock to call on a friend and returned a half hour later to find her sister in the condition stated above. She got her sister in bed and at 10:30 called a doctor.

The injured woman died Saturday morning without regaining consciousness. Mrs. Dean who with her son were taken to police headquarters, claims to believe that her sister received her injuries by falling down the stairs. This the police claim as impossible from the position of her body when found. A common nail hammer, showing the fact of having been recently washed is looked upon by the authorities as a clue.

Later, Mrs. Dean has been taken to Little Valley and lodged in the jail at that place to answer to the charge of murder. The explanations given by herself and son of their whereabouts upon the evening of the tragedy are not satisfactory to the authorities.

STRANGE DISEASE KILLING CHICKENS.

Poultry raisers in the vicinity of Perry are complaining that a peculiar disease is killing off their poultry and it is estimated that over 3,000 fowls have already died from the disease.

At first it was thought to be roup but specialists have failed to diagnose it as such. The infected bird is seldom sick more than a day or so and the only noticeable symptom is a gradual change in the color of the bird, which at first has a light pink appearance about the head and legs. Immediately the bird loses control of itself and at the time of its death is of a dark purple color.

John Yenver and Wm. J. Jagard have each lost their entire flocks numbering nearly 200.—Spectator.

GAS EXPLOSION

R. B. Moore, Michael Moore and H. G. Thompson, also Ruth Shannan, a ten year old girl, were severely burned by an explosion at the Bolivar Gasoline Company's plant at South Bolivar, November 5th. Just what caused the explosion is not definitely known but it is thought that escaping gas from the compressor was ignited from the magnet. There was no fire in the building at the time. One side of the building and half of the roof was blown off, pieces of the roof it is claimed went up a distance of 50 feet.

ALFRED ST. BONAVENTURE

College Teams to Play at Hornell on Thanksgiving Day

Your attention is called to the Alfred-St. Bonaventure football game to be played on the Hornell grounds Thanksgiving day, November 24. Both of these college teams are strong. St. Bonaventure a few weeks ago held Syracuse University to a tie score, 0-0. Alfred in five games played has scored 88 points to her opponents 48. Each team wants to win this game but—

Arrangements have been made to run a special train Thanksgiving Day, leaving Wellsville at 1:45 and reaching Hornell at 2:20. This train will accommodate enthusiasts from Wellsville, Andover, Alfred and Almond.

The Girl and the Bill

The Optimist

By an Optimist

The Optimist is not what would be called a strict materialist, and yet he can hardly agree with Mr. Shakespeare when he says "Who steals my purse, steals trash." The playwright either had an empty purse when he wrote those words or else he was taking a good deal of poetic license. There is nothing which so adds to the self respect of a man as to be able to jingle a few hard dollars in his pants pocket, and to be dead broke is a most dismal thing. We can sympathize with that preacher who always borrowed ten dollars Saturday night and payed it back Monday morning, because he could preach better with the money in his pocket. We think ten dollars in the inside pocket would add power to the weekly sermon of many a preacher of the gospel.

But after all there is a sunny side to the hard times question, and to be a little hard up once in awhile is a good thing for a nation and an individual.

"Money was made not to command our will, But all our lawful pleasures to fulfill."

And the man who always has plenty of it never learns the lesson of its best use and lawful place. We all feel sometimes that if the bread and butter question would only take care of itself we might get on better in the attainment of our highest ideals; but the facts do not bear us out in that idea, for men have attained their highest ideals where they have had to scrap the hardest for their bread and butter. It was a hard job to wrestle plain bread, let alone the butter, from the rocky New England soil, fifty or a hundred years ago; but in that hard wrestling were developed some men who have not yet been surpassed in their intellectual and moral attainment. Our greatest Poets and Scholars and Statesmen (of course Teddy excepted, for he is unique in all things) were not born with a silver spoon in their mouths. They knew something of hard times, and in those hard times developed that which made them to excel.

So then whether it is the Tariff or the Republican Party, or the Trusts, or Teddy, or the Devil, or whatever it is that makes it just a little harder to live just now, it may be just the thing we need. It certainly will not hurt us to practice a little thrift and economy. For they are good for the soul and the mind and the body.

And that is just where the cheerful side of the hard times question comes in. It makes us eat and drink less and think more. As a nation we eat too much meat and drink too much whiskey, and both are a hindrance to hard clear thinking. If we cannot fast from a religious motive, then it is a good thing we are driven into it occasionally, for fasting is a good thing for the stomach, as well as the soul. The financial panic of 93-95 reduced the liquor consumption 1.63 gal. per capita and that of 07-09 1.65 gallons. The Prohibitionists thought they had a good deal to do with it but Economists do not agree with them. Certainly if the credit belongs to hard times we ought to give it there, and the fact that the amount used per capita has decreased only in hard times since 1843 would seem to justify the Economist's in their conclusion.

And another good thing about hard times is that they hit most heavily just where they are needed. That is on the middle class of society. The very rich have no anxiety about a living, and do not need to economize. The very poor do not know much difference between hard times and easy times anyhow. It is a hard struggle with them all the time. The middle class who are trying to get ahead, the rich and live beyond their means are the ones who need the lessons of hard times and they are the ones who get those lessons most forcibly.

So then when, "Hard times come a knocking at do knock," just give him the glad hand if you can. Don't grumble too much, or worry too much. Don't spend your time debating the question as to the cause. Don't berate the Tariff, or the Trusts or Teddy, or even the Devil himself. Just brace up, and take your medicine for it may be just the medicine you

Board of Supervisors in Annual Session

Allegany County Legislators Are in Session at County Seat, this Week ---Standing Committees and Cancellation of Vote.

Belmont, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The Board of Supervisors of Allegany County are in session here this week, in what is known as the Annual Session of the 1910 Board.

The Board was called to order by Charles Stillman, Clerk of the 1909 Board. The roll call was as follows:

- | NAME | P. O. ADDRESS |
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| W. H. Crandall, | Alfred |
| F. J. Closser, | Angelica, R. F. D. 1. |
| F. H. McEnroe, | Allentown |
| Burr Ward, | Arkport, R. F. D. 1. |
| B. B. Ackerman, | Belmont |
| Orange Smith, | Andover |
| Frank W. Warner, | Angelica |
| John O. Torpey, | Belmont |
| James Haire, | Angelica, R. F. D. 2 |
| I. J. Cooper, | Bolivar |
| Harry Craig, | Canaseraga |
| Peter B. Loftis, | Houghton |
| John C. Gibby, | Houghton, R. D. |
| Cassius Congdon, | West Clarksville |
| D. P. Snyder, | Cuba |
| Fred C. Mulkin, | Friendship |
| H. G. Prindle, | Little Genesee |
| L. D. Bennett, | Fillmore, R. F. D. 1. |
| James Doud, | Whitney Crossings, R. F. D. |
| R. L. Richardson, | Fillmore |
| A. D. Howe, | Whitesville |
| Quincy Clark, | Black Creek |
| Ralph B. Laning, | Rushford |
| Sumner B. Tuttle, | Scio |
| Patrick B. Ward, | Belmont, R. F. D. 2 |
| Jesse L. Grantier, | Wellsville |
| Frank D. Welch, | Almond, R. F. D. 1. |
| Elmer Parker, | Wellsville, R. F. D. 2. |
| M. V. Horton, | Richburg |

Former Chairman of the Board, B. B. Ackerman, nominated Cassius Congdon, of Clarksville, as chairman of the Board, and upon motion, Mr. Congdon was unanimously elected. Mr. Congdon is one of the oldest members of the board, a gentleman much thought of by all his colleagues and one who commands the respect of every man in the county.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, Charles Stillman was elected Clerk of the Board and given power to appoint his own assistants.

Clerk named his assistant, Fred E. Gleason.

On motion of Mr. Laning, the standing rules of the Board of 1909 were adopted for the government of this Board.

Tuesday.

The Supervisors held an hour's session and cleaned up a good bit of routine business, including the acceptance of the report of Surrogate's Clerk, Ackerman, Coroner Congdon and Coroner Ayars.

A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Grantier, Craig and Horton, was appointed to report on the requirements, needed equipment and advisable compensation relating to the appointment of a county sealer of weights and measures. This new office is made necessary by a recently enacted law.

An invitation was extended to Hon. S. Percy Hooker, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, to meet with the Supervisors during the adjourned session in December, for consultation in relation to the proposed State and County road.

The Board adjourned until 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, in order to give the numerous committees time to work.

The awarding of the public printing was a feature of Tuesday. The Canaseraga Times was designated as the Democrat paper and the Andover News as the official Republican paper to publish the State Session Laws and the printing that goes with the laws.

Following are the Committees Appointments: On Valuations,—Ackerman, Cooper, need to fix you for some good times which are ahead. Jingle your keys and whistle if you are dead broke. Learn the lesson of making one dollar do where two dollars used to do. Be a cheerful, helpful, healthful, citizen even in hard times. That is what the Optimist is trying to do and, gentle reader, just come along and try with him.

ANDOVER GRANGE NOTES

Conducted by C. A. Robinson.

GRANGERS' ATTENTION!

Next meeting of Andover Grange will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 23rd and will be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp. Two candidates are to be initiated. This is the last meeting before the annual election of officers. Delegates will also be chosen to attend next Pomona which is to be held at Belmont, Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8.

There was a good attendance and an interesting meeting despite the bad roads and stormy weather. Make plans to be there next time if possible.

THE PRAYER OF A HORSE.

Those Who Care For Animals Should Read This "Prayer of the Horse."

To Thee, My Master, I Offer My Prayer: Feed me, water and care for me, and when the day's work is done provide me with shelter, a clean, dry bed and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort. Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you. Do not jerk the reins and do not whip me when going up hill. Never strike, beat or kick me when I do not understand what you want, but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, if I fail to do your bidding; see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet.

Examine my teeth when I do not eat. I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that, you know, is very painful. Do not tie my head in an unnatural position or take away my best defence against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

And finally, O my master, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze or be slowly tortured and starved to death; but do thou, my master, take my life in the kindest way and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable. Amen.

—From Dumb Animals.

THE NEWS THE OFFICIAL PAPER

The Andover News was designated as the Official Republican paper for the County of Allegany, to publish the session laws and other printing, which goes with them at the meeting of the board of Supervisors this week.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

There will be a Union Thanksgiving service in the Presbyterian church, Thursday evening, Nov. 24th, to which every one is invited.

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.

All bills are now due and payable on or before the 20th of the month. Bills that are not paid on the 20th, positively no discount will be allowed thereafter.

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ENFORCED QUIET WITH SHOT GUN

Ernest Dutton of Belmont Stops His Hired Man's Drunken Row with Charge of Bird Shot.

(From the Wellsville Reporter.)

Belmont, Nov. 16.—McClellan Brown, a well known resident of this town, is in the county jail, waiting trial on Nov. 21st, on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. His examination was before Justice Peck this morning, at which he demanded a jury trial, and not being able to produce bail, went to jail. Brown occupied a tenement house on the farm of Ernest Dutton and worked for Dutton, more or less. Mrs. Brown also worked in Dutton's family, in order to earn an honest dollar and keep the Brown family pot boiling. Brown is a hard character, has frequently been arrested for drunkenness and has served time. Yesterday he came to town and got drunk. Arriving home and finding supper not ready he took an axe and in a drunken frenzy started into break up housekeeping.

Dutton went over to the tenement house and told him to desist when Brown drove Dutton out with the shot gun. Dutton went after his own gun and reinforced by Mrs. Brown, went again to stop the wrecking of the house. As the story goes, Brown came out with his gun and threatened to shoot Dutton. Dutton retaliated by firing one charge of shot over Brown's head and as that didn't bring him to terms, fired the other charge of bird shot close enough to put several pellets into Brown's face and body. That put an end to hostilities and a truce was declared.

Dutton telephoned for the officers and Constable Jim Johnson assisted by Game Protector Geo. Nobles, of Wellsville, drove up in the mud and brought Brown to the lockup. Johnson remarked this morning that Brown wasn't much hurt as his hide was too tough for even bird shot to get through. When the officers arrived Brown was making fire wood of the furniture.

This morning, Dutton and Mrs. Brown swore out a warrant charging drunkenness and disorderly conduct against Brown and there ought to be no trouble in proving the charge.

REWARD OFFER.

The undersigned, Street Commissioner of the village of Andover, N. Y., will pay any person a reward of two dollars for evidence that will convict any person destroying or injuring a street light in the village. C. E. HANN, Commissioner.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Flora Cook Deming, Friday, Nov. 18th for an Evangelistic meeting. Director, Mrs. Helen M. Brown.

TABLE SYRUP

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A COMPARISON TO BE PROUD OF

In contrast with the books loaned in other villages during the year, Andover Free Library surely leads them, especially when the population is considered. Here is a list of a few Library reports:

Wellsville,	12979
Friendship,	6349
Belmont,	5762
Almond,	2901
Angelica,	7884
ANDOVER,	8324