

ARE WE LOSING OUR BATTLE

If prices of provisions keep on climbing as they have been doing during the past year the effect should be a great stimulus to the "back-to-the-farm" movement of the past decade.

Common sense and observation should teach any man that one of the main causes of the high price of food stuffs is the growing scarcity of farm labor, and the consequent curtailment of acreage cultivated. Thousands of farmers all over the country, unable to secure adequate help are gradually curtailing their operations until it is no uncommon sight to see farms that formerly sold four to ten hundred dollars worth of farm produce now hardly producing enough to feed the stock and fatten the pork.

Of course we all know that a gang of unprincipled bloodsuckers has seized upon the war as an excuse for boosting the prices of everything that we consume, but if a scarcity of production did not exist the foreign demand for foodstuffs would be met and there would still remain in this country a sufficient quantity to supply all home demands at reasonable prices.

Just why young men and older ones too, should wish to leave the farm and rush off to the overcrowded cities is not easy to understand. True, they work harder in the farm. And equally true, they work even harder in the city and save less. In a majority of cases, unless they are intellectual, far above the average of mankind, they live in penury and die a wretch.

With the present demand for farm products it would certainly appear the height of folly to abandon the certainty of plenty in the farm for the precarious life of the average city dweller.

A New York writer gives as a reason for men leaving the farm, that they dread being known as "Country Jakes." That writer is a jacks and his sentiment a joke. With the present easy means of communication between town and country it is difficult in these days to distinguish the town man from the country man. If anything, the country man approaches nearer to masculine perfection than the city cousin.

Looked at from whatever angle one may view it, the question of the future of the farm is serious. That our young men are leaving by the tens of thousands is a fact. That there are none to replace them is a lamentable fact. In endeavoring to locate the cause one is almost forced to the conclusion that the men of this nation are gradually losing that love of honest toil for which their forefathers were noted.

Are our American citizens losing their energy?

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Burrows National Bank of Andover, N. Y., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the Burrows National Bank, Andover, N. Y., on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 10 o'clock p. m. All stockholders are respectfully requested to be present.

F. W. BURROWS, Cashier

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, E. C. Langworthy, Collector of the Town of Andover, have received the tax and assessment roll for the Town of Andover for the year 1916 and the warrant for the collection of same and that I will attend at the Village Hall, the Village of Andover, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week, from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m., for the next thirty days following the date of this notice for the purpose of receiving taxes at one per cent.

Dated, December 23, 1916.

E. C. LANGWORTHY,

Collector of the Town of Andover

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Andover State Bank, for the purpose of electing Directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the corporation, Andover, N. Y., on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Stockholders are respectfully requested to be present.

W. BRUNDAGE, Cashier



BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggleston in Charge.
Sunday morning service at 10:30.
Bible School at 11:45.
Jr. C. E. at 3:30.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30, Wm Chase, leader.
Federated service in this church at 7:30. Rev. C. H. Frederick will preach at both morning and evening services.
Mid-week service Thursday at 7:30.
Covenant meeting Saturday at 2:30.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggleston, Stated Supply.
Morning service at 10:30. Rev. C. H. Frederick, preacher.
Bible School at 11:30.

Federated service at Baptist Church, Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. C. H. Frederick will preach.

The annual dinner and business meeting of the church will take place Sunday, dinner at 12 o'clock business meeting and social time following.
Mid-week service Friday evening, Mrs. Coleman, leader.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Chas. Collins, Pastor.

Sacrament of the Lords supper Sunday morning, at 10:30. Appropriate communion meditation by the pastor. Let the first Sunday of the year find every member and adherent in the Father's House, and let the grace of the sacrament Sabbath be ours for the days to come.

Federated service in the Baptist Church at 7:30.

Sunday School and Epworth League at the usual hours.

THE LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Glenn Ringer next Wednesday for the regular monthly gathering.

The annual social gathering of the Brotherhood will be held in the church parlors Friday night, Jan. 12th. The men are sparing no efforts to make it a big success.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister.

Sunday Morning, Jan. 7, The Communion.
The congregation will receive the communion at this time in fellowship of a common relation, in memory of the world's greatest Friend. Let all who are bidders—come. It is not a ceremony, it is a sacrament. This day will be for those of quickened spirit the day of wonderful vision.

The Friday Evening Conference.
The week has been profitable. To-night we hope a greater uplift of inspiration.

Preparatory Meeting Saturday Afternoon.
This ancient meeting coming down the years from the Scotch Presbyterians is highly significant. Let there be a large attendance. The session will meet for the reception of candidates for church membership.

The New Year is Opening.
Day by day we weave the threads of words and deeds. If the words are twisted of love and peace and joy and the deeds of honor and fraternity glorious shall the year be.

And, friends, Let us play the games fair.
There is a word—Life's Word—that opens all gates. The word is Friendship.

THE DEATH OF HARRY LAUDER

London, Jan. 2.—There is a general outpour of sympathy all over Britain today for Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, whose only son, Captain John Lauder, of the Argyll Sutherland Highlanders, has been killed in France. His death occurred on December 29, though the fact was only learned here to-day.

In late years all Harry Lauder's hopes and ambitions have centered in his son, who was graduated from Cambridge and when the war came was about to begin his training as a lawyer, although Lauder, writing in a Sunday newspaper, yesterday, said:

"When my son comes home from war I hope he will take kindly to thoughts of sheep farming, and become established as a decent Scotch laird, growing the nation's meat. That's the life that is a reality, but most of your doings in town are just a cinema show."

Captain Lauder had been wounded twice. He was engaged in August, 1914, at the Battle of the Somme, and was again wounded in the latter part of the year.

WHY THAT BACK

That morning lassness—those sharp pains when bending or lifting, make work a burden and rest impossible. Don't be handicapped by a bad back. Write to your kidnees. You will make no mistake by following this Andover resident's example.

Mrs. J. Davis, Greenwood St., Andover, says: "I suffered from rheumatic pains and kidney trouble five years ago. My back was dreadfully lame and I felt miserable all the time. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention and I used three boxes, procured from the Brundage Drug Co. They surely fixed me up in fine shape and I consider this medicine very worthy."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Davis had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., N. Y. Ter-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Women's and Children's Coats
To be Closed Out at Once
to Get Ready for Inventory

\$20.00 Coats	\$14.50
\$18.75 Coats	\$12.00
\$18.00 Coats	\$11.00
Fashioned of Wool Velour in Navy and Black	
\$15.00 Coats	\$10.00
\$12.00 Coats	\$ 8.00
Fashioned in Mixed Goods of Brown and Brown and Gold.	

Also a CLEARANCE SALE FROM OUR 1915 STOCK. Several good styles at ridiculously low prices. Good, warm Coats will be sold for **\$3.00**

CAP AND SCARF SETS. The smartest, most attractive hat of the season is the cap with these sets, becoming either to women or misses. Priced \$2.50 to \$1.25, formerly \$3.50 to \$2.00.

NECKWEAR. Colored and white collars, slightly soiled. Formerly 25 and 50 cents, now 10c, 15c, 25c.

CORSETS. Models of Nemo and J. C. C. Corsets, formerly \$1.50 to \$4.00, to close out at 98c to \$2.18.

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MAILS CLOSE

Going East	
A. M. Train 222	8:55
P. M. Train 26	2:30
P. M. Train 8	8:00
Train 8, mail close at 7:30	
P. M., Tuesdays and Fridays	
Going West	
A. M. Train 7	8:55
P. M. Train 541	6:00
W. F. O'Connell, Postmaster	

Cow-Grip

Jack Smith was in jail on business Thursday.

Rev. V. L. Eggleston, pastor of the Baptist Church, will preach in Buffalo next Sunday morning and evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ormsby, of Alfred Station, Dec. 20th, a son, Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Canisteo, are visiting in Andover friends and relatives.

C. M. Dunning, Bolivar, and Mrs. Mary White, of Sharon, Pa., were recently married.

John R. Ranner, of Sheboygan, Wis., has recently bought the George Lewis farm on Black Creek.

A. R. Mead has purchased of C. C. Burdick the 125-acre farm in East Valley, consisting of 125 acres.

Miss Louise Estimer, of Wellsville, and Alvin E. Cline, of Belmont, were among the recent county marriages.

Mrs. Margaret B. Sutton, of Canisteo, was united in marriage to Frank S. Tower, of Dundee. They will reside in Dundee.

The American Express Company is to give a bonus to its employees, receiving under \$2000, equal to one month's pay.

George Caldwell, oldest conductor on the B. & S. Railroad, was seriously injured Saturday, Dec. 30th, while in charge of a work train near Rushford.

Miss Grace Randall left Thursday morning for Ithaca to resume her work with a musical company from the Cornell Conservatory.

Miss Nellie E. Cole, of Black Creek, and Otto... of... were united in marriage Christmas day, by Rev. E. O. Burton.

The Senior Class of Bolivar High School raised \$125.00, in a Bazaar held last week. The money is to be used in their Washington trip.

Cuba reports that their community Christmas tree exercises held in the public square Sunday evening, was a grand success in every way.

It is reported that the Shawmut Railway Co. has purchased the Wellsville & Buffalo Railroad and will begin operating the same next month.

Among the Wellsville marriages are Miss L. M. Gillette to Geo. H. Schaefer, Dec. 23; and Miss Mary O'Connell to James Holmes, Dec. 27th.

A party of guests including Mr. and Mrs. Darwin and Miss Fanning, of Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Andrew and Mrs. J. C. ... and Mrs. ... were in the village.

John Karcans was a business visitor in Wellsville Thursday.

The Wellsville Reporter went up another notch in price the first of the year.

D. C. Shay, of Canandaigua, spent New Years with friends at the American Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bloss were New Years guests at the home of E. E. Fanner of Alfred.

Byron France, of Canisteo, was found dead in bed at his home Wednesday, Dec. 27th, aged 53 years.

Miss Ruth Crawford, of Canaseraga, and John Wheeler, of Elmira, were united in marriage Christmas day.

Mrs. Margaret Barnfield and Wm. Nelson Banfield, both of Belmont, were united in marriage, Wednesday, Dec. 27th.

Parley has moved, his family from Little Genesee to Alfred, where he is engaged in the same business.

Allen & Grossmaire have put out the electric wires to supply business of Edgewood, of Canisteo.

Mrs. Mary Dyke Bigelow died at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bigelow of Belmont, Wednesday, Dec. 20, after a long illness, aged 38 years.

Miss Myrtle Dual, of Coultersport, and Louis Stuck, of Belmont, were married at the home of the groom's parents, Christmas day.

An arrangement is made of the marriage of Miss Ruth Pearsall, of Elmira, and M. C. Wingait, of... which took place...

Wm. J. Ranner Laundry, at Monday, in Mary Mach... Wellsville, day aftern... Petersbrug... wintar.

A bank... Newton Ho... day, Dec. 2... Loomis, of R... Superintendent... Company lea... Loomis leav... home in Ful... —Herbert... of the Cuba... the Eric on... \$100 cash p... Robert Crow... Cuba section... Hmedale re... prize of \$50.

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