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## RIPPER BILL FOR COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Education Department Not Only Trying to Pass Ripper Bill for City But Has One for County as Well.

Such a bill has been before the legislature for several years, and while it has never yet been reported out of the committee, the friends of the bill think they will be able to pass it this year. It is known as the Township bill or bill for the township control of public schools. Senate bill No. 727 introduced by Mr. Halliday and now before the Committee on Public Education provides as follows: Town Boards of Education will control all the schools including the union schools and high schools in all villages of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants. The school districts will be preserved. They shall have an annual school meeting for the purpose of electing trustees and members of boards of education, but these trustees shall have no further duty than to meet at the call of the district superintendent of schools and elect members of a town board of education which board will have absolute control of the schools of the town. It will have power to levy a tax not to exceed five thousand dollars in any one year for the repair and improvement of the various school buildings of the town; without a vote of the people.

The number of members of this board shall be seven and not more than three members can be chosen from any one district. It will be seen that the majority of the board will always have to be out of the present union school districts and the control of these schools will be taken away from the people who live in these districts and given to the people who now live in the district schools outside. Many of these people live long distances from the union schools and do not wish to use them. Under these conditions it is not hard to see what will become of the union schools and high schools in the small towns.

Not only this but the people of the town cannot vote directly for the people who are to spend their money and control the schools but must vote for a trustee who in turn will elect the members of the board.

It is time the people who live in the small towns and farm districts wake up or they will be rapped onto this township management of schools which none of them in the district schools or union schools want. A letter addressed to the Hon. John Knight Senate Chamber and to the Hon. Wm. Duke Assembly Chamber, Albany, N. Y., will let our representatives know how the people who live in the farm districts feel about this bill.

The State Grange has been won over to favor this bill but not by the action of the local Granges

## CLOSING NIGHT AT TABERNACLE

Wednesday evening a large company met for a social at the tabernacle. There was a good attendance and mirth and good-fellowship prevailed. Ice cream and cake were served and the campaign songs rang out as a farewell to the building which has been so popular in the last few weeks.

## PRESBYTERIANS WILL ORDAIN ELDERS

J. Baloom Shaw, D. D., L. L. D., President of Elmira College, Will Deliver Ordination Address Friday Evening, Mar. 23

The Andover Presbyterian Church will ordain six Elders Friday evening, March 23, at that church.

J. Baloom Shaw, D. D., L. L. D., president of Elmira College, will be present and deliver the ordination sermon. Dr. Shaw is one of the big men in the religious world, having held pastorates in the Presbyterian denomination at New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Dr. Shaw is recognized as one of the leaders in religious thought and his utterances are bulwarked by large scholarships, wide experience, and intimate acquaintance with the foremost men of his religious world.

His next Home time last year Dr. Shaw was the speaker and Andover people will all be glad to extend to him a kindly welcome and listen to his address. It truly is a privilege and honor to have such a talented man come to our town.

At a meeting of the congregation Monday evening, the following were elected as new elders: Vernon Baker, E. D. Baker, Edwin D. Baker, Ames Rogers, John Wahl and W. F. Snyder. These are in addition to the present board of Elders of the church, Jesse Snyder, J. K. Miller, Melvin Hartman and Oliver Rosebush.

The congregation have extended an invitation to former pastors Rev. J. M. Jones, of Belmont, and Rev. H. D. Bacon, of Portville, to attend the ordination, and who will assist in the service. A hearty invitation has also been sent to the pastors and members of the Andover Protestant churches to attend the service.

In the afternoon, at 5:30 the King's Daughters will serve a 25c supper for the people of the town. Dr. Shaw, and the officers of the church and invited guests of the church will be served at a special table.

The last meeting at Oneonta was addressed by the Hon. W. R. Brown the majority leader of the Senate in favor of the bill. This fact of itself is notice enough that the bill is liable to pass unless the people in the small towns rise up and fight.

Almond, Mar. 8th, 1917.  
C. E. BOWEN

## \$1,000.00 REWARD

An Opportunity for the Fellows Who Are Charging Craft to the Village Officials to Make Easy Money by Proving their Statements.

Because some irresponsible persons are circulating false and malicious reports on our streets, the undersigned believes it his duty to vindicate himself and his co-laborers on the Village Board, not only by flatly denying these charges in toto, but by a challenge to them to prove their statements and receive for their efforts a most liberal reward.

In the three years that I have been your Village President I have not received a single cent for my services, in any way or manner, either in salary, commissions or in any other form, even the law plainly stipulates that certain work performed by the Village President shall be paid for by the Village.

Not only have I never received a cent for my work, but I have paid out of my own pocket many dollars for expenses incurred in the conduct of the business of the Village for which I have never even rendered a bill or anticipated so doing.

Therefore, I hereby promise to pay to any person who will prove to an impartial court of competent jurisdiction that I have received or have been promised to receive, in any way, form or manner any money or other valuable consideration whatsoever whereby I have been profited financially by the fact of being President of the Village of Andover, N. Y., \$1,000.00.

This challenge has been made necessary because of the false reports circulated to the effect that I had received commissions on the brick purchased by the Village Board for paving Greenwood Street, and on the concrete work at our reservoir. The truth is that the Village Board, and no one else, contracted with the Corning Brick Works direct for the brick at a price of \$19.50 per 1,000, laid down in Andover. This is a much lower price than that obtained for the same quality of brick (which is guaranteed to stand New York State test) by any other village hereabouts, and the fact is that one of our village neighbors tried to have us include in our order several carloads of brick for them because they could not purchase it at such a low figure, even though they were a larger town than Andover.

The concrete work at the reservoir was let to an Andover man, J. L. Williams, at a much lower figure than the lowest bid for the work by any other bidder.

EDWARD J. ATWOOD  
On this 14th day of March, 1917, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of Allegany, personally appeared Edward J. Atwood, and made oath before me that the facts and statements in the article appearing herewith over his signature are true and that the reward offered there in will actually be paid upon the conditions set forth therein.  
CRAYTON L. EARLEY, Notary Public.  
(Political Advertising)

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Special Attraction at the Auditorium, Saturday Evening.

Some weeks ago Home Entertainers Company booked, at considerable extra expense, as an appropriate feature for March 17, Marguerite Clark in "Little Lady Eileen," an Irish Fairy Story, in which this dainty, irresistible actress makes an exquisite, mischievous, charming characterization that will live in your memory as long as did the fairy tales your mother told. Then came the opportunity of booking for the same night The Cary-Williams Colored Concert Co., who play in Wellsville, the night before, but who had Saturday evening open. This opportunity to give Andover's music-hungry people a concert of such musical merit was seized upon and the outcome is that a double attraction will be given at the prices that would have been charged for the concert alone, 25c and 35c, children 15c. Doors open at 8, concert at 8:30. Seat Sale Friday morning, at 9.

## PURCHASE WALLACE HARDWARE

Local Hardware Firm Branch On By Purchasing Another Store

It became known this week that the firm of Baker Brothers, hardware dealers of this village, had purchased the Tucker & Line hardware business, of Wallace, N. Y., and will run it in conjunction with the Andover hardware. The store they have purchased is one of the oldest in the Cohocten Valley, and has been doing a splendid business there for forty years. Wallace is about nine miles from Bath.

E. D. Baker went to Wallace yesterday to begin taking an inventory of the stock, and A. R. Baker will move to Wallace and take the active management of the Wallace store, Saturday of this week.

Baker Brothers came to Andover ten years ago next January and have given us a city store in a country town since. No better hardware store can be found this side of Buffalo or Rochester than the Baker Brothers Hardware of Andover.

Now that they have purchased the Wallace store it will put them in position to purchase in still larger quantities, and thereby be able to quote the Andover trade even better prices than before.

## PRIVATE DONATION

The medical association of which Dr. Pierce is president has placed at the disposal of President Wilson, 25,000 acres of coal land at Pierceton, Ala., for the duration of the war. The coal mine fully equipped with mining machinery, producing very best steam coal and twelve miles of railroad is offered to the U. S. Government for its free use in case of war.

## AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY EVENING

In "The Selfish Woman," the Lasky stars, Wallace Ried and Cleo Ridgely have ample opportunity to display their unusual talent. Mr. Ried makes of the young husband a character of manly dignity and honor. Miss Ridgely's skilful portrayal of the woman is deserving of unstinted praise.

## NEW YORK TO VOTE ON SUFFRAGE ISSUE

Resolution Providing for Referendum Passes Senate and Becomes Law. Leader Brown Voted for it.

Albany, March 12.—The resolution to provide for a referendum on the woman suffrage question at the state election next November was passed in the Senate tonight by a vote of 39 to 7.

To-night's action was the last step in the legislative procedure preliminary to referring the subject to the electorate. The measure is concerned with amending the state constitution and consequently does not have to receive the approval of the Governor.

The seven senators who voted against the resolution were L. W. Benson, Sage, Townner, Walters, Wicks, Republicans, and Downing and Ramsperger, Democratic. The absentees were Carrol, Culley and Heffernan, Democrats.

Majority Leader Elton R. Brown whose opposition to the proposition has always been determined and pronounced, surprised the great throng of women that filled the floor and galleries by supporting the resolution.

In a speech in explanation of his attitude, he said that although he was voting for the resolution, he was more firmly opposed to its adoption than ever.

## C. C. CLUB AGAIN

A meeting of the Community Co-operative Club is called for Thursday evening, March 22nd. This will be the regular organization meeting and the officers will be elected and plans made for the coming year.

Each and every member of the club are urged to be present.

## 1917 SUFFRAGE VICTORIES

Five suffrage victories are already listed for 1917. Women have been given the right of presidential vote in North Dakota, Arkansas, Ohio and Indiana, also in the Canadian Province, Ontario. At this rate it will not be long before the suffrage flag will fly over all the United States.

## AUTO COLLISION

The automobile truck belonging to the Peck Hardware Co., of Hornell, ran into a horse and carriage driven by John Casey, Tuesday. His mother was with him. They were thrown out and badly bruised, the rig being nearly demolished.

## THE WICKS FOOD AND MARKETS BILL

Efforts Being Made at Albany to Care for the Interests of the Poor as Well as the Rich, By a Commission.

Albany, March, —Preparatory to a hearing which will be held on the Wicks Foods and Markets Bill in this city on March 20th, a series of bulletins are being sent broadcast over the state in order that the people may more fully understand the purposes and policies underlying the Wicks Bill which provides for the regulation of the food supply of this state. The bulletins ask all persons who believe that the public interests should be safeguarded in some such manner as outlined in the bill, to immediately write their respective senator and assemblyman offering any suggestions which they might have in amending or bettering the bill. The hearings, probably from its very importance, will be one of the most largely attended of any at the present session.

In calling attention to the importance of the Wicks bill the statement is made that while but 10 per cent. of the average man's income goes for transportation yet 40 per cent. of the average man's income goes for food, yet the state takes no adequate steps in seeing that the amount of food is sufficient, or that it is supplied on terms fair to both consumer and to producer.

While there are departments of health, education and highways, as well as two public service commissions, attention is called to the fact that there is no official department at present empowered to inform itself fully, as to any evils that exist, prevent their recurrence and provide better methods of producing and marketing the food which the people must have.

Because of a lack of proper market departments, the claim is made that the people's interests in this all important matter have been left almost wholly in private hands and that the cost of food has steadily mounted. It is also claimed that the annual food waste in the United States now amounts to the enormous sum of \$700,000,000.

Senator Wicks believes that there is the most vital need of the immediate creation in the cities of this state of a market department of proper size, scope and power. The Wicks bill is designed among other things to accomplish constructive results in safeguarding the food supply. Suggestions are wanted by the committee in order that everything possible may be done towards devising a bill that will be of the greatest benefit to both producer and consumer.

The county meeting of the Modern Woodmen will be held in Andover, Wednesday afternoon, April 4th at I. O. O. F. Hall.

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