

# INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS

**Albion reports many vacant houses.**  
A branch of the Red Cross society is to be organized in Olean.  
Holley's chamber of commerce is organizing a home defense league.  
Abram Cole, Ulster county's oldest resident, died at Zena, at the age of 164.  
Geneseo having gone dry, Antonio Aprile has turned his hotel into a speakeasy.  
James W. Wadsworth, Sr., has been appointed water commissioner of the village of Geneseo.  
Cattaraugus village recently closed its revival. A total of 350 persons professed conversion.  
East Rochester's board of trade has presented the village fire department with a large American flag.  
All of Caledonia's public school teachers will receive an increase of 10 per cent in salary next year.  
Mayville has found a slogan which it has adopted. It now calls itself the Bonny Burg for Business.  
Philip J. Barry of Rochester, Yale '18, has been elected managing editor of the Yale Literary Magazine.  
Plans already are being made for the silver jubilee celebration of Niagara Falls as a city this summer.  
The police commission at a meeting in Geneva named Miss Emma Miriam Smith as a special policeman.  
Orleans county farmers are reported to be plowing up winter wheat. It is said crop prospects are unfavorable.  
Niagara Falls business and civic associations have organized a defense league, with J. A. Liddbury as president.  
What is believed to be the biggest gas producing well ever located in Steuben county was struck at Rathbone.  
William E. Lloyd, Buffalo freight agent of the Great Lakes Transit corporation, has been missing since March 17.  
Backyard gardening as a means of combatting the high cost of living will be encouraged by the Niagara Falls city government.  
Dunkirk fishermen have been granted increases in pay, under which they will receive \$3.50 a day for work on boats and \$3.05 for work on shore.  
Mrs. Mary Steens Kavanaugh said to have been the first woman notary public in New York state, is dead at her home in Lawrence, L. I., at the age of 86.  
Rev. Henry E. Robbins, pastor of the Trinity church on Canaseraga, will take over the active management of the Peerless theater of that city on April 14.  
All but two teachers in the Canandaigua public schools have filed their applications for reappointment next year. Appointments are made by the board of education on April 5.  
An X-ray and fluoroscopic outfit has been placed in operation at the Cortland hospital. It is a gift from the late Mrs. Ardell L. Wickwire through the executors of her estate.  
John H. Wilson of Canastota was elected president of the new Madison County Vegetable Growers' association at a meeting in the Canastota Community club's rest room.  
Complete returns for the Red Cross campaign in Ithaca showed more than three thousand dollars had been collected by the committee. This was the mark set for the campaign.  
Effective on May 1, the carpenters in Hornell will receive a five cent increase in pay, according to a resolution adopted by the local union. The old scale was 45 cents an hour.  
A branch of the Dairywomen's league has been organized in Newark with the following officers: George B. Marble, president; O. A. Jacobs, secretary, and George Shear, treasurer.  
The 8,000-cord pile of pulp wood at the Norfolk plant of the Remington Paper and Power company, valued at about \$125,000, and the company's sawmill were destroyed by fire.  
Jamestown's common council tried to adopt resolutions protesting against the importation of negro labor into that city, but the corporation counsel advised them such action would be illegal.  
The New York State Automobile association notified Governor Whitman that it would place the cars of all of its members at the disposal of military authorities in event of an emergency.  
The senate judiciary committee decided to report a bill for the restoration of state political conventions, whose actions will be subject to ratification or rejection at primaries to follow.  
The scarcity of laborers throughout Steuben county is going to prevent very extensive state road work this summer, according to an announcement made by Division Engineer Edwards. About 16 miles will be repaired and about 10 miles unfinished work will be completed.  
The conservation commission announces that white pine trees raised in the state nurseries have been withdrawn from general sale because of the danger to white pine forests from the white pine blister. No further trees of this species will be supplied except where they can be thoroughly safeguarded, until the disease has been brought under complete control.

## SUFFRAGE SERVICE FOR PEACE AND WAR

Plans for gripping suffragists together for constructive national service in the event of war have gone forward with depth and thoroughness since the Executive Council of the National American Woman Suffrage Association issued its "Note to the President and the Government," on February 25. On behalf of the Government of the United States, the Secretary of War has accepted the offer of aid made by the Association.

What is particularly commending the National's plan to suffragists is its equal applicability to time of peace as to time of war. To this hour suffragists are praying for peace, but day by day they mobilize in ever increasing numbers to back up their country's need, let peace stay or war come. Their plans are formulated now and are dramatic in their simplicity. "Department of Suffrage Agriculture," and the "Suffrage Thrift Division"—for the elimination of waste—are the two main divisions into which the work is grouping.

Members of both committees have waited upon the Secretary of Agriculture and he has endorsed the suffrage plan as being as good for peace as for war and promised the hearty co-operation of the Department of Agriculture. The National American Woman

## APRIL 27 NAMED AS ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day will be observed in this part of the state on April 27th this year. According to a proclamation by John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education, there will be three Arbor Days in the state. Long Island and vicinity will observe the third Friday in April, the rest of the state the fourth Friday in April with the exceptions of 12 counties in the northern part which will observe the first Friday in May.

The law as to the observance of the day is as follows: It shall be the duty of the authorities of every public school in this state to assemble the pupils in their charge on that day in the school building or elsewhere, as they may deem proper, and to provide for and conduct under the general supervision of the city superintendent or the school commissioner or other chief officers having the general oversight of the public schools in each city or district, such exercises as shall tend to encourage the planting, protection and preservation of trees and shrubs, and in acquaintance with the best methods to be adopted to accomplish such results.

In accordance with further authorization of the law, I will cause to be sent to each school of the state a bulletin containing suggestions as to the exercises, and recommendations as to planting.

I would not have this day observed, however, under the compulsion of a proclamation or under any other compulsion save that of devotion to our common mother, the Earth; of gratitude for the heritage of millions of years; of joy in the revival of life and in the promise of new fruits and harvests; and of satisfaction in conserving and planting for those who come after us.

JOHN H. FINLEY,

## WIN THE PEACE CONTEST

L. Meredith Maxson '18 of Leonardsville, N. Y., and John B. Cottrell, Jr., '19 of Plainfield, N. J., were the first and second place men respectively in the "Dr. Thomas World Peace Prize Contest" held a week ago. The prize oration was entitled "World Peace: The Problem." Mr. Cottrell's subject was "The Church and Peace." The program contained three other orations of high order by Earl Burnett '19 of Hornell, N. Y., Howard Kenyon '19 of Genesee, Pa., and Alfred Snell '19 of St. Johnsville, N. Y.

The first prize was fifty dollars in gold and the second was twenty-five. Mr. Maxson also received an award of twenty-five dollars to pay his expenses in representing Alfred at the annual state contest held in New York City April 13.

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