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NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

Anton M. Wyvell of the Department Tells How the Law Will Be Applied From the New Law.

Last Congress very wisely passed a bill further restricting immigration to this country. The important feature of the bill is an educational test which must be passed by all immigrants for admission to this country.

It is to be apparent to every clear-minded, patriotic person that one of the most dangerous mentalities in our body politic is the organization, for its purposes, of groups of alien born, some of whom are to be placed in the educational test.

We have talked in this country being a "melting pot" and that foreign races are being assimilated here. No one doubts that to a certain extent this is a melting pot, and the assimilation with our population is the trouble.

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CITIZENS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY

Proclamation of the Governor of this State a census of the military resources of this state is being taken.

Residents of this County (male or female) 16 to 50 years of age inclusive, are required at once to appear at the census depot established in their town and enroll. All persons failing to enroll are subject to imprisonment in the County Jail or Penitentiary for not more than six months.

HOME DEFENSE COMMITTEE
Allegany County

Delay! June 25 the Last Day

REGENTS EXAMS.

- Monday A. M.—El. Representation
- Monday P. M.—Elem. Eng.
- Tue. II.
- Tue. III.
- Wednesday A. M.—Arith.
- Com. Arith.
- Eng. Gram.
- Latin III.
- Am. Hist.
- Tuesday P. M.—Spelling
- Eng. IV.
- EL. Alg.
- Lat. II.
- Wednesday A. M.—Geog.
- German II.
- Wednesday P. M.—El. U. S. Hist.
- Thursday A. M.—Biology, Physics.
- Thursday P. M.—Pl. Geom.
- Friday A. M.—Eng. Hist., Anc. Hist.

RED CROSS MEMBERS

For Week Ending June 13, 1917

- Miss Nellie McGinnis, Ray Mead, Mrs. Ray Mead, John Guian, A. O. Tucker, Newell Baker, Ruth Robinson, Mrs. Alice Lever, Mrs. Harry Dunham, Miss Dorothy Dunham, A. L. Jones, Mrs. Mima O'Connell, Mrs. Sidney Crandall, Miss Myrtle Brewster, Frank Graves, Miss Julia Lynch, Harry W. Joyce, Mrs. James McDonald, Michael T. Lynch, Mrs. Owen Welsh, Geo. McAndrew, Mrs. M. H. Aldridge, Wm. Dean, Mrs. Mary Delaney Clarke, Dr. C. W. O'Donnell, Mrs. Thos. McAndrew, John Clair, Mrs. Mae Greene, Frank Gray, C. W. Williams, Mrs. Charley Cote, Mrs. John Demink, Mrs. Floyd Christ.

BIG FISH

This week seems to be a banner week for large trout. Dad Trowbridge started it last Saturday by getting one that weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces. Fred Stebbins came next with one that weighed a little over 5 pounds. Earl Goodrich got one Monday night that weighed 2 1/2 pounds and Ed. Wilcox hooked on to a big one, and brought him out on to the bank where he and Arthur Brillon could look him over, and then let him go again.

CHILD INJURED

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ABOUT THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

A Brief Sketch of Our New Possessions, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

No. 5. Things are not as they were. In the old days territory was acquired after a war. We have reversed the procedure by acquiring territory one day and declaring war the next.

To be exact we took peaceful possession of the Virgin Islands on March 31st, 1917. On April 6th Congress declared a state of war existed between the United States and Germany. Therefore the flag of Denmark came down only to be replaced by the flag of the United States which waved over the islands for a short week in peace, only to be hidden by the clouds of war. A glance at the history of these islands shows that they are accustomed to changes of flag. First discovered by Columbus in 1493 it was not until the seventeenth century that colonization began, when the Dutch settled in St. Thomas in 1657 while at the same time the French were settling in St. Croix. The three islands while politically of one division are not geographically connected. St. Thomas and St. John lying together at the north of the Virgin passage while St. Croix is to the south of the passage forty miles away.

St. Thomas and St. John

St. Thomas and St. John can be considered collectively, as they lie only a few miles apart. These islands are at the east end of a range of mountains having their base on the bottom of the sea and their tips more or less above the water. This is the range that supports the great Antilles and encloses the Caribbean Sea on the north. At the eastern end of this submerged range we find St. Thomas and St. John. The range then turns south and completes the enclosure of the Caribbean.

International Pawns

The Virgin Islands have been used as pawns many times in the great international chess game. St. Thomas and St. John were originally settled by the Dutch in the seventeenth century. In 1667 they came into the hands of the British and were held until 1671 when they passed into the hands of the Danish West India Company. This company was succeeded in 1685 by the so-called Brandenburg Company, the shareholders of the latter being mainly Dutch. In 1754 the King of Denmark took over the islands. During this period the two islands were declared free ports and Denmark's neutrality during the European wars of the early 18th century gave the islands a commercial impetus which lasted well into the middle of the century. In 1801 the islands were held by the British and again in 1809 to 1815, during which it was the great rendezvous of British merchant vessels waiting for convoy. Passing back to Denmark the islands became a burden to the mother country and in 1867 a treaty was concluded by which the United States was to buy them for seven and a half million dollars. This fell thru when the United States failed to ratify the treaty, showing that our present Senate is not without precedent in the matter of treaty failures.

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St. Croix

The island of St. Croix or Santa Cruz, as some call it is the largest of the group. This island is catalogued as one of Columbus' discoveries, but seems to have been owned in turn by Dutch, British and Spanish. Then in 1651 it was taken by France, and two years later was given to the Knights of Malta by Louis the XIV, sharing with the other islands the distinction of being privately owned at times. In 1733 St. Croix was purchased by Denmark.

A Splendid Naval Base

The Virgin Islands were purchased by the United States for the sole purpose of possessing the harbor of St. Thomas. No matter what else we purchased, we have purchased a naval base worth while, and its value may be demonstrated within a very few years. The island of St. Thomas is thirteen miles long and three miles wide in its widest part. On the southern shore lies the town of Charlotte Amalie, or at least that is the official name of the post office, but everybody calls the town and harbor and island by the same name—St. Thomas. The town rests on the inner harbor and runs back up on the mountain side, resting on three hills. The harbor lies within protecting arms, almost landlocked. The natural defenses and the ease with which it could be fortified have given it the title of "Gibraltar of America." The surface of this basin is usually like a mill pond and 200 ships could be accommodated with ease. During the Civil War Confederate blockade runners made the harbor a rendezvous and long before that it was a favorite resort of pirates, notably the famous Blackbeard.

We Have Bought Land as Well as Harbor

It will be readily noted that the United States had their eye not on the land or the people, but the water. They wanted the harbor for a naval base and took whatever else Denmark threw in. But included in this deal of twenty-five million dollars worth of harbor we have a lot of mountains, valleys, plains, landscape, etc., and more than that we have a lot of human-beings, some 30,000 more or less. What about them? They are an immediate concern and they are a problem. We will get better acquainted with the inhabitants in our next letter.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE PEOPLE

Those in charge of the State Military Census, in Andover, request all people in the Village of Andover to report for enrollment during the day, as the farmer population is having to come in the evening, and when the village people also report for enrollment in the evening it makes it almost impossible to care for the work.

You will greatly oblige those taking the census if you will comply with this report.

POTATO SPRAYING

The New York State Food Supply Commission is carrying on a state-wide campaign to increase the food supply of the state by reducing the loss from attacks of preventable diseases, such as late blight. There has been a large increase in the acreage of potatoes this year and the large amount of capital invested, due to high prices of seed, labor and fertilizers, makes it necessary that the potato grower safeguard his crop from loss by spraying.

The commissioner considers that spraying is the best possible form of insurance against loss, and recommends that Bordeaux mixture, strength, 4-4-50, be applied 5-7 times thruout the growing season at intervals of 10-14 days. The Bordeaux mixture stimulates the vines and increases yields by lengthening the growing season.

Bugs are controlled by adding either two pounds of Paris Green, or four to six pounds of arsenic of lead to 50 gallons of Bordeaux.

A cheaper insecticide may be made by boiling one pound white arsenic and four pounds of Sal Soda (Washing Soda) in one gallon of water. Boil until arsenic has dissolved. Use one quart of this mixture in fifty gallons of Bordeaux.

There will be an abundant supply of spray materials this year and it is not expected that the prices will be high.

Our slogan for the summer of 1917 will be "work and spray."

Meetings to be Held in the County

- Canaseraga June 18
- Birdsall June 19
- Friendship June 19
- West Almond June 20
- Black Creek June 20
- Andover June 21
- Rockville June 21
- Almond June 22
- Oramel June 22
- Alfred June 23
- Caneadea June 25
- Rushford June 26
- Scio June 26
- Centerville June 27
- Angelica June 27
- Rosburg June 28
- Little Genesee June 28
- Short Tract June 29
- Hallsport June 29
- Fillmore June 29
- Cuba June 30

To Watch the Want Ads is to keep your "luck" working for you all the time.

MANAGER MCGRAW AT WELLSVILLE

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary and Home Coming Celebration of John J. McGraw, Manager of the N. Y. Giants, June 18th.

Monday, June 18th will see, in Wellsville, the celebration of the 25th anniversary and home coming of John J. McGraw, the famous manager of the New York Giants, at which time Manager McGraw will bring his great team to Wellsville where his regular line-up will engage the Wellsville Base Ball Club in a game at Tullar Field, at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 18th.

Wellsville will be represented on this occasion by a team composed of the best available players from the International and State Leagues headed by "Wid" Conroy the old American League Star, now with Richmond in the International, who would have led Wellsville in the Inter-State this year had that League continued.

Twenty-five years ago this summer John J. McGraw came to Wellsville for what was practically his first professional baseball experience, and for the princely stipend of ten dollars a week and "found," "Mugsy," as he was then known, played every position on the team and also captained the aggregation.

Ten dollars a week and "found" in 1892 against fifty thousand dollars a year in 1917. There's a sermon in that for every man and boy in America to-day.

It is the intention to make his home coming of John J. McGraw the biggest event in the history of Wellsville and the fact that the regular Giant line-up will play in the afternoon, including Herzog, Bennie Kauff, Hienitz, Zim, Fletcher and all the rest insures a treat worth going miles to see. Admission to the ball park will be 50c, and the game will be called promptly at 2 o'clock.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL MEETING

The trustees of Andover High School and the trustees of the rural districts of the Town of Andover, met at the High School, Tuesday, at 3 p. m., and elected the Town Board of Education. F. S. Clark was elected, chairman, and Mrs. Mary Warfield, secretary. The following trustees were elected: J. P. Cannon and Charles Burdick for one year; Mrs. Florence Earley and W. D. Clark, for two years; R. A. Pease, for three years.

The new Town Board assume their duties August 1st at which time a clerk and treasurer will be elected.

I. O. O. F. MEMORIAL DAY

Next Sunday afternoon and evening Andover Lodge No. 786, will observe as their annual Memorial Day. Every Odd Fellow, whether a member of the Andover Lodge or not, who possibly can do so is urged to attend.

MOLASSES

We offer a very high grade New-Orleans Molasses at 60c gal. This is cheaper, and very much better than can be had in tins.

... TEA ...

The proposed tax on tea will make an immediate advance of about 10 cents per pound. People should buy heavily at once. Good Japans at 3 lbs. for \$1.00. They certainly will be higher. Spend a couple of dollars and save about 60c.

C. W. WILLIAMS
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