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Within the last few years nearly two miles of brick paving has been placed on the streets of the village, to say nothing of nearly a mile of macadam road built by the incorporation.

Three years ago the Village of Andover installed a system of electric lighting for her streets, and furnishes power and light to her citizens at a very low rate.

The village now contains two banks, five churches - Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Seventh-day Baptist - two hotels, a \$20,000 auditorium, a printing and publishing house, two saw mills, two grist mills, a splendid lumber and coal yard, two hardware and farm implement stores, a furniture and undertaking establishment, two harness shops, two shoe shops, a shoe store, two jewelry stores, two dry goods stores, seven grocery stores, two restaurants, a Sugar Bowl, one gent's furnishing and clothing store, one bakery, one millinery store, three drug stores, one feed store, a music store, a laundry, four barber shops, three blacksmith shops, three garages, one livery stable, two meat markets, one plumbing and electric supply store, two wagon shops, one dentist, one chesec house, one automobile three physicians, one automobile sales room, and four large industries.

The Andover Silk Company, occupying two large buildings, manufactures the Andover Heading Company, and Brown & Bailey's Milk Condensers. We also have a fine volunteer fire department, a free library and good schools.

The promotion and advancement of the industrial and commercial well being of Andover is earnestly sought by a thoroughly competent and energetic Chamber of Commerce. This body is incorporated under state laws and is officiated as follows: President, B. S. Brundage; Vice President, W. S. Calhoun; Secretary, W. P. O'Connell; Treasurer, Henry Stephens; Directors, Dr. W. J. Grenolds, O. E. Vars, J. E. Cannon, C. E. Brown, J. Harvey Backus.

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Mrs. Nellie Gee is Noble Grand and Mrs. Lottie Hann is Secretary.

MACCABEES

Mutual Tent No. 18, K. O. T. M. was organized Nov. 4, 1885. They meet regularly at Maccabee Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month.

Charles Baker is Commander and B. S. Brundage, Record-keeper.

GRANGE

Andover Grange No. 1098, was organized April 20, 1908. Holds regular meetings in Odd Fellows Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

Clifford Burdick is the Master and Mrs. Harry Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Agnes Robinson, Lecturer.

G. A. R.

Edward Seaman Post No. 481, G. A. R. was organized May 7, 1884, with 24 charter members.

John Deming is the Commander and U. W. Stratton, Adjutant.

RELIEF CORPS

Edward Seaman Relief Corps No. 155, Auxilliary to Edward Seaman Post G. A. R., was organized Aug. 21, 1890; meets the first and third Saturday night of each month. Mrs. Fannie Backus, President; Elizabeth Hann, Secretary.

AMERICAN LEGION

The Thomas M. Lynch Post No. 37, American Legion, of Andover, as organized July 1st, of the current year, with a membership of fifteen. The local Post meets regularly the first Thursday night of each month, in the G. A. R. rooms. Since organization the boys have more than doubled their membership.

Commander, Porter W. Richardson. 1st Vice Com., W. S. Calhoun. 2nd Vice Com., Mortimer Driscoll. Adjutant, Claire C. Backus. Treasurer, Raymond O. Snyder. Sergeant at Arms, Harold Emery. Chaplain, Ralph Burgett.

HI HENRY'S MINSTRELS

Who is there amongst the theatre-goers that does not love a good minstrel show, with its sweet singers, classy dancers, funny comedians, beautiful costumes and effects, and high class vaudeville. The above style of entertainment comes to The Auditorium, at Andover, Thursday, Nov. 17th, for one night only, when Hi Henry's Minstrels will present one of the best minstrel shows ever seen here.

Hi Henry needs no introduction. His name is a household word all over the universe. The mere announcement of their coming assures the public of seeing a performance very rarely seen outside the large cities. This popular attraction just returned from a triumphal tour of the East, including the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, Canada, where they scored

the biggest success of any minstrel show on the road. This is positively the greatest attraction that has ever played Andover, a sure cure for the blues. Secure your seats in advance.

A classified ad is found in a moment - and the task of answering it is, indeed very small.

BAPTIST FAIR

The annual Fair and chicken-pie supper of the Baptist Church will be held at the church parsonage, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Nov. 15th. A fine display of fancy and useful articles will be on sale.

To get Good Printing come to the News Office

GAS AND OIL

No event in the history of Andover has contributed more to its material advancement than the discovery of natural gas and oil, the result of a "wild cat" venture. The first production was in the neighboring town of Greenwood near the town line be-

twice Andover and Greenwood, on the J. E. Redmond farm. Late in December, 1888 gas was struck at a depth of 648 feet and the oil sand, 28 feet in depth, at 718 feet. When first drilled this well gave a gas pressure of 400 pounds. The outcome of this venture stimulated effort and other operators were soon drilling with varying degrees of success, but generally the results were sufficiently remunerative to advance production and make it an important factor in the town.

The development of the Andover oil field has continued to advance until it covers a large pool under the surface of not only Andover, but Greenwood and portions of Independence, Willing, Wellsville and Alfred, the latter being the latest gas territory.

The oil in the Andover field is of very superior quality having a gravity of 42 1/2, a quality heretofore unequalled in the Allegany oil field, and the gas (under favorable circumstances) is also a very superior article. The oil sand averages 30 feet in thickness. It is charcoal colored and similar in appearance to the other fields in this county.

ANDOVER FREE LIBRARY

The first effort toward supplying Andover with a library was begun in 1896, with a co-operative library. After the books had been pretty thoroughly read all around and no new ones were coming in it became evident that while a circulating library might be good a free library properly conducted would be a great deal better.

The Lucy Stone Club, a woman suffrage organization, and the Hawthorne Circle, a literary society, were jointly laying the foundations for the establishment of a free library. The books of this "circulating" library were donated as a start to the movement. A meeting was called for all interested in the movement, Nov. 19, 1895. A soliciting committee was appointed at this meeting, who divided the territory into districts and made a thorough and systematic canvass for books and money.

The work of these solicitors and the enthusiastic support given the project by the clubs, by supporters, entertainments and benefits for the free library, made possible the organization of Andover Free Library Oct. 15, 1899.

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Advertisement for James P. Cannon Co. featuring "Seasonable Specials" and "Clothing Store" with a list of clothing items and prices. Also includes a "Shoe Store" section with various shoe models and prices.



Andover Civil War Veterans as Photographed a Number of Years Ago

Advertisement for the Baptist Fair, including details about the chicken-pie supper and the display of fancy and useful articles. It also contains a small notice about a classified ad.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including fragments of other advertisements and notices.