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MISSING WOMAN FOUND STARVING

Mrs. Ethel Merrick, of Wellsville, Lived Six Weeks in Hay Barn on Raw Potatoes and Milk

Half starved and nearly dead from exhaustion, Mrs. Ethel Merrick, who has been missing from her home in Wellsville since October 1st, has been found living in an old barn on the Wesche farm, about a mile from that village. She is now in the Jones Hospital, at Wellsville, with a slim chance for recovery.

For weeks searchers scoured the country side around Wellsville but absolutely no trace of the missing woman could be found. Now it develops that no less than six times she was forced to hide herself in the hay to escape her pursuers who entered the barn. She has been living on milk which she took from cows pastured nearby the barn and on raw potatoes which she dug with her fingers from the farmer's field near the barn.

She has suffered horribly from exposure and would not have lived much longer under the conditions in which she was existing. The semi-delicious morsels of the "starving" woman are what attracted attention and resulted in her rescue and the mystery which has enshrouded the village for weeks is finally lifted.

Missing For Weeks

Mrs. Merrick is 38 years old, the wife of Elmer Merrick, a well known resident of that village. One Saturday afternoon early in October Mr. Merrick, who had been working in Whitesville, returned home only to find his wife was missing. When she failed to return he sought volunteers to search for her and for nearly a month men searched the woods and countryside for miles around but to no avail.

Finally the search was abandoned it being supposed that Mrs. Merrick had eluded the searchers and had left that section of the country. Notices were sent out to the police stations throughout this section of the country but no response came. Friends of the woman had given her up and it was thought that she had crawled away into some hidden spot and died.

The other day one of the boys on the Wesche farm happened to go near the barn, which was unused except for storage purposes, and heard moans coming from the interior. He investigated and found the half dead woman huddled underneath a pile of hay in one corner of the mow.

Lived On Raw Potatoes

She was hurried to the Jones Memorial Hospital where she recovered sufficiently to tell her pitiful story. The reason for her strange behavior is the fact that her mind is affected. On the afternoon she disappeared she went directly to the barn where she hid all night in the hay. All the next day for that matter. The following night hunger drove her forth and she managed to strip a little milk from one of the cows in a nearby pasture and also dug a few potatoes.

Since then she has been hiding in the barn every day coming forth at night to scavenge for scraps of food. She told the physicians at the hospital that she had practically lived on milk and raw potatoes. According to the medical authorities she could have existed for months on such food had not the cold proven too much.

She admitted to the hospital authorities that she had crawled into the hay to escape her pursuers. The searchers had come into the barn but that she had crawled back into the hay until they had departed. The lack of exercise and cold, however, began to drain the woman's vitality and resulted in her being found.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Mourhess this (Friday) afternoon. Mrs. Mourhess and Mrs. Coffey, directors.

THE CHEERFUL CLUB

When I was some what lame With iron malice Just made me lazy And also my ambitions

Tidbits From Our School

The students seem to have enjoyed their vacation because a large number were absent Tuesday morning.

Miss Fitzhugh was unable to teach this week on account of an operation performed at the Olean Hospital last Friday.

Maxson Crandall returned Thursday after a few days passed in Hornell.

Some students survived the tests last week, but others appear to have succumbed.

There will be a basket ball game this (Friday) night, between Angelica and Andover.

The boys' basket ball team seems to be entirely imaginary.

Perhaps not the latest, but surely the Earliest popular song is not "My Man" (Mon Homme) but "Her Man."

Everyone should want to come to the first game of the season. This introduces the interesting games scheduled for our girls and boys thru the season.

The physical examinations have been completed.

The reporters for next week are Harry Joyce and Emily Blodgett.

OLIVER W. FERRY

Oliver W. Ferry, one of Alfred's most popular students, died Saturday night about 8:30, at his Almond home after a seven month's fight against tuberculosis. He had just passed his 23rd birthday on October 30th, and many of his friends had sent remembrances hoping that he would soon be well enough to receive visitors, but a sudden turn for the worse took his remaining strength.

"Ollie" Ferry, as he will always be remembered in Alfred, was born near Almond, October 30, 1898, and after graduating from Almond High School entered Alfred in the S. A. T. C. days of October 1918, taking up Ceramic engineering. He was a leading member in his class of '22 and a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. His splendid work on the football team during his three years in college was followed by his election to the captaincy of the 1921 eleven, and he was the most disappointed one of all when the squad gathered this fall without a leader.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00, at the Almond Union Church. College classes did not meet Tuesday afternoon, and hundreds of his classmates and friends gathered to show their love and respect to him who had meant so much to them.

AMERICAN LEGION HAS GAME SUPPER

The members of the Local Post of the American Legion shouldered their guns again Sunday and journeyed out. This time, however, they were in quest of cotton-tail rabbits instead of bockies, they got the rabbits too, just the same as they did Kaiser Bill's pelt.

Monday evening the boys, with their lady friends, enjoyed a most delicious game supper at the Legion rooms, under the supervision of Chief E. F. Stearns, and deftly served by the Misses Gertrude Beaber, Louise Folsing, Meta Harris and Anna Kheette.

The boys say "Ernie sure can cook rabbit."

The hall and tables were very prettily decorated with evergreen and the colors. The evening was enlivened by victrola music.

LADIES' AID MEETING

The Ladies' Aid Society of the S. D. Baptist Church will meet for a business and social meeting in the session room of the church, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 22nd. It is expected Miss Susie Burdick of Alfred, who is home from her labors at the S. D. Baptist Mission at Shanghai, China, will be present. Miss Burdick will give an illustrated character study of Chinese life and customs.

An invitation is extended to any one interested to attend the meeting.

THANKSGIVING DANCE AT FRIENDSHIP

Mix your plans to attend the Thanksgiving Dance at Goodman's House, Friendship, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23rd, on the grounds of the Goodman's House, Friendship, N. Y.

RELIEF IS NOW IN SIGHT

The Afflicted Ones Suffering Physical Torture Because Of the Lack of Beer Will Be Helped

It was a common expression during the late war to speak of persons who showed some patriotism, as being one hundred per cent. American, and it was also a common thing to see us told for persons furnishing munitions of war and other supplies to make 100 per cent. profit out of Uncle Sam for what was furnished. This thing of dealing in percentages in such an unusual way even became involved in matters pertaining to the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment. The intent, however, seems to have been to run down the scale in the opposite direction until recently when the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington made an attempt to raise the ante from one-half of one per cent. alcohol allowed in beer to three per cent. medical value for poor suffering humanity, which may be conceded for the sake of argument (with proper reservations) or to use another war-time expression (properly guarded) anti-prohibitionism.

Now this so-called well defined percentage of people who are in need of medical first aid seems to have been very insistently clamoring at the front door of Dr. Blair's office in the U. S. Treasury at 15th and Pa. Ave., N. W., and the Dean of this Dispensary The Honorable Secretary it seems could resist the appeal no longer. His heart was touched and cheering bands of good old three per cent. Slitz and Budweiser are being forwarded by high powered ambulances to the sick beds of the afflicted. The shout goes up — the day of deliverance is at hand, we have once more arrived. Sad but true, good often comes thru sacrifice and tribulation. To know the sound of the clarion call for aid and comfort, let us turn our tear stained eyes and willing ears to the kindly words Dean Mellon and Dr. Blair issued from the hallowed precincts of the Treasury the other day.

To the Federal Prohibition Directors and others concerned:

"Regulations 60 issued pursuant to the National Prohibition Act are here by amended to cover the manufacture and sale of intoxicating malt liquors for medical purposes as follows, etc., etc."

Direct action seems to be the thing that's wanted. The Washington Post November 4th, 1921:

Four Breweries Ask Permits

"Application from four brewers for permits to deal in beer for medical purposes came before Prohibition Commissioner Hayes yesterday for approval. Two of the applications were from New York, one from Newark and one from Milwaukee.

Officials indicate that they will do everything possible to aid these four representatives of the three or four per cent. in need of medical assistance. The old sympathies of President Harding, who once owned stock in a brewery and of Secretary Mellon who owned a distillery, will apparently not be appealed to in vain.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 - Almond—Geo. Lewis, D.
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 - Willing—Daniel H. Hull, R.
 - Wirt—H. E. Goodrich, R.
- * Re-elected.

BODIES ALL REMOVED

Paris, Nov. 14. — Disinterment of the bodies of American soldiers buried here during the war has been completed. The army authorities have forwarded to the four permanent cemeteries 1,800 bodies, removal of which to the United States was accelerated by relatives.

PROF. L. M. BLOSS MAKING GOOD

His High School Ag. Boys Take Three Out of Five Stock Judging Cups, — In California.

(From Salinas (Cal.) Daily Index)

That the Agricultural Department of the Salinas Union High School is really putting things over in a big way and is performing a service to this community by training boys to be better and more intelligent farmers who will help develop the farming and livestock game in this county, was amply proven last week at the Seventh Annual Convention of Agriculture Clubs at the University Farm at Davis when the Salinas Union-High Agriculture Club Stock Judging team took three out of five cups offered in Stock Judging contest. Eighty-nine High School Agriculture Club members who took part in the contest and judged four classes of livestock, namely, Holstein Dairy cows, Beef steers, Poland-China gilts, and white Leghorn hens. Each of the 89 boys judged all four classes of stock. A time schedule was carefully prepared and the boys were allowed fifteen minutes for placing the animals and fifteen to write their reasons. The Animal Husbandry and Poultry Divisions had direct charge under Professors Hughes and Dougherty.

Salinas High School's winning team was Mervyn Burke, James Stirling and Ernest Smith. Mervyn Burke took first place in judging dairy cows, winning the cup given by the California Dairy Council. Prof. Hughes of the Animal Husbandry Division said that the placing and reasoning given by Burke were equal or better than that of University students.

These boys won the privilege of attending the Club convention thru their good work in the High School Poultry Club. The other boys attending the Convention in Monterey, California were Niels Pedersen of the High School; Earl Head, winner of the Spreckels Poultry Club; Renald Thompson, winner of the Graves Poultry Club; Roy Meadows, winner of the Carmelo Potato Club; Wallace Wells, winner of the Lake Poultry Club; Lewis Washburn, winner of the Corral de Tierra Corn Club.

James Stirling taking second in Dairy this class. Burke also, took first in poultry judging, winning over the boy who took first place at the State Fair, and taking the cup given by the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce. Stirling placed third in this class. Burke also took fifth place in judging hogs. Smith's average was very high in all classes giving the entire team a score of 982 out of possible 1200 winning for them the handsome Team Cup presented by the California Farm Bureau Federation.

Their nearest competitor had a score of 870.

This is a record that Salinas can well be proud of. These boys were competing with the best from all over California and have proven their superior ability in stock judging, an accomplishment that is invaluable to the boy who intends to make his home on the farm as these boys do.

Most of the credit for the victory however, goes to a man who was not present at the judging contest for only those boys who were competing were allowed in the judging pavilion. This man is L. M. Bloss, Agricultural Instructor at the High School. It is from Mr. Bloss that these boys have received their intensive training which enabled them to come out victoriously.

E. J. HOWDEN SENTENCED

Carl J. Howden, former banker at Fillmore, accused of embezzling from the funds of the Fillmore bank, was sentenced to not less than two years in Auburn prison by Justice Brown, at the recent session of Supreme Court, at Belmont.

MAY USE CORN AS FUEL

Cash corn in parts of Nebraska is selling at equal to \$4.75 per ton, or materially below the cost of coal. According to a dispatch to the New York Times, hacards are being posted along public highways advising farmers to burn corn in place of coal.

FORBES — ROBISON

Married at Springville, on Monday, Nov. 7th, by Rev. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Miss Martha M. Forbes of Newark, N. J., daughter of Mrs. H. G. Forbes of Salamanca, and Mr. C. W. Robison of Andover. They returned from a brief wedding trip on Saturday and will occupy the E. J. Howard home on Tuesday.

Rude Rural Rhymes

THE GRADUATES

O where are now the graduates who left in June the college gates in fifties and in forty-eights, and those that swarmed from high school lives by twenties and by twenty-fives, all eager for to try their wings and take the sharpness of their stings? We do not know where they have gone, but this we know, when years are flown, and gristle hardened into bone, when they're ground smooth where life's wheels whirl, they will be what they give us pep, and we can help to put them pep, with this old world to get in step. If I my weight of years could shake, another trip thru life to take, I would not start where life began nor be a boy with cheek of tan, a-wearing father's cut down clothes with big stone bruises on my toes; but I would choose a later date and be a fresh young graduate.

—BOB ADAMS.

FATHERS AND SONS ENJOY BANQUET

Splendid Evening Had Around Festive Board. F. S. Lester and Prof. Norwood Speakers of Evening

The Father and Son movement, which has been gaining popularity by leaps and bounds for the past few months, was brought to the direct attention of Andover citizens by the form of a Father and Son banquet held in the I. O. O. F. banquet hall last Thursday evening.

The event went big, there being about 110 participating in a sumptuous dinner, very finely served by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge.

After dinner Professor Tuttle, in the capacity of toastmaster, introduced the speakers of the evening in a capable manner. Maxson Crandall, representing the son's viewpoint, and E. R. Crandall, the father's were first on the program. Both brought out helpful ideas along the get together of father and son movement. E. F. Lester, county secretary of the Y. M. C. A. from Wellsville, gave a short outline of the work his organization was doing along the various lines to help the coming men of this country. Dr. J. M. Norwood, of Alfred University, gave the address of the evening, bringing out, in his usual pleasing manner, many interesting illustrations of the benefits derived by both father and son thru the more intimate relationship between the two.

The Peerless Orchestra furnished the music for the evening.

The Father and Son movement was received by Andover people with much enthusiasm as is shown by a steadily growing demand for another get together banquet and some sort of permanent boy's organization.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Miss Frances Beebe Accepts Andover Chairmanship

The quota for Allegany County in the Christmas Seal Campaign, to be conducted by the Allegany County Tuberculosis Committee from Thanksgiving to Christmas, is \$5,770. — The New York State quota is \$588,000.

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WELLSVILLE MAN FORGES CHECKS

Allie Ives, of Wellsville, a former employe of the B. & O. Company was arrested at Galston, Pa., Saturday and is now in the Almond jail to await the action of the Grand Jury for forging four checks of \$5 and \$10 each, which were presented at the First Trust Company Bank at two business places for payment.

THANKSGIVING AT O. O. F. HALL

The Odd Fellows will join the Rebekah Lodge in observing Thanksgiving at I. O. O. F. Hall this year. Dinner will be served, supper at night with a fraternal party in the evening.

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LESSON FROM THE RECENT ELECTION

Democrats Entered Many Strong Republican Territories. A Decided Rebuke To Millerism in New York State

Washington, Nov. 14. — The sweeping Democratic victories on November 8, including the capture of numerous Republican strongholds, add to the happy, harmonious and hopeful auspices under which the Hon. Cardell Hull assumes the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee.

Virginia returns the largest Democratic majority in its history after a campaign in which the Republicans had an exceptionally strong candidate for Governor and after they had waged the most aggressive campaign ever made by them in the state. Maryland in a state-wide vote has overturned an unprecedented Republican majority and Kentucky has redeemed her legislature from Republican rule.

While victory in New York City was assured in advance the tremendous majority there was surprising and gratifying. Particularly gratifying were the Democratic victories in important cities and towns in upstate New York, long under Republican misrule and besism.

The election of the first Democratic mayor in Syracuse in fifteen years is regarded as a personal repudiation of the autocratic reactionary Republicanism of Gov. Miller in his home town.

Recent elections in Connecticut where the turn-over to the Democrats was unusually large was followed on Nov. 8th by a Democratic victory in the important city of Bridgeport and the ousting of a five-term Republican mayor.

As pointed out by Chairman Hull of the Democratic National Committee the elections generally indicate a trend away from the Republican party and a realization of the part of the people that Republican obstructive and defeat of the Democratic program of reconstruction following the Armistice has brought about disastrous results to business and industry.

The fact that the Democrats carried President Harding's home town of Marion would seem to indicate the waning of the personal popularity of the President. To this is added a touch of irony in the fact that Marion voted for the state soldiers' bonus after President Harding in a speech to the Senate, had brought about the postponement and perhaps the death of the National Bonus Bill.

National Democrats at the Capital are greatly heartened by these general Democratic victories, which they assert will make for party solidarity and, as Chairman Hull expresses it, "will inspire Democrats everywhere to renew efforts with increasing expectations of success."

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CALIFORNIA HAMS

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS