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MAKING IT EASIER Tidbits From FOR THE PUBLIC TO INCORPORATE Our School

New State Officials Working Together Accommodate Their Patrons.

Albany, Feb. — Advocating efficiency in handling the business of constantly growing state departments, the Democratic administration has started right in toward discarding some of the antiquated methods which have prevailed year after year. For instance, in the Secretary of State's office much needless time has been consumed, and expense incurred in connection with stock companies incorporating. With a fee filed here and a tax somewhere else, incorporators have been forced to go from one department to another, simply because someone in the past didn't have the gumption to devise a bill that would systematize matters along present-day business lines.

Secretary of State Hamilton and State Treasurer Shuler got their heads together a few days ago, with the result that a bill has just been introduced in the Legislature to clarify the situation. Incidentally, Secretary of State Hamilton heads the largest corporation bureaus in the world, a bureau in which over 18,000 companies were incorporated last year, and which naturally enough should be regarded as a model for other states.

The bill will pass, and as a result, corporation attorneys throughout the state, as well as the business world generally, will profit to the extent of doing business with a modern bureau, at which both tax and filing fees may be paid when the company is incorporated, or its capitalization increased. "One little item of efficiency, and yet one which will result in the bureau, freed from old foggy ideas, being able to do just as much more in much less time."

VETERANS' CAMP WANTS TURKEYS

The Veterans' Mountain Camp of the American Legion, situated at Tupper Lake, New York, wants donations of live turkeys. The recent appeal sent thru the state for chickens was very successful, more than 500 fowls having been received to date. However, in view of the fact that Thanksgiving, Christmas and other feasts and festivals will continue to take place, officers in charge of the camp desire to have a flock of turkeys. Any birds of this character should be sent direct to the Veterans' Mountain Camp, Tupper Lake, New York, express prepaid.

Dr. Samuel Lloyd, treasurer of the camp, announced this week that the barracks building at the camp with twenty-four beds has been completed and now is occupied by partially disabled men who are able to do light work around the camp. The formal opening of the camp to its full capacity depends very largely upon the number and amount of donations which may come in within the near future.

COAL SUBSTITUTES

It may be that some men with pull can keep their cellar coal bins full and feed their fires both day and night with good old-fashioned anthracite, but as for me you bet your boots, I'm using these here substitutes. It takes a man of great acumen, such as I fear is granted few men to burn this villainous bitumen. It pours out smoke in billowy swells and fills the house with dark-brown smells. It throws out soot in blobs and blots and makes us look like Hottentots. I take each day, 'ere Theobus rises, my daily dozen exercises. I stretch and strain and twist and stamp, to meet the views of Walter Camp. Then with the poker in my hand I do some stunts he never planned, while with the same I reach and tinker to worry out some cussed clinker. With costly coal I hourly stoke, and often, when I go to poke, I get a rush of flame and smoke that busts out thru the furnace door and blows me off across the floor. You have to treat this soft coal gentle; the gosh darn stuff is temperamental. O all of us we feel like new men when we are thru with soft bitumen. Our hard coal may be short in weight and long on limestone, shale and slate, but when once more it fills my bins I'll hail it with exultant grins. Yea, I will raise some happy hoots when it comes shooting thru the chutes.

—BOB ADAMS.

The time to advertise is All The Time.

FIRE DESTROYS THE LINCOLN SCHOOL BUILDING.

485 Children Escape With- out Mishap, Tho School Was in Session.

Hornell, Feb. 6. — In almost perfect order 485 children marched safely out of the smoke-filled Lincoln Grammar School, at 10:15 this morning into the stinging cold of zero weather, says the Hornell Tribune Times. The wisps of curling smoke that attracted the attention of teachers and led to the sounding of the fire-drill alarm, developed a few minutes later into dense, choking clouds and then into tongues of lurid flame, licking their way thru the partitions and ceilings. This afternoon firemen are still pouring ineffective streams of water into the charred and blackened walls of the structure. That is all that is left. The roof caved in with a crash, sweeping the interior of the building into a charred ruin. The walls themselves may yet totter and fall. The run of the old school is virtually complete.

While firemen were trying to cope with the most stubborn blaze the city has known in years, members of the Board of Education were busy planning for a continuation of the school work and it is believed that temporary quarters will be found before night. It will be many months before the school can be rebuilt.

It was a spectacular fire at times. Only the coolness of the teachers under the circumstances prevented a panic and possible loss of life, for flames were licking up along the side walls when the children were hurriedly marched to safety. The fire must have been smoldering in the walls a long time.

Origin Yet Unknown
The origin of the blaze has not yet been determined. Miss Laura Hoxter, teacher of the seventh grade on the second floor, shortly after 10 o'clock, noticed smoke coming up from a register, which was a part of the old heating system, but which is not in use now. Realizing that something was wrong she hastened to notify the principal, Miss Ethel Reynolds, who went into the basement only to find great clouds of smoke pouring upward from somewhere around the base of the chimney.

She immediately returned to the first floor and sounded the fire alarm. By this time the other teachers had discovered the smoke and were already marching their students out of doors. Mrs. Bessie Maxwell Smith, teacher of the first grade on the first floor, saw the flames burst thru the floor and start licking their way up the partition toward the ceiling before she could get the children out of the room. However, there was very little confusion and within three minutes the building was cleared.

At first it was believed that the fire started from an overheated motor in one of the ventilators, but this theory was discarded when it was learned that the flames had gained such headway before being discovered. There was another report that soft coal which was being used in the heating plant had exploded, but the school authorities also discard this theory because of the fact that the janitor was working near the boilers at the time and heard nothing of any explosion.

Spread Very Rapidly
By the time the firemen reached the scene the flames were eating their way into the roof and many precious minutes were lost trying to find a vulnerable point. Apparently the flames travelled along between the partitions, and altho it was some time before they burst thru the roof, the firemen found themselves confronted with numerous outbreaks in various parts of the interior. Altho none of the firemen were hurt, several had narrow escapes as the ceilings fell unexpectedly. It was nearly an hour before the fire burst thru the roof near the central part of the structure and from that time on it spread to the other sections of the structure with amazing rapidity. The fire appeared to have started close to the big chimney in the center of the building. It was near this chimney that the flames first burst thru the roof and it was at that point where the firemen concentrated their efforts.

Water Pressure Low
The firemen were badly handicapped by the low water pressure which prevailed this morning. The cause of this has not been determined unless it was due to the fact that

Standing of A. C. A. A. Basket Ball				
Group I.				
Boys				
played won lost percent				
Alfred	3	3	0	1.000
Almond	4	2	2	.500
Andover	3	2	1	.666
Angelica	4	0	4	.000
Girls				
Andover	1	1	0	1.000
Wellsville	1	0	1	.000
Boys				
played won lost percent				
Group II.				
Belfast	4	2	2	.500
Bolivar	4	0	4	.000

"SPIRIT" WELL TO BE DRILLED DEEPER

L. D. Champlin, of Ceres, Has Let Contract to F. B. Lanphere.

L. D. Champlin of Ceres announces that he will drill his "spirit" well deeper, and believes he will strike oil or gas in paying quantities. The well is located on the Grady farm, Barden Brook, near Eldred, Pa., and the drilling contract has been let to Frank B. Lanphere, also of Ceres, who will begin the work as soon as possible.

As stated above, this is a "spirit" well. Mr. Champlin, who is a well known spiritualist, while attending a spiritualist meeting at Lily Dale, N. Y., told a medium, Mr. Murphy, that he had purchased a farm, on which he intended to drill for oil or gas. He asked the medium where to locate the first well. "You drill on the left bank of the creek," said the medium, "and you will find oil."

Taking the medium's advice, Mr. Champlin started drilling operations but failed to find either oil or gas in paying quantities after the drill had gone to a depth of 1776 feet. The "spirits" have told Mr. Champlin that he must drill deeper to find oil. He expects to drill the well to a depth of 2100 feet.

The casting is still in the well, but a new rig will have to be built before the drill can be started. The outcome of this "spirit" well will be watched with much interest by local oil men. — Bolivar Beeze.

FEWER DEER KILLED.

Marked Increase in Pheasants, Squirrels and Grouse Reported on Hunters' License Stubs.

Complete returns on game taken by New York State hunters during the season of 1920 just completed by the conservation commission show a very large increase over both 1918 and 1919 in the take of both grouse and pheasants. The bag of grouse in 1920 was more than double that of 1918, the figures running: 1918, 41,757; 1919, 48,711, and 1920, 83,141. The figures on pheasants were nearly as good showing in 1918: 35,855; in 1919, 46,249 and in 1920, 62,115. Grey squirrels were also taken in increasing numbers during each of the three years mounting from 115,013 in 1918 to 162,035 in 1920. More cottontail rabbits were taken in 1920 than in 1918, but not as many as in 1919, the figures for the three years being: 1918, 465,590; 1919, 562,736 and 1920, 508,252. The take of game of all varieties in 1919 was exceptionally heavy due in part to the fact that the winter was unusually mild and also to the fact that immediately after the war more hunters than usual were afield.

SURPRISE MRS. WARFIELD

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Lydia Warfield was happily surprised by way of a donation party, it being her 82nd birthday. Money, groceries and merchandise were brought by her relatives, neighbors and friends. Mrs. Warfield lives alone, and at her advanced age, the act was most heartily appreciated by the recipient.

There were so many streams drawing from the mains. It was nearly zero and this fact added considerably to the difficulty. The tons of water poured into the smoking building appeared to have no effect whatever. The spray which was blown over the firemen quickly froze, adding to their discomfort.

Is Serious Loss

The loss is in excess of 100,000, about half of which is covered by insurance. The building contained sixteen rooms and last summer a new heating and ventilating system was installed at a cost of nearly \$15,000. Until last summer only \$38,000 insurance was carried on the structure, but this amount was increased at that time to \$50,000.

The immediate problem confronting the Board of Education is to find a place in which school can be held until a new building is provided. It is impossible to determine the individual loss to the students. Some of them recovered their personal effects afterwards, but those on the second floor were not so fortunate.

The prompt action of the teachers in hurrying the children from the rooms is all that prevented several from losing their lives. The fire had such a start that the ceilings began to fall within a short time after the building was cleared.

G. E. BROWN

George Ethelbert Brown was born in the Town of Independence, N. Y. March 2, 1846, and died at his residence in this village, Jan. 29, 1923, of pneumonia. He was in his 77th year.

Mr. Brown was the son of Edmond E. and Mary Spicer Brown. His boyhood and youth were passed on his father's farm, known by all as "The Brown Farm."

Dec. 31, 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Jane Updyke, of Greenwood. They started their married life at West Union, farming and making cheese. To this union three children were born, Mrs. Lottie E. Brown Hann, Frank F. and Edmond E. Brown.

Mr. Brown came to the Village of Andover to live in 1876, purchasing the cheese business of Anson Brown, which he conducted two years, and sold the business to Snyder & Clark.

After retiring from the cheese business, Mr. Brown bought the grist mill of Robert Bundy, which he has conducted since, over forty years.

In 1876, with his wife, Mr. Brown joined the Andover Methodist Church of this village. Four years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Brown was a member of Andover Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., being one of their oldest members.

Besides the widow there are the three children, one sister and two brothers and numerous others who will mourn the loss of one who will be missed in the home circle and business life of the community.

Farewell services were conducted at the home on Hill Street, Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. A. D. Shepard of the Baptist Church, the Methodist pastor being ill at the time.

The body was tenderly laid at rest by the Masonic brothers in Hillside Cemetery.

"We cannot say, we will not say that he is dead. He's just away. With a pleasant halo and a wave of the hand, He has wandered away to an unknown land."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness during the illness and after the death of our loved one, for the flowers and Rev. A. D. Shepard, for the comforting words and especially are we grateful to the Rebekahs for their kindness at the noon hour, and all others who in any way lessened our sorrow.

Mrs. G. E. Brown,
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Hann,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown,
Edmond Brown.

CARD OF THANKS

For the many kind acts extended to us by neighbors and friends during the illness and burial of our mother, the undersigned desire to express their sincere appreciation. Especially to employees of the Andover Silk Company for the beautiful floral tribute are we grateful.

The William Hower Family.

FIRE AT GRANT SHERWOOD'S

A little after 4 o'clock Thursday the fire alarm sounded and almost with the dying notes of the siren the fire trucks were flying down Main Street loaded with fire fighters. The call came from the home of Grant Sherwood on Chestnut Street. The trouble was the burning out of a chimney which was quickly extinguished with little damage except from the smoke and work necessary to reach the flames.

WOULD HAVE HEALTH CENTER IN RURAL DISTRICTS

Bill to Be Introduced to Pro- vide the Country People With Hospitals.

Albany, Feb. 5. — Lack of medical attention in rural communities is to be brought sharply to the attention of the legislature by the state health department, which has been gathering data showing that the influx of rural residents to the cities is due in no small part to the fact that their lives are endangered by lack of proper medical attention.

In other years physicians have vigorously opposed rural health center legislation on the ground that it was "state medicine," and by laymen because of the increased taxes this legislation would entail. Dr. Matthias Nicoll Jr., deputy state health commissioner, believes, however, that the urgent reasons for adequate medical facilities in rural districts are weighty enough to brush this opposition aside.

"I think there can be no argument," he said, this morning. "That if a few hundred people cannot support the services of a physician, nevertheless they as residents of the state are entitled to medical services, and I am strongly of the belief that one of the important factors for the abandonment of the country in favor of medical facilities."

The health center bill which is shortly to be introduced would allow the establishment of small hospitals serving a limited community and which would provide laboratory facilities and nursing service. The cost of maintaining these hospitals would be carried partly from local appropriations, partly thru state aid and also from payment for services received by patients. It is provided that these latter shall be in proportion to their means. The appropriations would be spent almost entirely for actual medical service, as the administration cost would be very low.

During the past ten years or so there has been a decrease in rural physicians has continued at an alarming rate. In 2 strictly rural localities which in 1911 had 1010 practicing physicians there had become reduced in 1919 to 889. What is deemed especially significant is that of the number of physicians in practice only 26 were young men. In 1915 communities which had the service of physicians in 1915 there are none now and 31 other communities are served by physicians so well advanced in years that none of them had been practicing for less than 25 years.

MRS. HERMAN DEAN

Mrs. Mary Harrington Dean died at the home of her mother, in Wellsville, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6, following an illness of several months duration.

Deceased was the daughter of 1 and Mrs. John Harrington and was born in the Town of Wellsville, Jan. 19, 1891. She was married to Herman J. Dean of South Hill, Mass., 7, 1916, who survives with two daughters and one son.

Funeral services will be conducted at Immaculate Conception Church, Saturday, at 9 a. m. with burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

The pessimist is also a fellow who knows what ought to be done, but sure that it will not be done.

OUR CASH SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

3 Rolls Toilet Paper	25c
1 Large Can High Grade Milk	12c
2 Large Cans High Grade Milk	25c
2 Large Cans High Grade Corn	25c
1 Large Bottle Catsup 35c size	20c
High Grade Tomatoes	13c
Excellent Baking Powder 1/2 lb. can	10c
30 Cakes of Good Laundry Soap	\$1.00

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

The Parlor Grocery