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## Too Many Barnacles Feeding At the Public Crib

THE great mass of common people, collectively and individually, have been looking beseechingly to the officials of local, county, state and national government for a reduction in taxation, but instead of any reduction an advance is noticeable.

It has just occurred to us that we have been barking up the wrong tree when we expect an official in the pay of the government to bring about a reduction of taxes. The fact is apparent that the only sure and reasonable method by which we may hope to reduce taxes below the present high schedule is to reduce the number of officials holding down political jobs that return fat pay envelopes for every meagre—if any—service rendered. It is too much to expect a reduction in taxation forthcoming from such officials when it would mean reducing themselves out of lucrative salaries and out of the great political arena that creates such an over-abundance of official positions simply to keep the political fences in repair and to insure that the path to such political power is kept well lubricated. It is high time that the common public apply a little grease on the skids that lead to the way out.

Any ordinary business man knows that to be successful and keep adding to his account on the profit side of his ledger he must be careful and keep the overhead expense down to the lowest possible minimum. He does not put an excess number of clerks on his payroll and keep them there the year round unless he has absolute need of their services. Wherever it is possible to dispense with hired help he does not hesitate in applying the pruning knife to this department of his overhead.

Make an honest comparison between private and governmental business today; and you will cease to wonder why taxes keep mounting the millage scale. Pick out some ordinary business where no doubt the proprietor is handling every department himself from janitor up to the easy chair at the desk. He works hard, and often puts in long hours, but is not overworked, for he speeds up today when business is brisk and relaxes a little when the lull comes. He could use a helper an hour or two several days each week, but he doesn't put a steady employe on his payroll to increase his overhead and eat up his profits.

Elect this same man to county office and he would be given an assistant or two to help him take care of a set of books no more extensive than the set he handled in his own business. Send him to the legislature and he will be furnished a man to open the door each time he passes in or out and to care for his hat, coat and cane; provided with a private stenographer and a dozen other such luxuries that are all added into the bill of overhead and passed on for the taxpayers to settle and wonder if relief will ever come, while about the first and only thing accomplished by the legislator is the creation of another office or two to pass around to help keep him feeding at the luxurious public crib. And the higher up he is sent as an official ambassador of the people, the more there will be found of this great overhead excess.

No good citizen will complain about paying a just tax for the operation of our great government if expense be incurred thru the use of good and sound business judgment and principles that give to the public everything that is necessary to make our people the happiest, brightest, healthiest and most progressive as the leading nation of the world; but unless we place a curb upon some of the present political parties and prune out the barnacles clinging thereto, we can't hope for a reduction in taxes and must continue to dig up for the excessive overhead produced by political methods that no man would consider for a moment in applying to his own private business.

**ODD FELLOWS MEMORIAL**  
Allegany County Odd Fellows are to hold memorial services for the late President Harding, at the Odd Fellow Hall, Belmont, to-night at the regular lodge hour of Belmont lodge. Rev. J. H. Hayden, of Friendship, has been selected to deliver the address. All Odd Fellows in the county are invited and urged to attend these services.

**WOMAN TAKES POISON**  
Mrs. Ephraim Ribble, living on the David Hunt farm south of this village, attempted suicide last Monday night by drinking 1½ ounces of lye. A hurry call brought Dr. W. J. Grenville to the home where by strenuous efforts and a good stomach pump the woman's life was saved.

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on or before the 20th of each month and save discount.  
**EMPIRE GAS & FUEL CO. Ltd**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL**  
Notice is hereby given that the Assessors of the town of Andover, N. Y., have completed their assessment roll for the current year; that a copy thereof has been left with the undersigned, L. L. Bullard, at his residence on Dyke Street in the Village of Andover, N. Y., where it may be seen and examined by any person interested therein, until the third Tuesday in August next, assessors will meet at G. A. R. Hall in said town, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to such assessments, and the application of any person considering himself aggrieved thereby.

L. L. BULLARD  
W. G. DOWNER  
ELMER KAPLE  
Assessors

Dated 31st day of July 1923. 33  
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Union Suits ..... 98c  
Underwear (garment) ..... 38c  
Silk Socks ..... 75c  
Art Silk Socks ..... 45c  
Handkerchiefs ..... 5c  
Work Socks ..... 15c

## HATS

CAPS  
SHOES  
BLOUSES  
SHIRTS



## SUITS

\$5  
\$7  
\$9  
\$11

## for BOYS

Union Suits ..... 68c  
Ribbed Hose ..... 29c  
Sport Shirts ..... 89c  
Wash Suits ..... 98c  
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Khaki Trousers ..... \$1.19  
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## EASTERN STAR PICNIC.

The annual O. E. S. picnic of Anna W. McArthur Chapter will be held at Island Park, Wellsville, Friday, August 17. Dinner at 12:30. Bring dishes for your own family and guests, including one for ice cream, sandwiches and tureen.

If the weather is unfavorable they will meet in their own chapter rooms for dinner.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
I desire to announce to the Republican electors of Allegany County, that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Member of Assembly, for this county, subject to the decision of the primaries, to be held Sept. 18th.

CASSIUS CONGDON.  
West Clarksville, Aug. 2nd. 37

## TRESPASS

This bard and his fair Hannah spouse are living in a rented house and in the same will likely stick until they drop the price of brick. It takes a lot of Rural Rhymes to build a house in these hard times. The present price of lath and plaster would bring us debt and dire disaster. But I picked out a likely spot then hocked my shirt and bought a lot. I mowed the weeds and plowed around to use the same for garden ground. Alas the neighbors had a path which they still used despite my wrath. My ownership they never honored but kept on crossing catercornered. I posted then my bordered line and stuck there on a little sign. "O brothers, for the love of Mike, go on around and use the pike. O sisters, keep your dainty feet from off my carrots, chard and beet." They failed to read my gentle warning and every noon, night and morning, some cabbage plant in which I trusted was trodden down and crushed and busted, until at last I built a fence to turn the devastators thence. If now their march should fail to halt, I'll try a shot gun filled with salt. Yet I myself am like my neighbors and, at my play or at my labors, my heavy feet are apt to pound too often on forbidden ground. We're all so stubborn, mean and dense that God and man must set a fence to keep us in the narrow way which we should travel day by day. Yea even then some sinful game oft tempts us on to climb the same. Q brothers, for the love of Pete, be careful where you throw your feet.

BOB ADAMS

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of District Attorney of Allegany County, subject to the Republican Primary to be held September 18, 1923.

EARNEST C. HORNBERG

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WALTER N. RENWICK

Cuba, New York, July 11th, 1923.

## Cash Feed Store

We have rented rooms in the Cold Storage Block on Main Street, where we will always have in stock all kinds of

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## Why Boys Leave Home

The "lure of the city," as it is called, is not the bright lights, nor the jazz bands, nor the bustling crowds. No, it is none of these, as many have been led to suppose.

Boys leave the farms and the small towns because they want to live as city people live.

They want to get away from sun-to-sun drudgery, the boys do. They want conveniences, they want a little comfort, they want efficiency.

Put running water on the farm, that the load of labor may be lightened; put a bathroom in the home, that health and energy may be kept; put a sink in the kitchen, that happiness may prevail.

We live but once. So, let the family live well, and the city will lose some of its attractiveness.

Change the "lure of the city" to the lure of the country. The change can be made. And running water will go a long way in making the change—running water, with good plumbing and labor-saving, health-giving conveniences.

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