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LOYAL ADHERENTS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH AT REXVILLE HOLD A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

One Hundred and Fifty People who were Once Parishioners are now Located in and Around Buffalo. It was Decided to Hold the Next Reunion at Rexville Next Year.

The following very interesting story of a neighboring hamlet appeared in last week's Canisteo Times. It is so good that we know many of our readers will like it, so pass it on to them:

Where's Rexville? If you had dropped into the Georgian room at the Statler hotel on the night of the 21st of November, if you didn't learn the exact location of this important village in old Steuben, you would at least have been very much enlightened in regard to many things that have happened and are happening there, for on that evening was held a reunion of all the people in Buffalo who claimed, either thru themselves or their relatives, residence at one time or another in the St. Mary's Parish, Rexville, N. Y.

Without any question, the occasion was a great success. It has been figured out that about one hundred and twenty people from the old parish are living in Buffalo and, including several out of town guests over one hundred were in attendance at this reunion. Father John Carr, who was the chairman of the affair and the success of the occasion can be largely credited to his efforts.

The time was seven o'clock and shortly before, one familiar face after another came out of the crowd in the lobby and very soon the corridors on the first floor had a decidedly Rexville atmosphere. After about half an hour spent in greeting old friends and becoming acquainted with others, who are "Rexvillians" because their parents were, and there were a goodly number of them, too, the crowd gathered in the Georgian room where dinner was served. Father Carr welcomed all and expressed his happiness in seeing so many present. All were exceedingly sorry that Father Casey, who had been pastor in the old Rexville parish for so many years and who was and still is beloved by all Rexville people, could not be there. Father Carr read a telegram in which he expressed regret at not being able to be present and extended greetings to all his Rexville friends. A letter from Father Higinbotham was also read in which the same sentiments were expressed.

A voice from the Past
Father Carr then turned the affair over to Dr. Frank Lee, who acted as toastmaster, and all agreed he handled it very efficiently. It was altogether fitting that Dr. Lee called first of all upon Father Bloomer who had come all the way from Elmira to attend. Father Bloomer was pastor in the Rexville parish fifty-four years ago and that was even before the church was built there. He told us many things about the old days, which were then really pioneer days for our grand-parents and hardly seem possible looking at them from the viewpoint of today. Then it was the custom to walk barefoot to church carrying their shoes in their hands and putting them on before entering. Those were the days of ox teams and tallow candles. Somewhat different from today with the automobiles parked in front of the old church! Of especial interest was Father Bloomer's description of his first Sunday in Rexville when Mass couldn't be started until "Uncle Jimmie" arrived. Father Bloomer, very soon after took charge of a new parish in Elmira where he has been caring for his people ever since.

"Uncle Neil" O'Hargan, who with his daughter Agnes came from Detroit to be in attendance, brot many a hearty laugh telling about the old days when they gathered them in from the fences to be baptized and when in church it was all "kneeling and standing" and "no sit" to it.

Father Silke Spoke
Father Silke, who is the present pastor in Rexville, told us of the folk back home whose hearts are as warm as ever towards the ones who have gone from there and he assured us that if a future reunion were held in the old village the heartiest welcome would be accorded to all. Dr. Frank described Dr. Lee as the "first settler from Rexville" in

Erie county," told us he was so green when he arrived in Buffalo in 1889 that the horse on the horse cars tried to nibble at him, and how he had to hustle up and find a job before that \$4.50 was used up, but finally landed one at \$6.00 a week and was there at 6:30 the first morning so as not to lose it.

Mr. Will Carey, "the Caruso of Steuben county," sang for us and talked along the lines of "our old friends are the best friends."

Thrift and Hard Work
In introducing Father Lee, who was also one of the out of town guests, Dr. Lee, (his brother) said he recalled to his mind the days when Father Lee, down on the old farm, used to sit reading his morning paper, before his breakfast of bacon and eggs, with his electric toaster beside him, while he, Frank, went after the cows! Can't you picture it! Father reminded us that after all any success or prosperity that might have come to us was due to our good fathers and mothers who had set such examples of thrift and honesty and good hard work.

Mr. James Ward, told us how much he was enjoying the occasion and stated the wish that it might be made an annual affair.

Father Charles Maxwell expressed for us all the pride we feel in the old parish and how we have every reason to have it. The Hornell parish practically got its start from there; and the faith instilled in us by our parents is still alive and active due to their careful instruction and example and to them is due all we are and whatever we hope to be.

Dr. James Carr places all his success on Climax Stove Polish and conquering asthma. However, he too, did not forget the folks back home, those who have gone and those who are still there, and he hopes to see the next reunion held in the old village itself.

Mr. Matthew McCormick said he believed that one of the McCormicks who had lived longer in Rexville than he should represent the McCormicks.

Mr. Neil O'Hargan delighted all with the song, "There is a little mother waiting for her son to come back home."

Better Than Wealth
Dr. Neil Carr said none of us left Rexville poor. We all had the same good health and good faith and the same good faith and the same faculty for hard work that our parents had before us and those qualities cannot be valued in dollars and cents.

Miss Belle Harden came up from Rexville to be present and she told us how pleased the friends down there would be to see the reunion there next year.

Grace McCormick, Teresa King and Beatrice Conway all had a little to say, but we are all wondering yet just what Grace McCormick meant when she told about the way she felt.

Father Weismantle from Tonawanda, was left for the last. (You know how we keep the good things for the last?) He gave us impressions of Rexville from the eyes of an outsider and he didn't fail to tell how he had eyes but they saw not when he came to the Rexville "suburbs" of "Rough-and-Ready" and "Stove-pipe city."

Dr. Lee then turned the chair over to Father Carr and a motion was made and seconded that the next reunion be held in Rexville itself on the Sunday preceding Labor day of the next year and that it be in the nature of a basket picnic, each family taking enough food for their own meals and making the hall in the village, the headquarters where all will meet and make coffee and eat their meals and just have a good time generally.

Without any question, the whole affair was one of the most enjoyable of occasions and every one present was enthusiastic in making it an annual affair.

NOTICE
The accounts of Dr. W. J. Greenolds have been placed in my hands. Call at my office and obtain a settlement.

HENRY STEPHENS

NEW YORK FARMERS FEWER EACH YEAR

Grange Master Says 32,000 Have Left Farms. Foreigners Coming In.

Thousands of members of Grange lodges will be interested in the report of Albert Manning, Master of the New York State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in which he estimates that during the last year there has been a reduction of 32,000 farmers in this state alone. He also mentions there has been a heavy influx of foreign born into the agricultural sections, by either buying or renting farms.

The state order at the close of the year had a total membership of 140,394. Mr. Manning reported. During the year four new subordinate granges and 10 juvenile granges were organized, while all 53 Pomona, or county granges, were declared in splendid condition. New York is a leader in juvenile grange work, having 25 organizations and 586 members.

"The close of the last fiscal year showed a total membership in the state of 140,394," Mr. Manning states. "Notwithstanding the depressed condition of agriculture generally, that it is estimated 32,000 left farms of the state in the last year, that foreigners are renting and purchasing farms and that there first generation of the foreign born seldom join the grange, it is however, coming thru in excellent condition."

Halls Worth \$1,500,000

"Reports from county deputies so far received indicate a substantial gain in membership this year. Final reports have not been received from all granges in the state. Another encouraging indication is that 14 grange halls have been dedicated this year and several others waiting dedication. Value of halls in the state is estimated at \$1,500,000."

"The call on the State Grange for speakers at grange meetings is increasing; which indicates active interest in grange work. Two hundred assignments have been made by the state master the past year. This does not include the regular deputy's visits to granges in his county."

Mr. Manning's report closes with a review of farm co-operative work in the state and a summary of business by Farmers' & Traders' Life Insurance Company of Syracuse, which is a grange organization in large part.

Insurance Approved

The state granges profits from connection with the company during the year was \$2,083.15. The company has written \$2,500,000 in insurance in the 12 months' period, of which \$1,500,000 was in the state.

The National Grange Mutual Liability Company also has done an extensive business in the state, according to the report, in insuring grange members, who are drivers and owners of automobiles, against personal liability and property damage. The insurance was indorsed and recommended by the executive committee of the state order. It was established a short time ago.

The annual meeting of the State Grange will be held in Buffalo, February 5-10. Officers will be elected.

DANIEL BAILEY

Word came to Andover Monday, of the death of Daniel Bailey, president of the Brown and Bailey Condensed Milk Company, who own a large milk condensory plant in Andover. Mr. Bailey suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, passing away Saturday morning, at his home in Glenwood, N. Y.

Anyone who had the privilege of meeting this grand old man could not help loving him. He was the soul of honor and integrity, and his pleasant visits to Andover will be greatly missed.

To the Public:

On Sunday evening, December sixteenth the Order of the Red Triangle will conduct a Y. M. C. A. Service in the Presbyterian church, at 7:30 P. M. At this time a report of the Older Boys Conference held at Syracuse on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1st and 2nd, will be given by the seventeen boys of the county which attended.

This is a Union Church Service and all are invited to attend "All year brethren." Show your interest in the Young manhood of the village for your future happiness depends on them.

Very cordially,
U. R. WELCOME

1,576 NEW CONCERNS SAW LIGHT OF DAY

Corporations Formed to Produce Most Everything From Bird Cages to Pickles.

Albany, Dec. — Maybe, and it's just maybe, lower rents are in sight, for during the past month no less than 539 real estate companies incorporated in this state, but just which way this will work out remains a question. At any rate high rents or moderate, those who have enough left will be given greater selection in their clothes, for 58 more garment-making companies are in existence in this state than during October. A report of the corporation bureau covering November made by Secretary of State Hamilton, also shows that thus far this year something over one thousand more companies have incorporated than during a like period last year.

It's rather odd to note the unusual among the companies that have incorporated during the past month, ranging all the way from the one which will turn out bird cages and baby carriages to those who will produce fly screens, pickles, trouser presses or sausage casing, while one plans to furnish dresses for small women.

All told, 1,576 new concerns saw the light of day last month, there being 210 located in 44 counties outside of New York, leaving 1,366 to do business in the metropolis.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In Memory of Our Departed Sister, Lottie E. Hann, Who Died November 24th, 1923.

Again that unwelcome yet relentless visitor, death, hath entered the portals of our lodge room and summoned a dear sister to the beautiful home beyond. Her zealous work in the interests of our Order, and her life, laden with gentleness and kind deeds, will cause her name to be cherished in the affectionate memory of our lodge.

And whereas the all-wise Father hath called our sister to the New Jerusalem, were "happily" she hath heard the signal of her release on the bells of the Holy City, the "chimes of eternal peace," and she having been a faithful and ardent worker in the teaching of Friendship, Love and Truth, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Andover Rebekah Lodge, No. 303 in testimony of its loss, and to express its Rebekah love, be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender to the family of our deceased sister our sincere condolences.

"It seemeth such a little way to me, To that Strange Country, the Beyond."

And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be,

The home of those of whom we are so fond.

FANNIE BACKUS,
MYRTIE TROWBRIDGE,
EMMA CLAIR,

Committee.

UNION HOURS

This bard's a simple sway-backed man, wishful to learn where'er he can. The world is filled on every hand with things he does not understand. He sees the land in need of labor, yet each man leaves it to his neighbor. Why does the painter seem to tire, why does that potent pigment ployer, restrain his art, which all admire? Why does the builder drop his hammer and cease to function as a slammer? It's getting so I dare not stop within the barber's fragrant shop, lest, when the union hours are gone, I'll still have half my whiskers on. Why should the mason stay his licks when he has laid so many bricks? Why not work on till night is black and maybe finish up the shack? Then when his energy he's shown us, he should receive a goodly bonus. We've left behind the simple way, that so much work earned so much pay. The farmer is the only goof from regulated hours aloof, except that I still rise at night these Rural Rhymes to indite. To bring my weekly stint to pass I burn expensive midnight gas. When my pen hand is feeling wrighty, whence'er the Muse is moving mighty, I verify e'en in my nighty.

—BOB ADAMS.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation of the sympathy shown and our thanks for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. A. F. Smith,
Dr. and Mrs. Loughlen,
Mr. and Mrs. Guttinger,
Mrs. Ella Bundy.

SUPERVISORS MUST OBEY LAW IN RELATION TO PUBLICATION OF THEIR ANNUAL REPORT

This Was the Message Sent by State Comptroller Fleming in a General Letter to Boards of Supervisors. Attention Directed to Penalty for Neglect or Refusal.

In a general letter sent to all Clerks of the Board of Supervisors, State Comptroller James W. Fleming calls attention to certain duties of the Supervisors, Town Clerks and Town Boards which it has been found are not generally followed. The letter was to be read at the opening of the annual meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

The letter called attention to Section 92 of the Town Law relating to the duties of the Town Clerk as secretary of the Town Board which requires of him, if accounts are audited at any meeting a list of such claims must be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. It also cited Section 133 of the Town Law providing for the list or abstract of the audited claims for the year to be printed and distributed. Also, to Section 133-A of the Town Law requiring the Town Clerk to draw the warrant for payment of audited claims, without which the Supervisor is without authority to pay the claims.

Section 390 of the Public Health Law was mentioned requiring all payments to the local registrar, except fees for burial permits, be paid on the certificate of the State Commissioner of Health, and claims of physicians for reporting births and deaths, on certificate of the local registrar.

Supervisor's Duties

In the State Comptroller's letter, special mention was made of certain duties of the Supervisor which are not generally observed. To get this matter before the Supervisors of the state in a concrete manner, Section 98 of the Town Law was cited which provides for the publication in a newspaper in the town of the Supervisor's Annual Report. Also Section 11 of the County Law providing for the penalty if such reports are not published and further penalty provided by Section 184 of the Penal Code. The complete wording of this law is published in this column.

The letter then continues: "In examinations required to be made by article 3 of the General Municipal Law, it has been found in many provisions of law have not been observed, and therefore, THE TAXPAYERS HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF INFORMATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED AND THE TOWN OFFICIALS HAVE MADE THEMSELVES LIABLE TO PENALTIES AND PUNISHMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE AGGRIEVED TAXPAYER WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO OBEY THE LAW. I am addressing this letter to you, and requesting you to read it at the next meeting of the board of supervisors of your county, for the information of the members of the board who may require it."

"The only way to escape criticism and personal liability is to follow statutory provisions strictly, and it is my earnest desire that town officials appreciate their statutory responsibilities fully and to aid them when it is consistent for me to do so."

NEGLECT GENERAL

It has been known for several years that the law was mandatory providing for the publication of the Supervisor's Annual Report, and likewise of the Highway, Bridge and Miscellaneous Fund Report. Yet the neglect to make the publications directed by law is general. Only a few counties have the Supervisor had these reports published. When supervisor's attention has been called to the publication of the report, of-times, he has claimed that the Town Board would not sanction the publication. Thus, as Comptroller Fleming has aptly said "the Taxpayers have been deprived of information to which they are entitled and the Town Officials have made themselves liable to penalties and punishment at the hands of the aggrieved taxpayer which may be imposed for failure to observe the law."

However, under the law as quoted below, a Supervisor is liable to forfeit to the town of \$250.00 if he does not publish his report annual and further punishment under the Penal Code. It is also apparent that any member of the Town Board who expose the publication of the reports as commanded to do by law is liable to action under the Penal Code. Any taxpayer can start a action.

The law in reference to the matter is given below:

SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TOWN LAW; Section 98. Subdivision.

The supervisor of each town shall on the Tuesday preceding the biennial town meeting and on the corresponding date in each alternate year, account with the justice of the peace and town clerk of the town for the disbursements of all moneys received by him, including the highway moneys received and disbursed by him as provided in the highway law, and a copy of such account shall thereupon be filed in the office of the town clerk, and attached thereto a made a part thereof shall be a certificate or certificates of the balance where the moneys of such town deposited showing the amount such moneys on deposit with a bank. The town board shall cause a certified copy of the report to be published in a newspaper published in the town, or if there be none published therein, then in a newspaper published within the county having the greatest circulation within the town. If the biennial town meeting in any town is held at the time of general election, such account shall be rendered on the 28th day of December in each year, or on the preceding when such day falls Sunday.

HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND MISCELLANEOUS FUND REPORT

The wording of this law is similar to the above. It is found in Section 107, subdivision 5 of the Highway Law to which you are referred.

PENALTY

COUNTY LAW—Section 11, subdivision 3.

If any supervisor shall refuse to comply with the provisions of the law, he shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$250.00.

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