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COUNTY POLITICS.

Any politician will be able to prove almost anything to suit his fancy from the figures reflecting the present political complexion of the county, which are presented on another page.

It is assumed that the enrollment expresses a forecast of the next vote, that vote should stand about as follows: Democratic, 1866; Republican, 2251, Progressive, 1276; the latter figures being taken from the Progressive vote for governor.

But just here comes in an element to which little attention has been paid, the vote which will not affiliate and which did not vote the Progressive ticket in the last election, the ultimate independent vote of the county.

There are 353 of these voters and under the present conditions they have the final say in the elections of the county. At the last election they unanimously voted the Democratic ticket and there is no reason to think that in the future they will vote otherwise.

Another point worth noting is that the Democrats increased their enrollment by 81 in the face of a hot Progressive fight, while the Republicans lost 489 voters from their enrollment. With an aggressive third party in the field, the prospects for continued Democratic supremacy are very bright.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

The situation in Mexico is exasperating to every patriotic American. Committed by the Monroe doctrine to the preservation of order on the two American continents, at least where foreign interests are threatened, we have to sit by and see our own and foreign investments in Mexico jeopardized, the lives of our citizens imperiled and the members of a constitutional government murdered in cold blood, by a people who hate us, and we are powerless to prevent these outrages against civilization.

The course adopted by the President of preparing for eventualities while not actually intervening is, of course, the wise course to pursue. The last thing the American people want is a war with Mexico, but unless some leader arises strong enough to preserve order and protect life and property, the time will come when the United States will be forced to intervene with its army, in the interests of humanity.

UP TO THE GRANGES.

A little more activity on the part of the granges in connection with the Lewis County Farm Improvement Association, organized to act as a sort of official go-father to a Farm Bureau, would greatly facilitate the organization of the latter.

LYONS FALLS

Mrs. M. K. Harris is spending the week with her parents at New Berlin. Mrs. Howard Shaver is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Webbs of Watertown. Alexander Hess is for a few days the guest of Mrs. Jay Satterley, his granddaughter.

Mrs. Lydia Upright is slowly recovering from an attack of the grip. Miss Marion Hess reopened her school in the Bush district Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Gould, went to Lowville last Friday evening to attend a dinner party given by Mrs. L. S. Miller.

Mrs. Charles Bostwick and daughter, Mary, recently spent a few days in Lowville. Miss Altsie Potter is in Watertown caring for her sister, Mrs. Wilson, who is ill.

Miss Eva Campbell, a teacher in the high school here, has resigned her position, much to the regret of her many friends. She goes to Tivolt, where she will teach in a graded school. She has the best wishes of all those who know her in this vicinity.

Misses Bessie Reed and Elizabeth Hilligas spent Thursday in Lowville. Mrs. Sheldon visited her sister, Mrs. O'Connor, at Lowville, who is ill, last Thursday.

Mrs. Lewis Northrup and daughter Thelma spent Thursday in Boonville. Mrs. Ida Kistler of Carthage, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. N. Beck, of this place.

H. J. Markham visited friends in Lowville last week. Mrs. Catherine Smith and family of Port Leyden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ryan.

James Lyman spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in this village. Carl Kidder of Constableville, died Sunday morning at the Harris House, in this village. He came here Saturday and was taken ill, going to the Harris House, where he soon became unconscious. Two physicians were called to attend him, but he died early Sunday morning without recovering consciousness.

Apoplexy was the cause of his death. He was 28 years of age and leaves a wife and four small children. Mr. Kidder had been in ill health for two weeks but apparently was some better. He had come to Lyons Falls, to unload a car for John O'Shea, by whom he was employed at Constableville. He was a young man well known and well liked in his home town and the bereaved wife has the sympathy of all.

Emmett Golligly of Iilon was in town last week. A large number from here enjoyed a straw ride to Turin last Wednesday evening, where they attended the dancing school taught by Prof. Lascher. Those who filled the sleigh were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Northrup, Miss Helen Fairchild, Miss Grace Carvin, Miss Lena Skinner, Florence Gaylord, Willard Hartness, Glenn Northrup, Herman Wooschlagler and Clarence Norton. All report a pleasant time.

WEST LEYDEN.

The spelling contest between the 11 districts of the town of Lewis, was held at West Leyden in the grange hall, Friday afternoon. The teachers with their pupils met at the village school where they were received by Miss Traxel and Miss Tine, after which they went in a body to the hall, where the contest took place. The large hall was crowded to its full capacity by parents and friends of the children in the contest, and great interest and enthusiasm was shown in the event. Miss Edna Schmoker favored the gathering with a fine vocal solo and responded to an encore, after which Prof. Grubel, of the Boonville Training Class, pronounced the words to the contestants in a very able and satisfactory manner. The contest was spirited and hard fought, lasting nearly two hours, and resulted in a draw between school districts No. 3, Raymond Beha, teacher, and No. 5, Elsie Grubel, teacher; No. 6, Ethel M. Trainor, teacher. Superintendent Trainor presented each of the winning schools with a championship banner to hold at their respective schools until the draw is broken in some future contest, and some school carries off the championship banner. Much credit is due the pupils, the teachers and the parents for the excellent showing made. The committee in charge consisted of the following teachers: Miss Mary E. Traxel, chairman; Miss Clara Tine, Miss Ethel M. Trainor, Miss Elsie M. Grubel, Miss Elsie M. Pohl, Miss Eloyse M. Marcy, Raymond Beha, Eugene Kotary, and Superintendent Winfield Trainor.

Notice of A Highway Meeting of Lewis County.

The county highway meeting of town officers of Lewis county will be held at the court house, in the village of Lowville, on Wednesday, March 5, at 2 p. m.

Section 47, subdivision 10, of the highway law provides that the town superintendents shall attend such meetings, and it is requested that all town officers attend.

It is thought that a question box might add interest to the meeting. Therefore I would suggest that everybody, both ladies and gentlemen, who are interested in the highways of Lewis county, come and come prepared to ask questions and discuss subjects of general or local interest.

Dated at Croghan, N. Y., this 17th day of February, 1913.

C. E. PUTMAN, County Supt. of Highways.

TURIN

Turin Wins Again. Another week has passed, and again the Blue Sox have come out on top. Saturday evening they were up against a bunch that called themselves the Remington Arms team. My, what a Port Leyden settlement there must be in Iilon. One face was familiar to all; that of "Sunny Jim" Doud, who will be remembered as playing on the Blue Sox last season. The Iilon team started in as if they thought that all they had to do was to rough the locals a little and that they would have them climbing trees. Nay! Nay! Pauline! The fates did not have it written thus on the sands of life. The Blue Sox got started at once and went through that Iilon bunch just like the "Millionaire Kid" through a bank account. Honest, Hortense, there was nothing to it. Roberts and Smith led in the scoring with 10 points apiece. Smith made one of the first half a la Toby Matthews. One of those shots made with a thumb and a little finger. Captain Manning, as usual—that's all. Readers kindly look up account of last game, 8 points to his credit. The work of Stone and Hoskins in the back field was fine from start to finish. Wraps started for the visitors.

The score when "Doo" called time was Blue Sox, 30; Iilon, 17.

Friends in this village were shocked and grieved in hearing of the sudden death of Carl Kidder of Constableville, which occurred at Lyons Falls, last Sunday morning. Mr. Kidder was born Feb. 28, 1885, and was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. LaPayette Kidder, of this place and had spent all his life here until his marriage with Miss Nellie Newhart about seven years ago. Since that time he has been employed at O'Shea's hardware store at Constableville, in whose interest he was making a business trip to Lyons Falls when suddenly stricken with the fatal disease of apoplexy. Mr. Kidder was educated at Turin union school and has a host of friends who deeply sympathize with the stricken family in their sad bereavement.

A pleasant evening was spent by a large company at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Kentner on Thursday. Cards were enjoyed and a tempting luncheon served by the visitors.

Members of Turin Lodge, F. & A. M., are making arrangements for a dancing party to be given on Friday evening, March 28th. A capable committee has been appointed to make preparations for what will be a social feature of interest, for which the lodge room will be opened. Supper will be served in the banquet hall and dancing will be enjoyed at Music hall for which Jackson's orchestra of Boonville, will furnish music.

A meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held at the home of Miss Grace Shepard, Friday, Feb. 28th. The mite boxes will be opened at this meeting and a dinner will be served at noon. A good attendance is desired.

Ivan R. Budd of Lyons Falls was in town Monday. Yves Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, in this village.

Miss Mary Roberts is spending some time with relatives at West Leyden.

Ernest H. Roberts and Donald E. Stone of Hamilton college, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Roberts.

A most delightful evening was spent at the Masonic banquet hall last Friday evening by the members of Dirigo Chapter, O. E. S., and their families. Games, old and new, were enjoyed by the "whole family." Most tempting luncheons were brought by the ladies in boxes and drawn by numbers by the gentlemen. The committee of arrangements were Mrs. De Etta M. Kentner, Mrs. Sarah Burr, Mrs. Emma Cornish, and Mr. Willis Burr.

Clarence Strong has returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., and last week he underwent an operation at Faxon Hospital, Utica.

The school at Deweyville opened this week with Miss Marion Hess as teacher.

Miss Ethel Evans has been entertaining her cousin, Miss Cecile Roberts of Lowville. Miss Roberts will also visit other relatives while in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Millard and daughter, Miss Anna Mae Millard, who have been visiting relatives in this section, have returned to their home in Utica.

Richard Manning spent Sunday with his family in this village. Mr. Manning is contemplating moving to Little Falls, where he is employed as foreman for the telephone company.

Mrs. Charles Pearsons of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Gsell.

Miss Flora Beryl Potter and Miss Alice Dickinson, who are attending school at Lowville Academy, were home for over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Miller has returned from Rochester, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Olivia Wemple for several weeks.

Mrs. Frances Dewey is receiving congratulations on having passed her 95th birthday on Feb. 22nd.

Miss Elizabeth Williams and niece, Miss Margaret Watson, are making an extended visit among relatives in Shenectady, Rochester and Utica.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rea Cornish entertained a company of friends at dinner on Thursday evening.

Nelson Clark and Mrs. Sarah Aldrich of Constableville called on Mrs. VanKoughnet last Friday. The condition of Mr. VanKoughnet does not improve.

GREIG

Surprise Party. Mrs. Ella Brown was the victim of a pleasant surprise last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Brown had been invited to take tea with a friend and upon returning home in the early evening, found the house filled with friends who had entered unbidden during her absence. The hours were pleasantly passed with music and conversation and delicious refreshments were served. Much credit is due to Miss May Claffy, who planned the affair. Mrs. Brown has many friends here who, while they regret her departure from our midst, wish her much happiness in her new home.

Successful Social. Grange hall was the scene of a pleasant gathering Thursday evening, when more than 100 assembled at the night cap social. The following program was very nicely presented: Instrumental duet, Misses Edythe Norton and Florence Bradish; recitation, "Parcel Post," Ceila Seymour; recitation, "How Sally Helped," Eva Miller; instrumental duet, Misses Edith and Ethel Brown; recitation, "Now is the Time," Marion Seymour; song, "Down by the Old Mill Stream," Lillian Smith; recitation, Miss Esther Lonas. Then followed a bean bag contest in which ten ladies with Mrs. Arthur Burdick as captain were on one side, while ten gentlemen whose captain was Carl Brown, took the opposite side. The judges, Charles McConnell and F. E. Wormwood, decided in favor of the gentlemen, who were treated to popcorn balls, which they very generously shared with their lady opponents. A grocery contest followed in which Miss Gertrude Budd was the winner of the first prize and Col. Jacob VanWoert the consolation prize. In the corn guessing contest Arthur Burdick was the successful guesser and the consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Ella Brown and Miss Katie Beas. After these exercises each gentleman purchased and donned his cap, which without exception were very becoming, then sought and found his partner for supper, and all did justice to the well filled tables. The sum of \$25.55 was realized and the M. E. society wish to thank all who in any way contributed to the evening's success.

C. D. Brown of Talcottville was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Maurice Buckley and daughter Hilda returned home last week from a pleasant visit with friends in Carthage.

Ernest Harrison and "Mac" McKee of Lowville spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison.

Wm. Lonas of Lowville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lonas.

Rev. Fred E. Hartley will speak in the M. E. church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blade have purchased of Lawrence Beck his house in Greig, and will take immediate possession.

The regular meeting of the Greig grange will be held Saturday evening, March 1st. The first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of 16, one of whom, a lady, is reported to be 91 years of age. A large attendance of members is desired.

Ellis Claffy spent Thursday in Lowville.

MRS. M. Y. HILLS, Cor.

WEST GLENFIELD.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Mealus are entertaining Wilson Mackley, Miss Mae Hinckley and Miss Grace Craig of Utica.

Arthur Nye had a very narrow escape from drowning while working on the ice Monday afternoon. Mr. Nye was riding on the shute on the ice, when he lost his balance and fell backwards into the river, with his feet on the edge of the chute and his head and shoulders under water. Mr. Frank Hall and Alonzo Cronk succeeded in getting him out of the river with the aid of a pike pole.

Alton, the 9 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Reed, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Fred P. Hartley was called to Iilon this week by the serious illness of her granddaughter, Miss Anita Griffith.

Mrs. Charles Johnson and daughter, Miss Clara, visited Mrs. Aaron Williams at Crystaldale, one day this week.

D. J. Burdick is spending the week with E. R. Owen and family.

Miss Clara Johnson, who has been employed at the Burdick House the past four years, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, and expects to return to her place of employment about March 1st.

Mrs. Henry Brill and two sons, Milton and Garfield, have returned to their home in Watertown, after spending several days with the former's sister, Mrs. Michael Norton.

Mrs. Esther Burr and Mrs. Flora Sweet were guests at Mrs. Fred Blair's one day last week.

Frank Bates was a recent guest of Charles Johnston and family.

About 25 teams are drawing ice from different places along the river near here. Sixteen teams are drawing to the milk station, while the others are filling ice houses for the families about town. The ice seems to be of fair thickness, but rather poor in quality, as it breaks and crumbles to quite an extent.

Leon Hartley, who has been suffering with blood poisoning in his hand the past four weeks, is still unable to assume his duties in the milk station.

BEAVER FALLS

John Sauer. John Sauer, for many years a resident of this village, passed away at the City Hospital in Watertown, Saturday, the 23rd, after a serious operation for what proved to be cancer of the stomach. He had been in poor health for about a year. He was born in New York city in 1853; he, with his parents came to Belfort when he was ten years of age, he then removed to Beaver Falls, where he has since resided. He is survived by his wife, Annie Weyenth Sauer, and one son by a former marriage, John N. Sauer, of Forest City, four grand-children, and four brothers, Christopher, of Croghan, Peter of Carthage, Fred of Beaver Falls, and Adam of New Bremen. The funeral services were held Wednesday at 12 o'clock at the Evangelical church. Interment in Riverside Cemetery.

Wedding bells are ringing in Beaver Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fetterly of Fishers Landing visited Fred and Ernest Tafel and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Just and family recently.

George Darring moved his house hold goods to Lowville last week, where he has employment in the PaPro plant.

Mrs. S. A. Fredenburg, who has been visiting her son, Bert Fredenburg and family at Rome, has returned home.

Mrs. Howard J. LeFevre spent a few days at Syracuse last week.

Rev. E. L. Shepard gave a very interesting and helpful discourse Sunday evening in the Methodist church on "George Washington."

Miss Elizabeth VanNess of Carthage is spending a few days with friends in town.

Harry S. Lewis made a business trip to New York last week.

Mrs. William Ebersol spent Thursday in Lowville.

Ernest Helmigler called on friends in Lowville Saturday.

Charles Shepard, who has been ill the past week, is able to be about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusty of Shelburn Falls, Mass., are visiting relatives here.

Ernest Hoffert spent a couple of days in Carthage last week.

Messrs. George Bardo, Fred Schorge and J. Schorge attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Wisner at Carthage Thursday.

John B. Jones and Fred M. Odell of Lowville were in town Friday.

Eugene Widmeyer, who was injured while working for the J. P. Lewis Company some time ago, has been suffering from blood poisoning, but he is rapidly recovering.

Rev. E. L. Shepard spent Thursday in Astorland.

Miss Vera I. Bush of Lowville was the guest of Mrs. H. D. Cornwall the past week.

Mrs. Harry S. Lewis and Mrs. H. D. Cornwall have returned from Syracuse, where they have been spending the past week.

Mrs. Nettie Watson and Miss Hazel Watson are spending some time with friends in Syracuse.

The ice harvesters are busy filling their ice houses for the coming season.

The twelve new houses which the J. P. Lewis Company have recently erected are completed and one of them is occupied by F. E. Styles and family.

Several young people from this village enjoyed a strawride to the home of George Holmes at Castofoand on Thursday evening of last week, where a donation was held for Rev. E. L. Shepard, pastor of the M. E. church of this village. The receipts of the evening were \$120.

The Junior League held a social in the church parlors Saturday evening in honor of Washington's birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, music and choice refreshments were served.

Mrs. Francis Lamont, elocutionist and impersonator, will give an entertainment in the Methodist church Friday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Mrs. Harry S. Lewis will render a vocal solo and a mixed orchestra will render two numbers on the program. A fine program is assured. The public is cordially invited.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Philander Smith was the scene of gayety Saturday evening, the occasion being a surprise to Mrs. Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. During the evening games were played and choice refreshments were served, after which a token of love and esteem was presented to Mrs. Perry. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Scheer and son Norman, Charles Widmeyer, Dr. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Darring, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heimilger, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bardo, and son Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hirschey, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Widmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cougler, Mrs. Edward LaMourney, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lynch and daughter Pauline, Mrs. John O'Rourke, Rudolph Richner, Mrs. Thomas White, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers and children, Miss Elizabeth Van Ness.

As Simon Lehman was drawing ice on Beaver River with a valuable team of young horses last Wednesday afternoon, the ice suddenly gave way and the loaded sleighs and team went into the river. Several men came to the rescue and after a desperate struggle the horses were gotten out safe and sound, but badly chilled.

PEARL CLOSS, Cor.

CONSTABLEVILLE

Carl Kidder. The sudden death of Carl Kidder has cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Kidder had not been in his usual health for the past two weeks, suffering with pains in his head, but had so far recovered as to be able to return to his work in the hardware store of John O'Shea. Saturday morning he left for Lyons Falls, and upon reaching there went into the hotel and requested that someone put out his horse as he was feeling very sick, and asked for a bed, but became unconscious before he could be taken there. He remained in that condition until he died. Medical aid was summoned and it was decided that he had suffered a hemorrhage of the brain. His wife and parents were soon at his bedside, but all that loving hands and medical skill could do were of no avail. He passed away at 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Kidder was a son of LaPayette and Matilda Filkins Kidder, and was born in Turin Jan., 1885. His early life was spent in Turin. December 31, 1908, he married Miss Nellie Newhart, of this village, and came to Constableville to reside, entering the employ of Mr. O'Shea, where he remained until the time of his death. He was a man of quiet manners and who dearly loved his home. He was a member of Turin Lodge, F. & A. M. His death is a severe blow to his loving wife and her four little children, Mark and Marjorie, who are twins, aged 5; Phyllis, 4, and John 3. He also leaves his parents and one brother, Andrus Kidder, of Albany. To these bereaved ones the heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended. The funeral was held from his late home in this village, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

St. Paul's Church. Rev. Harry Beal, Rector.

Morning prayer with holy communion next Sunday at 10:30.

Service every Thursday evening in Lent at 7:30, followed by choir rehearsal.

The Woman's Auxiliary have finished their work on a box to be sent away and will now meet Thursday afternoons during the remainder of Lent for mission study. The course will be on Japan and will be conducted by the rector. The first meeting will be held Thursday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. B. C. Thompson.

Rev. Mr. Beal attended the Rural and Village Church Conference in Utica last week.

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