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## RECEPTION TO ERWIN BRUSS HELD MONDAY EVENING.

On the evening of December 29, the Petersen-Angove Post of the American Legion tendered a reception to Erwin Bruss, who recently returned home on a short furlough. Mr. Bruss was wounded in France in July, 1918, and has been in a hospital unable to leave until recently.

About forty members of the Post were on hand to welcome him. The first part of the evening was spent in a regular business meeting. After the meeting was adjourned a sumptuous banquet was tendered Mr. Bruss. Everyone did full justice to the banquet, after which Bartlett Coss, president of the Post, called on several members for short accounts of their various experiences.

Dr. H. S. Campbell who was called on first, gave a lengthy discussion of his work in the Medical Corps. He related the procedure through which a wounded man must pass before he at last reached a base hospital and eventually home. His talk was very interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Harold Davis gave an interesting talk on his work in the Ordnance Department, and the hardships through which he passed.

Henry Merow gave a short talk on his work with the repair gang and how they fixed "Lizzies" in the army.

Several representatives of the Navy were called upon to give talks but they all seemed to be reticent in explaining the intricacies of the Navy.

Mr. Bruss was called on to give a short talk and told how he was wounded by shrapnel and taken to a first aid station. He also gave a good account of how he was taken to Paris and eventually sent back to the United States. His talk was very interesting and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone present.

After Mr. Bruss finished speaking Mr. Coss called on Mr. Fred Johnson, who attended the banquet as a representative of the citizens of Cattaraugus. He gave a very interesting talk and said that he was present at the banquet for a specific purpose. He presented Mr. Bruss with a purse of two hundred and forty dollars. His words in regards to the purse were as follows:

"Mr. Bruss, I don't want you to regard this gift solely for its intrinsic value, although it is not slight, but more for the spirit in which it is given by the people of Cattaraugus for your valiant services in the war."

After Mr. Johnson's speech Mr. Bruss thanked the donors for the purse and the Legion for the reception and said that shortly he hoped to make his home here in Cattaraugus once more.

After his final words Mr. Coss brought the meeting to a close and everyone went home voting the reception a huge success.

The Legion is to be complimented on the banquet as it was made a success entirely through the efforts of the Legion men, the K. P.'s having full sway in the kitchen, ably assisted by several waiters.

## MRS. JACOB RUSH

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Rush of Otto was held Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Hout at Little Valley. The Eastern Star Chapter of Otto of which the deceased was a charter member and Past Matron assisted at the services. Rev. Rosell of the M. E. church of Little Valley officiated. Interment was in Little Valley cemetery.

Mrs. Rush is survived by her husband, Jacob Rush of Otto, two sons, Marsh and Charles, and one daughter, Mrs. Bert Hout.

## ELLCOTTVILLE H. S.

TEAM TO PLAY HERE  
The basket ball team of the Ellicottville high school will play at Cattaraugus this Saturday evening, January 3rd. The game will be called at 8:00 o'clock and will be played in Setter Hall. These two teams played at Ellicottville last Saturday night. The score was 17-16 in favor of the Ellicottville team.

## "BEHIND THE SCENES"

Mary Pickford's photoplay "Behind the Scenes" will be presented at the Palace Theatre tonight and Saturday. "Behind the Scenes" is a delightful peep into the mazes of theatrical life from the other side of the footlights. by Margaret Mayo.

"Baby Mine" and other successes. The author's charming touches and entrancing glimpses into the world of make-believe are accentuated by the delightful personality of the little star, who interprets every situation with artistry.

The story is dramatic, softened by many humorous flashes, and heightened by an intense romantic interest. The two greatest prizes in life—love and personal success—are pitted against each other, and the little actress is forced to make a choice between the man she loves and the work to which she has devoted her life. How that decision is made, and her supreme sacrifice in abandoning her career and accepting the quiet life offered her in exchange for her artistic success, are engrossingly portrayed.

Supported by an unusually capable cast, Mary Pickford in "Behind the Scenes" renders one of the best characterizations of her career.

The interest of the spectator is never permitted to be diverted from the screen, and the many tender touches are so arranged as to furnish a production of unusual balance.

## CATTARAUGUS LODGE

ELECTED OFFICERS  
The following officers for Cattaraugus Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., were elected Tuesday.

Noble Grand, S. G. Grannis.  
Vice Grand, Harry Johnston.  
Rec. Sec., Archie Wilder.  
Fin. Sec., W. O. Marvin.  
Treasurer, Otis Stating.  
Trustee for three years, L. A. Babcock.

The installation of officers will be held some time in January.

## SIMMONS—RITTER

Married at the Wesleyan parsonage December 23, 1919, Mr. Clarence L. Simmons and Miss Christina W. Ritter, both of this place. They left for a short wedding trip, after which they will be at home to their friends. They will reside in Cattaraugus.

Christmas presents for everyone. Join the Christmas Club. Bank of Cattaraugus.

## TO THE PETERSEN-ANGOVE POST.

Please accept my thanks for the reception and banquet given in my honor on Monday last. The hearty welcome shown was highly appreciated.

Pvt. Erwin A. Bruss.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Bank of Cattaraugus  
A meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Cattaraugus for the purpose of electing directors and inspectors of election for the ensuing year will be held at the Bank building on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920. Polls will be open from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock p. m.

H. C. Rich, President.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerwitz wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance in the burial of their son Merrill, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Get married in the Yuletide season. Join the Christmas Club. Bank of Cattaraugus.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

Bank of South Dayton  
A meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of South Dayton, for the purpose of electing directors and inspectors of election for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank building on Monday, January 19, 1920. Polls will be open from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock p. m.

F. S. PEEK, President.

Every woman needs money for Christmas. Join the Christmas Club. Bank of Cattaraugus.

## It Rained Cats.

At a fashionable church wedding recently everything was proceeding in quiet solemnity when suddenly there was a snarl and a jump and two cats fell on the minister's head from the balcony above. I don't think anybody remembers just how the ceremony was concluded, for even the minister joined in the laugh that followed.—Exchange.

Get your sweetheart a REAL Christmas present. Join the Christmas Club. Bank of Cattaraugus.

## HORTON C. MILKS ELECTED ASSISTANT

At a meeting of the directors of the Livingston County Trust Company held last Thursday, Horton C. Milks was appointed assistant secretary to assist the secretary, P. C. Euchner in handling the business of the institution. Mr. Milks has been in the employ of the Trust company since last April.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Milks have made many friends since they came to Geneseo. His promotion to such an important position is a source of satisfaction to their friends, and the directors have made an excellent choice in his selection.—The Livingston Republican, Geneseo, Dec. 25.

## WORLD TEMPERANCE FUND.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is sending Miss Christine Tining, one of its national lecturers to China for a stay of two years to push the World Prohibition Campaign. The organization hopes to provide a fund of \$300,000 for foreign use in connection with anti liquor fight. The situation in China is particularly interesting to the American temperance organizations because of the exportation to the far east of large quantities of brewers and distillers' equipment and machinery no longer in use in the United States. There is abundant evidence that American interests are planning the construction of hugh plants for the manufacture of alcoholic drinks in both China and Japan. The transfer of machinery began as long as a year ago and has been growing in volume recently. Help the Jubilee Fund. Those who have already pledged know that on January 1st another payment is to be made—take your dollars to the local key woman, and do not wait for her to call for it. Fourteen states have reached their Golden Jubilee Goal. Let us work that New York may be number fifteen.

The Jennie C. Oakes Union is planning for a grand public meeting on January 16th, "Victory Day."

## GOOD SHOWING FOR SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A recent state inspection of Cattaraugus County by one of the inspectors from the State Bureau of Weights and Measures shows that 96 percent of the commercial scales used in Cattaraugus County were giving correct weight. Furthermore, 100 percent of the weights, 98 percent of the measures, and 87 percent of the package goods done up and about to be delivered were found to be correct. These percentages show that there is a decided improvement in the weights and measures conditions in Cattaraugus County as against the conditions which existed a few years ago. A large amount of credit should be given to Mr. E. G. Billings, who is the County Sealer of Weights and Measures, and whose cooperation is commended by the State Bureau of Weights and Measures.

All commercial scales and measures used in this state are inspected at least twice annually, but this does not insure their being properly used. Therefore, the public must cooperate with the weights and measures officials if better trade conditions are desired. Too much consideration cannot be given the importance of weights and measures work, especially during these particularly strenuous times. While the public in general, profess to be very much concerned regarding the amount they received for their money, investigations made during the last year, under the direction of W. T. White, Director of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, showed that the general purchasing public are very careless. In most cases buyers do not check up their purchases in any way to ascertain whether or not a mistake has been made. A great many purchasers do not trouble themselves to even watch the scales at the store while their purchases are being weighed, and it is only natural to assume that they do not reweigh them at home on a set of household scales without which no kitchen equipment is complete. For every dollar spent the consumer is entitled to receive one hundred cent's worth, and the State Bureau of Weights and Measures is intensely interested in seeing that they do receive full weight or value, which is the same thing.

When any person has a reason to believe that they are being short-weighted, they should complain to their local Sealer of Weights and Measures or Commissioner Eugene H. Porter, Division of Foods and Markets, Albany, N. Y. All com-

plaints will receive immediate attention and where the circumstances warrant it, prosecutions will be made.

## TO CATTARAUGUS CITIZENS.

I wish to thank the people of Cattaraugus for their so generous gift presented me by Mr. Johnson at a reception and banquet given in my honor by the Petersen-Angove Post of the American Legion. The gift and the spirit in which it was given is very highly appreciated. May the New Year bring happiness and prosperity to the people of Cattaraugus.  
Pvt. Erwin A. Bruss.

## CELEBRATED FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Marion J. Rich and wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Little Valley Tuesday. Mr. Rich has been for 43 years a prominent citizen of Little Valley, having been Clerk of Cattaraugus County from 1880 to 1882.

Mr. Rich and Caroline B. Sykes of Mercer, Pa., were married fifty years ago last Tuesday by Rev. William Robinson. They were born on the same day, July 22, 1849.

On January 1, 1877, Mr. Rich came to this village as Deputy County Clerk and at the end of three years' service was elected at the age of thirty to the office of County Clerk. He has been all his life active in Republican politics and in the Methodist church.

A family dinner was served at the Rich home today, those present being Mr. and Mrs. Rich and all of their children: Fred L. Rich of Buffalo, and his wife formerly Miss Ella Beaton of Randolph; Fred R. and Mrs. Grace Rich Parker of Little Valley; Mrs. Helen Amadon and son Richard of Fredonia; Marion J. Rich, Jr., and his wife Kathryn and son John of Trenton, N. J. Also Mrs. Florence S. Sutherland of Hamlet, N. Y., a sister of Mrs. Rich, and Mrs. Hannah Prince of Cattaraugus and Frank L. Rich of Little Valley, sister and brother of Mr. Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich received their friends in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00.

## EARL E. ARMSTRONG

Earl E. Armstrong, died at his home in Little Valley Monday, December 29, 1919, aged 57 years. Mr. Armstrong has been for seventeen years a valued employee of the Cattaraugus Cutlery Company and has been active in the life of the village. He was born in East Otto and was married there in 1861 to Jennie A. Crane.

He was a prominent Odd Fellow, Past Grand of Little Valley Lodge and was last October appointed District Deputy and expected to begin his work the first of the year.

Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife and four sons, Clifford and Cecil of the firm of Baisch & Armstrong of Little Valley; Howard of Rochester, and Lee of Salamanca; two daughters, Neva and Helen at home, and one granddaughter, Onolee. B. J. Armstrong of Otto and A. B. Armstrong of Randolph are brothers of the deceased. His mother, Mrs. F. H. Armstrong is also a resident of Randolph.

The funeral was held from the home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. Kingsley F. Norris of the Congregational church of Little Valley officiating.

## EGGESTON—SLAYTON

Theodore J. Eggleston and Miss Minnie F. Slayton both of Sherman, N. Y., were married at the home of the bride's brother, L. L. Slayton in this place Christmas Day at noon. Rev. J. Brent Cook performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston will reside in Sherman, N. Y.

## FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

The first meeting of 1920 of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held January 7th at 3 p. m. Theme, "Our Spanish Work." Leader, Mrs. F. E. Johnson. An urgent invitation is given to the ladies of the church and congregation to join this society. The lessons are very helpful and interesting.

## NOTICE

While I am away, my mother will look after my subscriptions. Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting your further patronage.  
Elizabeth H. Rockwood.

An opera without music is like a moneyless Christmas. Join the Christmas Club. Bank of Cattaraugus.

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## NEW YORK NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

To aid in correcting the condition of malnutrition found existing among the school children of Albany, the American Red Cross will be asked to administer penny lunch stations in the city.

Enrollment figures for Orleans county show that 8,110 Republicans, 2,901 Democrats, 20 Socialists and 330 Prohibitionists indicated their party affiliation. There were 221 blank ballots cast.

Wyoming County Pomona grange has gone on record as opposed to the compulsory health insurance laws and also adopted resolutions providing for the teaching of food value of milk in the public schools.

Mrs. Lida W. Jones has been appointed postmaster at Oramel, Allegheny county, succeeding Leon B. Hayes. Henry L. Cross was appointed postmaster at Stockton, Chautauque county, succeeding Max Pierce.

Top prize of \$10 offered by Willis P. Rogers, president of the farm bureau, for the best exhibit of corn raised by school children of Wayne county during the past season, was won by E. J. Cole of Williamson.

Two telephone systems at Danaville will be consolidated on Feb. 1 and a new schedule of rates placed in effect. Of course they are higher than the old rates. Many residents will refuse to renew their contracts, they say.

The Merrill-Soule company, which wishes to establish a \$100,000 powdered milk plant at Perry, wants the citizens to subscribe \$5,000 of the \$15,000 necessary to secure the land formerly occupied by the Fanning evaporator owned by Belden & Co.

The latest plan of the Geneva was a chest which has \$15,000 on hand is to place the money in a fund as a nucleus for a larger amount to be raised to provide for a memorial building to be erected in honor of the soldiers and sailors. The building will be a library and museum.

During the coming year Wyoming county will have ten miles of road finished with bituminous surface treatment and between six and seven miles of concrete reconstruction in these villages: Perry village, 2 miles; Warsaw-Pavilion, parts 1-5, 5.9 miles; Warsaw-Pavilion, part 2, 3.59 miles.

Those people who have been viewing the weather condition with pessimism may now change their state of mind and look at the bright side of things according to Charles Kelley Geneva weather prophet, who says all indications point to a mild winter for the next three months.

Weekly earnings of factory workers in New York state established a new high record in November, passing the \$25 mark. The state industrial commission so reported and added that the figures as just 100 per cent higher than in June, 1914. The weekly average for the month just passed was \$25.37.

Supreme Court Justice John R. M. Stephens in Rochester declined to make permanent an alternative writ of prohibition against enforcement of the law passed by the legislature last year providing for refund to school districts of funds which they had paid under the township school law for improvements in other districts.

The new state legislature, which convenes Jan. 7 probably will adopt a "pay-as-you-go" policy, Thaddeus C. Sweet, speaker of the assembly, announced in New York. Mr. Sweet was in New York to confer with other Republican leaders on a legislative program and to consider ways and means of improving the state's financial system.

The annual meeting of the Erie County Sheep Breeders' association was held in the Grange hall at Akron. There were 42 present. The members voted to join the state federation. Members also voted that \$10 be paid for each sheep dog killed, said bounty to be paid by the county. Akron was chosen as headquarters for the association.

State and national granges and farm bureau associations and federations will not participate in any way in the series of conferences to be held in Washington within the next few days for allaying farm interests with organized labor. S. J. Lowell of Fredonia, master of the New York state grange and the National grange association, declared in a statement in Syracuse.

Saratoga county lost its contention that it is a charitable institution because it operates a tuberculosis hospital and infirmary, in a decision given by Surrogate Cochran in New York. The county supervisors protested against paying \$5,000 transfer tax on a bequest of \$50,000 left to the hospital by Horace W. Carpenter. The surrogate held the county does not come under the heading of corporations exempted from the transfer tax.

Eight or more women's clubs have joined the Women's Equal Opportunity League of New York in protest against proposed "welfare" legislation for women, which they condemn as discriminatory and unfair toward women workers. These clubs have adopted resolutions asking the legislature to defeat the office workers' bill, the minimum bill and the eight hour factory bill, which are scheduled to be introduced when the legislature meets in January.

A bill legalizing the manufacture and sale of ales and beers, sponsored, it is said, by most of the legislative leaders, will be introduced shortly after the New York state legislature convenes on Jan. 7. Informal discussions of the proposed legislation have been held in New York and it will be patterned in the 3 per cent beer bill introduced at the last session of the legislature by Senator J. Henry Walters, majority leader. The bill will be pressed for early passage, and those behind it were confident that it would be law before Jan. 16.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. Philip Reinhardt underwent an operation in Buffalo Wednesday.

Mrs. C. W. Brock returned to her home New Years morning.

Mrs. E. N. Davis had the misfortune to fall and break her right hip last Friday night. The 29th of last January Mrs. Davis broke her left hip. She was taken to Buffalo Wednesday morning.

C. A. Briggs left Friday evening for Calahan, Fla., and returned yesterday morning. His father, Edgar Briggs, returned with him.

C. H. Johnson and J. J. Johnson were in Fredonia Monday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Hoover.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mr. Earl Armstrong at Little Valley Wednesday.

Chester B. Simmons who has been in the Marine service since June 19, 1917, and for the past nine months stationed at Port au Prince, Haiti, arrived home Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dolan entertained at dinner last Friday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Babcock were in Clarendon, Pa., on Christmas day to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Hazel Babcock to Mr. Fred Hickey, Rev. Babcock officiating. The couple took a trip to Washington, D. C.

Miss Elizabeth Rockwood has received an appointment under the Civil Service Commission Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and expects to leave for Washington this week.

Mrs. Cornelia Mong held a party at her home Monday evening and a very enjoyable time was reported.

Two sleigh loads from here attended the basket ball at Ellicottville Saturday night.

Miss Marjorie Pickup has resigned her position at J. A. Dolan's store.

## The Humble Part.

In imperishable characters there will be inscribed on the success roll of honor names unfamiliar to most of us, the names of those who performed nobly humble parts in life; the unknown workers for humanity, the heroic sufferers—some blind, some crippled or handicapped by the loss of hands or feet, or tortured by incurable diseases—who with a fortitude equal to that of the martyrs of old, took up their burdens and bravely made the most of the powers and opportunities bestowed upon them by the Almighty. From "Amidst Adversity and Success" by Alison Sweet Jordan.

## The First Needle.

Needles were first made in England by a native of India in 1545. The art was lost at his death, but Christopher Greening recovered it in 1560. Mr. Damer, an ancestor of the earls of Dorchester, settled at Long Grendon, in Bucks, where the manufactory was still extant last century.

## Almost Perfect Time.

Our day—the sidereal day of the apparent motion of the stars—is 3 minutes 55.91 seconds shorter than a mean solar day. Considering clock gearing, a French astronomer calculates that with four wheels having 119, 330, 317 and 314 teeth sidereal can be converted into mean time with the loss of only one second in eight years, and that with wheels having 188, 405, 503 and 227 teeth the error can be reduced to only one second in a period of 249 years.

## When Sun Looks Dlg.

When the sun is low its rays come diagonally through the atmosphere which surrounds the earth and, therefore, must penetrate much more of it than at noon. They encounter many more particles of dust or other substances and these produce the effect of increased size.

## Too Much Petting.

We can learn a lesson from our domestic animals in respect of too much handling of baby. It will pay the human mother to note that when these baby animals are mauled and petted and carried about they do not thrive, but frequently pine away and die.