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Enthusiastic Meeting Results in Adoption of Some Pointed Resolutions

A regular meeting of the Fayetteville Improvement Association was held in the office of Mr. E. F. Hopkins last Tuesday evening, President Platt H. Carr in the chair.

Treasurer Keolane reported a membership of sixty-six and the receipt of \$15.75 from dues and \$8.75 from Mr. Bartlett, being moneys on hand from the former business men's club.

Mr. Carr was appointed a committee to investigate the franchises and privileges of the Suburban Railway and the Syracuse and Fayetteville Plank Road Company with a view to ascertaining their responsibility for repainting and replacing the bridges in the village and repaving and macadamizing the streets where necessary.

The secretary was reimbursed to the extent of 25 cents for an advertisement in the Herald.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this association, organized for the improvement of the village, will stand by and assist the Trustees in all matters pertaining to repairing and rebuilding sidewalks and all other necessary improvements; and that the Association is in favor of compelling the Suburban Railroad and the Syracuse and Fayetteville Plank Road Co to replank and repaint the bridges, repave and macadamize the streets wherever necessary.

The secretary was instructed to furnish the Village Board with a copy of the resolution and to cause it to be published in the Independent.

The following preamble and resolution was also adopted:

Whereas, it has come to our attention that the Chenango branch of the West Shore Railroad contemplates making a round-trip rate of 15 cents between Fayetteville and Syracuse, and

Whereas, the Syracuse and Suburban Railroad persistently refuses to lower its rates or to make any concessions whatever to regular patrons of the road passing in Fayetteville, therefore be it

Resolved, That this association call upon all loyal citizens of Fayetteville to patronize the West Shore railroad as much as possible in return for the reduction in fare when it shall have been placed into effect.

After some further discussion as to the best means of advancing the prosperity of the Village, the meeting adjourned to meet hereafter on Monday evenings of each month preceding the second and fourth Tuesday evenings. That is the Improvement Association will meet on the evenings before the regular meetings of the Village Board.

Forcing Our Language on the World

A conspicuous American delegate to the Peace Conference at The Hague has displayed his inability to speak any other language than his own. The waves of French and German have gone over his head and what the conference is all about he does not even pretend to know. I sympathize with his trouble and admire his modesty, but I do not in the least agree with him. Far more admirable was the sentiment of that old hero who publicly thanked the Lord that he could not compel his tongue to speak any other language than that of his native land.

What is wanted is a universal language and English is in the way of becoming that language, simply because the English-speaking man persistently refuses to speak anything else. He has made the Hindu and Chinaman talk to him in his own language, as well as the African and the Japanese. He way-fares as stolidly through Europe, and when he goes he leaves a trail of English-speaking shopmen and innkeepers, star-men and cabmen. By refusing to twist his tongue around foreign vocabularies he is forcing the rest of the world to talk English.

That is the way the universal language will be made—by imposing English not by creating some homeless

You may admire the accomplished linguist. (You remember Pickwick's friend.) He could imitate five cats, sir, five distinct cat in a wheelbarrow, upon my sword of honor; now one can't help liking those. It is meritorious to speak half a dozen languages, just as it is to juggle with balls and feathers and caimon balls, but the American who deserves best of his country is he who imposes his good speech on the other fellow.—Van Trumpson, in Saturday Evening Post.

Wanted.

By the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. a local agent to take charge of its Fayetteville and Manlius business. None but the respected need apply. Call on the superintendent, David Boyd, Granger Block, Syracuse, N. Y.

Suburban Officers

The directors of the Syracuse and Suburban railroad met last week and elected officers as follows: President, Arthur Jenkins; vice-president, Chas. E. Hubbell; secretary and treasurer, Giles H. Stilwell. These officers with John L. King, Edward Joy and Thomas Hogan comprise the executive committee.

A Prosperous South

Reliable testimony is to the effect that everywhere throughout the south there are evidences of increasing prosperity. New cotton mills are under construction in every direction and upward of \$20,000,000 is being spent in building new cotton mills and enlarging old ones. In the iron districts there is great activity. Alabama has demonstrated its ability to set the price of pig iron for the world. Even at the high price now prevailing, Alabama furnaces are receiving orders from Europe for pig iron. "Reconstruction" did not ruin the south, and for its prosperity the south owes little or nothing to the Bourbon Democratic party.—Buffalo Commercial.

Central is Satisfied

Chauncey M. Depew is quoted as saying that there is no truth in the rumored combination of the Pennsylvania and New York Central roads. He is reported to have said: "I have been away, but if anything like that had taken place I would know of it. If there is anything to it at all, it is that the two systems have reached an understanding to maintain rates, prevent favoritism, discrimination, etc. They are both dividend-paying roads and naturally will work for their common interest."

"Is it true that the Central is after the Central Vermont, the Fitchburg and other New England railroads?" the senator was asked.

"No, the Central's got all it wants, now that the Boston & Albany is secured. We always maintained close connections with the Boston & Albany as it does 40 per cent of our through business. We had to have it to prevent some other road choking us off."

Columbia Wins First Race

The first race between the new cup-defender Columbia and the old favorite Defender was sailed off Sandy Hook last Wednesday. It was for a cup valued at \$250 offered by the New York Yacht Club.

A triangular course, ten miles long on a side, was laid out from the Sandy Hook lightship. The sea was fairly smooth, but the wind proved variable and light, so that on the whole it was not a very satisfactory race, although in some respects it was exceedingly interesting.

For, say, five miles the Columbia drew away until she was estimated to be as high as ten minutes ahead of the Defender.

But a shift of wind in the last three miles favored the old racer, and on the whole leg of the race the Defender actually gained 25 seconds.

The Columbia's total superiority on the entire triangular race of thirty miles was but 3 minutes and 35 seconds, not to mention a handicap of 2 seconds.

The race was a very close one.

The State Printing

A dispatch from Albany says that the legislative printing contract for two years, beginning January 1 next, has been awarded to John A. McCarthy, of Albany, for \$138,315.47. The two other bidders were considered in the awarding of the contract.

There was a division of opinion among the members of the State printing board as to which was the lowest bidder and entitled to the award of the contract.

The vote was two to one for Mr. McCarthy, Secretary of State McDonough voting in the negative. Those bids considered at the meeting which were considered the lowest were: Brandon Printing company, of Albany, \$115,549.28, Charles A. Wenborn, of Buffalo, \$117,388, and McCarthy \$138,315.47. There was a protest to the board filed by Judge Franklin W. Danbar to the receipt of certain bids because they did not fulfill the statutory requirements. Subsequently the protest was drawn, but was renewed by John A. McCarthy.

A communication was received from Charles A. Wenborn asking leave to withdraw his bid as he had labored under a misapprehension as to the laws of labor when making figures for legislative printing and had ignored the 8-hour law. Comptroller Morgan thereupon introduced a resolution covering Mr. Wenborn's request on the ground that to award him the contract under such circumstances would be both unjust and oppressive. It was adopted. A resolution offered by the attorney general that the protest to the receipt of any bid which did not include a check for 5 per cent of the amount of two years work at the rates bid should be sustained by the board was also adopted. On motion of the comptroller the contract was then awarded to Mr. McCarthy.

CLIPPINGS

F I Rhoades of Hubbardsville has sold his crop of 98 hops at 11 cents.

Oneonta is to have a silk mill. The citizens have raised \$12,000 to buy a building and site.

It is said that an ordinary passenger car like those used on the Lehigh Valley railroad costs over \$4,400.

The Syracuse Sunday Times has changed its name and will hereafter be known as the Syracuse Saturday Times.

The Art Student's League of Central and Western New York is on its way to Indian Lorette, Quebec, Province of Quebec, where its annual outing will be held.

Two Queens county fellows were convicted of making sausage out of horse meat; one got \$300 fine and six months in jail and the other \$200 and three months.

The common council of Syracuse has, by a vote of 17 to 1, granted the telephone franchise recently asked for by the new corporation known as the Syracuse Telephone Company.

In the famous McNiff-Smith fish net case in Yates county, Justice Davy of Rochester has decided that the bounties claimed for the destruction of illegal fish nets must be paid.

We are told that one of our farmers has not yet removed the buckets from the trees in his sap bush. It will save a large amount of labor next spring to have the buckets already hung.—Cincinnati Times.

Lester P. Bennet of Homer was riding on his wheel in Cortland when a giant fire cracker exploded and a piece struck one of his glasses, breaking it. One of the pieces penetrated the eyeball and it is thought the sight is destroyed.

Haying is well under way this week and the universal verdict of the farmers in this section is that the crop is a very light one. Hay is being shipped from surrounding towns at from \$8 to \$10 per ton. The crop a few miles north of here is much heavier than in this immediate vicinity.—Earlville Standard.

"Passengers will please go out the rear door," is the latest order on Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad passenger trains. This order was issued by the railroad officials, in an endeavor to make faster time, as it is claimed there is considerable needless delay caused by passengers getting off and on cars at one platform.

Hon. I. S. Evans of Rome has been designated by Attorney General Davies to prosecute the oleomargarine cases brought by the State against Armour & Co., and other Chicago packers to recover penalties amounting to over \$2,000,000. The first move will be made early in July, when a hearing will take place in Albany before a referee.

This is an "off year" in politics, and only eleven states hold elections next fall, and of these only six—Maryland, Ohio, Iowa, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Mississippi—choose governors. In two states—Virginia and Mississippi—the Legislatures chosen are to elect United States senators, but the result will not make a change in the political complexion of the senate.

A freak of lightning which goes to disprove the old saying that lightning never strikes twice in the same place happened on the Erwin Langworthy farm in South Brookfield. Two years ago his 100-foot barn was struck at each end by a divided bolt, fired and burned down. The barn was rebuilt and last Friday during the heavy thunder storm it was struck again in the same places, but escaped burning although the beams and boards were badly shattered.—Hamilton Republican.

Local Telephone Exchange

At the last meeting of the village Trustees a franchise was granted to Messrs. F. E. Dawley, W. T. Gaynor and Ellis Woodworth to construct and operate a telephone and telegraph system in the village of Fayetteville.

Work has already commenced on the system and it is expected a portion of the exchange will be in working order by Monday or Tuesday. Connections will be made with the depot, telegraph office and other important business locations and local subscribers to the exchange are assured of strictly first-class service. The rentals will be placed at a low figure and those desiring telephones placed in their houses or store may be assured of prompt and reliable service at moderate cost.

The central office will be located in the Independent building, corner of Mill and Elm streets.

The construction of the system is under the personal supervision of Mr. T. Dalton Smith of Oneida, who is a practical electrician of large experience in telephone work.

Send the Independent to your friends in the West. It's as good as a letter.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Annual Convention at Pompey Hill Last Tuesday

The Christian Endeavor Union of the Towns of Manlius, DeWitt, Pompey, Fabius, LaFayette, and Tully held its annual convention on Tuesday, July 11, in the Presbyterian church of Pompey Hill. The services began at 10 a. m., with a song service, followed by devotional exercises led by Rev. M. K. Merwin of Pompey.

Rev. A. M. Hurd of the Disciple church, Pompey, occupied the chair in the morning, and after a secretary pro tem had been chosen in the person of Miss Josephine Wilkin of Fayetteville, the first address of the day was delivered by Rev. E. L. Evans of the Manlius Presbyterian church on the subject "God's Estimate of Young People as Shown in Christian Endeavor Work."

He spoke of the fact that young people of today have unsurpassed riches of opportunity, the times in which we live have increased our responsibilities a hundred fold. God has included young people in his plan for the world; in history, both secular and religious, nearly everything great has been done by youth. Alexander, Cortez, Loyola, Luther, Pascal, Lamonrola, Washington, Gideon, David, John the Baptist and even Christ Himself. The use which God has made of the young shows the high estimate he places upon them. Since this is so, "rise and meet your opportunities and inheritance in Christ. God wants men not maunkins." The world nowadays needs young people who shall realize what God expects of them. Mr. Evans then answered the question "What is expected of us if God's estimate of us is so great?" He proposes to us in "two ways—as Christians and as citizens. Christian citizenship is the great need at present and the great opportunity of the young people. The world, especially through the secular press, places a high estimate upon the work of the Christian Endeavor society, and the position of interest it takes in questions of politics. By virtue of its announced purposes, the society must be an enemy to the saloon, must strive to put good men into higher places. And woman's help is needed and accepted in this work nowadays. She controls the magnetic centers of sympathetic interest, whence powerful currents flow; and her work is largely done through the C. E. society.

Another great work which lies before us is to reach the poor and bring them into the church. The churches are too eager to get the rich, too neglectful of the poor, and the latter work demands more and more attention. The qualifications necessary for a successful worker are: 1st, a personal knowledge of God as Savior, 2d, a confidence that we are called to the work, a realization of the high estimate God places upon our personal cooperation; 3rd, a belief in the Bible as God's word, a personal message to us from our Father; 4th, the reliance on God for strength, nothing shall then be too hard. Let God lead us as he purposes and we shall reap by and by.

Rev. Percy B. Wightman of the Fayetteville Presbyterian church next gave a stirring address on "Fidelity to Duty" from the text "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Christianity is for everyday, for sacred and secular work; otherwise the gospel is partial and imperfect. The word "Steward" is used in two senses. 1st, as an administrator of secular affairs; 2d, to include all who serve, any and every Christian who rightly owns the gifts given him. Duty means that which is due: the obliging force of what is morally right. The need of an emphasis of duty in the society lies in the tendency of large bodies to wane: after the spirit of visible success is no longer a motive power, the work falls upon those whose faith is deep and loyal, who will do their duty even under adverse circumstances. The young people have not had the demands of duty brought strongly to bear upon them heretofore: they lack in stickto-itiveness.

As to the question "What is our duty?" Mr. Wightman showed that it lay in three directions; to God, to ourselves, to others: Our duty to God is love, such love as involves the subjection of our wills to his will. Look to Christ, and duty to ourselves is clear: we can see in his life the possibility for ourselves. Salvation is not exclusively for the life to come; it means trial, humility and love here in this world, and to thus make ourselves better is the duty to which we are called. Our duty and privilege towards others is to proclaim the gospel of God's love. God can justly expect our duty from us, for we have a reason for it and tools for it. Nothing impossible is ahead of us, but discouragements or hardness will not excuse.

The reward for duty waits upon fidelity. The "talents" of which the parable speaks are spiritual truths, the part of the new Testament which is livable, they are returned to God in sanctified personality. The amount returned is proportionate to our ability. God re-

quires our best, not the best, he expects us to do our duty, the fruit is not our concern.

Rev. Henry B. Williams, of the Fayetteville Baptist church next gave a suggestive talk on Bible study, the object of which must always be to learn God's will. He suggested several ways first, by books. A book at a time, to get a clear idea of what it treats, under what conditions it was written, and its definite purpose. Second chapter, by Chapter. With four questions in mind, namely, what is its principal subject, its leading lesson, its best verse, its principal persons. Third, Topical study, e. g. love, comparisons, the kingdom of God, grace, etc.

Mr. Williams recommended the use of a Bible with wide margins, on which the results of study could be noted. He then gave an interesting illustration of a Bible reading on Prayer from the book of James; and shorter ones from 1st John and Ephesians.

The convention then took a recess of two hours, during which time a lunch was served in the church parlors. An address of welcome was given by Rev. Mr. Hurd, and a pleasant response in behalf of the visiting Endeavors by Rev. W. P. Decker, of Fabius.

A song service began the afternoon session, followed by a business meeting, presided over by Rev. Mr. Merwin. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The report of the Cor. Sec'y, Miss Florence E. Carr spoke of the work that is being done in the interest of local option, and in spreading good literature, and mentioned some encouraging features of the work in some societies.

It was decided to take steps toward the formation of a County Union and for that purpose officers were elected to act as an executive committee for this Union, and a delegate, to meet with delegates from the other unions of the County. Miss Carr was appropriately chosen as this delegate; the officers were: Pres.—Rev. H. B. Williams Fayetteville. Vice-Pres.—Rev. E. L. Evans, Manlius; Sec.—Miss Mary Byington, Fayetteville; Treas.—Rev. J. H. MacConnell, Jamesville; Cor. Sec.—Miss Florence E. Carr, Fayetteville.

Rev. Mr. Williams was asked to convey to the family of the late Prof. F. J. House the sympathy of the Union and our appreciation of his standing as a christian gentleman, and of his work for the Union, of which he was the President.

A vote of thanks was passed to the societies of Pompey Hill and the speakers and the business meeting was closed by singing.

The address of the afternoon was by Rev. John B. Barbour of Syracuse, on "The Christian Endeavorer's Chief End." He took as his text the words "Man's Chief End is to Glorify God and enjoy Him Forever." He said we ought to glorify God in four ways; 1st.—Start with our wills, and surrender to God, "Our wills are ours, we know not how, Our wills are ours, to make them Thine" 2nd.—In our bodies, which are "the Temples of God." It is a Christian's duty which many neglect, to care for the body, 3rd.—In our words, we are representing God to the world and He is often badly misrepresented. We can glorify Him by being careful what words of criticism we utter, and by testifying for God's glory even if we fail and break down. 4th.—In our deeds, including the business of our daily lives, most men study not the Bible but christians. Business is not separate from religion; it is merely a smaller circle concentric with it.

Regarding the second part of his text, Mr. Barbour spoke of how doleful some people are in their religion, so that they really go about as warning signs, to keep others away. The command is "Rejoice in the Lord Always," even in dark, hard times. The true source of joy is not material, comes from no kind of externals, God taken into the heart is the source of the truest joy.

The concluding service of the day was the consecration service led by Rev. Mr. MacConnell. It was a fitting close to a meeting characterized by deep sincerity and earnestness, and which must have been helpful to all who attended it.

The Sunshine of Business

There is some cause for the skepticism of the semi-occasional advertiser as to the good results of advertising. He has spent money for the publication of business announcements, and has had at the most merely a spurt of appreciable returns therefrom, after which his trade again stagnated. For this reason he is prone to jump at the conclusion that advertising does not make business grow. Naturally, in his case it does not. If the sun should shine only about six times a year Nature's great scheme of development would be checked. It is that marvelous and never-ending regularity of the great orb of day which produces the comforts and luxuries of mankind. In like manner persistent advertising stimulates and renders profitable the tradesman's business.—Philadelphia (Pa) Record.