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## VICINITY HAPPENINGS.

### Brief News Items from Western New York.

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From Our Exchanges. Reporters and Personal Observation.

Wyoming county maple sugar manufacturers get 10 cents per pound for their product.

It is reported that Allegany Co. farmers will make potatoes one of their principal crops this year.

A company has been formed at Salamanca for the purpose of building an opera house in that village. It is to cost \$10,000. The company will issue 420 shares of stock at \$24 per share.

Cattaraugus county's biggest citizen lives in Delevan—Spencer J. Strickland. He is 29 years old, six feet, eleven and one-half inches in height, and tips the scales at 300 pounds.

The civil service examination for clerks and carriers, announced to be held in Olean on some day between March 15 and April 25th, has been postponed until within a few days of September 14th.

It is said that John J. Volk, supervisor from Dayton, has assembled a committee to investigate the

## GEORGE WILLIAM ANDREWS.

### A Former East Ottoan Passed To His Reward.

Postmaster For 21 Years---A Soldier, Teacher, Editor, Author.

Biographical Sketch Of a Brilliant and Talented Man.

An account of the village of East Otto would be incomplete without due mention of George William Andrews, who died in Buffalo last week. In many towns and villages, one or two persons will be found, who, on account of their genius and ability, are looked up to by the community. They are never social or political leaders, but by their inherent greatness they impress their individuality upon the people about them, so that they will be remembered long after the shallow and meteoric lights in social and political affairs are forgotten. Such a character was the subject of this sketch.

George William Andrews was born in East Otto, November 12, 1832, and was the eldest child of Willis and Mariette Andrews. In his youth he attended the district school of his native town and afterward studied at the Springville Academy. During the succeeding

ed to him for much information and many suggestions that have been of great help and benefit.

Mr. Andrews was fond of outdoor sports and in his early manhood was one of the champion ball players of this section. In his later years this was given up for hunting and fishing, and there is, perhaps, scarcely a brook in Cattaraugus county, boasting a trout, that has not been trailed by his line.

In some things Mr. Andrews was somewhat eccentric. This may have prevented him from rising to a higher eminence, and it also made him enemies, to whom, he was ever a bitter and implacable foe; but to his friends, his affection was true and lasting. In his associations with the gentler sex Mr. Andrews was a Chesterfield. This is well illustrated in a poem published by him in the Cattaraugus Union, several years ago, in honor of a lady of this place to whom he was indebted for some kind favors. The poem is too long for its entire re-publication here, but we print below several stanzas giving the sentiment:

Brown hair, soft as the blind mole's fur,  
Dark eyes, limpid and deep as wells,  
Cheeks that flame with the warm heart's stir  
Voice as thrilling as far-off bells,  
Pitying curve in her tender lips,  
As if others' woes were her joy's eclipse.

Hunger and want come to her door;  
Worthy or not they are fed a door;

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### New Equalization Method

Under a bill which has been recently introduced in the Legislature a new method for the equalization of taxes is to be adopted. It is provided that the board of supervisors shall appoint an equalization commission of three persons, two of whom shall be residents, of the county and one from outside the county, but who shall reside in that judicial district. This commission is to be confirmed

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### One Of Two Ways.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for urine, and as such is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

### CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder was created for one purpose and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease except in rare cases. It is situated back of



Norman M. Allen, wishes to kill them by bringing forward Dr. Howard of the same town for that office.

Adam Sander, a Salamanca butcher, will invest \$4,000 in a refrigerating plant. He will then be independent of ice harvests and will not have to depend on fickle weather for his summer's supply of ice.

Hoyt, a small station on the B., R., & P. road, four miles south of Springville, containing two dwelling houses and a saw mill, has become such an important place that the company keeps a telegraph operator there both day and night.

In the matter of the appeal of the Nellie Driscoll vs. Village of Ellicottville case, the supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the judgment of the lower court, with costs. The total amount for the village to pay will be about \$3,600.

Le Roy J. Hooker, brother of Congressman Hooker of Fredonia, draws \$1,200 a year as clerk to the doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. His home is in Falconer, a suburb of Jamestown. A resident of the latter city who has been keeping tab on Le Roy says the latter has been absent from his home only one week in twelve months. His Falconer occupation is that of teamster.

When the new law requiring assessors to assess all real and personal property at its full value has become fully enforced, it is expected that the taxes on farms will be fully fifty per cent less than in former years, even though assessments of farms may be a little higher, for the billions of personal and city property that has been under-assessed or escaped altogether, will be made to bear a more just share of taxation.

years he was engaged in teaching school until his marriage in 1856, to Ellen, daughter of Calvin Pratt, one of the pioneers of this town. Mrs. Andrews died in 1878 and was the mother of four children, two of whom, Walton of Gardeau, Pa., and Mrs. A. S. Courter of Otto, survive their father.

In 1861, he became a recruiting officer for the 9th N. Y. Vol. Cav., and eventually enlisted in that regiment and served, as a private until discharged for disability. After his discharge from the army, Mr. Andrews entered into a partnership with his brother, Jerome, in conducting a store in this place, which was continued until 1869, when the partnership was dissolved, and the business was continued by G. W. Andrews alone. He afterward discontinued the merchandise department and established a drug store.

He was appointed postmaster at East Otto in 1864 and held that office for twenty-one years or until the election of Grover Cleveland. He continued in the drug business here until 1893, when, in the general conflagration of that year, his building was destroyed by fire. He then went to Gardeau, Pa., where he resided with his son, Walton, until his illness compelled him to remove to Buffalo for medical treatment. Mr. Andrews, at one time, published a paper here, called the Knollville Pen and Scissors.

It has been the privilege of the writer to know Mr. Andrews intimately for many years. As a small lad I ran errands for him and was repaid with many a kindly word and large pieces of yellow taffy; as I grew older I talked with him, of books and stories that pleased my childish fancy, and later on we discussed the weightier questions of Religion and Politics and I feel indebted

Her beneficence still makes glad,  
Not once thinking—unselfish she—  
"As to the least of these, so to me."

In the bliss of "over there"  
Her bright form I shall surely see,  
Clothed in the best they have to wear—  
Smiling down from her cloud on me,  
If I ever live to walk (ahem!)  
The gold of the "New Jerusalem."

Call me Agnostic, or if you like,  
Infidel, Heretic, what you will.  
What care I? Not a Phleum spike;  
Saints, like her, I believe in still.  
Sure, if hereafter a life there be,  
One is waiting somewhere for me.

In appearance, Mr. Andrews reminded one of the pictures of the late Gen. R. E. Lee, with a broad high forehead and an intelligent, intellectual countenance. Although his early school advantages were limited, yet, by close application and diligent study he acquired a fine education, especially in literature and the sciences, and he was also something of a linguist. His reading was varied and extensive and his store was the Mecca of information seekers, no matter what the subject or topic, and the matter was usually elucidated by Mr. Andrews without reference to books or papers. Had he been so disposed, he might have followed a literary career with bright prospects. He was, at one time, a regular contributor to the Buffalo Commercial and was offered a position as associate editor, at a good salary, but this offer he refused. He was an ardent Republican and an honest and logical defender of protection.

While he may not have been a great man, still I think the world lost a noble man and a brilliant man when George W. Andrews passed away.

J. O. H.

#### Clondikers !!

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ed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the board. If the board is unable to agree the clerk of the board shall apply to the county judge who shall name the commissioner. The term of office of each commissioner shall be three years. Not more than two of the commissioners shall be of the same political party. Compensation is allowed at the rate of \$4 a day for the time actually employed, and necessary expenses incurred, the total amount not to exceed \$300 per year. Between the first day of September and the time of the annual meeting of the supervisors, the commissioners shall examine the assessment rolls for the purpose of ascertaining whether the valuation in one town would bear a just relation to the valuations of all the towns and wards of the county. They may increase or diminish the aggregate valuations of real estate in any town by adding or deducting such sum upon the hundred as may, in their opinion, be necessary to produce a just relation between all the valuations of real estate in the county, but they shall in no instance reduce the aggregate valuations of all the wards and towns below the aggregate made by the assessors.

Sunday morning fire broke out in the basement of A. M. Stickle's store at Salamanca. It was extinguished with considerable difficulty and not until the smoke and water had done serious damage to the stock of goods.

The Chipmunk oil properties of Colgrove and Sheriden have been sold to the Standard Oil Co., for \$102,500. The deal, taken in connection with other recent purchases of the Standard, is believed by many to indicate a substantial advance in the price of oil, in the near future.

and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passages is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for 24 hours; a sediment of settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists 50c. and \$1. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover postage on bottle. Mention Cattaraugus County News and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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