

NEW AND BRIEF.

Hereafter the Auburn Gun club will hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The Farmers Institute under the auspices of the New York State Agricultural Society will be held in this city March 13 and 14.

On the latest patent list are two Auburnians, Warren M. Brinkerhoff, clothes wringer, and M. A. Clapp, assignor to D. M. Osborne & Co., harvester reel.

Articles of incorporation of the Weedsport Skirt and Dress company were filed in the County Clerk's office Wednesday afternoon. The capital stock of this company amounts to \$100,000.

A. W. Lawton has leased to the Jail Committee the residence lately occupied by Doctor H. Robinson, Sr., William street. Sheriff Mead will move his family to their new home in course of a few days.

The case of N. Armstrong vs. Stephen Shaw finished the business of the county court and court of sessions for the term and court adjourned Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The case was decided in favor of the defendant.

The contract for casting the bronze statue of Secretary Seward has been awarded to the Ames company of Holyoke, Mass. The statue will be nine feet high and will weigh 1,480 pounds. The statue will be completed in the early part of the summer and the unveiling will be attended with appropriate ceremonies.

At Syracuse, Wednesday, decrees of divorce were granted in the case of James O. Foster against Sarah J. Foster, and of Florence Woodcock against Lewis Woodcock. The Foster case was certified to Cayuga county, and the Woodcock case to Cortland county.

The work of turning the basement of the City Hall into a place suitable for the commitment of prisoners during the building of the new jail was commenced Monday morning. The trap's lodging quarters have been torn out and the necessary work will be rushed so that the contractors can commence tearing down the old county jail the first of March.

Death of John E. Allen.

Late Wednesday night the news reached this city that genial John E. Allen, the former proprietor of the Osborne House, was dead.

The news of Mr. Allen's sudden death will be received by his old friends in this city with deep regret, for his cheerful disposition and genial ways had won for him many friends in this city.

John E. Allen was born in Cato nearly 43 years ago and many years ago was employed as clerk in the dry good house of Van Vechten & Lyon. His hotel career began in Cato from where he went to Weedsport. After building up a successful business, his hotel there was entirely destroyed by fire. After this disaster, Mr. Allen went to Little Falls, and took charge of "The Girvan," which he successfully conducted until 1877, when he came to Auburn and took charge of the Osborne House, which he soon made one of the most popular hotels in Central New York. Mr. Allen also conducted two summer resorts, one at Sheldrake on Cayuga lake and another on Seneca lake, known as Long Point hotel. While in this city, Mr. Allen was for several years foreman of Protective Home and also a member of Cayuga Lodge, Knights of Pythias and a Free Mason of high degree. In 1887 Mr. Allen purchased "The Wyoming House," which is situated in Scranton, Pa., and his success with that hotel has only been a continuation of his former career. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made and it is not known where the interment will take place.

On our fourth page to-day will be found a striking and instructive illustration of the comparative worth of the various kinds of baking powders now in the market.

Splendid Business Opportunity.

One of the great chances that occasionally turn up in the grocery business, now appears in the opportunity to buy out the interest of Kerr & Devitt, of Auburn, N. Y. It has been established a great many years, always made money and the firm is going out of trade to close up their partnership affairs. We have known the business for a great many years, and there is a good chance for the right kind of a man.—The American Grocer.

Kerr & Devitt offer for sale their two stores at a bargain, and their stock must be closed out at the best prices to be obtained.

See notice of Prof. Bradley, optician, at J. W. Haight's, in another column.

Seneca Democratic.

WATERLOO, Feb. 15.—Nine towns already heard from, elect five Democratic Supervisors and four Republicans. The Democrats are La Tourette, of Covert, Kinne of Romulus, Esterly of Fayette, Henion of Waterloo, and Van Buskirk of Tyre. The Republicans are Bodine of Lodi, Emens of Varick, Polard of Seneca Falls and Hampton of Junius.

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THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE FIRST NATIONAL'S AFFAIRS.

Since the last issue of the AUBURNIAN nothing has transpired that will give any idea of the condition of the closed First National. The following details of the week's developments will, however, be read with interest:

W. B. Hoyt, one of the Assistant United States District Attorneys came to Auburn Thursday on the noon train. He proceeded to the Osborne house where he obtained his dinner and then, after chatting a short time with one or two acquaintances, put on his coat and walked up the street apparently for a stroll. But the stroll ended at the First National bank and so does all knowledge of what Mr. Hoyt learned there and what conclusion he arrived at. Whether his examination of affairs at that institution will lead him to take legal action against its quondam cashier and bookkeeper is not certainly known. Mr. Hoyt was very reticent upon the matter and did not intimate by a word what course he intended to pursue. Moreover, he left the city on the afternoon train.

The fact that John W. O'Brien was out of town together with the sworn statement of President Backus that Henry O'Brien is in receipt of a letter from Chas. O'Brien and that he might be induced to return in three or four weeks, gave rise to the rumor that John W. O'Brien had gone to see his brother. A reporter called on Mr. O'Brien's office Friday a. m. where the clerk informed him that Mr. O'Brien was out of town but he did not know where he had gone. He expected him back to-day.

Several things which have leaked out of the Bank despite the taciturnity which has become habitual with those most intimately connected with its affairs, give color to the rumor that the movements of Mr. Hoyt and John W. O'Brien are in some way connected and that negotiations for his return are coupled with some promise of immunity. It has become known, for example, that the record of certified deposits has been tampered with and the officials are as yet utterly ignorant as to the amount of deposits for which they are actually indebted. They do not even feel sure that all the certificates of deposit issued have been recorded and they do know of instances where the stub shows a much smaller amount than the certificate in the hands of the depositor. To illustrate: If a man deposited five hundred dollars, his certificate would show that amount, while the stub, which forms the bank's record of the transaction might record the deposit of but \$50. Of course, the bank is held for the full amount deposited, but it must be proven by the certificate holder that it was the larger amount and not the smaller which he actually put in the bank. This uncertainty about the deposits is one reason, it is said, why the bank has been defending the recent suits.

A still more glaring fraud is said to have been perpetrated in this way: A favored friend of Cashier O'Brien would step into his private office and remain closeted with him for a time. On coming out, he would present to the teller a deposit ticket showing him to have put an amount, say \$500, into the bank. He would present no money with it, but the teller would bear the indorsement, "O. K. O'Brien," indicating that the depositor had made some negotiation with the cashier, which balanced the deposit ticket. The amount named in the deposit ticket would thereupon be credited to him and he could check against it. How much of this kind of business was done is one of the things the investigators are endeavoring to find out and it is another obstacle in the way of their knowing just how their deposits are. By bank experts it is said that this method would deceive the most active and faithful president, unless he could have a daily balance sheet to aid him in his care of the bank's affairs.

Of course, all these affairs could be readily and speedily unraveled were Cashier O'Brien here to assist the investigators in their labors and this is what is regarded as confirmatory of negotiations for his return, with which the movements of Mr. Hoyt and Mr. John W. O'Brien are connected.

About 350 people responded to the call for a meeting of depositors in the First National Bank at the court house Friday night. The assemblage was orderly and the speakers earnest and cool. The sentiment expressed, privately, before the call to order and during and after the regular session was that something should be done to bring to light the standing of the institution and what are the probabilities of the depositors realizing on their certificates and accounts. It was about five minutes past 8 when Charles Van Duzer, State agent for D. M. Osborne & Co., called for order and the silence which the call brought was in itself an evidence of the interest felt. Mr. Van Duzer named Amasa J. Parker for chairman and his choice was unanimously ratified. Mr. Parker thanked the meeting for the honor and added that he scarcely knew the object or intention of the gathering. To complete the organization, Robert Bell, Sr., named Daniel Ramsey for secretary and then called for Charles E. Durston, but that gentleman did not respond.

Then followed an interval of silence which was broken by P. M. Herron, who said it seemed queer that the depositors were sitting backward about expressing themselves. He said that the men and women who had deposited money in the institution had a right to know something of the status of affairs. He believed that the missing cashier was the honestest man connected with the institution. "Personally," said Mr. Herron, "I am not a very heavy loafer, but I feel for the old gray haired men and women, the orphans and fatherless who have their all locked up in the closed bank." He said the people took the matter very quietly and thought that they ought to take some measures to learn of the bank's condition. He criticized as queer the idea that the officials know so little of the bank's affairs and cited the fact that he knew of a stockholder in the institution who passed the door of the First National and transacted his business at another institution. He cited one instance that had come to his knowledge of a man aged 68 or 70 years, who had the savings of 30 or 40 years, \$7,500 in the bank and he was speaking in the interest of such men more particularly than than for himself, adding that he was young and strong and could easily earn the amount of his loss. He characterized the failure as the greatest

calamity that had ever befallen Cayuga county and the orphans, widows and aged, whose only sustenance was in the broken bank, demanded that everything possible should be done to right the wrongs and see that no further outrages be perpetrated, and expressed his willingness to act with anybody, who would undertake to bring the guilty to justice, adding that it did not seem right that men who denied any connection with the institution under oath, should have free access to the books, when the depositors were kept in the dark.

Charles Van Duzer was next called on. He said he was one of the executors of an estate belonging to two orphans and a couple of helpless old ladies and had certificates of deposit representing their all, \$5,408 in the bank and he would like for their sake to know what is going on. He thought it time a statement was given. He had deposited the money there because he had confidence in the men connected with the bank, but he did not think that the cashier was wholly to blame or that the rashly could be going on without the knowledge of others and of this the depositors ought to know.

Robert Bell, Sr., expressed like sentiments and a desire for information. He remarked that in a similar case in Cincinnati arrests had all ready been made and he suggested that a committee be appointed to see what was to be done. Mansfield E. Kerr was entirely in the dark. He had more money in the bank than he wished he had but knew of no way to get around the matter.

Dr. George S. Everts said he was ashamed to own what he represented but suggested the appointment of a committee of twelve to devise means to help the sufferers, if such a thing were possible.

Watson Slobber, a farmer, asked what the liability of the stockholders is, and Mr. Parker informed him that they are liable for the amount of their stock in addition to the amount already paid in.

Alexander McCrea wanted to know how they would decide on the expenses for conducting the case and Charles Van Duzer asked who the stockholders are. He called on Gen. Knapp who occupied a seat in the centre of the room and that gentleman said he was a stockholder and expected to pay the receiver the amount of his holding in cash.

Watson Slobber asked if it was the duty of the government to care for the collection of this money from the stock holders.

The chairman informed him that it would be the duty of the receiver and suggested that the meeting would do well to see that a good man was made receiver.

A lady asked General Knapp: "Who are the other stockholders?"

General Knapp said he would be happy to tell, but only knew some of them and could give no more information than was given in the assessor's list as printed in the papers. He said he was sorry that he could not tell, because nominally he was a director, but in fact is an ignorant of the affair as anyone. He had asked the examiner about the stock books but found they had not been written up for several years; but this would make no material difference if the stubs in the certificate book were properly filled in and if the transfer book is in correct shape. He said he had learned that some of the stock holders had sold their stock, but if there were any evidences of fraud the transfers would not hold in law, but if they had sold their holdings for a reasonable price and the intent to evade responsibility was not apparent, the sales would be bona fide. If, however, any one has put stock out of his hands since the disaster, the thing went wrong and he will have to stand up and take his medicine. He said he had talked with the examiner and from him he had learned that part of the funds had been stolen, other than about \$9,000 in cash, taken by the missing men of the Saturday they departed, therefore it is presumable that whatever deficit there is must arise from the bad paper and over drafts, but of the amount he could give no idea. He said, as a matter of law, he knew that the depositors could lose nothing until all the surplus, stock and premium on the stock, amounting to about \$350,000 had been wiped out. Allowing the deficit to be \$350,000 and the deposits to be \$800,000 the depositors would then get 75 cents on the dollar. Nevertheless he characterized the failure as a great public calamity. He said that every dollar of assets must be divided absolutely pro rata according to the deposits; that when the government officials took possession of the bank the depositors and the bank entered into a relationship which can't be strained and if all the lawyers in Cayuga county worked on the case no depositor can get more than his pro rata share. The General said it made a good deal of difference who is appointed receiver and, in closing, said that he understood that the County Judge of this county had been or would be appointed and that, in such case, the depositors might feel assured that full justice would be done them.

P. M. Herron said he understood that much of the pill edged paper which ought to be in the bank was held by one of the directors and he thought there were many features of the case which would bear investigation. He moved that the chair appoint a committee of five to take counsel and see what is the best mode of procedure. This was carried without dissent and Mr. Parker named Messrs. Herron, Gardiner, Chas. H. Smythe, Alex. McCrea and Robert Bell, Sr.

T. J. Adams and Alex. McCrea wanted to know what the committee would do and were informed that they proposed to get all the information possible and if necessary send on a list of depositors to Washington, in the form of a petition asking for a salable receiver. Mr. Herron of the committee said that for one he was willing to prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law and added that, if they were landed inside Copper John's domain, Warden Durston would see that they worked hard for the State.

On motion of Thomas Cunningham the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman of the committee of five.

More Inside History.

The session adjourned about 9 o'clock, but it was an hour later before the last of the crowd left the court room, they having spent the interval in conversing about the affair and in questioning General Knapp, who stood in the center of a group and answered their every inquiry in one style or other. The General didn't want to make a guess at the percentage the depositors would get. In explanation of how easy it was for the cashier and bookkeeper to hoodwink the directors he said that Bank Examiner Clark had

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In Surrogate's Court.

Estate of Robert Tate. Petition for proof of will filed and citation issued returnable Feb. 24 at 10 a. m.

Estate of Jeremiah Reynolds. Proof of service of citation filed and action adjourned to Feb. 28 at 10 a. m.

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MARRIED.

KAHL—ROOPER—In this city, Feb. 8th, 1888, by Rev. J. H. Harvey, Fred E. Kahl and Miss Corie Rooper, all of Auburn.

BOOS—PETERSLIE—In this city, at the residence of Sherman G. Davis, 29 Burt Ave., Feb. 11, by Rev. W. H. Hubbard, Louis Boos and Lena Peterslie, both of this city.

MORAN—WOOD—At 101 Franklin st., Feb. 12, 1888, by Rev. W. Seagar, D. D., Mr. Henry Moran to Miss Hatie Wood, all of Auburn, N. Y.

BLAIR—GROVES—At 222 Ross Place, Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 14th, 1888, by the Rev. A. S. Harghey, Mr. Julius Blair and Miss Mary Eva Groves, both of Auburn.

DIED.

DOYLE—In this city, Feb. 13th, 1888, Mrs. John Doyle, aged 37 years.

SULLIVAN—Feb. 12, 1888, at her late residence 141 Van Anden st., Maria Sullivan, aged 47 years.

HOLLAND—In this city, Feb. 15th, 1888, at the residence of the parents, 95 Van Anden st., Alice, daughter of Patrick and Mary Holland, aged 8 years, 3 months.

LARGE—in Fleming, Feb. 11th, 1888, William Large, aged 55 years.

KELLEY—in Auburn, Feb. 8th, 1888, Charles C. Kelley, aged 40 years.

LIFE—in this city, Feb. 10th, 1888, at the residence of the family, 137 State st., William Lee.

JARROD—in Auburn, Feb. 24th, 1888, Terriss Jarrod, aged 38 years.

SULLIVAN—Feb. 15th, 1888, in the town of Senect, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. James Carr, Katie Sullivan, aged 24 years.

HARRIS—in this city, Feb. 14, 1888, W. Church Harris, aged 57 years, 9 months.

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Political. NILES. THE Democrats of Niles are requested to meet at the residence of the late H. C. Smith, on Saturday, February 18th, at 1 o'clock P. M., to nominate candidates to be supported at the approaching town election. feb 15a, D

OWASCO. THE Democratic Electors of the town of Owasco are requested to meet at the Town Hall, on Saturday, February 18th, at 1 o'clock P. M., to nominate officers to be supported at the coming Town Meeting and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. By Order of Com. February 11th, 1888.

THROOP. THE Democrats of Throop are requested to meet at Harrow's Hall, on Saturday, February 18th, at 2 o'clock P. M., to nominate candidates to be supported at the approaching town election. By Order of Town Committee. feb 15a, D

AURELIUS. THE Democrats of the town of Aurelius are requested to meet at the Town Hall, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating town officers to be supported at the annual town meeting. By Order Com. Dated Aurelius, Feb. 15, 1888. feb 15a, D&A

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