

KINGSLEY NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN

Party Honors Him With Full Vote. Democrats Minority Solidly Behind Fred Weston of Montezuma For Post.

Ira J. Kingsley, Cato attorney, who has represented his township in the Board of Supervisors for the last several years, was honored by the Board at its organization meeting last Monday when he was elected chairman of the 1928 Board. He succeeds Chairman Roy C. Gregory of Fleming.

Mr. Kingsley was elected by a strict party vote. Both the Republican and Democratic supervisors held a caucus before the election, and they voted straight party lines. The Democratic majority presented the name of Fred Weston of Montezuma and gave him 10 votes in the election. The Cato supervisor received the other 22 votes. Mr. Kingsley thanked the supervisors for the honor they conferred upon him and he said that he would serve them as efficiently as it was in his power. He stated that he would announce his list of committees at the first meeting in February and in this connection he stated he would name members to these committees taking only their fitness into consideration, irrespective of whether they voted for him or not. This brought a burst of applause on the part of the supervisors.

Ernest G. Taber of Meridian was re-elected clerk and Joseph French of Auburn was named as a messenger for another term.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Kingsley passed around the customary cigars and then invited the whole Board to be his guests at luncheon at the Osborne House.

Inasmuch as County Attorney gave the opinion that no business could be legally transacted at the organization meeting, the Board called a special meeting for the afternoon. The first session of the 1928 Board marked the first meeting under the new pay plan. The Supervisors now receive an annual salary of \$250 instead of the old method of \$6 per day.

In the preliminary organization session Supervisor Howard J. Skyles of Conquest acted as temporary chairman. The new chairman and the clerk were sworn in by Deputy County Clerk James D. Shayer.

The Supervisors drew for their seats, the old timers being given the preference in the order of seniority. W. W. Patterson of Aurelius who began his 18th year on the Board last year, chose and chose to remain in the seat he occupied last year.

The solons also passed a resolution introduced by Supervisor Shaw of Niles requesting State Senator Charles J. Hewitt and Assemblyman C. D. Van Alstine to have legislation enacted at Albany providing the expenses of court actions caused by crime in state institutions be paid by the state instead of by the counties where state institutions are located. The resolution was introduced by reason of the expense to Cayuga county which will be entailed by trial of Alex. Kalkowski for the murder of Principal Keeper James B. Durnin and a number of criminal trials which resulted from crimes committed inside of Auburn Prison.

Former Supervisor A. C. McIntosh of Locke stepped in the chambers this morning as a private citizen. He completed 21 years and three months of service as supervisor of his town December 31. Another old timer whose face was missing was George R. Barnett of Victory, who retired at the close of last year after 14 years of office.

The Fourth ward of Auburn was not represented today, the city council not having made an appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank J. Schell to become county warden of weights and measures. Clerk Taber read communications from the state bureau of highways requesting the supervisors to furnish the county's share of appropriations for bridges on the Poplar Ridge-Flint state highway to be made this year.

The statement of the state bureau gave the total cost of the four bridges to be \$11,000 of which the state pays 66 per cent, \$7,260 and the county 22 per cent, \$2,400.

The commercial apple crop in New York in 1927 was less than two-thirds of the crop in 1926. The average farm price was nearly double, however, so the 1927 crop was worth more than 70 per cent more than that of the previous year.

In A Line or Two

Charles H. Green, 33, bathing beach operator and clothing clerk, is being held at Geneva on a homicide charge as the result of shooting and fatally injuring his employee, Daniel A. Baker, 55, of the retail clothing firm of Baker & Stark and one of Geneva's best known citizens. Argument over a theft in the store precipitated the shooting. It is believed Green was fired as a clerk in the store Saturday night but reported for work as usual Monday morning.

A Cayuga County jury awarded a verdict of \$25,000 damages in the case of James Steele, former Auburn chiropractor, against the C. G. Meeker Company, Inc., and the Auburn Auto Delivery Company in Supreme Court at Auburn to recover damages for injuries received in an automobile accident. Steele was struck by a delivery car and lay in the City Hospital for two weeks before recovering consciousness. He is now in Florida for his health.

Roy Hemingway, president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and well known manufacturer, was appointed a member of the Board of Education by Mayor Charles D. Osborne to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Hudson who accepted the position of city treasurer in the new city administration.

Auburn's proud record for no deaths from diphtheria came to an end after three years and 10 months last Tuesday when Elizabeth M. Melnik, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Melnik of 148 Cottage street, died from the disease. However, it was not a defeat for the Shick test which reduced the diphtheria death rate in Auburn to nothing for nearly four years. The child, Dr. Thomas C. Sawyer, head of the City Health Department said, had not received the immunization treatment.

The Cayuga County Sheep Breeders' Association at a meeting the latter part of last week delegated Harlow Mills of the Town of Menia to represent the county organization at the meeting of the New York State Sheep Breeders' Association in Syracuse on Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14. The county organization will hold its annual election of officers at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th.

Word has been received in this vicinity of the death of Lyman C. Comstock, a former Cayuga County Clerk, at the National Home, Milwaukee, Wis. He served as county clerk from 1871 to 1877 and was well known in Auburn and the entire county.

Miles S. Irish, a former member of the Board of Education and who has been identified in the building trade in Auburn for the last 20 years, has been appointed deputy assessor by CWY Manager John F. Donovan. He will prove the city manager feels a valuable aid to Engineer D. M. Dunne who is head of the Assessment Department.

Fred Mundt and his wife of Aurelius Avenue were held in the firm raid staged by federal prohibition men and Sheriff Earl J. Morgan in 1923. The raid was made Wednesday night of last week and the defendants gave bail of \$1,000 each pending a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Frank Wright.

Sorrogate Walter E. Woodin recently granted an order allowing a compromise for \$4,500 of the action brought by the estate of William M. Rich of Cato, New York, who was electrocuted while repairing a line against the Seneca River Power Company. The current was through some error switched on while he was on a pole repairing a break in the line.

Marvin Hight, who arose from medical telegrapher of the age of 13 years to president, chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, died last Friday at his home in that city. He was born in Genoa, N. Y., and has been a prominent citizen of Cayuga County. His health was poor for some time but he was able to follow through his rapid rise in the railroad world. He was 59 years old.

Send or stamps that have clay or dirt mixed with them will not mail good concerns.

SWARTOUT'S TEAM WIN THREE GAMES

Leave Pope Alley Artists in Lurch on Drives—Both Captains Out of Usual Form and Deposed Chiefs Are Stars.

In the reorganized Business Men's Bowling League, Captain Swartout's team got away to a good start by defeating Captain Pope's team in three straight games. And Captain Pope performed very little like a captain on his initial appearance as "anchor man."

In fact the deposed captain of both teams were the star performers of the evening. With the responsibility of captain taken off his shoulders, Kelsey bowled like a new man and ran up the high score of the evening. He had high score with 194, high total with 512. Calvin was six pins behind him in the high total, rolling 506. L. Bibbins came through with an even 500 which was not bad.

But Captain Pope was in disgrace. The best he could do was to hit the pins for a total of 296. He was kept from appearing worse by the sad performance of Benton and F. C. Smith of his own team. The former struck 282 for a total of three games and Smith was not much better with 291.

The winners took the first game with 250 against 235, the second by 811 as against 616 and the third by 750 as against 629. The losers were 50 pins less than 2,000 for the grand total.

The scores:

Swartout, Capt.	140	179	123	442
Kelsey	165	153	194	512
L. Bibbins	179	285	166	530
F. C. Smith	150	138	148	436
Putnam	124	184	119	427
	758	811	750	2319

Pope, Capt.	130	137	129	396
Calvin	143	155	178	506
Benton	83	105	87	275
F. C. Smith	109	106	82	297
Clark	149	152	163	475
	635	675	679	1989

A RELIC FROM THE PAST

The Chief uncovered a relic of the past when it discovered an old "Donation Day" invitation tucked away in a "pigeonhole" in the editor's desk. The invitation is in printed form and is of the days when the people of the village paid a visit to their pastor and left him a donation of some kind or other. It might be a chicken or a basket of potatoes or what have you. The invitation is 72 years old and is a very interesting document.

It is printed as follows:
DONATION DAY
Your company is respectfully invited to attend a DONATION VISIT, for the Benefit of

REV. G. W. WARNER.
At his Residence, on the Afternoon and Evening of WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2th, 1856.

Managers
Mr. James Henderson & Lady; and the following with "A Lady":

David Hamilton, Wm. J. Corwell, Wm. W. Wood, Levi T. Hamilton, Geo. Graham, Willis Sitzer, Geo. Cramer, I. H. Gilderleeve, C. C. Adams, Edgar Emerick, Eli Hamilton, R. G. Adams, Chaucey Caywood, E. H. Boyd, Chas. Cornell, N. H. Caywood, Augustus Field, J. T. Durkee, Wm. Henderson, S. A. Eborford, H. C. Beach, C. R. Broad, Miss A. M. Kinne, Miss E. Sule, Miss Isabella Horton, Miss Marie Dixon, Miss Betsey Caywood, Miss Eliza Horton, Miss Angeline Robinson, Miss Mary Watson.

Dated Weedsport, Jan. 2, 1856.

DREADED REGENTS NEAR:

PUPILS GRAMMING HARD

With the much dreaded mid-year Regents examination near at hand, the pupils of Weedsport High School are burning the "midnight oil" preparing for the tests which will decide whether or not they will go on with their subjects or review them for another half year. It is not exactly a month which the students are in lurch with but it is one which they cannot avoid successfully in the school careers.

The scholarship in the local school will compare favorably with that of any high school in a village of the same size as Weedsport and for this reason, the teachers have no reason to believe that many will "flake" the mid-year. There are always a few who take things easy until just before the tests and then put all their eggs on "remembering" the half year's work in a short time before the examinations. Sometimes they are successful and sometimes they are not.

The schedule of the Regents which begins next Monday follows:
Monday morning—Geography; Monday afternoon—Elocution; Tuesday morning—Arithmetic; Wednesday morning—U. S. History; Wednesday afternoon—Spelling and Silver Reading.

DURNIN'S SLAYER ON TRIAL MONDAY

Brutus May Have Voice in Determining Fate of Prisoner-Slayer. Ten Men From the Townships Drawn on Special Jury List.

Ten Brutus men are on the special panel of 125 jurors drawn for the trial of Alexander Kalkowski, Auburn Prison convict, on a charge of murder in the first degree in connection with the fatal stabbing of Principal Keeper James B. Durnin on the afternoon of last November 17. Justice A. J. Rodenbeck of Rochester will preside at the trial.

And one or more of the Brutus men will sit and determine the fate of the "bad man" of the prisons, who will fight to keep from paying the death penalty in the electric chair. To sentence him to life in prison would mean nothing to him as he now has aggregate sentences which will keep him in prison the rest of his life.

The Brutus men called to jury duty are as follows: George Cusick, H. Chamberlain, Veruie E. Barber, F. J. Burns, Judson A. Cooper, Claude Freer, Roy Halbert, O. N. Stack, William Scott, Samuel Smith.

Others called from the near vicinity are: Cato, Harvey Drake, H. A. Roe, William Smith, Conquest, John Beagle, Frank Caswell, Almon Campbell, Menz, Raymond Day, Thomas Kierman and Fred Parsons; Throop, Walter Atkinson, William Barber, Howard Crofoot, Frank Day, John Moffett, and George Tallman.

The trial is expected to be one of the most sensational murder trials in Cayuga County and keen interest is being taken in it. The whole city was aroused by the brutal manner in which the principal keeper was butchered to his death and the courtroom will be packed to its capacity during the days of the trial.

Attorney Charles F. Whelan has been assigned by the court to defend the prisoner and the prosecution will be conducted by District Attorney Benn Kenyon assisted by Assistant District Attorney James Hosmer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANS CONTINUATION SCHOOL

The vocational division of the State Education Department is co-operating with the local board of education in providing instruction for a period of a couple of months to men and boys on farms outside the school age. E. N. Most the teacher in agriculture of the local school has planned a six week course for those who are interested as follows:

Week Feb. 20—Gas Engine School
Any farmer may bring in gas engines during this week to work on during the school. Next year a tractor school will be provided.

Beginning February 27 a school on farm management, history of co-operation, farm credit, inventory and keeping records will be provided to last as long as the farmers care to provide the interest in the course. If enough farmers request it some time will be given to feeds and feeding for dairy cattle. This ought to be especially interesting for local dairymen because of the present price of milk. All of those who take the course will receive help in keeping records on their cows for the period as well as having milk tests made of each individual cow. Any farmer is urged to send in samples of milk to the high school to be tested at anytime. This is done entirely free of charge.

The course of instruction will close with two days given over to demonstrations and talks by leaders in agriculture. The entire course of instruction will be provided without cost. The only condition depends on the interest shown by local farmers.

These farmers who are interested in a course of this type should get in touch with the local school authorities as soon as possible. The work will begin at 1:35 p. m. and continue until 3:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

BRADLEY ON LABORATORY BOARD

William J. Bradley of Fair Haven was recently appointed as a member of the Board of Managers of the Cayuga County Laboratory by Chairman Ira J. Kingsley of the Board of Supervisors and attended the first meeting last Tuesday. Mr. Bradley was appointed for a term of five years. The Board reorganized as follows: William J. Henry, chairman; James B. Washburn, vice chairman; and Dr. C. F. McCord, secretary.

ATTENTION MOTORISTS!

The Motor Vehicle Bureau of Cayuga County would like to have persons holding certificates of registration on their automobile with license numbers D-3343 to D-3602 inclusive, any number between which were obtained on December 28, 1927 for 1928 plates, communicate with the Bureau as soon as possible, unless they have already done so, in order that the record may be complete.

GEORGE KILGUS, LIFE-LONG RESIDENT DIES AT HOME

By the death of George E. Kilgus, which occurred at his home on West Brutus street Monday evening, Weedsport sustained the loss of a highly respected life-long citizen.

Mr. Kilgus was born in Weedsport February 6, 1858 the only son of the late Michael and Christine Kilgus. He was married to Mrs. Mary Moll February 22, 1877. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Kilgus and their family quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Kilgus held the office of street commissioner many years and was also an R. F. D. carrier for 18 years and the patrons on his route were loud in their praise of his efforts to bring them their daily mail in all kinds of weather over the uncertain country roads.

Besides his widow, Mr. Kilgus is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Florence Sheldon and Miss Louise Kilgus and a grandson, Leland B. Sheldon, all of this place; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian McGraw of Auburn and Miss Araminta Kilgus of Lockport, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Kilgus loved his home and his family, to these he was devoted and his first thoughts were always for their well being and comfort. To these afflicted ones the many friends and neighbors extend their sympathy.

The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 and was in charge of Rev. Albert D. Stearns, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Kilgus had been an active member since he was 18 years of age.

The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased, Lewis and George McGraw and Frank Burgess of Auburn, Earl McGraw of Union Springs and Otto and Paul Stevenson of this village. Burial was made in the family plot at Weedsport Rural Cemetery.

SHERIFF MORGAN APPOINTS MOLL DEPUTY SHERIFF

In a recent announcement, Sheriff Earl J. Morgan made known the list of deputies he appointed in the county outside of the City of Auburn. Andrew Moll of this village was appointed for the Town of Brutus. The other appointments were: Seward Whitcomb, Aurelius; James Gihuly, Conquest; Volney J. Stanton, Owasco; Luther J. Ingalls, Fleming; Fred Osterboot, Fleming; Elmer Close, Genoa; Fred Orndorf, Locke; Lester Campbell, Menz; Merritt Wheeler, Moravia; Arthur Preston, Montezuma; Odel Chamberlain, Scioto; Erwin Sheldon, Senett; E. F. Hubbard, Springport.

ANNUAL FATHER AND SON BANQUET IS PLANNED

The committee working on the annual father and son banquet have had one meeting to appoint the various sub-committees and make plans for the speaker. The committee is composed of D. C. Jones, L. E. Gibe and D. H. T. Morrison, Milton Benson and Harry Whitman from the Baptist Church; Charles Sloan, Earl Wofford and E. N. Most from the M. E. Church. The date will undoubtedly be sometime the second week in February. The committee is planning to provide for 200 guests and some new features will be injected in the program this year.

HOSPITAL STAFF ELECTED

Dr. Raymond F. Johnson, well known Auburn surgeon, was elected president of the Auburn City Hospital staff at its recent annual election. Others elected: Dr. Louis P. O'Neil, vice president; and Dr. Merrill O. Parker, secretary. The staff members were the guests of the hospital at a dinner served in the hospital dining room under the direction of Superintendent James E. McBeth.

Two of five boys were picked up in Auburn early one morning the latter part of last week, walked out of the office of County Judge Roger S. Mather before whom they were to appear on charges of entering an Auburn store and to trace of them has been found. It is believed they were lured for the "wild and woolly west." All five boys reside in Syracuse.

WEAKER SEX PROVE STRONGER

Weedsport Girls Win and Boys Lose; Cato Breaks Three-Cornered Tie For First Place In League by its Victory.

The Weedsport High School girls team showed "their boy friends" the way in the basketball contest in the Cato High School last Friday night but the boys couldn't follow the leader. The girls won their game with the Cato High School team by a score of 24 to 4 while the boys lost by a score of 12 to 6.

By defeating Weedsport the boys' team broke the three-cornered tie for first place in the northern division of the Cayuga County league. The Cato boys were just what the score indicated, twice as good as the local cagers. The latter couldn't seem to get going and were behind from the start of the contest.

Port Byron and Red Creek High School teams divided honors in their games played in the Fellowship Building. The Red Creek boys defeated the Port Byron quint by a score of 22 to 16 and the Port Byron girls won from their sisters from Red Creek by a nice margin.

In the southern division, the Union Springs five which is making a strong bid for the championship, strengthened their position by defeating Sherwood Select School by a score of 29 to 29. Aurora defeated King Ferry by a score of 26 to 11.

In the Weedsport-Cato game, Davis and Mount did all the scoring and Sullivan counted for five out of the six points made by the Weedsport five. Ely tossed a foul while Sullivan had two baskets and a foul to his credit.

The lineup:
Soul 11 Sullivan
Davis 7 Moll
Mount 5 Ely
Barris 15 Lewis, Stamm
Whitford 4 Race
Baskets—Davis 3, Mount 1, Ely 1, Sullivan 1.

"WEEDSPORT" TRAVELS ON

The Rochester and Syracuse Electric Railroad is to be complimented for naming one of its brand new parlor cars "Weedsport" and Weedsport is to be complimented to have one of the cars named after her, especially after one has ridden in the new modern and up-to-date electric trolley and enjoyed the comforts of the latest in electric transportation.

"Weedsport" went on wheels propelled by an electric current Wednesday and arrived for the first time in Weedsport at 1:29 P. M. A group of citizens was on hand to "welcome" her to this village. The company now has seven cars named after cities and villages on the route. Besides Weedsport, the others are named "Newark," "Syracuse," "Rochester," "Lyons," "Palmyra" and "Clyde."

BIG HOUSE FEATURES LITTLE THEATER ENTERTAINMENT

The Baptist Fellowship Building was crowded for the entertainment program presented by the Little Theater Entertainers under the auspices of the Women's Organization of the Baptist Church. The entertainment was presented by E. V. Blahoman, local comedian; Hazel E. Gherdevee, charming soloist and Beatrice F. Blahoman, talented reader.

It was the first appearance of the Little Theater Entertainers, a permanent formation to present a series of entertainments throughout the locality during the winter months. The entertainers were given a great boost for the opening night.

FORMER LOCAL M. E. PASTOR TAKES BRIDE AT CLARK SUMMIT

Many of the older residents of this village were interested in learning the Rev. Phillip Egan, pastor of the Synodical M. E. Church, Elmira and former pastor of the Weedsport Methodist Episcopal Church was married to Mrs. Ethel S. Robertson at Clark Summit on New Year's Day.

The marriage was celebrated at the home of the groom's daughter Mrs. Harold E. Steer and the ceremony was performed by Rev. B. Pittman, formerly superintendent of the Elmira district, a former pastor of Geneva and friend and associate of the groom.

Doctor Steer was pastor of the local church about 13 years ago and is well known in this village. He will read after his wedding trip at the parsonage, 288 West Thurston street, Elmira.