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#### About the Oneida Community.

THE Oneida community, which has become almost forgotten by the general public, manifests its industrial survival, at least, by a 20-page pamphlet concerning its history and its present condition, written with judicious election and literary ability, and illustrated with taste by half-tone pictures of Oneida county scenery and of noted figures in the community, and pen-and-ink drawings. It is published at the office of the community, 413 Broadway, New York city, and its advertising purpose is frank enough, but there is yet interest enough in the history to justify some words about it. This enterprise of John Humphrey Noyes, begun in 1848 by him and a number of New England men and women, principally from Vermont, was one of the most interesting experiments in sociology ever tried, and ranks in importance with the experiments of Fourier and his phalansteries, with Owen's New Harmony, the Amana community, the Dunkers, the Shakers and Douhobors of Russia, who have recently settled in Canada, not to mention the ventures of Brook Farm and of Florence. John Humphrey Noyes was a man of remarkable and sturdy Yankee character; touched with a certain curious idealism, which made him a "perfectionist" in religion, he possessed shrewd and sound business sense, and a knowledge of men which would have made him a power in politics had he turned his attention that way. The root of Noyes's communism was the apostolic "having all things in common," and the Bible was the charter of the community; indeed, the followers of Noyes were known in the early days as "Bible communists," their bond one of "agreement," which, as the writer of the pamphlet says, "enabled its members to dwell together as one family for 30 years, to eat at one table, to hold a common purse, and to change the wilderness into a garden." The success gained as cultivators of the earth and marketers of their produce, of inventors of industries and makers of business for the surrounding country,—was long locally appreciated, and the community seemed in a fair way to demonstrate its social theories.

But Mr. Noyes introduced and the community took up with the idea of extending communism to the marriage relations. In this pamphlet it is thus spoken of:—

Moreover, it seemed reasonable to the community in 1848 that there should be something like the same liberty for experiment and invention in devising new and improved forms of social life that has been permitted, for instance,

in the study of transportation. The difference, between the antiquated stage coach and the Empire State express is very great, and is due to unlimited opportunity to study, invent and experiment. The sincere effort of the Oneida community, made at great cost, was to establish a better and larger home, and one that would be both a church and a practical school for improvement of character.

Like the author of the Declaration of Independence, the community considered at the outset that "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind" required that it should give its reasons for the enlargement of the home. It therefore explained that it regarded its society strictly as an experiment in which the public could and should take a deep legitimate interest. It made no secret of its manner of life, but sent all its publications to the governor and leading men of the state, and carefully gave its reasons for association to every candid inquirer. During 30 years, it spent over \$100,000 in publishing an absolutely free paper, which contained a frank record of its daily life. This candid course met with generous approval, and the community enjoyed for a long period of years the friendship of the best people in America.

This it was which finally broke up the community as John H. Noyes conducted it; a general assault was made upon it, led by such a strong man as Bishop F. D. Huntington of central New York, and the result was an end to the experiment, and the going away of the founder to Canada, with some followers, while Dr. Theodore R. Noyes became the recognized head of a different society. The select mating of men and women by decision of the community, the consideration of the children as the children of the community—this was the "enlargement of the home," and many thinkers desired its continuance, since the conditions which prevail in ordinary society do not produce ideal results. It is, however, at an end; but while it lasted, this, and the very original system of "mutual criticism," in addition to the practical success of the industrial policy, commanded the close and generally friendly interest of Americans and English who were specially concerned with reform of social condition.

This pamphlet in very brief paragraphs mentions sundry of the things that were essayed by the community which made its success, as intensive work in horticulture, the canning or bottling of fruits and vegetables, the making of traps for hunters, of steel chains, the invention of many labor-saving machines (now in general use), and so on; whereby there was achieved a position of real prosperity, in which factories gave employment to hundreds of people, outside of the members; the houses and the grounds grew beautiful as well as useful; art, music, letters, science, were cultivated, and many of the young men were sent to the New England colleges. No mention is here made of the community at Wallingford, Ct., but this was one of the outposts of the industrial work which it appears is now carried on by the remodeled community. It is noted that one of the young women who was sent with others to learn silk spinning in New England mills is now superin-

tendent of this business, which sells annually over \$300,000 worth of silk in New York city and other markets.

The close of the old order was in 1880. The large property was divided without any litigation. In that year the Oneida community was incorporated as a joint stock company; the stock of \$600,000 being divided among the members in proportion to the number of years' service each had contributed to creating its wealth. The women shared equally with the men. In respect to their peculiar family plan, it is said by this writer:—

The return by the community to the ordinary forms of society was as sincere and complete as its original departure. The members intermarried, and their families do not differ from those of any separate households, except, perhaps, in a deeper mutual respect, and affection, based on many years of association.

It is stated that the stock of the community, "which is at a premium, and not in the market," is held almost entirely by the children and grandchildren of the pioneers. The young business men are college-bred, and have besides a commercial training, and most of them with their families "dwell happily at the old homestead, which retains many co-operative features, such as a common dining-room, library, golf and other recreation grounds." And those who have to live at Niagara Falls, Chicago, New York and elsewhere make annual visits to the old home. All this must be of interest for the sake of the past; whether the co-operative phase of this noteworthy community, now under the presidency of Dr. Theodore R. Noyes, will continue as harmonious and as prosperous, remains to be seen.

#### If a Man took Bill Board Advice.

IN a recent trip on the train the Editor of the POST observed numerous bill boards making various announcements. If a fellow would take this advice of all the bill boards he would be kept busy taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, syrup of Figs, Henderson's Little Pink Pills, and Castoria; while riding a Waverly Bicycle, he would wear a suit of clothing from the N. Y. Clothing house and a Dalsimer Shoe, powder himself with Mennen's Toilet Powder, rub his back with Kid-ne-Kure, have a quid of Seal Out Tobacco on one side and Mail Pouch on the other side of his cheek, with a Geo. W. Child's 5c cigar on one side and a Capt. Murray ten center on the other side. He would look at his Ingersoll watch and find it was time to take a drink of beer that made Milwaukee famous. He would wash himself with Pear's soap and tell his wife to use Sunlight Soap and Rising Sun Stove Polish. He would drink Baker's Cocoa and eat Quaker Oats for breakfast, drink Victor Coffee for dinner and Baker's chocolate for supper, buy a building lot, take a dose of sozodont and go to bed.

THE Teachers' Institute of Snyder County that opens in the Middleburg Court house Monday a week promises to be a very interesting one. An able corps of instructors and interesting course of lectures and entertainments has been provided for by county Superintendent Bowersox.

# THE BEEHIVE

## Silk and Flannel Waists

Are among the principal attractions of the store at present. People are getting ready for the cold weather. Our stock of these indispensable garments is well nigh limitless. Everything that is new and is smart here, and what is more, is here at prices that cannot be found elsewhere. We started out to give you a description, but there were so many styles that we found it an impossible task. Suffice it to say that the silk waists are bewilderingly beautiful with hemstitching, cording and tucking in lovely shades of rose, light green, blue, maize, cardinal, gray, pink, and white and black.

The prices are \$2.98, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 up to \$7.50.

The Flannel Waists: Some are plaited, some tucked, others have strap trimming, or velvet ribbon or buckles, or new cuff, while others depend on the quality of the flannel alone for their beauty and are fine simplicity itself. Color-line pink, light blue, cardinal, green, rose, royal, white and black. Scale of prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 up to \$3.50.

A good line of flannelette waists for 50c.

## Dress and Walking Skirts

Medium and dark Oxford Skirts, \$2.50. Black, melrose and cheviot skirts, full flare or flounce, \$2.75.

Medium and dark Oxford Skirts, full flare, corded flounce, \$3.00. Grey homespun skirts, full flare flounce, trimmed with bands of grey silk, very graceful shape, \$5.50. Cheviots, pebble cheviots, mohair and broadcloth, made in the newest effects, tucked, corded, strapped and stitched. Words cannot convey the grace and style of these garments. You can take the finest material, and if it is not gracefully fashioned, it counts for naught. Hence, we brag about the grace and style of our skirts. The best skirts are \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00.

## Black Silk Skirts

In Taffeta, China and Peau de soie. A very neat silk skirt, circular flounce, trimmed with several rows of quilled ribbon, \$8.00. Stylish silk skirt, full flare, applique of net, ruffle of silk, \$9.00. Beautiful Peau de soie skirt, flare flounce, stylishly trimmed, \$16.00.

## Children's Coats

Reefers, Three Quarters and Automobiles Reefer of blue and grey mixed cloth, stylish collar, trimmed with bands of blue cloth, \$2.00.

Beefers of cardinal cloth, jaunty collar, embroidered in black braid, \$4. Three Quarter Coat of fine castor kersey, strap trimmings of stitched castor silk, \$7.50. Three Quarter Coat of fine royal blue kersey; the new large circular collar; cuffs and collar trimmed with bands of blue velvet, white metalique polka dots on velvet; a strikingly handsome coat, \$10.00.

Tan Melton Automobile, smart circular cape trimmed with white soutache and brown braid, \$6.00. Cardinal Beaver Automobile, small chi collar and cuffs, trimmed with bands of stitched black velvet, \$4.50. Blue Camel's Hair Automobile, new Russian back and belt, cuffs, collar and belt piped with blue velvet, \$10.00.

## Ladies' Coats

Our prices are so very moderate that we really believe their equal isn't to be found elsewhere, for goods of equal merit, and we think that you will say so too when you see them. A stylish lot of short Jackets from \$2.50 up to \$9.00. Three quarter lengths in castor, tan, Oxford, oxblood and black. Perfect fitting, finely tailored with an air of style stamped on every garment. From \$10.00 up to \$22.00.

## Ladies' Coat Suits

It's a real pleasure to see a lady in a trim, finely tailored suit. No well dressed woman can afford to do without a suit of this kind. It's economical, it fits in anywhere, it's the thing to buy. Have you seen our \$10 and \$12 suits? They stand for fine tailoring, chic styles and good materials.

## Lace Curtains and Portieres

Don't you need some lace curtains? We keep a large line from 45c up to \$2.75 a pair. A cosy home needs the final touch that lace curtains give. Are you ready for a pair of portieres? They cost so little and add so much to the home beauty. We have them as low as \$1.75 and as high as \$5.00 a pair. Come and see them. We open a new line this week. You'll do well to look us over before purchasing, for you will not only be thoroughly pleased, but you will also save quite a bit of money on your purchase.

**J. N. HARRISON,**  
Sunbury, Pa.

## Dr. Thomas' Remedy

### ST. VITUS' DANCE

Has never failed to effect a permanent cure where the directions have been carefully followed; the most obstinate cases, that have baffled the skill of physicians, have yielded to its powerful influence, and it stands to-day as the only known and positive cure for this distressing complaint. Sent by mail on receipt of \$1.60. Address

Thomas Bechtold,  
1324 North 55th St.

11 14 St

Philadelphia, Pa.

#### SALE REGISTER

Notices of sales will be inserted free under this heading when the bills are printed at this office. When the bills are not printed at this office 50 cents will be charged. Persons expecting to have sales should select a date and have it inserted in this column.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, two miles south of Vicksburg, Oliver H. Bowersox will sell 5 horses, 11 head of cattle and farming implements.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21, at Hummel's Wharf, S. W. Trutt and James D. Wertz, administrators of Andrew Trutt, will sell personal property and 10 acres of land with good buildings and fruit.

#### A Book Collector.

Hewitt—Gruet has a very fine library.

Jewett—He ought to have; he never returns the books he borrows.—Brooklyn Life.

#### Court Proclamation.

WHEREAS the Hon. Harold M. McClure, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, and Union and Peter F. Riegler and Z. T. Gemberling, Esqs., Associate Judges in and for Snyder county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 7th day of Oct. A. D. 1901, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans' Court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Middleburg, for the county of Snyder, on the first Monday, (being the 9th day of Dec. 1901), and to continue one week. Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, inquests, examinations and other remembrances to do those things which of and in their behalf pertain to be done and witnesses and persons prosecuting in behalf of the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables are required to be then and there attending and departing without leave at their peril. Justices are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time agreeably to notice.

Given under my hand and seal of the Sheriff's office in Middleburg, the 9th day of Nov. A. D., one thousand nine hundred one.

G. W. ROW, Sheriff.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.—Notice is hereby given that the following Widows' Appraisements under the 82nd law, have been filed with the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Snyder county for confirmation Dec. 9th, 1901.

No. 1. Appraisement of Lucetta Shaffer, widow of William A. Shaffer, late of Union Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., deceased, elected to be taken under the 82nd exemption law.

No. 2. Appraisement of Mary Fisher, widow of Anaph Fisher, late of Monroe Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., deceased, elected to be taken under the 82nd exemption law.

No. 3. Appraisement of Barbara Fisher, widow of Adam J. Fisher, late of Penn Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., deceased, elected to be taken under the 82nd exemption law.

Polhemus' Accounts.—The following account will be presented for confirmation on Monday, December 24th, 1901.

The first and final account of J. J. Shrader, Guardian and Committee of the person and estate of John Mover, a lunatic pensioner of the U. S. Government.

G. M. SHINDEL, Clerk.

#### Bottle Was All Right.

Irate Customer—Look here, young man, I bought this hair tonic from you, and it is absolutely worthless.

Shop Assistant—We can't help that, sir.

Irate Customer—But you guaranteed each bottle.

Shop Assistant—Exactly, sir, but we didn't guarantee the tonic.—Tit-Bits.

#### No Trouble.

"Yo' don't know of no colored church needin' a preachah, do yo'?" asked a colored brother of the Missouri Baptist evangelist. "I got no place to preach jus' now."

"Way, I always thought you were pastor of this church here," the evangelist replied.

"I was, but I's quit."

"Well, I hope you did not give them a lot of trouble, like their last pastor. He nearly ruined their church before they got rid of him."

"No, sah; didn't give 'em no trouble—dar warn't no trouble about it. De deacons jus' got together an' handed in mah resignation, an' accepted it."

—Judge.

Not up in Cookery Slang.—When on one of the recent hot days the lady of the house sent her maid out to do the marketing, she admonished her to get everything fresh, and said:

"Now, Mary, get some string beans. Break one of them to see if they are fresh, and get two pounds of tripe, and pinch the tripe."

Mary looked indignant, and then blurted out:

"Sure, I wasn't brought up that way, ma'am, and if you want anything pinched you'll have to go out and do it yourself."—N. Y. Times.

## Your Tongue

If it's coated, your stomach is bad, your liver is out of order. Ayer's Pills will clean your tongue, cure your dyspepsia, make your liver right. Easy to take, easy to operate.

25c. All druggists.

Want your mustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use

BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the Mustache.

#### Hetty Green in Vermont.

Mrs. Hetty Green, with her husband, Edward Green, and daughter, Sylvia, have arrived at the old family homestead at Bellows Falls, Vt., for the warm months. Mrs. Green claims Bellows Falls as her residence, and pays taxes on personal property to the amount of \$125,000.

Hardly had the wealthy woman settled down to quiet country life before the house was besieged by newspaper men clamoring for interviews. She refused to see any of them, and grew exceedingly angry when several tried to get snap shots of her.

One afternoon a photographer lay in wait behind the house, hoping to catch her unawares when walking in the garden. Mrs. Green spied him, however, and before he could focus his camera, he says, she climbed over a high board fence, displaying an agility which surprised him.

#### Toronto Saloons.

Toronto saloons close at seven o'clock on Saturday evening, so that no workman with a weakness may spend his wages before he gets home.

#### Hatpin as a Weapon.

Emperor William says the sword is the greatest of weapons; but of course he never was chased by a woman with a hatpin.

#### British Opium Trade.

Great Britain's revenue from the Chinese opium trade amounts to \$40,000,000 yearly.

#### Too Limited a Subject.

Editor—Why don't you write something about bathing suits? Joker—Nothing much to write about.—Smart Set.

#### Full of Imagination.

"That dull Miss Wiggs doesn't seem to have a particle of imagination."

"Yes, she has; she thinks she can sing."—Tit-Bits.

## PREPARE FOR WINTER



We have a nice line of Winter Stock, MEN'S AND BOY'S SUITS, MEN'S AND BOY'S OVER COATS, FULL LINE OF UNDERWEAR, HATS, CAPS AND UNDERWEAR.

You are cordially invited to examine our excellent stock whether you buy or not. Our stock is all marked in plain figures, and you can see all prices for yourself.

We have a strictly one-price to all. Thanking you for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of the same I remain Resp'y.

**WOLF FREEDMAN,**

318 East Market St.,  
Sunbury, Pa.

#### Plausible Theory.

Lawyer—Where were you on the afternoon in question?  
Witness—I was at a ball game with a couple of friends.  
"Friends, huh! A couple of thieves, no doubt."  
"Very likely, sir; they were both lawyers."—Chicago Daily News.

#### Unfortunately.

They were driving together, Miss Rocks, unsolicited, gurgled her views upon matrimony. "Love is a dreary desert," she said, "and a dreary oasis." Whereupon Mrs. Rocks remarked that "it certainly did require a deal of sand."—London Weekly.