

**Excerpts from *The Charlotteville Phoenix***

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- Eggs are worth 27 cents per dozen here.
- The poultry show at Cobleskill bids fair to be an extra one.
- Three cases of scarlet fever are reported at Breakabeen.
- Rev. W. R. Goss, of Manorkill, was in town a few minutes last Tuesday evening.
- The revival meeting in this place have not been crowned with much success as yet.
- A party of friends from Sharon, were guests at Dr. Sperbeck's Saturday and Sunday.
- F. H. Cleveland, the popular insurance agent, of Schenevus, gave us a very pleasant visit last Wednesday.
- Philip Van Buern, *{sic}* of Decatur, has been visiting at James Johnson's and Charlie Syerbeck's for a few days.
- We have had over sixty days of splendid sleighing this winter, and the prospects are that we will have as many more.
- Jerome Toles has moved into part of Seymour Boughton's house. Mr. Keyser will also move in part of the same house.
- If an untruth is only a day old, it is called a lie; if it is a year old, it is called a falsehood; but if it is a century old, it is called a legend.
- About 100 tons of ice has been taken from Grant's pond, in the town of Jefferson by different parties within the past two weeks.
- Dr. Geo. Barner was promptly on hand with his snow-plow, Saturday morning, to open our side-walks. He deserves more than he gets for his work.
- N. E. Truax has just received full intelligence as to the result of the recent election – it is a ten pound boy. A democratic gain of one for the town of Worcester.
- Not a wheel has been turned by water on the Foxes creek, this county, in three weeks. Many wells and springs are also dry in the eastern part of Schoharie county.
- It has been suggested that Mr. Howland Baker be nominated and elected for Overseer of The Poor in this town. We believe he would make a first rate officer and favor the suggestion.
- There has been many donations in the county this winter but we think the one recently given to Rev. T. Dwight Walker, of Gallupville, beats them all, he having received \$245 upon that occasion.
- Last Friday was a terrible stormy day. It was the very worst of the season and fully proves that Vennor knows a thing or two yet. The wind blew a perfect gale all day and the roads were piled full of snow.
- The people of Esperance will decide town-meeting day, whether they will pay the whole of their railroad debt by a tax next fall, or provide for it by the sale of bonds. The whole amount would be about \$20,000.
- A party of young men recently had a big time at a "horning" or skimmilton *{sic}* held about the residence of Nicolas Widowman, town of Jefferson, upon the occasion of the marriage of his daughter to Mr. Jerome Hubbard. The boys say the first guns raised every occupant of the house from their respective seats.

- It is rumored here that a young man named Bennett, who was connected with the Roe-Bennett bastardy case, of this town, was recently frozen to death while returning to his home on South Hill, from Schenevus. We do not believe the rumor is well founded as we have not been able to ascertain any facts, notwithstanding, our diligent inquiries for them. We think Bennett is all right yet.

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- It begins to look as if there would be another wedding in town soon.
- Poles have been delivered for a telephone line from Middleburgh to Breakabeen and Blenheim.
- Daniel Pickett, of Clapper Hollow, has sold his farm to John Pierce, and has purchased Edward Truax's place. Mr. Truax is about buying his father's old place.

## **Local Correspondence**

### **Hyndsville.**

- Shooting matches are in vogue.
- Mrs. Catherine Shutts, mother of L. D. Calkius, of Seward, is suffering from a paralytic stroke.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sandford Southworth, of Milford, have been spending a few days with friends in this place.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winegard entertained a wedding party from Jefferson, a few days since. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Winegard.

### **Schoharie.**

- Hops are a little more firm here, 10 to 20 cent per pound being paid by H. Sidney.
- The farmers are improving the splendid sleighing. Many loads of hay, straw, grain, etc., are moving through the village.
- Rev. Mr. Bridgford of Cobleskill lectured in the M. E. church on Tuesday night. "Grit" more than gave general satisfaction.

### **Howe's Cave.**

- Mrs. S. Mana is dangerously ill.
- S. Barner is out on a female hunt.
- Conrad Rickard is visiting friends at Bern.
- Candidates are plenty – for supervisor Wm. Shafer.
- H. V. Ives of Summit was in town on Saturday last.
- Mrs. Wm. Pickett was taken with fits but is slowly recovering.
- Benjamin Freidenall, of Denver, Col., is visiting friends in this vicinity.

### **Richmondville**

- M. Kilts is now a civil engineer.
- Friends from abroad are stopping at A. Winegard's.
- Harvey Scott of Croton is visiting friends in town.
- Miss E. Babcock has gone to Pensacola, Florida, to spend a few months.
- The Juvenile Temple is in a flourishing condition, and bids fair to be a success.
- Mrs. Lettis and sister of Central Bridge spent Thursday and Friday last with Mrs. Palmateer.
- Married on the 19th inst., Miss Flora Olendorf of this village and Mr. Chas. Flemming of Unadilla.
- Mrs. John Westover, wife of Hon. J. Westover, died Sunday 2 P.M. Funeral services Wednesday at the house.
- The following very interesting programme was rendered by members of Richmondville Lodge I. O. of G. T. Saturday evening: Solo, "Far from my mother's grave," by Della Johnson;

declamation, "The Drunkard's dream," by Geo. Rogers; reading, "The loom of life," by Matie Stevens; essay, "Water," by J. H. Mann; Address by B. C. Rogers; solo, "Mrs. Longday and I," by Thressa {sic}Hard; Query box, Critics report, singing by lodge, remarks by Rev. L. Jones.  
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#### **Summit.**

Mr. Editor: Allow me through your valuable paper to express my thanks for the generous donation tendered me at Morseville. Said donation netted the pastor \$60, and was a free gift. The people pay the salary the same as any other debt. Yours truly,

REV. J. M. CORNISH.

#### **Worcester.**

- Will Smith is clerking in the store of M. Griggs.
- Wm. Stillwell of Charlotteville was in town Monday.
- Extra meetings are being held this week in the M. E. church.
- W. H. Ely is on the war-path again – guess it must be near town-meeting.
- Mr. John Trickey will spend the coming spring and summer upon his farm in this place.
- Mr. A. Partridge attended the session of the Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W., held at Elmira last week.
- Worcester can boast of the boss hand to keep the sidewalk free from snow. Mr. Ansel Boorn is the person.
- The dramatic society of this place are preparing an entertainment to come off soon for the benefit of the circulating library.
- We are glad to notice that Mr. J. H. Coons, ex-County Clerk of Schoharie county, now a resident of Worcester, is improving in health.
- David Pickett of Jefferson has been at work for some time past for his brother, J. R. Pickett, of this place, building and fitting up furniture.
- S. W. Ferguson, the popular young clerk employed in Eli Denny's drug and fancy store, contemplates spending his February vacation in Oneida and Albany.

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