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Local Department

CHURCHES

- M. E. CHURCH. – Charlotteville – Rev. R. L. Rose, pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Class meeting at the close of morning service. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings, at 7:30. Seats free. Strangers always welcome.
 - FREE METHODIST CHURCH. – Rev. R. M. Snyder pastor. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m.
 - BAPTIST CHURCH. – Rev. I. Powers, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath school immediately after close of meeting. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at the church.
 - M. E. CHURCH – Summit – Alternately Sabbath mornings, Summit and Westkill Hollow at 10:30 a. m. Morseville at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meetings at Summit and Westkill Hollow every Thursday evening; at Morseville each Wednesday evening.
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- Do you mind that sweet, complacent political smile.
- There seems to be a scarcity of wood and water in this vicinity.
- The thermometer stood 18° below zero last Wednesday, at this place.
- But four crops of hops remain unsold in the vicinity of Breakabeen.
- Schoharie county is to have a new history. It is expected to excel all others in use.
- Orphelia Silvernail and George Adkins were married last Wednesday by the Rev. Hailack. [*poor resolution on Rev.'s name-not sure of spelling*]
- David Burnap, an aged and much respected citizen, died at his residence in Cobleskill last week.
- Huntersland has the palm for donations. A minister at that place recently received \$312 at a donation.
- Politics grow hotter and hotter and some are evidently disappointed. We propose to take a dish of Crowe.
- The poultry show at Cobleskill preyed a grand success and speaks thousands for the enterprising and business-like managers.
- “Here is a dollar for the paper another year” is a more pleasurable greeting than the waspish interrogation, “what did you put that in the paper for?”
- The Argusville Good Templars have revived again and are going on with the organization. Correspondent to the Cobleskill *Herald* calls them “Stalwarts” in the cause.
- To-day Mr. and Mrs. Tiffnay Ryder, of this village, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish these old people years of enjoyment and prosperity yet.
- Barnette, the popular organ man of this section, recently sold an instrument to Benj. Gage. We hear he is also having noble success in his business at Summit.
- A wedding in town again Saturday night. Mr. Ed. Titus and a Miss Utter were the happy couple. We suspicion that there is to be more knots to be tied before many moons.
- The Democratic caucus will be held at Summit next Saturday afternoon, and the Republican caucus in the evening. Every voter in town should be there. Reform must begin at our primaries.
- Dell Houck and Peter Winnie recently sawed 7½ cords of wood in 4½ hours, for Joel VanTuyle. They did their work in the woods and the deep snow caused much disadvantage. Who is next?

- Now that the season for donations for churches are over, we would suggest that our people look about and see if there is not some needy persons in this community that they can help a little. Help the poor and let the work begin at home.
- Mr. A. F. Gage, of Worcester, is now at work on the PHOENIX while our good looking and genial foreman, Mr. N. C. Hart, makes a visit of a few weeks among old friends in Otsego co. When he returns – then look out for number 1 checker playing.
- Owing to the negligence of post master Thurber, of East Worcester, we received no mail at all, at this place last Friday, he having sent the wrong mail here. Forbearance will cease to be a virtue with our business men and other citizens soon. It would seem that so many repeated blunders would not occur with a sane or sober man, and if East Worcester has no better man for that position that the government can appoint they are in a most deplorable condition. Thurber and his whole click are not fit to run a postoffice or anything else for the public, and we hope the whole lot of them will be turned out of office. Any and all of our best men will sign a petition to have him removed from the postmastership, because we want our mail when it is due.
- Next Saturday will be the hottest Democratic caucus ever held in this town. The people will then decide whether they are to have a voice in future politics and town affairs, or whether James H. Brown will “Boss” the whole thing. There is no question but Mr. B. will spend \$500 for the nomination as he expects to get it back, and more with it, if elected. He is also pleading for the sympathy of the people upon the ground that he is looking for something higher. Every taxpayer and honest man in the town should frown upon a man that desires to live by office. This town has done more for the Brown family than any other family in town, and they are about as small taxpayers as common. Besides they have been the most trickey men that has ever held office in town.

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- Last Saturday evening it was Mr. L. M. Snook’s people that entertained a party of married people to the pleasure of all. There seems to be a mania for such entertainments, and John J. Snook may get the next visit, unless town meeting should happen to hurt some of the party.

One sleigh,
 One horse,
 One moon,
 Of course,
 One maid, who smuggles to you, nothing loth.
 One arm,
 Well placed
 Around
 One waist,
 One robe that’s closely tucked around you both.
 A race,
 A dash,
 A clash,
 A crash,
 And you and she are sprawling on the way.
 A drink,
 A bite,
 A fond
 Good night,
 A groan when you look at your purse next day.

- Mr. John W. Brazie authorizes us to announce that he is a candidate for Collector and asks for the Democratic nomination next Saturday.
- Lost – in Charlotteville – a portion of a gold cross, inlaid with milk colored pearl and enameled. Will the finder please leave the same at the PHOENIX office?
- DIED – At the residence of his son Robert Sloat, in his 87th year. Funeral Thursday, 10 a.m., at Dugway.
- Mr. Warren Wharton desires us to announce that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for town clerk.

- We learn that 16 persons were baptized at the Summit M. E. church, Sunday.
- Our townsmen should not be fooled by handbills screening James H. Brown for they all know him well.
- Music scholars wanted at Mrs. E. Trickey's, Worcester. See adv't.
- FOR SALE – One black mare with foal, and one yearling colt, also black. For particulars enquire of ELI WARNER, Charlotteville, N. Y.
- SHOP TO RENT AND TOOLS TO SELL – The subscriber offers to rent her shop in this village on reasonable terms and will sell the stock of tin-ware tools, etc., contained therein at a bargain, or will sell any one article out of the shop at a reasonable price. MARGARET TABOR.
- WANTED – A quantity of cattle and sheep hides, also, all the deakin skins I can buy. For which I will pay the very *highest market price*. Peddlers and merchants will find it to their advantage to sell to me. MYRON RYDER, Charlotteville, N. Y.

Local Correspondence.

Correspondence solicited from all the neighboring towns. Communications received later than Monday of each week will not be inserted.

Schoharie.

- Hops quiet, prices paid 10 to 20 cents here. Wm. H. Sidney paid 18¼ cents per pound for one lot he bought last week.
- Mr. Orson Webb of Orleans co. is visiting friends here.
- The Rev. Mr. Durand of Pennsylvania preached in the old school Baptist church on Schoharie hill to a crowded house on the 2d inst.

Hyndsville.

- Party visiting is the order of the day.
- Trains blockaded on the Cherry Valley branch.
- Not many people from this place attend the "Poultry show" at Cobleskill. Too cold.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winegard have been spending a few days with friends in Worcester.
- L. S. Markle, proprietor of the Union hotel, has purchased C. Garlock's horse and is training him to his notion.
- A donation will be held in the M. E. church in this village, Feb. 9th, for the benefit of their pastor, J. H. Clark.

Howe's Cave.

- Plenty of snow.
- A. Wetsell has a two-year-old lemon tree. It has bore three lemons.
- The carpenters employed on the Ramsey building have quit on account of the cold wave.
- Nelson Borst of Illinois, formerly keeper of the poor house, is visiting friends in this vicinity.
- I noticed in last week's PHOENIX you urge the re-election of David Crowe. No wiser nomination could be made, for Mr. Crowe is not only a heavy tax-payer of your town, largely interested in its development and progress, but he is a gentleman of ability and integrity. His opponent is unfit for the position, and if the tax-payers of Summit do as will best serve their interests they will return Mr. Crowe by an increased majority.

North Harpersfield.

- Mrs. H. Wilson has purchased a house and lot in Jefferson, and will move next spring.
- Miss J. A. Buck has purchased the old wagon shop and will convert it into a millinery shop.
- Lambert Sternburg is in very poor health this winter. He is mostly confined to his house.
- Mrs. M. Becker gave her Sabbath School class a party at her house recently. A good time is reported.
- L. B. Hand lost a valuable cow recently by overfeeding buckwheat chaff.
- WANTED – A man for assessor in this town who is not afraid and who thinks more of the town than he does of the moneyed men.

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Richmondville.

- We are informed that Mrs. A. Slocum is quite sick.
- Friends from Hyndsville are visiting at David Sheldon's.
- Miss Emma Leet is quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism.
- Levi Bailey is entertaining friends from abroad for a few days.
- Revival meetings still continue. 40 persons have experienced religion.
- Julius Rightmyre, of Schodeck Landing, is visiting at Peter Rightmyre.
- H. Fraiser & Son have purchased over 12 tons of dried apples this season.
- Read the *Fireside Companion* when the thermometer is 16° below zero.
- Mr. M. Brazie met with quite a severe accident last week, nearly losing one of his eyes.
- Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morgan, of Schenectady, are visiting friends in this village and vicinity.
- Miss Ella Lamont, a pupil of the State Normal School at Albany, is home on a short vacation.
- Mr. Willie Schemerhorn has just returned from a long visit with friends at Rondout and Kingston.
- The numerous young friends of Hattie Martial were nicely entertained at her home Saturday evening.
- Quite a number of our young folks went to see "Reward" at Cobleskill last week, and report Charlie Collins good.
- The school in district No. 1, near this village has closed, and the services of an intemperate teacher dispensed with.
- Edith Ollendorf, a little daughter of Alfred Ollendorf, was badly bitten about the head and face by a large Newfoundland dog, last Tuesday.
- Miss Minnie Bissel is very sick with inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy. Her numerous friends here and elsewhere are entertaining every hope for her speedy recovery.
- Quarterly meeting services were held in the M. E. church, in this village, Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, of Albany. Quarterly Conference Monday morning.
- A temperance caucus will be held in this village, Wednesday at 4 o'clock for the purpose of making out a straight temperance ticket, to be supported at the ensuing town meeting.
- Members of the West Richmondville Juvenile Temple passed through this place on a sleigh ride. They stopped in front of Holmes & Drue's store and sang a song, and were treated with candy by the proprietors. They appeared to enjoy themselves immensely.
- Donations are numerous in this vicinity. Rev. J. S. Paul, Wednesday evening, 9th inst., at Beard's Hollow; Rev. D. M. Tuller, Thursday eve., 10th inst., at Empire House, Richmondville; Rev. L. Jones, Wednesday eve., 16th inst., at M. E. church; Rev. H. L. Lahman, Thursday eve., 17th inst., at Baptist church.
- Report of school in district No. 11, for the month ending Jan. 14th. No. days taught, 20; No. pupils enrolled, 105; No. in attendance, 1226; No. absent, 465; No. tardy, 247. Average daily attendance, 82. Per cent of attendance, 80. Per cent of punctuality, 85.

JACOB H. MANN,
JOHN B. BOORNE, } Teachers
EDNA MANN.

- A runaway freight train passed this station one day last week with lightning rapidity. The engineer reversed steam, which caused both steam chests to blow out, and the engine became uncontrollable. The engineer and fireman jumped off and were badly bruised. It stopped about three miles below Cobleskill. Fortunately the track was clear, or a terrible calamity might have occurred.

Warnerville.

- Jacob Crapser has purchased the Nethaway estate. Consideration \$1,200.
- Mr. Daniel T. Mann died on the night of the 5th, having been sick nearly two years.
- "Reward" at Cobleskill was a success. Receipts over \$200. The G. A. R. boys are jubilant.
- Moving has commenced. D. H. Zeh and L. Brockway exchanged houses the past week, Mr. Zeh having purchased the property occupied by Mr. Brockway.

East Worcester.

- J. Hughes has moved back to the village.
- E. Lockwood has purchased a farm at Harpersville.

- A daughter of M. P. Agan has been afflicted with scarlet fever.
 - Mr. Hickoc of North Worcester has been working for some time at Oneonta.
 - One more has been to the family of J. Jennings and J. H. Thurber – both girls.
 - The third lecture of the course was delivered by B. I. Ives of Auburn, subject, “Incidents of Prison Life.”
 - We understand that J. Fox, who has been in the employ of Hallenbeck & Son as clerk, is to go to Richmondville in the Frasier store.
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MARRIED – At Charlotteville, Feb. 2d, by Rev. H. Lovett, Homer Barret, of Maryland, to Eliza J. Dean, of Fergusonville.