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**Volume II, Number 14**  
**Charlotteville, Schoharie Co., N.Y.**  
**Wednesday, January 5, 1881**

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- Elisha B. Kenyon and Willard Baker, residents of Blenheim Hill, have made a trade. Kenyon trades off \$3,500 for Baker's farm.
- On Sunday evening last, the wife of Joseph Mattice, living in West Middleburgh, gave birth to triplets, all alive and doing well – and it wasn't much of a day for babies either. – *Gazette*.
- On the 21st ult., a son of Charles Allen, a resident of this town, was terribly burned about the face and neck, by a dish of hot molasses, which was upset by his sister. – *Middleburgh Gazette*.
- The *Jeffersonian*, under the management of Jones and Holmes, is rich and spicy. We would like to see them turn in with brother Shafer of the *Phoenix*, and fight the Schoharie county ring rule. – *Mirror*.

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**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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- Squire Rifenbark now.
  - Weddings are ringing in the vicinity of Seward.
  - Watch meeting at both churches Friday evening.
  - There is not much sickness reported about the county this year.
  - Our people are talking up town-meeting. Candidates are plenty.
  - The Free Methodist church at Quaker Hill will be dedicated January 8th.
  - This is a fine time for Commissioner Ostrom to visit schools. Come up here.
  - A man's character is like a fence – you cannot strengthen it by white-washing.
  - There never was finer sleighing than what we have had during the last three weeks.
  - Our Worcester correspondence was received one day too late for publication last week.
  - The donation for Rev. R. L. Rose at Clapper Hollow netted him \$38.26. A good lift.
  - Mr. Harlan Ives, of Summit, is dealing largely in poultry this year. He recently shipped 9 tons.
  - Thursday morning, 30th ult., was the coldest morning of the season. It was 17° below 0 here, and many say at other places it was 20°.
  - Champlin Hasting, of the town of Gilboa, and Bennet Beach, of the town of Jefferson, have traded farms, Beach receiving \$1,350 to boot.
  - Judson Lettice, who was recently shot at Lyker's corners, while in a drunken row, died Dec. 24th. This tells plainly what old cider can do.
  - Supt. Crapser ought to get a four horse team and take his Sunday school children down to Davenport for a ride while this good sleighing lasts.
  - We learn by the Binghamton *Leader* that Mr. H. Cornell, son of Rev. H. Cornell of this village, is now doing a very fine grocer business in that city.

- The hop market is not very active, although the prices for the past week appear to have been a little firmer. A strictly prime article brought 18 cents.
- "It's not the phisky a man dhrinks that makes him dizzy," said O'Flaherty, but it's lookin' at the bartinder's diamon' through the bottom of the tumbler, be gorra."
- We sincerely hope our citizens will not let the school question die until the schools have been consolidated. It is a plain necessity we owe ourselves as a community.
- Dr. G. E. Hill, of Richmondville, at his last visit to this village, filled 22 teeth and extracted one for Ally Toles, a little boy only about 15 years old. The doctor has all the business he can do here.
- Mrs. Kate Steele was taken to the Utica Asylum Wednesday. It is earnestly hoped she may recover under the treatment received there. Her insanity is caused by trouble and separation from her family of children.
- Some hoodlum loosened Mr. A. Woodbeck's horse last Friday night from under the M. E. church shed, and the animal made the best of its way home, leaving Mr. W. and his company to get back as best they could.
- On Sunday, Dec. 19th, a cow belong to J. H. Wilber, Esq., of Simpsonville, town of Davenport, gave birth to a calf with five legs. The fifth one resembled a forward leg, but was joined on the hip. It died soon after birth.
- A CALL. – The citizens of Clapper Hollow and vicinity, and all who are interested, will please meet at the school house in said place on Saturday, 8th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., to consider the questions of the erection of a church at said place.
- Some few persons are circulating the report that the corrected valuation of the town of Summit this year is higher than last by several thousand dollars. That is not true. The report as published in the *Index* for this year as compared with the report in manual for last year, shows that the valuation is \$3,000 less this year. These are ring stories sent out to hurt Mr. Crowe. Some say we were raised \$15,000. It is all bosh.
- Messrs. Ryder & LeFevre of Cobleskill have purchased the property they now occupy. We shall now look for large improvements in their store, as they have barely room to accommodate their many customers. It is one of the most honorable places to deal in the county, and their extensive business more than proves what we say. They advertise what they have to sell and the people go there because they know what they keep to sell.

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- We advise all persons who want to buy medicines, drugs or notions, to give Mr. W. L. Havens, of Summit, a call. He is doing a brisk trade now.
- The friends of Rev. I. Powers will give him a donation at the Baptist church near Charlotteville, on Thursday eve. Jan. 6th, 1881. All are invited to attend.
- WANTED – A quantity of cherry logs at the Charlotteville saw-mill, for which I will pay cash when lumber is sawed. Inquire of O. B. Ireland. M. E. OWEN
- Make your children and friends a present. Holiday goods of all kinds at H. Frasier & Son's. Richmondville. Their store has always been noted for their attractive stock of holiday goods, and this year their stock is larger and cheaper than ever.
- Preparatory to making room for spring stock, Flint & Taylor, at Worcester, are now offering the balance of their winter goods at wholesale prices. They desire to call special attention to over coats, gloves and mittens, ladies' cloaks, seal and mink furs, and knit goods which they are now selling at even less than cost to close. Men's beaver over coats \$9, \$11, and \$12; real value \$12, \$15, and \$18. Ulsters from \$4.50 to \$12; Ladies' cloaks from \$1.75 to \$12. Elegant patterns are being sold for less money than the cloth is worth. All who wish to secure decided bargains will find it to their interest to give them a call. Remember the place, opposite Worcester Bank, Flint & Taylor.

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### Local Correspondence.

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

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### Summit.

- Sleighing good.
- Thermometer 18 deg. below zero last Thursday morning.

- The young doctors are home on a vacation. They intend to return to Albany next Monday; don't cry girls.
- Geo. Clement has sold his place to E. Rifenbark for \$1,200. George thinks of going to Michigan to live, where they catch fish that weigh forty-two pounds each. Good bye, G.

#### **Warnerville.**

- V. VanTuyl is home visiting.
- Brockway is still breaking colts.
- P. Livingstone talks of going west.
- W. Tator is a night watchman on the railroad.
- Fourteen degrees below zero "in the shade on the 30th ult.
- Seth Smith of Sharon Springs is visiting his mother, Mrs. Benj. Jones.
- Seymour Smith and John Frederick have entered into a co-partnership for the manufacturing of butter tubs by steam power, at Frederick's mill.

#### **Hyndsville.**

- Thermometer 8 degrees below 0, Thursday morning; at 12 M, 2 below, so cold that all outdoor business ceased.
- Mrs. George Winegard has rented her home farm, of 260 acres, to William Isham, of Sharon; Crocker retires to engage in other business.
- Married, Dec. 28. – By Rev. Clark, pastor of the M. E. church, at Hyndsville, Mr. John Rowley Esq., of Seward, to Miss Nettie Smith, daughter of Abram Smith, all of Seward. – By the same pastor, Mr. Welton France, of Seward to Miss [illegible] Heavener, daughter of Norman Heavener, of Janesville.

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

- Rose's cement mill is running at full blast.
- The Xmas tree was a grand success under the management of T. Owens.
- Married – Dec. 22d, at the bride's parents in Barnerville, Bradley Smith of Schoharie to Miss Mary Myers.
- Peter Houck has bought the store of J. H. VanWagoner. Possession April 1.
- Rev. W. Bucklew received a donation of \$71.
- J. Bougardous had his hand badly smashed while working on the rocks.
- Swart Scrum recently smashed his finger while coupling cars.

#### **Richmondville.**

- P. W. Winegard is sick with fever.
- Wm. DeGraff has gone on a trip west.
- Paul Waterman has sold his place to Jerry Fox.
- Mr. W. Frauts of Sharon is visiting at Norman Frauts.
- Jerry Quirk of Amsterdam was in town one day last week.
- The good templars will give some kind of entertainment soon. Probably a calico party.
- The dance at the Empire house New Year's Eve was a light affair. A fight was part of the programme.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Morgan of Kingsboro are visiting at John Weller's.
- Wm. Hilsinger and family are visiting friends at Stamford.
- The New Year's tree in the Lutheran church was a grand success. Many valuable presents. Miss Nancy Pitcher received an elegant gold watch and chain. Rev. Paul received a turkey.

#### **Middleburgh.**

- Mr. J. Mattice adds three to his family – triplets, all well.
- The last two days of the old year were the coldest – ten degrees below zero.
- Date your notes, receipts, and letters 1881. Read backward, it's all the same.
- Died, Sunday, 26th ult., wife of Geo. Van Auken, of this village.
- The clergy won't pocket so many marriage fees as they did before the end of the holiday season. The dear angels will have to wait three years for the beginning of the next leap year before it will be proper for them to make any – pop the question.
- Christmas day was observed in this village as it usually is by a lot of brutes making beasts of themselves. The smell of fusil oil, benzene, nicotine smoke of pipes, profanity, obscenity, and antics of drunken, crazy fools combined, pervaded every thing and was sickening to

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any person in the possession of their senses.

- Polly Hollow had a cock fight Xmas. The festivity wound up with a bull-dog fight between two brutes, Charlie Rifenburgh and David Lawyer; to save himself from being devoured, Lawyer finally cried enough.

#### **Schoharie.**

- Not much sickness here this winter.
- Schoharie will be full of life during court week.
- Mrs. Franklin Krum's sister is here on a visit from California.
- The Holidays brought many people, who were formerly from this place, back to visit their old friends.
- Hobart Krum has gone to shoot canvas back ducks on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay, for a change from the cares of his arduous duties in his legal profession.
- Mr. Jerry Badgley, of Chicago, and Mr. Frank Badgley, of Jersey city, are here on a visit. The former is head salesman in one of the largest hardware stores in that city, and the latter holds a prominent position in a manufacturing establishment with his uncle.
- Schoharie has sent out many of her noble sons who have made themselves prominent in business and political life in the West. Prominent among the sons of this county who have found new homes in the west are Judge Mann, of Wis., Congressman Gabrel Bouck, of Wis., and Judge Bradley, of the U. S. Supreme Court.
- Brown Brothers leave this week for a trip to the West and South. They expect to be absent till about May 1st. In that time they will erect a \$2,000 monument in the state of Missouri. Honorable dealing and strict attention to business has made them successful men, and they now propose to take a little recreation for the benefit of their health. They built the Williams monument, which is said to be the finest in the state for the money.

#### **East Worcester.**

- The village school had a week's vacation.
- Mr. I. P. Halsted's wife is in poor health.
- Mrs. P. G. Huddleston, of North Worcester, has been quite sick.
- Mr. J. H. Thurber's wife slipped and sprained her ankle the other day.
- Mrs. B. Allen and Eugene Boughton, of Little Falls, have been visiting at L. Bailey's.
- The members of the M. E. S. S. board present at the meeting held for the purpose of re-organizing the school, elected the following officers: Supt. A. Eckerson; for Sec'y., and Treas., J. E. Dante; for Librarian, W. H. Bailey; for Chorister, D. A. Neer.

#### **North Harpersfield.**

- Merchant Bedford talks of leaving Middle Brook.
- The heavy taxes in this town are driving the moneyed men out.
- D. Wood is overhauling and repairing the furnace at Middle Brook.
- The Christmas tree at North Harpersfield was a success. I. Nichols received a pair of white Leghorns, which seemed to please him very much.

L. B. Hand has a boat ready to launch on Titus Lake, in the spring, to compete with Mr. John Houck's line. We understand the Mr. Houck is ready for boarders in the future.

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