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Death of Mathew Lampson, of Gallupville, N. Y.

What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue, was again impressed upon our mind, in the announcement of the death of Mathew Lampson, of Gallupville, January 4th 1881, aged 84 years. He was a genial, pleasant man in his intercourse with others, a true friend and a man of the highest sense of honor, whose word was as good as his bond. He was born in the State of Connecticut, and commenced life very poor, at the age of ten being obliged to work out for his board. The scenes of poverty were thus early impressed upon his mind: but by industry, economy and sound judgement in the management of his business and financial affairs he acquired immense wealth, and at his death was the richest man in Schoharie county. In his money matters he was the very soul of honor as he never took advantage of any person, and was lenient to those indebted to him, especially if they were in any way embarrassed. With all his wealth he retained to a certain extent the same economical mode of life that necessity had imposed on him in his early days, but by no means parsimonious. For many years he has appropriated \$1,500 per year in annuities to distant poor. He was my personal friend for years and I was his confidant. His demise creates a vacuum and I feel that one more reliable friend has passed to that region from which no traveler returns to greet us on earth again. The recollections of him will always remain fresh with me. His funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Gallupville, Thursday the 7th inst. Rev. T. Dwight Walker officiating, after which his remains were taken to Greenville, Greene co. for interment. D. K.

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- Donation for Rev. E. C. Herdman last Friday night, at Schenevus, netted \$150.
- Wm. Taylor, the oldest inhabitant of the town of Franklin, died recently, aged 96 years.
- Titus Gunn, of Schoharie, stole a box of cigars at the Parrot House, Schoharie, New Year's day. He was sent to the penitentiary for sixty days.
- An order has been issued stopping the coinage of the silver twenty cent piece, because, owing to its resemblance to the quarter of a dollar, it has become an annoyance to the people.
- O. D. Young, Esq. of this town, has in his possession quite an ancient piece of pottery, being a teapot that was brought from England by his great-aunt to the town of East Hampton, L. I., before the Revolutionary War. It was said to have been the first teapot ever brought into that town. – *Jefferson Courier*.
- About two years ago Mr. Daniel Thomas, of this town, had a couple of jack-screws stolen from his door-yard. Yesterday he took out a search warrant, and found one of the screws in a barn on the place lately occupied by Mr. John Woodbeck, covered up with straw. We understand further legal proceedings are to be had in the matter today. We hope all the petty thieves about here may be ferreted out.
- A few days ago Mrs. Margaret Tower, an old lady eighty-seven years of age, living at this place, went to Howe's Cave to help care for a sick daughter. Mrs. Tower was taken ill and died last Thursday. Her husband, old Mr. Hugh Tower, was sent for before her death and went to Howe's Cave. He became ill and returned to his son's residence on the day that his wife died

and died also the next morning. Mr. Tower was seventy-four years old and his familiar face on our streets will be missed. – Cobleskill *Herald*.

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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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- Only five persons in the Schoharie jail now.
- H. Rifembark is attending court at Schoharie.
- Take the PHOENIX – it will help make your home happy.
- There is a scarcity of water in many of our sister villages.
- The donation for the benefit of Rev. I. Powers netted over \$40.
- About ten inches more of the beautiful [snow] fell Wednesday night last.
- How those Esperance people do enjoy their horse trots upon the ice.
- Rev. R. L. Rose is holding a series of revival meeting in the M. E. church.
- Collector Gallup received over \$2,000 tax in one day at Summit last week.
- J. J. Anthony intends to build a large and elegant hotel at Sharon Spa upon the site of the one that burned last winter.
- Messrs. M. & N. Van Patten have manufactured twelve new wagons this winter. Their carriage trimmer is busy now getting the tops for the carriages ready.
- There will be a donation party at Week's hotel, South Worcester, this Wednesday night, for the benefit of Rev. S. Bruce. All are cordially 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.
- Mrs. Amy Merchant has purchased the Hildreth property of Martin Havner. We now expect to see the place improved and beautified, which will add much to the appearance of the west end of Main street.
- 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.
- Messrs. Holmes and Drew of Richmondville have on hand a large stock of hats, caps, dress goods, boots and shoes, also a heavy stock of crockery which they are determined to close out in the next sixty days, and they offer to sell them at billed prices. Persons in need of anything in their line would do well to read their advertisement in another column.
- Our people will remember that Mr. John W. Brazie has tried for the office of Collector in this town for two years without success, and we suggest that the nomination be given to him this winter. Mr. Brazie is one of our honest, upright citizens, and will make an honorable, worthy collector. He is a hard working man and the office would be gratefully acknowledged by him. His name for that office ought to meet the popular demand.

- David I. Eckerson, miller, information that he has ground over 15,000 bushel of buckwheat this fall and winter, and now has about 2,500 bushels of grain in his mill waiting to be floured. The mill has run night and day for months, save at times when the water was low. Mr. E. also says he has made 36 lbs. of flour per bushel from his best buckwheat, and he challenges the county to beat his mill for quantity or quality of flour. His new process and his close attention to business has secured him a profitably trade the past year.
- We notice by the *Herald* of last week that Messrs. Ryder & LeFevre of Cobleskill have purchased of Buckley, Welling & Co., New York city, the large brick store they now occupy, and also the store adjoining occupied by G. R. Culver. We are pleased to notice this evidence of prosperity on their part; it's a striking illustration of what a firm can do who take Honesty for their motto and stick to it. These gentlemen have by industry, perseverance, and the free use of printer's ink, built up a mammoth trade in dry goods and clothing – the largest in the county – and it's now fast becoming “the thing” by our best citizens all over this and adjoining counties to make their “headquarters” at Ryder & LeFevre's. We cheerfully commend them to our readers as men in whom implicit reliance can be placed.

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- 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.

Local Correspondence.

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

Hyndsville.

- Five weddings in this vicinity last week.
- L. S. Markel, the new landlord of the Union hotel, is rapidly becoming popular.
- F. J. Baldwin is employed by a publishing firm in Maine to solicit subscriptions for their publications.
- A series of revival meetings is in progress at the Seward Centre M. E. church. Much interest is manifested.

Howe's Cave.

- Ten inches of snow on Thursday night.
- Married – Emmet Mowers to Miss Ida P. Palmatier.
- The week of prayer was observed at the Reform church.
- Chas. Casper is unable to teach school on account of rheumatism.
- E. Williams has rented his farm to a man named Ostrander, of Carlisle.
- The next ladies' aid society meeting will be held at P. P. Shank's on Thursday evening.

Schoharie.

- Court week and plenty of lawyers and other people in town.
- The thermometer has only marked below zero three mornings this winter.
- 1881 has come and the people of this village are hopeful of a joyous prosperous year.
- The great snow-storm that has visited nearly every place in the country has passed this place without notice. We have not had good sleighing this winter.
- Judge Durell and wife who have been passing several months in this valley went to New York last week to remain during the winter. He was U. S. Judge of the State of Louisiana at the close of the rebellion. They think strongly of making Schoharie their permanent residence and our

citizens will gladly welcome them. His wife was a native of this town. He is now engaged in writing a 17 years history of the United States. We believe it will be one of great interest.

Eminence.

- Mrs. Jacob Proper is quite ill.
- Philo B. Sweet has rented his farm to Jno. Warner.
- Some very fine ice is being harvested from C. Denny's mill pond.
- Mrs. Joseph Pitcher's health is quite ill. Her recovery is despaired of by her physician and friends.
- Mrs. Isaac Hanny died very suddenly with paralysis while on a New Year's visit to Mr. Joseph Pitcher's.
- Master Howard Proper is dangerously ill with typhoid pneumonia. He is attended by Dr. Burnett of Blenheim.
- David Brockway has returned from Michigan after an absence of over a year. His appearance is much improved.
- Miss Cassie Grey, while engaged in hanging up clothes, stood on a chair. She fell, striking her stomach across the back of the chair, injuring her severely.
- Our business men are agitating the question of building a telephone line connecting Cobleskill, Richmondville, Summit via Eminence to Jefferson. This route would greatly benefit the business men of Summit and Jefferson, and it would be well for the villages to co-operate and secure it.

Middleburgh

- Stanton Post 28, G. A. R., installed their officers for the ensuing year on the 7th.
- D. E. Cameron is again at his old occupation as engineer on the M. & S. V. railroad.
- The first snow of any amount fell Thursday morning. The valley is covered. Sleighing fine.
- Gen. G. E. Danforth is at the Atchinson House, very sick. His family are all absent from home.
- Rents are rising in this village. The smallest room on Main st. costs \$100 a year and more is wanted.
- Donations, festivals, etc., are now the order of the day. The man that needs the least always gets the most.
- Candidates for town offices begin to come to the surface. They are numerous and varied, as to qualifications and aspirations.
- Jas. Chapman of this town sold his farm to Benj. Livingston and purchased the Nelson Bice farm. Consideration \$5,000.
- Erastus Cartwright was arrested last Thursday on a peace warrant sworn out by his father-in-law, H. Stringham. He was married only a few weeks since. He is supposed to be insane.
- John Tryon has just taken his third or fourth wife; some of them are still living. This time he married a Miss Swarm, on the 6th inst., and departed at once on his wedding tour.

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Richmondville

- Thermometer 6° below, Sunday.
- Mr. Josiah Bennett is happy. "It is a boy."
- Election notices of corporation have been posted.
- Mr. and Mrs. Washington Gile are both quite sick.
- Geo. Sullivan is visiting friends at Milford, Otsego co.
- Dr. E. B. Atkins, of Essex, Pa., was in town last Friday.
- Miss Mary Winters of Schodack is visiting friends here.
- A. Tillapaugh took possession of the Empire house Monday.
- R. L. Babcock and family of Afton are visiting friends here.
- Snow fell to the depth of eleven inches in this vicinity on the 5th.

- Mrs. Axsah Ostrander is spending the winter with her sister in Catskill.
- Miss Lucy Fuller of Johnstown is visiting at her father's, near this village.
- Homer Wintchel and wife of Decatur have been visiting at James Brooker's.
- We are informed that Elda Mann has gone to Amsterdam to spend the remainder of the winter.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Groat of North Harpersfield has been spending a few days with friends in this vicinity.
- Mr. Tobias Mann has been suffering with rheumatism for the past few weeks, being confined to the house most of the time.
- The four churches of this place united in observing the week of prayer. "How pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."
- A calico party will be given by the good templars lodge at their rooms on Thursday evening, 13th. All are invited to attend.
- Rev. J. H. Clark was in town the other day, and in company with Rev. L. Jones called on Mr. Tuller, pastor of the Christian church.
- The cold weather is telling on the people of our village and vicinity, as quite a number have stepped into the hyemial noose, "and still there's more to follow."
- There has been considerable excitement in town for the past few days over the trial, for theft, of Mr. John Crandall of Warnerville. Crandall goes to the Albany Penitentiary for sixty days.
- Mr. James H. Leggett and Miss Sarah Fox were united in holy matrimony on Thursday evening, Jan. 6th, at the residence of the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Paul, assisted by Rev. L. Jones.
- On Wednesday eve., 5th inst., Jarvis Johnson, of this place, and Miss Mallet, daughter of Dr. Mallet, of Sproutbrook, Otsego co., were made one. The wedding was at the bride's parents, a number of friends from this place attended.
- About fifty good templars of this village attended the anniversary of Wide Awake lodge at Warnerville Saturday evening. A large crowd was present, an extra programme was rendered by the members of said lodge, which was a complete success. It consisted of quartettes, solos, duets, declamations, readings, etc., after which a sumptuous repast was served up to satisfy the inner wants, which all present joined in. Wide Awake lodge is appropriately named.
- On Friday evening last a gloom was cast over this entire community which it was announced that P. W. Winegard had passed away. He had been sick but two weeks, and hopes were entertained that he would soon recover, but that terrible disease, fever, soon did its work. The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church Monday, and were conducted under the supervision of the Good Templars, with whom he was associated. The Richmondville band was in attendance, of which he was leader.

MARRIAGES.

- WICKHAM—BENNETT – At the residence of the bride's parents in Schenevus, Otsego co., N. Y., Dec. 29, 1880, by Rev. J. M. Cornish, Eugene F. Wickham of Schenevus to Miss Grace A. Bennett of the same place.
- HARTWELL—WENTWORTH – In LeRoy, N. Y., Dec. 29th, 1880 by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. J. E. Bills. Mr. Wesley G. Hartwell to Miss Lillie S. B., eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. J. B. Wentworth, all of Leroy, N. Y.
- SISUM—SHAFER – In Warnerville, Dec. 29, 1880, by Rev. D. Tuller, Edward Sisum of Johnstown, to Miss Orpha Shafer of Warnerville.
- NELLIS—MILLER – In Richmondville, Jan. 1, '81, by Rev. D. Tuller, Peter Nellis to Mrs. Kate R. Miller.