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[Second page, 3rd column]

Sixty Years Married.

From the Elmira Press, Dec. 8, 1880.

Sixty years ago, on December 7, 1820, there *{sic}* were married in the town of Summit, Schoharie county, Charles Taber and Nellie Decker. Mr. Taber was born in Rhode Island Aug. 54*{sic}*, 1796 and Miss Decker was born in Schoharie county July 17, 1801. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are still living. The couple lived some years in Schoharie county, coming thence to Homer, Courtland county, and thence to Windsor, Broome county. The oldest daughter about 1845 married into a conspicuous family in this county, and after she settled here her brothers and sisters followed hither, and ten or twelve years ago the father and mother themselves followed and again united the family. Mr. Taber was a farmer and cultivated a farm with much success for many years. He was much inclined also toward military affairs and at one time was the colonel of a regiment of militia located in Schoharie county.

The children are Elizabeth C., the wife of Daniel Bennitt of Horseheads; Peleg T., a farmer of Horseheads; Samuel C., one of Elmira's lawyers; Sarah, wife of Levi Averill of this city; Charles F., miller of Horseheads; Huldah R., the wife of Mordecai Dickey. These were present with their families.

A number of other relatives and friends were present at the celebration yesterday, among them being Moses Heath and wife of Junction City, Kansas. Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Taber are sisters. Mrs. Heath was present at the wedding of the couple sixty years ago.

A dinner was served, to which all did good service, and afterwards some suitable remarks were made by the Rev. Dr. Ball, pastor of the Methodist church of Horseheads.

The event was one of very unusual occurrence, but all who were present and the many other friends of the family trust that there may be many more similar anniversaries vouchsafed to this aged and loved couple.

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Summit.

- J. D. VanTuyl is the lucky man. He drew the watch.
- Clark and Ferguson are subpoenaed to attend the Ostrander case. The court opened in Albany on the 18th.
- The revival meeting still continues in the M. E. church. Much good is being done. Rev. Odeil is assisting Rev. Cornish in the meetings.
- Dr. Beard has purchased Rev. Odell's Indian pony, and thinks he has the boss trotter now, but F. Crowe says the Dr's pony can't eat oats out of the back end of his sleigh when he has the sorrel hitched up.

Howe's Cave.

- Cows brought \$40 a head at William's auction.
- Miss Jennie Shaffer of Schoharie is visiting at C. S. Swart's.
- S. Hadsell had his collar-bone broken while at work on the rocks.
- A donation at Punch Kill for the benefit of Rev. Turner netted \$110.

- Quite a number of people from here attended the Esperance horse trot.
- E. Williams as sold his farm to Sayder brothers of Punch Kill for \$5,865.

Warnerville.

[These items were received last week after the paper had gone to press.-Ed.]

- Miss Fannie Warner of Gloversville is home on a visit.
- Will. Mann of Troy is in town visiting relatives and friends.
- The clover seed machinery is being removed from Frederick's mill to make room for the necessary machinery in the manufacture of butter tubs.

Hyndsville

- Schoolcraft brothers have rented the Wm. Markle farm.
- Vennor's *{sic}* snow storm has visited us with all its force, although a little late.
- H. H. Johnson has added some valuable books to his already large library.
- One hundred and twenty-five bale of hops were taken in at this station of the 13th inst.
- Austin Garlock is now in New York engaged in the milk business. Probably he would like to make a trip home to see that little new comer. Weight 9 ½ lbs.
- Irving Marcley is now in Bloomsbury, Pa., attending the funeral of his brother, Rev. O. J. Marcley. His aged mother is suffering greatly from the effects of a cancer, and the sad intelligence of her son's death has nearly prostrated her.
- Ice is 24 inches thick, but the end is not yet.
- Miss Lillian Baldwin will return home next March.
- John Patrie has sold his large crop of hops – 71 bales, for 18c. per pound.
- Austin Sexten has a 45lb. turkey; it took the 1st premium at the last fair.
- The PHOENIX will have to be enlarged. It has two correspondents in this place. May the ring rule now suffer.
- About fifty car-loads of hop-poles have passed up the C. V. branch, destined for Sharon and Cherry Valley.
- Richard Winegard is entertaining a wedding party from Jefferson. Mr. Hubbard is the bridegroom and Miss Mary Weidomen is the more than happy bride and more coming.

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Richmondville.

- T. W. Zeh, jr., is convalescent.
- Calico party a success; receipts, \$29.
- Mrs. J. R. Boughton has congestion of the lungs.
- Two ladies from Michigan are visiting at Alpheus Bates.
- Alonzo Gordon and Miss Mary Atkins were married on the 13th.
- Miss Ida Spencer of Utica will spend a few weeks with friends here.
- Mrs. L. Witbeck was baptized in the Baptist church on the 9th inst.
- Jno. Drew of Chatham Centre is visiting his brother David Drew.
- Mrs. Loveland and son have returned from their long visit with friends in New York and Hoboken.
- On the 27th Mr. Barnum will deliver his popular lecture, "A night with the Poets," with recitations, in this place.
- Felter attended the grand wedding reunion of his uncle at Eminence on Thursday evening last. About 80 young folks were present.
- Last Sunday 6 P. M., Mrs. Hiram Schermerhorn received a dispatch from Brooklyn, stating that her sister, Mrs. Jas. Bacon was dead and buried. Diphtheria was the cause. Her son, a lad eight years old, is not expected to live. This sad and sudden news has cast a gloom over a large circle of friends in this vicinity.

- The funeral services of P. W. Winegard were very solemn and impressive. The following order was observed: Richmondville cornet band in uniform headed the procession, playing a very affecting funeral march, entitled "Fallen Hero." and followed by the Richmondville Lodge I. O. of G. T. Welcome Lodge of Warnerville and West Richmondville Lodge, then the friends. Rev. J. S. Paul preached for 30 minutes; then Rev. L. Jones delivered a short address in behalf of the good templars. While the audience were viewing the remains, the band played the dirges, "Departed Comrade" and "Flee, as a Bird." From the church to the grave they played "Barnum's Funeral March," and on their return the "Sweet Bye-and-Bye Quickstep." His cornet was draped in mourning and placed on the coffin at the church. The good templars wore badges of crape on their regalias and the band emblems of mourning on their left arm. A large crowd was present and many went away unable to obtain seats.

Schoharie.

- Now we have winter in full, with fine sleighing and clear cold weather.
- Hon. N. C. Moak, Hon. Henry Smith and Nathan Hinman Esq., of Albany, were in attendance at Court last week.
- The Dickinson indictment went over to the next court as was expected. It is a buncombe send-off for district attorney Coons, as the prosecuting officer of the county.
- Court week passed off rather quite. *{sic}* Hon. C. R. Ingalls was the presiding officer. He is the Judge whom Gov. Rabinson sent to New York City to take the place of Judge Westbrooke, in order to preserve the judicial ermine of the State. Judge Ingalls has a first class reputation throughout the State.
- We are having a course of lectures at the Methodist Church under the supervision of Prof. Sias, for the benefit of the church. The first was delivered on Tuesday last by Mark M. Stevens, of Sloansville. For an hour and a half he had the strict attention of a large audience, who greeted the speaker with warm applause at the close of his lecture. Lectures will take place each Tuesday evening by different speakers.

East Worcester.

- Mrs. Huddleston is thought to be improving.
- E. Lockwood has sold his farm to Mr. Rossman for \$1,500.
- The singing school conducted by F. Ochempaugh of South Valley has been quite an interesting feature.

A Mr. Wayman has purchased and taken possession of the farm formerly occupied by J. Campbell. Mr. C. moved to this village.

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