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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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- The general health of the community is considered good.
- The “beautiful” is deep, deeper, deepist in this county.
- Now buy your Valentines and get them all ready to mail.
- Mrs. John Caple and son, of Portlandville, are visiting friends in town.
- There were sixty-three conversions at the recent revival meetings at Summit.
- Wm. Speenburgh intends to move on one of M. S. Wilcox’s farms in Jefferson.
- It is predicted that we are going to have a plenty of maple sugar this coming spring.
- Why should we respect Venor more than other people: Because he is a Venor-able Prophet.
- The bastardy suit at Summit has closed. Van Burn was held to appear at the Court of Sessions.
- The political caldron is again boiling and a great many old swobs are quite likely to be boiled out.
- The following letter is advertised at the Charlotteville postoffice. Mrs. Lissie Holmer. S. Lape, P. M.
- Mr. Marvin Smith started Monday morning for New Richmond, Wisconsin. He expects to make a good long visit.
- Owing to the heavy snow-drifts, the stage was unable to make its usual trip on Friday. It is the first miss for the season.
- We would be much pleased if some of those subscribers who have agreed to bring us wood, would do so as soon as convenient.
- Remember that Presiding Elder King will lecture at South Worcester, Friday night, on “The Life and Character of Gen. Jackson.”
- Sharon, Seward and Carlisle have a co-operative insurance company. The people of that section think it will be cheaper to insure themselves.
- The wife of District Attorney Coons, of Sharon Springs, is recovering from a recent severe attack of quinsy. This is her old home and she has many friends here.
- Myron Ryder is a candidate for the office of Overseer of the Poor. He is not what we term an office-seeker and will make a good officer. We predict a good canvass for him.
- The school at Lutheranville has closed for the winter term. It is quite evident that the people in that district do not care to have school only just long enough to take up the Public Money.

- HOPS – We are pleased to note that there is a little more activity in the demand for hops again. Prices ranging considerable higher than they have for some time. A prime article will bring 20 cents in New York.
- A party of married people from this village and vicinity, visited Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ryder, who live near Summit, last Saturday evening, and were very courteously received and entertained by them. All enjoyed themselves hugely.
- We invite the attention of our readers to “Chapel Talks,” by Prof. James W. Lowber, President of Columbia College, Columbia, Ky., which appears on our first page. It will pay everybody to read the articles from him.
- Chapman Truax is confined to his room by sickness. He has a large family and is very poor and needy now, although a hard working man when well. Our citizens have kindly put their hands into their pockets and assisted them. We like to see such noble deeds of charity come from our citizens.
- County Superintendent of Poor DeGraff has decided that the Scrum family were paupers of Jefferson. It did not work well for Jefferson to feed her paupers on the sly so as to get them on Summit. We should all mark those persons who were cats paws for John Minor.

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- Tea the best and cheapest at Lape’s.
- Why not be sure and buy that pair of new boots of S. Lape.
- OYSTERS & FISH – Owing to high prices, I have not kept fresh oysters and fish for a few weeks, but I now have a plenty of both on hand, and intend to keep them. Prices the lowest that can be afforded.
L. M. STEVENS.
- FOR SALE – One black mare with foal, and one yearling colt, also black. For particulars enquire of ELI WARNER, Charlottesville, N. Y.
- Special offer for 60 days: – Brocade ribbons 12cts to 37cts. Neckties 8cts and upwards. Zephyrs 10cts per oz. Japanese tidies 5cts. Mottoes 4cts. MRS. E. F. TRICKEY, Worcester, N. Y. Store over the Bank.
- 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, Charlottesville, N. Y.
- 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.

Local Correspondence.

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

Schoharie.

- Hops are worth from 10 to 20 cents here. Wm. H. Sidney, the popular dealer at this place bought 150 bales last week. As this is the largest hop county in the state and more purchased here than any other point in the county, the local market will be reported for you regularly.
- Town meeting is approaching and the ring satellites are trying for votes and pledges for themselves. Men who do that are usually unfit for the position they aspire to as a fair minded man will leave it to the impartial judgment of his fellow townsmen for decision.
- The Poultry Exhibition this week at Cobleskill excites some interest here. D. A. Hitchman of this village, as Secretary has taken great interest in the affair. Sheriff Root is boxing up his Sand Hill Cranes for the show, which alone are worth going to see.
- The Lecture last Tuesday by Prof. Sias, on “Rome” was a rich treat to those who were fortunate to hear it. It was one that would meet with commendation from any audience in any city in the country. He stood on the same platform when in Rome from which Cicero delivered his immortal orations for liberty

against the political thugs and despots of his day. We commend the lecture to the villages in this county if they can induce him to deliver it.

Richmondville.

- Mr. James Decker of Binghamton is in town.
- Mattie Whyland of Troy is visiting at Mrs. Sawyer's.
- Angie Skinner of Schenevus is visiting at A. Bates'.
- Mrs. Annie Roland of Afton is visiting at Mrs. Felter's.
- The lecture advertised last week was postponed indefinitely.
- Mrs. John Westover and Mrs. Washington Giles was buried last Wednesday.
- A donation for the Rev. Mr. Teller will be held in Good Templar's hall Feb. 10th.
- Several business places and private houses in this village are now connected by telegraph.
- The following officers were elected by the Good Templars for the ensuing quarter: W. C. T. – Rev. L. Jones; W. V. T. – Mrs. Lawyer; W. F. S. – Willie DeGraff; W. T. – Mrs. Leggett; W. Sec. – Chas. Sutphen; W. C. – Rev. Lehman; W. M. – Wilbur LaMonte; W. I. G. – Valeria Bates; W. O. G. – Willie Hinman.

Warnerville.

- Snow in abundance and more coming.
- L. Brockway has leased the hotel now occupied by H. Tator.
- Ice in the raceway at Snyder's mill is over three feet thick.
- "Reward at Cobleskill this week, "Charlie Collins" included.
- Geo. Vandenburg has purchased one of those giant riding saws.
- Some eastern parties have been quietly buying up all the fat cattle in this vicinity.
- Mrs. Eliza Tingle of Gloversville was in town looking after her real estate last week.
- Frederick & Smith are putting in a feed run in the room occupied by their clover seed machinery.
- The teacher of our district school has been compelled to give up his position on account of ill health; he is confined to his house at present.

Hyndsville.

- Wells and cisterns are getting low and no prospect of being replenished.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dunckel attended the wedding of a cousin at Frear's Bush last week.
- Mrs. Etta Borst is very sick with an affection of the lungs. Dr. E. O. Bruce attends her.
- George Link of Sharon is in the office with our station agent, H. H. Johnson, learning to telegraph. One more Link

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added to the chain to bind our little village.

- Mr. James Calking is confined to his residence by a painful disease of long standing. We hope for his recovery.
- Mrs. Jacob Johnson of Minaville was buried last Sunday at Fonda, where her parents reside. Mrs. G. G. Hynds attended the funeral.

Middleburgh.

- This village is having a coal famine and wood is also scarce.
- Theodore Tilton is to lecture here sometime this winter.
- Some very much needed repairs at the county poorhouse is going on.
- A dancing school is to be started here. There must be something wrong when the boys and girls have to pay somebody to show them how to amuse themselves.
- On account of the scarcity of wood, the county sup't of the poor made arrangements to use coal in part at the poorhouse, but the coal man at Schoharie failed to deliver the goods as promised and wood is still being burned.
- A private school in this village patronized by business men is located in Sheldon's Hall; the basement is a lager beer and billiard saloon. In almost any other place the people like to have their school houses as far away as possible from a grocery, but rum rules here.
- Sanset Cox says insanity does not disqualify a man from being a member of congress, and the members of a church in this village say by their acts that drunkenness does not disqualify a man being a deacon of

the church, for they elected a member deacon who gets drunk frequently. Probably that is one of the churches that does not meddle with politics or religion.

- Where the money goes. The following sums were paid by Co. treasurer the past year for printer's bills:

J. E. Young	\$ 11.55
M. Dings.....	18.19
C. C. Kromer	498.60
G. W. Bellinger	501.81
A. A. Hunt	663.59
“ “ by order Westbrook.....	883.82
Total	<u>\$2,587.56</u>

Court expenses, not including officers' salaries, \$4,598.95.; county judge and district attorney's salary, \$4,200; poorhouse, to support 40 or 50 paupers, \$5,496.80.

Worcester.

- A wood famine exists here.
- Another riot in Greenbush.
- A union revival is in progress.
- Col. Chase's health is gradually failing.
- Thos. Castle is clerking for A. Diefendorf.
- Spunky still continues to "shave" his customers.
- The "county" is trying to get a new school house.
- Eli, how about the effects of that electrical brush?
- T. Vickers has purchased the Coats' farm in Westville.
- Rumor says there will be elected in this town, this year, a democratic supervisor – probably Mr. W. H. Ely.
- The Worcester *Times* has discarded its patent outside. Being a purely home enterprise now, we most cordially wish it increased success.
- Jerome Markham has purchased Edwin Bentley's farm in the "county." Consideration \$4,500. Bentley goes to Marshalltown, Ia.
- It was the boast of the Thurbers that "they carried the town of Worcester in their vest pockets." And they did so for years. During their administration the town has been robbed of some \$36,000 by those miserable, political hacks, who were shrewd enough to destroy the records of their plundering. The town will shortly receive its "baptism," \$22,000 of which becomes due in May, 1882. So it seems that Schoharie isn't alone in the need of reform.