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Local Department

A Card.

Charlotteville, N. Y., Feb. 15th, 1881.

Whereas, A report has been, either thoughtlessly as a jest, or maliciously with intent to injure, put in circulation in this community reflecting upon the character of Miss Clara Lovett, daughter of Rev. N. Lovett, of this place, and Whereas, in said report I find reference has been made to myself as having personal knowledge of the impropriety charged or insinuated. I feel it to be due to the said N. Lovett and family, and to Miss Clara in particular, to say that so far from having knowledge of what is hinted or stated in the report, I have the most satisfactory and positive knowledge to the contrary, and do hereby denounce the report from first to last a base fabrication and a foul slander upon a young lady of such intelligence and fine attainments, and so amiable a character as said young lady.

H. SPERBECK, M. D.

The above card from Dr. Sperbeck has, at my request, been somewhat delayed to give time to hunt down if possible, the human jackals and hyenas who have made this dastardly and vile attempts to slaughter character, that they might feast and fatten on the, to them, savory repast. While the evidence at present in my possession is not such as to absolutely preclude all doubt as to the result in case of legal proceedings, it yet points, with moral certainty to the wood be assassins, and, until suitable acknowledgments are made, will lead those in this community best acquainted with the facts, to loathe and shun them as they would a viper in their path.

N. LOVETT.

- January thaw in February.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson are both sick.
- Revival meetings still continue, and success is crowning their efforts.
- Mr. and Mrs. David G. Spencer, of Schenevus, passed a few days in our village last week.
- M. & N. Van Patten are manufacturing a number of platform wagons and carriages, most of which are contracted for.
- Minard Harder paid in 1880 \$530. – 48 for postage stamps and postal cards. Their business is increasing. – *Cobleskill Herald*.
- Benj. Gage of this town commenced to raise hops about thirty years ago, and claims to have raised the first hops in the county.
- Sherman Lamont and wife, of Chicago, but who formerly resided at Charlotteville, have been visiting friends here. – *Cobleskill Herald*.
- Mrs. Farrand Hartwell died at her home last Monday night. Her many relatives and friends deeply regret her death, and our community has lost a most esteemable lady.
- Our caucus, Saturday, was probably the hottest contest ever known in town, and it was a most emphatic victory for *the people* over ONE MAN POWER and “Ring rule.” Mr. David Crowe received the handsome majority of 27, for supervisor, over James H. Brown a ring man. The PHOENIX is substantially sustained instead of being “killed,” and we promise the people to continue to advocate their cause in a proper way.

- Democratic ticket — Supervisor, David Crowe. Justice, Ananias P. Jump. Town clerk, Levi M. Stevens. Collector, John W. Brazie. Assessor, Levi M. Snook. Commissioner of Highways, John H. Delong. Overseer of the poor, Myron Ryder. Inspector of election 1st district, Peter L. Odell, John G. Ryder. 2d district, Erskine Baldwin, Wm. A. Spencer. Constables, O. B. Ireland, Geo. C. [illegible], James Truax, Madison Pender. The above entire Democratic ticket elected.
- Republican ticket — Supervisor, Henry Fox. Town clerk, David R. Clark. Justice, Hiram D. Hayner. Collector, Frank M. Cann. Assessor, C. H. Warner. Commissioner of Highways, Harvey Lavalley. Overseer of the poor, Charles Fox. Inspector of election 1st district, Henry Palmer. 2nd district, Jerome Toles. Constables, Platt R. Evans, Peter VanBuren, David Y. Proper, Walter Hicks. Game constable, George Nichols.

Local Correspondence.

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

Howe's Cave.

The creek broke up last Friday but did no damage . . . Eli Rose is erecting a new store . . . There will be a pound party at the Reformed church Feb. 17 . . . The next Ladies' meeting will be held at T. Owens' Feb. 25 . . . Oyster supper at the Reformed church, March 10. Proceeds to apply on church debt. . . Mrs. John Wetsell is quite ill . . . Mrs. S. Mann is slowly recovering . . . George Warner, of Warnerville, has been driving spiles for a foot bridge from the cave to Tight Nipping.

Warnerville.

The Democratic caucus which was called for Saturday, 12th inst., adjourned (without making any nominations) until the 14th inst., at 6 p. m. This is an event that never occurred before. What's the matter? Does the ring begin to weaken in this town too? The Rep. caucus met as called and made out a ticket with Samuel Butler, for supervisor . . . the hotel keepers in this town have made application for license for the coming year of the old board. That begins to look as though they thought the new board might change its complexion at the town meeting this week.

Schoharie.

The thaw during the past few days has put the mountain streams in motion and cleared the creek of ice . . . Hop market is without change. 10@20c. per pound being paid. . . Jacob Vroman has been ill for the past two weeks. . . J. T. Myers has exchanged his property on sunny side for real estate on Prospect St. . . . Peter Marton has purchased Sheldon Hall, in Middleburgh, and moves there April 1. . . I. Lawyer will occupy P. Marton's house this year.

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Richmondville.

Revival meetings have closed. . . Geo. Sullivan has returned. . . Mrs. R. C. Rogers is visiting friends at Worcester. . . Archie Mynders, of Adams station, is visiting at Wm. Kelsey's. . . It is rumored that the firm of Helsinger & Brown, blacksmiths, will desolve by mutual consent next week. . . We are informed that J. N. Barnison will carry the mail between this place and Stamford next year. . . The services of J. J. Fox, of East Worcester, has been secured as clerk in the store of H. Frasier & Son. . . The receipts of Rev. D. M. Fuller's donation was \$65. . . Mrs. Jas. Bradley, of Rome, N. Y., is visiting friends in this place. . . Mr. John Whitbeck, of Schodack, is visiting his sisters Misses M. and M. Whitbeck. . . A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Evans last Saturday night. It was reported an enjoyable affair. . . The temperance people of this town have nominated Hiram Frasier for excise commissioner. . . Mr. M. Lowell, of California, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Green, near the village. . . Corporation election went by storm. Many who opposed it at first fell in the ranks and helped give a grand majority in its favor. The vote stood 134 for and 31 against. . . The proprietors of the feather-bed renovator will occupy Harmony Hall soon. . . Several new street lamps have been purchased and our village will soon have a light appearance evenings. . . A lady friend from Catskill is visiting at Levi Martials. . . Those on the sick list in this village are better. . . Daniel Mann has rented the Snyder place, on East Main street, where he intends to reside the coming year. . . The remains of Mrs. Stephen Gile, of Bainbridge, were brought to W. Richmondville for interment last Monday. . . We are informed that the paper mill will be in operation again this week. . . A lock-up is needed very much in this place. . . Two marriages in town last week. Mr. Irving Hogeboom and Miss Rosa Felter, and Mr. Charles Davis and Miss Thressa Westcott, were the happy couples. We wish them much happiness and a long life. . . Samuel Butler received the nomination for supervisor at the union caucus Saturday night. . .

Master Laudie Bacon is very sick with diphtheria. His mother died with the same disease a short time ago in Brooklyn.

Worcester.

Town meeting resulted in the election of the entire Democratic ticket, with the exception of town clerk. J. R. Pickett, Rep., being elected by a majority of two. Now we expect to see everything regarding the railroad money brought to light. . . . Mrs. D. W. Shelland intends to build an addition to her store occupied by Eli Denny. . . . The village of Worcester is minus a constable this year. . . . Emmet had an attack of Democracy last Tuesday. . . . Ansel Boorne, our express man, is out rain or shine. . . . We understand S. W. Seeley intends peddling segars for the Davenport firm next spring. . . . The suit between Gifford and Chamberlain resulted in no cause of action. . . . J. T. Hadsell has purchased a new 10 horse-power engine to run his shop. Jule is the boss mechanic. . . . L. Griggs is pushing his house toward completion. . . . Wm. J. Sloan has purchased a horse of Hiram Mereness. . . . Hops are selling at 18@20 cents per pounds. . . . An aged lady living with Russell Treat was buried Sunday. . . . Henry Smith has treated the inside of his store, occupied by Flint & Taylor to a coat of paint. . . . W. H. Cook contemplates building a new block where the hardware store now stands three stories high, three stores below, a set of rooms above and a large hall on the third floor.

Middleburgh.

Mr. McGraw, of the late firm of McGraw & Barney, carriage builders, moves to Gloversville in the spring. . . . The ice in the Schoharie creek broke up and went out last Thursday. . . . W. C. Kelsey is getting ready to build a dwelling house on his farm. P. R. Dyckman, of Jefferson, does the carpenter work. . . . This village has had another regular dose of horse humbug. This time in the shape of a patent bit. About \$30 was transferred to the pocket of the Dr. . . . Charles Montague, of Sloansville, and Amelia Bledgett, of this place, were married Feb. 2d. May their shadows never grow less. . . . The railroad from here to the Junction during the cold weather was as near useless as it could be. If they would use the earnings of the road to put it in order, and put on an engine that was good for anything except to break down, when most needed, they would do just what common sense dictates; but a dollar can't be in two places at once. Private interests before public benefits seems to be the rule.

Hyndsville.

What makes Charlie Pitcher wear such a smiling visage? Because such a nice little girl came last week to stay with him. . . . Newel Scott, of Chicopee, Mass., and Clara Hynds, of Janesville, have joined heart and hand to sail down life's rapid stream together. Best wishes attend them. . . . Station agent Preston and wife, of Seward, made H. H. Johnson, agent at this place, a very pleasant call last Sabbath. . . . Praise meeting at the Centre church last Sunday evening. Revival meetings still continue. Many converted. . . . Rev. J. H. Clark received nearly \$70, at the donation held in this village. . . . A great many deaths from fever at Seward Valley recently. Mr. McMann and Gilbert France are not expected to recover.