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EXCHANGE EXCERPTS.

- The party arrested for firing the Merenus barn near Central Bridge, was discharged after a thorough examination. – Scho. *Union*.
- John Becker, of Gallupville, while at work skidding logs in the woods, was struck by a log below the knee, making a compound fracture of the leg, and lacerating the flesh quite extensively.
- Claudius Peterson, of Cobleskill, who was indicted for grand larceny at the last circuit, was found guilty of petit larceny and sentenced by Judge Holmes to six months hard labor at the Albany penitentiary.
- By a collision on the A. & S. R., at Cobleskill, a locomotive, caboose and three freight cars were wrecked. The engineer was unable to see the train ahead on account of the prevailing snow storm. – *Scab*.
- Judge Maynard has sold an acre of land between his residence and the railroad track in this village, to J. H. Merchant of Jefferson. It is expected that he will build a nice house on it the coming summer. – Stamford *Mirror*.
- The proceedings looking toward the incorporation of this village are progressing favorably. Everything is being done in legal form and we trust the matter will receive the hearty support of all enterprising citizens. – Middleburgh *Gazette*.
- A little daughter, twelve years old, of Mr. Ritton, Black Rock, met with a serious accident last Sunday, in Cobleskill. She was visiting at James Osterhout's, and fell from the haymow in the barn through a hole. Her shoulder was dislocated and both bones of her arm broken.
- The school-house in this village took fire on Thursday evening of last week. The teacher left the draft of the stove open when he left that day, and a coal or spark must have dropped out on the floor, and finally burned. It was seen by two men who passed by at dusk, and effecting an entrance, subdued the fire. About 3 square feet of the floor was burned. – Blenheim cor. to Middleburgh *Gazette*.

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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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- Now we have sugar weather.
 - Marvin Smith has returned from the west.
 - Attend Wilcox's auction at Jefferson to-day, 16th.
 - A party at Phillip Mitchell's last Wednesday evening.
 - Alonzo Rose has returned. He has secured a situation near Seneca lake.
 - We learn that Mrs. Howland Baker is sick with inflammation of the lungs.
 - David Wayman has purchased a two-year old colt of I. Widoman for \$65.
 - D. H. Truax sports a gay and festive mustang of immense trotting caliber.
 - The two sons of editor Douglass, Schenevus are suffering with scarlet fever.
 - Rowe & Dillenbeck is the name of a new firm in the drug business, at Cobleskill.
 - In 1850 Gilboa had the greatest number of inhabitants of any town in the county.
 - Wm. A. Spencer has sold his span of horses to a gentleman in Gilboa. Consideration \$300.
 - There was a party at Henry Fox's Tuesday evening, 8th inst. Good time reported by all in attendance.
 - The M. E. conference will set Apr. 6th. Our minister is already selected, and you might say appointed.
 - W. S. Hotchkin of Schenevus made Charlotteville a visit last week in quest of Insurance. See card on 1st page.
 - Geo. Baldwin lost one of his horses last week. It got kicked by a visitor's horse and died from the effects.
 - The firm of Wharton & Waterman of Albany has been dissolved by mutual consent. Conrad Rowe and E. T. Waterman have entered into a partnership.
 - Melvin Johnson has 11 ewes and 6 of them has this spring given birth to 14 lambs, all of which are smart and active. The other 5 are expected to do as well.
 - There lives in the vicinity of South Worcester, a couple of young ladies who are said to belong to the "bedroomers and pouters" when attending parties.
 - Under a new order by the Postmaster General, bills and enclosures of the kind which have been at one cent postage must now be paid for at the rate of three cents.
 - Rev. Mr. Odell, of Eminence, has hired Katy Willsey's house and will undoubtedly preach in the M. E. church the coming year, as it seems to be the desire of the stewards.
 - Mrs. Wm. L. Tabor of Richmondville is visiting friends here. She subscribed for the PHOENIX one year to be sent to her son, G. W. Tabor, Minnesota, whither she intends going soon.
 - Rev. R. M. Snyder, pastor of the F. M. church in this village, and Anna Patrick, adopted daughter of Dr. Geo. Barner, were married last week. Of course they have our congratulations and best wishes.
 - Overseer Ryder requests us to say that the bonds given in the Bennet-Roe bastardy case are yet in force, and Mr. Bennet is *not* free, as we were informed last week. Thus far, the town simply loses the cost made by the trial at Schoharie owing to gross negligence on the part of justices.
 - The Worcester *Times*, the only paper in Otsego county published by a woman, failed to reach its readers here last week. The week before last it sent out a microscopic edition, and otherwise acts in a very feminine manner. A. F. Gage, a former typo on it, suggests the very charming and appropriate title of the "Worcester *Morgue*."
 - The editor of the *Schoharie Scab (Union)* says he has a crayon portrait of himself hanging in Union Block, Schoharie. We presume the reason he advertises it is because the Union Block can now compete with Barnum on natural curiosities. If he would frame the *Scab* and hang it by the side of the crayon he would have a pair of them.
 - We notice by the last quarterly report of Co. Treas. Williams that A. A. Hunt, editor (?) of the *Republican* had ten different bills, amounting to over \$823. The *Union* also had three bills, amounting to \$661.25. There is no reason why those papers should not flourish so long as they are fattened with "pap." These bills should shame their patent outsiders to death.

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- Our new hotel keeper has possession now.
- The hotel at Sloansville has been leased to John Rockerfellow.
- Stock of the Albany & Susquehanna railroad has recently sold at 125.

- Judge Rifenburg seems to have a very good start in the law business.
- S. Lape has just put in a new lot of crockery and dry goods. Call in and examine them.
- Summit people are making preparations to accommodate many more boarders than heretofore.
- John H. & C. F. Shafer, of Warnerville, made ye editor a very pleasant visit Saturday and Sunday.
- Ambrose Oliver has our thanks for a very liberal supply of sweet apples from his cellar. They are very nice indeed, and we appreciate his kindness.
- Mr. Austin Sexton, of the town of Seward, has been adding a new lot of blooded poultry to his stock. Mr. Sexton is one of the leading poultry men of the county.
- Mrs. E. F. Trickey, of Worcester, will sell her stock of ribbons at cost in order to make room for Spring goods. This special offer is for two weeks only. Rooms over Bank.
- The old Seminary building at Warnerville, recently caught fire and came near being destroyed. It is expected that the building will this summer be refitted for a boarding house.
- This season of the year is always very bad for sickness, and we suggest that parents see to it that their children's feet are kept dry and warm. Also that their own health is worthy of proper care and attention.
- Last Wednesday evening as Dr. H. Sperbeck was returning to his home from this village, about 11 o'clock, he saw a fire near his father's hop-house and at first thought the building might be on fire. But upon approaching the building he found a tramp had built a large fire, from boards, etc., that he had gathered, within about three feet of the hop-house. He then prepared a place for his lodging near the fire, and when the doctor found him he was fast asleep. It was with some little trouble, notwithstanding the Doctor had a good sized club with which he fought his battle, that Mr. Tramp was induced to leave his comfortable quarters. No doubt the fire would have destroyed the building had not he happened along as he did. The tramp was a youngerly looking man.
- FOR SALE – One black mare with foal, and one yearling colt, also black. For particulars enquire of ELI WARNER, Charlotteville, N. Y.
- Bob Lincoln kept right on with his law business after he learned of his cabinet appointment.
- IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS. – Special inducements are offered you by the Burlington Route. It will pay you to read their advertisement to be found elsewhere in this issue.
- 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 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, Charlotteville, N. Y.

Local Correspondence.

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

Hyndsville.

- Mrs. Anna Smidt, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunkel.
- Peter Hynds, proprietor of the Hyndsville Hotel, entertained a surprise party from Seward Valley recently.
- Rev. Chas. Hemstreet, of Sharon, filled Rev. J. H. Clark's appointment last Sabbath in the M. E. Church.
- Oscar Hynds, of this village, and Mary Rahnfield have vowed to share each others pleasures and sorrows thro' life.
- Philip Hynds has moved in his father's house, occupied last year by Menzo Schoolcraft. Menzo moves with his brother on Wm. Marckley's farm.
- The remains of Wellington Young, of Saginaw, Mich., were deposited in Slate Hill Cemetery on Saturday, of last week. He was formerly a resident of Seward, a brother of Mrs. Edward Eldredge, and a young gentleman of excellent habits and unblemished character.

Howe's Cave.

- The oyster supper was not a success.
- Ramsey's Stone crusher works like a charm.
- E. Williams is visiting at Durham, Greene co.

- A. B. Merchant will move to Cobleskill April 1st.
- Alice Loucks, of Cobleskill, is visiting Miss Edna Wetsell.
- The exhibition at Sagendorf's school house was a pleasant affair.
- A very nice party of young people at C. Rickard's, last Monday evening.
- Clay Ruland was married to Jennie Wood of Jefferson, on the 10th inst.
- The next ladies' meeting will be held at the residence of Daniel Tygart.

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Richmondville.

- Ward Minor, of Jefferson is visiting his cousin, Grant Ferguson.
- A social dancing party was held Wednesday at the Empire Hotel.
- Miss Valeria is passing a few days with friends at Mineral Springs.
- Miss VanAuken, of Catskill, is visiting her cousin, Hattie Vroman.
- Wm. Warner has traded his village property for a farm in Decatur.
- Miss Allie Fox has gone to Binghamton to remain during the summer.
- The temperance lecture did not come off on account of the severe weather.
- Infant son of Rev. Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Paul died Saturday. Buried Monday.
- There will be many changes here this spring, which your correspondent will notice as they come.
- Miss Annie Whitbeck and James Brooker were baptized in the Baptist Church Sunday night.
- Several young people gathered at Hattie Vrooman's Saturday evening and were nicely entertained.
- Master George Kilts fell from his sled while coasting, one day last week, and received a cut over the temple nearly two inches in length.
- Messrs. Westover & Foster went to New York last week and purchased a safe for their bank. We understand it will be placed in the west wing of the Westover house.
- Members of the Juvenile Temple will give an entertainment in Good Templar Hall, Thursday evening, consisting of singing, declamations, reading, dialogues, etc., after which a supper will be given.
- Messrs. Curtus & Vanvailen, railroad contractors, commenced business on the double track Monday. Their headquarters are in this village. Yankee Sullivan has been appointed foreman of the Rock Cut near the depot.

Middleburgh.

- The M. D's business is increasing.
- Three funerals for the week ending March 12th.
- Croup is prevailing among the children in this locality.
- The prospect of a fair in this town and incorporating the village, seems to hang fire.
- Fifteen cents per dozen paid for eggs, and 16 cents per pound for butter, in this village.
- F. X. Straub the barber is now located opposite the P. O., in the basement of the Carpenter building.
- William Bellinger has purchased the Hunting farm one mile northwest of the village, now occupied by Theodore Decker, for \$5,000. Possession Apr. 1.
- Always wanted in this village – girls to do housework. About half of the girls here want to be school ma'ams and music teachers, and the remainder expect to marry rich men and be kept for dolls and have servants to take care of them. How sad their anticipations should not be realized.
- About \$2,000 paid to lawyers in this county by the board of supervisors the past year and not a suit tried. Was it necessary for the board to employ counsel to enable them to take just what Dickinson's bondsmen choose to pay? It looks as if they tried to squander the people's money to help enrich a class of people that are of no use in any community.

East Worcester.

- Sugar making.
- H. H. Hughes has moved here.
- We understand Mr. Hicox intends to move to Oneonta this spring.
- C. Harrington, from the west has been visiting friends in town.
- S. Thompson has disposed of his hotel property and goes on his farm.
- E. Snow employs two men from the state of Massachusetts in his factory.
- L. Jaycox and E. Snyder have returned from Canada, having purchased 21 horses.