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Vicinity Excerpts

- On Monday night David Traver's Hotel was entered by burglars, and the following property stolen: \$18 in money; box of cigars, bottle of liquor, a quantity of victuals, several boxes of sardines, amounting to nearly \$30. As yet he has no clue to the thieves. The money till was found on the stoop, and also a pair of socks. Nothing was known of the robbery until daylight. It was evidently done by some one thoroughly acquainted with the premises. – Livingstonville Cor. to Middleburgh *Gazette*.

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- Mr. Curtis, who has leased the Warnerville Sem, expects to accommodate 100 boarders next summer.

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Local Department

CHURCHES

- M. E. CHURCH. – Charlotteville – Rev. A. M. Gay, 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 sap season is about ended.
- Mrs. John Tinklepaugh is convalescent.
- Plowing has at last commenced in the valley.
- Grosvenors Corners is to have a new church.
- Plenty of snow banks to be seen in this vicinity yet.
- Forty-five cases upon the court calendar this week.
- Now the soda fountains are being scoured up and are liable to "fizz" any time.
- The next M. E. Conference, for the New York district will be held at Sing Sing.
- Express matter was last week carried from Central Bridge to Schoharie in a wagon.
- Geo. Gage did the first spring sowing in this section. He sowed grain on the 19th inst.
- Isaac West, of Stone Brook, recently committed suicide by hanging. He was 80 years old.
- A young man named Hager, died of lockjaw; (caused by cutting his foot) at Blenheim on the 14th inst.
- Mrs. Michael Hetherman, of Albany, is visiting at her mother's, Mrs. Cornelia Boughton, of this village.
- Rev. R. M. Snyder and wife will commence housekeeping at North Harpersfield, which place is also on his charge.
- Rev. R. L. Rose left town "for good" on Friday. His many friends here desire to see him succeed at his new home.

- Rev. Mr. Gould, of the F. M. society, has been visiting at Dr. Barner's within a few days. He was at one time on this charge.
- Agricultural prophets are dealing out bountiful crops for this year. We don't suppose it makes much difference what they say, but then, such talk is pleasant.
- Our readers will undoubtedly remember the accident of Philor Benedict, of Schenevus, in October, 1879, whereby his leg was seriously injured. He was taken out recently for the first time since the accident occurred.
- Our former townsmen, Mr. A. J. Wharton, has associated himself with S. M. Ballard, as proprietors of the American Hotel, 100 State St., Albany. Persons from this vicinity will be apt to remember him when in the city.
- Burglars are making business lively in Schoharie county now-a-days. Last week there was two cases in the town of Cobleskill, one in Middleburgh and one in Livingstonville. In all of the cases booty was obtained and the thieves are yet undetected.
- Mulatto Democrats is a good name for the kind of chaps that are trying to reform the Democracy in this county. – Schoharie *Scab*. Probably suggestive to the editor of the *Scab* from close intimacy with the mulattoes and half breds, of that village.
- Barnard H. Turk, son of Thomas Turk, cut over one-half cord of hard maple wood (stove length) in 31 minutes. He also cut one cord of maple wood, while at work for John Vaughn, in one hour. Can any of those "boss" choppers beat that?
- Rev. Samuel Bruce died, at his residence, in South Worcester, Thursday night, after suffering for months with what is known here as a cancer in the mouth. He has for years been a faithful preacher of Lutheran persuasion, and his death will be much regretted by *many friends*.
- HOPS – The shipment of hops from Cobleskill since the first day of November last, up to this date aggregated 4,687 bales. In November the shipments were 2,235 bales; December 637 bales; January 922; February 528 bales; March 282 bales; April 1st to April 21st 84 bales. The money value of these shipments was in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. – *Herald*.

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- Farm work has now commenced in full blast.
- Much sickness is reported at Argusville, this county.
- Now is a good time to pay the printer what you owe.
- Geo. Cook will tap your boots and furnish the stock for 50c.
- Snow in part of Chas. Sperbeck's woods is now over 2½ feet deep.
- Our young ladies insist that kisses are common instead of proper nouns.
- D. G. Spencer and W. S. Hotchkins, of Schenevus, were in town Monday.
- If spring is not hauled back into winter's lap again, she will pull through this time.
- Mrs. John Moot fell last Saturday and quite seriously injured one of her limbs.
- B. H. Patchin and wife, of North Harpersfield are visiting at Mrs. Robert Salisbury's.
- Nelson Eckerson, of Worcester, visited his old neighbors and friends in this village Monday.
- Wallace Fox was in town Sunday. He likes the climate at Hyndsville full as well as at South Worcester.
- Summit had a couple of law suits last week, but the parties were from this end of the town. We learn however, that Hiram Warner settled with Mitchell.
- A Mrs. Mattice who has been caring for Mrs. Wm. LaMonte, of this village, for over a year, is now very sick and not expected to recover soon. Her daughter is here taking care of her.
- We understand that Rev. A. M. Gay who was allotted to this charge by the New York M. E. Conference, cannot regularly fill his appointments before June. We are not posted as to the cause for the delay.
- Oren and Geo. Fox recently visited Summit Lake for the purpose of fishing. They returned without any fish after having chopped ten holes through the ice over two feet thick. It will take some time to thaw that massive body of ice.
- Frank Barkley, of Gilboa, has a parsnip on exhibition at L. Reed's store which he took from his father's garden, measuring five feet in length. Stand up all ye men that raise parsnips and see which of you can beat young Barkley.

- It is the current report here that Silas Gallup and young Henry Ostrander who were connected with the Anthony Ostrander pension fraud have been sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 each and 30 days in jail, and if the fine is not paid they must stay in prison until they have earned enough to pay that amount.
- FOR SALE – A female hound, 2 years old, and 12 dog pups, (full blooded hound) at reasonable terms. The mother of these dogs is an excellent breeder, she having given birth to 12 pups, last June nine of which were dogs, and her last litter were all males. Pups must be taken when four weeks old. Address, CHAS. W. TRUAX, Charlotteville N. Y.
- A DAVENPORT MAN ROBBED. – We learn by the Albany Daily *Press*, that John Freidmanor, a harness maker, at Davenport, Del. Co., N. Y., who had been in that city since Friday, catered a resort at 39 Van Zandt St. Sunday, kept by Abbie Jackson and was robbed of \$115. Abbie Jackson, Annie Williams, Harriet Hamilton and Elizabeth Hawkins were afterwards arrested and locked in the first precinct station. Mr. F. is considered a good and respectable citizen in Davenport, but this looks rather bad, and we can only say that he and all other men who go to the city on business should learn that *such places are never entered by gentlemen*. The *Press* says that it was a bad crowd and a “Country Goose” that got scooped.

Local Correspondence.

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

Hyndsville.

- C. Hiltz has sold his horse to a Mr. Meecker in Del. Co.
- Mrs. N. M. Hynds has returned from a visit with friends at Warnerville.
- Roads are getting dusty and every one enjoys these invigorating west breezes.
- Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hinds intend to move to New York in May, making that place their future home.
- L. S. Markle purchased a fine horse of his father, and has taken him to New York. He sold him to one of the milk men.
- Living by theft is bad business, and especially to take from a poor laboring man. One day last week some one entered the dwelling of Hiram Ottman, took a sack of flour and a ham, they gained entrance by removing the staple of the door, and when they left replaced it; undoubtedly some one too lazy to labor resorted to an easier method to sustain life.

Middleburgh.

- C. A. White and family have returned home from Florida, and have brought with them a living native in the shape of an Alligator.
- The body of the Eckerson boy that was drowned in Fulton a few weeks ago was found on the land of F. S. Haines, one mile south of this village, in a good state of preservation.
- Burglars entered the house of T. C. Hoag a few nights since by turning the key from the outside with a nippers.

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The family were awakened by the noise made in their search for plunder; the thieves became alarmed and left without any booty.

- Farm work is now in full blast, plowing, sowing and setting hop poles.
- The National Bank here is one of the most popular institutions, and appears to be doing a good business.
- Many people are leaving this village and vicinity for Gloversville, and still the men of wealth learn nothing by these facts.
- This village was the scene of another drunken brawl on Saturday night between George Bouck and Walt Mattice anti-incorporation voters. It would be a blessing to this village if they had killed each other.
- Died at his residence in this village, on the 21st Inst., Geo. E. Danforth. At one time he was extensively engaged in sole leather tanning near this place, and prominent in connection with N. Y. S. National Guard.
- This village would be greatly benefited if we could have public teachers and speakers with moral convictions strong enough, and backbone stiff enough that they could not be controlled by the baser and dissolute element of the village, because they have a considerable ill gotten wealth.

Richmondville.

- A large number of strangers are in town this week.
- A lady friend of Otsego Co. is visiting at John Johnsons.
- J. C. Biret is a happy man, another nine pound boy.
- Milo Bradley and Gipson Hartwell are on the sick list.
- Mr. N. Hogeboom has put in a stock of groceries with his dry goods.
- Willie Smith of New York city is visiting his parents and friends here.
- Mr. Caryle has moved to New York mills where he has secured a permanent situation.
- A valuable horse was killed in one of the cuts on the R. R. near this station, Saturday.
- John B. Boorm spent his vacation at North Adams, Mass. and other parts of that state.
- Mr. Riley Sutphen, has returned from Colorado, gold mines where he has been for a few years.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tree Martial has gone to Castleton on the Hudson where he intends to engage in the brick business.
- Rumors say that D. H. Smith intends to put in a glass front in his hardware store this spring, and make other improvements.
- Ezra Fuller has sold his farm to Josiah Bennet and he has taken possession of the same. Mr. Fuller now occupies rooms with Mrs. Tabor on High St.
- The side walks in this village are in a very bad condition. We are informed that immediate steps will be taken by the corporation trustees to improve them.
- A little three year old child of Frank Kelsey, a gentleman living near this village, was run over and killed by a wagon loaded with lumber, one day last week.
- One of the Brazie sisters who has been engaged in the millinery business for a long time, died Monday of last week. The funeral services were held in the Christian Chapel Wednesday.
- Miss Mary Hasledon of Warnerville, has been engaged as teacher in District No. 5 and will commence Monday. Miss Hasledon taught the same school last summer, with perfect satisfaction to all.
- The sugar party given by the good templars of this village was a success. A fine programme was rendered, in which all did their part well. The recitation by Miss Emma Hard, deserves more than ordinary notice.

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- Holmes and Drew Richmondville want to see 1000 farmers in the next 20 days.
- Go and examine Shafer's jewelry at Richmondville.
- Granite ware for sale at Ostrander's Richmondville.
- New and elegant styles of wall paper at Ostrander's Richmondville, at reasonable prices.
- The largest assortment of wall paper – over 150 different kinds, at H. Frasier & Son's, Richmondville, N. Y.
- A large stock of Men's, Youth's and children's clothing just opened for the spring trade, at Diefendorf's, Worcester. Prices lower than ever before.
- 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.
- Room 30X60 full of clothing – men's, youths' and boys'. Remember upstairs at H. Frasier & Son's, Richmondville. Their first floor is crowded with dry goods and groceries, boots, shoes, etc.; a full stock and low prices.
- 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, Charlotteville, N. Y.