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Vicinity Excerpts

- A. Disbrow has been appointed postmaster at West Conesville.
- A calf born in the town of Conesville this spring weighed 130 lbs. when but a day old.
- Rev. S. Bruce, who recently died at South Worcester, during twenty years as a pastor preached 5,500 sermons, attended 1,000 funerals, and married 700 couples.

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Local Correspondence.

Furnace Valley.

- Isaac Truax put 31 hives of bees in his cellar last fall. They all wintered finely, every hive, and the bees too.
- Spring work in full blast in this valley.
- Very many flowers in full bloom – the early kinds.
- The district school in the valley will be taught this summer by Miss Libby Dykeman. Libby is a young teacher but a No. 1.
- Jacob H. Woodbeck is doing some fancy work in his hop yard this spring.
- Parties wishing to purchase bees please call on Isaac Truax and examine stock, he has a fine lot of them.

Cobleskill.

- F. J. Baldwin is on the sick list.
- Arthur Greenwald is about again.
- Benjamin's shirt factory is doing a good business.
- John Andrews has returned from Ireland. He reports a pleasant voyage and says he was not disappointed in obtaining his property.
- John VanVooris and S. P. Harder have opened their quarry at Rossman Hill, and are turning out some very fine flagging stone.
- Mr. Best, of Central Bridge, has put up a large hay-barn near the depot in this village.
- Gardens are nearly all made.
- Joseph Knox has the boss "set up" wagon in town, Lewis" not excepted.

Hyndsville.

- Benjamin Borst has moved on a farm in Sharon.
- Harlen Southworth commenced school at Warnerville, Monday. School also commenced in this village the same day with Mr. Palmer as teacher.
- People are making gardens.
- Rev. J. H. Clark has been attending Conference; he remains with us another year. Sabbath school has opened with Williard Myres as superintendent.
- Miss Zimmer has gone to the city to purchase millinery goods. All are patiently waiting to see the latest style.
- Williard Myres has returned from the city with a good stock of goods.

Howe's Cave.

- Items to late last week. – Ed.
- School has commenced.
- A. Palmatier has moved to the Cave.
- P. Dietz has the contract to build Ramsey's dwellings.
- Rose's cement mills are running night and day.
- E. Williams is attending school at Poughkeepsie.
- Frank Tygart has gone to Schenectady, to work in a machine shop.
- Much excitement here concerning the horse stealing affair.

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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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- Spring pigs are scarce in this section.
- Those early cabbage plants have been jackfrost.
- Enos Stevens has laid a new stone walk in his front yard.
- County Sunday School Convention in Cobleskill the last of this month.
- Speculators are contracting lambs through this section at \$3.50 per head.
- Fashionable ladies all wear "pokes" which is the name of a new spring hat.
- The M. E. church society, at Eminence, talk of repairing their edifice this summer.
- M. S. Wilcox sold twenty head of Jersey cattle to a gentleman from Kentucky last week.
- Our side walks need to be repaired especially that section near Morrison's blacksmith shop.
- The seminary property at Warnerville, is now called "Pleasant Park." Rightly named.
- Old mother Eve said she didn't care A-dam, if they did kiss, before plucking the apple.
- School in the Snook district has commenced with Miss Olive Robinson, of Summit, as teacher.
- Hotel keepers at Sharon Springs are renovating their houses, and getting them ready for borders.
- There are a few men in this town that chew coffee. Better keep your eye peeled for the committee.
- Many of our best citizens are very indignant concerning A. B. Coons' *nolle prosequi* in the Dickinson case.
- It is rumored here that Wellington LaMonte, son of the late Dr. LaMonte, is now an inmate of the Utica Asylum.
- Great quantities of perch were recently taken out of the creek, at Summit. They probably came from the lake.
- The *Index* says M. Cohn is expecting to visit his parents in Europe this summer. He has not seen them in 30 years.
- The rye and wheat crops are looking very well at present, and bid fare to be an average crop if not injured by drought.
- We understand that Hon. J. Stanley Brown, has purchased the Schenevus *Monitor*, and will take possession in June. Success.
- Burglars are numerous now-a-days, and people who have valuables cannot take too good care in securing their doors and windows before retiring nights.

- Why not do something to obtain summer boarders in Charlottesville? Nearly all of our sister towns have boarders and they certainly have no purer air, and no pleasanter scenery.
- Sheriff Root, of Schoharie, and Deputy Sheriff Burneson, of Richmondville, made us a very pleasant call Saturday morning. We were glad to see the Capt., feeling and looking so well, likewise our friend Burneson, and hope to see them live and prosper for years yet.
- Our committee “to arrest drunken folks” is not very sharp. Last week a young man filled up and was generally abusive, but no arrest was made. When he got home he abused his wife and she went to the neighbors for protection that night. “We, the committee,” had better attend to business a little better, and see that all are served alike.
- Revs. Green and White, former pastors of the M. E. church, in this village, were in town last week. They do not turn the scornful, cold shoulder, as does the Rev. Goss and wife. Well, we all live if “Brother Goss” and wife do not condesend to recognize their former friends by visit or letter. Inasmuch as this was the former home of Mrs. Goss, her coldness seems strange enough.
- O. B. Ireland and Cal. Neer had a narrow escape from severe injury Friday morning. The circumstances are as follows: While sawing lumber at the saw mill, a pulley on the line shaft, driving the upper saw, suddenly flew to pieces, scattering the fragments in almost every direction with great force. Fortunately the above persons were not hit by any of the pieces. The wheel had two large flaws in it, which was probably the cause of breaking.

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- Freeman Keyser was in town Sunday.
- S. Lape is on the sick list, although he is recovering.
- D. D. W. Farnce, of Cobleskill, was in town Monday.
- Enoch Butler and family, of Richmondville, visited at Henry Fox’s Sunday.
- Miss Ida Schermerhorn, of Richmondville visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Fox Sunday.
- The Excise commissioners of Schoharie refused license to Central Bridge druggists.
- Read Messrs. Hogan & Borst’s “ad,” and remember that they talk business Every time.
- Martin Haynor is treating his house to a coat of paint. It will add much more to its appearance.
- Mr. Oren Fox has gone to New York city, from which point he intends to start for some point west.
- A Mrs. Mattice who has been caring for the widow Wm. LaMonte, in this village, died Monday.
- F. D. Barnett, agent for Henry Shepherd, of Oneonta, sold a new Bay State organ to Mrs. Mary Dibble, of Summit recently.
- Butter, eggs, or any kind of farm produce taken in exchange for framing, or for work of any kind, at T. B. Warner’s, Richmondville, N. Y.
- If you want to keep cool, call at A. Diefendorf’s store Worcester and get one of his Japanese fans, 500 to be given away in the next 30 days.
- STOLEN – A sorrel horse, harness, and buggy (square box) was stolen from M. E. Owen’s stable, at Howe’s Cave, Sunday night about 11 o’clock.
- Another effort is being made to change the postoffice at East Worcester. It is certainly hopeful that the persons interested will succeed this time.
- 100 Fancy Japanese parsols to be given away. Any little girl under 8 years old can get one by calling at my store for the next 30 days. A. Diefendorf, Worcester, N. Y.
- STRAYED OR STOLEN – A hound puppy about ten months old. He is of ordinary size, and is spotted with black, yellow and white. Has not been gone long. Persons knowing anything about said hound, will oblige the subscriber by sending word to him at once. ED TRUAX, Charlottesville, N. Y.
- INFORMATION WANTED – Concerning the where-a-bouts of Ira Burnett Moulton, and his mother, Mary Royce, who are said to have once lived in this section. People knowing anything about either of these persons, or any of their friends would confer a great favor by forwarding it to Capt. Root, of Schoharie C. H., or leaving it at this office at an early date.
- If you *will* dabble in politics buy your wife a washer, that she may keep your clothes respectably clean. The original BUCKNELL WASHER, formerly sold by Morris & Hicks, are now sold by Geo. H. Warner of Charlottesville, N. Y., and A. G. Stilson of Cobleskill, N. Y. PRICE REDUCED FROM \$12 TO \$8. Any new parts furnished, or repairs made on old washers of this patent, by applying to G. H. Warner near Charlottesville, N. Y.

- Judge Rifenbark had blood in his eye Monday morning, and hailed us upon the street, to tell us that our last issue had helped cause a drunken row at the Hotel Sunday. We can assure him that he asserts what his own better reason should teach him to be a gross mistake, and what the general public will say is a lack of wisdom, or common sense upon his part. To substantiate this, we subjoin the article from our last issue which has riled the gentleman's temper, and ask the people to be their judge as to the ground for basing the charge. We also say that we knew nothing about what transpired at the hotel Sunday.

Constable James Truax arrested Samuel and Orseam Clapper, for intoxication last Tuesday, and Judge Rifenbark sentenced Orseam (who is an Otsego Co. man) to the Schoharie jail for 30 days, and fined him \$1 for swearing. Samuel plead his own case and was acquitted. This was the first offence for Orseam (that is, the first time arrested for intoxication) and we believe it was not a very prudent act to give him 30 days in jail at the very time when he could get work, and especially when his family was dependent upon his labor for support. We do not approve of drunkenness, but justice should always be tempered with mercy and prudence as circumstances and the nature of the offence will allow without yielding the principles of the law to the offender. Now let the persons causing these arrests see to it, that some of our *abusive* yet to a certain degree, *tony* drunkards, are dealt with in the same way.

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- The engraved Lord's prayer in an elegant 1½ inch black walnut moulding, with 1 inch gilt lining; and fitted for hanging up for \$1.25. Or the same framed in a 1 inch imitation of black walnut, ready for hanging, for 60 cents at T. B. Warner's, Richmondville.
- A new stock of mouldings just arrived, and more ordered to meet the demand at T. B. Warner's Richmondville, N. Y.

Local Correspondence.

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

Middleburgh.

- John Fox is improving from his injuries by the kick.
- Grass and winter grain are looking well in this valley.
- Mr. Becker, of Berne, has purchased the Brown marble shop here, and is fitting it up for a dwelling; it is now occupied by Dr. G. W. Camp.
- The American Express Co. runs a wagon from Central Bridge to this place. The railroad prices are so outrageous that it was cheaper to carry it with a team.
- A great many hops are being planted in this section, this spring. The business is largely overdone; and buyers will compel growers to take just what they please to offer.
- Straub the popular foreman of Eagle Engine Co. has been trying to resurrect that long defunct institution. The corpse is not quite as old as mummies from the Catacombs of Egypt; but nevertheless it is a mummy, and not well preserved at that. Straub try and make your razor shave without hands, you will have better success.
- The people around here are not well pleased with the result of the Dickinson trial – or I should say, not being tried at all. Coons is denounced as a scoundrel, and as totally unfit for any office of trust. There is no doubt that he was elected for the very purpose of not bringing the case to trial. How long will the people stand it?
- If every man in this county will read that calm apology of the Judge for the discharge of Dickinson, in the Schoharie Republican of the 5th inst., they will think a little just criticism in order. The statement that if a trial was had, doubts are entertained of being able to convict. To settle doubtful questions is just what courts of justice are for. In other counties of this State there don't appear to be any doubts about such cases, for men are convicted almost every court for like offences, and punished as they deserve. Every honest man would be satisfied if he had been brought to trial; and if after a fair trial a jury had said not guilty how much better it would be for Dickinson.

Richmondville.

- Mr. Gurnsey is on the sick list.
- Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Mann have gone west.
- Miss Ida Felter has returned from Troy.

- Will Smith has gone back to New York.
- A lady friend from abroad is visiting Myra Shays.
- Milo Bradley sold his horse to a gentleman abroad.
- Josiah Rogers is visiting friends in New York city.
- Friends from Columbia Co., are stopping at Ed. Snyder's.
- Jas. Bacon, of Brooklyn, was in town Saturday and Sunday.
- The meat market has revived. It is now Hill & Palmiter.
- Mary Dante of East Worcester, is visiting Maggie Jaycox.
- Joshua Nellis and family started for Stanton, Mich., Tuesday.
- J. Johnson has improved his place by planting a hedge around it.
- Philip Warner has left the employ of J. Westover, and is now railroading.
- The Richmondville cornet band gave a concert in the park Saturday Eve.
- Mrs. L. Ostrander has returned from her long visit with friends in Catskill.
- Sanford Hynds, of Schenectady, spent three days last week with A. L. Boorn.
- The Richmondville cornet band will furnish music Decoration Day at Cobleskill.
- Miss Adella Johnson will open a millinery shop in the rooms occupied by the Breszee sisters.
- A. D. Frasier will erect a fine house on the vacant lot next to the Cottage Hotel, during the summer.
- Judge VanAlstyne, of Albany, and Dr. J. L. VanAlstyne, of Binghamton, was in town last week.
- Mary Jane Sheldon, plaintiff against Henry M. Sheldon (both of this village) has obtained a divorce.
- On Thursday evening last, several young folks gathered at Valeria Bates' and were nicely entertained.
- The velocipede mania is spreading amongst our village Juveniles. Let the youngsters enjoy themselves.
- Yankee Sullivan has finished grading the rock cut near the depot.
- Another large lot of Italians arrived Saturday. Railroad business is indeed lively between this village and Carylville.
- Miss Ella LaMonte, who has been attending the Normal School at Albany for some time, has returned home. She has been engaged to teach the school at West Richmondville, and will commence next week.

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- The best line of Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps etc., latest styles and lowest prices can be found at Flint & Taylor's, Worcester, N. Y.
 - H. Frasier & Son are the sole agents for the indispensable corset. Price 50 cents.
 - Do not fail to take a look at N. Hogeboom's New Styles of Dress goods, beautiful Pacific Lawns, - fast colors - Martha Washington L Lama cloth, also the Steel River Prints; they are the showiest, finest, and most popular prints offered this season.
 - 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.