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**Local Correspondence**

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**Middleburgh.**

- W. E. Bassler is rustivating among the hills of Greene county.
- Marvin Scutt has sold out the street sprinkling business to Jesse Warner.
- Died of scarlet fever – A child of Wm. Rector, the artist. Buried on Sunday last.
- Land is rented in this town at \$20 per acre for farming purposes. “How is that for high?”
- Lightning knocked the chimney off a house in Grove St. occupied by Peter Becker, a few days ago.
- Rev. J. S. Harkey and J. E. Young are delegates to the Lutheran Synod which meets at Altoona, Pa. this week.
- The corpse of Elizabeth Thompson was brought to this place May 31st to be buried by friends in this neighborhood. She died in Cohoes.
- Gloversville is drawing away from this place all the bone and sinew in the shape of working men. That accounts for the girls of this section all going there.
- In answering the query of the Esperance correspondent of last week, I would say, that it is a great deal worse for any one to break a pledge than it is to keep it; and any person that belongs to any organization and secretly or deliberately violates the rules is a person not to be trusted, for he is by nature or education a hypocrite of the meanest kind, and worse than all the public tipplers in the universe.
- Decoration Day here was duly observed as a holiday. The places of business were all closed until 4 P. M. Stanton Post G. A. R., of this village, was joined by S. Hoosick mixed Post of Schoharie. The Middleburgh and Schoharie cornet bands furnished the music. The procession was formed at 2 P. M., and proceeded to the cemetery. The exercises, after decorating the graves of those that died that the country might live, were very interesting to all. A poem was read, written for the occasion by Miss Emma Thompson, of Schoharie. A brief address was delivered by Geo. Lawyer, of this village. The strangest part of all the exercises was that the Oration was delivered by an ex-confederate soldier, N. L. F. Bachman, of Schoharie. He freely acknowledged the great mistake made by himself and the people of the South, and claims to be loyal to the Stars and Stripes of our country.

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**Worse than Small-Pox.**

Two weeks ago K. Crosswell participated in the small pox scare, and was vaccinated. The vaccination commenced working the same day, and up to last Saturday kept growing worse, when it was feared that his arm would have to be amputated. But by skillful treatment he is now getting better, which is welcome news to his many friends, though it will be months before he will be able to use his arm. Dr. Zeh is the attending physician. Kell says he would rather have the small pox any day. – *Gilboa Monitor*.

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**Shooting Affair in the Town of Wright.**

Monday evening two men by the name of Swan went fishing in Jones Pond. They returned about 10 o'clock at night. When they reached Brownell Lake's, a dog belonging to Lake attacked them. One of the party carried a revolver. He says that he shot it off over the dog's head. The dog seized one of the party when the other shot at him. Lake hearing the shooting; jumped up and seized his gun, loaded with BB. shot. He fired on the Swans, who were cousins, lodging 35 shot in one body, near the groin and sending the

balance of the charge into the other Swan's rear. The younger Swan went to the other's house, a quarter of a mile distant, hitched up and brought his cousin, who was too badly wounded to move, home. Dr. Hotaling was called and was up with him all night. It is feared that hemoerage will set in and the wounds prove fatal. Lake was arrested and brought before Squire Baker. This morning he was out here in quest of counsel. The examination is now going on. – Schoharie *Republican*.

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### **Vicinity Excerpts**

- The Sheriff of Schoharie county has a \$500 horse.
- Efforts are being made at Sharon Springs, to secure the services of a good band of musicians for the summer.
- Yesterday the families of Addison Cole, George Burley, A. Walker and Match Cole altogether numbering some thirty persons, left Cobleskill to work in factories at Troy. If Cobleskill will not build factories to give people work, they seem to have good sense enough to go to towns that have factories. – *Herald*.
- The district stewards of the Methodist churches met in annual session in the Garretson Station M. E. Church, Albany, recently Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer presiding. The principal business was the selection of Howe's Cave as the spot where the usual summer camp meeting will be held. The presiding elder, Revs. Clark, Gooding, Austin and Mr. Daneils were designated a committee to determine the date, which will probably be the latter part of August. The service will continue over the Sabbath.

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### **Local Department**

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#### **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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- There's millions, yes billions of them – potato bugs.
- Ex-supervisor David Davidson, of Gallupville, intends to visit Colorado soon.
- Mrs. E. M. La Monte, has returned from her visit to New York, and elsewhere.
- The Bailey Grove Camp Meeting, near Howe's Cave will commence on the 13th of August.
- Harmon Morrison and Ed. Fox caught 116 bull-heads and three pickerel on the fly last Thursday.
- A. B. Borst, of Cobleskill, can save you money if you care to buy furniture. He has a city stock on hand.
- Strawberry short-cakes are in order, as ripe berries have made their appearance in the fields about here.
- Bill Burton contemplates starting a grocery in this village, they say, but we don't believe – well now you tell it.
- The Good Templar Lodge at Argusville, has gone down. It has done much good, but somehow it was hard to keep it alive.
- Davenport wants an agricultural society. – We propose a Charlotte Valley fair; one year at Charlotteville and the next year at Davenport.
- Mr. Andrew Albert, of Worcester, put up two very fine monuments in our cemetery last week. He will erect several more during the season.
- We regret very much to announce that Mr. Geo. L. Baldwin is on the sick list. His many friends will anxiously wait for his appearance upon the street again.
- Rev. John W. Morrison, of North Blenheim, was in town Friday. He has ordered a new buggy of M. & N. Van Patten, and a new harness from Silas W. Ryder.

- LOST – A gold ring set with amethyst about three weeks ago. The finder will confer a favor upon the subscriber by leaving it at this office or with her. MRS. D. I. ECKERSON.
- Charlotteville is to have a complete set of the most fashionable street lamps which will add much to the convenience of its citizens and to the appearance of our village. – Rev. H. Cornell is the mover in the project.
- E. B. Hard, an employee of the Syracuse *Courier*, is visiting his parents and other friends in this place. Ed. is looking and feeling tip-top and reports everything in a flourishing condition. He learned his trade with us and we know him to be an energetic fellow, and one who we believe will yet make his mark in the world.
- The bill establishing a House of Refuge for women, with an appropriation of \$100,000 has become a law. Schoharie county would be a good place for it, and the trustees of incorporated villages like Richmondville, Middleburgh, Cobleskill and Schoharie ought to make an effort to get it. The county is worth of it.
- Chas. Martin has, we are told, about 300 bushels of potatoes on hand, which he declined to sell not long since for 75c. per bushel. The time to sell is when an article fetches all or more than it is worth, and while it is in demand. A great many people have an opinion that they must get rich upon every article they sell.
- A bill regulating the compensation of members of the board of supervisors has passed both houses of our legislature and been signed by the governor. The law provides that the supervisors shall receive compensation at the rate of three dollars per day for each day's actual attendance at the session of the board. The act is a general one and applies to all counties, except New York, Kings, Albany and Rensselaer.

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- A heavy frost Sunday night.
- Vanderbilt is to be at Sharon Spa., this summer.
- Jacob Wayman had a runaway last week. No injuries.
- S. Lape traded his black pony for a team of bays Saturday night.
- Warren Proper, of Eminence, was a guest at L. J. Lincoln's Sunday.
- Enos M. Stevens has sold his bay stallion to George Boughton, of this place.
- H. Frasier & Son are the sole agents for the indispensable corset. Price 50 cents.
- Rev. A. M. Gay, commenced his pastorate with the M. E. church in this village Sunday.
- Seward Gallop has bought a young team. Now we may expect to see something nice in a year or so.
- Corporal James Tanner figures largely as the republican candidate, for Mayor of Brooklyn, next fall.
- An unusually large number of city boarders is expected, at different places about the county, this summer.
- A Mr. Brandon, at Conesville has a piece of rye that has already attained the height of 5ft. 9 in. and much of it is lodging.
- Silas W. Tabor brought in a stalk of asparagus, last Saturday, nine feet in length, as a sample of rapid spring growth.
- The Gilboa *Monitor* is three years old. It is one of our most interesting and newsy exchanges and richly deserves success.
- 25 motto, floral, gilt edge and fine mixed cards for 12cts – prize with every sixth order. Conover Printing House, Esperance, N. Y.
- D. L. Rose, wife and daughter, of Warnerville, passed Sabbath with G. L. Baldwin. Mrs. Rose and the little one will remain during the week.
- Holmes & Drew, and Geo. W. Ostrander, of Richmondville, have something to tell everybody for the next week. It will pay you to hear it.
- Don't expose yourself to sun and rain when you can buy a carriage top for \$15, of A. Ferguson Cobleskill. N. B. A better grade for \$20 and \$25.
- MILLINERY – When you visit Worcester, call and see the stylish hats and bonnets where you see sign of the BIG POKE bonnet. Cor. Main and Depot Sts.
- Roswell Freese of Conesville, has shipped 1375 lbs of butter this spring to May 30th. The dairying business is chief among Schoharie's farmers as a whole.

- LOST – Mrs. Jacob H. Hartwell lost a pocket-book somewhere between her home and Mr. Lape’s store last Monday night. The finder will oblige her by returning the same.
- Shade hats 25 cents; children’s hats \$1.25 to \$4.00; ladies hats and bonnets \$1.50 to \$16.00; sash ribbon 25 cents to \$1.50 per yard, at Mrs. Trickey’s Millinery Store, Worcester.
- 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.
- Last Saturday night some vicious person, or persons, entered the stable of Wm. Fox, at Lutheranville, and pulled the tongue from one of his horse’s mouth, cut it nearly off, and left. Mr. Fox did not discover it until Monday, when he hitched her up. We say Saturday because Sunday morning he found his stable door open. Mr. Fox is a peaceable, and obliging man and did not know that he had so vicious an enemy.
- N. C. Hart caught the finest lot of pickerel last Friday afternoon and Saturday that has been seen in Milford for a long time. Five of the largest ones would average four pounds each. – Milford News (We bet Nathan imagined he could “throw a dinner plate in the mouth of either,” and it makes us wink our largest when we think how that fellow must have felt, after he had eaten 20 or more pounds of pickerel at one meal.
- A Free Methodist grove meeting will be held in Cook’s grove, near the village of Worcester, commencing Friday the 10th inst. and continuing over the Sabbath. Rev. Wm. Gould, of the New York Conference will preside. Several other prominent ministers of that denomination will be present. A cordial invitation is extended to all Christian denominations to be present and take part in the services.  
J. S. BRADBROOK.

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### Local Correspondence.

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

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#### Hyndsville.

- A nice little girl has been added to Philip Marckley’s family.
- Mrs. Etta Borst, of Montgomery-co., is visiting friends in this vicinity.
- Several of our citizens attended the Sunday School convention at Cobleskill, last week.
- Last Monday morning Mrs. N. M. Hynds received the startling news of her son’s death. He was formerly a resident of this village, but for the past few years has resided in New York City. His mother and brother attended the funeral in New York, Tuesday. He leaves a wife and three small children.

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#### Esperance.

- Mrs. L. I. Leonard is ill.
- Miss Hill, of Sloansville, was buried Wednesday.
- The open lodge Monday evening was quite a success.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Avery, have returned from Iowa and Wis.
- Presiding Elder J. E. C. Sawyer occupied the M. E. pulpit Sunday.
- Misses Sula and Lucy VanDerhoef, have returned from Amsterdam.
- C. DeLaVergue, of New York, has been visiting his father at this place.
- Mrs. H. H. Bush and sons, of Glens Falls, are visiting at C. R. Camerons.
- Luther Ensign and mother of Amsterdam, were visiting friends in town Tuesday.
- Chas. Pettis starts the last of this month for a tour through Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas.
- Miss Morris and Miss Nettie Browning, of Chatham, have been visiting at Mr. S. Messinger’s.
- Egbert Woolson, has returned from Springfield Mass. and work has been resumed on the dam with a full force of hands.
- John Lorton, state Lecturer and Grand Lodge Deputy, of Pennsylvania, will lecture in the M. E. Church on the 10th inst.

- A horse belonging to – France, of Seward valley, broke loose from the place where it was hitched near Bramans corners, and ran through this place and part way to Sloansville, before it was stopped.
- Decoration Day was duly observed; the addresses by Rev. Sherman Williams of Albany, and M. W. Stevens, Esq., of Sloansville, were especially deserving of praise. The music furnished by the Esperance Cornet Band was excellent.

#### **Richmondville.**

- Corporal Jas. Tanner, of Brooklyn, is in town.
- Mr. and Mrs. Degraff will start for Kansas soon.
- Mr. Goldwait of Albany, is stopping at Henry Rogers.
- Friends from Central Bridge, is visiting at H. Woods.
- J. H. Mann passed Saturday and Sunday at West Fulton.
- J. B. Olmstead and family are visiting friends in South Worcester.
- Com. Ostrom, visited our village school Wednesday and Thursday.
- We noticed Mr. J. Robinson with a load of Summer boarders last week.
- Morgan Weller, of Binghamton, is visiting his parents and friends here.
- Willie Smith has again returned from New York, and will now remain with us.
- Jas. H. Leggett was prostrated by the heat at Cobleskill Decoration Day.
- Mr. Wright now occupies the old store next to Harmony hall for his broom factory.
- Another drunken brawl Saturday evening. Where are our corporation officers?
- Riley Chambers and Wife of Decatur, passed Sunday with his sister Mrs. Frants.
- Mr. Hartwell of Cobleskill, passed Sunday and Monday, with friends in this village.
- Rev. J. H. Clark and Family, of Seward, has been passing a few days in town lately.
- Mrs. Simmons and daughter, and Mrs. Houck of Schenevus, are visiting at A. Bates.
- Mr. and Mrs. Zeh, of Breakabeen has been passing a few days with Melvin Harroway.
- The topic of conversation last week. – Fishing at Summit Garfield & Co., Forth of July Celebration.
- An ice-cream festival will be given in Good Templars hall next Saturday evening. All are invited.
- Decoration Day was duly observed here. The committee did their part well and deserve much credit.
- Died June 1st, Mary E. Hill, wife of Henry Hill, in this village. The funeral services were held at the house Friday.
- Mrs. Brooks of Oneonta, Mrs. Barber of Cobleskill, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boorn of Albany, passed Friday and Saturday with A. L. Boorn.
- One day last week one of the Italian laborers fell from the gravel train, (which was standing on the trestle) a distance of 40 feet and was badly injured.
- Last Tuesday evening two freight trains tried to pass on the same track near the depot; the consequence was a smashup. One engine was a total wreck.