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Vicinity Excerpts

- This week Mr. Minard Harder received a diploma, awarded to his threshing machine at Lucknow, India, where it took first prize. – The machine was owned by the Government of Oude and Mr. Harder was not aware that one of his machines had wandered into that far off country. – Cobleskill *Herald*.
- At East Worcester on Decoration Day a man named McGinnis, from South Hill, and an East Worcester chap named Hill had an altercation in which Hill was worstered. – Afterwards, Tome Gott, one of Hill's cronies, took up the battle for him and struck McGinnis with a stone fracturing his skull and causing his death which took place the next day. – The above items originated with the Richmondville Democrat and is traveling the circuit of our exchanges. McGinnis is not dead nor likely to die from the effects of the wound mentioned. It was simply a miserable, drunken brawl at Worcester, and the whole business has been settled for \$25. Whiskey always makes a row.

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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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- Gilboa has only one Conkling man.
- Cobleskill will celebrate the Fourth.
- Please notice change of "ads." in this issue.
- Cold, sour weather nearly all last week.
- The recent cold weather was bad on hops and corn.
- John J. Snook is building an addition to his barn.
- "Lee" Snook is treating his house to a coat of paint.
- Davenport proposes to celebrate the Fourth of July.
- H. V. Jones has purchased his partner's interest in the Jefferson *Courier*.
- Luke Colliton came home last week; but will return to Albany again, soon.
- Madison Young, of Carlisle, is spoken of as a candidate for School Commissioner.
- Triple plated table knives, fully warranted at \$4 per doz. at Ferguson's, Cobleskill, N. Y.
- Wallace Crapser has purchased a span of colts. Young teams are very fashionable in town.
- J. N. Burneson, of Richmondville, has secured the stage route from Richmondville to Stamford.
- A team belonging to John Woodbeck, of Morseville, ran away last week. The wagon was badly broken.

- We understand that the Free Methodists contemplate holding a grove meeting in Clapper Hollow in the near future.
- The Van Buren – Tinklepaugh suit which was to be tried at the county court last week, was postponed or rather put over.
- The road between Summit and Richmondville is very rough indeed, but notwithstanding you are politely asked to pay your toll.
- Many of the boarders who were at Summit last year will return this summer. This speaks well for the place and their genial landlords.
- It is currently reported that Prof. James Oliver has sold the Fergusonville Academy to his brother Thomas and S. F. Jayne, of Orange, N. J.
- Mrs. John Dibble, of Lutheranville was taken suddenly ill Thursday night and died Friday morning. It is said she died of congestion of the brain.
- Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Baker are once more living as man and wife should. This time they should make up their minds to stand by each other “once for all.”
- We desire to buy Ginseng Root, and will pay the highest market price for it, delivered at our Drug Store at Cobleskill, N. Y. DILLENBECK & ROWE.
- Now, ole Vennor,
 Your darned old frost has come,
 The saddest of the year.
 It Killed the garden grass,
 And froze the lager beer.
- J. H. Merchant, traveling agent who very frequently visits this place, and who is well known here, was married at Stamford June 1st. His bride was a Mrs. Julia Jennings.
- Jacob H. Tinklepaugh, living between here and Summit has been improving the looks of his house with a new coat of paint. He is also building a very nice fence about the yard.
- Pathmaster Herron has recently repaired the board side-walk in front of H. Morrison’s blacksmith shop, which greatly improves the looks of our walks, besides making them safe to cross in the night.
- “May Meredith the Foundling” is the title of a new story, in 31 chapters, by H. H. Johnson, the popular writer of this county, which we intend to publish in the PHOENIX commencing with our issue of June 29th.
- The man who can buy three cigars, two “drinks,” and “treat” once or twice a day at an annual cost of not less than \$125, would consider \$10 annually expended for newspapers a great extravagance. – There are many just such “economical” men.
- Gilboa boasts of having more marriageable ladies than any other village of its size in the county. If they could come to Charlotteville they would be dead certain to find a man for each in a very short time. Two devils in the PHOENIX Office unmarried.
- Warner Robinson, of Seward Valley, while making fence recently, was holding a stake, which was being drove by a Mr. Somers, who used an axe to drive with. The axe flew off the helve, striking Mr. R. on the arm between the elbow and shoulder nearly severing it.

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- The latest mode of affirmation is “I should twitter.”
- D. B. Snyder, of Warnerville, was in town Sunday.
- Wesley Hartwell, of Leroy, made this place a flying visit Monday.
- Elmer Albert and wife visited his father, Mr. John Albert, Sunday.
- A large rattle snake was recently killed near Gilboa. A relic of old times.
- H. Frasier & Son are the sole agents for the indispensable corset. Price 50 cents.
- Johnson’s story, which we intend to publish is equal to any found in the Ledger.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hurlbert, of Jefferson, were guests at L. M. Steven’s Sunday.
- C. B. Hubble, undertaker of Jefferson, has attended 18 funerals in the past seven weeks.
- BORN – In Schenevus, June 12th to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spooner, a girl – weight 11¼ pounds.
- Mrs. Wealthy Seeley is confined to her house by sickness. We are informed that it is a lung difficulty.
- Ex-Assemblyman Peter Couchman, of Conesville, has been visiting Albany, to enjoy the fun of the Senatorial fight.

- We regret that Mr. Geo. L. Baldwin is yet confined to his home by sickness. He has been having a slow fever.
- White fish weighing from one to two pounds are being caught in large numbers from the Schoharie creek near Gilboa.
- Flint & Taylor, at Worcester, have just received another large invoice of clothing which they are selling at very low prices.
- 25 motto, floral, gilt edge and fine mixed cards for 12cts – prize with every sixth order. Conover Printing House, Esperance, N. Y.
- A meeting of the East View Burial Association will be held at the house of Catherine Hanson, Saturday, June 18th 1881, at 1 P. M. H. SPERBECK, Sec.
- 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.
- 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.

Local Correspondence.

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

Esperance.

- John Curry is dead.
- A horse was stolen from Rural Grove Sunday.
- Mrs. Polly Hart, of Albany, will remove here soon.
- The workmen on the dam struck Friday for \$2 per day.
- Mr. Henry D. Dickey, of Cohoes, has moved into the McKay house.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickson, of Albany, are at the Union House.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Ollinger have been spending a few days in Sharon.
- Prof. W. Abell, of this place, has joined Mozart's band of Schenectady.
- The old willow tree in front of Good Templars Hall has been chopped down.
- Esperance is agitating the subject of building a free bridge or of buying the old one.
- The Presbyterians will have a strawberry and ice-cream festival on the evening of July 1st.
- Messrs. Jas. L. Lacy and Ed. C. Clark left Monday for Janesville, Wis., to attend the Western School of Telegraphy.
- Quite a delegation from here attended the Good Tamplars convention and Temperance lecture at Bartonville Thursday.
- Miss Mary Francis Stevens, of Sloansville, is one of the young ladies who graduated from St. Agnes School, Albany, Thursday.
- Some of the Good Templars at this place deny the constitutional right of the county Deputy to change the place of holding the next convention.
- Esperance supports three printing offices, Quackenbush's, Conover's, and Watson's. Read the Conover Co's. ad. in the local items, and send in your orders.

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Richmondville.

- Mary Kelsey is visiting friends in Albany.
- Rev. D. M. Tuller is visiting friends abroad.
- J. C. Smith lost a valuable cow last Friday.

- The citizens here have decided not to celebrate.
- Mrs. Henry Rogers is visiting friends in Albany.
- Friends from Stamford are visiting at Wm. Hilsinger's.
- Mrs. Shafer, of Middleburgh, spent last week with friends here.
- Chas. Boorn, of Clarksville, was in town last week on business.
- Rev. L. Jones and Adam Sutphen have been purchasing new turnouts.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sammons, of Gloversville, is visiting at E. J. Harroway's.
- The ice-cream festival last Saturday evening was a grand success. Proceeds \$24.35.
- Mrs. Warner, of Decatur Otsego-co., visited Friday and Saturday with friends in this village.
- 40 Italians to one Irishman in a fight Friday. The noble son of Emerald Isle slid out. He was wise.
- The Temperance love-feast at West Richmondville was an enjoyable affair. A large crowd was in attendance.
- The Richmondville lodge I. O. of G. T. will be represented in county convention by Peter Lawyer, I. A. Felter and Mrs. G. M. Fox.

Middleburgh.

- On 6th and 7th inst, ice froze in many parts of this town.
- The hop yards around here are being damaged to a certain extent by worms eating the vine.
- The hay crop will be the largest that this town has produced for many years. Farmers are only offered ten dollars a ton for hay that would sell a month ago for \$15 to \$18.
- Found dead with his neck resting in a loop of a rope suspended from a beam in the barn, Monday morning, 6th inst. – David B. Bouck. It is supposed to be a deliberate act of self destruction.
- The only knowledge the residents of this village have that it has been incorporated is that derived from the newspapers. There is nothing tangible thus far. Is it to be only a shadow? It is to be hoped the machine will be started and appropriate bye-laws adopted, officers appointed that are not afraid to arrest a drunken rowdy or any other that violate law and make our streets more unsafe for decent people than the Cannibal Islands.

East Worcester.

- The potato bug has begun operation.
- Leonard Jaycox has gone to Canada.
- Dooryard mowing has commenced again.
- Some of our sidewalks has been repaired.
- Solomon Powers was the loser of a good horse recently.
- A Mr. Gillis formerly of Cohoes has become a resident of North Worcester.
- The large quantity of saw-logs which lay piled on Shafer's mill-yard has grown smaller.
- Dime socials held for the benefit of the M. E. church are among the evening entertainments.
- A runaway occurred the other day which resulted in the death of horse belonging to Mr. Harrington of South Hill.

Cobleskill.

- Bitner has made some needed improvements about his house.
- Cohn has just returned from New York, with a larger invoice of goods than ever.
- Cobleskill can boast of another grocery store on the corner of Main & Grand street. Proprietor E. Sitzer.
- Minard Harder's Mammoth manufactory is turning out one Empire threshing machine per day valued at \$400.00. They have 21 hands which he gives employment too.
- Cobleskill has 6 grocery stores, 4 dry goods stores, 3 meat markets, 2 hardware stores, 3 clothing stores, 5 doctors, 7 lawyers, and one Judge. 2 shirt factories, 6 drinking places.

Centre Valley.

- Andrew Rifenbark has his house inclosed. Isaac works slow but sure.
- A disease is prevailing among cows in this valley, five cows having been lost this spring.
- Last Sunday ice froze a quarter of an inch thick in this valley. Hard look for early plants.
- More and better work has been done on the highway this spring than ever before in this valley. Newt. makes the boss pathmaster.