LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST—Rev. L. J. Bilcox, Pastor. Preaching Sunday morning at 10:30, evening at 7:30. Sunday school after morning service. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30, Sunday evening at 7:00.

EPISCOPAL—Rev. —— Teller.— Services Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school after morning service.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. L. Jennison, Pastor —Preaching Sunday morning at 10:30, evening at 7:30. Sunday school after morning service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening

UNIVERSALIST — Rev J H. Ballou. Pastor.— Preaching Sunday morning at 10:30, Sunday school immediately following

VICINITY FAIRS.

Morris, October 2, 3 and 4.
Otego, Sept. 24, 25 and 26.
Delhi, Sept. 11, 12 and 13.
Cooperstown, Sept. 24, 25 26 and 27.
Oneonta, Sept. 26, 27 and 28.
Schenevus, Sept. 17, 18 and 19.
Oxford, Sept. 18, 19a nd 20.
Norwich, Sept. 25, 26 and 27.
Deposit, Sept. 26, 27 and 28.
Cobleskill, Sept. 25, 26 and 27.
Schoharie, October 2, 3 and 4.
Edmeston, Sept. 17, 18 and 19.
Brookfield, Sept. 25, 26 and 27.

Happenings in and About Morris.

Three heavy frosts last week.

Mrs. Henry Van Deuson is visiting friends in Corning.

Starr Kidder and wife returned to their home in Elmira last Saturday.

Rev. John B. Hubbs and wife, of Albany were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Cooke last week.

A farmer near Maple Grove last week, dug three bushels of potatoes and only found one bushel of sound ones.

Mrs. Morgan, of Unadilla Forks, sister of Mr. Daniel Jackson of this town, made him and his family a visit recently.

In another column of this paper may be read an advertisement offering for sale the real estate belonging to the Jaycox estate.

Lynn Lawrence this Monday evening while playing on Broad street fell and dislocated his left arm at elbow. Dr. Stebbins set the joint.

Don't send us any more three cent postage stamps, let them be one's and two's.—Use the new postal order, if you live near a money order office.

Starr Kidder, while going from the village to a hop yard down the creek last Tuesday morning, on his bicycle, froze his right ear—Sept. 4th.

W. R. Brooks will leave town this week for an extended visit thro' Chenango and Broome counties and the western part of the state.

A very enjoyable party of young people assembled at the residence of Chas. A. Bowne, last Friday evening, and were entertained in honor of Miss Mary Bunn, of Cooperstown.

Mrs. Grimshaw, brother and sister, recently of Morris, who were guests at Hotel Barton, New Berlin, since last April, have gone to New York, where they will remain for a time.

John H. Wilcox has again changed his base of operations. He has discontinued his trips to Oneonta, and again goes to Mt. Upton Our merchants having made satisfactory arrangements with the N. Y. O. & W. railroad.

Rev. H. L. Teller, rector of Zion church, and his wife were riding up the creek last Saturday, and near Elm Grove, their horse became frightened, sheared out of the road, throwing the occupants of the carriage to the ground, injuring Mrs. Teller about the head quite severely, and Mr. Teller received slight bruises.

There will be a series of meetings at the Friends church, in Morris, commencing Friday, this week, the 14th, at 11 A. M., conducted by Jeramiah A. Grinnell, Perin Reynolds, Rebecca W. Naramore and Hannah Soden, to continue as the Lord shall direct—forenoons at 11 A.M. and at 7P M. All are cordially invited. N. L. Hakes.

We have received from Mr. Wm. Lines, President of the Edmeston and Burlington Agricultural Association, tickets of invitation to attend their Fair, on the 17th, 18th and 19th of September. We also acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary to the Sherburne Fair, which occurs on the 12th, 13th and 14th, of September.

We have often thought to write an article similar to the following, but as the Oneonta *Herald & Democrat* has done it for us we will copy from them:

It has become quite common in this village of late, upon the death of a person, for the bereaved family to publish through the newspaper a "card of thanks," expressing gratitude for the kindness and sympathy extended in affliction. Many appear to think it necessary in order not to seem ungrateful, to do as others have done and thank publicly their friends and neighbors. While the feelings prompting these expressions are of course those of the deepest sincerity, yet we think the idea a mistaken one that people who are ready to assist at the bedside of the sick and dying, and in other ways exemplify the golden rule, expect or desire to be thanked in the public print. The thought of having been of assistance is comfort enough to the charitably disposed, while it should always be understood that an afflicted heart cannot partake of the unselfish generosity of others without being stirred to the utmost depths in gratitude. No card of thanks is necessary.

At about 9 o'clock Monday morning last week, fire was discovered issuing from J. H. Wheeler's house on Main st., occupied by himself and Mrs. O. Bundy and son, H. L. Bundy. Before the alarm could be given the flames had attained such headway as to make it impossible to save the building, but by extraordinary exertion on the part of the crowd that quickly assembled, a greater part of the household goods was saved and by the tearing down of the shop occupied by Wheeler as a gun shop, and L. D. Wicks as a shoe shop, further destruction was effectually checked. The total loss is estimated at $2,500 with an insurance of $1,300.—*Otego Wave.*

Dyspepsia dampens the ardor of many an aspiring soul. Why suffer from dyspepsia? Why be frightened over disordered kidneys? Why continue the miserable life of a dyspeptic, nerveless mortal? Brown's Iron Bitters will surely cure you. It has permanently cured thousands of cases where other remedies afforded only temporary relief. Ask your druggist concerning its merit. Try a sample bottle and you will be relieved of further mental and physical distress.

GREAT FIRE IN MORRIS!

TWELVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN OUR BUSINESS CENTRE—FIVE FAMILIES BURNED OUT OF THEIR HOMES—THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED—INSURED FOR $18,000—A TERRIBLE BLOW FOR MORRIS.

What we have long dreaded, and tho't would come sometime, has been here and gone, leaving behind a sad memento of its visit. At one o'clock the quiet of Saturday morning, Sept. 8th, was broken by the cry of fire! fire! and people rushed to the centre of the village to find the barns and stable of the Morris House a mass of flames, so fiercely burning that Potter Bros. store, the Morris House and Mrs. N. Moore's residence were on fire before anything could be done.—The engine was on hand inside of three minutes and the hose attached to hydrant No. 4, corner of Main and Broad streets, but the fire was too large for us to control, and all attempts to save the burning buildings was given up and attention given to those on the other side of the road, and to this end the engine was drawn up in front of D. I. Laurence's house, the hose attached to hydrant No. 2, corner Church street; the hose was then laid down Main street in front of the buildings on the south side of Main street, and a stream of water kept on them for over an hour. From Potters' store the flames spread to D. I. Laurence's drug store, then C. H. Lawrence's residence, Chas. A. Bowne's building, occupied by C. H. Lawrence on the first floor as a meat market, the second by Bowne & Barber, lawyers, and by the Good Templars on the third floor; the Bunn building came next, occupied by L. A. Hewel as a residence, grocery and restaurant. Here the brook stopped the fire, with the help of water and wet carpets on D. I. Laurence's house, just across the brook. The hotel barns also set fire to Mrs. N. Moore's house andbarn on Broad street, and also to Stephen Warren's Cooper shop building, but here it was stopped. The flames on the Cooper shop were extinguished with a small hand engine and pails of water thrown from the inside, also, Mr. Warren's house, though badly scorched, was saved by wet carpets and almost super-human efforts, and the same may be said of the Gardner House and stables, which were covered with men with pails of water and wet blankets and carpets.

Willing hands, men and women, saved the contents of Mrs. Moore's house. The horses wagons and cow in the Morris House barns were got out, but nothing else. From the hotel a large quantity of the furniture was got out, much of it however in a damaged condition, also the clothing, but the fixtures and stores prepared for winter use were destroyed with the house, which was new, three stories high, 40x60 feet, and several out buildings. It was hard for Mr. and Mrs. Watson to see the result of their hard labor all swept away in an hour, leaving them homeless and almost penniless, we may say, for they had just put all their earnings into their new house and furniture, and it all went. Our people sympathize with them Next came Winton & Kinney's market, which just began business, part of their tools and meat were saved, but they had about two hundred dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Potter Bros., with the assistance of willing neighbors, got out a large quantity of goods from their store, but two kegs of powder in the garret exploding, put a stop to it, and two-thirds of their $12,000 stock was burned, including forty-two cases of rubber goods, costing $800.

D. I. Laurence saved a few things from his drug store, but the contents was so inflammable it burned very quickly. C. H Lawrence's house was cleaned out nearly, before it burned as was also his barn, but his cellar contained several barrels of pork and other stuff belonging to his market which it was impossible to remove; also his tools and fixtures in his market were saved, and meat enough to start again, which he did Saturday morning, in the small building on Broad street, next to Sanderson's drug store.

The Good Templars' furniture was removed from the Bowne building; also the law libraries and papers of Bowne & Barber. L. A. Hewell saved a good portion of his furniture, two billiard tables and a part of his stock. His loss is probably covered by insurance.

People came from the hills and from up and down the creek, to lend a helping hand. The occupants on the south side of Main street were "packed and ready to move" and some did move, damaging their goods to a considerable amount. The women worked beside the men with equal strength it seemed. Dr. Matteson's and Mr. Mansfield's houses and yards on Broad street, and Dr. Stebbin's on Main street, and others, were thrown open for receiving goods and furniture, and they were soon filled by Potter Bros., Jason Cooke, the CHRONICLE office stock and some material, and by E. E. Carpenter's household effects, which were moved because it was thought impossible to save these buildings. The heat was so intense that it was almost impossible to remain in the rooms fronting Main street. The paint melted and pealed off the outside, and the window glass cracked and in some instance fell out. Carpets were hung from the roofs and kept wet with water from the hose, and by hard and persistent efforts the buildings on the south side of Main street were saved, in a badly scarred condition.

W. H. Gardner & Co., removed their horses and wagons from their livery stables to places of safety, but as their barns were in rear of the buildings on the south side of Main street, they were not burned.

In all a most stupendous work was did in less than one hour, and it seems incredible that so much could be done in so short a time.

Several generous women made pails of coffee and passed it around the streets, refreshing many a man nearly overcome with thirst. After the danger was over a rain began, which necessitated the immediate housing of goods taken out, and the lifting and tugging had to be continued until day light. The morning light made a sorry looking spectacle of the west corner of Broad and Main streets, showing an acre and a quarter of cellar walls and blackened timbers, which the night before was covered thickly with buildings.

THE CAUSE.

What was it? Nobody knows. We are informed the pipe and nozzle which is always on a short piece of hose, which was kept on the engine, was gone and could not be found. It was found the next morning near the fence in front of the town hall. It was known to be fastened to the engine and hose on Monday evening before. This points to incendiarism—yet it is hard to believe that any one could do such an outrageous thing; but it has been done in other towns. Another idea is that the fire was caused by the carelessness of drunken men, who were known to be in the vicinity of the barns that night. Many rumors are going about, but no correct cause is or can be knowingly given.

LOSSES.

The following are the losses and the insurance, so far as it has been possible to ascertain

M. Watson, Morris House, furniture, barns, etc., loss $7,000—insured for $2,000.

Winton & Kinney, meat market, loss about $200—no insurance.

Potter Brothers, dry goods, loss about $8,000—insured for $6,000.

Beekman & Ward, loss on building occupied by Potter Bros., $3,000—insured for $2,000.

D I. Laurence, drug store; loss on building $2,500—insured for $1,500; on stock and fixtures about $4,000—insured for $2,100.

John Laurence, in rooms over the drug store, lost about $150 worth of furnitnre—no insurance.

C. H. Lawrence, residence and barn, loss about $2,000—insured for $700, loss on meat market, $500.

C A. Bowne, loss on building, $1,500—no insurance

L. A. Hewel, insured for $1,200—loss covered by insurance.

W E. Bunn & Co., on building occupied by L. A Hewel, loss about $2,500—insured for $600.

Mrs. N Moore, residence and barn, loss $1,500—insured for $1000.

Stephen Warren, damage to house and cooper shop by fire, $100—insured.

The Cooke Block, damaged by heat $200—insured

The "Perry Block"—S. G Weeden—damaged by heat $150—no insurance.

R. Cooley, damage to silverware by packing $150—insured.

NOTES.

No one was seriously hurt.

There was some stealing going on.

The burnt district will be rebuilt.

Nelson Moore's hens went with the barn.

Do the water works pay? Yes, extend them another year.

D. I. Laurence will rebuild, either to occupy himself or to rent.

C. H. Lawrence will rebuild as soon as he can get the material.

The oil tank in Potter Brother's cellar burned fiercely for a long time.

Another hotel will without doubt be put up where the Morris House stood.

A hog belonging to Mr. Watson was burned up, it being impossible to get to it

The Potter brothers have bought the site of their old store of Beekman & Ward, and will rebuild thereon.

Laurence's fire-crackers made quite a popping, also revolvers and cartridges in the different buildings.

Potter Bros will "open up" their remaining stock and continue business as soon as they can get ready.

The light from the fire cast a shadow in Gilbertsville and for five miles up the creek—and was noticed at Oneonta

There was too much whiskey before the fire—there ought not to have been any furnished during the fire or after it

We learn that the insurance on C A Bowne's building had just expired, and Mr. B. had neglected to renew it.

We are thankful that there is enough money in our village to rebuild the burnt district, and it will be used for that purpose too, we believe.

Mrs. C H. Lawrence handed her silver knives to a woman to carry from the house and they have not been returned to her Will the *holder* please return them to the *owner?*

Mr. Parsons, the insurance agent, was in town before 9 o'clock Saturday morning He had insured most of the property destroyed, and happened to be at New Berlin that night.

Croakers always said our reservoir would run dry if we had a big fire. Only 3½ feet were taken out, leaving 7½ feet ready for use during the remainder of the day had it been needed.

The Central Meat Market will commence business this Tuesday morning in the small building one door east of Kenyon's. Will visit Garrattsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, of each week.

Crowds of strangers visited our village on Sunday to look over the ruins, coming from Cooperstown, Oneonta, Laurens, New Lisbon, Pittsfield, Edmeston, New Berlin, Gilbertsville, and probably other places.

Mrs. N. Moore, although having lost her home, feels grateful to her neighbors for the assistance rendered her on the morning of the fire in saving her household goods from destruction.

S. G. Weeden tenders his acknowledgements to the fire department, and citizens generally, for their superhuman exertion in saving his block from destruction by fire on the morning of Sept. 8th.

On the morning of the fire Mr. Warren and wife were away from home, attending the bedside of a sick daughter, in New Lisbon, and their neighbors bursted open the doors, and took up their carpets, and hung them up on the outside of the house, and by keeping them wet, saved the house; men and women, alike, worked for dear life; for which Mr. and Mrs. Warren feel very grateful.

A Card.—We the undersigned would take this opportunity to return our thanks to the people of this community for the assistance rendered us on the morning of the fire, in taking care of our goods, and effects, and for the sympathy expressed in this unfortunate time. MR. & MRS. M. WATSON

Humor in the Stomach.

Much of the distress and sickness attributed to dyspepsia, chronic diarrhœa and other causes is occasioned by humor in the stomach. Several cases, with all the characteristics of these complaints, have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Other cures effected by this medicine are so wonderful that the simplest statement of them affords the best proof that it combines rare curative agents and when once used secures the confidence of the people.

During the week of the Fair at Oneonta, I will give each customer purchasing three dollars worth of goods or more, a fine Stereoscopic view of my store.

Yours Truly, E. M. White.

Otsego County News and Notes.

The second Assembly district Democratic convention will be held at Richmond's Hall, Laurens, on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The general Manager of the Western Union Telegraph company has authorized the construction of five additional wires to Richfield Springs.

After sustaining losses sufficient within the past few years to purchase and equip half a dozen fire engines, the people of Otego have concluded to organize a hook and ladder company.

Fred. A., son of Dr. Halsey of Unadilla, recently invented a steam rock drill machine, and has sold the patent for $8,500 to a company paying him a salary of $2,500 for his services.

George Y. Gilbert, of Butternuts, is President of the Eau Claire, Wis., Lumber Co., which owns over 120,000 acres of timber land, employs 1,600 men regularly, and pays $30,000 per year taxes.

The new hotel of Potter & Fleming is rapidly assuming shape, the bricklayers now being at work upon the fourth story. It will, when finished, be a handsome and imposing structure. Two of the stores in the building have already been rented—one to Peter Gilchrist, grocer; the other to A. D. Smith & Son.—*Oneonta Herald.*

Milo Kelly of Schenevus came near meeting with a violent death while visiting at Job Ketchum's, in Fergusonville, last week. Mr. Kelly was crossing a field when he was attacked by a mad cow, which attempted to gore and stamp him in the ground. After a long and severe struggle, in which he had nothing but his hands to defend himself with, he succeeded in capturing the enraged animal by the horns and leading her to the stable.

A correspondent says that "in the old cemetery back of the Presbyterian church at Richfield Springs stands an old tombstone with the following inscription: Geo. R. T. Hewes, one who helped drown the tea in Boston, 1770, died November 5, 1840, aged 109 years and 2 months.

Died, Aug. 22d, 1883, Hanna, widow of Perry Pope. She resided with her son, Chas. Pope, on the old home farm in Edmeston She was over eighty years old. Sol. C. St. John and wife, Mrs. Pope's daughter, were called home from a journey east and Rev John Pope came on to attend the funeral of their mother Every one says "a good woman is gone, we shall miss her."

The *Freeman's Journal* says —Superintendent Burnside, on the county farm, from 36 bushels sowing of oats, on 16 acres, has harvested and thrashed 826 bushels, thresher's measure, which would weigh 1032½ bushels. These oats weigh 36 pounds, strict measure, as put up by threshers, they weigh 40 lbs. This is about 29 bushels per acre. Who can equal it?

Fire.—A hay barn with its contents belonging to Hiram Countryman on East Hill was burned last Wednesday night.—There were about twenty five tons of hay in it There was an insurance of a hundred and fifty dollars fifty of it being on the barn and a hundred on the hay The fire broke out not far from five o'clock—Some think it the work of an incendiary *Cherry Valley Gazette*

A Sudden Death Frances M Smith wife of Watson C Smith was found dead at her residence on Monitor street Wednesday afternoon She was last seen alive by a neighbor about three o'clock Shortly after this her husband entered the house and not finding her in the main room passed into the sleeping room door and was horrified to find her lying on her left side on the floor apparently in a swoon Dr Boorn was immediately summoned and after examining the body pronounced life extinct Coroner Leonard was notified and in conjunction with Drs Boorn and Houghton made a post mortem examination of the body A coroners jury was also empanelled and an inquest held where facts relative to the cause of death were elicited and a verdict rendered to the effect that death was caused while attempting to prevent childbirth the with no intention of taking her own life She leaves three small children to mourn her sad and untimely death *Schenevus Monitor*

The highest market price in cash will be paid for POULTRY at the Morris Market
857 C H LAWRENCE

Republican District Convention.

The Republican Electors of the Second Assembly District of Otsego County are requested to meet in their respective towns and choose three delegates to attend a District Convention to be held at L P Richmond's Hotel, in the village of Laurens, on SATURDAY Sept 15th 1883, at one o'clock p m for the purpose of electing three delegates to attend the Republican State Convention, to be held at Richfield Springs on Wednesday Sept 19th, and to choose three delegates to the Senatorial and one to the Judicial Convention yet to be called

L P CARPENTER, Morris.
C M JOHNSON West Burlington,
Dr A P STRONG Laurens.
District Committee

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican electors of the town of Morris are requested to meet at the Town Hall Thursday evening, Sept 13th, at 7 o clock, to elect delegates to attend the District Convention to be held at Laurens, Saturday the 15th, and to transact other necessary business

By Order Town Com

LADIES.

Never let it escape your minds that Law's Bluing is fast superceding every thing of the kind Warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded It is used for bluing and bleaching, and for coloring rag-carpets it is unequaled. Each package retails for 15 cents, and will make one quart of bluing strong enough for ink, flowing from a pen very nicely For sale in Morris, by S W Murdock Potter Bros., J P Kenyon, F H York, Geo. A Sanderson, E. L Payne, W Y Clinton, and by dealers generally 858m3

ON THIRTY DAYS TRIAL.

The Voltaic Belt Co Marshall, Mich., will send Dr Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to men (young or old) who are afflicted with nervous debility lost vitality and kindred troubles, guaranteeing speedy and complete restoration of health and manly vigor Address as above. N B No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed

DIED.

In Laurens, Sept. 8, 1883, of typhoid pneumonia, youngest child of Mr and Mrs. Austin Straight, in the 7th year of her age Funeral services at the house, conducted by O. J Hathaway, pastor of the Christian church