



SPARKS FROM THE LOCAL FORGE.

Mr. Will Vogel is a very proud and happy man. A fine boy is the cause of his paternal joy.

Mr. John Spickerman has removed his jewelry store to his residence, adjoining the Mitchell House.

Our M. E. Church building is sadly in need of two good coats of paint, an improvement which will undoubtedly follow in due course of time.

Mr. E. F. Hopkins, of Fayetteville, was in town Monday and sold his real estate and new barn, rear of Congregational parsonage, to B. M. Champlain.

The pay-roll of the glass works company amounted last Tuesday to \$3,600 for the past month, an increase of \$800 over previous months.

The surest signs of Spring in Sidney are not the unfolding buds, but the numberless new houses going up everywhere. Their name is legion.

Mr. Erastus Olds, a well known resident of East Guilford, is seriously ill at his home in that village. He is well known in this village, where many friends hope to soon hear better tidings regarding his condition.

Manager Bard, of the Converse & Co. shoe-store, displays a new ad in this issue. A fine invoice of spring goods has just been received and our people would do well to avail themselves of the numerous good offers they are making.

Any person who deliberately sets fire to another man's house ought to get "fired" out into the next world. Such a criminal is not fit for human society. It is lamentable to reflect we have such creatures living in our midst.

Arbor Day without tree planting looks very much like playing Hamlet with the Dane left out. Our school authorities were blameless in the matter. In the actual condition of the grounds in front of the new High School building it is neither possible or desirable to plant trees there.

Our "Dream" of two weeks ago already commences to realize. Chauncey M. Depew and other Central railroad magnates have been elected directors in the D & H Co. Out of 800,000 D. & H. shares, the Vanderbilts now own 160,000, which gives them a controlling interest.

Norval Stewart, our popular Cartwright ave. groceryman, has a new ad announcing the arrival of his summer goods. As a merchant Mr. Stewart by fair dealing and low prices, has gained the confidence of our people and deserves a liberal patronage. He is a safe man to deal with.

Few organists can preside at their instrument with the ease and efficiency displayed by Mr. H. M. S. Nearing, of the Congregational church. The old saying that a good musician is seldom good for anything else does not apply in his case, as friend Nearing is thoroughly useful as well as ornamental on all public occasions.

Many friends and acquaintances of Henry D. Griswold will learn of his recent death with much sorrow. He resided in this village several years ago, and for many years was known as proprietor of St. James hotel in Oxford. During the last few years his health has declined. The family have the sympathy of many friends.

Few steam mills about here are handier to the railroad, post office and general business than Mr. Herman Bundy's, in this village. He keeps his machinery in first class order and fills his orders promptly. He has on the premises one of the finest planers and moulders in the state, with a capacity of 20,000 per day. Mr. Bundy is doing an excellent business.

Last Wednesday night our flourishing F. & A. M. lodge held an important and memorable session in which several candidates were raised to the third degree. Our Sidney masonic lodge grows rapidly in membership and influence. A vigilant and rigid censorship is kept over the admission of candidates, and even the rulings of the Order regarding visiting members are strictly enforced. This is highly proper. The prerogatives of the mason should be watched with jealous care and it is only in this manner that the world-wide influence of that Order can be maintained. During his recent visit to Sidney lodge, F. & A. M., Deputy Grand Master Raymond expressed himself agreeably surprised at the progress made.

The Telegraph of Wednesday published a fine picture of Conductor Jas. E. Brazee. Jim's head leans a little to one side, but that is probably caused by the heavy moustache he carries.

Last Tuesday evening at about 7 o'clock an incendiary fire was discovered at the residence of Mr. James Meeker, on Avery street. Mr. Julius Hall called at the house to see Mr. James Meeker on business. He saw a light in the cellar but thought nothing of it until he reached the house, when flames were discovered in the cellarway. The incendiary had packed a quantity of inflammable substance on both sides of the cellar stairs and set fire to it. Both sides were ablaze, leaving no room for doubt that the fire was of incendiary origin. Tracks were plainly visible leading through the cellar window Mr. Meeker carries an insurance policy with Wm. Wanzer.

To Meet at Sidney in September. The seventh Y. M. C. A. district committee met in the library of the Binghamton association Friday afternoon. Dr. Harris and Mr. Osterhout of Walton, Dr. Sumner and Mr. Crowell of Norwich, Mr. Place of Sidney, Mr. Conklin of Oneonta, Mr. Casterline of Owego, Prof. Reed of Cornell university, and E. K. Thompson, Secretary Sunderlandin and E. C. Baldwin of Binghamton were present at the convention. After the transaction of ordinary business it was decided to hold the district convention at Sidney, on the 23d, 24th and 25th of September. Mr. Sunderlandin was elected secretary, treasurer and chairman of the committee to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of L. K. Thompson.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

"BEAUTY SPOTS" TOUCHED UP BY OUR ENTERPRISING CITIZENS. Winn Sherwood has graded his front yard up to "ocean level," greatly improving the looks of the same.

Talk about lawns. Look at Angell's. It's heavenly. H. W. Clark has managed after much labor to work up one of the finest lawns in town. If lawns were sectarian Clark's would be a Methodist lawn. It took a good deal of sprinkling.

John Pendlebury has set out some pretty rose bushes and vines on his valuable property, corner of Grand and Division streets. In time this will be one of the most valuable properties in town.

Mr. H. C. Weller has been making extensive improvements about his property this spring.

Desirable improvements have been made in the Congregational church yard.

Judge Banmes' lawn sighs for a neat fountain and John A. Clark's is similarly situated. THE RECORD block should not monopolize this desirable style of ornament.

L. W. Fisher is making some extensive improvements in curling about his property.

Mrs. Ogden has made some neat improvements about her home on Grand street.

Geo. W. Cooley and his next door neighbor, Russell Smith, have had their stores newly painted. The work was done by Messrs. Seeley and Parsons.

Druggist Martin displays a neat awning front of his handsome store on Main street.

Dode Musson is building a tower on the west side of his residence on Smith street. When completed it will present a handsome appearance.

Jas. Bartholomew's new house on East Main street, begins to look like a Vanderbilt villa. It is large, roomy and well proportioned.

PERSONALS.

"Oh! Pa, where's my pants?" Mr. Jas. Clark has happily recovered from a brief but serious illness.

Mrs. Fred Livingston, who has been very ill for the past four weeks at her home on Main street, is recovering.

Miss Carrie Gregory and Miss Sue Weismser, of Unadilla, were in town Monday in the interest of the De Koven concert.

Miss Ruey Olmstead, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her relatives and friends in Sidney.

Mr. D. S. Hill went to New York last Tuesday. He took along six horses from his stables.

Mrs. Norval Stewart is spending a few days in Brooklyn.

Mr. Leroy Smith has been visiting his Sidney friends during the present week. He still travels in the interest of the Unadilla Tio company. The company is doing a fine business in that village.

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BEGINS TO LOOK SO.

THE VANDERBILTS ON THE D. & H BOARD OF DIRECTORS—THREE VANDERBILT MEMBERS AGAINST TEN D. & H. MEMBERS—TABLES LIKELY TO TURN BEFORE LONG

No one in this or any other state has ever accused the New York Central railroad of not thoroughly understanding their business. When they make an important move, the Central directors usually understand what they are about, and know pretty well where they are going to land. Does anyone imagine that three Central railroad magnates have been elected on the D. & H board of directors just for the fraternity and fun of the thing? Do you imagine they are now landed on that deck for merely ornamental purposes? Life is too short and the Central too full of business for that kind of work. The object of the Central is to eventually gain full control of the D. & H. There are thirteen directors on the D. & H. board, ten D. & H. men and three Central railroad men. It happens, however, that a powerful element in the ten D. & H. directors is in sympathy with the Central minority. If four out of the ten D. & H. directors go over to the Vanderbilts then the Central will command seven votes, or a majority of the D. & H. board of directors. The Central will then rule the destinies of the D. & H.

When this shall come to pass, as predicted in our "Dream" two weeks ago, it will be the question of only a short time when the O. & W. will cease to be a competing line, and both railroads will be gathered into the Central fold.

How will this affect Sidney? The answer is plain and conclusive. It has always been the policy of the Central to consolidate. There will be one station agent instead of two in Sidney, one gang of repairers instead of two, and one large machine shop employing 450 skilled men, instead of two shops, one at Oneonta and the other at Norwich. That is the way Sidney will start up at a jump. Wait and see if the RECORD hits it right.

Mr. J. B. Simons has decided to build a splendid three story brick block, corner Main and Liberty streets, adjoining A. S. Smith's new brick block. Its dimensions will be 25x75.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

NEWSY ITEMS SELECTED FROM SCHOOL HAPPENINGS.

Miss Lulu Clapp is now a student in the Preparatory Department.

Master Claude Hastings, who is making a short visit in town, received a very cordial welcome upon his first appearance at school Monday. Claude is now a member of the third grade in Oneonta.

Notwithstanding the rain, the Arbor Day exercises passed off pleasantly Friday morning, and now preparations are in progress for the closing exercises of a very successful year.

Mid term examinations were completed Thursday of last week. The highest records in each grade were gained by the following pupils.

- FIRST GRADE. Gertrude Bennett, 99. Hattie Lansley, 99. Lynn Francisco, 98. Effie Rinker, 97.

- SECOND GRADE. Welle Pierce, 98. Percy Turner, 97. Nelson Salsbury, 96. Audella Simons, 95.

- THIRD GRADE. Ivie Ruland, 92. Lorrie Lamoureux, 89. Mabel Rockwell, 87. Fred Nicholas, 86.

- FOURTH GRADE. Alson Mills, 83. Vera Young, 81. Oliver Wood, 78. Bessie Dickinson, 74.

- FIFTH GRADE. May Stafford, 91. Arthur Simons, 90. Mildred Washburn, 88. Leon Place, 85.

- SIXTH GRADE. Bertha Dodge, 91. Howard Porter, 91. Flora Wood, 87. Myrta Morgan, 86.

- SEVENTH GRADE. James Leddy, 91. Fred Gale, 91. Lewis Artell, 88. Libbie Ruland, 81.

- EIGHTH GRADE. Lonis Parsons, 92. Earl Gregory, 91. Anna Root, 91.

- NINTH GRADE. Fred Buddenhagen, 92. May Staffett, 91.

UNADILLA RECORDS.

A SPICY LETTER FROM A SPICY WRITER IN A SPICY TOWN.

Since our last epistle to the numerous patrons and readers of the RECORD, Unadilla has had an experience that has illustrated in a small but forcible way the horrors of the terrible Johns town flood, which wrought such terrible scenes of ruin, havoc and destruction to property and life in the Cone-maugh valley a few years ago. Being absent from home at the time of the flood, our account of the same was written so late that we had strong doubts as to its being received in time for last week's paper, but as the principal part of the story has already been told, I will now add to the story a few of the

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

connected with the deluge. On Dr. Gregory's island there was congregated on a small sub island, consisting of but a few square rods of land, a herd of some 16 or 18 of the doctor's thoroughbred Holsteins, but they stood very quietly chewing their cud, seemingly not at all alarmed, knowing that the doctor, who is a thoroughbred himself, would be on hand and notify them when it was necessary to "Pull for the Shore." Mrs. Teed, with her three children, were driven from their home by the mad rush of waters hurling stumps and logs against the house until a portion of it was forced from its foundations, when they left and took shelter from the storm as best they could on the high banks across the road, having to wade through the angry waters at the risk of their lives, and finally succeeded in reaching the residence of Mr. John Webb. Mrs. Teed's house is nearly ruined, fruit trees torn out by the roots and garden spot nearly all washed away, leaving in its place a deep gully of stones and stumps and rubbish which forms the new bed for Martin brook. The property of Mr. W. W. Cleaver, who lives a few rods down the stream from Mrs. Teed, was also badly damaged by the waters rushing through his garden and dooryard. D. R. Buckley's new house, recently purchased of R. M. Brant, was partially undermined and the inmates who were not able to get out, were in momentary expectation of being swept away by the force of the torrent. Another residence a little further down the street, owned by Mr. Buckley and recently occupied by A. G. Washbon, Esq., was also damaged by the water, the stone flagging in front being washed away like so many shingles.

SIVER'S MILL YARD was all afloat and considerable lumber and other material carried along some distance on the way toward Sidney. The fences and hedges in the lower part of the village were covered with water to such a depth that boats could be sailed over there without difficulty. A. J. Williams had some 30 or 40 hens drowned and had great difficulty in saving his horse and cow that were in the barn in the rear of his house. And we hear of a man at the lower end of the village who was so unfortunate as to lose eight cats, and as he has got only six left, our citizens are thinking of adopting some means for his relief. A large force of hands has been put to work on Martin Brook street, and at the present writing it is in a possible condition.

THE DEKOVEN QUARTETTE

will give a concert of vocal and instrumental music at Mulford & Siver's hall Friday evening, May 13th, for the benefit of the "Ladies' League" of St. Matthews church. The company consists of Miss Carrie Gregory, Mrs. Belle Loomis, Mrs. Jennie Bolknop and Miss Sue Weismser, assisted by Miss Edith Van Wagner, violinist, of Binghamton. As the singing of these ladies will not be spoiled by any brass band accompaniment, the lovers of first-class vocal music may be assured of a rare treat.

IN LAST WEEK'S RECORD

we sent a late notice of the death of Samuel Jones, to which we would further add that Mr. Jones was born a slave near Berryville, Virginia, 73 years ago and lived in that vicinity until he was a young man, but escaped from bondage and came to this state, after which he went to California, where he was living at the breaking out of the war, and enlisted from there into the volunteer service of the United States, and for disability received while in the service was but a few weeks ago awarded a pension. Mr. Jones had been for many years a resident of Unadilla, and by his ever obliging and gentlemanly demeanor and disposition had won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The funeral was held at his late residence on Adams street, Rev. B. P. Ripley officiating. The funeral was largely attended, the best citizens of our village turning out to show their respect to the memory of the deceased. The remains were borne to their final resting place in Evergreen cemetery Saturday-afternoon, escorted by the

members of C. C. Silver post, No. 124, G. A. R., of which body deceased was a member, and there buried in accordance with the rites of the order, ending with a volley fired over the grave by a detail of comrades of the post.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Milo C. Gregory arrived home last week from Grand Rapids, Mich.

C. I. Hayes, Jr., of Philadelphia, arrived in town last week, and will give his best attention for a week or two to come, to the trout streams in this vicinity.

Mr. Joseph Platner made a business trip to Owego last week.

Mr. H. Y. Canaid, of New York, is spending a few days with friends in town.

Dr. G. A. Ewell and wife went to New York last week to purchase goods for the millinery and ladies' furnishing goods store, which they are about to open in Mrs. Croake's building, corner of Main and Martin Brook streets.

Prof. A. T. Emory, of Milburn, N. J., is spending a short vacation with friends in town.

J. D. Leith visited Binghamton last Friday on business. As there was no base ball game in Binghamton that day on account of rain, we can't imagine what pressing business it was that drew him to the Parlor City.

PARAGRAPHIC PIE

There is no truth in the report that Charley Christian, when he stepped off into the water on the night of our flood, that it was the first time that he had wet his feet in two years... If Sidney is so anxious to secure business institutions, let them come up here and take our little guileless Martin Brook. It is as full of "business" as the funny end of a hornet, and there will be no hard feelings at this end of the line. Large delegations of our people visited the inundated district Sunday.

Have you seen the Otsego Journal with its new dress and enlarged form? Bro. Deitz is to be congratulated on his ability to make this decided improvement on his paper which has, for many years, stood in the front rank of Otsego county journalism. F. G. B.

SIDNEY CENTER.

Seymour Smith died last week Thursday, aged 64 years. Funeral Saturday.

Lyman Smith, of Binghamton, was here Saturday and Sunday. This is his old home, being born and brought up here 75 years ago.

Mrs. Orson Hines has been very sick, but is now convalescent.

Our new hotel keeper seems to give good satisfaction to all his patrons. Some think there is an improvement over the old landlord.

The tramps seem to bother our people considerable now-a-days. A week ago a party of them broke into Morse Brothers store and took knives, scissors, pistols and other things to the amount of \$75. Some lay all our robberies to tramps, but others think that perhaps we can look nearer home for the robbers.

Mr. Harris Baker has improved so fast that he is out doors again.

Prof. Shirrill Smith, of Delhi, editor of the Delaware Gazette, was here Saturday to attend the funeral of Seymour Smith.

Mr. Whitman sold his store and goods some time ago to George Manzer, of North Walton. He will take possession the latter part of this month. Mr. Whitman goes to Deposit to live.

Mr. George Stewart died Monday morning, the 9th. The funeral was held Wednesday. He was about 75 years old.

Sunday night about 11 o'clock Mrs. Erwin McClannon heard someone trying to break into the house. She called to them and they made no answer. She opened the window and saw a tramp whom she fired at, and he left in a hurry. Mr. McClannon was away watching the railroad bridge.

Charles Smith has so'd his land above the depot, 26 acres, for \$100 an acre to Fowler Finch.

Sherman Wattles has shingled his barn. It was one of the first buildings built here.

Runaways seem to be in fashion nowadays. Smith Herrick's team run away recently. No damage was done.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

For sale or exchange for house and lot, farm of 160 acres in the state of Nebraska on the Kansas line. Here is a chance of a lifetime to obtain a fine farm for a fair house and lot in some thriving village in this locality. The farm is within one mile of a village and about 15 miles from county seat. Fine land, excellent climate, within one mile from railroad. For further particulars write to or call on W. H. PIERCE, Real Estate Agent, Sidney, N. Y.

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SIVER'S BIG FACTORY.

THE D. AND H., GIVES CONSENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWITCH TO SIVER'S FACTORY. — CHIEF ENGINEER SWIFT SURVEYS THE GROUND. — A CONFERENCE OF SIDNEY MEN WITH GEN. MANAGER YOUNG.

Last Thursday a committee of three citizens, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Phelps, Henry W. Clark and Winfield Sherwood, met General Manager H. G. Young, by appointment, in the city of Albany. The object of the conference was to obtain the consent of the company to construct a switch to Siver's factory, and place that enterprise in direct communication with both railroads. The General Manager was pleased with the efforts of our progressive citizens and declared his readiness and his official sanction to assist us. Chief Engineer Swift was immediately dispatched to Sidney to survey and form an estimate of cost. When this is determined the exact location of the new factory will be decided upon.

It is customary in such cases for the parties to do the grading and furnish the ties. The railroad company usually furnishes the rails and lays them down. The D. & H. company is willing to make every possible concession, and the O. & W. company will no doubt also lend a helping hand.

Plans are ready for two three story buildings and adjacent structures for the new factory, and work will be pushed along without delay. With the capitalists at the back of this enterprise it is sure to prove successful. The word "failure" does not form part of their lexicon. Our village "West End" will soon build up in fine shape.

Golden Wedding.

Cards have been issued announcing the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Palmer, of the paper mill. The reception will be held at their home next Thursday, May 19th, from 2 to 5 o'clock, p. m. Numerous friends unite in expressing their best and most cordial wishes, and even hope they may see many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

These Prices Hold Good!

FOR ONE WEEK, Commencing:

MONDAY, MAY 16TH

Outing Flannels, worth 10c, 6c.

Ginghams, worth 10c, 6c.

Unbleached Muslin, worth 6 1/2c, 5c.

Balance of our Cheble Portiers-Curtains, heavy fringe top and bottom at \$5 per pair. Former price \$6.50, 7.50 and 10.00.

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