The Oxford Times.

Wednesday Morning, December 7, 1904.

VICINITY TOWNS.

Interesting Notes as Furnished by Our Corps of Correspondents.

NORTH PHARSALIA.

Dec. 5.—Thirty-four hens belonging to Ira E. Law survived Thanksgiving, and the next day twenty-four of them died, supposed to have been the result of eating poison.

Chester Frink and Oscar Barlow have removed to Norwich.

Mrs. William R. White and four sons, John, George, Walter and Alfred, have removed to Oxford. These sons, except the latter, engaging in blacksmithing. Mr. White, now deceased, engaged for many years in this occupation, likewise his son-in-law, Fred Law, at present in this locality.

Mrs. Alice Henry of Texas Valley has been a guest at O. A. Pratt's.

The Sunday evening cottage prayer meetings are again in progress.

Jay Keator and wife of Norwich have been visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Holdredge attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Almira Sherwood, at McDonough tomorrow.

Mrs. William Starling is very ill. Dr. Perkins attends her, aided by a nurse, Mrs. Adelbert Perry of Fenner.

There has been a brief school vacation owing to the illness of the teacher.

GUILFORD.

Dec. 6.—Wesley Ingraham has opened a laundry in the Pearsall block.

Mrs. Hobart Nash of Oxford visited friends in town last week.

John Rice of Guilford Centre has moved into the Bradley house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon of Oxford spent Thursday at William Mead's.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alcott recently visited friends in Bainbridge.

C. C. Hotchkiss left for New York city yesterday after spending several months in this place. His many friends here regret his departure, but he promised to return in the early spring.

Asa Whittemore has moved on the farm recently purchased by him of Oscar Carliart in the town of Oxford. A. M. Utter has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Whittemore and will work for C. A. Whitcomb the coming year.

Lewis Bunnell has recently purchased a phonograph and people on the line are frequently treated to fine music. Many thanks.

EAST PHARSALIA.

Dec. 5.—Nearly $50 was received at the donation Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dwight and son, Paul, of South Pitcher, are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Dolan, near this place.

The Christmas tree will be held in the Baptist church, Thursday evening, Dec. 22.

Mrs. E. Palmer of Edmeston is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. D. Sayles, in this place.

Mrs. Vern Thompson commences the school in the Daniels district at McDonough today. Mrs. Lester Pike will care for Mrs. Thompson's little daughter through the day.

The Ladies Cemetery Improvement society will meet with Mrs. Ervin Grant Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Grant and daughter, Marion, attended the funeral of Mrs. Net Burdick at South Pitcher Saturday.

Vern Law has a new horse power bought of Frank Main of Willet.

GUILFORD CENTRE.

Dec. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams visited in Bainbridge Thursday.

Mrs. E. Palmer was in Sidney one day last week having some teeth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McCoy were in Rockdale on business Friday.

The warm sugar social at Willard A. Humphrey's on Tuesday evening was largely attended.

Percy Moore has finished the carpenter work for John Ives.

Manville Weeks is working for C. D. Mickel, and Mrs. A. Davis for Mrs. H. C. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Joy have returned home after a two weeks' visit with relatives in New York.

Floyd Humphrey of Norwich, accompanied by a young lady, spent Sunday with Jacob Williams and family.

McDONOUGH.

Dec. 5.—School in the village is closed for this week.

The Ladies Cemetery Improvement Association will serve an oyster supper at the house of Mrs. Adarenta Lewis Friday evening, Dec. 16, from 5 till 10 p. m.

John Crosby died at his home in this village Wednesday afternoon. The funeral was held from the Baptist church in this village at one o'clock, and buried in the village cemetery.

Miss Minnie Vedwaty has been visiting Rockdale friends the past week.

Rev. Mr. Burlew preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning, taking the place of the pastor, who is attending the meeting in Binghamton.

The funeral of Mrs. Sherwood, aged 71 years, who died at her home on the Mount Upton road Monday morning, Rev. Burlew officiating, took place from the house Wednesday afternoon. Interment in the village cemetery. Mrs. Sherwood was a sister of Mrs. Jesse G. Waters of this village. She leaves one son, Leroy, and Bert Sherwood, of Oxford, and ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. G. S. Weaver was in Oxford a few days last week.

Miss Blackman of Plymouth is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Truman Aldrich.

Miss Lena Birdlebough of German was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. S. G. Vosburg, last week.

Mrs. Henry Loomis of Smithville was a guest of her daughter, Miss Daisy Lewis, Friday and Saturday.

BRACKETT POND.

Dec. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hartwell visited at Geo. King's in Brisbin recently.

Mrs. D. Hinman of Binghamton is visiting her son, Fred Hinman.

Chas. Francisco and wife of Utica visited at M. G. Hartwell's Wednesday.

Rev. J. S. Crampton has been holding several meetings at Union Valley the past week and will continue them this week.

Mrs. Chas. Bunnell of Binghamton visited at the home of her brother, M. S. Hubbard, last week.

Rev. Dr. Draper, a returned missionary from Japan, preached in the Methodist church at Union Valley on Sunday.

Mrs. N. T. Loomis entertained the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church on Thursday.

Arthur Hubbard has hired out to Alfred Ives' of Guilford for the coming year, and commenced work Dec. 1.

Olin Kirtland and Richard Ringleka have gone to Florida, where they will spend the winter.

BRISBIN.

Dec. 6.—Those who are on the sick list are improving.

Wm. Brown has moved from the tenant house on the George Wright farm into Mrs. Sarah Race's tenant house.

Mrs. Calvin Packard was a guest over Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Stuart at Earlville.

Miss Fanny Brown of Harpursville is visiting with friends in town.

Nina Adams visited friends in Oxford Saturday.

Mrs. Bert Nolton is in Ithaca helping care for Mr. Nolton's mother, who is quite ill.

Rev. O. R. Beardsley of Oxford was calling on friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Landers visited at Geo. Tifft's Sunday.

Mrs Wedge of Greene is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Met Grey returned to their home in Greene Friday.

NORTH GUILFORD.

Dec. 5.—Asa Whittemore has moved to his farm near the Soldiers' Home in Oxford. Dell Utter will occupy the place vacated by him.

Farmers are busy drawing feed.

Mrs. Mary Foster and child of Norwich visited her aunt, Mrs. Merritt Winsor, recently.

Mahlon Carkhuff and wife visited their daughter Thursday.

Earl Gridley has hired out to Sylvester Lord at Mt. Upton and will move his family to that place.

V. S. Winsor and A. L. Shelton were business callers in Norwich on Thursday.

Butchering is the order of the day.

L. C. Winsor and O. H. Goodwin are building an addition on the ice house at Guilford.

Tame Snake Acts as Protector in Hennery.

It was believed that the season for snake stories had passed, but here is a late one from the Goshen Independent: Alonzo Murphy's pet black snake did not go into retirement upon the approach of cold weather, as is the habit of snakes, but makes his home in the comfortable quarters Mr. Murphy has provided in his hennery, coming out on pleasant days and basking in the sunshine. The fowls have entirely overcome their fear of their strange neighbor. On election night Mr. Murphy heard a racket among the poultry, and on investigating found that a weasel had made its way into the hen house and had been promptly seized by the black snake. When Mr. Murphy reached the spot, gun in hand, the reptile was unwinding its folds from the weasel's carcass.

Pursued by Misfortune.

O. E. Meeker has a right to think he is receiving more than his share of trouble. Only able to be about for a few weeks since the breaking of his jaw and leg by a kicking horse, he was using a buzz saw at the residence of Levi Thayer on Thursday, and his left hand came into painfully close acquaintance with it. Two of his fingers were taken off, and he lost considerable blood before a physician could be had.—New Berlin Gazette.

Appointed Postmaster of New York.

President Roosevelt has appointed William R. Willcox, a native of Smyrna, to be postmaster for New York city. His nomination went to the Senate for confirmation yesterday.

The Ladies Aid of the Universalist church in Upper will meet this week Friday with Mrs. William Church. Dinner will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

THANK YOU FARMERS and you may show your horses by painting with L. & H. Paint. Sherwood carries this paint. Sold in Oxford only by Bradley Hardware Co. Paint card free. Sample free from W. A. Jones.

FIRE AT COOPERSTOWN.

Plant of Otsego Farmer Badly Damaged. Loss Estimated at $20,000.

Cooperstown, Dec. 2.—The plant of the Farmer Publishing company, publishers of the Otsego Farmer, was badly damaged by fire late last night, the loss of the company being placed by Mr. Parshall at approximately $20,000. The insurance will only partially cover the loss. The flames were discovered by a linotype operator, engaged on the night force. He discovered the odor of smoke and investigating found the room known as the metal room all ablaze. An alarm was sounded but the firemen found the pressure low and it was some time before the engine could be got into working order to give the necessary force. Four streams were finally at work and the fire was confined largely to the portion of the building in which it originated.

The company had a plant of five linotypes and four of these fell to the ground beneath the floor upon which they stood and are a complete wreck. One is still supported by the timbers and it is hoped to save that without great damage. The machines cost something like $3,500 each and embrace a considerable portion of the loss.

The business office, the job composing room, in which latter the type, cases, stock, etc., were placed, and the pressroom were damaged by water and smoke. Much of the material was pied and mixed and a sorry sight it presents to printers. The loss in this portion of the plant will be large.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. At the point where the fire evidently originated there was nothing in the way of a fire, wires or anything of a threatening nature, and Mr. Parshall is unable to give any possible suggestion. Messrs. Christ and Parshall will have the sympathy of all their journalistic brethren.

United Workmen.

At the meeting of Oxford Lodge No. 151, A. O. U. W., held Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Master workman—Chas. H. Church.
Foreman—Jay Sumner.
Overseer—J. J. Bentley.
Recorder—M. H. Gibbon.
Financier—John Coogan.
Receiver—M. D. McNeil.
Trustee, three years—George W. Lewis.
Representative to Grand Lodge—Charles H. Church.
Alternate—M. H. Gibbon.

County Agricultural Society.

At the annual meeting of the Chenango County Agricultural society, held at the Court house Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the year 1905:

President—C. H. Latham.
Vice president—Stephen K. Willcox.
Treasurer, Charles F. Hale.
Secretary—Lester D. Smith.

The dates for the fair for 1905 were fixed as Sept. 5, 6, 7 and 8, unless those dates shall be found to conflict with the State fair dates.

County Bar Association.

A Chenango county bar association was formed in Norwich Monday, with the election of Hon. Albert F. Gladding, president; Hon. C. A. Fuller, vice president; and Henry R. Follett, secretary and treasurer.

Died in Binghamton.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Niven died on her 92d birthday in Binghamton, Tuesday morning. She is survived by one son, William Niven of Oxford, and one daughter, Mrs. Francis Adkyns of Binghamton.

BORN.

HOYT—In Oxford, Dec. 1, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Anson Hoyt, a daughter.

ROYS—In Oxford, Nov. 13, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay W. Roys, a son, Julian Benjamin.

WATERS—In Newport, Maine, Nov. 21, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Waters, a son, Gail Greene.

MARRIED.

HODGE—BLANCHARD—In Cincinnatus, Nov. 30, 1904, by Rev. A. L. Hobart, Will Hodge, of German, and Miss Bessie Blanchard, of Norwich.

DIED.

BURR—In Norwich, Dec. 1, 1904, Mrs. Marcia Burr, aged 89 years.

CROSBY—In McDonough, Nov. 30, 1904, John Crosby.

SHERWOOD—In McDonough, Dec. 2, 1904, Almira, wife of Edward Sherwood, aged 71 years.

To Rent.

A FARM situate in the town of Smithville, N. Y., of about 160 acres, together with a dairy of cows now thereon. For particulars inquire of
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ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election of Directors of the First National Bank of Oxford, will be held at the Banking House of said Bank on the 10th day of January, 1905, between the hours of one and two o'clock, p. m.
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SLIPPERS, ETC., ETC., AT THE

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Unusual Demonstration at Funeral.

There were some features at the funeral of Fred A. Pratt, the Delaware and Hudson firemen, who was killed in the Worcester wreck, held Saturday at his late home, which make it the most remarkable ever held here. There was a large gathering of sympathetic friends present and the particularly sad circumstances of the death had its effect upon all. Rev. C. S. Pendleton, pastor of the Free Baptist church, officiated and after prayers preached a timely sermon.

Following the sermon the pastor carried out the wish of the eight-year-old son of the deceased, a member of the Sunday school of the church. Neither the deceased or the widow were members of any church but the boy had evidently been much impressed by what had been taught him in the Sunday school. He wanted his mother to kneel by the casket, while the pastor prayed that she and the children might meet the husband and father in heaven. It was a most affecting scene and all present entered earnestly into the spirit of the service suggested by the youth.—Oneonta Star.

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That Dirty Mess.

William Wright was found in Oxford by Officer Bass and on complaint of Overseer of Poor Connelly, brought to Unadilla last week. It will be recalled that Wright is charged by Edna Vervalen, the thirteen year old daughter of Mrs. William Vervalen, with being the author of her troubles. The matter was adjourned until Tuesday forenoon of this week, before Judge Gregory. Wright protests his innocence. He was represented on Tuesday by Att'y V. D. Stratton of Oxford. Wright's wife, a sister of the Vervalen girl, was present. The girl's testimony was taken. Owing to the inability of some concerned to remain in attendance, the matter was adjourned to Dec. 21.—Unadilla Times.

The Ladies Aid of the Empire Grange, Preston, will meet with Mrs. Jerry Sharp next Saturday, December 10. Dinner will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

SPECIALS.

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DESIRABLE Chambers to rent. WILLIS SQUIRES, Scott street.

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