

Local Correspondence

Garrattsville and Vicinity. April 27th, 1908. Miss Pearl Smith is home from her work at West Burlington for a week or two.

Lyman Jackson and wife have moved from the Charles Bingham house to Alphonso Stevens' and will keep house for him.

Hume Turnbull goes this week to Mr. Johnson's near Exeter where he will work in a cheese factory this summer.

Nate Smith goes this week to his work at cheese making at Bethel, Delaware county.

Bertha and Nellie Balcom of New Berlin spent last week at their sister Mrs. Charles Gorton's in this place.

Topic for Y. P. C. U. for next Sunday evening, "Songs of the Heart, V. The silver lining of dark clouds."—Psalm 42, 43. (Consecration).—Leader, Miss Alice Turnbull.

Mrs. E. O. Coy has been on the sick list the past week.

The many friends of Mrs. Harper Steele are glad to hear favorable reports of her condition from the hospital at Cooperstown where she went for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fitch are making preparations for moving to Oneonta, as a greater convenience to Mr. Fitch's business on the road.

Nobleville and Vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hall entertained company from Canada last week.

Carl Thomas of Hartwick was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. Haynes of Albany is visiting Earl Hay.

Ruth Tilson of Garrattsville spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Naylor.

Mrs. Theodore Lewis of Oneonta was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Dockstader, Saturday.

Elsie Stanhouse of Oneonta is spending a few days with her brother, Perry Stanhouse, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nearing of Oneonta spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Will Pope raised the frame of his new barn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith are entertaining company from Boston.

Louis Card visited friends at Bainbridge from Thursday till Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Dockstader entertained her mother, Mrs. Frank Hurlbutt, Monday.

James Strait and wife of Otego were callers at George Carr's Thursday.

Margaret Elliott will be at Mrs. W. I. Smith's with millinery goods Saturday, May 2d.

Maple Grove. Mrs. M. A. Platt is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Ericson, in Binghamton this week.

F. G. Hovey and H. A. Miller were in New Berlin one day last week and Mr. Hovey purchased a thoroughbred Holstein cow while there.

Miss Stella Starr of Oneonta is visiting her mother and brother here.

Burt Chase has hired out to Mr. Hoyt for the summer.

Clayton and Nelson Pittsley were in Oneonta Saturday selling their maple syrup.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels April 22. Congratulations.

Otadawa. It was a sad surprise to friends here—the sudden death of Mrs. Bennett Osborn, April 17th. In their early married life Mr. and Mrs. Osborn lived here, occupying the old Osborn homestead. The husband, son and daughter have the sympathy of many friends here.

Frank Ward of Binghamton, an eccentric old-timer who formerly resided here, was calling on what old acquaintances he could find of forty years ago.

Lavelle Lent went to New York the fore part of the week with a shipment of stock.

Bennett Weatherly took his first ride last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Dolliver is on the sick list. Also Mrs. Floyd Gardner.

Allen Green has moved to his new home, purchased of A. J. Hathaway. His son Harvey occupies the home farm near by.

Alfred Ward of Kent, England, is visiting his cousin, Darius Gardner.

Mrs. Charles Bowen was called to Mill Creek Saturday by the illness of her father, Chauncey Herring.

Dismock Hollow and Vicinity. John N. Daniels spent a part of last week with his brother Albert at Gilbertsville.

Leon Wells of New Lisbon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wells, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilson of Oneonta are visiting at the home of M. E. Baulf.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Baulf attended the funeral of Mrs. Baulf's brother-in-law, William Burdick, which was held last Sunday at Norwich.

The bullhead season at Allen's pond has opened and each night finds the bank lined with boys both old and young who are busily engaged in luring the monsters of the deep to their destruction.

John A. Daniels, of Syracuse University spent his vacation at his home here.

Mr. Judge has finished sewing the number for Wm. Folt's barn.

Friday, April 24th, a child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lawrence of Harris Hill.

Friends of Miss Emily Cristman to the number of about thirty made her a very pleasant surprise on Thursday evening, April 23rd, the occasion being her 17th birthday. The evening was very agreeable and the young people and at the same time enjoyed wishing their beloved many happy returns of the day.

Laurens. Misses Augusta Maples of New Rochelle, Helen Newel of Yonkers and Jessie Peet of Syracuse returned to their school work Sunday, after spending a week at their respective homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Gardner and child of Hartwick visited Mr. and Mrs. George Mann, Sunday.

Frank Gilbert has moved his family from Oneonta to George Hinman's house on the factory ground.

Work has begun on the annex at the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richards and children visited his mother at West Oneonta, Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. F. L. Winsor and family visited friends in West Oneonta Sunday.

George Barton has purchased the Morris Butts place. Mr. and Mrs. Butts move to Mt. Vision to live with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Marlett.

ONE ROUND IN THE DARK. Mr. Dakin, proprietor of the New Berlin opera house, and Prin. C. A. Miller are in the lime light on account of an encounter which the Edmeston Local correspondent describes as follows.

One of the most exciting combats our quiet valley has known in years, took place in New Berlin recently, when Prof. C. A. Miller and T. H. Dakin engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle. Both men, as a rule, are considered peaceful citizens and are very highly respected, which makes the affair all the more shocking.

It is not often that such men come to a case. It seems that Mr. Dakin was in his office and Prof. Miller was in the opera house training some of the pupils. Some unruly boys were tapping on the windows and doors. Mr. Dakin thought it had gone far enough. The Prof. tho't the same thing. Both men stepped out with fire in their eyes. They spied each other in the darkness and each thought the other was the unruly boy. They met in the hall-way. Mr. Dakin slammed the door shut, thinking he had shut up the unruly boy. The Prof. thought he was shut in by the offender and determined to open the door. Mr. Dakin's hand slipped. The Professor wrenched the door open. In the darkness they sprang at each other with the bound of a tiger. They clinched. Mr. Dakin bore down on the Professor with the brawn of a Hercules. The Professor clutched Mr. Dakin by the throat with a grip that would have made even a Bob Fitzsimmons shudder. The encounter was desperate. Both men were dead in earnest. Each warrior believed he was fighting with the transgressor. They rained blows on each others heads and jammed each other against the wall. Suddenly the Professor spoke and Mr. Dakin knew his voice, released his hold and stepped back and spoke. Both men realized their mistake. They then went into a lighted room, looked one another over and blushed in deep confusion. They straightened up their necks, fixed to the torn collars, brushed the dirt from their clothes, and combed the disheveled hair. Now each man can laugh and tell how he whaled that unruly boy in the darkness.

The Tee and the Caddie. Horatio Dash-Blink was a grocer with lofty social aspirations. Some day, he was quite convinced, he would become lord mayor of London, and meanwhile, he decided, it would be beneficial to his status to join the local golf club. In due course he presented himself on the links faultlessly dressed and secured the services of a hardened caddie. The youth appeared dubious from the outset, but when at the first vigorous onslaught a peppering of Mother Earth was sent into his eyes and gaping mouth he became positively dazed.

"You're makin' a mistake, mister," he said pointedly. "It ain't customary to put the tee in the caddie at golf!"—London Answers.

Boasted Too Soon. When the old Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was staying at Holkham with Thomas Coke, then commonly known as "king of Norfolk," he boasted one evening at dinner that no man had ever dared to shoot at him and that if any one had ever attempted such a thing he would have shot the man dead on the spot.

The next day at the court the grand duke suddenly felt a shower of shot peppering his legs and, turning round in a fury to find whence it proceeded, saw William Coke with a gun leveled in his direction.

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Morris of Other Days.

BY H. S. MATTESON.

Since we are having a little of the history of our Butternut Valley, perhaps it would be interesting to readers of the CHRONICLE to have something of the past of the village of Morris. We shall go back only to about the year 1847.

At that time there was but one house on High or Liberty streets, and that one stood where Amos Palmatier now lives. Where the houses at the head of Liberty street stand there were stumps and rotten logs and an abundance of winter-greens. There was a farm lane where the street now is, through which Mr. Skidmore's cows went to their pasture, at the top of the hill.

From the corner of Liberty street up West street there were only four houses before coming to the (then called) tannery brook, the Sherman house, Frank Harris', Geo. Bedell's and O. B. Matteson's, now owned by C. D. Carpenter. We will not forget the schoolhouse near the same location of the present High School building, and of it and the memories of it we may say something later on.

Up North Broad street from the hotel corners, on the west side of the street, there was but one house, the Willy Washburn house, standing very near where the tenant house on the Shaw farm now stands. On the east side of the street from the stone hotel the Wm. P. Card house and shop, and the last house on that side now at the top of the hill, were all that street had. A road ran from the top of the hill down the bank to the Lull & Gilbert ashery, or commonly call potash factory, and Holcomb shop, which stood where the Chas. Wood mill stood later.

Down South Broad street on the west side of the street below Grove street there were only four houses, the John Shaw house, Mrs. Sanderson's, the Louis Franchot, now called the Moore place, and the Franchot house by the Butternut creek bridge, now owned by Edwin Thrasher. On the east side of this street there were no houses below the corner where Richard Cooley lived, and none on the whole of the street east of this except the then called factory houses, the Gifford's, George Mather's and Lysander Winton's. The stone house on the corner was used as a factory store, and there was the house standing below it, and the stone Cotton Mill, which stood where Phillips & Nichols' grist mill now stands, and the old red grist mill standing on the bank of the pond. All the rest of this section from the cotton factory to Broad street was a part of the Franchot farm.

To get to the factory, store and grist mill with teams we had to go either down Broad street to Hargrave street, or up Main street to the same street. To walk to the places there was a turn style on the corner where the Cooley house stands, with a path to the lane which ran out as far as the Gifford house.

West of the Wing house on the south side of Main street a house stood close to the gate entrance to the Wing property, the Nathaniel Stevenson house, now owned by Dr. Stebbins, and quite a large house stood where the next house now stands, occupied by Augustus Steere. On the corner where Alvere Cook now lives was a small building used for a shoe shop. On the opposite corner stood a barn on the Rotch farm, and about where Alfred Benington's house stands was an old schoolhouse; at my first recollections used as a dwelling house and Boss Titus, a colored man, occupied it. There was only one other house on that street before coming to R. R. Ripley's, that being the Enos Ford house.

Up Church street there was no building on the east side. But the west side of this street has seen less changes during the past 60 years than any other street in town, except perhaps the north side of Main street east from the Gardner Hotel, the Chauncey Harris and O. A. Edwards houses being the only ones built, until the Sloan house, built this year on the corner, in the 60 years; but at that time there was a house standing about where the new Sloan house now stands.

So much for the boundaries of the village of Morris over 60 years ago.

While the boundaries of Morris 60 years ago were as seen above, very much smaller than now, its business interests were very much greater.

Just across the bridge beyond the O. B. Matteson house on West street stood a large three story building used as a tannery, B. H. Matteson being the proprietor. Here were several men at work, among them we can remember Henry Jackson, Andrew Parcells, O. B. Matteson and Andrew Clark. The top story of this building was used for the storage of hemlock bark, and it used to be a great place for the boys to play. We can remember the swing that was always there, and how dusty the place was when the bark mill was running. One could always tell who had spent time there by the dust and aroma of the bark.

Up at the end of what is now Water street was Holcomb's Shop, where they manufactured chairs, tables, wooden ink stands and soap cups. Just above this shop was the Lull & Gilbert potash factory. In my first recollection Jonathan Babcock was the manager and Thomas Jaycox and Fayette Mills drove the teams through the surrounding country buying ashes to be used there. I am not just sure what was done with the output from this industry but think it was used largely for the making of salaratus.

On North Broad street Wm. P. Card did quite a business in wagon building. Just about where V. J. Hoka's wood-shed stands, in the rear of his store, was a small building in which Nathaniel Stevenson made boots and shoes.

On the corner of Grove and South Broad streets, opposite the Kenyon red shop, was a foundry run by Henry Bump and I think Moose Luther worked with him.

The Kenyon building on Grove street were full of "swarmies" all kinds of wagons being built; besides a big boat

was done here in the manufacture of wagon hubs, which were sold all over the country. Among the workmen in these shops we remember LeGrand Sanderson, Geo. Churchill, John S. Kidder, James Lull and Enos Ford.

About where the late Charles Smith's shop stands S. S. Seely manufactured the celebrated Anderson's Dermador. The whole output of this remedy was for several years made here and sold and shipped everywhere. Besides Seely we remember only Hiram Potter and Martha Montgomery as helpers in this business. In connection with the Dermador business Seely did quite a little in making butter molds. They were round with any device one might wish on the stamp, and made in pound a half pound sizes. While they were not quite as convenient as the present square ones in use they were very neat and tasty.

The Cotton Mill was running and employed a large force.

We must not forget the Shoe Shops of Jacob K. Lull and the one Nathaniel Stevenson built and run where I. C. Carey now lives. In each of these shops were from six to eight men. We remember John Scudder, Stephen Olds, Wm. Laurence, Orlando Greig and C. G. Shaw, and in each of these shops, as well as in every other business in town, were apprentices. Something almost unknown in these days.

The blacksmiths in town were Dennis Bacon, who built the stone shop near the bridge on North Broad street, Samuel and James Barrett. We remember a blacksmith shop which stood in the forks of the road just above the Van Rensselaer farm.

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