The Otsego Journal.

THURSDAY....SEPTEMBER 14, 1911

LOCAL BREVITIES.

C. F. Smith, of Boston, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. J. W. Morris.

Miss Lillian Halbert attends the Morris Training class this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell H. Jerome are visiting Joseph T. Gilbert at Quarry Hill.

Mrs. David Watts entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon at The Inn.

Mrs. Swinyard gave a bridge party on Friday, followed by an afternoon tea.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Cox, of Albany, are spending the month of September at The Inn.

Joseph T. Gilbert gave a dinner of twelve covers Tuesday evening followed by bridge.

The Rev. Charles C. Volz will preach at the Filer's school house on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. H. Nolting returned to her home here from Brooklyn, N Y., on Monday evening.

Miss Sarah Harrington left Tuesday for Oneonta where she will enter the State Normal school.

Dr. and Mrs. Francke and sons had a charming automobile trip to Ithaca on Monday, returning by stage.

Mrs. Tracy Lyon and family arrived at the Major's Inn September 5 and will remain through the month.

Miss Frances Tracy Lyon is spending a week at "Feldheim," Waterville, with Miss Katherine Putnam.

Carroll Callahan arrived Tuesday night and will spend a few days with Joseph Gilbert before going to college.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Gage have moved from their farm residence in the western part of this town to Unadilla.

Miss Mary E. Musson, of New Haven, Conn., has been home for some weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Abbie Musson.

Miss Sarah Halbert left for Huntsville, Tenn., Tuesday, after spending her vacation of two months at her home in town.

Mrs. Charles Thorp Gilbert, of New York, arrived at the Major's Inn last Thursday and will remain through the month.

Miss Agnes Strahan and sister, Mrs. May Slockbower, of New York city, are guests of Mrs. Robert Brown for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Merritt, of Washington, D. C., have been in town the past week visiting among relatives and friends.

Ralph Kinne returned the first of the week from a trip west to Iowa, Montana and other states. He had been absent a month or more.

Mrs. Charles B. Ames and daughter, who have been at the Major's Inn for several weeks, left town for their home in New York to-day, Thursday.

Mrs. Kuno Francke left town this, Thursday, morning for Cambridge, Mass., to open their home there for the winter. The doctor and sons will remain for a week or ten days

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McKee and child, who have been in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dixon, during the summer, left Monday afternoon for their home in New York.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Baptist C. E. society will be held Friday evening, September 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Lillian Holden. Full attendance is desired. After the business meeting there will be a social hour.

J. Merton Moore received a telegram on Monday from Arena, Delaware county, stating that his sister, Mrs. Henry Atkins, was very ill and requesting him to come. He started for that place immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Hurlbutt, of Providence, Pa., came on Saturday, to spend some days here at the Brewer homestead. Mrs. James Ruth, of Sacramento, Cal., is also a guest there.

Mrs. B. H. Silvey, who was called to Syracuse some three weeks ago by the death of her mother and has since remained in that city with relatives, returned to her home here on Saturday last. She was accompanied by her little daughter Beth.

During the past few weeks Proprietor George H. Carpenter has been making many improvements upon the Empire House in this village. The building has been neatly repainted white with green trimmings. Large new windows have been put in the office and sitting room, the latter being newly painted and papered and various other things done about the building both inside and out. George is bound to have everything in good order. He is keeping a good hotel and all who stop with him are well cared for.

At the last regular meeting of Butternut Valley Grange, No. 1142, a proposition from President Mills of the Morris Fair association was accepted to present a float at the Fair Oct. 5 and 6. We hope every member will take notice and attend our next meeting, Sept. 19, and be ready to render assistance needed to make it a grand success. We will also have work in the first and second degrees.

Samuel L. Halbert, Sec.

Gilbertsville teachers who have spent the summer vacation with us have recently returned to their school work as follows: Misses Daisy and Anne Mirick to New York; Edward P. Lillie, to Akron, Ohio; Miss Florence Lillie, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Miss Forence Stratton, Arlington, N. J.; Benjamin H. Thorp, Flushing; F. E. Brewer, New Brighton; Miss Louise Palmer, Sherborne; Miss Alice Heslop, New Berlin; Miss Marion Bushnell, Gloversville; Charles R. Brewer, Glens Falls; Miss Esther E. Hopkins, Helena, Mont.; Miss Ruth Wallin, Wolcott, N. Y., Miss Eva Gage, Oxford.

David Brice is re-shingling the O. E. Taylor house he recently purchased.

Tracy Morse, the Unadilla merchant tailor, was in town on business Wednesday.

Miss Frances Campbell, of Brooklyn, is a guest at Mrs. E. V. Palmer's for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Taylor, of New York city, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Julia Jenks, this week.

Miss Florence Hendrix returned on Wednesday from Binghamton, where she has been for the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Wightman, of Binghamton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Turner, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry White's people for a few days.

Regular communication of Butternuts Lodge, F. & A. M., Thursday evening, Sept. 21, at 7:30. Full attendance is requested.

F. M. Walker, Master.

Mrs W. F. Ward and Mrs. E. L. Donaldson left town Thursday morning for Canaan, Conn., to spend two or three weeks with F. H. Wilcox and family.

Rev. F. H. Watkins will preach at the Root hill meeting next Sunday afternoon and give out the copies of "The Acts" to those who have finished the Gospel of John.

Cards announcing the marriage on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1911, of Dr. Reuben T. Root and Miss Bessie A. Hicks, of Binghamton, have been received by Gilbertsville friends.

The usual quarterly report of the First National Bank of Morris appears in another column of this week's Journal, and the showing made is highly creditable to that institution. Look it over.

Mrs. John Harding went to Albany on Tuesday, where she entered the Albany City hospital for a surgical operation which was performed on Wednesday. Dr. C. T. Fox accompanied her.

Mrs. Leroy Turner visited with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Gage, at Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Gage's a couple of days last week, Mrs. Gage returning home with her for a few weeks' visit with her and other friends.

Notice the quarterly report of the condition of the Sidney National Bank in another column. This strong bank has many customers among our readers who will be interested in the favorable showing made.

Among those from this vicinity who are attending the State Fair at Syracuse this week are Robert Smith, Robert Dixson, James Moffatt, Frank Bushnell, Harry Bushnell, Fred Silvey, Chalmers Cope, John Halbert, Milo Post, James C. Harrington, Dr. F. W. Wickes, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Donaldson and daughter Anna, D. A. Harding, F. D. Toles, Donald Toles and others.

Mrs. Alfred W. Johnson and her children, who have been visiting Mrs. Frederick Harris at Stony Ledge the past three weeks, have gone to Boston Lieutenant Commander Johnson's ship, the Nebraska, will be there for repairs for about two months, before starting on their winter cruise. Mrs. Johnson has taken an apartment at the Abbotsford in Boston.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Gilbertsville Free Library, held during the past week, it was decided that the new books that had been in the library less than four months, could be kept but ten days in one family and without renewal. This is the ruling in many of the small libraries throughout the state. As it is, one member of a family can take a book, keep it two weeks, then have it renewed for another two weeks, when another one of the family can do the same. Our new ruling seems more just, giving a greater number the privilege of reading the books when new. After four months the books can, of course, be drawn for two weeks, with renewal if desired in the regular way. If there is any one in the village who feels that they can do it at this time, it would be the greatest help to our endowment fund if they would send $10 for the purpose of becoming a life member, to Miss Gertrude Frone, treasurer.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SOLD.

Real Estate Belonging to the Late W. W. Stockwell Sold at Auction.

The sale in partition by order of the Supreme Court of the real estate belonging to the late W. W. Stockwell, took place on Saturday last at 10 o'clock a. m., in front of the hardware store on Marion avenue in Gilbertsville. The sale was conducted by Henry B. Sewell, referee, of Sidney, who in opening read a description of the three pieces of real estate to be sold and stated the terms of sale. The homestead was sold first and was struck off to Ross W. Stockwell for $2,600, which was but little more than half its value. The small tenant house in the rear of the Oliver Building was bid off by Abel O. Barnes, the present occupant, for $420. In the bidding for the hardware store building there was a spirited contest, two parties being apparently desirous of securing the property. It was finally struck off to Charles Wallin and Ross Tobey, who we understand will buy the stock of hardware now in the building and continue the business after October 1. L. F. Raymond, of Franklin, was the attorney for Edward C. Stockwell, the plaintiff in the action which brought about the sale, and County Judge A. L. Kellogg appeared for the other heirs.

GAGE--CURTIS.

On Friday evening, September. 1, 1911, at 8 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Mr. Frank B. Gage and Miss Myrtle C. Curtis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Holmes at his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Gage are newcomers and are to make their future home in this village. Their former home was Gilbertsville. He is timekeeper for the Unadilla Blue Stone company.—Unadilla Times.

New England Supper.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will serve a New England supper at the home of Mrs. David Bryce on Friday, Sept 22, at six o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited. Supper 10 cents.

SIDNEY SMITH WEBSTER.

After nine days' illness from cerebral hemorrhage Sidney S. Webster entered into rest at his home in Nineveh, N. Y., on September 3. The funeral was held in the Nineveh Presbyterian church, September 6. It was conducted by the Rev. O. A. Hubbell, pastor of the Harpursville Baptist church, of which Mr. Webster had been a deacon for many years. He was assisted by the Rev. Robert E. Austin, M. E. pastor at Harpursville and Nineveh, and the Rev. G. F. Humphries, of Clayville, N. Y., former pastor of the Presbyterian church and for nearly twenty-five years next door neighbor to the Webster home. The interment was in the Nineveh cemetery, the committal service being read by the eldest son. Mr. Webster is survived by his widow, Jane Smith, formerly of Otego, N. Y., and his children: the Rev. George Sidney Webster, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, New York city; Mrs. Julia E. W. Guy, of Gilbertsville; Mrs. Mary E. W. Fisher, of Nineveh, and John Thomas Webster, manager of Independent Pharmaceutical Co., Worcester, Mass. He leaves also four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His first wife was Lemira Wells of Meredith, who died in 1864. He began his business career as a tailor on Meredith Square more than sixty years ago. He was afterward a farmer and a merchant in Meredith, removing to the southern part of the State in 1869, first to a farm and afterward to the village of Nineveh as a merchant. He retired from active business several years ago. On July 22 of this year all his children were present to celebrate his 85th birthday. When a young man he united with the Baptist church, of which he was always a faithful and loyal member. His absolute honesty, sterling integrity, generous sympathy, kindly spirit and Christian consecration won for him the high regard and esteem and friendship of all whom he met. A large circle of acquaintances and relatives mourn his loss, but rejoice in the memory of a life that was beautifully characterized at his funeral by these words read by Mr. Humphries:

Old—we are growing old:
Going on through a beautiful road,
Finding earth a more blessed abode;
Nobler work by our hands to be wrought
Freer paths for our hope and our thought;
Because of the beauty the years unfold,
We are cheerfully growing old.

Old—we are growing old:
Going up where the sunshine is clear,
Watching grander horizons appear
Out of clouds that enveloped our youth;
Standing firm on the mountains of truth;
Because of the glory the years unfold
We are joyfully growing old.

Old—we are growing old;
Going into the gardens of rest
That glow through the gold of the west,
Where the rose and the amaranth blend.
And each path is the way to a friend:
Because of the peace that the years unfold
We are thankfully growing old.

SAMUEL S. NORTH DEAD.

Well Known Unadilla Banker Succumbs to Bright's Disease at His Home in That Village.

Samuel Shaw North, head of the private banking house of North & Co., and one of the leading citizens of Unadilla for nearly a half century, died at his residence in that village Tuesday at 4 o'clock, of Bright's disease, his last illness being of ten days' duration. The funeral services will be held from St. Matthew's Episcopal church Thursday at 2 o'clock, with interment in St. Matthew's cemetery adjoining. The services will be conducted by the rector, Rev. Yale Lyon.

Mr. North was the second son of the late Col. Samuel North, long one of the prominent men of this section and active in the democratic party in the State for years. He was 57 years of age. He has spent most of his active life in Unadilla, where the family has been conspicuous in business and all circles for many years Upon the death of his brother, Thomas G. North, nearly a quarter of a century ago, he succeeded to the mangement of the bank in which he had been a partner for years, and its continued success has been due to his wise and conservative management. The water system of that village had been commenced, but upon the subject of this sketch developed the responsibility to develop and perfect it. To these two enterprises he gave most zealous and careful attention, and they are monuments to his business acumen and devotion.

Personally modest and retiring, but possessed of fine sensibilities and instincts, he was a man above reproach and kindly and friendly disposed toward all. Like his father, a true gentleman, he possessed a certain dignity and courtliness of manner that half concealed the true worth of his character. His demise will be deeply mourned and his going will leave a vacancy that will never be filled in the commercial life of that village. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Belle Sands, and a member of a well known family there, and one daughter, Miss Blanche, to both of whom the sympathy of the community and all friends in this section will be extended.

BEARDSLEY--BRISSE.

The home of Mr and Mrs Francis A. Brisse of Norwich, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at high noon Thursday, September 7, when their daughter Blanche, was married to Franklin Robert Beardsley, of this town. Rev. Mr. Bingham, of Calvary Baptist church performed the ceremony in the presence of about twenty-five guests. The bride looked charming in a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room to partake of a collation and to wish the young couple God speed. Beautiful and unique presents were received from the many friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley are both highly esteemed and have the best wishes of a host of friends. They left on the 4:45 train for Canadarago Lake.

MORRIS.

[Items from *Chronicle*.]

Farmers are filling their silos this week.

Merritt Bridges is in Saratoga today attending court.

Dr. L. R. Morris went to Canada last Thursday on a fishing trip.

H. M. Washbon is rebuilding the stables and lower floor of his farm barn.

Quite a number of Morris people will attend the State Fair at Syracuse this week.

A new farm barn is to be built on William Shaw's farm occupied by Bert Strait.

Daniel Warner has returned to his music studies at the Conservatory in Ithaca.

Henry Washbon expects to enter the medical department of Union College this fall.

Frank Carpenter spent a couple of days last week visiting his friend, Frank Day, in Sidney.

H. C. Sweet, school collector, has his notices up. He takes in taxes at Hoke's store Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The ratio is 14, same as last year.

W. W. Wing and wife spent Sunday in Norwich, accompanied by Mrs. Lyon and daughter, who after a visit in this vicinity are on their way to their home in Chicago.

Howard Whitman, of the State Engineer's office in Albany, has been spending a few days the guest of his brother, George Waitman. His mother accompanied him from Bainbridge.

The Morris school is working up a historical float for the pageant at the Fair. The float will try to represent the arrival at New Morrisania (the Butternut Valley) of Gen Jacob Morris in a batteau, June 17, 1787.

Mrs. Jesse Matteson, who some weeks ago was operated upon at the Cooperstown hospital, was able last Wednesday to go with her husband to their New York home. They were accompanied by Miss Florence Matteson.

W. B. Moore, who travels for Wm. Mills' Sons of New York, closed his summer vacation last week, and on Thursday started on his annual western trip, which this year includes the cities and large towns of Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

Last Friday was the twenty-eighth anniversary of the big fire in this village which swept clean all the buildings, twelve of them, located on the Main and Broad street corner west, from the creek bridge to Mrs. Ella Mansfield's place. It was Sept. 8, 1883.

The Republican electors of the town of Morris will meet in caucus on Saturday, Sept. 16, 1911, at 7:30 p. m., at the Town House, to elect delegates to the County Convention.

Lynn Hunt starts Thursday for Valparaiso, Ind., where he expects to attend school this year.

Mushrooms are an enormous crop this season, and many of our residents are enjoying them. Be sure they are mushrooms; don't pick them unless you know absolutely what they are. Last week nineteen persons in the vicinity of New York were killed by eating toadstools.

The road oil purchased for Broad street is being stored for use next spring. It has rained ever since the oil arrived.

John Beams died in Oneonta Sept. 2 at the age of 77 years. He was the brother of Mrs. John Furbush of Morris.

After a long illness Mrs. E. W. Hoyt died at her home on the Washbon farm near Filer Corners, Monday, Sept. 11.

Miss Zulah Whitcomb, of Worcester, and her niece, Miss Ethel Jerome, of North Adams, Mass., were guests Friday to Sunday of Mrs. C. M. Platt.

Following is the total registration of the school: Primary 27, intermediate 18, grammar 15, High school 53, training class 17, total 130.

F. J. Cotter, who has been assisting Rector Ashton in Zion Parish this summer, returns to his school work in the General Theological Seminary in New York city this week. He expects to return to Morris next summer.

Three members of the class of 1911, Morris High school, expect to enter college this fall: Frank Carpenter goes to Colgate, Ralph Carrick to Syracuse and Howard Naylor to Cornell. Hobart and Harold Tillson will return to Cornell, also, this fall.

Those young people we claim as Morris residents, but who are away the greater part of each year teaching, have gone again after a pleasant summer spent here. Among them are: Miss Elsie Bridges to Brooklyn; Mrs. Lila Bolton to Babylon, L. I.; Miss Martha Perry to Matteawan; Jesse Matteson to New York city; Stanley Kilkenny and wife to Delhi.

Lewis Morris, of New York city, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His son, Gen. Jacob Morris, came to this valley in June, 1787, and settled here; one of the General's sons was Lewis Lee Morris, who lived where Mrs. Hartmann lives, and which place descended to his son, James Rutherford Morris, the father of Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, the present owner of the Manor house built by his great grandfather, Gen. Jacob Morris. So the line is like this:

Lewis Morris
Gen. Jacob Morris
Lewis Lee Morris
James Rutherford Morris
Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris
Catherine Louise Clark Morris, aged 9 years.

The base ball season in Morris closed last week. They had a paid team ten weeks, paying on an average eleven men from $15 to $35 per week and their board. The other expenses were balls, livery bills, etc; total cost of team about $3,000. Gate receipts averaged about $25 per game, remainder secured by subscriptions. The generous liberality of Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Morris alone made it possible to sustain the team. As a whole they failed to win in the county league, but as individuals several of them said no equal in the county.

The Democratic County Convention will be held at Cooperstown Sept. 22.

SOUTH NEW BERLIN.

Dr. Ray Banks was a guest at Theo. White's on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Simons spent part of last week with her parents in Sidney.

Jay Manwaring, of Herkimer, was calling on friends in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Sage were guests at D. S. Bassett's on Friday.

Mrs. E. W. Hovey was in Sidney on Friday.

Editor Payne has gone into the poultry business and has recently built a fine new hen house.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Hovey attended the State Fair on Wednesday and Thursday.

Ralph Burlison, of Mt. Upton, assisted in our station this week.

Miss Bard, of Oneonta, was a guest of Mrs. Charles Simons over Sunday.

Wedding bells are heard in the distance.

Miss Leona Bagg returned from a pleasant visit in Carthage, N. Y., on Monday evening.

Charles Simons attended the State Fair this week.

Rev. L. E. Wheeler and family will move into the Baptist parsonage this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Coy were in Norwich on business on Friday.

Dr. E. N. Morgan is putting down a cement floor in his cow barn on the east side of the river.

A class in violin instruction has been started in this town with Miss Nellie Snedeker, a very competent teacher of New Berlin as instructor.

Axtel Borgeson, of Mapleshade stock farm, entertained his brother, Charles Borgeson, whose home is in Connecticut, last week and accompanied him on a visit to Niagara Falls.

Miss Alta Lyon returned to her school work in Schenectady on Saturday.

Game Protector Lewis Burnside, of Norwich, was in town on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitbeck entertained their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dempster, of Ravena, N. Y., last week.

Mrs. Lavonia Gardner, of New Berlin Center, called on friends in town last week.

Mrs. R.S. Decker continues in very poor health.

Percy Spring and family, of Walton, were week end guests at Wm. Darroch's.

Misses Roby Lamb and Mildred Dixon were in New Berlin on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Reynolds, of Norwich, were in town on Sunday.

Guy Utter and Emory Burke were driving to Norwich last week, when they met an auto which ran into their wagon, throwing both men out and quite severely injuring Mr. Utter's hand. The colt which they were driving ran a short distance and stopped without serious injury to her. When will auto drivers learn to be careful?

Miss Ella Shippey was a guest at the home of Stanley Bagg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Valkenburg and daughter, of Mt. Upton, were in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Amelia Berry arrived at the home of her son, J. L. Berry, on Friday, where she expects to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Hobart Truesdell is ill with typhoid fever at the home of her father, Rev. L. E. Wheeler. A trained nurse from Utica is caring for her, and her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Dr. E. F. Gibson, of Utica, spent the week end with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Simons, of Sidney, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walls, of Clinton, Iowa, were guests of Earl and Charles Simons over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Borden, of Sidney, spent Sunday at the home of H. D. Cole, Mrs. Borden remaining for some days.

Mrs. Wm. Hickling, of South Edmeston, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Butler.

Merton Gager, of Hilton, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Harriet Gage, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bailey, has gone to Gilbertsville, where she will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Leroy Turner.

Mrs. Elnora Turner, of Morris, has been spending some days at the home of her brother, S. L. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morey, of Norwich, spent part of the past week at the homes of Henry and Will Coy.

Miss Edrena Phetteplace, of Norwich, was a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hotaling, the past week.

A very pleasant party was held at the home of Mrs. Edwards on Tuesday evening, in honor of the little Misses Doris and Sarah Grover. About a dozen little girls were present and a right merry time was had.

WEST LAURENS.

Charles Naylor was the first to fill his silo last week, but others will be filled this week. Corn is a large growth this season.

Mrs. Eva Fisk went to Franklin Monday with her son John, to attend school. He will make his home with his aunt, Mrs. Andrew Wigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herring spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs Hiram Ostrander at Noblesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hotaling, of Mt. Vision, visited at Charles Brightman's on Sunday.

The many friends here of Mrs. L. W. Hay are sorry to hear of her critical illness at her home in West Oneonta.

Our school commenced last Monday morning with seventeen scholars in attendance, Fred Tilley teacher.

Leon Gardner was called to Cooperstown Monday as a witness against Manley Blakesley for forgery.

Mrs. O. A. Weatherly returned to her home in Milford on Monday, after spending a few days with friends here.

☞ The Sidney Cash Store calls special attention to its line of "Cadet" hosiery, the best school hose made, reinforced with linen at every wearing point. Royal Society embroidery goods. Perfect fitting tailor made suits for school girls from 13 to 18 years of age, of all wool storm serge, $10 to $12. Girl's fall school coats at one-fourth off. 21-2

The Mount Upton Department

C. H. GRAVES, Editor.

This department will be devoted to correspondence and items of interest to our Mt. Upton subscribers, and will be under the direction of Mr. C. H. Graves, who is authorized to receive subscriptions for The Journal, and also to contract with parties desiring advertising or job work, and work left with him will receive prompt and careful attention

MOUNT UPTON, N. Y., THURSDAY ..... SEPTEMBER 14, 1911.

IF BETTER, WHEREIN?

It is a moot question with people of pessimistic tendencies and those who incline to optimism whether the world is growing better or worse. While the latter claim that the preponderance of evidence is in their favor, there are none to infrequent events constantly occurring that give the contention of the pessimists a long slant to the front. One of these occurred at Newport on Sunday morning, Aug. 28. Newport is the stamping ground of the select gang who aspire to be known as the smart set—the four hundred, but who are in reality known where respectability and morality still cut some figure, as the "idle and dissolute rich." On Saturday night, Aug. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas gave a masked ball at their sumptuous home in Newport. Towards morning the revelry waxed fast and furious, most of them probably being as we vulgar would term it "pretty well hooked up." Anyway, over one hundred of the grotesque characters of the masquerade formed in line at daybreak and "did" the town. The parade was led by Moncure Robinson, made up as an Ind an chief, doing a war dance. The host and hostess led the band of twenty pieces, Mrs. Thomas dressed as DuBarry and her hubsand as a Toreador. Madame DuBarry was one of the dissolute characters of the French court in the 18th century. She was the mistress of Louis XV, and so notorious that when Marie Antionette joined the court as dauphiness, during all the years they were associated at the court, meeting daily, she never spoke to the DuBarry but once, and then only a single word at the express command of the king. We of the politorial wonder, why, with all the good women the world has produced, a woman of this enlightened age need go to the roll of the abandoned and vicious women of history for a character suitable to impersonate. Then there were Salomes of the King Herod brand, dancing girls, harem queens, and in fact if there is a strumpet in history that failed of an impersonation in the parade she has a kick coming, and a fairly good chance of not being thrown out of court for no cause of action. And all this, as the dawn of the holy Sabbath was breaking over the Rhode Island hills. Another recent booster for the same side is Beattie, the cold blooded reptile who took his wife, the mother of his new born babe, to ride in his auto, stopped at a lonely place in the woods and with the butt of a gun he had previously left there for the purpose, clubbed her into the road, then changed ends with the gun and shot her through the head, that he might be free to consort with a wanton of the town. And there are those who would have the state coddle this merciless devil in prison for the rest of his natural life and give him the privilege of dying at the last as human beings die, in his bed, instead of exterminating him as they would a rat or any other species of dangerous vermin that walks or crawls known to civilization, claiming that capital punishment is a relic of barbarism.

CONTRACT DAY.

Friday this week, Sept. 15, will be contract day at the condensary to fix the price of milk for the next six months. It is expected and there doubtless will be a large amount of milk, and all comers will be accommodated. Uncle Gail never breaks his contract except to declare a ten per cent or more increase over the contract price occasionally, and no dog goned of a farmer that we have heard of has lifted his yawp against that. It is a model plant and is continually being made more so regardless of expense.

The Rod and Gun club field day on Saturday last was necessarily a failure, owing to the line or some other very wet and persistent storm that prevailed, retiring most of the events on the program. Some trap shooting took place on the condensary grounds, but the ball game was called off as most people were kept home by the rain, and it was thought best to postpone it The game has been scheduled for Saturday next at 2 o'clock. The clam bake was not eligible to postponement under any circumstances and was put on at four o'clock It was sufficiently patronized so it is thought Mr. Lewis will not suffer much loss, although a large amount of the provisions secured for the occasion were left. Provided the day had been fine, this part of the program would have been a conspicuous success financially, as it was in a culinary sense, as always. Better luck next time. When they mix a batch of rain for a certain day no human function can keep it from being delivered, be it secular or religious. Meanwhile get in on the ball game Saturday.

Miss Nettie Kinch, secretary for the Golden Seal of this place, distributed last week $2,840.24 among the members whose policies matured Aug. 1. And all of them took it.

Lewis Murdock and wife, of Oneonta, visited her people, Mr. Searles and wife, at the Mills last week.

James T. Jewell is painting his house, with the assistance of Claude Wadsworth.

Edward Smith and daughter Nora, leave this week for a trip through the western part of the state, to be absent about two weeks.

THANKS, YES.

To F. M. Spencer, secretary of the Brookfield, Madison Co., fair to be held at Brookfield September 18 to 21, for complimentary ticket. The Brookfield fair puts $800 into its race purses, and will have the celebrated Onondaga Indian band that has given concerts here on two different occasions to furnish music during the fair. It is the 62nd exhibition.

Also for a complimentary ticket and invitation to the Central New York Fair at Oneonta on the same dates, 18 to 21. The Oneonta fair is a close second and near relative of the State fair and barring that, everyone in this section can award him or herself no greater pleasure to attend it. If that dinged aeroplane develops no unusual degree of cussedness on these dates, we are by no means certain of not attending 'em both.

The Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. V. C. Gregory on Thursday afternoon.

Herbert Shaw and wife, of Montana, are visiting at Dr. A.L. Shaw's.

The best bargain in a second hand parlor coal stove can be had right here. It is a Stirling Ventilator, doing just as efficient and economical heating as when new. Get busy and nail it.

Miss Lila Rockwell left on Wednesday for Glen Cove, L. I., to assume her position as teacher of music.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Spencer, of Green Lake, Wis., and Mrs. Mary Hopson, of Dolgeville, N. Y., were guests of Mrs. Goddard the past week.

There are lots of mushrooms this fall. The same old test holds good. If it's a tud stool you die, but not before you have time to suspect that it was one; if it was a mushroom then you live to hunt for more some other day.

Miss Esther Brooks has been confined to the house by illness for the last week, said to be improving under care of Dr. Hall.

Miss Etelka Andrus, of Albany, accompanied Mrs. H. F. Place home from her trip and visited last week there and at Highland Glen with her aunt, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Richmond, her grandmother.

The second annual Blenco reunion was held with Mr. and Mrs. John Tripp and family on Saturday of last week. Guests were present as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Johnson and daughter Charlene, Afton; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Burdick and son Clarence, Masonville; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Blenco and two daughters, Hazel and Sarah, and son John, Bennettsville; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hutchinson, Bainbridge; Lester Hutchinson, Binghamton; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hutchinson and daughter Charlotte, Mrs. Orrin Ballard and son Vernon, Guilford; Mrs. Ernest Humphrey, Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds, Mt. Vision; Mrs. Sarah Flint, Nineveh; Lawrence Blenco, Bennettsville. They all reported a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Woodmansee, of Morris, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Woodmansee, and family on Sunday of this week.

We are very, very glad to say that Mrs. Howard C. Rockwell is on the gain.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, (nee Flossie Tripp) of Sidney, a son, on Thursday last. Congratulations.

Mrs. Daniel Byam, of Rockwell's Mills, is in Sidney for a couple of weeks, working for Mrs. George Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hamilton visited his brother, William N Hamilton, at New Berlin Centre, on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Cole, of Binghamton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Twitchell, and her father, Charles Howard, returned to her home the last week in August.

Miss Margarette Mae Hamilton called on her friend, Mrs. Dr. Barr, the first of the week.

Prof Thompson and family, who have been spending the summer in Rockwell's Mills, have returned home recently to Yonkers, N. Y.

Rev. O L. Severson, D. D., will preach in the M. E. church Sabbath evening, September 17.

OTSDAWA.

Miss Lila Sheff, of Morris, has been a pleasant guest at Wm. Gardner's for several days.

Misses Eva and Della Stevens, of Oneonta, are spending a few days with their grandmother.

Miss Ruth Terry commenced her school here at Otsdawa Monday.

Mrs. Russell Emerson and infant son, of Maple Grove, have been spending a few days with her parents.

There were nearly twenty men at the raising of Thomas Decker's new barn last Wednesday.

Delos Briggs, of West Laurens, was a business caller in this place Wednesday.

Arthur Jester with help is filling his new silo.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Weatherly, of Milford, visited friends in this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Card visited their parents near Morris Sunday.

Earl Thayer and family, of Flax Island, visited their parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gardner and son, of West Laurens, visited their parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vales Shranker and Mrs. Allen Stevens, all of Oneonta, and DeForest Wellman and family, of Laurens, visited at Mrs. Catherine Banker's Sunday.

Lent and Burdick shipped two car loads of stock from Otego Saturday.

Virgil Holbrook visited relatives at Schuyler Lake this past week.

Larrie Sampson has been spending a few days with his mother near Laurens.

Miss Carrie Holbert, of West Branch, has been spending a few days with her parents.

Robert Davis is gaining.

B. J. Weatherly and son visited at his parents in West Oneonta Friday.

The Ladies' Aid society have been invited to meet with Mrs. George Jenks in Oneonta Sept. 14.

ROCKDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Talcott, of Sidney, spent several days last week visiting their many friends in this vicinity.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Linn Spencer, Sept. 6, 1911, a daughter.

Miss Bessie Brown was at her home in Unadilla Friday and Saturday.

L. F. Richard, F. M. McLagan and Fred Elwell were callers at Franklin Wednesday.

Edson McLaughlin was at Greene fair the past week with his exhibit of sheep, taking six first premiums and three seconds, also first premium on two varieties of plums.

W. D. Aylesworth was a business caller in Unadilla Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Burrows, Mrs. R. M. Gates and Mrs. B. McLagan spent Tuesday in Binghamton.

Mrs. Annette R. Curtis, of Mt. Upton, was a guest of her friend, Mrs. Jay A. Harrington, Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ernestine Blore.

Frank Morenus and wife were business callers at Unadilla Wednesday of last week.

Several from East Guilford were in attendance at services Sunday evening at the Union church.

The Misses Elwell returned from Richfield Springs Saturday. Sorry to learn that Miss Bessie is suffering from an attack of stomach trouble.

Mrs. M. R. Mudge entertained on Saturday last: Mrs. S. S. King, Mrs. B. R. Blore, Mrs. O. J. Fisk, Mrs. G. B. McLagan and son Carl, and Mrs. J. A. Harrington, of Bakersfield, Cal., in honor of their cousin, Mrs. H. M. Gates, of Moodus, Conn.

Mr. Boyd and daughter Bessie, of Rockwell's Mills, rendered a very pleasing duet at the services in our church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Harry Atwell, of New Britain, Conn., was a recent visitor at S. S. King's.

Mrs. Elizabeth Aylesworth, of East Hill, is visiting friends at Bainbridge.

Irvin Spencer, wife and daughter Mildred, returned Monday evening from a visit with relatives in Norristown, Pa.

S. A. Lord and W. C. Silvernail were in Unadilla Monday after two Unadilla silos

J. W. Fisk's Sunday school class of East Guilford are enjoying a picnic at Riverside park at present writing.

MAPLE GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Nearing, of Otego, are visiting friends here.

Gertrude Parker is staying at Clayton Pittsley's and attending school at Morris.

Mrs. Russell Emerson is visiting her parents at Otsdawa.

Paul Tillson, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Stanley Kilkenny, has returned home.

Mrs. Jenks, of Oneonta Plains, is visiting at Frank and Clayton Pittsley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pittsley and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pittsley went to Rockdale last week to attend the Rogers and Skinner reunion.

Nearing the Three Million Line.

The report of the Wilber National Bank published in another column shows deposits of $2,862,169 82. A remarkable increase of deposits amounting to $116,132.74 since the last report of June 7th. When you go to Oneonta fair next week, September 18, 19, 20, 21, you are invited to visit this bank and see the celebrated round door, fire, burglar and mob-proof Manganese Steel Vault and inside fixtures which cost over $30,000.00. This vault contains modern safe deposit boxes for rent at moderate prices.

LAUNDRY.

Leave your laundry at the Journal office if you want the best work that can possibly be done. Satisfaction guaranteed. Basket goes every Thursday morning and returns on Saturday.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Advertisements not exceeding thirty words will b inserted under this head for 25 cents per week Cash with copy.

POULTRY WANTED.

Poultry taken in at the depot, Mt. Upton, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
13tf MOORE & BURLISON.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Butternut Valley Cemetery Association will be held at the grounds Saturday, September 16, 1911, at two o'clock p m.
19-3t J. A. MUSSON, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

DESIRABLE VILLAGE PROPERTY. The house and lot of the late Harry S. Wood, situated on Green street, in the village of Gilbertsville, is offered for sale. For terms or further particulars inquire of or address
FITCH GILBERT, Jr.
12 Gilbertsville, N. Y.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican electors of the town of Butternuts are requested to meet in caucus at the Town Hall, September 16, 1911, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to