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LOCAL NEWS.

All Advertisements, Marriages, Deaths, and other notices to insure publication the same week must be handed in by Tuesday noon. We invite correspondence on all subjects of local or general interest.

Registration days, Oct. 12 and 19. The first snow-fall of the season occurred this morning.

Rooms to rent on the East Side. Inquire of Mrs. M. M. GRAHAM.

Afton had as fine a fair as has been held in this vicinity this year. — *Binghamton Republican*.

A big crop of corn and beechnuts forecast a severe winter, according to old weather prophets.

A stone sidewalk has been placed in front of the residence of S. R. Smith, on Spring street.

The teachers' institute in the second commissioner district will be held at the opera house in Greene, October 14 to 18.

The state convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. is now in session at Brooklyn. Carleton Hayes is in attendance as a delegate from the Afton society.

Experts report that the apple crop will exceed any previous one by from one to three million barrels. It is stated also that prices are much lower than they have been for many years.

Rev. B. F. Larabee, of North Sanford, recently closed a series of successful revival meetings in the M. E. church at East Afton. As a result twenty-two persons have united with the church.

Don't whip your boy because his shoes wear out, but censure yourself because you didn't buy him one of those \$2.50 cobbler seat rockers so he could sit down part of the time.

EMENS, the furniture man.

Frank Hoyt, of this place, breeder of fancy poultry, has some of the finest White Crested Black Polish fowls to be seen in this section. He received two first and one second premium awards on them at the fair.

J. W. Cudworth, the optician, who has gained the confidence of many in this place as an expert eye glass fitter, will be at Hotel Phelps, Oct. 14 and 15, and at the Park Hotel, Bainbridge, Oct. 16 and 17. Eyes tested free. Cash paid for old gold.

In last week's edition of the *Chenango Union* two pages were printed in heavy mourning lines, and contained a handsome memorial souvenir of the late Jas. H. Sinclair, the founder and veteran editor of the *Union*. It was a beautiful, and most fitting tribute to his death.

The democratic county nominating convention, which met at Norwich, Tuesday, endorsed Albert F. Gladding, the republican nominee for county judge and surrogate, and nominated E. A. Lally for assemblyman; L. E. Chase for district attorney; Drs. R. H. Phelps and J. B. Noyes, coroners.

Rev. Geo. Adams will return and resume services in the East Side church on Sunday, October 13, morning and evening. Communion service immediately after morning sermon. Mr. Adams sincerely wishes to be met on that occasion by all his congregation and every lover of the "great God-love faith" that has so well supported him through his late terrible bereavement.

The Afton divorce case of Chas. W. Poyer vs. Ella Poyer was called before Referee Skinner, yesterday. Defendant sent a telegram stating she was ill, but the referee would not adjourn the case on the strength of the telegram, and took evidence accordingly, allowing Lawyer Matterson ten days to file bill of default for defendant. Lawyer Sullivan, of Norwich, appeared for plaintiff. — *Bainbridge Express*.

New window shades and lace curtains at A. T. England's.

The chestnut crop is large this year. You cannot vote unless your name is registered.

The nights are now longer than the days, and will continue to be for nearly six months.

Ralph Dyer, of the Plains, is to move to Afton and will occupy rooms in Miss Augusta Easton's house.

Rev. B. B. Carruth occupied the pulpit in the M. E. church Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, who is in New York.

Earl B. Willey has the position of head clerk of the Boston Condensed Milk Co., located at West Brookfield, Mass.

No school will be held at the academy next week on account of the teachers' institute, to be held at Greene.

The sewing machine contest will close next week Saturday. Now is the time to work and get a first-class machine.

LeSuer's new meat market is receiving its first coat of paint. It improves the appearance of the building much.

Water pipe will be placed under the railroad crossing Sunday. An attempt will be made to drive the pipe through.

The sooner you order your coal the less you are likely to pay for it. The mining companies have just made a small advance in prices.

John Shaw has been awarded the contract to cover the reservoir of the Afton water works west of the village. Consideration \$213.00.

Patience, pluck and perseverance are the three strands in the rope that pulls a young man to prosperity, and one of our \$1.35 rockers are nice to rest in after you are tired of pulling.

Pity the misery of a bald-headed man during the closing days of fly time. The Greene *American* contemplates transforming their office into a refrigerator, where, packed between 15-inch ice, they may "bid defiance to all the gold-darned flies on earth."

Benedict & Bolster wish to announce to the public that they are prepared to make cider at the old stand of Landers & Hunt, Afton. We guarantee satisfaction, and all orders will be promptly attended to.

A strawberry plant on which was a ripe strawberry, together with a perfect blossom and green berries, was taken from the farm of N. Burlingame, Saturday, Oct. 5th, and brought to this office by H. L. Benedict. *Chenango Semi-Weekly* please copy.

Jas. Dugherty, the man who was injured at Nineveh several weeks ago, is still at the home of Elmer Billings, where he is being cared for. He is gradually failing, and his death is expected daily. His mother and brother, from Danbury, Ct., are here at present.

The ball game played on the fair grounds, Saturday, between Middlebridge and Barbourville, resulted in a score of 9 to 17 in favor of the latter team. The Middlebridge boys were strengthened by a few of the Afton club, and we understand that the winning team contained several of Deposit's best players.

The Afton fair must have been very successful this year. The grounds were crowded every day. Afton draws people from near and far to its fair for the reason that they have good accommodations when they get there, and are not obliged to stand out in the sun and rain unless they wish to. — *Deposit Courier*. Afton has one of the best equipped fair grounds in New York state.

While Miss Elizabeth Haven, of this place, was riding C. J. Bresson's five year-old colt about our streets last Saturday afternoon, she was thrown from the animal's back in front of M. J. Mudge, Jr.'s store and quite severely injured. The horse, which was galloping rapidly at this place, attempted to turn in at the curbing, causing Miss Haven to lose her balance and fall backward to the ground. She was carried to her home on Main street and Dr. P. A. Hayes summoned. Miss Haven has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in her misfortune, who wish for her speedy recovery.

A meeting of the Afton Hose Company was held in the Shay block on Monday evening and questions of importance discussed. The code of by-laws under which the Wilbur hose company, of Oneonta, are governed, were adopted with a few slight changes, and the trustees instructed to confer with the village trustees in the matter of obtaining hose and a suitable room in which the company may hold their meetings. It is most essential that a quantity of hose be purchased at once, as without it Afton is still as unprotected from fire as though our village was not supplied with water. It is now the intentions of the company, as soon as rooms are found, to furnish them in an attractive manner that members of the company may have a place to pleasantly pass the evenings. A meeting was called for next Monday evening at the same place, when a large attendance is desired.

SHEEP TO LET.—Thirty-six sheep to let in two lots if desired. Inquire of T. L. WILLEY.

Potatoes are being shipped from nearby towns at 16 cents a bushel.

The national flag must, according to law, be displayed at public schools in this state during school hours.

The Norwich Baptist church fight has opened a side issue. The Y. P. S. C. E. are now involved in the squabble.

Chas. Dimorier died at his home in Sanford, Sunday, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was buried Tuesday at Perch Pond.

The case of the People vs. Walton Bennett, charged with setting fire to his building in Windsor about a year ago, is being tried in Binghamton this week.

"Helen of Troy" might have been a myth,—a beautiful creation of grand old "Homer's" brain, but there is nothing mythical about our \$1.35 rockers. — EMENS, the furniture man.

Broome county democrats did a graceful act in making no nomination for school commissioner in opposition to Mrs. Mary L. Kniskern, who was nominated by the Republicans.

At the senatorial convention held at Sidney last Thursday, James Ballentyne, of Delaware county, was nominated for senator. Two hundred and fifty ballots were taken before a choice was made.

Geo. F. Lyon, the Republican nominee for supreme court judge, was endorsed by the Democratic judicial convention, Thursday, in Binghamton. Emmanuel Bronson, of that city, was nominated for senator.

According to a statement made by Sheriff G. W. Payne, the prisoners at present confined in the Chenango county jail are the most desperate lot of men that were ever put behind prison bars in this county.

It is said if a man will allow the mosquitoes to bite him freely that he will not suffer from malaria fever. Yes, and if a man should saw his legs off he probably wouldn't be troubled with corns or bunions on his toes.

Hon. Albert F. Gladding, the Republican nominee for county judge, endorsed by the Democrats and Prohibitionists, will undoubtedly poll the largest vote, this fall, that has ever been cast for a single candidate in this county.

The *Walton Times* is making preparations to issue a souvenir of "Walton up to Date." The work will contain numerous half tone engravings, together with interesting matter descriptive of that village, and will sell at a dollar a copy.

Last spring E. H. Cresson, one of Windsor's most industrious farmers, sowed 22 bushels of oats on less than 9 acres of ground, and this fall harvested 304 bushels—one of the largest, if not the largest, yields in the annals of the town. — *Windsor Standard*.

A little fellow who had his wits about him when the collection basket was passed in church, Sunday, noticed that his mother dropped in a cent. On the way home she was finding fault with the sermon, and he administered a rebuke by remarking: "Well mother, what can you expect for a cent?" — *Windsor Standard*.

A great cry is going up, and an exchange desparingly asks, "Cannot something be done to prevent young ladies being insulted on our streets at night?" "Yes, we think something can be done, and it cannot be done too soon, gither. Just have the girl's mother tuck her in her little bed about 8 p. m., and lock the door on her."

Dr. Dwight M. Lee died suddenly from heart disease at his home in Oxford, Saturday, aged 55 years. Dr. Lee was one of Chenango county's most prominent citizens. He was for several years a member of the Chenango county pension board, and during the war served his country in the 22nd Cavalry. He leaves a wife and three children.

A second dividend of 25 per cent. will be payable to the old depositors of the Chenango Valley Savings bank on and after Oct. 7th. The first dividend amounted to \$198,435.60. Of this sum \$183,478.74 has been called for and paid out, and there has been deposited with the new management the sum of \$141,711.02, which goes to show that the people still have confidence in the bank.

The prohibition county nominating convention was held at the court house at Norwich, Thursday. The convention endorsed the Republican nominee for judge, Hon. Albert F. Gladding. The other nominations were as follows: For member of assembly, Philo R. Aldrich; for district attorney, Chas. H. Stanton; for coroners, Dr. R. A. Thompson, of Norwich, Dr. E. L. Ensign, of Oxford.

Plenty of Devils.

The Norwich *Telegraph* recently advertised for a devil. Judging from the way the Baptist brethren have been acting in that village for the past six months, the supply of devils ought to be plenty. It would seem that if they were all cast out of the leaders of both factions of that church there would be a full supply for the *Sun*, *Telegraph* and *Union* offices, and Chenango Lake full besides. In the language of the sage of Mamakating, "devils are plenty in Norwich." — *Rusticus in Middletown Argus*.

New carpets at A. T. England's.

The Winner of the Piano Contest.

The piano contest of L. & A. Babcock, of Norwich, which ended Aug. 20th, was decided in favor of Mrs. J. L. Webber, of Syracuse, whose list, when corrected, contained 26,462 words, all of which were found in the standard dictionaries. The largest lists were all carefully examined, and no word counted until after the same had been found in one of the standard dictionaries and a check placed after the word, stating in which particular dictionary the word was found. While this method of treating the various lists made a vast amount of labor, yet it seemed the only way to obtain an accurate and fair decision. — *Norwich Sun*.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to hereby express their heartfelt gratitude for the kind offers of sympathy and the generous acts of comfort and helpfulness rendered by their friends and neighbors of the Universalist parish, and of other churches, and of no special religious fellowship, all seemingly alike solicitous for our welfare during the illness and death of the beloved wife and mother, who has been called away from us. Particularly are we grateful to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Red Men and the Masons for substantial assistance that did effectually lighten our burden and soften our terrible affliction.

REV. GEORGE ADAMS, MRS. C. M. CARPENTER, MRS. V. J. WALLACE, MISS HELEN BLANCHE ADAMS.

Called Andrus Down.

A few days since, Detective Andrus arrested three men whom he found asleep in an open box car in the Sidney yard. As usual, he hustled them before a justice and was urging that petty official to commit them to the Albany penitentiary as vagrants. No doubt Andrus would have convinced the justice that such would be the only proper thing to do, but at this juncture Attorney Sewell, of Walton, strolled into the room. He took up the defence of the prisoners out of sympathy for them, and roundly scored Andrus for his continual poaching upon the taxpayers of the county by causing the arrest of many innocent men. It is needless to say that Mr. Sewell's argument liberated the prisoners, and Andrus was for once, at least, cheated of his prize. — *Unadilla Times*.

Vanderburg Relief Corps, No. 58.

For the first time we have been called upon to pay our last respects to one of our number. Death has entered our ranks and taken from our midst Samantha Adams, a highly respected member, who, in the short time she has been numbered with us, has expressed so much interest in our work that while we bow in humble submission to the will of God, let us emulate her example and be more faithful in the discharge of our duties we owe to one another and the cause which we espouse.

We tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, and commend them to the One whose wisdom is diviner than ours. In acknowledgement of the esteem in which we hold our sister's memory, let our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes and also sent to the family of our beloved sister.

Dated, Afton, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1895.

FIDELIA LINGEE, JENNIE L. REED, LILIAN K. LORV. Committee.

The Oxford Home.

The state of New York some time ago decided to build a veterans' home, and Oxford was chosen for the site. Matters connected with the erection of the home have so far progressed that Architect Perry has advertised for proposals for furnishing materials and performing the work. Proposals are also required for the steam heating apparatus and plumbing of the same. The building, which will be of cottage style, will have a frontage of 78 feet, and extend back 130 feet. It is to be built of hard burned unpressed brick, with trimmings of Oxford blue stone. To the left of the front of the building will be a tower, and a broad veranda adjoining the front and both sides of the front wing. The building is to be surmounted by a flag staff fifty feet high from the roof. The roof is to be slate with terra cotta grain Georgia pine, and the stairways will be fire proof. The building is required to be enclosed and protected from frost by January 1, 1896, and completed on or before May 15th next.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure, habitual consumption, well-formed people will not buy other laxatives which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

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Personal Paragraphs.

H. J. Andrus and wife were in Oxford, Thursday.

C. H. Emens and family spent Sunday at Castle Creek.

J. H. Nickerson left for New York, Friday evening, on business.

Mrs. C. H. McLane, of Corning, is visiting her brother, Geo. Hoag.

Mrs. R. C. Spencer, of Bainbridge, spent Sunday at "Walnut Place."

Mrs. Frank Horton returned to her home in Nineveh, Friday evening.

Miss Alma Ireland, of Cooperstown Junction, is visiting Afton friends.

Miss Georgia MacDonald, of Deposit, visited Afton friends last week.

Leroy Brown, of Union, a former clothier in this place, is calling on Afton friends.

W. E. Hyde is in Rochester this week, purchasing nursery stock for the fall delivery.

Geo. Russell left, Monday morning, for a business and pleasure trip in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. Osborn, of Binghamton, spent Sunday at the home of Miss Anna Gregory, on Academy street.

Clayton McNutt, night operator at Sanitaria Springs, spent Sunday with his grandfather, G. M. Champlin.

Miss Carrie Olendorf is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Olendorf, in Athens, Pa.

Ransom Merrill, of Page Brook, is visiting at L. J. Merrill's, on Spring street.

W. A. Blair, of Castle Creek, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Emens.

Frank Fairchilds and family, of Oneonta, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Editor and Mrs. N. E. Barton attended the Gilbert-Fresiot wedding at Bainbridge to-day, (Wednesday.)

R. A. Chamberlin and wife returned, Saturday evening, from a visit with friends in Milford and Portlandville.

Mrs. S. A. Barton, Mrs. Ida Babcock and daughter, Jessie, and Mrs. Ada Gates, of Susquehanna, are visiting at Editor N. E. Barton's.

Rev. G. B. Raymond and family, who have been spending some time at the home of G. M. Caswell, returned to their home in Conklin Centre, Saturday.

Mr. Murphy, the Catholic priest of Oneonta, was in town Monday, called here to administer to the wants of Jas. Dugherty, who is lying at the point of death.

Mrs. T. L. Willey and sister, Mrs. Lite, of Centre Village, enjoyed an overland trip to Walton, Sunday, where they will spend several days visiting friends.

O. E. Sackett, Jr., and Dr. C. A. Sackett and wife rode their wheels to the Parlor city Saturday. On their return, Sunday, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. DeWitt.

Mrs. A. C. Landers accompanied her sister, Mrs. Hulbert, who has been visiting Afton relatives, to her home in Center Village, Saturday evening, where she will spend the week.

Rev. and Mrs. John Davis, of Hallstead, Pa., were in Afton last week visiting relatives. Mr. Davis left for his home Saturday to attend to his pastoral duties. Mrs. Davis will remain in town a few days.

Homer B. Rowe and wife were pleasant guests at the home of C. B. Yaple, on Spring street, last week. When Mr. and Mrs. Rowe left their home in the state of Wyoming two weeks ago, snow lay six inches deep on the ground,—an unusual occurrence for this time of the year.

Dr. Milne, of the Oneonta Normal, will sail for Europe, Oct. 17, where he will spend three months.

What an ordinary man eats and the way he eats it would be enough to give dyspepsia to an ostrich—unless the ostrich were wise enough to assist his digestion from time to time with an efficient combination of vegetable extracts.

Such a preparation is Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are the pills par excellence for those who sometimes eat the wrong things and too much. They stimulate action in all of the digestive organs. They stop sour stomach, windy belchings, heartburn, flatulence and cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache and kindred derangements.

They are gentle, but prompt in removing offending matter from the stomach and bowels, and have none of the unpleasant features of other pills. They do not gripe and cause no violent shock to the system.

One little "Pellet" is a laxative. Two are mildly cathartic. One taken after dinner insures perfect digestion, sound sleep and an absence of foul breath in the morning.

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Same goods we sold at 38c last year, we can sell you now at 25c a yd. Scotch plaids from 15 to 60c a yd.

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Afton, Chenango Co., N. Y.

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C. J. FULLER, President.

Dr. E. A. GOODSELL, Sec'y.