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Chenango and Adjoining Counties.

State Fair at Syracuse, Aug. 23-26. The receipts of a recent band social at Sidney were \$13.

An apple tree at Scarles Hill contains fruit and blossoms.

The *Davenport Standard* has entered on its third year. It well represents its locality.

The West Laurens creamery netted its patrons 58 cents per hundred for the May dividend.

The first National bank of West Winfield has voted to reduce its capital from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

A fire in Bainbridge partially damaged Gilbert Manufacturing company's paint shop at Bainbridge, recently.

A cave has been discovered near Cooperstown which is supposed to be the one alluded to in Cooper's novels.

The D. & H. R.R. has renewed the custom of presenting bouquets on Oneonta to all lady passengers on through trains.

The *Sidney Advocate* has printed 1,500 ribbon badges for use at the coming firemen's tournament to be held here in Sidney.

The town of Sidney has raised \$700 to entertain the Delaware County Firemen's association in that place on August 3rd and 4th.

The new letter registry law, which renders the government responsible for losses to the amount of \$10 went into force July 1st.

Ladies in Sidney are having a public drinking fountain erected on one on one street corners of that village, to cost \$270.

Ernest Burke, of Bouckville, spent two days at Sylvan Beach last week and he carried home 100 pike the smallest of which would weigh two pounds.

An exchange remarks that the little girl, born the other day on the Empire State Express, had the best start in life ever recorded—about a mile a minute.

Feeding tramps nowadays finds, on proper consideration, no justification. It only encourages one of the worst evils that infests the country, says the Binghamton Chronicle.

The railroad officials are considering the question of equipping all their passenger coaches with the Ludlow muckle car coupler, one of the very best on the market.—*Otsego Farmer*.

Base ball: Athletics of Cooperstown 11, Richfield 9; Athletics 13, Richfield 8; Athletics 3, Athletics 3; Cuban X-giants 2, Brookfield 22, Sangersfield 12; Bainbridge 20, Edmeston 10.

The last legislature appropriated \$6,000 to search for Indian relics in this state. An old fort on the Nichols farm near Mile Strip is to be excavated. The work is in charge of A. G. Richmond, of Canajoharie.

For the remainder of this month the Oneonta car shops will run on full time. The order may be permanent, but is supposed to be attributable to the increased demand for D. & H. coal, resulting from the strike in other fields.

There remains about ten thousand dollars necessary to secure the completion of the Oneonta and Otsego Valley railroad. The amount should be raised at an early date and work on the road commenced.—*Oneonta Star*.

An annual eclipse of the sun will occur on the 29th of the present month. It will be only partial to the people living in North America, south of the 56th parallel of latitude, and the darkest shadows falling on Mexico and Cuba.

On Saturday the 10th, four trains, each drawn by two engines, brought 1,500 city boarders to Liberty. It was the largest influx of city people arriving there in one day in the history of the boarding business of that village.

At Altamont, on the northern extremity of the Helderberg mountain, near Albany, it is claimed that rain never falls. The spot is but a few miles square and consists of a hotel and cottages occupied by Albany business men during the summer.

We have heard of a young man, whose parents won't buy him a bicycle, who is going to make one for himself by using the frame of his mind, the wheels of his head, the seat of his pants, the rubber of his neck, and a part of that tired feeling.—*Ex.*

Work is being pushed rapidly forward on Maj. James L. Gilbert's new house. Quite a force of men are now at work there. Masons are laying the stone and brickwork. A car-load of very fine brick arrived from Mechanicsville this week.—*Otsego Journal*

Miss Mary E. Fuller left Monday for Lexington, Mass., to enter the summer school for vocal music. Miss Fuller has done splendid work as teacher of music in our school and we are glad the Board has engaged her for the coming year.—*New Berlin Gazette*.

F. L. Jackson on "Fairview Farm" reports that from 567 pounds of milk he made 93 1/2 pounds of unsalted butter. For the month of June he had ten cows up to the tenth and eleven cows the rest of the month and he made 405 1/2 pounds of butter.—*Otsego Journal*.

The people of Stamford are to be congratulated on the fine condition in which the building and grounds of Stamford Seminary are now in. Painters are now at work painting the building, which will present a very attractive appearance when completed.—*Recorder*.

Rev. Laurence Sinclair preached his farewell sermon at Christ Church Sunday evening to a large congregation, taking as his subject the words, "The End of all Things." Mr. Sinclair and his family left town on Tuesday for Huntsville, Canada, where he will remain for a time before entering upon the work of the ministry in a new field.—*Otsego Journal*.

There is every indication at this writing, that James Ferguson of Pittsfield, has the premium oat-field of Otsego county. Mr. Ferguson brought to our office a sample of the growing crop, which he claims is a fair average of the entire field, upon which the kernel was growing for at least thirteen inches, and he thinks that if the army-worm and rust will let him alone he will be able to harvest eighty or ninety bushels to the acre.—*Gazette*.

A tame crow belonging to a family near Brookfield was discovered recently leaving the house with a spoon of silk in his beak. The crow fled to a grove near its home. An investigation resulted in finding concealed in an old stump gold thimbles, rings, spoons and many other small articles, including the spoon of silk, which had been stolen from the house by the crow. The thefts had been credited to tramps.

Financial Report of South New Berlin Union School, 1895 and 1896.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last report's	\$280.00
Received from Regent's Dept.	103 23
Academic fund	103 23
Received from Regent's Dept. duplication of books and apparatus purchased	109 46
Received from Supervisor, town of Morris	19 61
Received from Supervisor, town of Butterwuts	16 30
Received from Supervisor, town of New Berlin	353 37
Received from district tax	800 26
Received from tuition	69 20
	\$1671 79

EXPENDITURES.	
E. R. Holmes	\$600 00
Emma F. Sage	288 00
Maggie Robison	288 00
Teachers wages	\$1176 00
Apparatus	151 39
Books	56 53
Wm. Bowers, janitor	48 22
Linn Parker, janitor	1 78
A. A. Ainsworth, printing	5 00
John Smith, labor and repairs	5 73
E. R. Holmes, making report	9 00
Lee Stevens, 16 cords of wood	30 00
H. D. Cole & Son's, for coal	54 68
Wm. Deitz, for printing	12 00
J. L. Berry & Co., supplies	17 19
Parker & Wightman	4 25
Fixtures and supplies	9 38
L. E. Dixon, medical examination	1 00
L. E. Dixon, making tax list and telephone	2 20
O. Smeader, supplies	11 98
A. A. Ainsworth, furniture	4 00
W. D. Belden, labor	3 60
E. R. Holmes, express, postage and chemicals	4 38
A. J. Payne, printing	6 75
Benj. Wightman, paid express on book	4 11
A. Witbeck, trunk officer	8 00
H. D. Cole, express on apparatus	2 30
Postage	30
Balance on hand	57 92

\$1671 79
BENJ. WIGHTMAN, Pres.
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Cairo, in the Catskills.

July 19, 1897.

Friend Payne.

Having a few leisure moments and thinking that perhaps a letter from the Catskills might interest you, I will endeavor to give you a brief account of the condition of the country, etc.

Here we are once more in Cairo, in the heart of the famous Catskill mountains, domiciled in the office of the *Cairo Herald*, where we have labored for nearly four years, altogether. Here we are rushed with work; three hands are kept busy every day, including the editor G. W. Squires. The boarding season is at its height, now, and boarding house keepers are delivering their circulars, envelopes, etc., printed and there is a great number of them. But this is not the only busy place in town. The steam bottling works run by J. L. Jacobs is also a scene of much activity. Here a large number of men are constantly employed, manufacturing and bottling soda water, ginger ale, and sarsaparilla, etc. The water used in the manufacture of these goods is pumped from an 80-ft. well by a wind-mill. From now until Sept. 1st it will be necessary to run these works night and day in order to supply the demand. A number of teams are also kept busy delivering these goods.

At Purling, a place about 1 1/2 miles distant from Cairo village, three souvenir bazars are in operation, turning out souvenirs of the Catskills; such as mountain staffs, vases, and fancy articles of every description. These articles are all turned from wood and find a ready sale among the city people.

During the week before last the heat was intense; the thermometer registering as high as 102 degrees in the shade. But Sunday afternoon, the 11th inst., a terrific thunder shower visited us and cooled the atmosphere, so that it was possible to keep cool, providing you sat still. During the day previous to the shower a Polander, who had been working for a farmer about two miles from this village, disappeared, but nothing strange was thought of the matter until Sunday forenoon, when a couple of boys found him by the roadside, dead. A coroner was at once summoned, who pronounced his death due to sunstroke. For some cause he was left lying where found until Monday forenoon last, when the village undertaker, assisted by two or three men, removed the corpse and buried it. It was so far decayed that they were compelled to use poles to roll it into the box.

The boarding business thus far has been unusually light and will no doubt be a snarl and very poor season, due, principally, we think, to the hard times. Saturday last the 4:25 P. M. train, which connects with the Day Boat, brought five well-filled passenger coaches. Upwards of about 75 teams were crowded around the depot waiting for them, and the summer girls, the over-worked business men, (seeking rest and quiet), and men of leisure, with their families, were soon whirled away to their respective boarding places.

Eggs are retailing for 12 cents per dozen, and butter at 10 and 12 cents per pound. These prices are unusually small for this season of the year and do not benefit the farmers very much. Black caps, red raspberries and running berries are very plentiful. Crops are doing nicely and there is a prospect of a good yield of all farm produce.

And now I will close, for this time, and if acceptable, will write again in the near future. Yours for success,

H. L. BETTS.

A Heavenly Phenomenon.

"Ships and the shadows of ships hanging in the motionless air."—*Lonsfellow*.

Those who were out last evening at the time that the moon was rising, witnessed a very peculiar cloud. This cloud was an exact representation of a ship's boat going in a northerly direction. To all appearances the boat was filled with twelve people and it seemed to the on-lookers that their bodies were in motion as if rowing. In the bow of the boat was what looked like a flagstaff from which floated some kind of a signal. We have heard many people discussing the matter, but no one is able to give an explanation that will explain the miracle. The mirage lasted about fifteen minutes.—*Chenango Telegraph*.

OBITUARY.

BY BENJAMIN C. GARDNER.

The town of New Lisbon lost one of its most prominent citizens Saturday, by the death of Prof. Benjamin C. Gardner, a man well known throughout the county.

For fifty-five years he had been a school teacher, and his labors have been attended with success. It was only about a year since that he retired from his profession, and then, to the regret of all connected with the New Lisbon school, from which he retired.

His life has ever been a noble example for the young people with whom he has been associated, and extensive is the number of men and women who were benefited by his influence, having been his students at some time during his long and useful career.

New Lisbon was his birthplace and has always been his home. He was 81 years of age and, until within a few months, has been in excellent health, and in full possession of all his faculties. So perfect was his physical condition that, during his many years of teaching, he was not absent a single day on account of illness. He has always been engaged in schools about the vicinity of his home and principally in that village. At one time, several years ago, he was school commissioner of the Second Otsego district.

He has been married twice. His first wife, who was Julia Card, died in 1875 and several years afterward he married Nancy Kinney, who died in 1892. His first wife bore seven children, three of whom are living: William, of Oneonta, and Lewis and Horace, who lived with him. He is also survived by two sisters who reside at New Lisbon.

His death, which occurred at 4 P. M. Saturday, was caused by diabetes. His funeral was held from his late home, at 11 o'clock Monday, and interment made at Hillington cemetery. The news of Prof. Gardner's death will be received with deep regret by a very large number of friends, and to the relatives sympathy is generally extended.—*Oneonta Star*.

The Credit System.

The editor of a western paper thus expresses his views for which there is good foundation fact: The credit system is with us—if there is any fellow here whom it isn't with, we would like to here from him before this subject is dropped,—and being with us, we must treat it as we do our poor relations; do the best we can with it. Overproduction may be what ails us, underconsumption is perhaps the root of all our evils, or the crime of '73 may be the cause of our slow death, readjustment of the tariff may be the correct tonic, or free coinage 16 to 1 the proper laxative for our business constitution; but if this wholesale, indiscriminate credit system had never taken root among us, our condition would be long leagues ahead of where it is today. This settled habit of living on what we expect to make next year, could not be expected to bring different results from those now surrounding us.—*Oneonta Star*.

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