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## ALL AROUND US.

There is no good reason why county prisoners should be boarded in idleness, when they could be used profitably on the highways. The men would be benefited physically, and a sentence to the county jail would be more of a punishment, for labor, rather than idleness, were to be the lot of prisoners.—Onondaga Star.

Another raid has been made on the fish pirates of Oneida lake the past week. In all ten nets were captured and destroyed.

James A. Cowan of New Kingston, set his dog on a neighbor's bull to drive the animal home. Instead his bullship made a straight line for Cowan's kitchen, where he frightened the women nearly into hysterics.

Miss Adelaide Emden of Utica, ran a silver from a plank sidewalk into her foot two weeks ago. Lockjaw set in and she died in great agony last week.

Thomas R. Proctor, proprietor of the Old Spring House at Richfield Springs, received last week from James G. Grindley of the State Comptroller's office a present of a very valuable relic of the Civil War. It is a piece of the foot of the apple tree under which General Lee waited for the escort to General Grant's headquarters, where the final surrender of the Confederate forces was made. The souvenir has been carried into a piece resembling a Maltese cross and is encased in a silver mounting bearing the inscription "Col. J. G. Grindley, 146, N. Y. V."

Another action for sidewalk damages was commenced against the city of Little Falls last week. Mrs. Helen Miller demands the payment by the city of \$2,000 damages. She alleges that on the 17th of December, 1901, she fell on the city walk and broke her right leg above the ankle. The place where Mrs. Miller claims to have fallen and the sidewalk complained of is the same on which Mrs. Franks brought an action for \$2,000 against the city the week before.

Maurice N. Rowe, for the past four years traveling representative for the hop firm of T. Rosenwald & Co. of New York, and for sixteen years prior thereto with George L. Wilber, has accepted a like position with Charles S. May & Co. of Albany, one of the oldest and best known firms of hop dealers in the country. Mr. Rowe assumes his new duties on August 1st.

Six mouse were last week brought from Canadian forests, by the association for the restoration of mouse in the Adirondacks, and put out at the Onondaga road three miles from Eagle Bay, Fourth Lake. When the mouse were taken out from the big cages they showed considerable fight. By the following day had wandered a considerable distance into the woods and away from the railroad.

The large Remington farm with its mammoth stock buildings, located a short distance east of Canastota, has been sold again, the bid time in less than six months. The new purchase is Thos. C. Trimble and the price paid was near \$22,000 which represents, we presume, only a portion of the cost of the buildings.

A year ago William Yale, an Arden farmer, lost a pocketbook containing \$750. Tuesday last week, while working in a hay barn a neighbor found the money in the hay where it had evidently been lost while Yale was storing away hay last summer.

The Franklin Bros. creamery at Franklin, came near to a serious collapse last week. It appears that the heavy slate roof, together with the weight of 2,000 butter boxes stored in the loft and resting on girders were too great a strain for the structure, and the consequence was that the spikes were drawn that held the joist to the front plate, which let the building spread and the roof sag in the center about three feet.

Only about 65 bushels of fruit were harvested from the Hodge and Nelson cherry orchards near Cobleskill this year, which proves to be a very small crop for this locality. Last year the orchards yielded about 75 bushels.

Norwich Sun: Upwards of \$50,000 will be paid out here by various local industries this week. Prominent among this number is the Borden condenser, O. & W. and Lackawanna railroads, hammer factory and silk mill.

Ida Youmans of Onondaga has a cinchona vine growing on her front veranda that has made a growth of nine inches a day for the past few days.

It required about two newspaper columns to publish the list of arrivals of summer guests at Stamford last week.

The Waterville canning factory has put up about 400,000 cans of peas.

Mrs. H. B. Sewell of Sidney Centre, has a familar rose bush on which are 1,400 blossoms.

The deposit foundry shut down last Saturday on account of the inability to obtain coal. The Nutrient company of Rockport, was obliged to suspend operations Monday for the same reason.

Eston, Randolphville, Solersville and Smyrna are extensive pea growing sections. Last year for a period of nearly two weeks, train 6 on the O. & U., carried a car load daily into the New York market.

A Halcott man went to Arkville after a load of summer boarders, left asleep while waiting for the train and a rival boarding house keeper captured the guests.

Dr. J. W. Sheffield of Binghamton, and James L. Clark of Sidney, left last week for Mexico, where they will investigate the rubber industry in the interest of Binghamton capitalists. They expect to be absent some time.

The Onondaga Telephone Company has completed a double copper circuit to West Onondaga, where it has made connections with the Morris line, and now has exclusive service with the latter and intermediate places. The recently organized Davis Telephone Company, which is to operate in Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Schoenectady and Albany counties, will also connect with the Onondaga Company.

Representatives of all the independent telephone lines of the state will meet in Rochester on Friday, July 25th, for the purpose of formulating a traffic agreement, whereby the independent lines of the state will be able to give long distance service, thus competing with the Bell in one of its strongest features. After a state long distance service is perfected it is likely that the independent systems of the various states will be placed in a position to give as good a long distance service as the Bell now gives across the continent.

The dead body of Nelson Delinguis, a Swede about 50 years of age, who for several years has made his home near Chateaugay, was found in a barn near that village last Monday. He was of dissipated habits and was supported mainly by remittances received from time to time from Europe, where his family are believed to be wealthy. He lived a solitary life and had been dead several days when found.

John Hurley, of Canajoharie, aged 28 years, last week Thursday fell a distance of 110 feet while working on a circular chimney being built by the Amsterdam street railroad on the power house just west of Amsterdam. Hurley will recover although he is badly injured. The accident was due to a bucket striking a scaffold carrying it from its fastening. Three other workmen saved themselves by grasping an iron pipe.

At a special term of court, Judge Andrews presiding, in Syracuse, Saturday, July 12, the name of the Remington Standard Typewriter Company was changed to the Remington Typewriter Company.

J. H. Gayton of Bradford, Pa., an expert oil prospector has been over the territory about Ilion, in company with the committee appointed by the Oil and Gas Well Company. Mr. Gayton has drilled over 350 wells for the Standard Oil Co., and believes that the conditions at Ilion are very favorable for oil but at what depth he cannot say. The 300 shares of stock have all been taken and the stock is in the hands of the treasurer. As soon as collection on the stock warrants work will be commenced.

The work of trenching and tunneling at Chenango Lake which has been going on during the greater part of the time for the past year, for the Norwalk Works company, is at last completed and the main conduit for conveying water from the lake to the reservoirs of the company is ready for use, whenever the management deems it proper to use it.

Mrs. George S. Betts, who resides near Greene, washed, a fine lace collar and laid it on the grass near the house today. Later the collar was missing and after several days' search it was found neatly woven into a robin's nest in the branches of a maple tree.

Work has already commenced on the new shops at Onondaga. Last week a force of men began to tear down some buildings to make way for the additions.

Geo. L. Gibbs, has been taken into the law firm of Gibbs & Wilbur of Onondaga, and hereafter the firm name will be Gibbs, Wilbur & Gibbs.

County Judge J. W. Barnum of Cherry Valley, Hon. Nathan Bridges of Morris and Geo. W. Mulford of Unadilla, the commission recently appointed to appraise the value of the Dr. Blend property, required for the Main street bridge at Onondaga, met at supreme court chambers, Thursday, and completed the evidence upon the case. Valuations varied from \$500 to \$1,500. The commission decided on \$500 as a fair figure for the village to pay.

During an altercation last week Monday between Geo. Lefleur and Hermon Amos, joint tenants on a farm in Massena, Lefleur was killed by a blow struck by Amos with a milking stool. Amos was arrested and is now in custody. Both men are married and have large families.

Samuel L. Hoxie who was one of the most prominent and respected residents of Leonardsville, died at his home about 6 p. m. Sunday.

The amount received at St. Mary's church, in Little Falls, Sunday, was \$4,983. This was the beginning of the annual subscription for the support of the church and was a very large offering. The subscription will be resumed next Sunday when sufficient will no doubt be added to make it one of the largest annual subscriptions in the history of the church.

Judson Dorst of Delhi, recently took pity on a tramp and gave him a night's lodging. In the morning Mr. Dorst found his guest missing, also \$14, which was the night of the road look with him.

Last year the bank tax in Madison amounted to \$2,742.04 and under the direction of the board of supervisors this amount was placed in the county contingent fund instead of being credited to the several localities wherein it was collected. A demand was made that the city of Oneida be credited with her share of this amount, \$695.81, but under the direction of the board of supervisors the County Treasurer declined so to do. The city will now bring action for this amount.

Watson's smallpox epidemic is about over. There are no new cases and all patients are convalescing. Services in the churches were resumed on Sunday.

Last week two well dressed, sleek looking individuals drove into West Winfield. They called at the home of a well-to-do elderly lady, examined her eyes, frightened her into becoming blind, and sold a cheap pair of "Russian diamond" spectacles for \$25 in cash and two pairs of glasses. A common trick of these traveling optical frauds is to make the wearers believe that they cannot see as well through the glasses they have been wearing every day as through some the peddler has to sell. The wearers' glasses are wiped with a corner of the handkerchief that has had linseed oil put on it. This leaves an almost imperceptible film over the glass that gives objects seen through it a smoky appearance. Of course the green eye is instantly convinced that the peddler's glasses are the best and buys a pair greatly inferior to the old ones at a considerably higher price. And the chances are ten to one that the peddler will walk away with the old glasses.

John Canahley, fireman on the Susquehanna Milk train, proved himself a hero a few days ago. As the train approached Franklin Furnace, running at high speed on a down grade, a little child, not more than eighteen months old, was seen playing on the track. Realizing that the train could not be stopped in time to save the child, the brave fireman ran out on the footboard, braced himself on the cow catcher with a firm grasp on a cross piece, and as the train neared the child he reached out, grasped it and swung it to a place of safety on the pilot.

Fruit growers complaining that apples and plums are rapidly falling from the trees and if they continue to drop there will be none left soon.

M. Du Parc, proprietor of the French cheese establishment, arrived in Sidney last week, from Havre. During his absence abroad the factory has been enlarged and business is increasing. Mr. Du Parc expects to leave for France in September and return again in December.

The tax payers of Fonda will hold a special election on the 29th to vote on the proposition to acquire and purchase an additional water supply and water rights for the inhabitants thereof, from the Fonda waterworks company. The cost is not to exceed \$32,000, for which sum the village will bond itself.

Albert Morris of Stockwell, while looking for some cattle in a swamp between last, last week. A hard shower came on, causing the darkness to be so dense he could not decide the directions. People turned out in masses from Stockwell and North Brookfield. He was found near the river sitting on a stump about one o'clock, surrounded with water, being soaked to the skin. Those who went to his assistance waded in water and mud above their rubber boots.

Last Friday a young man named La Fleur, who was employed on the farm of Wm. Babcock in the town of Fort Covington, was fatally gored by a bull. La Fleur went to the pasture to drive up the cows at milking time and was attacked by the vicious animal, which made a rush for him as soon as he approached. No one was near to go to the help of the injured man and the bull continued to toss and gore his victim until fatal injuries were inflicted.

A curious freak of nature was witnessed a few days ago by Augustus Burlyette of Brookfield. A pear tree in his yard that blossomed in the spring was in bloom for a second time last week, many of the blossoms being several inches in diameter. Fruit men say this is unprecedented in their observation.

Over \$700 worth of felines have been shipped from the Akin cattery since January last. And yet some people find it difficult to give cats away; there is a difference in cats.—Amsterdam Sentinel.

Mrs. Samira A. Padgett of Guilford, Chenango, aged seventy-two years, has within a few years knit fifty-four large rugs, piece numerous bedspreads, besides helping with the housework wherever she happened to be and in the meantime has nursed two broken wrists.

Much to the regret of the congregation and friends in Fort Plain, Rev. Arnold S. Yantis has resigned the pastorate of the Universalist church in Fort Plain to accept a call to the Universalist church at Auburn. His duties in Auburn will begin with the first Sunday in September.

There are hundreds of deer in Sullivan county and very many have been seen during the past two weeks. At present the law protects them, but after Nov. 1st, and for fifteen days they will be at the mercy of hunters and will be slaughtered like sheep.

Little Falls gentlemen who have been in New York recently saw and conversed with Mrs. Hadley Jones, who it is said has a clerical position in that city. Just where the much-sought-for Hadley is no man knows.

The Nelson-Dedick Felt Company is the name of a new corporation that will shortly be doing business at Middleville, Herkimer county. The business of the corporation will be to manufacture all grades of felt from hair and felt down. It will use the plant formerly conducted by the Nelson Knitting Company.

James Storie is sawyer at Northrup's mill at Pine, Delaware county. Just after starting up at the end of the month last week, something went wrong with the saw and Mr. Northrup went down under the machine to fix it without stopping it. While at work he inadvertently raised his head slightly so that it came in contact with the swiftly revolving saw. He is an experienced man, and instinctively, almost before the terrible teeth touched, he ducked his head just in time to save his life, but not until a cut four inches long had been made across the top of his head. That he was not instantly killed is a great wonder.

The will of Dr. Selden H. Talcott, late superintendent of the State hospital at Middletown, which has just been admitted to probate at Goshen, leaves a fund to the Union school at Waterville, to provide for the continuation of prizes in recitation and declamation, founded by Dr. Talcott twenty-eight years ago.

John Bell, of Stamford, who is employed as a Pullman Parlor Car Conductor, has been assigned as Conductor of the N. Y. Central's new train, "20th Century Limited" which runs between New York and Chicago.

Wm. G. Mills of Schenectady, until recently pitching ball for Montreal, in the Eastern League, leaves, in a day or two, for Los Angeles, Cal., having been offered a more lucrative position with the Los Angeles team.

The career of M. Shanessy of Morris, the veteran dispenser of cigars and notions, a familiar sight about this section for over a third of a century, will be seen no more, the horses having been sold to C. K. Rose of Portlandville, and the other articles of the outfit disposed of to other parties. Mr. Shanessy will, hereafter, however, use the more modern system of travel—steam and trolley car.

The white-metal spoon fakir visited Richmondville last week. The Phoenix says: "He sold \$37.00 worth of spoons in about an hour and made a clean profit of over \$55. Our own merchants are selling these same spoons at 15 and 25 cents a dozen and they can buy them for a dollar a gross."

Cluett & Sons, proprietors of the popular music store at Albany, have decided to place a branch store at Onondaga. This firm has established branch stores in eight other cities, and gained an enviable reputation through their fair dealings, and in the center of the musical store handle. The new firm will open the store on or before September 1st, in the store formerly occupied by Rowe & Lane in the Westcott block.

A few days ago, while he was at work in his garden, E. F. Howard of Bridge-water, found a rare and old coin. It is evidently one of the first coins made by the United States. On the face of the coin is a picture of the sun with the date 1787 and a word that looks like "Fugio." At the bottom of the face are the words, "Mind your Business," and in the center are the numbers from one to thirteen. The back of the coin contains a chain of thirteen links surrounding the words, "We are one," and other words that cannot be deciphered.

Dave Fultz captain of the Richfield Springs base ball club when they were in the three cornered series with the Gillams and Cooperstown club, and who won fame as the great halfback for the Brown University eleven several years ago, has been engaged as coach for the Lafayette College team. Fultz, when in college, was a member of the All-American team, and last fall he successfully coached the Homestead eleven of Philadelphia.

C. W. Lewis, Jr. of Onondaga, caught a fish hook in the ball of his eye while fishing last week. He was taken to Albany Hospital and the hook removed by Dr. McGill, but it was impossible to keep the liquids of the eye from escaping. These may be restored by nature, but the result is very doubtful.

An Oxford woman sent a can of pickles to a sister in Walton one day last week. To guard against breakage in transit she wrapped the can in a pair of her husband's old trousers. Later it was found that the husband had stored 880 in the pockets of the same pair of old trousers for safe keeping, and there was wailing and gnashing of teeth until the money was located. For some time she thought the valuable garments had been disposed of to a rag peddler, and a whole day was consumed in searching his stack of rags.

An official of the rural free delivery service of the post office department was in New Berlin, last week for the purpose of laying out three new routes. Two routes have been laid out from the Bainbridge post office.

Saturday afternoon, as a D. & H. train was approaching Otsego, the porter of the Pullman car saw a lad throw a stone, which crashed through both windows near the rear part of the car. Detective Goodrich, who chanced to be on the train, went back and apprehended the boy, a young Italian, aged about 9 years. The boy was walked home, where his father took to interfere in the boy's behalf to prevent the mother from thrashing him too severely. The boy was taken before a justice of the peace.

The Milford National Bank declared its first dividend last week. This is two years in advance of the time set by the directors when the bank was established.

## A \$500,000 MORTGAGE.

There was recorded in Herkimer Co. Clerk's office last week a mortgage given by the Royal Gem Mills Co. to the Massachusetts Trust Co., of Boston. The Royal Gem Company is the company that recently purchased the Gem Knitting Mill in Herkimer and the mortgage covers that plant and also the Royal Mill plant at St. Johnsville owned by the same company. The mortgage is given to secure the payment of an issue of \$500,000 gold bonds, divided into five hundred bonds of \$1,000 each with interest payable semiannually at the rate of five per cent. an annum.

## DAVIS COMPANY INCORPORATED.

The Davis Telephone Company of Keight, has been incorporated at Albany, to operate between Delhi and other places in Delaware county; Waterville and other places in Otsego county; Cobleskill and other places in Schoharie county; Delanson and Duane, Schoenectady county; the villages of Altamont, Slingerland and Delmar, Albany county; also to Binghamton and places in Chenango and Broome county. Capital, \$10,000 and directors: Ferris E. Davis, James P. Penfield, Andrew J. Nicoll, of Delhi, and others.

## STORM'S GREAT DAMAGE.

## LOSS OF LIFE AT AFTON AND HARPURSVILLE.

Dams Washed out, Bridges Carried Away—Highways Rendered Impassable.

This section of the state has rarely ever seen such a down pour of rain as fell here from Saturday morning until Monday night. The heaviest part of the long storm occurred on Sunday afternoon, when the very flood gates of heaven seemed to be wide open. No part of the county or in fact of the State seemed to escape from the deluge, although, of course, conditions and circumstances rendered the damage greater in some localities than in others. Few if any towns in the county suffered more from the storm than Morris. For a distance of six miles up and down the Butternut valley, pine bridges were carried away, this included the bridge at the Elliott farm, the one lower down at the Apin farm and the one at Morris Manor. Many hill roads were washed out so badly as to be impassable. The several small brooks and the Butternut creek which flow through the village were torrents. The main streets were flooded to a depth of one foot. Logs, boards, telephone poles, bars, rails, chairs, gates, barrels, houses, etc., were carried away by the rushing waters and deposited on lawns. Hundreds of dollars will be required to replace destroyed stone, plank and gravel sidewalks as well as private lawns which were torn up or strewn with debris. One lively barn was flooded, and the side of the barn was torn down in order to rescue horses and wagons. Morris never saw such a condition before.

A cloud burst struck Edinboro, Monday afternoon. Our reporter at that place says: Monday afternoon at about four o'clock, a cloud burst, a few miles north of Edinboro and the water came in torrents following the creek which flows through the central part of the village. Harpur Chase was out in a row boat near where the rush of water started, and without a moment's warning the boat was overturned and he was carried under the mill and some distance farther, when he was rescued. Mr. Chase suffered severe injuries but is reported to be recovering. Several gardens on the east side of North street were entirely destroyed, and the loss to merchants whose property came in contact with the high water, is estimated at several hundred dollars. The heaviest losers are C. W. Hopkins, W. L. Cooke and C. A. Talbot.

Great damage was done at Gilbertsville. Our reporter there describes the storm as follows:

During the storm last Sunday afternoon the brook running through this village with a large volume of water brought down trees and other obstacles which after safely passing under the arch bridge on Marion avenue and the foot bridge in the park, lifted from its foundation the iron bridge on Green street and after carrying it some rods left it anchored to some small trees. The bridge on the flat near Hesperus and the Thompson bridge on the road to Morris were carried away. C. F. Bushnell says a great many tons of hay went over his dam. It is reported that the bridge at the foot of the hill in South New Berlin is carried away and the street covered four feet deep with gravel and stones.

Andrew Briggs' meadow, near the cove, is two feet under water at present writing. It is said that 25 acres of meadow on the J. H. Gilbert home farm is ruined, being covered with gravel stones, trees, timber and other refuse. The new Gilbert block came near being undermined. Olin Gager's garden on Green street was entirely under water. George Breese says that the chance shop on his lot by chaining it to a large tree.

At Laurens, Sunday evening, the low water and the factor's gave away precipitating a heavy quantity of water in the low lands below and flooding the cellars and grounds of all property along the banks of the creek. The water reached such a height that it covered the track of the trolley company at the curve near the residence of James N. Mead, and made a veritable sea of all that portion of the village. Nearly all the fowls of George T. Kidder, an extensive breeder, were drowned, as were also those of many others. The bridge in the village, near its foundation, and the highway bridge over Pool creek, near the Mulkins place, was carried down stream.

The trolley company's tracks suffered with other property by the excessive rains. The bridge near Davis' switch, between West Onondaga and Laurens, was partially undermined. At various other points much of the roadbed has been washed away.

The Onondaga Milling company suffered a large loss. The water, highest that it has been in recent years, in the Onondaga creek, washed down large quantities of stumps, logs, roots, etc., and these, becoming lodged in the bulkhead opposite Hunt street, practically destroyed the bulkhead and flume. In addition to this, a vast amount of gravel has been deposited in the race. These have resulted in reducing the pressure to that extent that the mill has closed down.

At Afton a house was carried away by the flood, and the occupants, a man, his wife and child, were drowned.

The mill-dam at I. W. Seely's saw mill, two miles west of the village, went out, carrying the entire mill and everything around it down stream. Lath, saw logs and saved timber were scattered over the entire valley from the dam to the river over two miles below. The heavy steel saw was seen the next day lying in the Taft mill pond, over a mile below the saw mill having been carried that distance by the rushing water.

The water from the liberated mill pond rushed down the narrow valley in a wall eight or ten feet deep, carrying with it everything in its path.

The Taft mill dam and old furniture factory, located about a mile above Afton, were carried down with the flood.

In the upper story of the old furniture factory, lived James Cook, his wife and child. A mile after 9 o'clock, a neighbor, heard Mr. Cook's people crying for help, as the factory was surrounded by water and their escape was cut off, but before help could arrive, a great wall of water, with floating debris, came down upon it, and it toppled over into the gorge.

The doomed occupants were heard to cry out as the building collapsed, but people and building were soon swallowed up and lost in the flood.

The first bell was rung and a search for the bodies began. Mrs. Cook's body was found about 11 o'clock, near Mr. Lobdell's barn, on Caswell street. The body of Mr. Cook was found Monday morning below the railroad bridge and, a little later, the child's body was discovered in the meadow above the bridge. They had floated three-fourths of a mile. The severe rains did great damage along the D. & H. tracks of that company suffering. A veteran engineer said, that the tracks from Onondaga to Binghamton were damaged more by the storm than at any time he has ever known.

On Saturday night a D. & H. train ran into a piece of under mined track near Harpurville, and the engine was hurled 50 feet down an embankment. Trainman Michael Ryan of Binghamton was instantly killed. Engineer McFarlane and Fireman Marsh sustained serious, but not fatal, injuries.

Traffic was suspended for 16 hours. A short distance west of Colliers a small landslide occurred and at Westwater the creek was very high, so that train crews were instructed to approach cautiously.

In fact from nearly every station reports of high water came, and damage done. Three freight crews, marked to leave Onondaga Sunday evening, were not allowed to go out after they reached the yard office, and all freight trains east from here Sunday night were annulled.

Our Worcester reporter says that in that town fifteen bridges, big and little, were either wholly or partly washed away by the recent heavy rains. This is only a part of the public loss. The damage to highways is also great, many hill roads being cut so as to be almost impassable.—Reporter.

## HAYING ACCIDENTS.

William Ferriss, a farmer living about three miles west of Sherburne, is in a critical condition as the result of a peculiar accident which took place Tuesday. Ferriss had been to a meadow to cut down some grass for his cattle and was returning to the house with the scythe over his shoulder when he tripped and fell, the blade of the scythe nearly severing his right leg at the knee joint. The ligaments and flesh on the under side of the leg were all that held it together.

Wesley Brusie a farmer near Hudson, met with a horrible death last Saturday. He went out to rake hay with a young horse, and as he was climbing into the seat the horse started, running at a high rate of speed and colliding with a tree. Mr. Brusie was caught between the tree and the rake and thrown to the ground, falling between the rake and the horse's hoofs. The animal backed and stepped on Mr. Brusie's chest, crushing it in. The horse took a second start, and this time the teeth of the rake fell upon the unfortunate man, crushing through his skull. It is believed that he was killed instantly, as he was dead a few minutes after when found by the farm hand. He was 70 years old.

John Tucker, who is working at haying on the Redding farm in Preston, Chenango county, met with a painful accident on Saturday. He was on a load of hay in the barn unloading with a horse hay fork; one of the harpoon kind, when it broke from its fastening in the roof and fell. In its descent, about forty feet, one line just grazed his shoulder and struck one of his legs, cutting a gash eight inches long. The young man was placed in a carriage and hastened to Norwich, where he was treated by a surgeon. Twelve stitches were taken in closing the wound, and he will be laid up for some time.

Mrs. Horace H. King, wife of the wealthy horse owner residing near Goshen, Orange county, mounted a hay rake on her husband's place and started the horse to operate the rake. After going a short distance because of a jolt, she was thrown off and fell under the horse's feet. The animal took fright and ran away. Mrs. King was caught in the teeth of the rake and turned over and over as the animal dashed across the field. It finally ran into a stone wall, tore itself loose and Mrs. King was rescued. Though badly bruised, her injuries are not serious.

Hiram Jenkins, aged 15 years, son of Charles Jenkins of Dryden brook, Delaware county, cut his ankle badly with a scythe, Wednesday last week. He was carrying the scythe and in getting over a fence stumbled and fell and the scythe cut it to the bone. The boy faintly twice from loss of blood before the doctor arrived. It required seven stitches of the surgeon's needle to sew up the wound.

Last week Wednesday forenoon about three miles west of Sherburne Harvey Reynolds, aged nine years, stood watching one of his older brothers mowing with two horses. One of the team stumbled into a woodchuck's hole and in the plunging and rearing to regain its balance so quickly swerved from the swath as to run Harvey down. The swiftly sliding knives struck the right leg an inch above the ankle and entirely severed the tibia, smashing to fragments three-quarters of an inch of the bone. An inch above this the bone was half cut into, and still higher was a serious flesh wound, and the leg was badly lacerated.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

The hearing before the commission to determine where the trolley company should lay its tracks through the streets of Richfield Springs was continued at that village Tuesday morning. After taking the evidence of C. Tunnichiff, village clerk, D. W. Woods, G. W. Greene and S. H. Coughlin the petitioner rested its case at 2 p. m. and the court held a recess until four, when the opposition opened its side of the case. The hearing is still in progress.

S. L. Kelsey of Burlington Flats is one of the prime movers in the trolley from Sidney to Utica. He said:

"It seems to me that there is a fine opportunity for an electric road to connect Utica with Sidney. Along the line there are plenty of prosperous villages and an especially populous farming country to provide business. Utica is the place we would like to go to, but with present arrangements it is not easy to reach. Take my own case for example. I live at Burlington Flats and if I want to come to Utica I must start at 7 o'clock and drive eight miles to Leonardsville, catching the Canadilla Valley to Bridgewater and then the D. & L. W., reaching this city about 11 a. m. Then to go home I start at 5 p. m. get my horse at Leonardsville, drive the eight miles, reaching Burlington Flats after 8 o'clock. The proposed line, depending on whether it came through to Utica or whether it made connection at Clayville with the Utica & Mohawk Valley railroad. The latter is the more probable and feasible plan. The villages which could be reached by the route suggested and their population are something like this: Bridgewater, 500; West Winfield, 1,500; East Winfield, 150; West Exeter, 200; Burlington Flats, 250; Rich School House, 100; Garrettsville, 300; New Lisbon, 200; Morris, 1,200; Gilbertsville, 1,000; Mt. Uton, 1,000; Rockdale, 600; Sidney, 2,000. These figures are not necessarily accurate but are guessed at offhand. It would traverse not only the Saugerties valley but Butternut and Wharton valleys, which the very rich farming lands and very thickly settled. That is one of the best dairy sections of the whole State. I think it entirely within bounds to say that there are 25,000 cows on this line. The road would be designed and built to carry passengers and freight and I think the freight and express business would be an important and very profitable feature. The matter has been talked over a good deal in our section and I have yet to find a man who is not heartily in favor of it. The men are all very anxious to have the road built and when it is finished Utica will find that the people will all come here to do their business and it would be a great advantage to your city. I think the people down our way are sufficiently interested so that they would give the right of way without cost and many of them would take stock. My notion is that \$100,000 worth of stock would be subscribed by people living along or near the proposed line. I had a talk to-day with the officers of the Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Company and they were very cordial, saying they would greet us with open arms and gladly do everything in their power to facilitate our enterprise. If they extend their present system to Clayville that would probably be the point where our railroad would join theirs. This would not bring any more tracks into Utica, but would give all the facilities for traffic. As yet no organization has been perfected or even undertaken. It has, however, been discussed a great deal and everywhere the idea has been favorably received. I think such a road would pay and pay well from the very beginning and that its profits would increase from year to year. It is likely that before long some attempt will be made to hold a meeting in our section to get the formal expression of views and opinions from those interested. I realize it will take a good deal of energy and work to inaugurate the undertaking, but I think it will be well worth all it will cost."

Mr. Kelsey spent quite a little time in Utica on this business and talked with a great many prominent business men. He says they all gave him encouragement and that they appreciate the benefit and advantage it would be to the business interests of this city. It is altogether probable some effort will be made along the lines suggested. There is talk of a survey and an estimate.

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