

Local Correspondence

Garrattsville and Vicinity.

April 1, 1912

Topic for Y. P. C. U. next Sunday, "The King of Life we shall wish we had lived" - Luke 18:10-31.

Mrs. Frank Bym of Trumansburg is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Young.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips Friday, March 29th. Mrs. Sarah Joslyn is caring for mother and child.

Miss Gertrude Paine of Northville is spending her Easter vacation with her sister and family, Mrs. A. C. Rockwell.

Miss Beesie Schermerhorn of Cooperstown arrived Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rockwell.

Leland Robison expects to go this week to Cisco, near New York, where he is engaged in dairying.

Elijah Parker is quite sick at his home near here from appendicitis. His sons Eugene of Hillon and Elijah of Rockdale were here on Saturday to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings and two children of Delanson are spending a few days at Truman Brooks' and James Whitford's. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Cummings and daughter and husband of Hartwick also visited there on Sunday.

The school closed here to-day (Monday) for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Margaret Elliott will hold an opening of spring millinery goods on Saturday of this week, to which every one is invited.

Miss Mary Gaffney of Fairfield, Conn. is at James B. Hume's for her Easter vacation.

The following pupils in the Garrattsville school were neither absent nor tardy during March: Dorothy Bundy, Geraldine Bundy, Lee Myers, Alma Radley, Catherine Radley, Francis Radley, Bernice Spafard, Gertrude Spafard.

MRS. THOMAS HUME

Mrs. Nancy Scott Hume died early Sunday morning, March 31st, after a week's illness from pneumonia, aged 77 years. Mrs. Hume was born in Delaware county and was married some forty-three years ago to Thomas Hume, by having passed away about twenty years ago. They lived on the farm now occupied by their son James, about one and one-half miles northeast of this place. Mrs. Hume was a staunch member of the U. P. church of this village, always loyal in attendance and support, a lovable woman who had very many friends. She leaves one son, James B. at whose home she died, and one daughter, Bella, wife of Thomas Elliott of Pittsfield, besides many relatives and friends who sincerely mourn the loss of this truly good woman. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. The funeral is held this Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Solverville and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott of Morris spent Sunday at Charles Walter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook pleasantly entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dockstader and Eugene Lasher Wednesday last.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wieland, March 28, a son.

Mrs. Fred Morris and daughter Carrie of Garrattsville visited at Edwin Carr's Sunday.

Hilda Gilbert has accepted a position in the New Berlin school and commences her duties next week.

Ann Perry of the Oneonta normal is home for her Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilbert and daughter Hilda spent Sunday at Wm. Southworth's.

Lynn Dockstader and wife visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dockstader, Saturday and Sunday.

Howard Lunn is home from his work in Binghamton.

Ozadawa.

John Radley and J. H. Weatherly are assisting B. A. Green getting out timber for a silo.

The Ladies' Aid Society held last Thursday elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Jennie Weatherly. Vice-Pres.—Frances Wing. Secretary—Mrs. Martha Gardner. Treasurer—Jennie Hathaway.

Mrs. Daniel Gile is recovering from her recent illness.

William Gardner has been having a tussel with numerous boils.

C. K. Beaman was in Hartwick several days last week tuning pianos.

Miss Lelah Holbrook has returned from Cooperstown where she has been visiting her uncle, Ziba Holbrook.

Adend Parker has taken Lezman Rowe's sugar bush.

West Lawrence.

Charles Beney is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hopkins were visitors in West Oneonta recently. Remember the W. B. C. at Mrs. Julia Georgia's April 17th for tea.

Chas. Bessy lost a young cow last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Webster visited at Edwin Webster's recently.

It is reported that Delos Hopkins will work Levi Brown's farm this year.

Mrs. Chas. Brightman has returned home after caring for her mother who is improved.

William Della and Mrs. George Weeks were in Githersville last week.

The many friends of Rev. E. D. Cook are sorry to learn that he will not return to Morris. He has the best wishes of all in his new field of labor.

The farmers have tapped their maple bushes but do not expect a large run.

Mrs. Louisa Johnson spent Saturday in Lawrence.

Mrs. Edna Cook and children of Oneonta were also present at the home of her father, Charles Brightman.

William Rogers is building a road for the farmers in that section.

Garrattsville and Its People in the Long Ago.

WRITTEN FOR THE CHRONICLE.

Number 2.

Below and across the street from the Ira Cone farm was a large house. It was said that years before some lumber had been gotten out for a cotton factory, to be built near the creek where it is now crossed by the iron bridge. Some way the scheme failed and the timber was drawn up and built into this house. At our first recollection it belonged with the land adjoining, to Deacon Russell Babcock. He was a kindly old man who made a pet of a neighbor's little girl. She still remembers him in loving thought.

Not a successful farmer, one might say, for a large part of his land was covered with wild berry bushes and young trees. At that time a large mill pond filled all the space between the hillsides back of the farm. After some years Mr. Babcock sold the place to Mrs. Nearing and her two sons and moved away. Again it passed into other hands and different families lived there. At last, one winter a deep snow broke in the roof. Then it was torn down and a small house standing by a lane leading to the creek was drawn up and placed over the cellar. Enlarged, it is now the home of Albert Tyler.

A saw mill below the lane mentioned was owned, it is believed, by David M. Hard, and sold by him to the Cone brothers. For a while they ran it together; then the eldest one bought the other half, and hired a man by the name of Joshua Wood to run the mill. He was a stranger, but a good workman. He moved into a double log house above the mill. His family consisted of himself, his wife, a little girl, and a madam with three children. His wife had the poorest part of the house and earned her own food and clothing working for her neighbors. In summer she picked berries and sold them to the Garrattsville people. She was a slack, easy-going sort of a woman, which may have accounted for the family arrangement.

After several years some young men took exception to Wood's manner of living and one night when his wife was away gave him and the madam a noisy reprimand. Soon after the old log house was found to be tenantless. When or where they went was not known though the wife must have learned, for soon she disappeared. The saw mill was then sold to Oliver Gorton, and his sons Jacob and Joseph did the work there. A small house was built near the bank for Jacob's family. It is now a ten house.

In 1835 there were no houses on the street between the one occupied by Deacon Babcock and one known as "the old red house," now somewhat enlarged and owned by Nathan Smith. About that time, though it might have been a year later, General Training was held in a field above the house. Quite a large gathering it was of the cavalry, riflemen

and militia. Who were the officers of the day is not known, but Andrew A. Mather was here and there on a spirited horse, that, not to his liking, danced finely to the music. There was a sham battle of the cavalry, and when pistols were discharged in the air some of the horses broke ranks and ran careening over the field. General Training was a great day in those long ago years and drew a crowd of on-lookers; and very attractive to the eyes of the children were the red coats and gay plumes of the cavalry and riflemen. The first family that is remembered as living in the "red house" was that of Captain Joseph Kellogg. He might have been one of the officers.

Across the brook, down street, on what is now the Mather lot were two small houses so near alike they were often called the twin houses. The first was a tenant house and different families lived there. At one time Miss Nancy Wheeler, sister of Dr. Wheeler, taught school there. Simon Bundy lived in the other house, and at that time owned most of the land on that side of the street as far as the Cone line. Across the way was a log house to which a framed part had been added. At first memory its occupant was Ebenezer Loomis Brown. Of him and his wife it might have been said:

"They were unlearned and poor And many children played 'round their door."

After Brown moved away Albert Wheeler lived there many years. The next house was built by a Mr. Hool, a tailor. He sold it to George Stevens, and built another house partly in the bank on the street below. The lower part was for a tailor shop and opened directly on the street. Not long after the house was built a little girl, their only child, died. Then he sold the place to Dr. Nelson Herrington and left town.

In the early thirties there was a log house on the corner where now is Breeze's store. Captain Gregory and his wife lived there. They were the parents of Mrs. Hiram White. He was a coverlet weaver. They were made of woolen, or cotton and woolen, and were greatly prized in those early days.

On the corner below was an old building that had been a distillery. A partition had been run through it, and the part fronting the main street was fitted up for a schoolroom. Miss Nancy Wheeler was the teacher, and there, with her niece, Miss Nancy Wheeler of Cooperstown, as a classmate, we were taught the alphabet.

The next building above was a store partly on the bank, and a sort of bridge led up to its door. Cotton goods groceries and other small articles were sold there.

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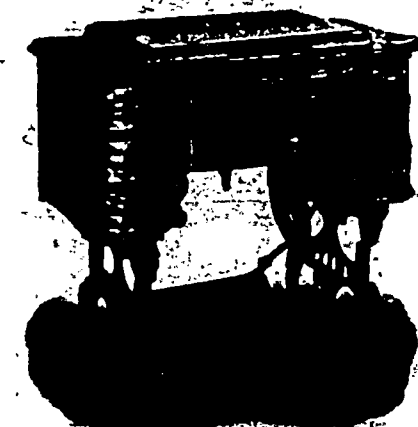
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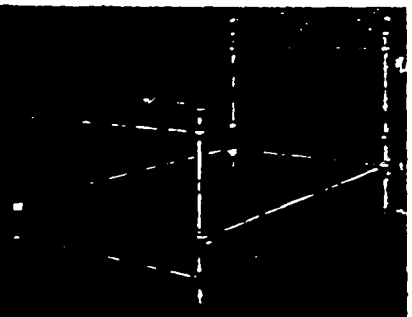
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