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Gluten..... 1.85
Cotton Seed Meal..... 1.90
D. P. Oil Meal..... 1.85
A good discount given on quantity lots for spot cash on some of these goods.

E. R. HUNT, MORRIS.

WEATHER REPORT
Rainfall for week ending Monday evening, December 22nd, 1913: Highest temperature, 44°; lowest, 11°.

The Morris Chronicle.

E. E. GARPENTER,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1913.

Particularly of Local Interest.

We wish our readers a Merry Christmas.

A "Morris Cook Book" makes a fine holiday gift.

Mrs. Law went to New York last week for the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. Heman Backus of Buffalo are holiday guests of Mrs. Ora Backus.

Dentist Wickes will visit Morris on Wednesday this week and next instead of Thursday.

Myron and Edna Taylor of Laurens were guests Sunday night of their aunt, Mrs. Horace Hoag.

A. Livingston Cooke of Northampton, Mass., is visiting friends in Morris during the holidays.

Lynn Sherwood of Binghamton has been visiting a few days at Walter Wing's and Russell Wheeler's.

The basketball game at Edmeston Friday night resulted: Morris High School 20, Edmeston town team 18.

Mrs. C. R. Smith of Sidney is visiting her sisters in Morris, Mrs. James Straff, Mrs. Andrew Turner and Mrs. Horace Hendrix.

Mrs. Priest has been confined to her room at her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Whitman's, for several weeks, but is better at this writing.

Somebody is naming Congressman Fairchild of Oneonta as the logical nominee for Governor next year on the Republican ticket.

A New York firm recently paid \$5,702 for an advertisement in one issue of the New York Sunday Times. The ad. occupied twelve pages.

The Chronicle would make a pretty good Christmas or New Years gift. Costs but one dollar and cheers its recipient fifty-two times a year.

This is the time of year to exemplify that saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Which means the giver is happier than the receiver.

Our Danish farmers think the Yankee farmers don't plow deep enough. They claim the Otsego county farms they have bought have been ploughed but four inches—they go down eight inches.

Col. and Mrs. Quinby are entertaining at The Grove this Christmas time the scattered members of their family—Capt. and Mrs. Greene of Minnesota, Mrs. Wallace of Texas, Dr. and Mrs. Schumacher of Oneonta.

During the holiday vacation Principal Crandall and wife will visit at their former home at Clayville and Mr. Crandall will attend the meeting of school principals at Syracuse.

Miss Meiklejohn will visit her sister and mother at Putnam, N. Y., and expects on her return that her mother will accompany her to Morris, and the two will keep house in Miss Sterling's rooms on Grove street the remainder of the winter.

Jesse Reynolds of Cooperstown, as executor of the will of the late Della Gaskin Kincaid, was a visitor in Morris last week looking up data regarding the Gaskin family and to see if any heirs could be found. All he found here were the graves of Mrs. Kincaid's grandparents, John senior and Ann Gaskin, who died fifty or more years ago. Mrs. Kincaid has no kin living but remembered some forty friends named in her will for small amounts or gifts of her personal belongings.

The Christmas rhetoricals at the High School last Friday afternoon drew out a large attendance. The assembly hall was trimmed on every side with evergreens, while the songs and most of the recitations referred to the Christmas-tide. Gifts were exchanged by several and most of the teachers were remembered by the pupils. Those who took part in the exercises did nicely and received merited applause. Not even the fact that two weeks of vacation was being ushered in at this time dampened the good spirit that prevailed!

At a meeting of the Town Board Thursday night Alton I. Winn was appointed Town Clerk to succeed J. Lee Sutherland, resigned. So much work is being heaped upon town officers by State laws and requirements, that such offices almost go begging for occupants. This is particularly true of the Clerk's office. The salary is nothing commensurate with the work required. Although already a member of the Town Board as a justice of the peace, Mr. Winn was the only person who would take the office so far as the Town Board could find out and so he was appointed. He is conversant with its duties.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Miss Elsie Bridges from New York.
Miss Edith Niles from Groton.
Frank Carpenter from Colgate.

Henry Hand, Roscoe Davis, Harold Nilson and Miss Kate Mills from Cornell.

Ralph Carrick from Syracuse.
Misses Esther Aldrich and Maud Hunt from Albany Normal.

Miss Gertrude Washbon from East Rochester.
Henry Washbon from the Albany Medical College.

Miss Ethel Winston from the Oneonta Normal.

Misses Gladstone and Elizabeth Johnson from New York.

Lynn Hand and wife from Red Bank, N. J.

Misses Frances Perry from New York, and Martha Perry from Beacon.

CHURCH NOTES.

Baptist.
Rev. E. Byron Russell, Pastor.

Next Sunday services at the usual hours, 10:30 a. m. preaching, subject, Thoughtfulness a Sin; at 7:00 p. m. subject, Tapping the Wheels. Christian Endeavor services at 8 p. m., led by Dwight Hunt, subject, Our Church Work for the World.—Mark 16:4-20.

Mid-week prayer meeting will be omitted.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 a Christmas tree and exercises will be the feature to which the public is cordially invited.

Methodist Episcopal.
Rev. C. C. Vois, Pastor.

At the church Christmas Eve the Sunday school will render the following Christmas program, to which the public is cordially invited:

Song..... Choir
"Merry Christmas."
Scripture Reading, "The Eternal Brightness," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Song..... Choir
"Christmas Bells."
Recitation..... Ruth Gifford
"The Bird's Christmas Carol."

Recitation..... Royce Straff
"Santa's Goodness."
Recitation..... Earle Bailey
"The Royal Child."

Song..... School
"His Birthday."
Exercise..... Intermediate Class
"Looking Backward."

Recitation..... Rodney Straff
"My Stoking."
Recitation..... Helen Baylor
"Perhaps."

Song..... Choir
"Gifts for the King."
Recitation..... Rosamond Pickens
"A Suggestion for Santa Claus."

Recitation..... Flora Hand
"Grandma's Mistake."
Recitation..... Florence Gifford
"Santa Claus on a Train."

Song..... Junior and Primary Classes
"When the Pretty Stars are Shining."
Recitation..... Max Taylor
"Santa's Visit."

Recitation..... Clausen Wood
"What I'd Like to Be."
Recitation..... Alton Littlewood
"Winter."

Recitation..... Helen Birdsall
"The Christmas Wish."
Song..... Choir
"The Holy Night."

Exercise..... Junior Class
"Christmas."
Recitation..... Myrette Wood
"A Letter to Santa."

Recitation..... Arloline Straff
"Watching in Christmas."
Duet..... "The Old Story."
Recitation..... Ruth Birdsall
"Woes of a New Mamma."

Recitation..... Charles Faye
"A Little Mite."
Recitation..... Hazel Edwards
"Christmas Customs."

Recitation..... Nelson Shaw
"The Story of Christmas."
Song..... Choir
"Oh, Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus."

Protestant Episcopal.
Rev. M. S. Ashton, Rector.

Thursday, Christmas Day—Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion 10:30 a. m. The offerings on Christmas will be for the aged and infirm clergy.

Friday, St. Stephens Day—Holy Communion at New Lisbon at 10:30. Evening service at Morris at 7:30.

Sunday—Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; morning service at 10:30; evening service at New Lisbon 3 o'clock; evening service 7:30. Tenunderah Lodge No. 605, F. and A. M., and Jewell Chapter, O. E. S., are invited to this service.

The annual Christmas Festival will be held in the Parish House on Monday, Dec. 29th. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock, and will be followed by the Christmas tree for the children of the parish. All the members of the church and their friends are cordially invited.

Universalist.
Rev. F. G. Leonard, Pastor.

The annual Christmas dinner followed by the distribution of presents and speaking by the children will be held at the church on Saturday of this week and not Friday as announced last week.

OBITUARY.

Azariah Hathaway.
Azariah J. Hathaway died at his home in the town of Otsego December 28th, aged about 55 years, after an illness of three weeks with pneumonia. He is survived by a brother, George Hathaway of Pennsylvania, and a sister, Lucy Hathaway, who lived with her brother on the home farm. Azariah was unmarried; he was a son of Julius and Sophia Cook Hathaway, and was born on the farm where he died, and in the family burial ground on the same farm he will be buried; funeral at the house on Wednesday.

Mr. Hathaway was an eccentric man; had a wide acquaintance through the county; was a large owner of real estate located in many towns, which came to him largely through mortgage loans. He had a predilection for litigation, and it is safe to say that he has been either plaintiff or defendant in the courts continuously for more than forty years. Withal he was a trustworthy man, and a good citizen.

Mrs. Henrietta Sargent, whose illness we noted last week, died Monday morning, Dec. 22d, aged 74 years. She was the widow of Marshall Sargent, a veteran of the Civil War, a long-time resident of Morris, who died several years ago. Mrs. Sargent is survived by three sons, Ira of Bathbridge, Eugene and Clarence of Morris, and four daughters, Mrs. Frank Elliott and Mrs. Deloss Gardner of Morris, Mrs. Jas. Darroch of Holmesville, and Mrs. Clarence Matzson of Bridgewater, and one sister, Mrs. John Light of Morris. The funeral is held this Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. F. G. Leonard officiating. Interment in Hillington Cemetery.

Post Office at Gifford's the Jeweler. Have you been there? Better before you buy.

THE DANES IN OTSEGO COUNTY.

During the past year some ten or twelve young Danish farmers with their families have bought farms in Otsego county. Three of them have settled on small hill farms adjacent to the Butternut Valley, near Morris, a splendid dairying section, supported by American farmers to be handicapped because no farm is nearer than eight miles from a steam or trolley road. This Butternut Valley north from Morris for fourteen miles and the hill farms contiguous produce more dairy butter than any other section in New York State, from Guernsey, Jersey and Ayrshire dairies. Of course there are also many Holstein dairies whose products go to the Borden plants, and equally of course there are many discontented farmers here, made more so year by year on account of the increasing problems arising in the dairying and farming business, soil chemistry, high price of feeds and fertilizers, scarcity of help—problems the solving of which require brains, money and hard labor. This discontented spirit is throwing on to the market many good farms at ridiculously low prices, as low as \$10 per acre with buildings thrown in. This unfortunate condition into which native farmers have fallen is being taken advantage of by the Danes. Some of these young men went West when they first landed as immigrants, and after earning money at good wages and desiring to own farms of their own and finding it impossible to buy farms in the west for anything less than \$100 to \$200 per acre, are drifting back to New York—the old Empire State in more ways than one. And here with avidity they are snapping up farms with dwellings and barns on them all ready for use at \$10, \$20 and \$30 per acre.

Typical of these is a young Dane who came to one of our hillside farms last spring. We had a visit with him the other day. He is an intelligent young man, enterprising and apparently well educated. The first thing he did on moving here was to subscribe for the village paper and he keeps himself posted on what is advertised in it. He bought a farm of 64 acres, on which is a stone house and barns sufficient for his use. It all lays nicely and within two miles of the village on the main traveled road between Morris and the city of Oneonta. He paid for this farm \$1,800. He says it is a big farm as compared with the individual farms of Denmark, and that the land is many times more productive with the same amount of tillage and far less fertilizing than Denmark farms. Even in this most unfortunate season of hard and premature frosts and drought conditions he is more than pleased with the results of his first year's work; He says if he shall farm it here as thoroughly as they do in Denmark his farm yields will astonish his neighbors.

One of our successful American farmers said to us the other day, "I have heard that 100 Danish families are coming into Otsego county to settle, and I hope they will. For I believe," he continued, "that as farmers they will give object lessons of thrift and how to farm it successfully to us natives, that will revolutionize the business."

West Laurens seems to be the natural center of this Danish invasion and here last week a lodge of the Danish Brotherhood was organized as No. 300. It is a fraternal organization started in this country a few years ago by the Danes. It has life insurance and sick benefits and seeks to bind together in a friendly and social way its members and extends a helping hand in time of trouble. The lodge starts off with fourteen members and with the following officers:

President—Theodore Sorensen.
Vice-Pres.—Niels Jensen.
Ex. Pres.—L. Lindberg.
Secretary—Marinus Honberg.
Cashier—Andrew Hansen.
Marshal—Albert Jensen.
Treasurer—Carl Petersen, Gudman Hoyter, Johan Hiller.
Ingates—Hoffmann Andersen.
Outgates—Otto Larsen.

This Tuesday evening the Danes will have a Christmas tree in the Grange Hall at West Laurens and expect that about 85 of their people will be there. A Danish pastor from Iowa has just bought a place near Laurens village and will look after the spiritual welfare of his people. His name is A. Kirkegaard, and it is not at all improbable that a strong Lutheran church may soon be started. West Laurens would be the logical place for it and we hope one of its church buildings may thus be utilized.

THE CHRISTMAS TIME.

The churches and Sunday Schools of Morris celebrate Christmas time as follows:

Christmas tree and special service at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening.

Christmas tree and service by the Sunday School at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening.

Christmas dinner and distribution of gifts at the Universalist church on Saturday.

Christmas supper and tree at the Parish house on Monday evening of next week for the Episcopal parish.

On Christmas Day service, sermon and communion at the Episcopal church.

F. J. Gifford, the jeweler, is now located in the Weeden Block and is prepared to show you one of the finest lines of English and American Watches ever shown in Morris. Also a fine display of Clocks, Silverware, Cut Glass, Lockets, Chains, Jewelry Cases, Bracelets, Out Links, Hair Pins, Brooches, Thermos Bottles, Toilet Sets, Souvenir Spoons, Fancy Art Sets, etc.—Give him a call.

THE SCHOOL RHECTORICALS.

Following is the program of rhetoricals so interestingly given at the High School last Friday:

Hymn "Come, all ye faithful"..... School
Recitation..... Edna Swathe
"Watching in Christmas"
Recitation..... Leon Leggett
"The Irish Philosopher"
Piano Solo..... Ruth Carpenter
"Napoleon's Last Charge"
Recitation..... Mary Elliott
"A Christmas Story"
Recitation..... Blanche Houghton
"Santa Clause on the Train"
Recitation..... Elsie Harris
Selection..... High School Chorus
"Nazareth"
Recitation..... Ralph Aplin
"Poor Santa Clause"
Recitation..... Chas. Gardner
"Grandma's Mistake"
Hymn..... Intermediates
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Dialogue..... First Grade Boys
"Come Letters to Santa Clause"
Recitation..... Frank Janks
"A Christmas in Santa's Home"
Recitation..... Blanche Ellis
"The Christmas Anthem"
Dialogue..... Fourth Grade Boys
"The Old Way the Better"
Christmas Song..... 3d and 4th Grades
Recitation..... Elfa-Lee Whitney
"A Suggestion for Santa Clause"
Recitation..... Edith Terry
Selection from Enoch Arden
Recitation..... James McNitt
Parody on "Old Oaken Bucket"
Hymn..... "Silent Night"..... School

LOUISVILLE GRANGE.

At the annual meeting of Louisville Grange held Dec. 6th, the following officers were elected:

Master—A. G. Eaton.
Overseer—Marvin Gifford.
Steward—Dunne Hand.
Ass't Steward—Ernest Nichols.
Lecturer—Ruth Terry.
Chaplain—Blanche Ellis.
Lady Aide—Mildred Hulbert.
Sec'y and Treas.—Edith Light.
Pomona—Adaline Ellis.
Ceres—Francis Footes.
Flores—Frances Hathaway.
Gate Keeper—M. U. Hathaway.

Our membership is now fifty with five applicants waiting for their degrees.

The installation of officers will take place at our next meeting. Place made known later.

A. G. Eaton and wife were appointed delegates to the State Grange to be held at Poughkeepsie Feb. 3 to 6, 1914, by the Pomona Grange held at Edmeston Dec. 9 and 10.

PROGRAM FOR BAND CONCERT.

The following program will be rendered at the Band Concert on New Year's Eve. Admission 25c. The concert is preceded by an Oyster Supper, price 25c, and followed by an old fashioned dance. Full bill \$1.50:

Part I.
Army and Navy Boys March..... Band
Happy Roses Waltz..... Band
Overture-Niobe..... Band
Cello Solo..... F. Carpenter
When It's Apple Blossom Time
in Normandie..... Band
Violin Solo..... Daniel Warner
"Meditation"..... Theais
Fort Washington March..... Band
A Northern Dream, Waltz..... Band

Part II.
Scented Roses, Waltz..... Orchestra
Violin Solo..... Daniel Warner
"Humoreske"..... Dvorak Tampe
Isle D'Amour Waltz..... Orchestra
Sextet from Lucia Di Lammermoor
Orchestra

DO YOU OWE YOUR CHURCH ?

Pledges made to officers of the church are really debts of honor, and should be so regarded. As a moral obligation it is more binding than the leniency of the Lord, and because He does not compel in any legal way collection of pledges made to Him they become negligent and many seem to think they are under no obligation to pay, unless they want to, what they have pledged for church support. Every such pledge should be regarded sacred and honestly paid.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Wishing all of you the compliments of the season we wish at the same time to say that at this time of the year a good many subscriptions expire and it would be a great accommodation to us if renewals could be made promptly. As things are these days of high prices the Chronicle at a dollar a year is not a money-making proposition and the quicker we get that dollar the more advantageous it is to us. Then again, and still worse, there are some of our subscribers who are behind and owe us for last year's subscription. Unless these are settled up soon Uncle Sam will jump on us. Friends, stop any such calamity by promptly renewing.

E. E. CARPENTER.
Big Auction Sale.

In the Window Block at Oneonta every day this week. You can save one half on all your Holiday Goods. Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, all-wool dress goods, Ladies' Coats, Fur, Hand Bags, Umbrellas, Rogers Silverware, Eight Watches, Hand Painted China. Come early and select the articles you wish to put up. Remember, your money will be refunded if you are not satisfied and have not saved one-half. Final sale Saturday, Dec. 27th.

Wants and For Sale.

Advertisements under this head for one week not exceeding four lines; \$5 for two weeks.

Wood Lot A two-acre Wood Lot a mile from Morris, near the corner in the Parish house, Hemlock, Pine, and Hardwood Lumber in standing trees. Write Mrs. B. M. Tilton, Carletonville, or phone Howard Tilton at New Lisbon 112.

For Sale A first quality second hand Overcoat in first-class condition, offered by present owner and will sell for \$5. For years 14 to 18 years. Inquire at 212a street.

Household Goods for Sale

I have placed on sale in the Kenyon Block a quantity of Household Goods at private sale for 10 Cents. Consists of Bedsteads, Crockery, China, Glassware, Picture Books, etc.

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Full line of sizes—splendid assortment. This is the greatest money-saving event of the season. These Coats are very popular and difficult to procure. If you are interested, please call early.

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Our showing of seasonable goods includes Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Mackinaws, Sweaters, Dresses, Bath Robes, Blankets, Underwear, Hats, Caps, Toques, WALK-OVER Shoes, Slippers, Over-shoes, Rubbers, Felt Goods, Curtains, Draperies, Rugs, Carpet Sweepers, Trunks, Bags, Hand Bags, Purses, Aprons, Leggings, Scarfs, Mufflers, Shirts, Collars, Neckwear, Towels, Handkerchiefs, Linens, Lisle and Silk Hosiery, Fur and Silk-lined Gloves.

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Please call in and take a look for your Christmas Goods.

POTTER BROS., MORRIS.

Last Week of Rug Sale.

The sale closes Saturday evening, December 27th. Only a few left. Come and get the one you want with \$2.00 worth of trade coupons and 99c in cash.

Don't Forget

The fact that we have a line of Merchandise that will make useful Christmas and New Year gifts. We cordially invite you to call and inspect our stock.

Get the habit of reading our advertisements; you will find many things to interest you and ways to save money by trading with us during 1914.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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