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GREENWOOD LOCAL BRIEFS.

A Merry Christmas to you.

Snow is rapidly disappearing.

Winter let up a little Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Rugar was in Canisteo Monday.

Potatoes were 62 cts. in Andover Monday.

Clair Cobb spent Sunday with Davis Webster.

School closed for a two weeks vacation Friday.

Gas is more liberal supply since the "thaw."

John Schenck of Jasper was in our city Monday.

Mrs. G. M. Webster was in Hornellsville Monday.

Miss Mary Williamson was in Hornellsville Saturday.

Mrs. Lena Cheeseman was in Hornellsville Saturday.

Pitt Coston is home from Cornell for the holiday season.

Charles H. League of Hornellsville was in town Saturday.

R. A. Stout of Hornellsville called in Greenwood Thursday.

Davis Webster went to Spring Mills Friday returning Saturday.

S. V. Morse of Friendship was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Dorr King and wife of Vassar, Michigan are visiting relatives in town.

Santa Claus had many agents in town purchasing presents this week.

Theodore Cobb of Spring Mills was the guest of G. M. Webster Sunday.

Mrs. Harrison of Norton Hollow is very sick and her life is dispaired of.

Uncle Jas. O'Connor went to Hornellsville Wednesday returning Thursday.

The young ladies' Finch Club met with Miss Nora Atkins Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kane were in town Monday calling on J. S. Webster.

Edgar Northrup of Canisteo was in our city Friday making a call at this office.

Melvin S. Williamson of Jasper was a business visitor in this village Monday.

Mrs. Austin Hieff and daughter Essie were guests of Mrs. E. Mallory Monday.

Bernard Murray and wife were guests of her sister, Mrs. Hyland, Saturday.

Conrad Sumner of Canisteo inspected the Grand Army Post here last week.

Byron Rugar was home Saturday from Wellsville. Byron looks as good natured as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Gurnsey have a new baby about five years old. Good for Horatio.

Neil O'Hargan returned Monday from a week's visit in Binghamton among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. York of the Marsh went with the crowd to Hornellsville Tuesday.

Joe Stephens closed his cheese factory Friday after a successful season. He has made about 130,000 lbs. of cheese during the season.

Knox Minor Esq. of West Greenwood was a caller at this office Saturday.

Mrs. L. A. Shelley spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Menzo Knight at Bennetts.

Glenn Coston is home from Buffalo for the holidays. It is reported that he stopped at Greenwood.

Mrs. A. H. Rugar and family returned Saturday from a week's visit in West Union with Mrs. Glenn Rugar.

Well No. 6 on the Jas. Redmond farm is completed but is not as good a producer as No. 5 which was drilled in about election day.

Married at Hotel in Greenwood, N. Y. Wednesday, Dec. 16th by Rev. A. B. Taylor, Elmer White of North Fork, Pa. to Inez Erway of Harrison Valley, Pa.

Church Cobb, who has been down sick for a time, is able to be out again. He hurt himself trying to carry a smooth-shod horse over a slippery place in the road.

The oil well on the Jas. Redmond farm still holds up to 20 bbls. per day. This well has been pumping at that rate for several week and is by far the best in the field.

Two new wells were shot in the Marsh field Monday. One on the Kerwin lease of the Kellehr farm and one on the Austin lease drilled by Tracy & Co. Both are good wells, the latter a dandy.

Frank Knight and Miss Maggie Reynolds of this place were united in marriage Sunday evening at the residence of Perry Stephens, Rev. W. A. Scribner of this village performing the ceremony.

After the two were made one the wedding party to the number of fifteen sat at an elaborate wedding supper. Frank is always lucky and both have our congratulations.

Martin Adsit, a prominent and aged citizen of Hornellsville, died in that city Sunday morning and was buried Tuesday. He had been in business in Hornellsville over one-half a century. He was ninety-one years of age.

John Driscoll of West Hill, John Cahill of King Hill, John Updyke of Krusen's Corners loaded potatoes at this station Monday, and Neil O'Hargan of West Hill and several from Jasper loaded apples the same day.

Friends of the parties that went from this village to Tillamook, Oregon learned thru them that the people do not have to take their vegetables in cellars to escape frost. They leave them in the garden until wanted for the table.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Milligan, in this place on Dec. 16, Mr. Wm. J. Redmond and Miss Percy Milligan of Greenwood. Rev. Daniel Redmond, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bundle social at Prof. Lansing's Friday evening was a financial success and the company had a bundle of fun when the bundles were unpacked. The contents varied from rattle boxes to glass dishes, everybody getting what they most needed.

Forrest Alvord, George Conkey, Mrs. John Guyon, Mrs. G. M. Webster, Mrs. Wilson Van Fleet, Miss Jennie Ruger, Miss Nora Young, J. H. Scherette and Mrs. Vern Johnson, took the train Tuesday morning all wearing a decided Santa Claus expression.

Mrs. Estelle Grinwold and Jas. O'Connor went to Canisteo Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nathan Baker, wife of Capt Baker. Mrs. Baker died in New York last Friday of heart disease while on a visit to her daughter. Deceased left a husband and a large family of children to mourn her loss.

Bronchitis

"I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine in the world for coughs and colds."
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It's the part of wisdom not to delay your preparation until the last week. Better begin it now when you can do it more leisurely. The whole store has caught the holiday spirit. You are welcome to inspect an array of useful and beautiful gifts such as is seldom your good fortune to see. It's a stock to enlist the interest the interest of every taste and satisfy the demand of any pocket book. What you select now will be held for later delivery if you wish. Whatever is wearable is givable and acceptable for a Christmas present. We have everything that is new, beautiful, acceptable and excellent in all

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MEN'S House Coats and smoking Jackets in beautiful patterns plain and fancy trimmed $5, $10

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HOLIDAY Neckwear from 25c to $2. All newest effects.

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If you want your Christmas money to reach a long way, buy your presents here.

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Beginning Saturday.

On Saturday the 19th, we begin a few days special holiday bargain sale During this period you find the lowest prices ever quoted on good honest merchandise—Hundreds of pieces of furs and fur coats, valued at several thousand dollars will be offered at surprisingly low prices for the class of goods—Nothing but absolutely guaranteed furs are sold here—Everything in cloaks and suits will be sold at January prices—Grand kid glove values, and each pair put up in a handsome embossed box without extra charge. Waists, dressing sacques, bath robes, silk petticoats, umbrellas, lace and stock collars, sofa pillows, beautiful linens, muslin, wool and flannelette underwear, leather and silk bags, purses, bead belts and chains, silk belts, lisle thread and silk hosiery, jewelry and hundreds of other articles suitable for gifts will be found at money-saving prices—If you get it here you know it is right.

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A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by O. E. Vars & Son, Andover, and N. E. Coston, Greenwoon.

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The Lone Star State.

Down in Texas at Voskum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown", taste, headache and that logy feeling De Witt's Little Early Risers are the best pill to use. Sold by O. E. Vars & Son.

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MacMahon's Simplicity.

The French cynics never knew just what to make of Marshal MacMahon's simplicity and candor. Once while he was president the conclave of ministers were divided on a question in the affirmative side of which MacMahon himself felt the deepest interest. When they came to vote on it they found themselves tied—five voting "yea" and five "nay." "Well, gentlemen," said the president, with a sigh, "I confess I am sorry, but the motion is lost."

His five opponents exulted in their victory. His five associates looked respectfully astonished, but said nothing. After the meeting one of the latter called the president aside. "M. le president," he whispered, "we were amazed at the result of that vote, but held our peace out of regard for you. We had supposed that you were of the same mind with ourselves."

"So I am," answered MacMahon, heartily.

"Then why did you not assert your right and cast the decisive vote?"

"Upon my faith," exclaimed the honest old soldier, "I never once thought of it!"

Playing Cards.

The Chinese, who, according to their histories, invented everything before anybody else, claim the merit of having first designed playing cards and developed the games arising out of them. The Emperor Seun Ho had many wives, who naturally found time hanging heavily on their hands, so the emperor devised amusement for them by inventing cards—a fact which not only put any belief in the words of the Chinese historians. There were thirty cards in each of his packs—three suits of nine each and three extra or superior cards. The Chinese cards were oblong, as ours are, while those of the Hindoos were round.

Surprising though it may seem, it is nevertheless true that the queen in our suits is a comparatively modern innovation. The pictures cards were first entirely military—king, knight and knave. The Italians were the first, it is said, to give the lady a place in the pack.

Good for Children.

The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of cough, croup and la grippe because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute pure life-giving and life-sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues Dr. Armstrong of Delia, Tex., prescribes it daily and says there is no better cough remedy made. Sold by O. E. Vars & Son.

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Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c TRIAL SIZE FREE. At all druggists. 2

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12.01 p. m. No. 19, daily, [illegible] Dunkirk, connecting at Carrollton for Bradford [illegible] 2.30 p. m. No. 19, daily, [illegible] for Salamanca.

EAST.

8.34 a. m. No 106, daily, accommodation for Hornellsville. Pullman Parlor and Cafe car from Hornellsville east. Arrives at New York 6.24 p. m.

No. 4, daily solid vestibule train for Hornellsville, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton, New York and Boston, connection for Philadelphia and Washington, also connecting for points on Dansville and Mt Morris Branch. Stops at Wellsville at 5.38 a. m.

1.45 p. m., No. 14, daily for Hornellsville, Addison, Corning, Elmira, Waverly, Owego, Binghamton and New York.

4.21 p. m. No 18, daily, accommodation for Hornellsville, connecting for points on Buffalo and Rochester Divisions.

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No. 6, daily, New York special, stopping at Hornellsville, Corning, Elmira, Binghamton, arrive at New York 7.25 a. m. Pullman Vestibule sleepers. Stops at Wellsville 9.01 p. m.

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WEST.

No. 10, Way freight and accommodation leaves Shingle House 6.45 a. m., arriving at Ceres at 7.00 a. m.

No. 8, Way Freight and Accommodation Leave Oswayo at 11.15 a. m., arriving at Shingle House at 12.25.

No. 6, Way Freight and Accommodation. Leave Canisteo at 6.30 a. m., arriving at Greenwood at 7.35, Rexville 8.15, Whitesville 9.00, Genesee 9.35, Oswayo 10.05.

No. 4 Mail, Leave Erie Junction at 5.30 p. m., arriving at Canisteo at 5.40, Greenwood 6.10, Rexville 6.22, Whitesville 6.45, Genesee, 7.03 Hillsburg 7.17, Oswayo 7.41, Millport 7.55, and at Shingle House 8.13.

No. 2, Mail, Leave Erie Junction at 9.01 a. m., arriving at Canisteo 9.18, Greenwood 9.44, Rexville 9.55, Whitesville 10.15, Genesee 10.32, Hillsburg 10.47, Oswayo 11.12, Millport 11.27, Shingle House at 11.40, P. S. & N. Junction 11.52, Ceres 11.40

No. 12, Accommodation. Leaves Shingle House 6.10 p. m., arriving at Ceres at 6.25.

EAST

No. 1, Mail, Leaves Shingle House at 6.30 a. m., arriving at Millport at 6.45, Oswayo 7.00, Hillsburg 7.38, Genesee 7.41, Whitesville 7.55, Rexville 8.15, Greenwood 8.29, Canisteo 8.55, Erie Junction 9.00.

No. 3, Mail, Leave Ceres 12.55 p. m. arriving at P. S. & N. Junction at 12.57, Shingle House 1.10 Millport at 1.24, Oswayo 1.39, Hillsburg 2.01, Genesee 2.18, Whitesville 2.38, Rexville 3.00, Greenwood 3.12, Canisteo 3.40, Erie Junction at 3.45.

No. 5, Way Freight and Accommodation. Leave Oswayo at 11.30 a. m., Hillsburg 12.17 Genesee 12.45, Whitesville 1.17 p. m., Rexville 2.00, Greenwood 2.31, Canisteo 3.15, arriving at Erie Junction at 3.30

No. 7, Way Freight and Accommodation, leave Canisteo at [illegible] a. m., arriving at Oswayo at 8.50 a. m.

No. 11, Accommodation. Leaves Ceres 5.45 p. m. arriving at Shingle House at 7.00 p. m.

G. R. BROWN, General Manager.

The Pittsburg Shawmut & Northern R. R
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TIME TABLE.

Takes effect March 14, 1903.

NORTH

Angelica Express, leaves Hornellsville at 5.45 p. m., arriving at Canaseraga at 6.35, Angelica, at 6.10.

New York Express via Wayland, leaves Hornellsville at 6.05 p m, arriving at Wayland at 7.15 p. m.

Buffal. and Wayland Accommodation, leaves Hornellsville at 1.05 p. m., arriving at Wayland at 2.30.

New York and Buffalo Express via Wayland, leaves Hornellsville at 9.40 a. m., arriving at Wayland at 10.30.

SOUTH

New York express, leaves Wayland at 7.00 a. m., arriving at Hornellsville at 7.50.

New York and Buffalo Express, leaves Wayland at 10.00 a. m. arriving at Hornellsville at 11.50 a. m.

Buffalo and Wayland Accommodation, leaves Wayland at 5 p. m., arriving at Hornellsville at 6.45.

Angelica express, leaves Angelica at 7.00 a. m., arriving at Canaseraga at 8.50, Hornellsville at 9.30.

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W. A Galpin,	"	5 37	C. Judson DeGroat,	"	8 15
John Higgins,	"	2 20	Lizzie Brown	"	12 77
Mike O'Brien,	"	5 70	Eliza McAllister,	Warsaw,	20 54
Judd Tidd,	"	5 95	Jacob Smith,	Wyoming,	10 54
W. H. Travis,	Arkport,	39 92	Lorain W. Caryl,	Pike,	13 93
Leonard C. King,	Elmira,	9 65	Headley McVeigh,	Dale,	16 95
William Lee,	Hornellsville,	9 72	Michael Furnace,	Bath,	118 66
C. A. Silver,	"	10 74	Loretta A. Ordway,	"	34 51
Wm. Tenney,	"	30 08	John Rumsey,	"	17 01
C. G. Tharp,	"	49 00	C. W. Hogancamp,	Bingham'n	70 77
N. B. Palmer,	"	48 78	Chas. Fisher,	Lyons,	807 58
Mary Brong,	"	64 91	Chas. Gregories,	Corning,	118 17
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Evolution OF THE Xmas Tree

A Yuletide Sketch by JONATHAN JOYCE

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THE Christmas tree for the display of presents is an evolution. The true origin and significance of this arboreal feature of Yuletide are uncertain. Apparently it is derived from an ancient custom. The pagan races of northern Europe had a deep veneration for trees as the abodes of the gods. For instance, the linden sheltered Berchta, the spirit kindly to babes. When celebrating festivals the chosen tree of the different gods were decorated with lights, wreaths and tassels, and offerings to the spirits were suspended in the branches.

The Romans used greenery in the festivals of Saturn, celebrated in December, and carried the custom among the Germans. The Egyptians used trees for interior decoration, their favorite being the palm.

A work of fiction produced in France over 700 years ago contains a description of a tree having its branches from top to bottom decked with burning candles, with the figure of a child at the very top sending forth a brilliant light. This tree in some way symbolized Christianity, the candles representing souls and the child typifying Christ.

A VERY EARLY USE OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

It is said that the Christmas tree was adopted in France and England in 1840. Prince Albert is credited with having introduced it in England at the first Christmas following his marriage, which was in 1840. Within a few years after that one of the trees at Windsor castle bore gifts valued at $45,000. But more than a century before Prince Albert's advent an improvised Christmas tree, called a "besant," was carried in processions in England at Yuletide. It consisted of a pole decked with holly or other evergreens and ribbons, together with oranges and apples and sometimes a pair of dolls.

The irrepressible desire for novelty has led to unique variations in Christmas trees. A society woman having a coupon of valuable pet dogs got up a dogs' Christmas tree and invited forty or more of the neighboring thoroughbred pups to the ovation.

The device by which Santa Claus is cooped up in the trunk of a portable tree, with his head showing out at times, is very simple, yet very taking with young folks. It is accomplished by having two empty barrels without heads fastened one above the other and covered with moss, berries and lichen. Through a knot hole Santa's voice is heard. The structure being on casters, the imp inside can move it about the platform to the infinite delight of the children.

Another device for having a voice issue from the Christmas tree is accomplished by the use of the telephone, the receiver being hung in the tree. The absent ones can then send familiar tones to those present, and when the speakers are very dear and unavoidably absent the message is the best Christmas present that can be conceived of for the occasion. An electrical outfit for lighting Christmas trees has been invented at small cost. One clever boy used it with novel results by applying it to a magnificent evergreen standing in front of his home. It was lighted on Christmas eve after a snowstorm which decked the branches with fleecy garb. The heat of the lamps melted the snow, and then it froze in all manner of shapes. When lighted up again on Christmas night the pendent icicles and icy snow glittered like a myriad of gems suspended in the glare of shifting lights.

His Faux Pas.

They were uttering the tender nonsense that succeeds the great question.

"And," said the girl bravely, "if poverty comes we will face it together."

"Ah, dearest," he replied, "the mere sight of your face would scare the wolf away."

And ever since he has wondered why she returned the ring.—New York Tribune.

He Could Pose.

"Why do you think he'll be a famous novelist?"

"He poses for photographs so well, with his arms folded and looking as if he was thinking."—Judge.

DOUBTING BILLY BLUE
A Poem of Christmas Eve
By ALOYSIUS COLL

OLD HOUSES ON THE HUDSON

They Are Picturesque, but Sadly Lacking in Comfort.

Dutch customs still prevail to a surprising extent in the old villages up the Hudson, and the modern housekeeper of the first half of the century lives in a picturesque dwelling, built about 1690, for a summer home is confronted by some bewildering conditions.

While water and the scrubbing brush were and are much in evidence, the sanitation of the bedrooms does not meet modern requirements. In fact, unless the house has been materially altered there were no bedrooms, distinctly such, but from each of the five rooms on the one floor, kitchen, included, open recesses or alcoves just large enough to contain a double bed, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

These used to be filled with "four-posters," having trundle beds beneath, so that a family of twenty persons was easily accommodated, and, if necessary, more people could be placed in the open garret, generally reserved for storage purposes.

Reverence for the past and its traditions may induce the house mistress to put her bed in such an alcove at first, but one night's experience of its dullness usually suffices, especially as it is impossible to make the bed unless it is rolled out daily, for no space was allowed for going about it.

However, the recesses meet the modern requirements for closet room, and, remodeled with hooks and curtains, they fill what would otherwise be a decided need, since the only places prepared on which to hang clothes are stoves hard turned and extremely flat wooden pegs placed between door and window in each room, reminding one of Matthew Vassar's three pegs at the college, "for bonnet, shawl and Sunday dress."

Kansas' Latest Troubles.

According to a dispatch published in the Chicago Inter Ocean, there is more trouble in Kansas, and it is, of a most unusual kind. The farmers are all rich, but the lawyers are starving, and the second proposition is a direct consequence of the first. The farmers are too busy to waste time in lawsuits, and the whole tribe of attorneys is in a pickle. The paper goes on to present some interesting corroborative statements:

In the McPherson district court only one new case has been docketed in the last three months. In some of the districts of western Kansas a judge doesn't spend more than sixty days a year trying cases. In one district which has nine counties it took the judge just one day in each county to clean up the docket on the last round. He makes three rounds a year. In the rural districts there is nothing doing.

Over this fearful and wonderful state of affairs Kansans are mystified, but not unhappy. They know how to deal with cyclones, floods, droughts, grasshoppers and all the other ills the Sunflower State has suffered, but they frankly admit that they are stumped by the spectacle of a hungry and ragged army of lawyers, and perhaps, too, feel themselves measurably responsible for such a dire condition. They are willing to contribute to a relief fund, but positively refuse to go to law to keep the attorneys out of the poorhouse. However, the lawyers must live somehow. Even Kansas politics cannot provide places for all of them, and the season of the harvest is over for this year, and, besides, work in the fields is largely monopolized by eastern college students. Sociologists out of a job might devote their attention to the problem of the Kansas lawyers.

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