

CITY AND VICINITY.

Brevities.

Gray squirrels are abundant. Look for the new comet in the vicinity of the big dipper.

Rev. Mr. Budwell has been called to Adams Centre to the pastorate of the Baptist church.

Charles Copp and William Simons, of Mexico, bagged several woodcock the other day.

The Presbyterians of Adams will worship with the Baptists while their church is undergoing repairs.

A slight frost is reported in the eastern part of this county and also in Onondaga county Monday night.

From an acre and a quarter of land John Becker has raised forty-two bushels of wheat.—Mexico Independent.

During the races at Utica the corridors of the hotels were watched by special policemen to prevent depredations of skunk thieves.

A cheap rascal made an ineffectual attempt to smuggle three bags of potatoes across the river at Alexandria Bay. The customs officers have the potatoes.

The finest catch of the season of black bass was made by Messrs. Roberts and Williams of New York at the Thousand Island Park; they took 193 fish in a few hours.

Mr. J. S. Cadwell of East Watertown has harvested a crop of potatoes and replaced that with beans, to be succeeded by turnips and cabbages, all on the same ground.—Times.

Freight conductor DeWitt C. Kling attempted to board an engine at Syracuse, was caught between a wagon and the engine, thrown beneath the driving wheels and his right foot and arm crushed.

Large quantities of pressed hay are being shipped from the Pulaski depot. The question arises just here—wouldn't it pay farmers just as well in the end, and keep their lands in much better condition to sell less hay and raise more stock?—Democrat.

Cure for hydrophobia: Xanthium spinosum, or Clot Weed—the Thorny Cockle Burr—is a native of the United States as well as Europe, growing in the fields and roadsides, from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania and Georgia. It is a plant growing about one foot high, very conspicuously armed with straw-colored spines and possessed of distinctly analgesic properties.

It is thought that the *Flower City*, whose burned and blackened hull lies in the bay just west of Clifton, will not be rebuilt. The hull was almost a total loss. Some of the machinery is said to have gone through the fire unharmed but the greater part of it was warped by the cold water which came in contact with it while the iron was very hot. The boiler and machinery will be removed and sent to a shop for inspection and repairs.—Syracuse Journal.

The tug *Garlic* leaves this morning with the tug *Seymour's* tow of barges. Irwin & Sloan's dock is being repaired. T. Dalrymple has charge of the gang of workmen. The work may be completed in two weeks.

The steamer *Island Belle* resumed her regular trips in connection with the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad this morning.

The steamer *Good Hill* has been delayed from leaving this port by the cracking of a journal cap. Repairs were making at Kingsford's machine shop and Capt. White expected to sail last night for Alexandria Bay with load of soda ash, water lime and other merchandise. The *Good Hill* will run between Cleveland and Ogdensburg stopping at all river points, making Oswego once in eight days.

The contract for H. B. Warner's steam yacht has been let to a party at Newburg, on the Hudson. She is to be built with an eye particularly to pleasure. The apartments are to be numerous, ample, elegantly furnished, and so arranged that a good size party may live aboard of her with every comfort of a private residence. The yacht is to be over one hundred feet in length and to be built the coming winter and will ply on St. Lawrence waters.

Lawn Party. Misses Jennie and Florence Farham, of Unionville, gave their friends a good time Wednesday evening at the residence Miss Jennie. The lawn was illuminated with Chinese lanterns, and with games, refreshments and social chat the evening passed very pleasantly. Among the guests were Miss Carrie Farham, of Syracuse; Miss Mary Greeno, of Middleport; and Mr. Phillip McIntyre, of New York.

Last Evening's Concert. As usual there was a large crowd in attendance at the open air concert in the West Park last evening. The pieces were nine in number and were all finely executed. The last number was "Home Sweet Home," after which the crowd dispersed and all went home well satisfied.

A Dreadful Smell. People driving into the country on Bridge street are exceedingly annoyed by the dreadful odor arising near the forks of the road. The time seems to be coming when the people in that part of the city will lose the use of their olfactory or perish from the fumes of the earth or the authorities will have these nuisances abated. It is hoped the last named alternative is not the least probable.

WEARY OF LIFE'S BURDEN.

IDA McMARTIN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Sinking for the Last Time—Saved by Capt. Munson and Assistant Keeper John Budds—Her Owing Career.

About three o'clock, yesterday afternoon, Miss Ida McMARTIN, of this city, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbor, just east and within twenty feet of the old tower light house. She was saved from the self-sought watery grave by the timely and accidental arrival of Capt. Munson and assistant keeper, Mr. John Budds. These two gentlemen had, a few minutes previous, stepped from the stone building beside the tower into the boat house on the south side of the pier. While they were in the boat house Miss Martin must have come along the pier and stepped into the little angle or niche made by the tower where it joins the oil room. There she proceeded to take off her bonnet, shawl, dress, gloves and bracelet. Turning the gloves carefully one over the other and not divesting herself of her other clothing, she put on a water-proof, laid a letter on a stone near, stepped from her place of concealment and jumped into the water. In the meantime Mr. Budds had jumped into a boat around the corner of the pier and Capt. Munson had taken the line to tow the same along down the dock to the beacon light. As the captain towed slowly along the woman must have sunk twice. Mr. M. happened to cast his eye toward the water and was startled to see the indistinct outlines of a human form beneath the surface between the boat and dock.

"I wasn't sure at first," said Captain Munson, "what it was; then I thought it was somebody dead and says, 'Budds, there's a corpse!' She was standing right up in the water, her hair was floating around and just then I saw her move her hands. I said to Budds: 'The corpse is alive, catch her by the hair!'"

The unfortunate woman was sinking slowly but Mr. Budds, leaning over the side of the boat, just succeeded in grasping the long floating hair and the would-be suicide was just barely saved. Mr. B. had only partially gotten her over the side of the boat when Miss McMARTIN exclaimed:

"What made you save me! Oh, I wish you hadn't! I'm ruined, I'm ruined! Oh, Charles! Charles!"

"Did you intend to drown yourself?" said Mr. B.

"Yes, I did," replied the girl. "What did you save me for?"

She was taken into the boat house by the two gentlemen and kindly cared for until Captain Blackburn of the life saving station arrived. On asking her where her clothing was she replied and a search was made and it was found by Captain Munson. Captain Blackburn took her across to the station in a small boat. On the way over she manifested some fear lest the boat might upset. At the station Mr. B. gave her an anodyne and a little brandy and sent for his wife, who kindly cared for her until six o'clock, when she was removed to the new Oswego hospital by Mr. Kelly, clerk of the charity commissioners. Here she became almost wild, her screams being heard a couple of blocks away. Dr. Macfarlane succeeded in quieting her and she slept an hour or two, awakening in her right mind, when she gave an account of her actions.

She came to Oswego last October from DePuyser, St. Lawrence county, a few miles from Ogdensburg. Her mother and sister live there; her father living at San Joaquin, California. "I had a quarrel with my mother," said the girl, "and when I left home I told her she would never see my face again unless it was a corpse!"

She has worked as cook and kitchen help in nearly all the hotels in the city, is twenty years of age and is generally known as having led an exceedingly dissolute life. She has an aunt by the name of Burr residing on the lake shore near the Midland shops, east side. When questioned as to her reason for committing suicide, she replied:

"Oh, I had no money and no home!"

The letter found on the pier she received from her mother, yesterday morning. An effort will be made to-day to communicate with Mrs. McMARTIN, the mother, to whom she may be sent.

DEMPSTER CAMP MEETING.

Opens Under the Most Favorable Auspices.

The camp meeting opened under very favorable auspices. A much larger number of tents are up than at this early stage of the meeting last year. Large numbers of persons are arriving by every train as well as by team. There are five prayer meeting tents on the circle, viz: From New Haven, Vermont, Hannibal, Mexico, Sandy Creek and one from Fulton is to be put up. For the last two days the grove has been a scene of busy activity and where but a few hours ago all was silent except as broken by an occasional song of a bird or chirp of the cricket, a city has sprung into existence teeming with life and activity and the sound of the axe the saw and the hammer are interspersed occasionally by a snatch of song or the voice of prayer making a strange medley. Here friends meet after a year's separation and the greetings are strikingly ardent and hearty. Indeed, there are no friends who seem so warm in their friendships and so hearty in their greetings, as christian friends.

The first public meeting was held under the direction of presiding elder Skeel, Wednesday and was of an informal nature. Mr. Skeel leading in a brief ex-

hortation and was followed by impromptu addresses by Revs. Fradenberg, Wood, Lyford, Smedley, Beck, Grant, Ball, Dibble, Ensign, Chose, Bent, Austin and the evangelists.

The singing was led by Messrs. Wood, Nesoman and Bachellar.

The religious tone of this, the first meeting, was of deep fervor and great earnestness and if the vows and resolves then made are kept, there can be no doubt that the camp meeting will result in great good.

Yesterday the weather continued favorable. A fair sized congregation assembled to listen to the morning services. The first was a fifteen minute song service conducted by G. W. Wood, after which elder Skeel made a few remarks and Rev. Mr. Ensign offered prayer.

Rev. L. R. Grant preached an earnest and instructive sermon from Hebrew xi, 16.

The meeting yesterday afternoon, was more fully attended than in the morning. The Rev. Mr. Fradenberg, of Vermillion, preached from 1st Thes., v: 24, on the faithfulness of God. It was a grand effort. The sermon was followed by exhortations from Rev. J. Smedley, the veteran Methodist of Vermillion, and Rev. C. P. Syford, of Mexico.

There were fourteen clergymen in the stand in the forenoon and seventeen in the afternoon. The meeting opens grandly. At two o'clock to-day there were some eighty tents and more to follow.

A Word to Bicycle Riders.

A word should be spoken to bicycle riders who are rapidly becoming numerous in this city. It is an easy matter for the sentiment of people who own horses to be aroused against them. Such persons have, at the present time, good ground for complaint. The wheelmen seem to take pride in running up behind both pedestrians and horsemen and give no warning of their approach. This is wrong. It startles men and women and horses seem to be not better endowed with steady nerves than their human friends. If bicycles are to be allowed on streets and roads and sidewalks, every rider should be compelled either to give warning of his approach by striking his bell or—hire a hall where he can run his vehicle without molestation.

A Night Blooming Cereus.

Last evening Mrs. O. M. Bond, residing on East Seventh street, was fortunate enough to be the possessor of a beautiful night blooming cereus. The flower commenced opening about seven o'clock and by one o'clock this morning was fully developed. A large number of persons called last evening to see and admire the rare blossom. Mrs. B. will preserve the flower in full bloom by placing it in salt water and then transferring it to an ice box. Persons who desire to see it this morning. Mrs. Bond expects still another one of the same rare species will bloom to-night.

Cost of the Greenfield Case.

The first two trials of the Greenfield murder case cost Oswego county \$10,000. Orders for the third trial have already been honored by the county treasurer amounting to about \$13,000. The last appeals in the case will amount to probably not less than \$1,000 and the hanging bill, with a few and so forth liable to be added, will touch another \$1,000. The grand total will probably foot up a round \$25,000! That sum expended years ago in furnishing good schools and good teachers to the town of Orwell would not only have been saved but increased fourfold.

Taiberg Poisoning Affair.

Last Monday evening, Edith Beckwith, daughter of Beecher Beckwith, of Taiberg, died under circumstances arousing suspicion of unnatural death. A coroner's investigation developed the fact that Miss Beckwith believed herself in a delicate condition, had taken an emmenagogue for criminal purposes, from the effects of which death resulted. A post mortem examination showed she had made a most fatal mistake, as there was nothing the matter with her but an ovarian tumor.

Deserved Prosperity.

The proprietors of the Oswego Palladium are perfecting arrangements for the erection of a three story brick building in some good locality to accommodate their rapidly growing necessities. Since our Democratic contemporary came into possession of its present proprietors, it has become one of the neatest and most newsy papers in the State. It has also been placed on a sound financial footing which is amply evidenced by the call for enlarged printing facilities. The *Palladium* has earned prosperity.

A Desperado Arrested.

The tramp who nearly killed depot night watchman Slaper at Utica a few days since has been arrested at last. The fellow "gave himself away" after he wandered from Utica to Clark's Mills. At that place he became acquainted with an employe in the mills to whom he confidentially imparted the information that he "had slugged" a man at Utica. The desperado was found by the officer asleep on the roadside in the village of Clinton. He has been lodged in the Utica jail.

Personal.

Messrs. Westfall, Smith and Leavenworth, of Wolcott, were in Oswego last Tuesday.

Many of our citizens who participated in the excursion to Watertown speak in very complimentary terms of courtesies received from Mr. C. E. Whitmore, clerk of the Woodruff House, formerly of the Doolittle. Mr. W. is now very pleasantly located in Watertown and will always be glad to see his Oswego friends.

THE BROWN'S MILL TRAGEDY.

CASE GIVEN TO THE JURY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Closing Arguments of Counsel—An Important Charge from Judge Churchill—Waiting Patiently for the Verdict.

The trial of the Montross murder case was resumed at nine o'clock yesterday morning. It had been the design of District-Attorney Chase to submit testimony which would rebut that offered by the defense showing the good character of Montross but the witnesses from Constantia did not arrive in time. It was decided by Mr. Chase and Mr. Baker to let the case go to the jury without any further evidence.

STAMMING UP BY JUDGE HUNTINGTON.

Judge Huntington summed up for the defense. He spoke of the importance of the duty devolved upon the jury, to sift carefully all the conflicting evidence which had been introduced. Montross was a young man of good character and seven of his neighbors had so testified.

Montross can die innocent if need be. His aged and worthy parents are here. He has five brothers and three sisters, each of whose hearts are to-day bleeding with anxiety as to what you will do in the case of their brother. I beg you to bear in mind that you are not to try this case as a civil case; if you should, you do a wrong to the defendant, to yourselves and to mercy and justice. You are to weigh every fact, the reliability and un-reliability of every witness.

When you shall be a doubt existing in your judgment, that doubt shall go in favor of the accused. Up to the 14th of June last the young man stood as a peaceful, law abiding citizen. His parents were obscure but they were honest and true. What a misfortune that he went to that dance. He took part in the dance and had a jolly good time up to a certain period. He played the violin. He was invited to do it and he did it. And while he was doing so, suspecting nothing, Wood came upon the scene and makes fun of him. Montross was not the aggressor. Wood was.

He was angry of course when the act was committed. There was a violent struggle. Blows were given and received, and at last it was terminated by the defendant striking a blow with a bottle which he had in his pocket. During the struggle, Wood, like the southern desperado that he was, tried with all his might to dig out the defendant's eye. The defendant had been drinking some, had been insulted by Wood, who would now swear away his life, had then had a terrible conflict and was left in a state of almost mental insanity before the conflict with Cole took place. What do we next find in the history of this lamentable transaction? Charles Warner, a constable, and Cole came up.

Cole comes back ahead of Warner. Warner says he went up to Dunn, he did not go out and struggle as you say. Brown Cole came up the light between Montross and Wood had ceased, or there was no occasion for Cole to interfere with Montross. All was quiet when he appears. Now who was to blame for what took place between Cole and the defendant? Was he justified under the circumstances? Was he excusable or no? This is a broad proposition as to my views of the evidence. Without stopping to review the evidence, neither Wood nor Warner saw the beginning of the affray between Montross and Cole. They saw the end and struggle as in answer and they were struggling each for his life. After they had been struggling for a little while the fatal blow was given.

The defendant swears and Dunn also, that after he got through the struggle with Wood, Cole came and drew his revolver with his left hand and drew his revolver with his right hand and says: "I'll blow a hole through you." Cole did come with his revolver, he came with blood in his eye, with a determination to take the young man's life. Is there a man on earth who can deny the testimony of the defendant? If not, the defendant is innocent and was acting in self-defense. Remember the testimony of Ida Fairbairn and see if it does not corroborate with the defendant's. She heard the click of a revolver. Though fifty men might swear that they did not hear it, the question is, did she hear it? Put that with what Montross says. The other girl testifies she heard some one say, "Shoot away! We can shoot as well as you can." Who made those remarks? Was it Cole who went there with his revolver? There is not a shadow of a doubt of it. We claim that Cole, insane from liquor, committed an assault upon one who had never offended him, a stranger to him, he had no malice against him and yet, upon hearing the click of a bottle, he rushes like a madman and attempts to take the life of this young man. I say Montross was justified in doing what he did. He could judge of what Cole intended to do, he could judge by his looks and action. When, as Montross says, he was holding his arm, had he dropped his revolver, he could have withdrawn his hand. Therefore by holding his arm Montross saved his life. He had reason to believe that Cole would shoot him. He had no time to think or premeditate. He had but a moment to consider. There was no friend there to protect him. He had the rights of self-defense.

He had a right to do it. We claim that what is proved to have been done was justifiable. He knew no other way to save his own life. We have no proof that he sought to injure Cole, except for his own preservation. I am to submit to you the life or liberty of that boy. If he stood alone on earth he could be stricken down and no one suffer but himself. His death can not benefit the deceased, but it can break the heart of his poor grief-stricken parents and brothers and sisters.

Judge Huntington concluded his argument at eleven o'clock, when a recess of fifteen minutes was taken.

STAMMING UP FOR THE PEOPLE.

At 11:15 Hon. Wm. H. Baker proceeded to sum up for the people.

He said he felt his inability to do justice to the people in this case. I ask that justice may be meted out to this young man. Before proceeding to the discussion of the evidence, let me call your attention to the indictment. Read what the statute says of murder in the first degree. I entered this trial convinced that the crime with which the defendant stands charged, he committed. I do not propose to argue the case in any other way than that defendant is guilty of deliberate, premeditated murder. Cole shot from a chair.

night of that fatal day, constable Warner, having some summons to serve in the north part of the town, employed Fred Cole, who owned the horse, to assist him. These young men thought it necessary, as they were to drive in the night, to take a half-pint of whiskey. The insinuation has been thrown out that Cole was under the influence of liquor. Now Cole could not have been much under the influence of liquor when they reached the platform, if they had only half a pint of whiskey and did not drink all of that. There is no evidence that Warner and Cole did anything wrong there. Poor Fred Cole is dead. Here only as he speaks through his dying declarations. He saw there two young men in hot blood, saw one give a cruel blow with a bottle. He seized these two young men and at the very instant, while Montross was struggling, Warner saw Montross draw the knife, his hands come together and he opens this murderous dirk. Warner saw him and cried to Cole. Cole took in the situation at once and made an effort to disengage himself, but alas he was too late, Montross plunged the knife into him to the hilt. The knife was covered with blood, he deliberately wipes it upon his shirt sleeve. Warner supported Cole, aiding him to the buggy and went to the physician and was taken home to die, to die because he done just as you or I would have done. Defendant and his friends left the place. He had got through his fight, stricken one man with a bottle, the other he sent home to die. He wiped his knife and put it in his pocket. He was not evicted. With what delight he had wiped up the weapon, I believe Dunn had. I believe he had a revolver and I believe it was his revolver that clicked if any clicked there.

Mr. Baker argued the case for the people three hours with eloquence, force and ingenuity when the Court took a recess from twelve to half-past one. At the latter hour he resumed his speech, concluding at 2:30 P. M.

JUDGE CHURCHILL'S CHARGE.

Judge Churchill's charge to the jury was most able and impartial.

WARRIOR ON THE VERDICT.

The jury retired at 4:05 P. M. to consider their verdict.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The Third Ward Sewer—Local Assessments—Resolutions, Etc.

A regular meeting of the common council was held last evening, Mayor Failing in the chair.

Petitions were presented viz: For the construction of sidewalks on west side of East Ninth street between Onida and Mohawk.

Of William Cullinan for division of assessments.

A communication was received from David G. Shannon relating to the third ward nuisance; it was accompanied by certificates from Drs. Dewitt and Milne.

The Clerk of the Board of Public Works reported that the contract for the construction of the East Eighth street sewer had been awarded to Henry Devlin for \$790, one-third payable from the highway fund and the remaining two-thirds payable from moneys collected on assessment.

The Board of Local Assessors was ordered to assess \$320.67 and \$39 on property benefited by the above improvement.

The Clerk of Board of Charity reported the amount expended by commissioners of public charity for the work ending August 4th, viz:

Office rent and salary, \$116.06; committee and Doctor's salary, \$35.00; rents for poor, \$102; orders for poor, \$288.50; poor house expenses, \$334.88. Total, \$897.04.

The clerk reported that the city and lamp tax apportionment had been made and all clerical errors had been corrected. The rolls were confirmed and placed with the city treasurer for thirty days for collection without fees.

RESOLUTIONS.

Ald. Terront moved that the R. W. & O. R. R. company be requested to relay the crosswalk corner of East Ninth and Schuyler streets, it being in a dangerous condition and the clerk was directed to notify Supt. VanHorne.

Ald. Morgan, of the street committee reported resolutions ordering sidewalks constructed in the 1st, 6th and 8th wards and platforms built on the east side of First between Seneca and Cayuga streets.

The sewer assessments for the construction of sewers in East Cayuga and Bridge streets and West 4th and 8th streets from Onida to Bridge, were by resolution of Ald. Turner ordered into hands of the city collector.

On motion of Ald. Cullinan the Board of Public Works was requested to construct a walk from the northern to the southern corner of Hamilton Park.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Peter Fonda and Charles M. Barnes were appointed commissioners of deeds for the unexpired term.

Ald. Mongin moved that the Superintendent of Public Works be directed to report to the council all walks that have been ordered relaid and constructed, the time for which has expired and the work remaining undone.

The clerk presented a communication from D. P. Lester relative to the suit of Ann Williams against the city and which, on motion of Ald. O'Brien, was referred to the committee on claims.

Adjourned to one week from next Tuesday.

New Offices.

Superintendent Van Horne now occupies, for office and other purpose, five large rooms in the second story of the Lake Shore Hotel building. The offices proper have been commodiously fitted up with desks and other furniture and everything is in good running order.

City Taxes Due.

The city treasurer will commence receiving the city taxes of 1881 to-day, (August 19) at his office in the City Hall. Office hours—10 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 to 5 P. M.

TOWN CAUCUS.

Very Short Notice Given Hannibal Republicans.

We learn that notices were posted yesterday afternoon for a town caucus to be held in the village of Hannibal, Saturday of this week at 2 o'clock P. M. This makes about a day and a-half notice in a country town eight or ten miles square, and it seems almost impossible to get the people properly notified. The call is ostensibly to elect delegates to the County Convention to be held some three or four weeks from now, but adds the words, "to transact such other business as may come before the meeting." Of course we do not know who called the caucus, or why so little notice was given. It has, however, the appearance of some one trying to get an advantage. We hope this is not the case, but we warn the friends of the Administration to be on their guard and allow no improper advantage to be taken in the selection of delegates. The people of Hannibal are wise enough to attend to their own matters and also wise enough to see that the sentiment of the delegates chosen on Saturday to all the conventions for which delegates are selected.

The Helpless Strike.

Yesterday at noon the helpers in Kingsford's foundry struck for an increase of wages of \$1 per week. They were receiving \$7 per week. They now want \$8 per week. The strikers number fourteen.

Gift to Hamilton College.

Lemuel Brooks, of Churchville, has made a cash gift of \$5,000 to Hamilton college. The sum of \$10,000 has also been received from the estate of Hon. John Knox, of Illinois.

Small Pox Disappearing.

The last patient in the Syracuse small pox hospital will be released in a few days, which will once more entirely free the city from this dread disease.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Oswego Center.

Commissioner Howard visited our school to-day.

Mr. Streeter of the firm of J. P. Streeter & Son, Fulton, is in town.

Quite a number of our people have gone to Dempster's Grove, to attend camp meeting.

Chas. Baker has nearly finished the addition which he has been building upon his barn. Let the improvements continue.

R. T. Harding has just finished threshing his crop of winter wheat. From about ten acres he gets one hundred and sixty bushels of excellent wheat. Pretty good for this season.

L. P. Taylor has torn down the old building, formerly used by Geo. Widrick as a harness shop and is recovering the frame with new lumber for a barn. J. Dewaroff is doing the work. The improvement made in the appearance of his place by this change is wonderful. Now he will get a fine looking, as well as useful building, where before was a very bad obstruction to the view from his windows.

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Sandy Creek.

W. T. Moulton is visiting friends in the western part of the State.

Preparations are being made for the fair which promises to be more interesting than ever.

Prof. J. E. Massee and wife have returned from their vacation and taken their old quarters at the Salisbury House.

Rev. J. W. Martin and family, of Troy, are the guests of the Rev. H. H. Emmett. Mr. Martin was formerly pastor of this village.

The little son of Henry Stevens, who recently broke his leg, is to be greatly pleased as the physicians find it necessary to amputate the limb.

F. N. Moulton who has been stopping at Cortland, for some months past, returned home last Saturday; his many friends welcome his return.

Mrs. Stella Hilton died this morning of the diphtheria disease contracted. Her mother, Mrs. J. Buchanan, is dangerously sick with the same disease.

The Baptist Sunday school held their annual picnic at Bishop's grove, yesterday. This is a pleasant place situated on the shore of Lake Ontario about five miles distant from this village. Good boats and good fishing are found here. We understand Mr. Bishop intends to erect a hotel there next year.

Last night Messrs. Cook and Baird gave an exhibition on a trapeze suspended from a rope stretched from the Sandy Creek House to Union Block. They also gave exhibitions of Indian club swinging, fast walking and running. The usual collection was taken but I don't think their wealth was greatly increased. "All we want is enough to defray our expenses." x.

Lansing.

Mrs. Kingsbury is suffering greatly from the effects of rheumatism.

Mrs. Thomas H. Sweet is able to ride out in a carriage and feels quite comfortable.

The insurance agent, E. C. Pascoe, is about to settle the damage done by lightning on Milton Jones' house; damages are claimed to the amount of one hundred dollars.

Mr. Kingsbury has a fine orchard of pears; the Bartlett and Flemish Beauty are the principal this year. Some seasons he has sold nearly three hundred dollars' worth of this luscious fruit.

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Hannibal and Vicinity.

The Fairdale school will hold a picnic next week Friday.

The club meeting will be held at North Hannibal, Saturday evening.

Auburn street has been graded and when more completely packed will be much improved.

A social party was held at Geo. Farnham's, North Hannibal, Tuesday evening, when a goodly number of the young people gathered and those inclined to keep time to lively music were privileged to exercise their talent in that direction. Among the number was a Mr. Washburne, of New York, who was a guest of A. G. Pearce.

Hon. John Hunter, of Sterling Valley,

is one of the most thrifty farmers in the State. He has erected, this summer, the largest and finest barn in this region. Its design attracts attention. Mr. H. has set out a large orchard and his fields are kept clear of weeds. While his fields developed yesterday we noticed two finely developed calves and also a plaster machine in operation. The fields in Sterling look much fresher and greener than in Hannibal, as they have had more frequent rains.

Bundy's Crossing.