CONFESSED ARSON.

George U. Owen in Custody for Causing the Explosion Sunday Night.

WANTED THE INSURANCE MONEY.

Told the Police He Did It Because Business Was Bad.

George U. Owen, junior member of the firm of Owen & Co., grocers in the Arcade building on Bleecker street, was arrested by Assistant Chief Conkley and Officer Barry yesterday afternoon for arson, first degree. He was charged with causing the explosion and fire which occurred in the store about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night. Since that time Owen has been under suspicion of the police authorities. He has been aware of this fact and his arrest did not surprise him. For the past two days it was known that the prisoner's arrest hinged upon a few details which the police were seeking for. The general impression which has prevailed as to the perpetration of the crime was confirmed about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Owen confessed. The simple announcement that Owen had made a complete confession was all the information the police would give out. The prisoner was locked up in the chief's private office, and no one was allowed to see him.

Owen is well known about the city. That he should attempt such a terrible crime is beyond comprehension. For some time past his father, Griffith Owen, has been sick, and the young man has had entire charge of the business. Business has been bad, he confessed to the authorities, and he conceived the idea of blowing up the building and setting fire to the stock to get the insurance of $4,500.

Ever since the fire the young man has been under suspicion, and Assistant Chief Conkley and Officer Barry, who were detailed to do the detective duty on the case, very quickly arrived at the conclusion that he was the guilty party. To prove this was the problem they set out to solve, and so thoroly was the net of circumstantial evidence woven about the young man that it was deemed advisable to arrest him yesterday. The arrest was made at the store.

Owen reached police headquarters about 2:30 o'clock. He was at once taken into the chief's private office. He appeared nervous, and it was evident to those who saw him that he was under a great strain. Owen told the chief that he had nothing to say, further than to deny the charge. Then he asked to be allowed to see his brother, William H. Owen, and the latter was sent for. In the mean time Owen was locked up upstairs.

Officer Barry was soon in a conversation with Owen, and after a few minutes he said he wanted to see Chief Cleveland. The latter visited him. Then Owen said he would tell all he knew about the matter and he was brought down stairs again and detailed at length the story of the crime. Owen's confession was voluntary, and when it was over he seemed relieved. His brother visited him shortly after, and they talked for some time in Chief Cleveland's office.

Owen held nothing back in his confession, which was taken by Clerk Stetson. The police, however, refused to state its contents, and they would not allow Owen to talk with reporters. He explained about his business affairs, the securing of the fuse and applying the incendiary match. District Attorney Curtin also talked with Owen. The prisoner will be arraigned in police court to-day, and it is understood that former District Attorney Klock will appear for him.

Chief Cleveland and Assistant District Attorney Willis had several conferences yesterday. About 3 o'clock the former went over to police court and swore out a warrant for Owen's arrest for arson first degree, an offense which upon conviction is punishable with not to exceed forty years in state prison. The information states that Owen, "on or about the 5th day of February, 1899, against the peace and good order of the people of the state of New York and in violation of the statute in such case made and provided, wrongfully, feloniously and willfully set on fire, in the night time, a certain building and store wherein, to the knowledge of the said defendant, there was at the time thereof a human being; that the deponent is the chief of police of the said city of Utica; that the said defendant is the junior member of the firm of Owen & Co., grocers, having a store in the Arcade building fronting on Bleecker street in said city, and which said building is the property of the A. D. Mather estate, as deponent is informed; that on the evening of said date between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, with the intent to set on fire and burn said store, building and contents, the said defendant did arrange underneath the stove in the store an explosive of some sort unknown to deponent, and connect therewith a long fuse of the kind usually used for blasting and fixing explosives and which fuse was apparently about fifty feet in length and which would require a considerable length of time to burn the whole length and then and there set fire to said fuse; that the said fuse did burn the whole length thereof and set fire to and explode the explosive connected therewith, and which explosive did wreck the store and scatter the live coals burning in the stove over and about the said store and set fire to the woodwork therein; that there was within the said building at the time of said explosion and fire one Charles C. Snyder, and in the buildings and apartments contiguous thereto there were many persons and families lodging therein."

When the police found the fuse in the store Sunday night, Owen was interviewed. The only way that he could account for the explosion was that a man, whose name he did not know, had been refused some groceries. The stranger used strong language to Owen and left, saying: "I will get even with you, you ——." Owen's actions caused the police to be suspicious. They at once investigated stories as to his whereabouts on Sunday night, which, it is said, did not agree with what Owen told the police. The officials then centered their investigation about Owen. Efforts were made to ascertain the person from whom the fuse was secured. Police officials visited places on Frankfort Hill and at Clinton, where similar fuse was used. What was discovered along this line to connect Owen the police would not say, but it was stated yesterday that the fuse was similar to that used by canal contractors. Chief Cleveland, Assistant Chief Conkley and Officer Barry worked hard on the case until yesterday afternoon, when their chain of circumstantial evidence was completed.

Insurance men were evidently confident that Owen had attempted to set fire to the store, for they not only refused to pay the insurance, but notified the owner of the Arcade that policies on the building would be canceled if the firm was allowed to continue in occupation. Owen & Co., it is said, were insured for $4,500. Until recently the stock was insured for only $2,000, but about Feb. 1, it is said, Owen increased the amount $2,500. It is said that the stock in the store is worth from $1,500 to $2,000. The firm's lease of the store runs out on May 1, and Mr. Mather, the owner, has advertised the store to rent after that date.

Owen & Co. at one time had a large trade. Griffith Owen, the founder of the firm and father of the prisoner, was an excellent man at the business. Father and son lived at No. 24 Elizabeth street. The firm had occupied the store for a good many years, and until recently Mr. Owen, sr., had charge. Sometime since he was taken ill. The management of the store then devolved upon the son. The latter on several occasions told friends that business was bad. When the Arcade was built, the tenant of the store refused to give up his lease and allow a new building to be constructed. Then the Arcade was built over and around the store occupied by Owen & Co. On Jan. 7, 1897, there was a fire in the oil room in the store, and there was considerable gossip about it at the time. Owen did not mention this fire in his confession.

Owen is about 21 years old and is a member of several organizations. He has borne a good reputation. His friends claim he was not in his right mind when he committed the deed. It certainly seems that no young man with advantages which have been young Owen's could, while sane, commit such an act. Owen is a member of the First Presbyterian church and for several years past he has acted as an usher.

BREVITIES.

The new electric elevator which was placed in the Arcade building about a month ago is again out of order.

Carnival of nations at Oneida square skating rink to-morrow evening. Music this evening.

The members of the Masonic club met last evening and decided to move into the new Masonic Temple.

Robert J. Matches, a traveling man who was taken ill in this city, is at the Homeopathic hospital. Dr. Hunt attends him.

The shoot which was to have taken place yesterday at the grounds of the Oneida County Sportsmen's association was postponed until next Saturday.

The sophomore hop at Hamilton college occurred in Soper gymnasium, college hall last night. The collation was served by Clarke.

The ladies of the Masonic club will give a social tea, to their invited guests, between the hours of 4 and 6, this afternoon, at their club room, Devereux street. After the tea games will be indulged in.

The primary Sunday school union will meet at the chapel of the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 4:15. The lesson will be given by Miss Frances Robinson. The special topic, "The Uses of Nature in Illustration," will be by Miss Alice Smith.

Fifty members of the chorus, under direction of A. L. Barnes, which will present the "Stabat Mater," at St. Agnes church next month, rehearsed the music at [illegible] hall last night. The next rehearsal will occur Sunday afternoon at 4:15, at St. Agnes church, and it is hoped all the singers will be present.

The election of directors to serve for three years at the Y. M. C. A. will occur on Feb. 15. The list of nominations and those who will probably be elected are: E. L. Wells, D. C. Hurd, F. F. Ellinwood, C. W. [illegible], G. B. Foster and B. J. Millspaugh.

In Association hall Friday evening Miss Helen Kelleher will lecture on "California." Her lecture will be illustrated by a fine series of dissolving views. Miss Kelleher has reached as far east as Chicago, and the press of the cities where she has stopped has noticed her most flatteringly.

Invitations have been issued for a private dancing reception to be held in Curtis' dancing academy next Tuesday evening. The committee in charge consists of Charles Barnum, Ray H. White, Artemas B. Sheldon, John W. Eich[illegible] and James Coughlin.

The second meeting of the Old Maids' league was held at the home of Misses Flora and Clara Ulrich, No. 34 Elm street, on Monday evening. Several new members were installed. After the regular routine of business and election of officers, which occurred at that time, a social session was enjoyed.

PERSONALS.

Miss Lockerby of Montreal is the guest of friends in town.

Supervisor Fred W. Wasmuth of Augusta was in the city yesterday.

Miss Hannah J. Van Horne of Fonda is visiting her uncle, W. H. Smith of Scott street.

Miss Libbie Seixman and Mrs. William A. Fulmer and daughter Ruth, who have been visiting friends in Syracuse, returned home.

Mrs. L. H. Green of Faxton street entertains from 3 to 6 o'clock this afternoon. The function is to be a "thimble party."

Charles C. Kellogg, with his daughter, Miss Mary H. Kellogg, and Mrs. D. De Mathews, have left for southern California, to remain until May.

The Entre Nous Pedro club was entertained Tuesday evening by Miss Mary Murphy at her home in Lansing street. Prizes were won by Miss Anna Murphy and John Seifert.

A. E. Brown, owner of the Utica base ball team, left for New York on the Empire State Express, yesterday afternoon, to attend the meeting of the Eastern league at the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day.

Miss Ella Miller entertained the Aaron Pedro club at her home, 64 Green street, Tuesday evening. Several games were had and refreshments were served. Miss Maggie Graham won first prize, and Miss Ida Jacobs second prize.

Hon. James A. Sheffield and his bride are visiting their parents on Cottage street, coming from Augusta, Ga., where Mr. Sheffield has been enjoying convalescence from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

A. E. Taunce, representing the Peck-Williamson company of Cincinnati, O., who has been in this city for the past month, has gone to Pittsburg, Pa., where he will superintend some construction work.

Griffith R. Roberts, formerly of Utica and a member of Shenandoah lodge, I. O. O. F., now a soldier in Company K, Fifth Massachusetts, at Camp Wetherill, S. C., writes that he is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

A merry party of the friends of G. C. Adams of 77 Miller street, gathered at his residence last evening, and assisted him in celebrating his birthday. The evening was passed with cards. Refreshments were served. The occasion proved a thoroly enjoyable one in every way.

The Kappa Theta society had a sleigh-ride Tuesday evening. The merry party started from the home of Miss Mollie Hughes of No. 41 [illegible] was entertained by Miss Hughes. Dancing and music and a collation served to make the evening a pleasant [illegible].

The Occident, a religious journal published at San Francisco, prints a full page portrait of Rev. E. H. Jenks of that city, who has just been called to a pastorate at Los Angeles. Rev. Mr. Jenks formerly resided at Deansboro and is a graduate of Whitestown seminary and Hamilton college. [illegible] San Francisco the church and presbytery adopted resolutions of regret.

It's No Wonder.

The Busiest Dry Goods Establishment in Utica gives four Stamps with every cash purchase, and no matter what prices are quoted by competitors, you will find them lower here. It is no wonder they are crowded every day with delighted buyers. Start a book of Red Star Trading Stamps. It's interesting. Robert Fraser, 131, 133, 135 Genesee street.

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THE PARK QUESTION.

Arguments For and Against the System Proposed by the Chamber of Commerce.

OBJECTIONS TO ANNEXATION.

Hearing Before The Council Committee to be Continued.

Ald. Saladin, Mosher and Wetmer, President Beatty and Corporation Counsel Morehouse, the committee appointed by the common council to consider the question of a public park system, gave a hearing in the council chambers last night. Considering the weather there was a good attendance and those present fully expressed their opinions as to public parks. Ald. Saladin, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order.

President Hoxie's Argument.

President John C. Hoxie of the Chamber of Commerce was the first speaker. He said he desired to submit a system of parks to the committee which had been under investigation. He gave the few reasons why true loyal citizens should favor the plan. They were: The opportunity to acquire land in localities needed, natural adaptability of land recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, with few exceptions the reasonable cost of land required and options in land covering the same, and availing ourselves of Mr. Proctor's generous offer; extreme moderate cost of construction; to place ourselves in line with other cities of equal size; proposed non-partisan and conservative management; employment of Utica labor, increased business to the city and value to real estate; to promote and encourage progression, public benefaction and awakening moral interest in improving the city at large, to provide a suitable place in which all have a common interest, and encourage outdoor recreation, sports and amusements. Mr. Hoxie said one could not always find a location desired. In casting about the city a committee was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce [illegible] could not be selected. An expert landscape gardener was secured, and he selected a certain locality. Then the committee obtained possible prices and then options upon the property, so as to bring the matter before the people. Options were obtained only on lands outside, for park purposes. Some offered land at $50 per acre below the price paid and the property came up to the city lines. These lands were admirably adapted for parks, as they would not require much grading. The Waterworks company offered a right of way 100 feet wide above the reservoirs, and this would save considerable money. In parks throughout the country the idea is to keep them as near nature as possible. This is more attractive than flower beds and lawns, upon which children can not trespass. After looking the ground over and obtaining options, the committee [illegible] Turner's block [illegible] in York street, south of the state hospital and west east. The Turner property consists of [illegible] acres, the Cloud property [illegible] acres, the Grant Jewett property [illegible] acres, Swan property 45 acres, the cemetery property 60 acres, the Roberts property 32 acres, the Phillips property 53 acres and Davis farm 120 acres, making 439 acres in all. A viaduct could be built over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Ontario and Western railroads. The lands can be bought on an average of $225 an acre. Add Mr. Proctor's 62 acres and there would be about 500 acres, costing about $97,[illegible] an acre. In some options the committee is not obliged to pay the price, as it could acquire the land by condemnation. Passing around the reservoirs to Silver Spring glen, thru Proctor's property to the Masonic home grounds, making a beautiful drive of about seven miles. One can walk to this park system from any part of the city in twenty minutes.

Mr. Hoxie read from the report of the board of park commissioners in Rochester, giving statistics of park systems in Albany, Washington, Buffalo, Peoria, Ill., Toledo, O., Springfield, Mass., Des Moines, Ia., Hartford, Conn., Rochester and Milwaukee. He said: "It has been said that parks are going to increase taxes. Mr. Davis, in a report a short time ago, says it will cost 11 cents on a $1,000. A man assessed at $10,000 will have to pay $1.40 more taxes than now. It seems to be an unwise thing to fling back in Mr. Proctor's face his generous offer. It would take from us all enterprise and benefaction. The city has got to progress like a business house. I have heard that Syracuse, with a bonded indebtedness of $6,000,000, is agitating a park system. It is fair to assume that a non-partisan commission of six will try to run the parks on a business-like plan, and the employment of Utica labor is also commendable."

Judge Morehouse asked if it was proposed to name the commissioners in the bill, and Mr. Hoxie said it was. Mr. Hoxie then spoke of the efforts to annex a part of New Hartford, and the people there are satisfied with the line agreed upon. He urged the committee to prepare a bill and send it to Albany as soon as possible. If the city is going to have parks, work must be done at once. Bonds can be floated at 3½ per cent, and there will be no burden to anyone.

Josiah Perry Opposed.

Josiah Perry addressed the committee in opposition to the scheme. He said: "I am not in accord with the proposition and I am very much opposed to it. I am glad that the matter is to come before this body, as I have faith in it. I have no doubt but you will act in a business way. I am opposed to parks, because the city now can not afford the increased taxation. Every business man asks himself, 'Can I afford a thing?' If he can't afford it he sits down on the suggestion. The suggestion comes to you, 'Can the city afford this increased burden of the [illegible]?' [illegible] our taxes have got to a high-water mark. If they go much higher the people will take hold of it. [illegible] That is a pretty good jump. The suggestion may be made that valuations [illegible]. That is not true. Valuations have not increased. These things are worthy of serious consideration. This year a man owning a $1,000 house has had to pay $19.76 in taxes. That is a pretty big item to pay for owning a home in Utica. There is not much inducement for a poor man to build up a home. That is the situation in Utica. The people have got to the spot where they will stand no more, and they will come down with a vengeance. There is now a proposition to increase the corporation counsel's salary $1,000 a year, to increase the police expenses from $26,000 to $40,000. The newspapers and others are crying that we must have [illegible]. You can see where we are coming, and we have got to stop somewhere. We can not afford the parks under the present conditions. I have nothing to say about the water question. We must have water, as it is a necessity. Parks are a luxury. This proposed park system would be no good to citizens only four months in the year. The poor man would rather keep that money and beautify his home, where he has to live. (Applause.) The Chamber of Commerce says these parks are to cost nothing. I have heard that $30,000 to $50,000 is to be set aside for the parks.

"The suggestion is nauseating to me that we are not in the swim because we have no bonded indebtedness. For that we are not fashionable. You are to bond the city year after year, and have our children pay the bonds when they come due."

E. H. Wicks corrected Mr. Perry and stated that only [illegible] was to be asked for.

"You mean you only ask [illegible]," said Mr. Perry, "for the purchase of the ground. That would be over [illegible] and interest. There is this and that scheme coming up all the while, and you have got to stop somewhere, and I say stop with the luxuries. This would be like the new capitol scheme in Albany. They got the park scheme started. Then there would be [illegible] for beautifying the parks. When they get the scheme started other people will step into your shoes. We say sit on the scheme now. We have some things more essential to the success of this city than cities have that have parks. We have more paved streets than any other city, and if there is to be any debt give the benefit to paved streets. (Applause.) Utica has extended an enormous amount in sewers. The cities which Mr. Hoxie referred to pay less taxes than Utica. Utica pays a higher tax than any other city in the state. The valuation of Utica has been put higher than any other city. The city should not be burdened with this additional expense.

"Then we come to the question, are the parks desirable to the city at large? It should not be an enterprise for the rich. It should be an enterprise for the rich and the poor. (Applause.) How are parks out there going to benefit people in the first, second, third and sixth wards? Mr. Hoxie says walk there, but people don't care to walk there. I fail to see the great benefit to the city from the park. It would be a park for the rich and not for the poor. Those who are fortunate enough to [illegible] could afford to drive along these parks. The service to the city by a park up there would be small indeed. If you would give West Utica a park, I would not say anything, but to get up a big scheme like this, I say it should not be. If you look this matter over carefully [illegible] by these shrewd business men to create an agitation for parks. Those fellows [illegible] things planned all slick. Talk about politicians. They even enlisted their ministers to come and talk about parks, and some ministers suggested that if we had the parks more souls would be saved for heaven. They had all the educators there. And all the newspapers come out for the parks. These men claimed that this thing was going thru. Remember that there are poor men whose votes you want and you must protect them. Lower taxes have been the issue in campaigns. The present mayor was elected on the ground that taxes would be lower. Poor fellows, they have gone up. Then on election day these papers will say beat a certain alderman, because the taxes have gone up. I have spoken plainly, because the scheme is fraught with danger to the city. We have got to have new school buildings, and it is going to cost money. They say Mr. Proctor has been generous. I commend him. I wish it was not coupled with the condition that other land must be secured. If you believe that the bill ought not to go thru don't vote for it on the theory that it is to be submitted to the people. Some times people are swayed from their course and people may do something against their own interests. I have nothing to say against the annexation of New Hartford. I don't want to be hard toward the Chamber of Commerce, but I believe it is thoroly wrong. I hope the scheme will not go thru." (Applause.)

Henry A. Davis.

Henry A. Davis said there might be something appalling in what Mr. Perry pictured. He talked about the rich and the poor, the high and the low. This is a business proposition. We are not here, he said, to appeal to the gallery. There are some people who have to be benefited in spite of themselves. This land for the park is near the city, and the price is about $200 an acre. Is there a man who does not believe that in ten years the property will be worth twice what it is to-day? That property will increase in value the day it is annexed to the city.

William Blakie said property in the annexed territory could not be increased in value unless there were water privileges granted.

Mr. Davis assured Mr. Blakie that if the annexed district became part of the city it would receive water. Continuing, he said: "Members of the Chamber of Commerce pay one-third of the taxes of the city, and of the 450 members Mr. Perry was the only man who raised his voice in opposition. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Perry appeared at the chamber and asked that a railroad be placed along the boulevard. The new parks are going to inure to the benefit of the poor man. We don't threaten you with increased taxation. We ask the council to annex a part of New Hartford, and submit the matter to the people. This committee would take a great responsibility upon itself if it would not let the people decide the matter."

Mr. Morehouse—Couldn't the Chamber of Commerce send a bill to Albany?

Mr. Davis—Certainly.

Mr. Morehouse—Then why come to this committee?

Mr. Davis—We ask you to draw a bill and according to your wishes.

Mr. Morehouse—The committee thinks that you want its opinion.

Mr. Davis—That is not my understanding. We wish the cooperation of the council to propose the bill. We ask the committee to assist in preparing a suitable measure.

Mr. Morehouse—Don't you want the judgment of the council?

Mr. Davis—I don't think we do. We thought it courteous that you consult with the Chamber of Commerce [illegible].

Mr. Morehouse—The committee is giving a hearing to the public as to whether the people want the parks.

Mr. Davis—If there should be an overwhelming sentiment against the project you might be justified in turning it down. [illegible] you should not do so. The Chamber of Commerce with 450 members asks for the parks. [illegible]

Mr. Hoxie corrected some statements made by Mr. Perry. He said he thought it would be an insult to citizens to say they were not capable of having this submitted to them.

John A. Becker.

Former Charity Commissioner Becker appeared in behalf of the people in the proposed annexed district. He said all were opposed to it except a few farm owners who would be benefited. He said he had a petition against the proposition [illegible]. "We feel as if we were not able to come into the city," he said. "We are satisfied with present conditions [illegible] common council will not do [illegible]." He said he hoped at least the committee would report adversely against the annexation scheme.

Mr. Davis said the petitions were signed before the boundary line was changed.

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FEBRUARY WEDDINGS.

Marriage of Frank J. Jenny and Miss Sophia M. Georg.

THE BREEN-CLARK NUPTIALS.

A Number of Happy Events in Utica and Vicinity.

Frank J. Jenny and Miss Sophia M. Georg, only daughter of Mrs. Frances Georg, were married at St. Joseph's church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. A large number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony.

The church was elaborately decorated in honor of the event. The chancel was decked with palms and on the altar the inscription, "Jenny-Georg," appeared in lighted candles. Professor Buchler, the organist, rendered a number of fine selections while the guests were assembling, including Van Biene's "Slumber Song" and a flower song. Professor and Mrs. Franz Rath played a duet on flute and violin.

As the bridal party entered the church Professor Buchler played Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bridesmaid was Miss Mathilda Jenny, sister of the groom, and the best man, Albert Georg, cousin of the bride. John Hahn, William Windheim, Charles A. Nardell and Jacob Jenny acted as ushers. The bride was handsomely gowned in a traveling dress of French pearl gray, trimmed with white silk, and carried a white prayer book and a bouquet of hyacinths and maiden hair ferns. She wore a diamond pendant and ring, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid was attired in a becoming gown of brown, with white silk trimmings. Her bouquet was of pink roses.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alexis Rosshuber, pastor of the church, who acted as celebrant at the high nuptial mass. Rev. Fathers Berard and [illegible] acted as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. During the mass Mercadante's Kyrie in D, Weigand's Sanctus and Benedictus and the Agnus Dei from Haydn's Second Mass were sung by the choir, and at the offertory Millard's Ave Verum was rendered by Mrs. J. Faber, with violin obligato by Mrs. Rath. A march by Sporth was played as a recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's mother, 224 Court street, relatives only being present. The house was decorated with smilax, palms and cut flowers from Pfeifer & Kaufel's greenhouses. There was a very large display of beautiful presents, including cut glass, silverware and furniture, and checks from F. X. Jenny, father of the groom; Mrs. Frances Georg and Emil T. Georg. Mr. and Mrs. Jenny left for New York and Philadelphia in the afternoon. The groom is well known and popular, and for a number of years was one of the crack bicycle riders of the country. He retired from the racing path two years ago, and since that time has been associated in business with his father. His bride is an estimable young lady, who has hosts of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jenny will reside at 224 Court street.

Breen—Clark.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark, Clayton, at 12 o'clock noon yesterday. The contracting parties were Miss Ethel Elsie Clark of Clayton and John Arthur Breen of this city. The bride looked charming in a traveling gown of cadet blue and wore a bunch of beautiful white roses. The couple received many handsome gifts. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. The bride is a popular young lady, and possesses many friends. The groom is a son of Charles Breen of Trenton and a member of the firm of Breen Bros. in this city.

The happy couple left for New York last evening, and prior to their departure they were surprised by a shower of rice from the hands of their friends. Before returning Mr. and Mrs. Breen will visit Washington, Baltimore and other southern cities. Among the out of town guests who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Breen, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Breen, Charles Breen and Miss Jennie Breen of Utica, Miss Blanche Farchney and Fred Foley of Watertown and Harry Ryan of Gananoque, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Breen will take up their residence at 104 State street, this city.

Seifert—Brickner.

A very pretty home wedding occurred [illegible]. The contracting parties were Miss Louise N. Brinckner, eldest daughter of Mrs. Andrew Brinckner, and Jacob W. L. Seifert of Rome. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, 412 South James street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Weigel, under a beautiful arch of evergreens and roses. The couple were attended by Miss Lena Besner of Utica and John Seifert of Rome, brother of the groom. The bride's dress was of white lawn, trimmed with white lace and ribbon. She carried white carnations. The bridesmaid's costume was of white, with lace trimmings, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Professor Karl Heintz presided at the piano during the ceremony.

Among those present from out of town were Paul Seifert, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Heintz, the Misses Lena and Bertha Besner of Utica, Theodore Cook of New York, George Whittler of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Seifert are both well known young people of Rome and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends. They will not take any trip for the present. They were presented with many beautiful and useful gifts.

Bevan—Landers.

Miss Katherine Landers and Edward C. Bevan were married at St. John's church yesterday morning by Rev. Father Murphy. They were attended by W. H. Wilkinson and Miss Mame Wade. The bride's gown was of blue broadcloth, trimmed with pearl. She carried [illegible]. The maid of honor was dressed in brown broadcloth and carried pink roses. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevan went on a short bridal trip, and will be at home after Feb. 15 at 41 Scott street. The groom is a successful business man, and is highly esteemed. His bride has been a popular employe of Hugh Glenn & Co. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Marasci—Vingua.

Tony Marasci and Miss Rosea Vingua, both of this city, were married by Mayor Kinney at his office yesterday. The religious ceremony of their wedding had already been performed by Rev. Father Castelli, of the Church of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel. Their union is a happy incident in a romance which began in Italy, where both were born. The bride, who has been in this country only five months, is but 15 years of age. The groom is 23. W. J. Cahill and Dominick Costanzo were the witnesses of the civil ceremony.

Regan—Tefft.

Frank D. Regan and Miss Anna F. Tefft, both of Richfield Springs, were married by Rev. A. F. Palmer of the South street M. E. church, on Feb. 2.

Oneida Square Rink.

[illegible] carnival of nations will take place at Oneida Square Skating rink. Costumes will be worn representing all nations. The rink will be prettily decorated for the event. Rath's orchestra will furnish music. The large enclosed glass gallery for spectators is a great advantage. There is skating at the rink afternoon and evening.