

CROTON FALLS

The Review of Events of a Live and Growing Town.

Christmas has the right of way this week, the churches and private families are busy making preparations for the holiday. The woods are riddled for evergreens, and the stores for presents. It is well that it should be so. Joy was born in Bethlehem, and it is right that at this season, we should rejoice and be glad. There will be, of course, some disappointments, some will get just the things that they do not need, and not the thing they had set their heart on. Christmas is especially childhood's day. It is the one time in the year when the heart of every child should be made glad, and it would be well for us to recognize the fact that it is because of the influence of the Christ, that we have every real joy.

Joseph T. Secord has moved his blacksmith business from his old stand to his new shop, on the east side of the railroad track, where he has a commodious shop and well fitted up. Mr. Secord is now hopefully looking for snow and ice to boom business.

Charles Smith and Cole Austin have been drawing hay from the Little Lewis place to the barns of the A. B. Whitlock Co. Something like fifty tons have been put in the barns.

Samuel P. Bailey, of White Plains, spent Sunday with his mother. We were glad to see him here again and to have the pleasure of taking him by the hand.

Mrs. Josephine Rowe died at her home in Waterbury, Conn., last week. The body was brought here Monday and the funeral service was held in the Union Valley church, Rev. W. Benedict officiating. Mrs. Rowe was the daughter of Benjamin McCullum and in her early life lived in this village. Beside her husband five children survive her.

Miss May Thorn, of Brewster spent Sunday with her friend Miss Anna Buckley.

Macon G. Adams has been improving the appearance of his house, and adding to its appearance by alterations.

Brewster and Patterson are both smart and up-to-date villagers. They keep in the front rank of almost everything that is going on, and not to be behind hand in the sport of the season, both have foot ball teams, and two games were recently played, which, unfortunately, resulted in stirring up a good deal of bad blood and the villages they represent. Many uncomplimentary things were said and it is reported and it is reported that there were some disfigured faces made. Of course each team had its colors and these were to the other villagers, like a red flag to a bull. Now it so happened that an exceedingly mild mannered and highly cultured young man, who teaches school in the vicinity of Brewster went to Patterson, so the story goes, to call on some young lady friends, and quite innocent of the bad feeling engendered by the football game. The Patterson young ladies pinned the colors of their team on his coat, and he, cherishing the feeling that the ribbons in some way expressed regard, returned to Brewster, but as soon as he alighted from the train trouble began. The village boys espied the hated colors and they made a raid on the wearer. Names altogether uncomplimentary were called, missiles thrown and the young man was obliged to hastily seek refuge in the house of a friend. When he visits Brewster again he will carry the colors in his inside pocket.

"That you may feel free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$12,000 per annum, in regular quarterly payments, and to give you the use of the parsonage and to furnish you with an assistant minister." So read the call of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to Rev. Dr. George T. Parvis. He will not be troubled by worldly care, but then there are the cares of the church which may tax his time and strength.

There is not now an empty tenement in the village, every house and every apartment being occupied. Train hands and factory employes make a demand for rents.

Albert Chamberlain was here for a few hours Tuesday, looking after things at the home place. He reports the family well and that they are enjoying themselves in the city.

The heavy rain of Tuesday put some water in the cisterns, but more is needed for the winter's supply.

Christmas exercises by the Sunday School of the Baptist Church will be held Saturday evening. There will be a varied program of music, singing, recitations and part pieces. The service promises to be more than usually interesting. The school extends a hearty invitation to all to come and enjoy the evening with them.

Services in the churches Sunday will be appropriate to the Christmas season. At the Baptist Church the pastor will officiate. The morning subject will be "Emanuel," that in the evening "The King in His Kingdom." "Our Royal Brothers" will be the subject of the Y.P.S.C.E. Miss Emma Benedict is the appointed leader.

LAKE MAHOPAC.

Justice Robert F. White, of Purdys, has been appointed postmaster at that place after quite a spirited contest. We congratulate the judge.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School are practicing for their annual entertainment, which will be given in the church next week.

Charles Ganong, of this place, has, we understand, purchased the Gilbert Keller place in Croton Falls, and will move there as soon as the city compels him to vacate his present habitation.

Ex Justice Bailly Hazleton, of Mahopac Falls, celebrated his eighty third birthday last week and we are happy to say that the venerable judge is still hale and hearty, jolly and good natured, and the same honest, candid Bailly Hazleton that we have known from boyhood to the present. May he live to celebrate many more birthdays with his friends who are legion.

Samuel Wright has been in quite poor health of late and under the care of Dr. Hitchcock, of Croton Falls. We are pleased to know that he is now on the mend and able to be out.

Milan Westcott spent Monday in Poughkeepsie.

Oscar Broburgh, who is in the employ of W. A. Ganong, was thrown out of a wagon last Saturday morning but was not seriously hurt. The horse had become frightened and ran away. The wagon was demolished.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Wilson have been visiting friends in Ridgeport, Conn., the past week.

Morris Chadwick has been appointed watchman at the Carmel reservoir in place of Hiram M. Abel, who has been transferred.

The ice men begin to wear a troubled look and well they may, for here it is Christmas and not a vestige of ice in the lake. A year ago the lake was covered with several inches of ice at this time and preparations were being made for the harvest. True, we have many weeks yet to look for cold weather, but just now the signs are anything but favorable. It would indeed be a sad state of affairs for this village should we get no ice to harvest this winter, for the filling of the big house usually brings upwards of \$5000 into our little village.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilley, a prominent citizen of Hanover, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and the quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00 Trial bottles free at F. W. Gorham's, Katonah and G. W. Abrams, Croton Falls Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

Dr. Frank A. Traver, a dentist of Racine, Wis., claims to have about completed an invention that will be the greatest of the kind ever conceived. The invention is called a phonotype writer, and the inventor claims that by talking into an ordinary phonograph the keys of a typewriter machine will be worked by electricity and will record any dictation verbatim.

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The Happenings of a Village Briefly Told.

A Merry Christmas to all!

The L. T. L. held a session at the Mission last Sunday afternoon.

Gilbert E. Ganun is having alterations and additions made to his barn on Church street.

The new undertaking firm of Fish & Williamson comprises Mr. James Fish and Mr. Charles Williamson.

Services at the Mission every Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock, and Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Whiting R. Merritt, who has been bar manager for the Hotel Elwood, has accepted a similar position in the Johnson House at White Plains.

The King's Daughters held a parlor sale of fancy articles, cakes and candies at the residence of Mr. S. J. Barnes, on West Main street. The sale was quite a success.

Christmas exercises were held this afternoon in the Public School. A program of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, dialogues, etc., was admirably rendered by the pupils.

The members of the Mount Kisco Union of the W. C. T. U. held a meeting in the Mission Room Wednesday afternoon. Miss Helen R. Illus, of Yonkers, County Superintendent of the W. C. T. U., addressed the meeting.

Quite a curiosity is on exhibition in the gent's-furnishing window of Banks Bros. store. It is an alligator eighteen inches long in a glass tank. It was brought from Florida by Mr. Percy Pontin, who made a business-pleasure trip there. It has been viewed by a great many and is certainly attractive. This is in all probability the first trip of the 'gator to a northern climate. He will spend the holiday season at Banks Bros.' dry goods and furnishing store.

Miss Frankiza Newbauer, a resident of Mount Kisco Park, died last Thursday night from burns received by the explosion of a kerosene lamp the same morning. The accident happened before daylight, and it is thought she was filling a lamp when the explosion occurred, as the bottom of the kerosene can was blown right out. The oil flew all over her face and clothes, and she ran from the house screaming with pain and calling for help. Before succor reached her she was fearfully burned and her arms and shoulders were almost a crisp. Dr. Chapman was immediately in attendance and did all that was possible, but gave no hope of recovery. She died at 9:30 a. m.

As to the Bible.

In only nine States in the Union does the reading of the Bible as a function of school exercises rest on a legal basis, plainly written in the State Constitution or in the school laws. These States are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Georgia, Mississippi and North and South Dakota. In eleven States there is no specific mention of the Bible in the constitution or law, but the decisions of courts and State Superintendents upon legal provisions for instruction in morals give an authoritative character to the custom of Bible reading. New York is included in this list. Another list of States has none of these legal safeguards, but the custom of reading the Bible, prevails, being supported by established usage and public sentiment. In five States, viz. Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, Washington and Wisconsin, the decisions of Courts, Attorney-Generals and School Superintendents are adverse to the reading of the Bible, but books containing sections from the Bible are in use.

Don't Rock the Baby.

The time-honored custom of rocking babies to sleep is a bad one. It is injurious to the children themselves, and is a cause, eventually, of much unnecessary trouble to their guardians. Mothers should therefore see to it that from the very first the little ones are brought up in the way they should go, and that the monthly nurse does not get them into bad habits by rocking them to sleep either in her arms or in their cots. There is no doubt that rocking is the most expeditious way of inducing a baby to go to sleep, but if she once starts, a baby will not sleep without it, and at a later age is likely to suffer from insomnia. Rocking may save immediate trouble to a nurse or mother by inducing sleep when a child does not require it, or when it ought to be taken up from its cot and have clean clothes put on—but it will never cause that sweet, gentle and perfect sleep which should be characteristic of a baby who has no artificial aids to induce slumber.

Not Leased to Senator Hanna

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Mark Hanna authorizes a denial of the report that he had leased the Cameron house, on Lafayette Square, formerly occupied by the late Vice President Hobart.

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Supervisor Green, of New Castle, acting under authority, has purchased a plot of about four acres at Millwood for \$175. The value of this land is not much, but the broken stone placed upon it when the new aqueduct was built will be most valuable for the roads of the town and will last for many years.

ARMONK.

Ripples from around the Byram River.

Miss Carrie Berrian entertained a party of young friends Monday evening.

Messrs. William McDonald and Harry Hunter spent Tuesday in New York city.

Mrs. B. F. McDonald and Miss George M. Brundage were in New York city to-day.

Mrs. G. W. Berrian and daughter, Maude, are the guests of friends this week in New York city.

Mrs. J. Inman returned home Wednesday from a week's visit with relatives in Paterson, N. J.

Mrs. N. Acker and Miss Jennie Acker, of this village, visited friends in White Plains on Monday last.

Mr. Henry L. Brundage is visiting relatives and friends in Rye, N. Y. His visit will extend over Christmas.

A cottage meeting was held at the home of Mr. Chas. McDonald on Wednesday, which was well attended.

Messrs. E. S. Adams, of Mount Kisco, and George B. Cranston, of Katonah, visited friends here last Sunday.

Mr. Raymond Cox, who has been seriously ill, shows signs of improvement. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Miss Carrie Berrian returned home last Sunday from Mount Kisco, where she had enjoyed a pleasant visit of two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Daniel Cox.

Mrs. William McDonald and Mrs. DeVoe made a business trip to New York city Monday for the purpose of purchasing presents for the Sunday School members.

A very interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment to be given on Christmas night in the M. E. Church. The program includes vocal selections, recitations, readings, etc.

The Episcopal Church will be opened Christmas for the holding of services. The church fixtures have been returned from the Episcopal Chapel in Mount Kisco and have been put in place. The church will be handsomely decorated. Rev. Mr. Wayne will conduct the services.

THREW PARIS GREEN IN THE WELL.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE POISON SAVES THE FAMILY FROM DEATH. No further developments have occurred in the poisoning of Hobart Cox's well, a brief account of which appeared in the Times last week. A resident of Armonk has been suspected, a former employe of Mr. Cox's, but his arrest has not yet been effected. The poisoning of the well occurred early on Monday, the 4th inst, and it was discovered about 5 a. m. when Jessie Jones, the girl employed in the house, drew a bucket of water. She carried the water into the house to be used for cooking breakfast, and Mrs. Cox saw at once that the water had been sprinkled with paris green. Mr. Cox was at once informed of the incident and made an investigation which brought to light a pound box bearing the trade mark of the Highland Chemical Company, New York. The poison had been spilled into the well, and some of it adhered to the chain.

Mr. Cox cautioned his family to silence while he pursued his investigations, and only made known the fact publicly last week. The announcement caused intense excitement as Mr. Cox and his family are highly respected in the vicinity. In talking to a reporter about the suspected man, Mr. Cox is reported as saying: "The man once worked for me. He did not like Jessie Jones and made the threat that if we did not send her back to the institution I got her from something terrible would happen. He claimed that the girl had informed my wife that he had taken something from the house, but he was mistaken. He also disliked my wife. If it hadn't been for the Jones girl, God knows what would have happened. We would have used the poisoned coffee and we might have been dead in our graves to day. We were saved by a kind Providence." Mr. Cox lives a short distance from the village. In his household are his wife Nellie, his daughter Miss May, his son Raymond, a servant, Jessie Jones, and two school teachers, Miss J. D. Hoover, of New York city, and Miss Blanche Witt, of Albany, who are employed in the village school.

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The largest catch of tomcods probably ever made in the Hudson occurred on Saturday night, when fishermen captured five thousand fish, about one half mile south of Tarrytown. The fishermen used a net and clam bait. The water appeared to be filled with fish, and it was nothing unusual to pull out one hundred at a time.

A man in Somerville, N. J., ate a pie containing poison which his wife had fixed for rats in the cellar. The man died. The Somerville variety of rats must be especially particular to require their poison to be served in pies, and if the man's wife had refused to enter to this exaction her husband might be living to-day.

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