The Chatham Courier.

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR — CHATHAM, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1909 — NUMBER [illegible]

MRS. JENNIE MORRIS HAS PASSED AWAY

CHATHAM LOSES A PUBLIC BENEFACTRESS.

Her Memory Will Long Endure as the Donor of one of the Most Beautiful and Most Useful Buildings in Columbia County, the Morris Memorial.

—Mrs. Jennie Porter Morris, aged 73 years, widow of the late George L. Morris, passed away at the dawning of Christmas morning. Although in failing health for a year or more, her death came as a shock to her hosts of friends.

In the death of Mrs. Morris, Chatham loses not only a highly respected and cultured woman, but a public benefactor in a very marked degree. It was Mrs. Morris who gave the first encouragement to Rev. M. A. Denman during [illegible], to undertake the erection of the new Reformed church building and to her generous public spirit and the desire to erect a lasting memorial to her husband, the late George L. Morris, Chatham will owe a lasting tribute in the beautiful and useful memorial building now in process of erection. It is only to be regretted that Mrs. Morris could not have lived to see the completion of this structure and the working out of her plans and desires.

The deceased was a daughter of the late George W. Cady and is survived only by a half sister, Mrs. Church. In 1886 she married Mr. Morris and the pleasant home on Hudson avenue has ever been a place where friends and neighbors have delighted to assemble. Just nine months ago today Mr. Morris was buried from this home where yesterday assembled many to pay their last sad tributes to Mrs. Morris. Perhaps no other woman has ever been so publicly recognized at their passing away as was Mrs. Morris, when between the hours of 2 and 4 Tuesday nearly every business place either closed entirely or curtains were closely drawn as a mark of respect. In the Reformed church of which Mrs. Morris had been a member for more than 30 years will her loss be deeply felt as she was one of the most active members in the Ladies' Aid society and a generous helper in every work of the church.

Rev. Dr. Leggett officiated at the funeral assisted by Rev. M. A. Denman of Springfield, a former pastor, and the remains were interred in Rural cemetery surrounded by many floral tributes.

Mail Pouch Torn.

Chatham Center, Dec. 28 (Special)—Last Friday afternoon the "flyer" going east that catches a mail pouch here, tore it in the operation so that seven packages of letters fell out. They were found by the mail carrier and returned to the office.

Information Wanted.

Mrs. James McGuirk of 66 Main street, Cohoes, is seeking news of a certain Abraham Van Hoesen, who resided in Kinderhook 45 years ago. He was by trade a blacksmith and served as constable for seven years.

Milk Producers Fight Dealers.

In order to form plans successfully to combat combinations of milk dealers, 1,200 milk producers, including representatives from all sections of the United States, will meet in Chicago, on Feb. 1, 1910.

Mrs. Ibert is Improving.

Valatie, Dec. 28 (Special)—Mrs. Peter Ibert, who recently underwent a very successful operation at St. Peter's hospital, Albany, returned to her home on Friday last. She is improving nicely.

Annual Meetings.

Valatie, Dec. 28 (Special)—The annual meeting of the Columbia Electric [illegible] Co. will be held Jan. 4 [illegible]

Observed 20th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Miller of Cole Ridge celebrated their 20th anniversary by entertaining a number of their friends on Christmas day.

Rabbits Destroyed Trees.

Rabbits have destroyed about 30 trees in Chester Newman's young orchard at Copake.

[illegible] School Closed.

[illegible] has closed in [illegible] owing to a case of [illegible] at John Cole's [illegible]

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS.

Great Barrington Wants the Co-operative Lines.

Connection over the co-operative telphone lines from Hillsdale through Green River was cut off last week. It seems there has been some trouble in regard to the erection of a trunk line from Hillsdale to Green River. It is said by some of the officers that matters will be satisfactorily adjusted in a few days and that a trunk line will be built by the two companies. This will give much better service from Hillsdale to Chatham. It is said that a number of people just over the state border are very anxious to have the line extend to Great Barrington. The lines now reach the residence of Charles Shutts near North Egremont, and the prospects are bright for its extension into North Egremont. It is said that if a few of the Great Barrington property owners will help push the thing along, the co-operative lines could be easily extended into Great Barrington. The co-operative lines already extend over a greater part of northern Columbia and southern Renselaer counties.—Great Barrington Courier.

WORKING ON BREAD TRUST.

First Attempts to Organize Fail, But Promoters Will Persevere.

The proposed bread trust with headquarters in New York and branches reaching out to take in the largest flouring mills and distributing centers of the west has failed thus far. That a serious attempt was made to organize the trust as announced several days ago has been confirmed by Max Strasser, president of the New York state association of master bakers, but Strasser states that the proposition was a failure here. Max Oscher, president of the American baking company of St. Louis, is reported to have been at the head of the trust. A capital of $15,000,000 was behind the proposition. Failing in New York to interest the largest bakers in his project, Oscher took up the matter with New Jersey and other bakers and the outcome of these negotiations is not yet certain. An attempt to interest bakers in others cities in the project will be made.

The Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer occurs Jan. 2-9. The program is universal throughout the country and is as follows:

Sunday, Jan. 2—"The Abiding Grace and Truth."

Monday, Jan. 3—"Human History a Witness for God."

Tuesday, Jan. 4—"The Foundations Unshaken, Immovable."

Wednesday, Jan. 5—"The Church of God on Earth."

Thursday, Jan. 6—"Missions the Necessary Expression of Christian Devotion."

Friday, Jan. 7—"The Things Within the Kingdom and Without."

Saturday, Jan. 8—"The Signs of the Times."

Sunday, Jan. 9—Sermons, "Freedom Through the Truth."—John 8:31-32; John 16:13.

Kinderhook Man Injured.

R. Earl Kilmer who resides near Kinderhook, nearly lost his life one day last week, when he was pinned under a large falling tree. He was cutting the tree down when it suddenly gave way. His father, Alfred C. Kilmer, and George Clow were working near and came to his assistance removing the trunk and releasing him. They conveyed him to his home where an examination disclosed the fact that no bones were broken. His shoulder and right leg were very badly bruised.

Vanderzee-O'Dell.

Valatie, Dec. 28 (Special)—Miss Nellie M. O'Dell of this village and Albert Vanderzee of Schnectady were married at noon on Wednesday of last week. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's parents on Mechanic street, Rev. G. G. Whitbeck officiating. The bridesmaid was Miss Lillian M. Decker of Hudson and the best man was George O'Dell, a brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderzee will reside in Schenectady.

Columbiaville Woman Dead.

Miss Martha Brown, aged 77 years, died at the home of David Richie, in Columbiaville on Friday last. She was born in England and came to this country 35 years ago. Until six months ago she had resided with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, in Paterson, N. J. Last July she came to Columbiaville and resided in the family of Mr. Richie until her death.

Eye Injured by Snowball.

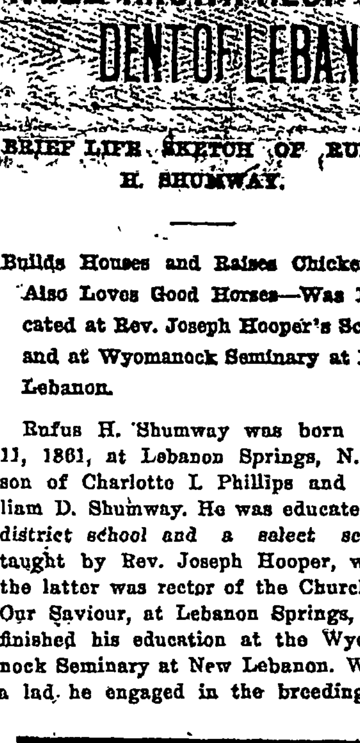
While passing through the village of Ancram last week H. G. Porter was hit in the eye with a hard snowball thrown by a boy for fun. It turned out quite seriously, as he was confined to his bed several days and it will be some time before he can use his eye.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF LEBANON

BRIEF LIFE SKETCH OF RUFUS H. SHUMWAY.

Builds Houses and Raises Chickens—Also Loves Good Horses—Was Educated at Rev. Joseph Hooper's School and at Wyomanock Seminary at New Lebanon.

Rufus H. Shumway was born Jan. 11, 1861, at Lebanon Springs, N. Y., son of Charlotte L Phillips and William D. Shumway. He was educated at district school and a select school taught by Rev. Joseph Hooper, when the latter was rector of the Church of Our Saviour, at Lebanon Springs, and finished his education at the Wyomanock Seminary at New Lebanon. When a lad he engaged in the breeding of



fancy poultry by buying a trio of Silver Grey Dorkings for $5, which proved to be a success. He was soon shipping eggs and fowls to almost every state in the Union. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade of his father, being the third generation to become a carpenter, which occupation he has followed and at present has a nice business, but still continues to breed fancy poultry which is one of his pleasures in life having taken many blue and red ribbons. Last year he sold hundreds of eggs for setting. Another pleasure is good horses.

He was married, Oct. 6, 1887, at Lebanon Springs, to Emma A. Smith. They have two children, Irving H. Shumway, aged 21, and Folernce L Shumway, aged 9.

In 1900 he bought the Dr. Pierce property which they now occupy as a home and a few years later bought the Sanford property which adjoins.

BOSTON AND ALBANY PENSIONS.

Conductor Chapin Will Probably Receive One.

It is understood that the Boston and Albany railroad company in common with the other New York Central lines will soon pension off a number of its older employes in point of service. The number of men who will so be treated on the Albany division of the road is five, but their names have not been made public yet. Three of these are men who have not been in active service for the greater part of the past year. While the number of men on the Boston division who will benefit by the pensions is not known here, in view of the fact that offices of that division are in Boston, it is believed that a large number of men will be pensioned in that division.

Stephen Chapin of Springfield is one of the men who will probably benefit by the pensions when they are first adopted. He has worked for the road for nearly 50 years and he is now over 70 years of age. Mr. Chapin is at present conductor to Boston on the train from Springfield. He has had this run for the past two years. He is one of the best known and most popular conductors in the service of the road and it will be a pleasure to his many friends when they learn that his services have been recognized by the railroad company. Most of his time, however, has been on the Albany division between Springfield and Albany.

To Hold Public Installation.

Valatie, Dec. 28 (Special)—The public installation of the newly elected officers of Valatie Camp, No. 13,328, M. W. A., will take place on Jan. 26, instead of Jan. 12 as announced. State Deputy Consul Harry Franklin of Albany will have charge of the installation.

Van Alstyne-Gott.

Miss Nellie Gott of Canaan Four Corners and Nelson Van Alstyne of Chatham were married on Christmas day. They will visit Niagara Falls on their wedding tour. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gott.

ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY.

Census Director Durand Sets February 5th as the Date for Said Test.

Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test, to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, Feb. 5th, the date finally set by United State Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the census bureau today. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families, and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the census bureau.

All persons whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15th.

Application forms, will full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census, for the supvisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled-in must be filed with the supervisors not later than Jan. 25th as any received after that date cannot be considered. Attorney Cornelius Shufelt of Chatham is the supervisor for this district.

Death of John Keenan.

John Keenan, a well known resident of the village of Kinderhook, died Sunday morning of Bright's disease with a complication of other ailments. He was over 80 years of age and came to Kinderhook in his youth from his native country, Ireland. He was successful in the pursuit of his trade, that of stone mason and purchased the property on the corner of Chatham and William streets, where he opened a hotel which he conducted for many years until recently poor health compelled him to retire. He is survived by his wife. Burial Wednesday in Albany.

Popular Y. M. C. A.

Lebanon Springs, Dec. 28 (Special)—The Y. M. C. A. is fast becoming a popular resort for young men who have a little spare time. The rooms are kept cheerful and comfortable by Janitor Lester Turner and are open every week day afternoon and evening. More books are needed for the library and anyone who has books to donate will receive the hearty thanks of the association for the kind favor. Clayton Haight is the general secretary. The membership is on the increase, about 40 names are already on the roll.

Spencertown Philosophy.

Spencertown, Dec. 28 (Special)—At the head of counsolors for those who are mourning the final departure of a friend and one who offers congratulations at the same time, stands Comrade William Staitz, an old campaigner of the Civil war. Says he, "Well, we must remember that he can die but once. If he is dead now, he has not to die again." Such philosophy is unique to say the least.

Grangers Number 2,500.

Outside of the Pomona grange there are 15 granges in Columbia county. The Pomona or county grange has a membership of about 200 and the total membership of the others is nearly 2,500. The Chatham, New Lebanon, Kinderhook and Clermont granges are the largest, each having a membership of over 200. Claverack and Hillsdale are close up and Canaan grange is not very far behind.

Cider Tank Burst.

A large storage tank at the cider mill of John J. Feller in Rhinebeck gave way last week and 28,000 gallons of the fluid was lost. The tank was not sufficiently strong to stand the pressure. The flood carried away the side of the building in which the tank was placed.

HUDSON'S TAX RATE $28.20 PER $1000

NEW LEBANON NEXT HIGHEST WITH $21.71 PER $1000.

Gallatin's Rate is $20.09 per Thousand Austerlitz is Next With $19.24, Taghkanic, $19.02, Germantown, $13.96, Rate in Town of Chatham is $13.20 and in Village $11.18.

The county tax rate for each town in Columbia county, the villages and the city of Hudson has been fixed, and the table below will show the amount to be paid on each $1,000 of assessed valuation. To the county rate for Hudson must be added the city rate which makes a total of $28.20 on a thousand.

Ancram	$13.72
Austerlitz	19.24
Canaan	13.05
Chatham, village	11.18
Chatham, town	13.20
Claverack, Philmont	9.68
Claverack, town	11.58
Clermont	15.85
Copake	11.94
Gallatin	20.09
Germantown	13.96
Ghent, village	10.00
Ghent, town	11.54
Greenport	15.30
Hillsdale	18.13
Hudson	7.67
Kinderhook, village	8.55
Kinderhook, town	11.17
Livingston	18.52
New Lebanon	21 71
Stockport	11.66
Stuyvesant	10.88
Taghkanic	19.02

Death of Benoni Sherman.

East Chatham, Dec. 28 (Special)—Again are we called upon to chronicle the passing away of a highly esteemed citizen and friend. After many months of illness Benoni Sherman fell asleep Monday afternoon, aged 77 years. The funeral which will be under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity will be held Thursday at 12 o'clock in the M. E. church with burial in the Lebanon cemetery.

The State Farm.

The establishment of the State Farm for Women on the Winne place, near Valatie, provided the project goes through will also involve the purchase of a strip of land on the farm owned by Mrs. Wilson of Valatie. The additional land will be necessary to provide a siding to be laid from the Albany Southern railroad to the buildings on the State farm.

Helping the Temperance Cause.

Chatham Center, Dec. 28 (Special)—Mike O'Connell shipped from New York a package containing one dozen bottles of Christmas joy to his parents here. There was wailing and gnashing of teeth when nothing but the straw packing arrived. Case of first aid to temperance cause by express action.

Altoona Wants Fulton.

Hank Ramsey, manager of the Altoona club of the Tri-State League, is dickering with the Goldsboro team of the Carolina league for the release of Catcher Harris Fulton. Ramsey is anxious to grab Fulton. Fulton caught several seasons for the Chatham nine.

Death at Stuyvesant.

East Chatham, Dec. 28 (Special)—Mrs. Alexander Van Allen, aged 59 years, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Vosburgh of this village, died at her home in Stuyvesant Sunday, after an illness of two years. The funeral was held from the late home today (Wednesday).

Town Divided Into Districts.

East Chatham, Dec. 28 (Special)—H. E. Steuerwald, town superintendent of Canaan, has divided the town into 23 districts for the removal of snow. In this way all roads are opened in the shortest possible time.

Golden Wedding.

A Mellenville correspondent writes: A large number of relatives and friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Deatz on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

Three Feet of Snow.

Spencertown, Dec. 28 (Special)—About three feet of snow fell in the Spencertown valley on Saturday night and Sunday and the wind has thrown up some respectable drifts in the highways.

HIGHWAY MEETING.

Will Be Held This Afternoon and Evening in Hudson.

Pursuant to section 33, sub-division 7, of the highway law, the State Commission of Highways has designated Dec. 29th, 1909, (today) as the date of holding a public meeting in the county.

The meeting will be held at the Court House in Hudson and the sessions at 2 and 8 o'clock p. m., will be in charge of Hon. Frank D. Lyon, deputy commissioner of highways. The object of this meeting is to confer upon matters pertaining to the public highways, to the end that a clear understanding between state, county and town officials may be had relative to the administrative and manual features of the prospective work in the several towns throughout the county.

The evening session will be made especially interesting and instructive by stereopticon views illustrative of highway conditions which will form the basis of general discussion.

Mr Lyon's extensive observation throughout the state during the past year and his intimate knowledge of highway matters qualify him to speak authoritatively and instructively upon the different phases of highway work, and this meeting is sure to be beneficial.

It is the duty of the town superintendent to attend this matter and it is also important tha the own boards be present and the public is cordially invited to attend.

KINDERHOOK BOY HONORED.

Charles Collier Gains Distinction at Harvard College.

Boston and Cambridge, Mass., papers tell of some honors recently won by Charles S. Collier, Harvard, '11, a Kinderhook boy. He has been awarded by the faculty a place in the first group of scholars in the University and received therefor an academic distinction, "a Detur," a highly prized honor, he was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, a college society whose membership is based upon scholarship and character—being one of eight students so honored out of a class of about 600.

He was initiated into the Phi Bet Kappa Dec. 17, and was also elected the orator to deliver in April next the oration before the members thereof, of the junior and senior classes. On December 16 in public competition with eight contestants selected from the various undergraduate classes in the university, he won the Pasteur gold medal for superiority in a debate upon a topic drawn from French contemporary politics.

His friends everywhere will be pleased to hear of these recent honors so worthily bestowed.

Mr Collier is a son of Gerrit S. Collier, president of the National Union Bank of Kinderhook and was graduated from Kinderhook High school and later from Hudson High school.

Death of James Ritchie.

James H. Ritchie died in Philmont on Wednesday afternoon, the day he was 63 years old. His death was due to paralysis and pneumonia. He had been in failing health for some time and had been confined to his bed the last three months.

Mr. Ritchie was born near Stockport, but had lived in Mellenville and Philmont the last 40 years. He was a blacksmith by trade and an expert workman. On account of declining health he was obliged to give up working at his trade about three years ago. He had been a member of the M. E. church for many years, and for a number of years past he had been one of the trustees of the church. He was also a member of Cascade Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Walker officiating. The services at the Mellenville cemetery were conducted by Cascade Lodge. Deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

Ghent Man Injured.

Fred Garner of Ghent was injured while helping put ice into the Borden Milk company's icehouse between Chatham and Ghent, Wednesday. Mr. Garner fell from a run upon an ice pick which penetrated his back. He is a brother of Supervisor Garner.

Hudson Ministers' Club.

The Hudson Ministers' club met Monday afternoon. The speaker was Rev. Robert L. Ross of Chatham who had for his subject "Some By Products of Ministerial Experience."

Corn in the Fields.

Spencertown, Dec. 28 (Special)—Considerable corn in the shocks frozen fast to the ground remains in the fields in this town and probably will remain there for a time as it is simply buried.

Shipped Fish to New York.

R. F. [illegible] of Columbiaville has shipped to a New York firm [illegible] pounds of carp and [illegible] pounds of [illegible]

SPENCERTOWN MAN DIED VERY SUDDENLY

EDWARD PETERSON FOUND DEAD IN HIS BARN.

Heart Disease is Supposed to Have Been the Cause of Death—Was a Successful Farmer—Had Won Many Premiums on Farm Produce at the Chatham Fair.

Edward B. Peterson, son of Benjamin Peterson, was found dead in his barn on the former Henry Niles farm on the Spencertown road, Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock, where he had suddenly expired from heart disease. Mr. Peterson appeared as well as ever at noon and with his wife and son enjoyed their dinner after which he went to the barn to hitch up the team and draw manure to the field. He had gone out with one load and returned for a second and evidently hearing a hen cackle went into a stall in the barn and stooped down to reach in a hen's nest. He was found a few minutes later by his son, lying partially on his side holding the egg in his hand, but life was extinct. Coroner Maxon was called and examined the body and took the facts of the case.

Mr Peterson was in his 51st year and had always been a hard working and successful farmer. About two years ago he purchased the Niles farm and worked it in addition to his other farm beyond Spencertown. Mr. Peterson was always a progressive farmer and probably has won more premiums at the county fairs on farm produce than any one other person.

Mr Peterson is survived by his wife and one son, Delmar, who have the sympathy of a host of friends in this very sudden bereavement. The funeral will be held Friday at 1.30 from the house.

MRS. A. M. SHAW DEAD.

Well Known Woman Passed Away at Spencertown.

Fannie Almira Shaw, wife of Rev. A. M. Shaw, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Spencertown, died on Wednesday morning, Dec. [illegible], at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Shaw was the oldest daughter of Ira and Fannie Nowlen. She was born in Colesville, N. Y., on Sept. [illegible], 1829. At Franklin Seminary, of which she was a graduate. She was known for her brilliant scholraship, particularly in the subject of higher mathematics. In 1860 she was married from her home in Oneonta, N. Y., to Archibald M. Shaw, then a recent graduate of Auburn Theological Seminary and a graduate of Hamilton College, Class of 1856.

For more then 40 years she was closely associated with her husband in his pastoral work. Her boundless sympathy with and love for children were the most striking elements in her nature. Of every church organization she was the chosen leader. As a mother she was no less devoted, personally directing the preparatory education of her son and daughter. The latter died in 1887. The son is now the principal of Hamilton Institute for Boys, New York city.

On the retirement from active service of the ministry, Rev. and Mrs. Shaw came to this village where they remained for three years. During the past six years their home has been in Spencertown, N. Y.

Though an invalid for more than five years, Mrs. Shaw was always bright and cheerful waiting in patience for the relief which came this morning. Her death was a quiet sleeping away.

Rev. Archibald M. Shaw and Professor N. Archibald Shaw are the family survivors of this good woman. The funeral services will be held in Spencertown on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. Bake will conduct the services.

CHATHAM CENTER.

—Will Van Alstyne of New York visited cousins here over the Sabbath.

—A little boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dennis Monday night. Almost a Christmas present. [illegible] help is needed on the Shields farm [illegible] is right on the job.

To Have Jury Trial.

The suit of Fred Keese against [illegible] Van Allen for the shooting of the former's dog in Kinderhook, has been fixed by Justice Magee for Jan. 4, when a jury trial will be held in the village hall.

Death of [illegible].

Lebanon Springs, Dec. 28 (Special)—Mr. Cowan, who has a summer home here, died suddenly in New York, [illegible] day.

Has Served [illegible] Years.

W. E. Morey of Lebanon Springs has [illegible]