

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF MONTGOMERY.

The valley of the Hudson River is not surpassed in the charming variety of its scenery and the fertility of its soil by any part of the Atlantic coast, and except in some features of wild grandeur, by any part of the country. Nestling along near the banks of this great artery of commerce and national life, and upon the varied streams running down into it are a thousand and one villages, towns and cities, but none of them are more marked by quiet refinement, progressive spirit and beauty of situation than Montgomery, Orange County, New York. This village was called into corporate existence soon after the close of the great Revolutionary struggle, and received the name of one of New York's most famous generals in that contest, General Richard Montgomery, who fell at Quebec in 1776, and whose mausoleum now stands in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, New York City.

Montgomery has always been noted for the attractive characteristics of a rich country village. With the fertility and varied wealth of Orange County about it, and near to great centres of trade, it has steadily and quietly gone about its work of developing a substantial prosperity and cultivated leisure. The agricultural interests have naturally and always been first, a class of scientific and progressive farmers maintaining a standard of cultivation not surpassed in any section. Of recent years also, with the opening up of railroad facilities, more attention has been given to manufacturing and trade, the natural advantages of the town in this particular being recognized and more adequately developed.

Montgomery is just ten miles from Goshen, the county seat of Orange, and seventy from New York City itself. A half hour's ride on the Montgomery branch of the Erie brings one to the court-house, and by good connections the ride to the metropolis can be made in from two hours and a half to three. Connections are made with several through passenger trains, outside of very complete and superior traffic arrangements for freight.

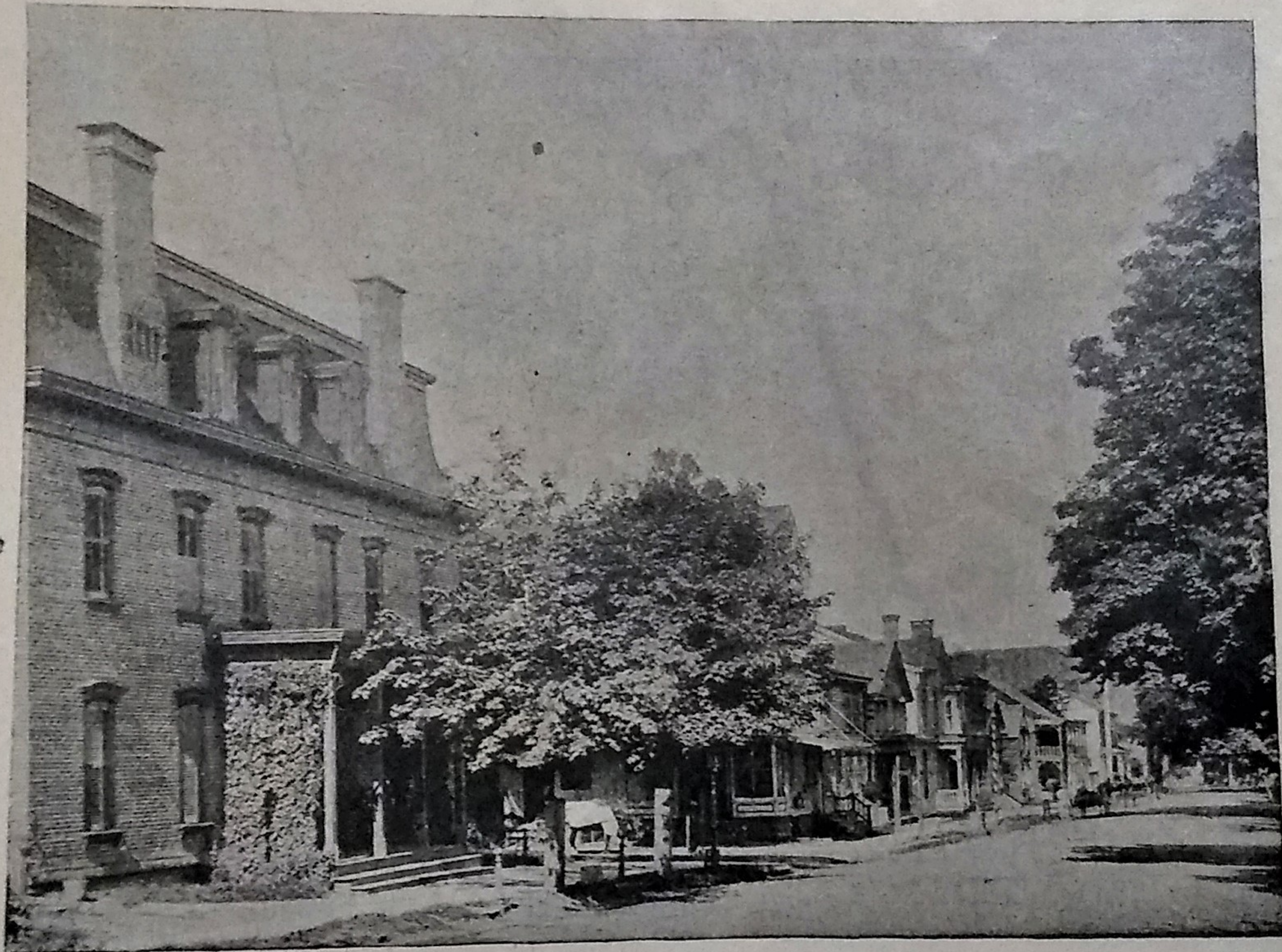
The earliest families and settlers in what is now Montgomery, were of Dutch stock, and were largely induced to come over from Holland in the fourth and fifth decades of the Seventeenth century, by the "Patroons," who owned immense tracts of land along the Hudson, and were anxious to fill them up with settlers. They were a sturdy and reliable class of people, not given to hasty movements or any form of disorder. They settled down upon the rich agricultural soil and were soon reaping good harvests. They also introduced fine breeds of cattle at an early date, attracted by the rich pasturage, and recognizing this great resource, now become so famous. They early established connections with adjacent points on the Hudson, and were thus enabled to maintain good trade relations from the start.

After the surrender of the Dutch territories to England in 1664, a migration from the eastward into this section was opened up which continued for upwards of a century and a half. Many settlers came from the Connecticut Valley, bringing some of the "Blue Laws" and also some of that restless, pushing energy, which has given such an impetus to civilization in this country. An amicable union of interests soon brought the Dutch and English families into harmonious activities, which have been maintained ever since. This section was spared much participancy in the fierce Indian struggles of the French Wars, which devastated the State so largely to the north and westward. The great "Five Nations" known in general as the Iroquois, did indeed send some emissaries at times into this section, but they were in the main so occupied in other quarters, especially around Lake Champlain and the Western lakes, that they were quite contented to leave this inoffensive region alone. Although not subject to home disturbances, not a few volunteers from here participated in the Indian battles of the Mohawk Valley and in the Canadian Campaigns, ending in 1759.

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The Revolutionary period was one of especial interest to this section, situated as it was near the heart of the conflict. It was made a great source of provender and supplies by the Continental armies, and also subject to frequent raids by the British troops. The proximity of the forts on the Hudson was both a point of strength and weakness. These became centers of heated and prolonged struggles, especially West Point and Stony Point, the latter fortress being captured and recaptured several times, and each effort being watched and shared in by the men of this place. While Washington had his headquarters at Newburgh, troops were a number of times stationed here, and more than once did the



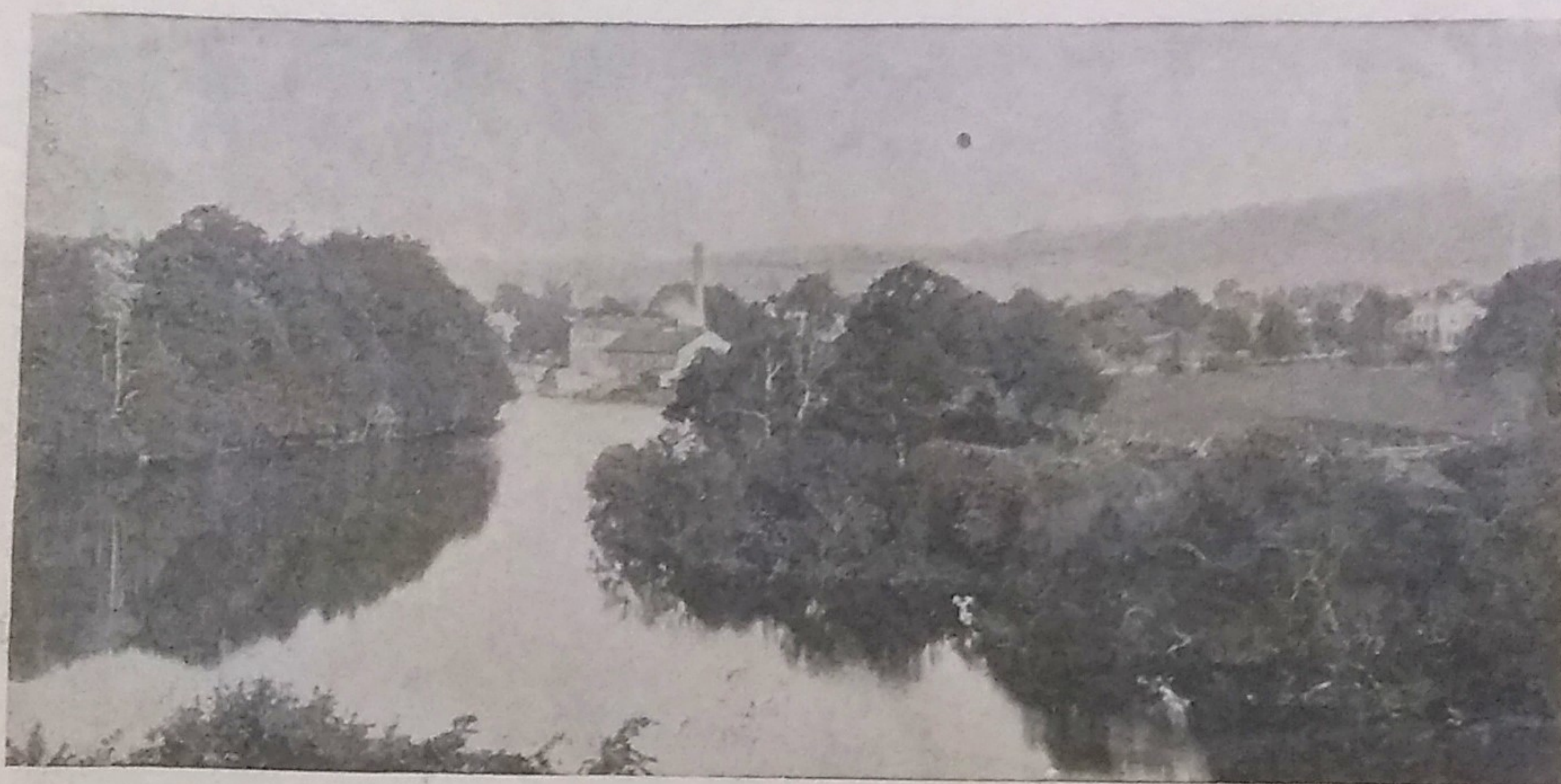
SOUTH SIDE CLINTON STREET.

booming of cannon and the rattle of cavalry trappings resound amid the quiet fields and village streets. As was natural, the cultivation of agricultural resources was not promoted by the warlike atmosphere, and the end of the struggle in 1781 found the farmers and villagers in a much impoverished condition.

At the beginning of the present century scientific farming first began to be studied and put to practical uses. It was then becoming clear that the great need of an agricultural region like Montgomery was good transportation facilities, and before railroads had been discussed at all, plans had been inaugurated for canals in various parts of the State, one to connect the Hudson and the Delaware being projected through this locality. All trade at this time centered to the Hudson, and Newburgh was the point to which the farmer took his stock and products and also purchased supplies. From the time that Fulton's steamboat began to run in 1807 between New York and Albany, stopping at Newburgh, a new impetus was given to the business and farming interests throughout this section. For many years the Hudson could boast of the only steamboat in the country, and though the facilities were even then primi-

tive, travel and traffic to the great metropolis and also to the state capital were greatly benefited. A market for grain, potatoes and other staples was gradually built up, via Newburgh and the river boats to New York; this section also became famous at an early date for its fine butter and cheese, building up on old Dutch traditions and methods, but of course full development of the dairy interests could not be realized until the railroads had brought quick transportation and delivery.

A trip down the Hudson on board one of the early steamboats was considered the feat of a lifetime, and took much more time than at present. Even as late as 1840, the poor engines and open machinery made the voyage one of some danger, although at the abnormal speed of eight or ten miles an hour. One of the first railway enterprises of the country was also projected between New York and Albany, taking



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in this region, and when rail traffic was finally established in 1834, the prosperity and wealth of this section were assured. There was some prejudice manifested against the railroads at first, but it soon wore away, as the people awoke to the realization of what it meant in the way of increased market and greatly stimulated trade. This section made great progress in agricultural wealth and development up to the time of the civil war, when other interests for a while diverted attention.

The sixth decade of the present century was marked by quick, exciting events leading up to the civil war. This section being a good highway for slaves to escape to the north, the people had a number of occasions to test the odiousness of the Fugitive Slave Law. The "Dred Scott" decision in 1857, and "John Brown's raid" in 1859, were like fiery coals arousing the anti-slavery flame among the people of Montgomery. Many voted for Fremont in 1856, and marshaled by New York's great leaders, Seward and Greeley, in 1860, cast an effective ballot in the electoral college for Lincoln in that year. Upon the first call for troops a company was formed at this place, and Montgomery was represented among the earliest regiments which left the State. Her military reputation was sustained with honor and distinction space not allowing us to speak of individual merits and achievement, but the Grand Army roll and the state records both contain strong testimony to the valor and patriotic devotion of the sons of this village during the great struggle, which has likewise not failed of recognition at home. Montgomery was always liberal moreover in her contributions of moneys and aids to the support of the Union, showing earnest co-operation in the work of the sanitary and Christian commissions. Articles of clothing, medicines, cordials and many loving memorials were forwarded to the brave soldiers at the front.

Since the war the development has been steady and marked along the lines of dairy-farming, especially; also general trade, manufacturing, and the great interests of education and social progress. Montgomery is now a thriving village of nearly 2,000 inhabitants, not counting some sections which in reality constitute a part of the original township. It is ably represented in the County Board of Supervisors by Mr. J. H. Loughran, and takes active interest in all county matters.

The various lines of staple goods are represented by wide-awake houses, whose fuller description is given elsewhere, and the visitor is impressed by the enterprise and progress displayed. One element of trade in recent years is the increase of Summer traffic and residence. Both Newburgh, Middletown, and even New York itself, being so near this place, there is no convenience which may not be obtained on very short notice. There are many fine fruit orchards in this section, and for some time in-



DAM AND BERLIN BRIDGE.

creasing attention has been given to this branch of scientific farming, with gratifying results. Lumber also occupies some attention, and among natural resources as yet but partially developed, is that of stone-quarrying, there being some remarkably fine red granite in this vicinity, as well as other parts of the country. The train service of Montgomery includes five trains daily for Kingston, Campbell Hall, Albany and eastern points, and three trains for Goshen, Middletown, Newburgh and New York city, the quickest express to the latter place making the time in just two hours and a half. It is thus possible to leave in the morning and have the chief part of the day in the city for business, or to leave in the late afternoon and arrive in time for any event of the evening. At Newburgh and Kingston connections can be made for all points on the West Shore, at Middletown for the New York, Ontario and Western, not to speak of the great extent of country covered by the Erie main lines and branches. At Montgomery may be enjoyed all the leisure and quiet of rural life, within so short a distance of the city that a short ride will open up all the beauties and attractions of the latter.

Montgomery being bisected by the Wallkill River, which is in some parts very strong and rapid, has required great care in the matter of bridging, and the township has not spared expense and the best engineering skill in securing satisfactory results in this regard. In order to achieve this desirable purpose the town has expended in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, and its bridges to-day are not surpassed in the State for thorough construction, convenience and safety. The village also contributed very liberally to

the extension of the Erie Railroad to this point, and has been amply repaid in various ways, outside of other trade interests which have been profited; the dairy farms have greatly advanced in value and extent of out-put. The freight trains of the Erie and Wallkill Valley lines each day ship many lots of milk, butter and cheese to be transferred to the metropolis, and aid in sustaining the great reputation of Orange County along this line. Each year witnesses advance in extent of demand and also improvements of method which justly entitle this section to the name of the "creamery" of the State and nation. The value of this great industry, with the constant increase of population at the great centres, cannot be over-estimated. Montgomery includes within its limits nine incorporated companies, representing a combined capital of over \$200,000. Outside of its interests in the railroads and telegraph companies, the most important interests are those of cutlery and condensed milk. It contains in each of these lines one of the oldest and best establishments of its character in the State. Its merchants are thoroughly progressive, and meet all demands of the local trade with great quickness and thoroughness, due to energy and superior trade connections.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ACADEMY.

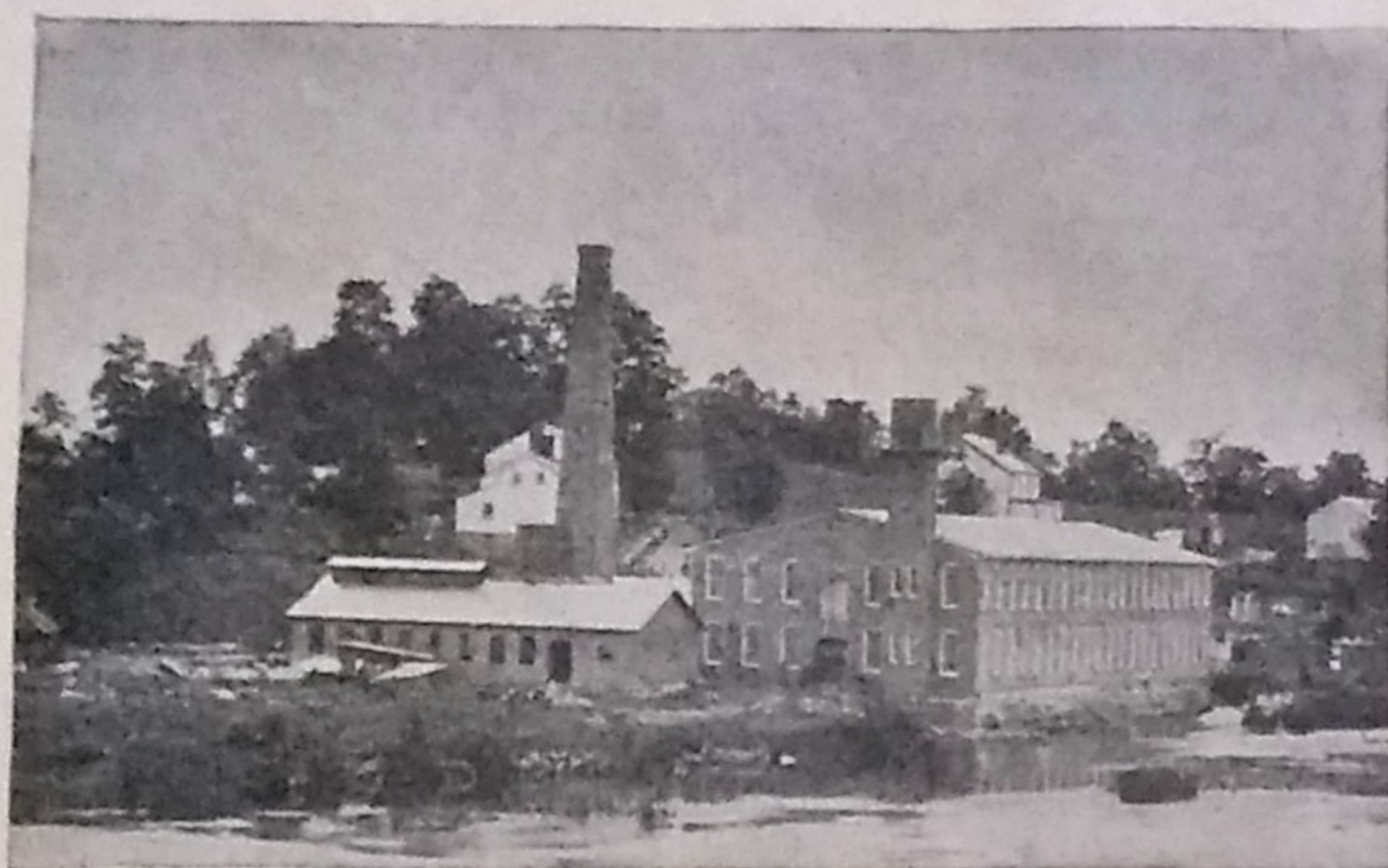
This village has always given a great deal of attention to education and school matters, as is attested not only by its tax records, but also by the high reputation its institutions have long maintained throughout this section. The Montgomery Academy is the Academic and Union free school of this section, which has for many years furnished a high standard of intellectual training, and whose reputation is interstate. It is under the charge of Professor Reuben Frazer, with two talented assistant teachers, and a good quota of pupils. It affords thorough primary and secondary instruction according to the most approved methods, and fits its pupils for the leading colleges. The location of the school is of exceptional beauty and unexcelled for sanitary advantages. It is near the banks of the Wallkill River, commanding an extensive and magnificent outlook. Its numerous and convenient railroad conveniences make it easy of access to and from all important points in this and adjoining States. The high standard of scholarship maintained at this institute is also extended to all branches of the public school system. The Board of Education includes Messrs. W. H. Senior, E. Ross Elliott, D. M. Wade, Chauncey Brooks, and F. Bodine. The amount of public funds expended each year, together with the careful attention

given to all the features of educational work, ensure a system of marked efficiency and thoroughness. Montgomery has also excellent advantages in the way of religious instruction. The prominent denominations are represented by flourishing churches, and there is also a strong branch at this point of the Christian Endeavor Society in connection with several of the churches, which organization has now assumed such large national proportions. In its religious organizations and general tone Montgomery takes an honorable stand among the best class of country towns. Courses of lectures and entertainments, in which considerable activity is shown, each Winter, also add to the interest and progress of town life.

The Academy Hall of the Central village is under skillful and intelligent management, and has established a wide prestige through this section for presenting a high order of operatic and theatrical performances. There are also several modernly kept hostelrys, and, as this is a point which always attracts visitors, the steady and progressive development of its hotel facilities has been of great service to the town. One feature which has been assuming greater importance each year is that of Summer visitors and tourists. The character and quiet charm of local life, together with the natural beauties of the place, have exercised a widening attraction, and one who has once enjoyed the restful yet varied life of this garden country is ever after an enthusiastic admirer and firm partisan of its merits. In addition to the scenic beauty and attractions of the Wallkill River, there are also several beautiful lakes and stretches of fresh water, such as the well known Orange Lake, which are made the centers of frequent pleasure parties and excursions during the warm weather. The stately and majestic forms of the Shawangunk range of mountains are within plain view, and at no point do the Highlands make a more grand and beautiful appearance. The fresh, cool air from the mountains, constant Summer breezes and luxuriant vegetation all combine to render Montgomery a most refreshing and delightful retreat during the hot season. The advantages of a rich pastoral and farming district are also at hand, and make living very bountiful and economical. The amount of pleasure and healthful vigor which may be derived at a very slight expenditure, compared with many places, renders this spot one of marked attractiveness to all those who have come to know it. Many Fresh Air children are sent here during the Summer, and this most generous and tender philanthropy finds fitting associations and expressions in this beautiful and quiet section of Orange County. Montgomery has not only given great attention to her bridges, but also to her roads, keeping them in constant repair and in admirable condition for riding, driving and bicycling. In the more retired and outlying sections good shooting and fair fishing may be found. Some pickerel and bass repay the angler's toil, and it is not infrequently a fox or wildcat, with smaller fry more abundant, are met with. There is the fragrance of new mown hay, and deep laden hay trucks moving to the barn; ponds deep-bedded in lillies; the golden and purple fruitage of vine and orchard, peaches being quite widely produced; not to speak of the multifold flowers of early Summer, and the golden-rod of Autumn—all these lend a delicate charm and variety to the rural life of this section, which those who have once tasted will not readily exchange.

The country houses of this region are a sort of blending of old Dutch and New England ideas. Their long slanting roofs, small, deep-set windows and quaint doors, which might be matched in many a Holland village, while sterner lines and sharper angles suggest the Puritan severity. Yet the harmony and blending is thoroughly realized and unmarred, many of the best features of each type being maintained, and producing a union of qualities better adapted in many ways, than either would have been alone to the characteristics of the climate. There are also a considerable number of handsome country residences through this locality, which for tasteful and finished architecture and general design may compare favorably with city mansions. Montgomery has a most excellent journal and news budget in the *Standard* which is published weekly, and is an old established paper. It furnishes an accurate and lively review of local happenings, neglecting no feature of interest to the people. Its publisher is Mrs. Leslie Winfield, and the editor is Ward Winfield, Esq. In its readable columns is presented a clear and attractive picture of local life and interest. There are several literary and social organizations of flourishing character in the village, including a branch of the Royal Templars, and the Wallkill Valley Farmer's Club has its center at this point. Montgomery is quite closely connected with Newburgh, which is indeed its nearest neighbor, and the ties of social amity and trade exchange between the two places are quite extensive. Something of a roundabout trip on the railroad is needed to go between the two places, but it is a comparatively short drive over good roads.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF MONTGOMERY.



CRABTREE & PATCHETT,

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MONTGOMERY, ORANGE CO., N. Y.

The enterprise now carried on by Messrs. Crabtree & Patchett was inaugurated thirty years ago, and both on account of its past record and present standing is fairly entitled to a leading position in a review of the most representative and successful manufacturing undertakings located in this portion of the State. The founder was Mr. Edmund Ackroyd, he beginning operations in 1862, and being succeeded in 1880 by the present firm, which is composed of Messrs. W. Crabtree and A. Patchett, both natives of England, and who are well known in this town both in business and social circles, the latter having been president of the Board of Trustees. The mill is a very commodious structure, two stories in height, 60x160 feet, and boiler house, 28x38, with dye house, 28x72 feet in dimensions, and containing several sets of machinery, driven by both steam and water power, by a 75-horse-power engine and two boilers, 80 horse power each. The firm manufacture all kinds of worsted yarns and employ 100 operatives, the output being distributed by the leading jobbers throughout the country. The popularity of the product is due to the reliability of the materials used and the uniform excellence of the workmanship, the several grades being of fixed quality, so that dealers can safely guarantee the goods to prove as represented. This mill was built in 1812, and was originally a frame building, built for a cotton mill, and has been used for a variety of purposes. It 1891 it was burned down, and has since been rebuilt of brick, refitted with new machinery throughout and is protected from fire by automatic sprinklers.

JOHN L. D. EAGER, Dealer in Coal, Wood, Lime, Cement, Green Hides and Tallow. Lehigh, Pittston, Lackawanna Coal. Pocket System, Steam Elevator, No Shoveling, No Dust. Montgomery, N. Y. Something beside good will and good management is necessary in order to provide a really first-class service in connection with the sale and distribution of such bulky commodities as coal and wood, for the ability to quote bottom prices on these goods and to fill large and small orders at short notice is largely dependent upon the nature of the available facilities for receiving, storing and delivery. It is generally understood that the facilities controlled by Mr. John L. D. Eager are unsurpassed, and it is also generally understood that no dealer offers more genuine inducements to large and small consumers of coal and wood. Mr. Eager handles Lehigh, Pittston and Lackawanna coal, using his steam elevator and pocket system, which screens all coal twice. He also deals in hard and soft wood, lime, cement, green hides and tallow, having made the handling of green salted hides a specialty for over seventeen years. Mr. Eager, who is a native of Montgomery, is well known and highly respected throughout this section of the State, where he now holds the office of civil justice, also police justice, and was formerly trustee and justice of peace. The establishment now conducted by him was opened to the public in 1876, and is located on Railroad avenue, comprising office, large store, sheds, etc. All orders are promptly delivered to any point in this vicinity, and all commodities dealt in will be furnished in quantities to suit, at positively bottom prices.

THOMAS CHAMBERS, Veterinary Surgeon, Dealer in Carriages and Harness, Farming Implements, Livery Stables, Montgomery, N. Y. We have known many persons who bought "cheap" carriages and harness, for the market is so flooded with them and they are so seductively advertised that they are brought to the attention of every one, but we have yet to learn of a single instance in which a carriage or harness proved satisfactory. The bother of keeping a cheap carriage or harness looking anywhere near decent are enough to disgust any man whose time is worth anything; and, besides, such vehicles and harness are hard on a horse, and if used at all severely are always needing repairs. Get a really good carriage and harness made from first-class stock and you will never regret it; and right here we want to advise you to place the order with Mr. Thomas Chambers, whose establishment is located on Clinton street, for he gives exclusive attention to customers, and is a thoroughly reliable dealer, who charges no fancy prices, but sells honest goods at honest rates. Mr. Chambers, who is a native of Montgomery, established his present line of business here in 1884, and now occupies premises comprising four floors, each 1,800 square feet in dimensions, where, in addition to carriages and harness he carries a large and varied stock, including blankets, whips, robes, and all kinds of horse furnishings and farming implements. Mr. Chambers is a veterinary surgeon, and also conducts a livery stable. He gives close personal attention to all departments of his business and has gained the reputation of being an energetic, progressive, and thoroughly reliable business man in every sense of the word.

NATIONAL HOTEL, Geo. Keesler, Prop. Clinton Street, Montgomery, N. Y. There are some hotels which seem to be popular without due cause, or in other words, present no attractions which would account for the liberal patronage they receive, but this is by no means the case with the National Hotel, for this highly popular hostelry presents so many claims to public favor that it is no wonder its patronage is constantly on the increase. This hotel was opened to the public about sixty years ago. The present proprietor, Mr. Geo. Keesler, who is a native of New York State, is assiduous in his efforts to promote the comfort of his guests, and make them feel entirely at home. The National Hotel contains twelve sleeping rooms, bar and reading room, and has recently been repaired and refitted, and every endeavor will be made to make it a desirable stopping place for the traveling public. The table is abundantly supplied with seasonable food, and the service is prompt and obliging. The terms of the house are moderate, and the entire enterprise is liberally, as well as progressively managed. The National Hotel is located on Clinton street, and so accessible from all points, is well worthy of consideration by those contemplating a visit to Montgomery.

J. B. LAWSON, Blacksmith and Horse Shoer, Charles Street, Montgomery, N. Y. No one in this section has a higher reputation as a horse shoer and blacksmith than Mr. J. B. Lawson, whose shop is located on Charles street. This establishment was originally founded in 1862, by Mr. Joseph Lawson, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1888. Mr. J. B. Lawson is thoroughly experienced in his business, and employs only competent and reliable workmen to assist him, consequently he is in a position to give entire satisfaction to all those entrusting their horses to his care, lame and tender-footed animals being especially treated. Mr. Lawson's shop contains all necessary facilities for the doing of blacksmith work and horse shoeing, and all work of this nature given to him to do will receive the strictest attention, and as only reliable assistants are given employment, all orders are assured prompt fulfillment, in fact, every order of whatever description will receive Mr. Lawson's personal attention. All work is guaranteed to be first-class in every respect, and uniformly low rates may be counted upon by those favoring him with their trade.

J. F. GILLESPIE, Wagon Maker, Repairer and Painter; also Livery and Hack Stable, Corner of Union and Charles Streets, Montgomery, N. Y. The question is frequently asked whether it pays best to buy a new or a second-hand carriage or wagon, but no general answer can be given, for the simple reason that so much depends upon the attending circumstances that each case must be judged on its own merits. But there is one rule that always applies, and that is that it doesn't pay to buy vehicles of any kind from an unknown or irresponsible party. An excellent place at which to have wagons, etc., made, is at the establishment carried on by Mr. J. F. Gillespie, and located at the corner of Union and Charles streets, for Mr. Gillespie is a manufacturer as well as repairer and painter of such vehicles; he knows every detail of their construction, guarantees every one he makes to prove just as represented, and quotes bottom prices on both new work and repairs. He is prepared to execute all orders at short notice, and makes a leading specialty of repairing in all its branches. The work is done strongly and durably, as well as promptly, and we therefore commend this establishment to those wishing to have wagons made or repaired in the best style at fair prices. Mr. Gillespie is also engaged in the livery and hacking business. He is a native of Montgomery, and has carried on his present lines of business here since 1847. He is well known and highly respected throughout this vicinity, in both social and business circles, and during the late Southern War served in Company C, Fifth New York Regiment, Heavy Artillery.

JAS. VANDEROEF & SON, Dealer in Lumber, Coal, Flour and Feed, Brick, Grain Tile, Lime, Cement, Plaster and Salt. Yard Near Depot, Montgomery, N. Y. The advantages gained by being able to purchase such standard commodities as coal, flour and feed, etc., in quantities to suit at the lowest market rates, are too obvious to require demonstration, and as Messrs. Jas. Vanderoef & Son are in a position to offer such advantages to the residents of Montgomery and vicinity, it follows that their enterprise is of the first importance and deserves very prominent and favorable mention in a review of the various commercial undertakings of this section. James and J. J. Vanderoef compose the present firm, both of whom are natives of Warwick, N. Y., and are widely known hereabouts, the senior member being formerly a trustee of this town, and who inaugurated this present business in 1867, under the name of Terbill & Vanderoef, and after several changes came under the control of the present firm in 1874, who have built up a large trade, which is steadily increasing. The store and yard occupied are located near the railroad depot, and always contain a good stock of lumber, coal, flour and feed, brick and tile, lime, cement, plaster and salt, etc. The most extensive orders can be filled without delay and the smallest commissions are given careful attention, bottom prices being quoted on all the commodities handled. Two competent assistants are employed, and callers are at all times assured immediate and courteous attention. This house are the agents for the "Hartman" Wire Panel Fence, which is now so popular, and the best farm fence in the market, and is much cheaper than either wood or barbed wire. It is also used for tree and flower guards, wire mats, etc.

D. A. SHAFER, Proprietor of the Wallkill House, Manufacturer of Pure Apple Whiskey, Montgomery, N. Y. A hotel that is healthfully, pleasantly and conveniently located, comfortably furnished and liberally managed is certainly worthy of more than passing mention, and as this is the case with the Wallkill House, we take pleasure in recommending it to our readers. It was opened to the public about a century ago, the house being rebuilt in 1857, and came under the able management of Mr. D. A. Shafer in 1868. This gentle man not only "knows how to keep a hotel," but makes full use of his knowledge, for he gives every detail of the business close personal supervision, and is untiring in his efforts to promote the comfort of guests. The house contains twelve guest rooms, bar and reading room, the apartments have lately been repaired and are pleasant and comfortable in every respect. The table is excellent, comparing favorably with many houses charging much higher rates. Four assistants are employed, and the service is prompt and efficient at all times. Mr. Shafer is a native of Montgomery, and is ex-president of the Board of Trustees. He runs a livery stable in connection with the Wallkill House, and also manufactures pure apple whiskey.

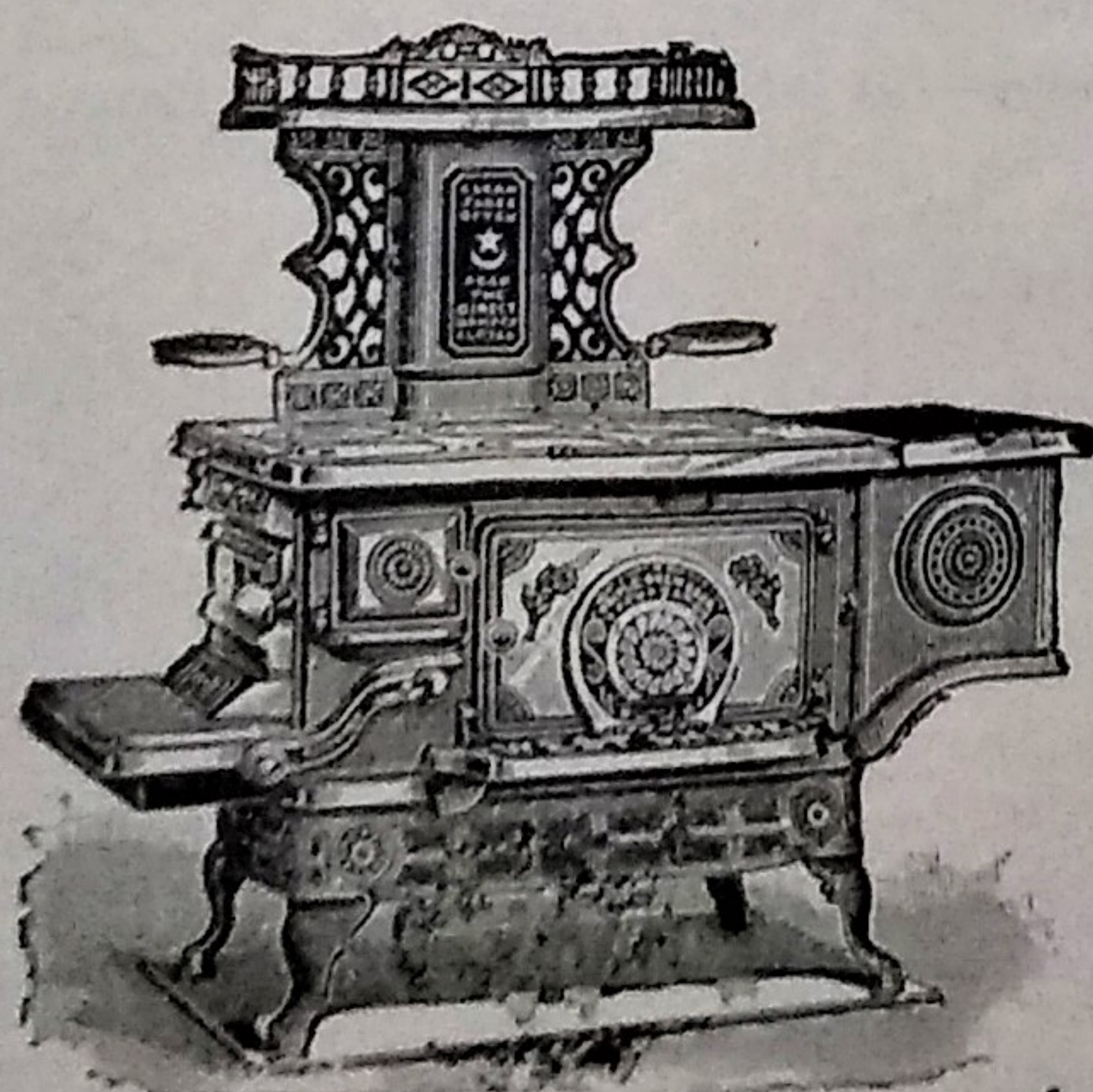
F. R. WALKER & SON, Paper Manufacturers, Montgomery, N. Y. There seems to be no limit to the demand for paper, for, in spite of the phenomenal increase in the number of paper mills of late years, the great majority of such establishments do a large and profitable business. Among those devoted expressly to the manufacturing of Manilla and all colors and card paper, that conducted by Messrs. F. R. Walker & Son holds a leading position, for during the eighteen years that the enterprise has been under the present management its development has been steady and rapid. It was inaugurated by Messrs. Swift & Stager in 1872, and in 1874 the present firm and proprietors took control. They are F. R. and J. H. Walker, both natives of New York City. They operate the "Montgomery Paper Mill," having both steam and water power, with a 250 horse power engine and two 150 horse-power boilers, and a capacity of turning out ninety tons per month, and the firm are at all times prepared to fill the heaviest orders at short notice and at the lowest market prices. Employment is given to twenty-eight assistants, and the efficient superintendent, Mr. L. P. Gale, sees that the elaborate plant of machinery is kept in first-class condition, and that all the many details incidental to production are carried out. Messrs. F. R. Walker & Son also operate a mill at Burnside, Conn., where they manufacture book and blank book stock in any desired quantity without delay and at market rates.

CHARLES D. WAIT, dealer in Lumber, Coal, Flour, Feed, Corn, Oats, Brewery Grains and Sprouts and Baled Hay; also all kinds of Fertilizers. Location, Corner Clinton Street, near the Depot, Montgomery, N. Y. One of the best known houses at which to obtain coal, lumber, grain, etc., in this town is conducted by Mr. Charles D. Wait, on Clinton street. This enterprise was founded in 1887 by the present proprietor, who is a native of this town, and well known in this locality. Possessed of a perfect knowledge of the articles he handles, he is enabled to offer the public great inducements who favor him with orders, which he fills promptly and accurately, at prices which must of a necessity commend themselves to all. The store and premises occupied are large, and both a wholesale and retail business is carried on in lumber, coal, flour, feed and corn, oats, grains, sprouts, baled hay, etc., etc.; also all kinds of fertilizers. Two men are given employment, and all orders are filled without delay, though the most of the feed business is done in carload lots. And our readers may feel confident that all orders for the different lines of goods carried which may be placed or given to Mr. Wait will be filled at the very lowest prices, while no pains is spared to deliver goods when promised, and to have all callers treated politely.

PALACE HOTEL, E. Van Wagner, Proprietor, Steam Heat all through the House, Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y. The first and most important question to be answered by one who has obtained employment in a city or town is "Where can good lodgings and palatable meals be had at reasonable rates?" and therefore we feel that we are doing some of our readers a genuine service by calling their attention to the Palace Hotel, carried on by Mr. E. Van Wagner, on Clinton street, Montgomery; for, while the accommodations for regular and transient boarders are thoroughly satisfactory, the prices are low enough to be within the means of all. The Palace Hotel has been conducted by Mr. Van Wagner since 1887, and, although he has from the first made a specialty of catering to regular boarders--which every experienced person will agree is much more difficult than to cater to transient trade--we feel justified in stating that the result of his labors has been highly satisfactory to all parties concerned; and the superior character of the food served, the promptness and neatness of the service, and the lowness of the prices, have attracted a large and enduring patronage. The hotel contains thirty spacious and well furnished guest rooms, two parlors, dining room, etc., and is heated by steam throughout. Mr. Van Wagner employs seven assistants and gives careful personal supervision to every detail of the business, and by so doing maintains the service at a high standard of efficiency. A livery stable is connected with the hotel, and good teams can be supplied at short notice. Under these circumstances, the magnitude and constant growth of his business are by no means difficult to account for.

J. J. SEARS, UNDERTAKER AND CABINET MAKER, WARD STREET, MONTGOMERY, N. Y.

One of the best known and most highly esteemed undertakers and cabinetmakers carrying on operations in Montgomery, is Mr. J. J. Sears, who has carried on his present establishment since 1875, and has been engaged in the business for thirty-nine years. To say that Mr. Sears is well known in this vicinity would be superfluous for he is a native of the town, and is in a position to execute commissions with the same promptness, care and skill, that have always characterized his enterprises and have given it an enviable reputation throughout Montgomery. His undertaking and cabinetmaking establishment is located on Ward street, where orders left for either branch of his business will be immediately and carefully executed, at the lowest market rates. Mr. Sears will assume the entire charge of funerals if desired, and may be depended upon to carefully look after all the many details incidental to such occasions, as his long experience has made him thoroughly familiar with every requirement. Each department of his business is carefully systematized, and even the smallest orders are assured prompt and careful attention.



A. N. WADE, Dealer in Plows, Stoves and Ranges, and manufacturer of all kinds of tin and sheet metal ware, Montgomery, N. Y. Considering the many and radical changes in the design of plows, stoves and ranges that have taken place during the past half century it is not putting it too strongly to say that the founders of the business carried on by A. N. Wade would be profoundly astonished could they look upon the present stock, for it includes the latest novelties in plows, stoves and ranges, and some idea of how much they differ from the kind in use when the business was started may be gained from the fact that its inception dates back to 1835. When operations were began by Messrs. Wheeler & Francis, they being succeeded in 1842 by Bull & Sands, and in 1852 the business came under the able management of Mr. D. M. Wade, who was succeeded in 1892 by Messrs. Wade & Luquer. In this same year, 1892, Mr. Luquer retired from business and Mr. A. N. Wade assumed sole control. He is a native of Montgomery and is highly respected throughout this vicinity, and is also one of the best known men in the stove business in this section. But he by no means confines himself to the handling of stoves; on the contrary, he deals largely in plows, stoves and ranges and is a manufacturer of all kinds of tin and sheet metal ware. Of course this store has to be a large one, and so it is; two floors and an attic, each measuring 68 by 68 feet, being utilized. The premises are located on Union Street, and should be visited by all wishing anything in the line of the above named goods; for not only is the stock large but the goods are reliable, the prices are low, and as three competent assistants are employed, courteous attention is assured to every caller. Mr. Wade is at present corporation assessor, and has held the office of trustee.

CHAUNCEY BROOKS, Contractor and Builder, Railroad Avenue, Montgomery, N. Y. There are very few among us who have to work hard for a living and who have been obliged to dwell in hired houses for year after year, but what look forward to the time when they can have a house of their own, built under their direction and designed in accordance with their own ideas. Everyone who has "kept house" for any length of time has their individual notions of what a perfect house should be; and, although these notions are impracticable and visionary, still there are not a few that are really worthy of being carried into effect. But speaking from personal experience, when you do decide to build a house be sure that the builder you employ is both competent and honest, as otherwise you will be subjected to constant worry and anxiety, and probably after your dwelling is completed it will be found deficient in many important respects. Should you decide to build anywhere in the vicinity of Montgomery you can do no better than to employ Mr. Chauncey Brooks in the capacity we have mentioned, for he is a man who combines experience with integrity, and who has in the past repeatedly shown himself to be worthy of every confidence, and as skillful as he is reliable, having commenced business in 1867. He employs about fifteen skilled workmen and the force can be largely increased at short notice. Mr. Brooks is a contractor and builder, his premises are conveniently located on Railroad avenue, and as he is ever ready to offer helpful suggestions to those who contemplate building, all interested should call and consult with him, as he is well known throughout Montgomery as an enterprising and progressive business man. Mr. Brooks is a native of Monroe, Orange County, N. Y.

JOSEPH SCHMITT, Custom Tailor. Suits made to Order from \$18.00 up. Cleaning, Repairing and Dyeing. The shine taken from Diagonal and Corkscrew Suits. Union Street, Montgomery, N. Y. The art of dressing well at a moderate expense is understood by but comparatively few, and it is a notable fact that many of those who understand it most perfectly make it a rule to furnish their own materials when having a garment or an entire suit made to order. Some tailors positively refuse to make up goods not furnished by themselves; others do it only as a special favor, and even then manage it so that the customer will not be disposed to repeat the experiment of furnishing his own goods, but there are a few who make a specialty of such work. Mr. Joseph Schmitt is one of the most experienced and skillful custom tailors in Montgomery, and may always be depended upon to faithfully carry out instructions, and to make up goods in the very best manner and in accordance with the very latest and most fashionable styles. Mr. Schmitt is a native of Germany, and has carried on his present business in Montgomery since 1892, but had had eighteen years' experience in the business previous to locating here. The premises utilized by him are located on Union street, and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention at all times. Mr. Schmitt is prepared to do custom tailoring, repairing, cleaning, pressing, and to take the shine from all worsted goods in a most satisfactory manner, at short notice and at very moderate prices. Competent assistants are employed, but all work is done under Mr. Schmitt's personal supervision, who has gained an enviable reputation for skill and integrity throughout this vicinity. Mr. Schmitt is also agent for G. W. Simonds & Co., Boston, Mass., well known as *Oak Hall*, and will take orders by measure and guarantee a fit in all cases, and for less money than you pay for a ready-made suit.

E. W. DEYO, Dentist, Clinton Street, Montgomery, N. Y. The old saying has it, "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still," and here, perhaps, may be found the reason why so many persons persistently neglect and abuse their teeth, in spite of all that has been said and written concerning the folly of such practice. We Americans, as a nation, have never been accused of not being open to conviction, and we have long had the reputation of being quick to perceive and prompt to follow any line of conduct that will be apt to "pay," but, nevertheless, we unquestionably abuse and neglect our teeth, although we have long since been convinced that it "pays" to keep them in the best possible condition. Probably the explanation of this apparent contradiction lies in the fact that we feel that we haven't the time to give them proper attention, but we manage to find time for much less important things, for all of that. But "it is never too late to mend," and, therefore, if your teeth have become impaired, visit a competent dentist, have them put in as good condition as possible, and then keep them so by proper care. One of the most thoroughly competent dentists in this town is Mr. E. W. Deyo, who has practiced his profession in Montgomery since 1868, and has won an enviable reputation for skill and thoroughness. His premises are located on Clinton street, where he utilizes the most improved apparatus and appliances for the practice of dentistry in all its branches, and sparing no trouble to make his work durable as well as satisfactory in every respect. Mr. Deyo uses both ether and gas in the extraction of teeth, when desired, and always employs a physician when ether is administered. Mr. Deyo is a native of Ulster Co., N. Y., and is well known throughout Montgomery and vicinity, where he has held the office of Assessor and is now Clerk of the Board of Health. Previous to locating in Montgomery, Mr. Deyo practiced his profession in Newburgh for a number of years.

S. P. McNEAL, Dealer in Wall Paper, Groceries, Oil Cloth, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes and Matting. Sole Agent for Walker Boot. Established 1848. Montgomery, N. Y. Doubtless, appearances are often deceitful, but they are not in the case of the store carried on by Mr. S. P. McNeal, for the appearance of this handsome and spacious establishment indicates prosperity and enterprise, and there is not a more prosperous and enterprising concern in this section of the State. Operations were begun in 1848 by Mr. H. V. McNeal, which were continued by him until 1852, when the firm of H. W. & W. McNeal was formed, they being succeeded, in 1880, by Mr. John E. McNeal, the present proprietor. Mr. S. P. McNeal assuming entire control of affairs in 1891. These gentlemen are natives of Montgomery, and are very widely and favorably known throughout the business circles of this vicinity, and have so rapidly and steadily increased their business since its inception, nearly half a century ago, that it has for many years been regarded as a leader in its line of business in this vicinity. A dealer doing so large and prosperous a business would naturally be expected to offer special inducements to patrons, and as a matter of fact, Mr. McNeal is prepared to give as good value for money received as any dealer in wall paper, groceries, oil cloth, dry goods, boots, shoes and matting. The premises utilized by Mr. McNeal are located on Clinton street, comprising two floors, each measuring $22\frac{1}{2} \times 69\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and as the stock carried includes full lines of the goods already mentioned, it would be quite impossible to describe it within our limited space, but suffice it to say it always includes the latest fashionable novelties, and is so varied and complete as to allow all tastes and purses to be suited. Employment is given to three efficient assistants, and callers are attended to much more promptly and carefully than at many a smaller store.



W. S. HANLON, Harness and Supplies for the Horse, Carriage and Stable, Montgomery, N. Y. The business conducted by Mr. W. S. Hanlon was founded over twenty years ago by Mr. William Hardenburgh, and the present proprietor has been in possession since 1878. He is a native of this town, and is so universally known throughout this locality as to render extended personal mention entirely unnecessary. The premises occupied are located on Union street, and comprise two floors, 28×30 feet in dimensions, and contain a carefully chosen and complete stock of harness and supplies, trunks, bags, robes, horse blankets, brushes and supplies for carriage, horse and stable. Horse boots a specialty. He is a manufacturer as well as a dealer, and is prepared to make light or heavy, single or double, harness to order, of dependable material, in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, and at moderate rates. Repairing in all its branches is given prompt and careful attention, the work being so neatly and strongly done that entire satisfaction can be confidently guaranteed. The trunks, bags, etc., are as reliable as the harness goods, and one is sure to receive full value for every penny expended. Two assistants are kept busy.



JOHN H. COX, Fish and Fruit, Union Street, Montgomery, N. Y. The ocean is so often referred to as a "barren waste," that some people actually believe it to be of but little practical use compared to the land, and look upon it as a sort of necessary evil, only to be tolerated because it cannot be removed. Yet, science declares the ocean to be as useful as the land, and asserts that acre for acre, the former may be made more fruitful of food products than the latter. Ocean food is chiefly fish, of course, and it is as palatable and healthful as it is plentiful. To get the best results from its use, however, it is necessary to exercise some care in selection, as fish is largely dependent on freshness for its good qualities. As sure a way as any to secure reliable sea products in Montgomery, is to place your orders with Mr. John H. Cox, who carries on operations on Union street, for his stock is not only varied but is renewed at short intervals, the freshness of the fish sold here being warranted. Mr. Cox is a native of England, and began business in Montgomery in 1889.

HERMAN CRANS, MONTGOMERY, N. Y. CARRIAGE AND SLEIGH MANUFACTURER, JOBGING A SPECIALTY.

We know that it is by no means easy to find an establishment where carriage and sleigh manufacturing and repairing in all their branches are done in first class style, at short notice and at moderate rates; and we also know that the establishment carried on by Mr. Herman Crans is one of the few places where such work is done in the manner stated. Mr. Crans was born in Crawford, N. Y., and has carried on his present line of business here at Montgomery since 1892. He served in the 124th New York Regiment during the late Southern rebellion, and is very well known throughout this section of the State. The premises occupied are located on Clinton street, and cover an area of some 750 square feet, and are very conveniently fitted up. The manufacture of carriages and sleighs are given particular attention, as are also repairing and jobging in all their branches. Mr. Crans gives close personal supervision to all details, quotes the lowest prices consistent with the attainment of satisfactory results, and delivers work promptly.

