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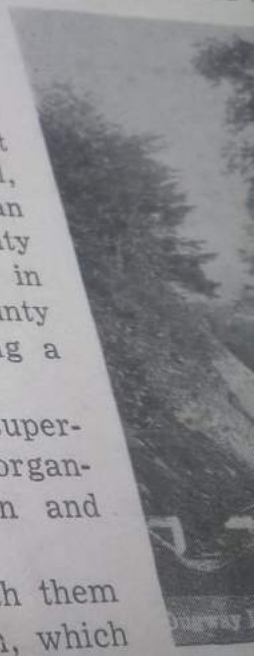
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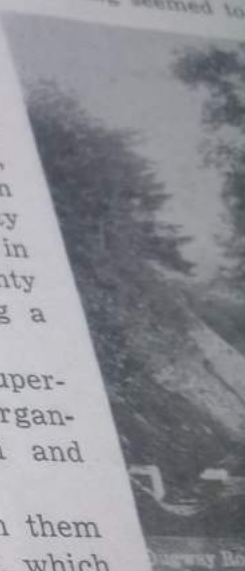


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And the third story of the central part will be 8 or 10 feet, the space will be utilized, if thought best, by reservoirs of water, supplied from water caught on the sloping roof of this part.

The building will be covered with a slate roof, and the same artistically relieved by dormer windows.

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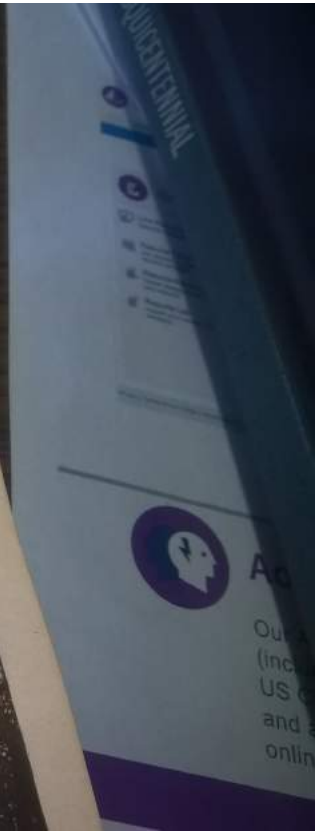
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Everything seemed to be very satisfactory and very complete ex-



cept for a few details. The unfortunate ones under benevolent county charge seemed to enjoy their comfortable new quarters. The heating apparatus works with satisfaction except in the superintendent's dwelling, which being furthest away, the steam loses more of its heating power, but this can probably be remedied without much trouble.

During the coming season, the lawn can be finally graded up and some shade trees set out and all work completed.

(Taken from the Allegany County Republican of Feb. 17, 1882)

SPRING-HALT GAUGE! GOING! GOING! GONE!

Saturday afternoon last was an eventful hour for Angelica. At that time was sold at auction the last stage route vehicles and teams that will ever again run to or from this town.

The Spring-Halt Gauge is no more. The ancient steeds of many winters and the hacks they drew through all these years, were separated forever on Saturday afternoon last, under the soulless hammer of the auctioneer.

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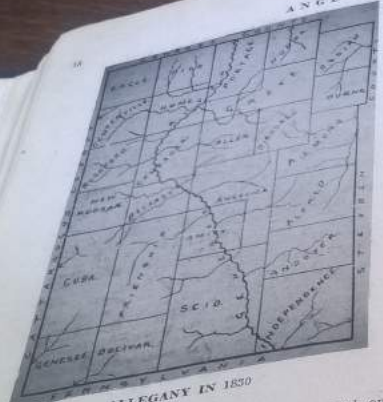
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In early days a distillery stood where the schoolhouse now stands. William B. Rochester, a son of the founder of the city of Rochester, settled in Angelica about 1820. He was an eminent lawyer, afterward sent from here to Congress, then promoted to the bench of the supreme court. "Old Squire Renwick" opened the first tailor shop, just how early we cannot say. John Gibler was the first public house where Warren Hooker lives. He built the first bridge across the creek on Olean Street. Martin Geiger was the first blacksmith, making his advent quite early, about the time of the saw and gristmill building. Dr. Charles afterward lived on the site of his shop. About 1820 Alex. d'Autremont kept a grocery and bakery is now...



Lockhart, under the firm name of Brown & Co. The building was burned in 1888 or 9, and has never been replaced. It was sold to Henry Brown. He sold it to William J. Huntley, who sold it to Blair & Eschmeyer. It was then rented and run by Mr. Schultz. Joney was the center of considerable business activity. It was for a part of the time the numerous lumber carried to Pennsylvania with feed, flour and meal.

ANGELICA COV.

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18 DECADE

A long time ago a foundry and machine shop was on the south side of Main Street and run for a number of years. The building has disappeared.

Dairying is the principal branch of agriculture in the village, there are two cheese factories, one in the north part of town, owned and run by John Jones and James Sprague, the other, the "Union", is over a mile east of the village, owned and operated by Charles F. Potter, and James Wilson were elected of cheese in 1894.

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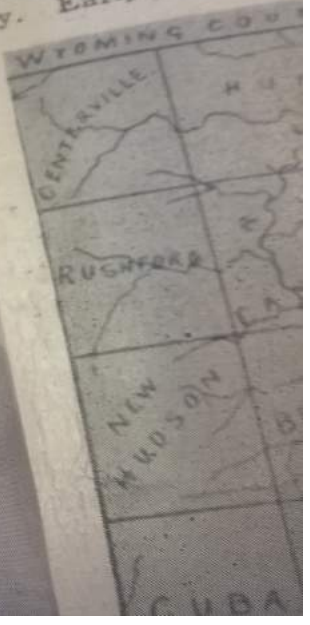
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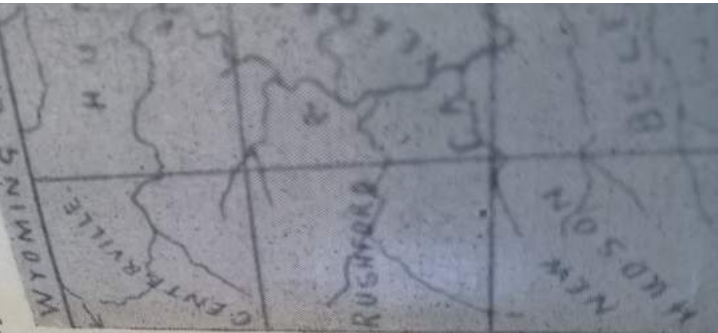
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How the fire started is not known. It is believed that an over heated stove pipe started the fire. The fire started at about 10:30 p.m. and the firemen went to dinner and came back at about 11:30 p.m. coming out of the building.

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When the fire was discovered the alarm in this village was given and the Hose Company and the Hook and Ladder Companies both responded, as did about half the population of the town. The hose and hook and ladder trucks were drawn to the fire with autos and the two mile run was made in record breaking time. The Hose boys were handicapped when they arrived at the fire by the fact that the hose would not fit the Home hydrants and the fight had to be made with the Home hose. Water was obtained from the Home artesian well, but the fight was a long one and the well was exhausted long before the fire was out. A bucket line formed to the creek nearby and every effort was made to save the barns to the west and the administration building and the keepers' house to the east. The covered passage way between the administration building and the men's dormitory was torn down and that was a great help in keeping the fire away from the other buildings, also there was but little wind and that helped to fight the flames. Everybody worked with a will and only those in the thick of the fight know what a fight was made.

burning shingles set fire to the building across the street but a pail of water started.

E. J. Reimann's living rooms were damaged to any extent, this brick building on both sides in the past years. About eight o'clock Monday the ruins and the firemen were seen. The fire which had gained considerable

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ENGLE AND RICE'S FURNITURE STORE, and Other Lodge

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they have been employed in taking inventory and materials and tools saved. Temporary offices for the storekeeper have been fitted up and construction work is going on without serious interruption. Mr. Smith, Master Mechanic and Fred S. Hammond, Master Carpenter of St. Marys were in town last week looking over the burned shops. Everyone feels the seriousness of the loss of the County Home and the hope of all that they will be rebuilt and that they will do their best to bring that about. A coal hoist boiler and the shops again as usual. It gave the alarm on when W. G. Bailor's barn burned.

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G FIRE AT COUNTY HOME

A fire occurred at the County Home on Saturday night. The men's Dormitory was entirely destroyed. The rest of the building all got out safely.

Superintendent and Mrs. Grunder have been busy taking care of the inmates since the fire. A building south of the burned building is being fitted up for the use of some of the inmates and steam heat will be put in there. Some of the inmates will occupy rooms in the other building, while one has been sent to Amityville and six who are confined to their beds, have been taken to the Wellsville Hospital to be cared for.

The building was built a few years ago and was quite modern, having been repaired recently and many improvements added. The Board of Supervisors will probably meet soon and arrange for the erection of a new building.

A second fire occurred about 12 o'clock that night. A small unoccupied house in the Joncy cut below the shops was destroyed. It was owned by the Shawmut and had been occupied by several men.

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Monday noon of this week one of the most disastrous fires

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known just how much was afire. Several men entered the front door, but the dense smoke was then apparent that the fire was all over. The flames began to shoot out the roof and in the meantime attempts were made to drive the rooms over the Bosard store in the fire were driven back by the dense smoke. There was no hope for either store, a wall of brick between the two stores. Mr. Rice was carried out across the street, by a bureau and a davenport were all that were left. The front windows and were badly shattered.

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