#### **Mattituck Excerpts from the Long Island Traveler**

#### May 9, 1872 - Mattituck

Boss Harvey Terry giving the Mattituck House a coat of paint.

Parker Moore has had his house painted.

A son of Prof. Geo. B. Reeves of Mattituck was thrown from a colt on Wednesday, and severly injured.

#### **Oregon**

John Burgan has been building an addition to his barn.

The frame for Smith Moore's new broom Manufactory has been raised.

Silas Hallock has been giving his house a coat of paint.

#### **May 16, 1872 – Mattituck**

Peter Hazard offers to bet \$75 or \$100, that his colt Mike Dandelion, four years old, will beat any colt of his age, in Southold Town.

Mr. Daniel Broderick of Mattituck has had Boss Harvey Terry employed a painting his house.

We notice that Mr. Barnabas Wines jr. has had a new barn built, and is now giving it a coat of paint. He will take the old one down.

#### <u>June 20, 1872 – Mattituck</u>

Charles Reeves killed eight woodchucks, in two days, last week.

The Union Fishing Company of Mattituck under the leadership of Captain's Cox and Young, ably assisted by Messrs. Cooper and Robinson have caught over 2,000,000 menhaden this season.

#### July 11, 1872

The Mattituck Base Ball Club challenges any club in Suffolk Co. to play a match game of baseball. Any club accepting the challenge, address Tyson Hamilton, Capt. Of Mattituck nine Box 42, Mattituck, L.I. This challenge will be left open until the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

### <u>July 25, 1872 – Mattituck</u>

An amateur boat race will take place on Mattituck Creek, on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, at 5 o'clock P.M. between Joseph B. Coe Clerk of Court Common Pleas, N.Y. and Frederick A. Neerguard of Columbia Boat Club, N.Y. on the one side and Geo. P. Lorigan of Mattituck and James Bowman of N.Y. on the other.

The boats are fifteen feet long, doubled oared working boats, built by a master workman of this village.

The parties have been in practice for some weeks and consider themselves good oarsmen. The race is two miles—one out and one in—and great sport is anticipated.

The Greenport Base Ball Club having accepted the challenge of the Mattituck Club, a match game was played between them, on Saturday last, at Mattituck, resulting in favor of the Greenport Club, who made 36 runs, to the Mattituck Club 24.

Mr. Jacob Tuthill of Oregon was sunstruck on Friday last, while at work in the field. We understand that he has so far recovered, as to be able to attend to his business.

#### August 1, 1872 – Mattituck

On Saturday last the boat race took place on Mattituck Creek as advertised. There was a large concourse of people, in attendance in Carriages, on foot, and in boats, The Preliminary arrangements were made by the judges, who were Admiral Geo. K. Meday and James Boman Esq., of N.Y. The boats took their places 5 o'clock P.M. and started in a gallant style: Messrs. Coe and Neerguard leading off for half a mile when Messrs Lorigan and Bowman passed them and kept ahead for the entire race making the two mile in 16 ¼ minutes, so the others 17 minutes and 25 seconds.

Great interest was taken in the race, several old salts being present among whom were J.J. Wilkie, Sandy Hook Pilot, and Capt. John Kellso, who has a habitation and a name among us. The Creek was literally covered with boats, and the day being beautiful, all things passed off with good feeling and hilarity.

#### <u>September 5, 1872</u>

Cox's Neck – Ellen Brewer, colored, age 20, drank a quantity of fly-poison water, in mistake for liquor, on Saturday, and died soon after.

#### October 10, 1872 – Mattituck

Another cargo of coal arrived in the bay last week for Mr. J.C Wells.

Our enterprising neighbor Mr. Geo. Cooper, has gone into the Northern part of this state and is buying up cattle and driving them into New York City.

A Schooner loaded with Sand sailed from this place last week, for the glass works at New Haven, Conn.

The Boston train broke down last week about a mile west of here, no one injured, detained over an hour.--News

Mr. Samuel B. Howard Esq., of this place has purchased the place known as "the Walter Terry Farm" for \$1,500.

#### November 7, 1872 - Mattituck

John C. Wells has sold his lot adjoining the railroad, containing about one half acre, with the building thereon, commonly known as Tuthill's Hall, to Peter Hazard for \$850. Mr. Hazard is making considerable additions and improvements with a view to a "White Hat" factory. So says rumor.

John C. Wells has sold his interest in the lot of land adjoining Mattituck Creek, (one undivided half) containing about two and a half acres to Ruhanna H. Hazard for \$275.

Notwithstanding the partial failure of the cauliflower crop in this region, the farmers have shipped by railroad, steamboat, and express on an average, 140 barrels per day, for the past month or two.

At the annual school meeting some days since, Daniel W. Hall was elected trustee, John C. Wells Collector, Tho's Reeve District Clerk. All of the above officers were reelected. The school is large; Mrs. Ruhama H. Hazard, Principal.

#### November 28, 1872 – Mattituck

Chauncey W. Tuthill Esq. while chopping sausage meat at the farm of Jessie H. Tuthill, caught his thumb in\_chopper and removed it from his hand. He was taken into the house in a fainting condition. The wound was dressed by Mrs. Woods and according to accounts was doing well.

Grand Opening at St. Charles Hall Mattituck

Mr. Peter Hazard, of Mattituck, having completed his new Hall, will give a free Hop on Thursday evening Nov. 23, 1872. The public are invited to attend. Floor managers Floyd S. Ruland, Lester Gildersleeve, Eugene G. Wells.

The Hall is large and spacious, and is fitted up in the most approved style and Mr. Hazard deserves great credit for his enterprise and public spirit. We hope his Hall will be crowded to overflowing on Thanksgiving night.

#### December 26, 1872 – Mattituck

Once more our enterprising neighbor, Mr. George Cooper, has gone off this time to Wisconsin, where he is to superintend the cutting and sawing of a tract of four thousand acres of heavy timber. He is to be gone three months and is to receive \$100 per month, being found and having traveling expenses paid.

Mr. C. D. Wilson and W. F. Hallock are about starting a new enterprise in this place in the shape of an establishment for breeding rabbits. They will devote their attention to the Lop Eared, Silver grey, Belgian, Himalayan, Dutch and Angora varieties. We hope they will favor us with a few approved specimens at our next County fair. --News

#### January 9, 1873 – Mattituck

A "Village Camp-Meeting," will be held in the M.E. church in Mattituck, commencing Tuesday after-noon Jan. 14, two o'clock, and continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Services will be commence each day at 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and to consist in preaching,

The M. E. association of Eastern Long Island will also hold its monthly meeting, on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, in connection with the above meetings.

The following ministerial brothers will be present. Rev's C.W. Gilligher of Bridgehampton, R.

H. Rust of Sag Harbor, T. Stephenson, of Greenport, E. Warrener of Southold, T. W. Bethel of Cutchogue, J. Cromlish of Riverhead, G. Gilmer of Moriches.

All are cordially invited to attend and participate in the religious services.

The friends at Mattituck will make every effort to entertain, during the meeting those coming from abroad. O.C. Lane Pastor.

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Mr. Ellsworth Tuthill, of Mattituck, was put to some inconvenience on Monday by the late storm forming a pond of some acres at the junction of Church lane and the Road, in the center of which some cattle he was driving to Greenport retreated beyond the reach of goad of the effect of voice. No boat being convenient, snowballs were used and in conjunction with time eventually persuaded them to continue the tramp.

#### January 23, 1873 – Mattituck

At the regular meeting of the Division of S. of T. Dec. 29, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter viz:

W.T.W.G. Howard; W. A., Tho's Mayo; R.S. Mary Overton; A.R.S. Lowell Hallock; Treas., W.A. Overton; F.S. E.Y. Reeve; Chap, J.R. Hallock; Con. Gillie Aldrich; A.C. Mary Horton, I.S. Arthur Reeve; O.S. John Reeve.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., Little Ollie gave us a Shakesperian Entertainment in St. Charles Hall. About a hundred and eighty persons were present,

The Mattituck Sociable Club met in St. Charles Hall on the  $7^{th}$  inst., and gaily tripped until the gray hours of morning to the music of Prof. Coe.

Mr. Geo. Borwn, Esq., of this place has been speculating in the clothing line quite extensively of late. Our store keepers talk of buying him off, for they say if he goes on in this line they will be forced to shut up shop.

#### February 20, 1873 – Pg. 2

Several of the young men of Mattituck have organized themselves into a Ministrel troupe with C.D. Wilson as manager. They will give a performance at St. Charles Hall, Mattituck, on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Calvert and Wilson will appear in their great jig and clog dances.

#### February 27, 1873 – Mattituck

Ellsworth Tuthll has been appointed Road commissioner to fill vacany caused by death of John O Cory Jr.

#### April 10, 1873 –pg 2

Charles H. Reeve of Oregon, has sold the lot of land recently bought of James Lupton, containing 3 acres to Andrew Gildersleeve for \$300.

Benjamin G. Tuthill of Mattituck, has sold his house and lot at Jamesport to Alexander Rumsey, formerly of New Suffolk for \$700.—Times

She to Saturday of next week, (April 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>) He will be prepared to attend to all matter pertaining to Dentistry—call early.

#### **May 22, 1873 – Mattituck**

James Lupton has made a material improvement in his dwelling house by the addition of a new kitchen, also re-arranged the middle of the main building.

The body of M. Donahue, who with his partner Francis Glenn, was drowned off New Suffolk on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, was found washed ashore near the fish house of the Skunk Company at Indian Neck on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> inst. The body was entire and easily recognized. Some money amounting to about \$16 was found in his clothes. Coroner E. D. Skinner held an inquest, and the evidence being to the same effect as the inquest of Glenn in March, the jury found a verdict of accidental drowning.—Times

### June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1873 – Long Island Items

The *Signal* says that, on account of the "dry spell" Mattituck will not send 8 thousand quarts of strawberries to market this season; in 1872 she sent 12,375 quarts.

#### **July 17, 1873 – Mattituck**

Ellsworth Tuthill has purchased of Charles W. Hotron the dwelling house and half an acre of land, owned by the late John Tuthill. Terms private.

Mrs. Mary A. Jackson of Southampton, has purchased the homestead of A. Clinton York, containing two acres of land. Price \$1,200.

The Matttuck House is full of boarders.

#### July 24th, 1873

Mrs. Betsey Reeves of Mattituck has sold her farm, containing 18 acres, formerly belonging to her deceased husband, Henry Reeve, to John D. Stewart. Terms private. Mr. S. is to erect a dwelling house thereon, to be completed by Fall.

They are making quite a business at the Sound in catching sharks and trying out their livers for oil. Barnabas Wines got quite severely injured Tuesday by one or the man-eaters.

Geo. A. Cox has opened a livery stable at Mattituck.

### August 7th, 1873 - Mattituck

Our milkman, William Henry Pike, has notified his patrons that on and after July 29<sup>th</sup>, milk will be raised to 8 cents per quart. Rumor says that this is on account of the scarcity of water.

Cattle recently destroyed about 7,000 cauliflower plants for Peter Duryea.

Joseph Wells is building a new house at Franklinville. It will be an ornament to the place.

The barn of Thomas Hamilton, at Oregon, took fire about sunrise on Tuesday, and, with its contents, was burned to the ground. It contained the wheat from eight acres of land, several tons of hay, a new Rockaway wagon, harnesses & c. Loss about \$2,500. Insured, in Suffolk County Mutual, \$650 on barn and \$200 on contents.

#### **September 4, 1873**

Stephen S. Southard of Wilmington Deleware has purchased of Andrew P. Horton two acres of land near Mattituck Creek, on private terms.

A. Clinton York has removed, with his family, to Minnesota.

The Greenport Coronet Band had a clambake in this place on Wednesday of last week.

One set of single and one set of double harness were stolen brom the carriage house of Peter Duryea, at Oregon, during the night of Saturday last.

Two horses and a colt belonging to Stephen Aldrich, helped themselves to his wheat during Sunday night, and afterwards obtained access to water, of which they drank their fill. The next day while being driven on the road one of them dropped down dead. On reaching home the colt was found dead, and soon after the other horse died. They were valued at \$700.

### October 16, 1873--Mattituck

On Tuesday, the barn of Austin Tuthill, at Oregon, was burned to the ground, together with its contents.

#### October 23, 1873—Mattituck

The annual school meeting was held in Mattituck School District, No. 13, Tuesday evening. Andrew Gildersleeve was elected Trustee, Thomas Reeve District Clerk, John C. Wells Collector, and John F. Horton Librarian. The school commenced some two weeks since, under the directions of Prof. Chase L. Treat. Miss Ruth Reeve takes charge of the primary department.

Officer Theodore W. Horton arrested Thomas Burgess on Monday last, charged by Samuel Price with assault and battery. He was taken before Justice J.F. Horton, tried without jury and found guilty of the charge. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20.00, or be imprisoned in the county jail at Riverhead for 20 days. The fine was paid and Burgess promised to never touch another drop of liquor.

#### November 6, 1873--Mattituck

Floyd Ruland has purchased of Barnabas Wines one acre of land on "Mill Lane," Oregon, on private terms, and is erecting a house thereon.

#### November 13, 1873--Mattituck

B. F. Wells of the Mattituck House, is building an extension to his barn, to be used as sheds and carriage house.

B. F. Tuthill the popular sewing machine agent, has had a new barn erected on him premises.

The Mattituck Mill which was disabled some time since by the breaking of its "big wheel," has been repaired and is now in working order.

#### November 20, 1873--Mattituck

On Friday last, S. Harvey Terry was carting goods form the Depot apparently in his usual health. After eating a hearty diner, he went out of the house and had got but a short distance when he fell down dead. Dr. Wright was called and decided that heart disease was the cause of death.

Sebastian Helfritch is newly covering his house.

Wm. A. Tuthill is building a new barn, to take the place of the one recently burnt.

Jacob Tuthill is putting a new roof on his house.

#### November 27, 1873—Mattituck

Justice's Court, before John F. Horton and a jury, on Tuesday of last week. Michael Garvey vs. James Jones. Action to recover amount claimed to be due for rent. The jury brough in a verdict of no cause for action. Wm. Wickham for plantiff; N.D. Petty, for defendant.

Wm. Tuthill lost a valuable cow last week by being choked with a cabbage stump.

#### December 4, 1873—Mattituck

Geo. Cooper lost a valuable trotting mare on Sunday morning. She was purchased by Mr. C. at the West last spring, and was injured while being brought on in the cars, and had never recovered from the effects of the injuries.

S. Tyson Hamilton lost a valuable cow last week. She is supposed to have been poisoned by eating the worms from Cabbage and Cauliflower.

#### December 11, 1873-Mattituck

On Saturday last, the "Modoc B.B. Club," of Mattituck, played a game with the "Cutchogue Jrs.," on the grounds of the former club. Score 27 to 17 in favor of the "Modocs." C.D. Wilson acted as umpire.

"Our Packet," Capt. Thomas E. Benedict, hauled off the route on Monday. Our best wishes go with Capt. B., hoping that he will return to us another season.

### December 18th, 1873--Mattituck

Theodore A. Turner has built an addition to his barn.

There was a hop at St. Charles Hall on Friday evening last, music by Van Houton's Band. It was well attended and they "didn't go home till morning."

The Division of S. of T., held a public meeting at Temperance Hall on Monday evening of last week. An address was delivered by John K. Hallock.

A movement is a foot to organize a Grange in Mattituck, and it bids fair to be successful.

### <u>December 25, 1873 – Mattituck</u>

The "Modocs" and "Atlantics" played a game of base ball on Saturday last. The "Atlantics" were badly whipped by a score 37 to 12. During the game B. W. Terry was injured by being run into while at his position at first base, he was struck on the ankle and so severly injured that on the day he could not touch his feet to the floor—he is now recovering. John Clark acted as umpire of the game, and A. C. Hallock and J.T. Reeve as scorers.

### <u>January 8, 1874 – Mattituck</u>

The following officers of the Division No. 266, Sons of Temperance were elected on December 29:

W.P. Wm. H. Stanley; W. A. Mary Hallock; R.S. Mary Overton; A.R.S. Charlotte Reeve; T., LetitiaReeve; F.S., G. H. Howard; Chap. Thomas Mayo; Con., Mary J. Mayo; A. Con. Letitia Howard; L.S., Arthur Reeve, O.S. Arthur Cooper.

#### January 15, 1874 – Mattituck

The Modoc Base Ball Club played the Pickups on Friday last. Score 30 to 22 in favor of the Pickups. Mr. Theodore Horton acted as Umpire.

We take the following from the Riverhead News.

Mr. News: Seeing an article on knitting by a smart old lady at Aquebogue in your last issue, I send you the following correct statement of facts occurring in this place.

Mrs. Polly Reeve, of West Mattituck, aged 73, mother of Edward Y. Reeve, Esq., has a patchwork quilt containing 500 pieces, made a great many visits with her numerous friends, and many other deeds of kindness too numerous to mention. Not many ladies of her age can show so worthy a record of the past year.

# February 5th, 1874 -- Mattituck

The Quick Steps of this village, played a game of base ball with the Atlantics, of Oregon, on Friday. Score 35 to 16 in favor of the Oregon boys.

The packet Ace of Clubs, Capt. Thomas C. Bennett, arrived on Thursday last to load with potatoes for New Haven.

#### February 12, 1874 – Mattituck

Three members of the Westbrook Pond Fishing Co. arrived here on Tuesday last and proceeded to fill their Ice House. They have harvested over forty tons of clear crystal ice, ten inches thick.

Our Packet is "froze up" in the Creek.

Mrs. B.O. Robinson was badly scalded last week by the upsetting of a coffee pot.

#### February 19, –Mattituck

Francis Brill, of Mattituck is daily expecting large invoices of Cauliflower seed, including some new and valuable varieties from the best growers at Erfort and Paris—also very choice Red Cabbage See. Prices & c., will be duly given in our advertising columns. Seed procured from Mr. Brill may be depended on as being every way right, an all important point to the planter.

The "Mattituck Minstrels" were to give one of their performances, at St. Charles Hall, on last evening.

#### February 26, 1874 – Mattituck

The Young American Debating Society of School District No. 10 held its regular meeting on Friday evening. President G. H. Howell in the chair. Question for debate: "Shall a man be influenced by public opinion?" Leaders: A.J. Wells, affirmative: L.M. Hallock, negative. The President declared the question sustained. The debate was excellent on both sides and we congratulate the citizens of Mattituck in having so many Young American debaters.

#### March 5, 1874 -- Mattituck

B. F. Wells has sold to G. K. Meady, seven acres of land on West Failure Point. Price \$1000.

Boss C.N. Lane arrived here on Monday and is busily engaged in removing the old wheel, in the Mattituck Water Mill, prepartory to putting in a new one.

On Monday your correspondent counted 15 on Mattituck Creek engaged in catching eels. The number of eels taken amounted to over 150 dozen

In Justice Court, before Justice Jno. F. Horton .; complaint of Gildersleeve Bros., for burglary against Julius Pardee, Eugene Dumond and Thos. Zanzus. The defendants and admitted the theft, and having no counsel, Peter Hazard, Esq. was assigned as their counsel by the Justice. Julius Pardee and Eugene Dumond were committed to the county jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. On account of Zanzus being only 10 years of age, the Justice only fined him \$20.

#### March 12, 1874

Capt. George G. Penny has sold his house and lot, containing two acres of land to Andrew Gildersleeve and Ira W. Gildersleeve for about \$2,000.

John F. Horton and Abbie Ann Reeve (formerly Howell), trustees had sold the homestead of the late Isaac R. Howell, known as the fruit farm, containing about forty acres, to Geo. Allen Cox, for \$3,000.

Boss Geo. Wines is giving F. T. Ruland's new house a coat of paint.

Boss T. A. Turner is busily engaged in building an addition to the house of Jno. Carey.

#### March 26th, 1874

A singular affair occurred at Mattituck on Saturday evening March 14<sup>th</sup>. (story continues with the family getting very sick from something they ate.)

Walter F. Terry is building an addition to his house. Boss Patrick McNulty is doing the job.

Geo. W. Robinson is about to have his house rebuilt, and improve his premises generally. Boss F. S. Ruland will have charge of the work.

#### July 25, 1874

Various merchants at Mattituck ship a total of 119,877 quarts of strawberries.

#### August 13, 1874

The Sloop Ace of Clubs sailed on Tuesday for New Haven, loaded with cabbage and hay. The Schooner Starlight, Capt. Graham, arrived on Saturday with coal for Gildersleeve & Co. A large number of city visitors are here at present. The Mattituck House is full, also several private boarding houses.

The new residence of Geo. W. Robinson Esq., is nearly completed. As it now stands, it is one of the most desirable places on the street. Boss F. S. Ruland has had charge of the carpenter work and Boss Eugene Wells the mason work.

#### August 27, 1874

The Franklinville Academy will reopen for the first time in several years, on Tuesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The Hotels are still full ,and notwithstanding the dull times seem to be driving a prosperous business.

#### **September 10, 1874**

Henry Lupton has bought of Mrs. R. Dairs her house and lot situated in Mattituck, price \$950.

#### October 8, 1874

A boat club with 16 members, to be known as the Vesper Rowing Association of Mattituck, has been organized in this village, with the following officers: Pres. Henry A. Dingee, Vice do. L.W. Clark, Sec. B. H. Reeve, Treas., I. N. Teed, Capt. Geo. K. Meady, Trustees, Henry A. Dingee, B.W. Terry, N.S. Tuthill.

Geo. T. Lorigan has sold his residence, near Mattituck Lake, to Benj. F. Wells. Terms, not for the public eye.

#### November 19, 1874

The executors of the estate of John Y. Aldrich deceased will sell at public auction on Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am., all the farming, implements, horses, cows, hogs, stalks, straw & c.

#### March 7, 1878

A large piece of marshy land lying near Horton's Neck is being reclaimed for the purpose of making it a cranberry marsh. A large gang of men under the supervision of an experienced "boss" are at work upon it.

### April 11, 1878

George M. Betts of the "Mattituck House" is having the grounds around the hotel graded, rows of shade trees planted, a new side walk constructed, and instituting repairs throughout the hotel property.

A. and L. W. Gildersleeve have sold their property known as the "Duryea Place" to Geo. H. Howell of this village.

The R. R. Company have lengthened their side track in this village so that now it extends from the crossing at Gildersleeves' store to the crossing on the main road by Luther M. Robinson's, thus making it one of the largest on the road.

# May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1878

Geo. M. Betts is altering the shop back of the Hotel and intends making it suitable for a barbershop. A good barber in this village would be a decidedly well-patronized innovation.

### May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1878

At the rate Mattituck is now progressing, in a few years she will be able to incorporate herself as a City. Mr. Wm. Betts has provided the village with a Park to be known as "Richmond Park." It is located on what was known as the old "Mill Hole," and is to be open to all with the exception that baby carriages and dogs are not to be allowed upon the grass, as they might trample and destroy it in its present tender state.

### May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1878

George M. Betts is making so many improvements on the Hotel that he is a valuable auxillary to your correspondent. The latest improvement we note is the building of a large piazza in front of the Mattituck House.

### June 27th, 1878

Boarders are expected at Mattituck next week. Preparations have been made to entertain a large number than usual this summer.

#### July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1878

Mrs. George A. Cox has started an ice cream saloon at her house.

## July 25th, 1878

The old creek is sustaining its reputation for soft crabs this summer. Any one who understands his "biz" can get the "fixings" for a good meal on any still morning by watching closely the haunts of this favorite crustacean. Mr. Francis Brill is the champion Crabber of Mattituck.

### August 15th, 1878

On Tuesday of last week Rev. Thos. Cook broke ground for the Episcopal Church which is to be erected in this village. The building will stand on the south-west corner of what is known as the Hotel block and was donated to the society by Henry A. Dingee. The church is to have a basement underneath the main room and work has already commenced on the same. Joshua W. Terry, our miller, had to give up grinding on account of the breaking of the main shaft; but we believe that he is now running again.

# September 12th, 1878

The 3d Annual Reunion of Co. H, 127<sup>th</sup> regiment, took place at the Mattituck House, Mattituck, on Tuesday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> inst. The Company, led by marshall music, arrived about 2 p.m. The

house and piazza were soon filled and every body looked happy. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. the time was spent in a very social manner. Over the main entrance to the house was the word neatly arranged, "Welcome;" over it were the figures, "1862," and under it "1878." Two parlors were decorated with flags, flowers and evergreens.

At 5 p.m. the Company was formed in line, marched a short distance and put through a few maneuvers, then orders were given to "right face, break ranks, march!" Enough was done to convince any one with a soldier's eye that old Co. H. with a little practice, could go through the military performances in good style.

At 6:30 p.m. the bell sounded for supper and soon seventy-six gentlemen and ladies were seated at the well filled tables, and we were all convinced that friend Betts know how to get up a supper for a large company. A blessing was invoked by Rev. J. T. Hamlin and then the good things were disposed of in right good style. About an hour was spent at this, then the roll was called, after which Gen. Stewart L. Woodford was called upon for a speech, and with his usual choice of words, directly the point, he alluded touchingly to the disease raging in the the south, and hoped that by our sympathy and prayers the bond of brotherhood between north and south might be stronger than it has been for many years. The Company then adjourned to the other rooms and those that dance, danced. During the evening Prof. Geo. B Reeve and daughter assisted by other young ladies, charmed the Company with very sweet music. At 10:30 p.m. the Company began to disperse, and may the same kind Providence that has granted us these blessings of health and social fellowship watch over one and all in the year to come.

#### October 31st, 1878

Miss Ella E. Reeve has re-opened her millinery shop in the room above Gildersleeve's store and displays a handsome variety of flowers, new styles of hats, etc.., and everything to array the feminine head in becoming fashion.

#### November 21, 1878

A performance consisting of recitations, music, tableaux, etc., is to be given in St. Charles Hall, Friday evening, Nov. 22, by a band of colored artists, of which Madame Nicholls of this village is the manager.

### December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1878

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week we had the pleasure of attending a very good entertainmet, gotten up by eight of the young people of Mattituck. It was held in St. Charles' Hall, and the programme consisted of a five act comedy, entitled "The Honeymoon," a comic dutch lecture upon love, the "Widow Bedott's proposal," and concluded with a little farce, entitled the "Stupid Servant." Of the first piece, the Honey-moon, we cannot speak too highly. Its rendition was simply perfect, and the acting of Misses Nellie Wells and Lizzie Reeve and Messrs. Wickham Reeve and Chas. Wilson, who sustained the leading parts, was far above what we generally expect from amateurs. Miss May Brill as the Widow Bedott did well in a dutch lecture upon love. Mr. Seymour H. Tuthill kept his audience in a hearty fit of laughter. But when in the concluding piece, "The Stupid Servant," Mr. James Calvert made his appearance, he was deservedly greeted with round after round of applause, and sent his audience home with the thought that his performance was alone well worth the admission fee. Such pleasant affairs

relieve the tedious monotony of the winter evenings and offer a very agreeable was of disposing of two or three hours of leisure time. The entire proceeds of the two evenings, about \$65, is to go towards building the Episcopal Church.

### December 12th, 1878

A large building, (55 by 26) is about being built by Wilson and Reeve, the present occupant's of Hazard's building. It is to be located on the corner of "Love Lane" and R. R. Ave. The lower part is to be used for groceries, etc., and the upper part for a public Hall. If competition is the life of trade, surely the grocery business ought to flourish in Mattituck.

Mrs. G. B. Reeve commenced a Singing Class at St. Chas. Hall on Saturday.

## July 4th, 1879

The Mattituck House and several private houses are filled with city people, and all who wish more can have their wants supplied by appearing at the evening train tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. A large delegation from the very heart of the city is expected, under the direction of their Sup't., Rev C. S. Brown of the Five Point Mission. They probably will not be very difficult to please, as their great object in leaving the city is to get a good breath of country air. We would recommend all who entertain those strangers to read Ecc. 11, 1<sup>st</sup>, when they get ready to make out their board bill. A good woman (not living in the vicinity, however,) took twenty of these waifs for two weeks last summer, and this summer has sent in a petition for twenty more. We understand some of our neighbors are dressing dolls and putting up swings, etc., for their amusement, and we presume they will all like their boarding places so well they will want to come again another year and bring all their sisters and their cousins and their aunts.

### July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1879

An ice-cream saloon will be kept open in the room over Gildersleeve's store, Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week. But who wants ice-cream during the months of Winter? July and December seem to have been placed in juxta position, judging from our experience of the temperature of the past few days.

## August 14th, 1879

We see by the papers that the Jubilee singers are coming to Mattituck the last of the present month We have always wished to hear these world-famed singers and are glad, "D.V.," that we can have an opportunity to gratify that wish.

To "bob" for eels seems to be the chief ambition and aim of both city and country "gentlemen of leisure." Any one who has not experienced the combativeness with which a Mattituck creek eel argues his right to the "bob" with the "bobber," has yet to enjoy one of the angler's best pleasures.

Nat S. Tuthill has sold his butcher business to Messrs. Jas. M. Lupton and Jas. Kirkup. Terms private.

Mattituck seems to be quite full of boarder at present. The hotel has been nicely filled all the season and they have overflowed from that centre to three or four private houses. Let them come, the more the better, and we hope in a short time there will be ten where there is now one.

### January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1880

Last Saturday a grand fox hunt was organized at the Mattituck House, about twenty-five persons, (including most of the men of <code>leisure\_of M.</code>) took part in it. Dr. Thomas Burgess was appointed master of the hunt and whipper in of the hounds, -two offices were filled in a most satisfactory manner to all. On Tuesday foxes were started on the Sound cliffs and if they had been followed by good hounds the hunt would have been a complete success from beginning to termination; as it was they lost the scent after following it two or three miles. Our young sportsman, Mast Bert Conklin, was the only one fortunate enough to get a "crack" at Master Reynard. "Bert" is confident that he hit him—notwithstanding several doubting Thomases, -- for he says the fox stopped and held up one foot as if it were hit. There are some half dozen foxes in the woods of the "North Side" and several men have clubbed together to purchase a good hound and then we expect the voice of the huntsman will be heard in the land to a great extent.

## August 26th, 1880

Beach plums are ripening in immense quatities upon "Friend Tuthill's cliffs, and every day many parties of pickers wend their way to Kidd's tree, and return home loaded with brimming baskets of the beautiful fruit.

### September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1880

A "Gun Club" has been formed here for sporting purposes the following are the elect officers: Pres., Irad W. Gildersleeve; Vice-do., Thos Reeve; Sec., Morris H. Wells; Tr., Chas Gildersleeve; Executive Com., Ira B. Tuthill, Jr., Victor H. Wells, Henry H. Lupton and the Pres. and Vice Pres's. The association is to be known as the "Suffolk Gun Club" and a public meeting will be held Monday evening, Sep. 13, 8 o'clock, in Gildersleeve's Hall, for receiving new members and explaining fully the objects of the Club, and we hope there will a large attendance.

#### October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1880

The now slaughter-house of Lupton & Kirkup, with all the modern conveniences, approaching completion.

Messrs. Sidney P. Tuthill and G. Clarence Cooper are building an undertaker's shop upon the same lot where their coal yard is. It is a neat attractive building and when finished with all the rather ghastly stock with which they propose to fill it, will be quite an addition to the business part of the village.

### January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1881

A small party of five or six couples went from here last Friday on a sleighride to Riverhead. It was intended that a large party, some sixty couples, should go, but owing to a misunderstanding about the day it was only a small portion that went. Every one seemed to be "in" for a "general turn out" and as soon as the sleighing becomes good again we predict one of the largest parties that M. has ever seen.

The abandonment by the Railroad Co. of the morning and evening trains has proved to be a serious inconvenience to the traveling public. Isaiah T. Reeve has somewhat added to our convenience by running a sleigh to the trains at Riverhead so we will try to worry along until the spring time-table come into effect again.

## February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1881

For many years we have sighed and longed for a good village library, but thought a long time would elapse before our wishes would be realized or a movement set on foot to start one. Thanks, however, to Rev. William Hedges, a start has been made and bids fair to be a very successful one too. About \$200 in shares of \$5, have already been subscribed, the books ordered and the first installment is now here waiting to be arranged and cataloged. The library is to be known as the Mattituck Library Association and the officers for the present year are — President, Rev. Wm. Hedges; Secretary, W.H. Pike; Librarian and Treasurer, Irad W. Gildersleeve; Ass't Librarian, Chas. Gildersleeve. At present the books will be kept at the store of Gildersleeve Bros., until better arrangements can be made. We think all who care for good reading ought to give the Library their support, as it is intended that what few books it does contain shall be of as high an order as possible.

## April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881

Hazard and Brown grocery store catches fire. (Article in Fires of Mattituck Folder)

## May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1881

Seymour H. Tuthill is building a large addition to the Shady Point House, consisting of a large dining-room, with sleeping apartments above. Boss Chas. Robinson is doing the carpenter work. We called at Henry Lupton's butcher shop last week and were shown its new and handy equipment by "Henry, the Good Natured;" but what pleased us more than all its handy devices for labor saving was the air of scrupulous neatness which pervaded the whole establishment, for which thanks are no doubt due to that model of neatness, Tom Greaves, who has entire charge of the business, and whose name is a sufficient guarantee that Mr. Lupton's customers will have the best attention.

## July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1881

Young *man*, when you take *her* walking these pleasant moonlight evenings, be sure you have at least twenty cents in your pocket, for if you pass Mrs. J. W. Taft's, on Main Street, you cannot help following the crowd into her neat and cosy ice-cream saloon, and twenty cents is the least you can spend there. A good cream saloon has long been a much needed desideratum in the village during the boarding season, and we hope this one will be well patronized.

# July 24th, 1881

E.V. Knipe is building a new wheelwright shop and carriage repository on ground just across the street from his present shop.

# September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1881

Last week the guests of the Shady Point House made the tranquil waters in the creek echo with the splash of oars in the excitement of a boat race.

On Tuesday last week, the ladies of the House rowed for a very handsome silk umbrella, the contestants being Miss Josie Cassidy, *Red*, Miss Lillie Tucker, *White*, and Miss Maggie Duffy,

Blue. The race was over a 3-8 mile course and was won by Miss Cassidy in 1:55.

The gentlemen the same day rowed for a basket of champagne, which was won by P.O.

Daridson, of Brooklyn, who rowed the same course in 1:42. The race was closely watched by a large crowd on shore and in boats on the creek. It was an informal affair, but afforded much amusement to our summer guests.

IMPROVEMENTS-the repairs at the depot, of which we shall give a more full description at a later date; the mowing of the grass, and thorough cleaning about the grave-yard; Mr. Thomas A. Hallock's addition to his barn; George W. Robinson's new barn (26X54 feet) on the site of his old one; the extension of Luther B. Cox's dwelling house by a story in height; James Wines house ditto.

The farmers are investing heavily in that old fashioned fertilizer, *unleached* ashes.

Thousands of bushels have been sold in this vicinity, and the farmers are so well pleased with their quality that they keep sending in their orders for them.

### September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1881

Everything is quiet here now after the departure of the many summer guests, who have helped in various ways to enliven the village during the last three months.

### January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1882

"And all go out a skating O!" seemed to be the hue and cry here last week. The small ponds appear to catch all the "gliders" as Maratooka Lake so far has not been in safe condition.

## February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1882

Maratooka Lake was thronged with merry skaters late Monday evening, and the ice was in splendid condition.

### March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1882

Our good friend, Isaiah Reeve, kindly gave us a ride in his coach last Monday behind a team of spanking colts. Mr. Reeve has built for his livery stable use this summer a large omnibus-just the thing for an excursion party, or to carry boarders from the Hotel to the bay. It is built in a workmanlike and skillful manner and shows that Mr. Reeve is adept at the business.

### May 12th, 1882

Mr. Wm. Dubois and his wife, who with Seymour Tuthill, will conduct the Shady Point House this summer, arrived here last week, with their furniture.

# June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1882

The Shady Point House received its first invoice of boarders last Saturday night-rather early for our usual summer guests.

The guests of the Mattituck House, we think, will find its interior much improved this summer by the taste of the new hostess.

#### July 21st, 1882

The yachts in and around Mattituck harbor seem to be doing a thriving business with excursionists.

## September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1882

We understand that our enterprising young blacksmith, Conrad Grabie, intends building a dwelling house on ground purchased of T. E. Reeve, adjoining his shop, just as soon as Boss Jetter is through with his present job on Mr. Holme's cottage at the bay.

### October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1882

The L.I.R.R. Co. will extend a side track to Wm. M. Bett's steam molding mill, which is about to be erected near the depot. When completed, this mill will prove a great convenience to this entire section of Long Island, since it is to combine the planning, grooving, etc., of lumber, molding, turning, sawing, etc.

### February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1883

Our good friends Charles W. Wickham of the "Marratooka Farm" now sends the products of his dairy to customers in New York and Brooklyn, neatly arranged in tasty white wood packages labeled, "From the Marratooka Farm"; and his butter is a very fine article, and is put up in such attractive shape, it readily commands fancy prices. We are always glad when old Mattituck comes to the front in anything, and such movements as this are steps in the right direction.

#### February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1883

Capt. Lorenzo W. Hudson, of the Mill Lane, has traded his farm for a grist mill in Stony Brook, and will move there in the spring. We are sorry to lose such good people from our village. Silas Clark has rented R. Steers Reeve's farm for a term of years, and we are real glad to have such a good villager in town.

#### May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1883

We notice that Mr. Van Tuyl has begun disposing of the stock of ice which he has is store on the shore of Lake Laurel. He has about 600 tons of the best ice that ever was stored, which judging from the past, he will sell as low as anyone.

#### June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1883

Messrs. Tuthill & Dubois propose this summer to utilize Mr. Tuthill's new purchase, the Nickel House, as a lodging house for their boarders, as the Shady Point House fails to accommodate their many guests.

## July 13th, 1883

The "News" says Mattituck is now favored with two mails a day from New York.

# July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1883

Among our summer residents we see the family of Arthur Ridley of the well known Ridley & Sons firm in Grand-st., New York, who are boarding at the Fairyland House, and Mr. Henry Ivison, son of Ivison the well known publisher, who is at Mrs. Warren Tuthill's.

It is quite evident that Mr. Lewis no longer regards his tin business here as an experiment. He is about to build an addition on his present shop bigger than the shop itself. The added part will be 20 by 30 feet, and will be used as a tin and stove store. Mr. L. is "right around," and it is evident that the people meet him fully half way with their patronage.

## August 24th, 1883

Irad W. Gildersleeve has purchased of Mrs. Parthenia Silone her west lot on the main road and running down to "Lake Maratooka" on the south: Good old "Uncle Elymes" as were told valued this lot (where his house formerly stood) as the apple of his eye, and said its water privileges and wood land were so valuable they ought to be worth almost ten thousand dollars, but Mr. Gildersleeve purchased it for a small fraction of that sum, and we think go his money's worth, as it is quite convenient for some purposes.

#### August 31st, 1883

Conrad Grabie having purchased the shop and business of Will Terry, has moved his shop from Main-street to where Terry's shop stood, and has combined the two and hired a "new hand at the bellows." He seems to be doing a thriving business, as his shop is crowded from morning till late at night.

Joshua T. Young is to build a fine cottage on land adjacent to his father's house, and is also putting up a large windmill there too.

### September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1883

A grand tub race was rowed on the creek last Friday by the Shady Point guests; ...the tub race was a most laughable affair, and was heartily enjoyed by quite a crowd of spectators.

#### January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Wednesday of last week about fifty of our good citizens went on a sleigh-ride to Riverhead. The day, sleighing and dinner, were pronounced perfect, and if the snow furnishes us some more good sleighing we intend visiting Greenport on a similar trip.

### January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Mr. Frank B. Wells our old host of the Mattituck House, is at Mattituck on a short visit.

### January 18th, 1884

"Sleighing, but no skating on Maratooka"

### January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Capt. Lorenzo Hudson runs village grist mill.

### May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Mr. Chas. W. Wickham of the "Maratooka Farm," has added a team of fine bay horses to his stock. They are from Pennsylvania and show traces of what they should by right of birth possess—good blood. He recently sold a three-months-old heifer calf, registered "Beauty of Suffolk," to W. Gettys, of Athens, PA., receiving for her \$125 in Mattituck. Mr. Wickham has quite a little herd of registered cattle, thirteen animals in all, nine of them cows, and some very fine ones, too, among the number.

The asparagus crop, freshened up by the April rains, is booming just at present. Mattituck grass has a reputation, Mr. Editor, and if you could see some of the mammoth bunches that Messrs. Robinson, Wines, Hamilton, Teed and others send to market, you would say deservedly so, we know. We hear grass last week sold in market for nine dollars per dozen bunches, and even at that high figure your humble servant's "family" was not forgotten, but fared sumptuously upon it, thanks to kind friends.

### July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1884

Miss Mamie Hayes a young lady stopping at the Shady Point House, while rowing on Lake Maratooka last week, asked permission of one of the gentlemen in the boat to try her luck at angling. They laughed at her and gave her the poorest line in the boat "just to amuse and keep her quiet," but great was their chagrin when at the first haul she landed in the boat a black bass that turned the scales at four pounds. For this Lake it is a very large one, the average size weighing two to three pounds.

### November 28th, 1884

Patrick Nulty while crossing Long Bridge on the creek last week, had a narrow escape. The bridge, which is an old one, gave way just behind his horse's heels. The wagon went through, but Mr. Nulty jumped out in time to escape a ducking. The timbers on which the horse stood held firm, and Mr. Nulty quickly unfastened him and got some neighbors to return with him and extricate his wagon.

### <u>December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1884</u>

Will Luce has retired from the firm of Luce and Conklin, butchers, of this village, and William H. Reeve, of this village succeeds him. Now it is Conklin and Reeve. It is probable Road Comm's will have Long Creek Bridge rebuilt.

# January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1885

The road commissioners think very favorably of putting an iron bridge over the Long Creek bridge, as the present wooden structure is unsafe for heavy loads; an we hope at town meeting it will be endorsed by the vox populi.

### January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1885

The cold snap of last Monday night has given all those having ice-houses ample opportunity to lay in a supply of their luxurious (summer) article, and the teams went by in a steady stream to and from Lake Maratooka, and all we trust are now supplied.

#### February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Washington's Birthday celebrated on Monday last week was heartily enjoyed by the school children and the "big children" too who flocked to the Cove creek, Lake Maratooka and "Reeve's Rink" in large numbers all bent on having a good time...

# April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Benjamin T. Robinson in progressing finely with his house on Main St. When completed it will be one of the tastiest cottages in the village.

Frank M. Lupton, the well known publisher or Park Place, New York, and formerly a Mattituck laddie, we are delighted to state has bought the beautiful point on Mattituck Creek known as "Southard's" and either this or next summer will erect a pretty cottage upon it.

### May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Seymour H. Tuthill of the Shady Point House is having a large piazza built to be used as a dancing floor during the summer.

The farm of Henry H. Lupton at Mattituck, conveyed to him by his father some time ago was sold on Tuesday last under foreclosure of two mortagages and purchased by James Lupton, the mortgage for \$1,572.75, the amount of the mortgage exclusive of interest.

## June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885

W. S. Venal of the U.S. Coast Guard Survey with his family and assistants are now engaged on their work in this section and are boarding at John C. Well's.

### July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1885

The "same old crowd," headed by Commodore Stevens, are at Capt Ben Tuthill's, the Fairyland House, and one Monday evening this week they got up an impromptu boat race among their professional members....The latter crew won after a very close and exciting finish over the course between the Shady Point House and Fairyland House.

### July 24th, 1885

Frank M. Lupton, the well-known publisher of New York, who owns the beautiful "Southard's Point," on the creek, in connection with other property owners near his land, is having the old "Long Bridge", so-called thoroughly repaired, as it has been unsafe for heavy loads. Boss Charles M. Robinson has charge of the work.

# August 7th, 1885

To Boarding-House Keepers

The Traveler will publish free of charge the names of its subscribers in the towns of Southold, Riverhead and Shelter Island who desire to take summer boarders. Send in your names, together with the number you can entertain,

Mrs. Benj. Cole	4 to 6
Mrs. B. R. Prince	10
B.T. Payne	8 or 10

#### August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1885

The Shady Point House at present is filled to its utmost capacity-about 45 guests. The Lakeside Cottage is also full. Mrs. Warren L. Tuthill's pleasant cottage is also comfortably filled...

## August 28th, 1885

Peter Hazard is building quite a neat cottage for tenement purposes on his lot fronting Love Lane, Chas. Robinson is doing the carpenter work.

Edward Lewis, our popular tinsmith, has a new clerk in his shop here, in the person of George Lewis his younger brother.

### September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1885

John C. Wells, cranberry marsh at the bay, is said to be looking fine. The crop is being harvested by women and children, who can pick up a little "spare chink" very nicely this time of year.

## December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1885

Gildersleeve Bros. have added a needed improvement to their business, a first-class coal yard. They will have six horses ready to deliver it to any part of the village and will keep it on hand the year round. Already their orders have been very large and coming thick and fast.

Lester Gildersleeve is building a new and commodious blacksmith shop for Ben Farrell on land just to the West of P.H. Leeks Wheel-wright shop.

# January 8th, 1886

"Nothing succeeds so well as success" and we are pleased to note that our young friends Hallock and Duryee are preparing to enlarge their field of operations in the fertilizer business, as last year they met with gratifying success and have received much larger orders for the coming season.

### February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Conrad Grabie, our ingenious blacksmith has just completed a handsome pair of iron gates to be placed at the entrance to Bethany Cemetery. They will be an ornament to it, and reflect credit upon their maker.

Arthur H. Reeve of West Mattituck has sold his farm containing about 35 acres with the homestead to Miles Doran of this place. Consideration \$3,050.

## March 19th, 1886

Orin Cleaves has purchased the old homestead of Thomas Hallock at West Mattituck , paying \$4,500 for it.

Mrs. John Berger is to have a very neat and handsome cottage erected upon her farm. We understand it will be placed directly in front of her present house. Three car-loads of bricks were received here for it last week.

# April 16th, 1886

Mr. Sidney P. Tuthill, our popular and energetic townsmen, will erect a fine cottage upon the site of his present dwelling house. Lester Gildersleeve will have charge of the carpenter work. It will be about 34 by 50 feet in size and we suppose will present quite a contrast to his present quaint house which is the oldest one in the village and probably the oldest with a radius of several miles.

After much vexatious delay Frank M. Lupton, we are happy to say, has taken matters under his own supervision and work will be begun this week upon the Cove bridge across the creek prepatory to Mr. Lupton's erecting his cottage on old "Southard's Point."

# May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1886

J. Matt Lupton has succeeded admirably as a bridge builder. All the spikes on the Westphalia bridge are driven and the carpenter work will advance. He has also driven spiles for two docks, one on Southard's Point and the other in front of Shady Point Hotel.

#### June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Our accommodating livery man, I.T. Reeve, than whom there in none more obliging on Long Island, in addition to his stable here, will open a branch stable in Jamesport this summer, beginning about the middle of June. Archie Moore will be in charge there and we predict a good summer's harvest for them.

Apollo Hall which has been closed since 1881 was reopened Tuesday evening last week....

## July 9th, 1886

D. W. Hall, finding his accommodation insufficient for his summer guests, is building an annex on his bay shore plantation.

Warren L. Raynor is building a small cottage on the "Neck". Lester Gildersleeve has charge of the carpenter work.

### July 16th, 1886

Richard Cox is about to start a bakery here. He has rented Gildersleeve's corner adjoining Conklin and Reeve's market, and by next week expects to have his building enclosed. He will keep Horton's ice cream, confectionery, etc., and we trust will do a thriving business.

### August 27th, 1886

Hon. J. J. Ryan, Alderman of the seventh ward of New York, with his friends and family, are spending August at the Shady Point House.

# September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1886

A base ball association was formed here last Saturday night for the encouragement of and to lend a little pecuniary aid to our gallant nine, who are deserving of it for their handsome work in the past. Over fifty members were added to its roll; Chas W. Wickham was elected President; executive committee and managers were also duly voted for, and our nine feels much encouraged by the interest manifested in them.

Halsey R. Reeve is arranging to go into the hot bed and cold frame business very extensively this winter. He already has an immense number of such and last week had material enough come to double his former business. Last year he informed us it was the best paying part of his farm.

J. Victor Wilson of Wilson Bros., Brooklyn, with his friend Mr. Julian, are spending a week at the Mattituck House.

# September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Tuesday evening of this week was the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding day of our highly esteemed friends, B. F. Wells and his wife, years ago so well known as the host and hostess of the Mattituck House...

E. G. Duryea has the frame of Frank M. Lupton's house raised and is pushing it at a lively gait.

### October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1886

The Cranberry marsh of John C. Wells at the Bay will yield over a thousand bushels this season, it is thought, and the berries are the finest we ever saw. He employs about 50 pickers, giving the girls and boys a chance to earn a little spare change at this dull time of year.

### October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1886

Tuesday morning of this week as Otis son of Andrew Cox, went out to the barn to milk the cows he noticed smoke issuing from the west mow in the barn and immediately gave the alarm, but in a few minutes the whole roof was in a blaze and nothing could be done but to save the cattle and wagons, which were all that were saved. The loss is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000 and only insured for \$300-a heavy loss for Mr. Cox, especially at this season of the year. It is not known how the fire originated, but as none of Mr. Cox's, people had been near it since the previous evening and from its beginning in the mow it is thought some tramp must have slept there and been smoking.

### December 24th, 1886

Henry Long brought us a coin which he found near the venerable old "Kidd's Tree" on Luther Cox's farm. It is a Spanish dollar of 1756 and quite a rare coin in this country. Who dropped it there and what a history it could relate if endowed with speech.

### February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1887

Charles W. Wickham is going to raise his newly purchased house (on the Bett's property) up a story and make other extensive improvements, and it will then be rented to the Presbyterian Church as a parsonage, as Bryant L. Conklin will move into his house which is now occupied by Rev., Mr. Garreston.

### March 11th, 1887

The use of the hotel stables for one year was sold at public auction last Saturday afternoon at the Mattituck House. Thomas H. Reeve was the highest bidder, so he becomes their proprietor this year at the rent of \$60.00. I. T. Reeve will remove his large stock of carriages, etc., to his farm and as he is very popular as a livery man will probably continue in the business.

We understand that Chas. W. Wickham of the Maratooka Farm has purchased Van Tuyl's ice house and route at Lowell Lake and will run it in conjuction with his ice house here this summer. Chas. M. Robinson Jr., is building a neat little cottage for his own occupancy on Bay Ave.

### March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1887

Capt. W.R. Satterly, who owns a farm here and is by trade a No. 1 miller, having become tired of a seafaring life, is quite anxious to erect a first-class grist mill and flouring mill here, and says if a good site near the station is provided him, he will put a mill with the best of modern improvements, which would be quite a benefit to our village.

#### April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1887

Capt. Ellsworth Tuthill has a large force of German laborers employed cleaning and digging out the pretty pond in front of his house. One of our oldest inhabitants informs us that in "ye olden times" this pond and its adjacent swamp were always known as "Wolf Pit Hollow" as it was a great place for wolves to make their lairs, and many have been killed there. The pond is or was full of gold and silver carp, and one fine specimen of German carp was found in it, although how it came there is a mystery.

A handsome drive has been made in front of the "Eureka House" by I. T. Reeve, and new stables

are to be put up there for his use.

Benj. Kirkup is building a large extension to his house at Oregon.

### May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1887

"Maratooka Farm Jerseys" have quite an extensive reputation. Mr. Wickham shipped the registered cow "Deborah" to Danville, Pennsylvania last week.

J. Madison Reeve at North Mattituck is building quite a neat cottage for his own occupancy.

### May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1887

Our new constable Isiah T. Reeve was presented with an elegant solid gold badge by his friends last week, and we doubt if any other constable of Suffolk County can show one as handsome. Two telephones are to be put up in Mattituck this week, one to run from T. Reeve & Son's store to Warren L. Tuthill's cottage, the other from the Eureka House stables to I. T. Reeve's house. They are such very convenient affairs that we wonder more of them are not used in the country, as their costs are trifling.

Elijah W. Tuthill is building a new barn on his farm, Floyd S. Ruland doing the carpenter work upon it.

# May 20th, 1887

Edward Duryea is here at work with his men building a fancy barn for F. M. Lupton which is to have a windmill up on it to supply water for his cottage. \

#### July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887

Mrs E.P. Reeve opened her ice-cream parlor last Saturday evening for the season. While strolling down "Love Lane" with your best girl, young man, she will be much more easy to win if you display you generosity by treating her to some of Mrs. Reeve's ice cream.

It is reported that Mr. Orrin A. Prince of Southold will be the landlord of the Mattituck House at an early date. It is an excellent stand and properly managed should yield a snug income.

### July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1887

Professor C.M. Dewey has another class of artists here this summer, about thirty young ladies in all, domiciled at the Eureka House. Prof. Dewey says the views at Mattituck are very fine for sketching.

### July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1887

Mrs. Hall at the Bay, Mrs. Hazzard on Love Lane and Mrs. David Cooper all received a large number of boarders last week, and the Eureka House is overflowing and lodging out its guests at four private houses.

### July 29th, 1887

Benj. Farrell ahs secured a place as first-class mechanic in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and if possible will dispose of his blacksmith shop and business here at an early date.

# September 2<sup>nd</sup>,1887

All the week up to date there has been a general exodus of our summer guests to their city homes, but the Shady Point, Mrs. Hazzard's and Lawn Cottage are still full. To us it seems as if

city people left the country just when it is the most pleasant and enjoyable-during our lively Indian summer days. This has been the most successful boarding season Mattituck has known since its halcyon days of ten years ago when it entertained a class of boarders second to none.

## September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1887

The band of Kickapoo Indians were to pitch their wigwams on the lawn in front of the Eureka House Wednesday of this week and give some of their exhibitions in connection with the sale of medicine.

# September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1887

We hear upon good authority that our farmers have secured the needed land for a canning factory of Henry A. Duryea on the lot immediately in front of the railroad station and that Mr. Hudson will erect a plant there for canning asparagus and other vegetables this winter and be ready for opening in the Spring. He will need 100,000 branches of asparagus besides large quantities of tomatoes, green corn, beans, etc., and as several energetic farmers are at the head of the movement it will undoubtedly be a great thing for our little town.

### September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1887

The Shady Point House closes its long and prosperous season on Saturday of this week. One of it proprietors Will Duboise, goes to New York next week, where he has a fine position in a large shirt manufactory as head cutter, a position he fills every winter at a large salary.

## November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1887

A short time spent in Hudson & Co's canning factory, Glen Cove, would soon convince one that the proprietor understands his business and is master of the situation. Cleanliness and system seem to be the motto, and the piles of cans labeled and being labeled and the busy hands at work finishing up a season that commences about May 10<sup>th</sup>, show what a success this factory has proved in only its second season. Mr. Hudson informs us that he wishes the building at Mattituck to be fully as large as this, that the demand far exceeds the supply in asparagus and tomatoes, and in fact all vegetables and fruits he cans. We understand a move in the right direction has been made by the farmers here and Mrs. H. is hoping when he comes down the whole amount will be subscribed and he can immediately proceed to submit his plans, etc. This will bring a market to our very doors and give employment to twenty or thirty hands in the business.

# November 18th, 1887

Thomas E. Reeve & Son had had a costly set of J.A. Scollay's hot water pipes put in their new hot houses. They are said to be the finest heating pipes in the world for the purpose he will use them for.

Capt. Ellsworth Tuthill has had his pond stocked with German carp, and we should think they might attain enormous size as the pond is unsually well adapted for them.

# January 13th, 1888

The Eureka House property owned by the estate of Samuel Brown has been sold to Clement McMillen, who has a lease on it expiring next May. Other parties wish to buy it, but Mr.

McMillen who now conducts the hotel business had the refusal of sale, and we understand he has bought it for \$4,000.

### January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Skating upon Lake Maratooka was fine until the snowstorm of Tuesday. The lads and lasses had splendid sport upon its glassy surface.

During the cold snap of last Monday Gildersleeve Bros., Charles W. Wickham, Conkling & Reeve, Geo. L. Conkling and others succeeded in filling their large ice houses with ice about six inches thick.

Chas. M. Robinson in making repairs upon the Mattituck House, putting a new shingle roof upon it, etc..

#### January 27th, 1888

The bids for building the Canning Factory were handed to the building committee last Friday and Floyd S. Ruland's bid of \$2,760 found to be the lowest so we suppose the contract will be awarded him. He will have to hurry it along at a lively rate as it is to be done by the first of April. Our popular harness marker, E. P. Reeve, is doing a thriving business this winter has his son Louis as apprentice and his shop is fairly running over with work.

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1888

The sleighing on Mattituck Creek is fine, as its entire surface is safe for teams, and the ride from the foot Love Lane to the picturesque Old Mill is a very pleasant trip.

### February 18th, 1888

...Mrs. Hannah J. Wiggins of Oregon. Everybody know her and everybody loves her, and no wonder, for since the year 1835 when she and her husband moved from Greenport and became the first settlers in Oregon village.....

#### March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1888

Messrs. Tuthill & Cooper finding their present undertaker's shop too small for their increasing business are making it much larger by an addition to the north end. They now have the best hearse on Long Island east of Jamaica.

### March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Morris H. Wells who will move back from the Down Neck Farm to his cottage on Love Lane next month has begun the building of a nice commodious barn upon his homestead.

Samuel Brown has had new signs painted for his livery stables by Silas H. Howell and keeps adding to his stock of horses, fine carriages, etc., and this summer he will probably reap a rich harvest as a first class livery has been a long felt want among our summer boarders.

The Mattituck Library Association now kept at Richard Cox's store will receive a large invoice of new books next week nearly all the new and popular novels, books of travel and historical interest will be added to its catalogue.

Richard Cox, having sold his house and lot to Mrs. B. McDermott, will begin building this week a large addition to his shop to be used as a dwelling house for his family. It will consist of four large rooms and a kitchen and be finished in hard wood throughout. Boss Lester Gildersleeve

will have charge of the job with a large number of assistants and it will spring up like a mushroom when started.

F.M. Lupton who owns a cottage at Mattituck purposes to build a naptha launch 30 feet long for excursions on the bay. Capt. Warren Tuthill will have command.

### April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1888

The Mattituck school meeting was held on March 30<sup>th</sup> according to appointment and resulted in a vote of 19 for and 8 against a new school building. Said building must not exceed \$2,000 complete, and present one sold to highest bidder. This is certainly a low figure for a comfortable and commodious building and we agree with the article in our No. of March 23<sup>rd</sup> that it is well to study economy in these matters, especially is a small Dist., where school advantages must necessarily be limited whether in a new building or in an old one. The new plan is one story and all will rejoice to say "Good By" to the old basement.

### April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1888

The "Pesapunk Meadows" and fertile inlands belonging to the farm of the late John Wells has been purchased of his heirs by Lawyer Benj. H. Reeve, of Greenport, for Henry R. Gildersleeve of Oregon. Consideration \$9,500|

Miss Carrie Bailey, a milliner of reputed good taste and skill has rented rooms of Mrs. Edward P. Reeve on Love Lane and will open a Millinery Parlor there this week. We see no reason why she should not succeed admirably here.

The boiler for the new canning factory arrived last Monday. It is a big one and weighs without any of its loose castings over 5000 lbs. and looks as if it might be capable of doing some business.

# April 20th, 1888

Wanted, a good family physician to settle in our village. It seems as if a place the size of Mattituck ought to have a resident physician, but, as it is, our nearest is three miles away on the eastern side and six on the western side. There is a fine opening here for the right man with M. D. attached to his name. Then again there is that projected bee line road to New Suffolk which our good people surely ought to see about at once. If Jeremiah G. Tuthill of New Suffolk will only talk it up down there, our store keepers and merchants are ready to boom it here. It ought to be opened at once. It will benefit both town unanimously. We understand should it prove a fact, that possibly a telegraph wire would be run from here to New Suffolk affording their summer boarders telegraphic communication at cheap rates. It would open up the Bay Shore and render beautiful building spots accessible, increase the value of the property through which it runs to double its present value and to be a great convenience to all. Talk it up, all ye good people and call a meeting in Apollo Hall some evening and see if it cannot be done.

Miss Nellie Robinson, who has built up a first class reputation as a dress maker in Riverhead during the past two years, wishing to return to this her native place, has decided to open a dressmaking establishment in rooms at Captain Ellsworth Tuthill's where she will be pleased to see her many friends.

# May 11th, 1888

The canning factory opened yesterday, Thursday, and began the canning of Asparagus. The

factory has over one hundred acres of Tomatoes contracted for besides immense quantities of sweet corn, asparagus, etc., and Messrs. Hudson & Co. anticipate a busy seasons work.

#### May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Chas. M. Robinson has sold his place on the South road to Miss Bridget Short of Mattituck, who will use it for a home. The estate of Thos. Hallock has rented its cottage known as "Glovers" to Doctor Hopkins of Brooklyn for the coming year who will use it as a country home for his family.

Clem. McMillen is making needed improvements around the Eureka House increasing its stable room, painting fences, putting up a handsome street lamp and getting things in shape for a lot of nice summer boarders.

### June 29th, 1888

A party of twenty-three "lads and lassies O" from Oregon and our village went to Rose's Grove in the Naptha Launch Mermaid last week and all write in voicing her as the perfection of all small water craft for a delightful sail on our beautiful bay and for the next two months there will probably be a great demand for her.

Chief John Deer's Indian and variety Show has been exhibiting here in a large tent in the rear of the Eureka House for a week and has drawn quite a large audience every night. They give a street parade every afternoon and are about as good as the usual traveling variety.

Thos. E. Reeve our village gardener is shipping to market numerous quantities of garden truck at present and his superior vegetables find ready sale all over Long Island. His Peas, early cabbage and beets are especially fine.

#### July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Jacob Wolf is having a commodious barn built on his place by Boss Lester Gildersleeve.

### August 31st, 1888

Gildersleeve Bros. have had a new set of Fairbanks Hay and coal scales put in at their store by Joshua Robinson. An immense amount of weighing is done on that stand every fall, as high as four and five hundred loads passing over it some days.

Again our city people are like the swallow homeward flying. The Shady Point and Lake Side houses and Lawn Cottage have had very good seasons and filled to their utmost capacity and the other houses have nearly all had good attendance, although perhaps not as good as last year when Mattituck had a "big boom."

The loading and shipping of farm produce has again become very brisk around the station. S. P. Tuthill, Geo. Brown, Hallock and Duyree, and Gildersleeve Bros. are all hard at work buying and loading hay, potatoes, etc. in large quantities.

### September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Messrs. Hallock and Duryee, our wide awake young fertilizer manufacturers, have decided to remove their factory to Mattituck village, or rather erect a new one three stories in height and of ample dimensions to accommodate their growing business. It will be located on the line of the

Rail Road and save them a big term in cartage.

We understand the Band is considering the advisability of purchasing uniforms.

### September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1888

Martin L. Robinson has sold his sailing vessel "The Martinelle" to Captain Ellsworth Tuthill for \$300. She will be used at Capt. Tuthill's factory at Promised Land.

### October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1888

O. and J. Long have harvested over 200 bushels of beautiful cranberries from a very little patch this fall. J. C. Well's large marsh of twelve or fifteen acres will not yield as well as in previous years but the berries are always of fine quality and size.

Boss Charles M. Robinson has been building a fine boat house on the Lake shore at Southampton for Frank M. Lupton to store his pretty launch the "Mermaid" in this winter and next summer she will be run on the Lake as a ferry and pleasure craft.

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1888

Our popular good natured tin man, Ed Lewis is so over run with work he cannot half fill his orders this Fall. He has sold a great number of stoves and done an immense amount of roofing, and we understand he intends taking another apprentice to learn the trade.

### November 30th, 1888

Messrs. Conkling and Reeve our wide awake young butchers are having a new slaughter house built on Bryant L. Conklin's lot near the creek. It will be better fitted up with all the modern conveniences and will be much handier for them than the one down on Kirkup's farm which they have used for the past six years.

# January 18th, 1889

Geo. T. Bergen of New Utrecht, L. I., was in Mattituck last week and on Thursday purchased William H. Kirkups Farm paying \$8,000 spot cash for it. As Mr. Kirkup only paid \$5,500 for it two years ago he made a good days work by the sale and we are very glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bergen back again, we sincerely hope we shall not lose Mr. Kirkup form our village. Clement McMillen has sold two fine building lots to Fred Greaves and John C. Helfrich, from his propetry fronting Love Lane. We understand Love Lane is to be widened considerably and a public road made through the Eureka House property, which will throw several more building spots open to the public. The consideration for each of these two plots was \$200. Mr Greaves expects to put up a pretty little cottage costing \$1,200 on his, at once.

## January 25th, 1889

Edward Nelson, John C. Wells' popular clerk, has purchased Morris H. Wells house and lot on Love Lane, consideration \$1,800. It will make for him a very comfortable little home and we hope he will take lots of comfort in it.

William H. Kirkup has purchased the farm owned by the late Benjamin Conkling at Jamesport, consideration being \$6,000.

Edward Chapman has purchased Edward Carey's place on the South Road, paying \$400 for it. Real estate seems to be moving lively around here. Irad W. Gildersleeve has just purchased

the little eight acre farm of Albert Tuthill, paying \$1,000 for it. The same gentleman has also purchased the farm of the late Warren Raynor at West Mattituck, containing about 23 acres.

The subject of a "Creamery" in Mattituck is receiving active consideration here at present. We understand it is authoritatively announced that a gentleman stands ready to put up a creamery capable of turning out five hundred pounds or more of butter per day if he receives the promised support of our farmers. As he is one of our own townsmen, of the very best financial standing, and prepared to do better by the farmers, with his improved methods then they can do themselves, for we trust he will be assured of a hearty co-operation with his plans in this matter. Our ices house owner's grew more and more frightened every day over the emptiness of their store houses and the poor prospect, but there's time to spare before Spring for our good friend Jack Frost to get in his fine work.

### February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Albert J. Tuthill of Mattituck, has bought the farm of William M. Dickerson, in the eastern part of Cutchogue. Price \$3,500.

## February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Chas. W. Wickham has decided to start a creamery here, we understand, and will erect it at an early date. He has secured enough cows to make a good start, and we cannot but think our wide-awake farmers will all see its advantages patronize it faithfully.

Our ice house owners made good use of the late cold snap. Most of the small houses are well filled. Chas. W. Wickham began filling his house at Lake Maratooka last Monday morning and intended working at it night as well as day till it was filled. He paid 20 cents an hour and the men worked on the lake till about eleven o'clock in the night by the aid of torches, but the blinding snow storm stopped them at that hour and word was declared off till a more convenient season.

# February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1889

Skating upon the creek has been fine, last week both day and night it s broad expanse was dotted with merry groups of skaters, but the warm spell of last Friday spoilded all the young peoples fun.

### March 15th, 1889

About one hundred of our enterprising farmers met in Apollo Hall last Monday to discuss the feasibility and profits in erecting a pickling factory for cucumbers, cauliflowers, etc., at this station. Mr. McGuire of the big pickle firm of Alart & McGuire, located at Greenlawn, was present and addressed the meeting. He said if the farmers would erect him a building costing about \$3,000 he would pay them 6 percent interest upon capital invested, pay taxes and insurance, and at the end of ten years buy it from the stock-holders. Other matters relating to prices, conditions, etc., were then fully discussed and at the close of the meeting 36 shares (or eighteen hundred dollars) were at once subscribed and we are assured a factory will be erected here at an early date. It's a small town boys, and its slang too, but we always "get there just the same" on anything that's progressive and bids fair to be of interest to the community. Chas. W. Wickham is hard at work upon his "creamery" that cannot help but benefit our farmers, even if Mr. Wickham don't get rich at it himself. The only drawback in our wide awake little town is the high price which its land is valued at. Can't get a decent building spot unless you pay

a thousand dollars or more per acre for it.

Henry R. Gildersleeve is making extensive repairs upon his barn –new sheds, etc..

### March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1889

"How far the little candle throws its beams so shines a good deed in a naughty world." Gildersleeve Bros. and Richard Cox propose to let their street lights shine at any rate and do all the good they can in our little hamlet in that way. So they have ordered three new street lamps and when they get them is position benighted pedestrians should rise up and call them blessed. Finding common street lamps didn't work well, they have sent for newly patented Rochester burners which should do their work finely. In this connection Messrs. Hallock & Duryee, our wide awake manufacturers are studying up a system of electric lighting by the small dynamos gotten up by Messrs. Goodnow & Whitman, the skilled electricians. Should their system prove feasible we see no reason why the waste power from our factories could not be utilized to light our village.

#### March 29th, 1889

Our wide-awake painter, Silas H. Howell, stimulated by the praiseworthy acts of Messrs. Gilersleeve Bros. & Richard Cox has erected a handsome street lamp in front of his residence on the South Road.

The select school held by S.P. Tuthill in Grange Hall this winter closed last Friday afternoon. Mr. Tuthill is very well satisfied with his success here and will probably reopen next winter again; the damp and unhealthy condition of the public primary department in the public school house preventing many from sending their young and tender children there during the damp winter months; which makes it good fro Mr. Tuthill.

#### April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889

A. G. Bohlem of Riverhead has been tastefully repapering the parlors of the Eureka House and Mattituck House.

#### April 12, 1889

Hallock & Duryee are running their factory to its full extent from 7 AM till 10 o'clock at night. James L. Reeve has been engaged as book-keeper during their rush and they are trying their best to fill their orders which are pouring in upon them.

Seymour H. Tuthill our popular Long Island salesman for Weschler and Abraham, has had a fine horse and delivery wagon furnished him by the progressive firm and he can now take orders and deliver packages in fine style.

J. Wickham Reeve, agent for Hudson & Co. canning factory, continues to receive orders for tomatoes and asparagus, and the prospect now is, that asparagus at 12 ct. per bunch and tomatoes at 25 cts. Per bushel will help keep the factory busy. Asparagus growers have many advantages in patroninzing the factory, two of which are self evident; they can bring their asparagus anytime during the day and there is no loss of boxes, which cannot be said of the railroad.

# April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1889

A new wheelwright has rented the shop formerly owned by P. A. Leek. His name is J. McGuire

and he is formerly apprentice of Morrell at Peconic.

Louis Dohm, a young german who formerly worked for Conrad Grabie moves his family here this week and reopens the blacksmith shop near E. V. Knipe's wheelwright shop.

Boss Oscar Robinson is building a small barn for P. Harvey Duryee on his property across the road from Oakhurst.

Arbutus again blooms in the shady nooks and moist recesses along the creek shores and nearly every pleasant afternoon troops of young folks are out searching for its fragrant blossoms.

### April 28th, 1889

Benj. F. Wells Jr., has just completed and put in place a fine rustic cedar sign for Oakhurst entrance. It is very good sample of his handiwork.

## May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1889

The committee of the new pickle factory have purchased of Bryant S. Conkling near the corner of the village a plot of ground on which to build. It is close to the station and near the railroad track.

### May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Frank M. Lupton and his family are at Oakhurst for the summer.

At "Marratooka Farm" the "creamery man" Mr. Goff has arrived and Boss Wickham expects to begin operations in a few days.

# May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Messrs. Hallock and Duryea are seriously contemplating the erection of three or four small cottages on the grounds belonging to their factory and renting them to their bands as it seems to be hard to get houses here at moderate rents. It would be a very appreciable boom to their operatives, as many of them have to walk a long distance nights and mornings. They have their "horse foot mill" at work this week grinding up the crustaceans at lightning speed. The pay seventy-five cents per hundred for them and make of them a fertilizer which retails at fifteen dollars per ton, and cannot make enough to supply one-tenth of the demand for it. Captain Andrew Cox, our genial good natured farmer friend, "beats 'em all" is raising fine asparagus this year. His grass is simply immense, of beautiful evenness and quality. It attracts attention where ever it is seen in market. Over five thousand bunches were cut here Monday of this week at one cutting.

# May 24th, 1889

If you want to see a pretty sight just step up to T. F. Miller's poultry yard on "Mill Lane," look through the wire netting and see the 560 puffy little balls of down which it encloses. He has raised that number of white Wyandotte's and White Plymouth Rock chicks from the egg not hatched by artificial mothers, incubators, etc.., but by the good old fashioned genuine way, setting hens. Mr. Miller don't favor incubators, thinks chickens raised according to mother nature's plan succeed better, make stronger and more vigorous growth and judging by his

success we should think he knew what he was about. He is building up a good reputation for his stock and has sent "eggs for hatching" from Maine to Texas and even California's distant clime.

#### May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1889

The railroad company's surveyor in company with Mr. McGuire of Greenlawn were here last Tuesday surveying for the new side track which it intended to run in here on land to be purchased of Bryant L. Conkling. This will make the fourth side track at this station and we need another still for a good lumber yard and trust we shall see it put in at an early date.

Oliver C. Corwin has begun to lay the foundation for P. Harvey Duryee's new house at "Shady Lee" on the creek shore.

### June 21st, 1889

Captain Elsworth Tuthill informs us that he expects to open his fishing season about the first of July this year. His family will remain here at "Cedar Hurst" instead of at Promised Land as in former summers.

Our worthy roadmaster, Bryant Conkling, deserves much praise for the improvement he has made this month on the sidewalks and roads in this village. We need half an acre of loam badly and if it could be obtained our roads could be kept in proper condtion. As it is Mr. Conkling takes great interest in them and tries to make the best of their sandy beds.

Preparations for a grand regatta to take place on the creek July Fourth are being made already, under the supervision of Harvey Duryea and Benj. F. Wells. Both sailing and rowing contests will be on the programme and we hope everything will pass off harmoniously.

### June 28th, 1889

Last week we paid a visit to the "Marratooka Farm Creamery" and its working processes charmed us by their exquisite neatness and the purity with which every operation is carried on. Wickham is turning out a beautiful article and we can cordially attest to the flavor of the butter made in his creamery.

#### July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Joseph B. Coe of the Supreme Court with his family are the guests of Mrs. B. G. Tuthill at the Fairyland House.

John L. Shea, one of our old summer residents, is at Lawn Cottage with his family as usual. Mrs. Lizzie R. Betts is having the Mattituck House painted a light shade of French gray with pomperian red trimmage – a really great improvement in its appearance.

Black bass fishing in the Sound off Gildersleeve's Landing is excellent, Elder Gildersleeve, our good Methodist minister, Rev. Mr. Yorks, Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, "Little Jim" and Doctor Burgess had a royal time Monday afternoon of this week catching them bringing home thirty-one bass besides other fish.

# August 23rd, 1889

Luther B. Cox is having his old barn made over into a new one by Boss Lester Gildersleeve and his corps of assistants, who having completed ex-County Clerk Swezey's fine house at

Amityville, are home again and in a week or so expect to begin upon a new house here for Will Reeve.

### August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1889 pg. 2

Chas. M. Robinson built Henry Segmond a new shoe store this week on land just west of E.F. Lewis Tin shop.

Floyd S. Ruland and his crew of men are rapidly pushing forward work upon the new Post Office building on the corner of Pike Street and Love Lane.

# September 20th, 1889 pg. 2

Henry A. Dingee, formerly a wealthy millionaire living at Mattituck, where he owned a fine farm and the "Mattituck Motel" property died at his New York house last Friday of Bright's Disease.

#### March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1890

What we still lack-a good laundry and a first-class bakery. Who will supply us? Also a street lamp across the way from the Mattituck House corner.

### April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1890

Conrad Grabie has purchased the large shop where the McGuire Bros. have been carrying on their wheelwright business and Boss Robinson moved it entire, placed it in the rear of Mr. Grabie's shop where it will be in a very convenient locality.

## April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1890

There has been a sound of "revelry by night" in our streets of late caused by the rattle of ice carts as they passed to and from the Station to Chas. W. Wickham's ice house on Maratooka Lake. He purchased thirteen car load or about 800 tons of ice from our old friend Victor Wilson who has made quite a "spec" in ice at Valley Field, Quebec. The ice that Mr. Wickham bought ranges in thickness from twenty to thirty inches and is quite a novel sight in our temperate zone. Any one who purchases ice of him this summer will be sure of getting a fine article. Mr. Wilson informs us that he has stocked, housed and shipped upwards of 20,000 tons on beautiful ice at valley field and bids fair to make a very good thing out of it. It is always pleasant to hear of the success of "our boys" and Mr. Wilson deserves much credit for grasping the situation and making the opportunity his, so profitably.

At last, at last, our Village Improvement Society has secured a resident physician for us. Dr. E. K. Morton, a physician and surgeon of extended practice and experience, although still a young man, is now located here and has his office rooms at Mrs. John C. Wells. Of very pleasing address he bids fair to make hosts of friends here and build up a large practice.

"Little Sam" Brown is getting ready for business, his new livery stables are nearly completed and he has opened a new road through John C. Wells' property on Love Lane to his barn so that he can have a driveway all around it, which will be a great convenience to him.

Carpenters say our new lumber merchant, Geo. L. Penny, has a very fine stock of lumber. He has two or three carloads come here by rail every week and we want to speak a good word for him, for it's a great convenience and really a public blessing to have a good lumber yard in the village.

### May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1890

Messrs. Tuthill and Duboise are enlarging the "Shady Point House," as they expect its utmost capacity to be tried this season. Every thing points to a very prosperous boarding season here at present.

Mrs. R. H. Hazard has rented "Lake side Cottage" to a Mrs. Lee of Florida, who intends filling it with first-class connections as boarders.

## June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1890 pg. 2

The foundation and basement or cellar of the new school house are now nearly completed. In a few days Boss Lester Gildersleeve with his gang of carpenters will be at work upon the frame and we shall soon see tangible evidence that we are really going to have a new school house.

# July 4th, 1890

The 'cyclone express' stops at this station and proves a decided boon for our summer guests. It only stops at Riverhead and Mattituck for passengers this summer and it is a beautifully equipped train throughout.

At the Maratooka Creamery Mr. Wickham is turning out about two hundred pounds of sweet gilt edged butter daily. We don't believe in giving free puffs, Mr. Editor, but if you only knew what a boon that blessed creamery is to our farmers' hard working wives you would believe in sustaining it as we do. The butter is simply delicious and it is with pleasure we notice Mr. Wickham is building up a fine trade on the South Side of the Island and on Shelter Island also. It is estimated that nearly sixteen millions of cucumbers will be raised here this summer, and in order to accommodate them Alart & McGuire will build another addition of 100 feet on their pickle house here as soon as carpenters can be secured to do the work.

## July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1890

The pickle factory is getting ready to receive pickles this week. It is thought that about 14 million will be raised here this season, making quite a little industry of its own.

# August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1890

At the Shady Point House they are enjoying the best season that popular boarding house has ever known. Both of the houses are filled to overflowing and Mrs. Harvey Duryee's house is also full of their lodgers.

# August 15th, 1890

Messrs. Tuthill & Duboise, the proprietors of the Shady Point House, are driven to their wits end to secure lodging for their guests. They have about 65 there now and could have doubled that number could they accommodate them.

\*Big article about 250th Anniversary of Southold Town

B. Frank Wells, years ago the very popular host of the Mattituck House, has assumed charge of it again this season and intends filling it with borders if possible.

### October 24th, 1890

Dr. E. K. Morton, finding that his increasing practice here will warrant it, has decided to set up his household among us; to that effect he has hired Peter Hazard's house on Love Lane and expects his family to be snugly domiciled there in a couple weeks.

That "New Suffolk road," which is so rapidly assuming 'form and comeliness," will most certainly open up a beautiful country and form a lovely drive, passing along the bay shores, crossing so many picturesque creeks, the pretty views in "Egypt" and "Lake Maratooka," it will be hard to find a two mile stretch in the entire town which shall equal or rival it. Work has been begun upon it already in some places and before another summer bursts upon us we haven't a doubt but that it will be completed. Strolling over its proposed route we were deeply impressed at the lake with "the banners winter is planting on the outer walls." Surely there never was such a brave display—flaming red and scarlets, orange and olives, russets and browns...

### January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1891

Conrad Grabie is having a luxurious bath room fitted up at his house. Boss Floyd S. Ruland is doing the carpenter work and when completed it will be a wonderfully convenient room for a lavatory.

## January 9th, 1891

George L. Penny is succeeding beyond his most sanguine expectations with his lumber yard here. He had three big car loads of lumber arrive here last week and can hardly keep supplied with a full stock as he is constantly carting it away from Southold to Aquebogue.

At the annual Library meeting held in Gildersleeve Bros. store last Tuesday afternoon, Chas W. Wickham was elected President, Harry B. Lupton Sect'y and James Williamson librarian. Owing to the apathy manifested by many of its stock holders, a motion to disband it at first received considerable attention but it was finally extended to continue on another year. A public Library is an excellent thing, especially in a small country village and we wish the members of our would take more interest in its welfare.

# January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Jacob A. Brown had a car load of fine horses arrive here last Friday night. It is amazing to see how many men and boys can gather at the station at ten minutes notice when Mr. Brown expects a car of them, and the number of car loads he disposes of every spring from this station speaks volumes in his praise for fair dealing.

Thos. Edward Reeve, with a praiseworthy spirit of interest in the public welfare, has consented to take charge of the street lamps which the Village Improvement Society erected upon his land at the foot of Railroad Avenue last week. Conrad Grabie, Silas Howell, William H. Pike, Fred Greaves, Mrs. Betts, Richard Cox, Edward Wilson and Gildersleeve Bros. are deserving of thanks from the community for keeping their lamps trimmed and burning on the street, those dark nights, making them much safer and pleasant for travelers.

The Cove Creek has been covered with ice thick enough for skating the past week and its glassy surface was dotted with a merry crowd all the afternoons and evenings while it lasted.

Chas. Wickham has his big ice house at Maratooka nearly filled with seven inch ice, so we trust his expensive experiment of last winter in bringing it form Lake Champlain will not have to be repeated this year.

A professor Gould was to organize a dancing school in Apollo Hall Wednesday evening of this week similar to those he has held in Greenport and Riverhead. We understand a satisfactory number of pupils have been promised and his efforts in forming the class will be very successful we haven't a doubt.

The first corporation of this village came into existence on Thursday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, when a meeting of the trustees of the Hallock & Duryee Fertilzer Co., met with at the residence of P. Harvey Duryee of this village, for the purpose of permanent organization. This company has been incorporated under the laws of the State, with a capital of \$15,000, nearly all of which has been subscribed. The officers elected are as follows: President John M. Lupton; Vice President Chas. W. Wickham; Secretary James L. Reeve; Treasurer, Geo. W. Cooper. A purchase of the entire property of Messrs. Hallock & Duryee was effected at a satisfactory price, and Otto P. Hallock and P. Harvey Duryee, the members of this firm who have been engaged in the manufacture of fertilizer for the past six years, will enter the employ of the new company and have charge of the works. The facilities for manufacturing and capacity of the works will be somewhat increased to meet the requirements of the business, and the farmers of this vicinity will hereafter have the opportunity of securing this very necessary article direct from the factory.

## January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1891

The pupils of our public school take much pride in their new building. They have raised the neat little sum of \$15 among themselves to purchase a handsome new flag for the tower. It is of the finest bunting 8 by 18 feet in size, and will be thrown to the breeze with appropriate ceremonies the eve of Washington's birthday. At present there are 15 pupils, non-residents here, paying for tuition at this school. Eight pupils are studying in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade for diplomas to be given by the Commissioners at the completion of the course. The attendance is steadily increasing. The teachers are like by parents and loved by pupils. The terms of 90 and '91 should long be remembered very pleasantly by the children of this School District.

Prof. Gould's dancing school is proving to be a great success, about fifteen couples attending it, and succeeding very nicely under the Professor's tutelage.

# February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Thusday evening of last week Mrs. Warren L. Tuthill entertained a party of thirty guests very delightfully at her pleasant home, Lawn Cottage.

### February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Dr. Burgess and Bert Conkling were out gunning in the Franklinville woods Tuesday of this week and had the good luck to kill an immense male fox. Foxes and 'possums seem to be plentiful as quail and rabbits this winter.

# February 20th, 1891

The pickle factory here is shipping carloads of cauliflower pickles all over the United States. One car load went to Iowa last week.

# February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1891

T. F. Miller, who is acknowledged by the trade to have some of the purest strains of White

Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte fowl extant in his yards here, will move his entire stock this month to his newly acquired place on the main road which he has very appropriately called "Cherry Edge Poultry Yards." It is a pleasant place for either man, beast or fowl" and his feathered friends will doubtless flourish nicely there. His reputation is steadily growing and his reliability and business integrity are beyond questioning.

## April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Thomas E. Reeve & Son are shipping another crop of their delicious salad lettuce, and it is brining fancy prices we understand. We learn their salads had a justly celebrated reputation in New York markets already.

## April 24th, 1891

The "new road" to New Suffolk (which must soon become open or property owners along it route can sue and obtain heavy damages) is progressing finely on the Mattituck end. All through "Egypt" it has been laid out in splendid shape, fine sidewalks along its sides and drains laid where the water runs and in a year or so it will have become a very fine, smooth road bed we should judge, as the greater part of it runs through land well adapted for road purposes.

# May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1891

The "New Lock-up" is fast approaching completion. Boss Floyd Ruland is building it upon land that the town purchased of Edward Chapman, and we trust evil doers may at least be kept out of sight by its bolts and bars.

# May 29th, 1891

George T. Bergen is having a spacious, well appointed new barn built upon his farm here. It will be 46 ft. by 30 ft. with sheds, etc, all in first class style.

# June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Strawberry shipments will be very light form here this spring. The acreage is exceedingly small, our farmers finding out the raising asparagus and crops for the factories pay better than this uncertain crop.

Quite a number of beautiful new carriages grace our streets this summer notably those of Captain E. Tuthill, Michael J. Bergen, J. Fred Holmes, etc. It is also pleasant to relate our main road is actually receiving that long needed coat of loam and the "Thank Ye Marms" filled up.

#### June 12, 1891

Captain Benjamin G. Tuthill brought us a wood tortoise which he found in Mattituck woods last week. Upon its shell was carved J. E. C, 1800, and its appearance clearly showed its age to be very great. It is thought the date was carved by James E. Corwin, who lived here about 1800.

### July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1891

On Wednesday of last week the canning factory stopped working upon asparagus. During this spring season Hudson & Co. have put up over 160,000 cans of this delicious esculent here, and they claim that to be the largest out-put of any factory in this country, if not in the world. Grass grown here is said to be exceptionally fine and finds ready market.

Mrs. Rose Terry Bradford, of Brooklyn has a large company of artists visiting her, and her methods of entertainment are pronounced just "too lovely" and "such fun" you know. On her old family homestead stands a barn which has not been used for years, and it its clear roomy interior a big cool dining room has been improvised with a long vista of cool green fields through its wide open doors; at one side in the "lean-to" is the kitchen with its gasoline stoves, etc., where the fair artists get up such bohemian feasts that an invitation to one of them out-ranks an eveving at "Del's" and there is no question about it, they do have a good time in a very pleasant way. O M. Robinson raised the frame of Leon R. Hall's new cottage last Friday and is now rapidly pushing it forward to completion.

The travel on the East End was so heavy last Sunday that a train of eight cars was sent to Mattituck to pick up the passengers which the regular train could not accommodate.

### July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Oregon- The farmers are up to their eyes in wheat harvest. It seems to be an off year for wheat in this section. T Hamilton has eight acres of the finest the writer has seen in Southold Town in some years.

# July 24th, 1891

Four U. S. Harbor Surveyors are now here at work upon Mattituck Bay, making a full and comprehensive survey under direction of Chief Engineer S. H. Babcock. It is a very gentlemanly party and we are glad to see them here as everything seems to tend toward a favorable outcome from their visit.

- E. V. Knipe is building a new wheelwright shop and carriage repository on ground just across the steet from his present shop.
- R. Waters is cutting some thirty acres of hay on his farm at Franklinville, which sells very readily from the field. With two moving machines and horses rake going and three and four wagons loading give the field quite a business look for a Long Island hay field.

#### July 31, 1891

Otto P. Hallock intends putting up a potato storehouse and on land just west of Hazard & Browns store, on land leased of Mrs. Lizzie Betts.

Hudson & Co. are busily engaged moving their corn canning plant form Glen Cove to Mattituck this week as they expect to begin canning sweet corn on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. The new addition to their already mammoth factory is sixty feet in length and is filled up with the latest and most improved machinery.

## August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Frank M. Lupton took a party of eight gentlemen on a cruise is his big launch, the Mermaid, Friday and Saturday of last week. They report having a glorious little trip.

#### August14th 1891

Geo. W. Cooper\_sold his big "Maple Farm" to Michael J. Bergen last week. It comprises in all something like one hundred and seventy five acres, and \$12,000 cash was what Mr. Begen paid for it.

The "only Isaiah" Reeve is rushing big at his new quarters in the Mattituck House Stables. He added to his running stock an immense omnibus last week, said to be the largest one on Eastern Long Island, and finds steady use for it all the time.

#### August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1891

Mrs. Joshua G. Robinson has purchased an acre of land of her husband's uncle, Joshua W. Terry. It is on a bluff east of the romantic old mill, and it is her intention to build a neat little cottage for summer company. Mr. Terry has plenty more of very desirable building spots and intends selling them off at reasonable prices. The locality is certainly very pleasant.

Our highly esteemed German townsman, Gotlieb Grathwohl, suffered quite a severe loss from lightning last week. His barn was struck by the current and in a few minutes with contents it was in ashes, notwithstanding a furious rain storm was raging at the time. Kind neighbors are assisting him very materially to replace it by another barn at once.

(Oregon Column)G. Grathwohl of East Mattituck met with a heavy loss during the heavy rain squall of Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> just his barn being struck by lightning and burned to the ground with all the hay and grain. The horse, wagons and farming tools were mostly saved. Quite a number of the neighbors were soon there, and with buckets threw water and kept the crib and hog houses from burning. Mr. G. is a quiet, hard-working man and has the sympathy of a huge number of friends.

## August 28th, 1891

Charles. M. Robinson has nearly completed the pretty, cozy cottage of Leon R. Hall, and it looks very pleasing form the main street.

The hot days of this month have sent many dwellers in the heated cities to us. Shady Point is crowded to its utmost capacity; ditto Lawn Cottage, and all the other boarding houses are full.

# September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1891

The Mattituck Canning Factory beat the record last week-50,000 cans of tomatoes. The two expects, Misses Mamie Davis and Sadie McDermott, number 56 pails on their best days, 4 cents per pail. These hot September days are time for ripening this favorite vegetable and they come pouring into the factory by the wagon loads, fearing the frosty nights may be close behind them.

#### October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1891 (Oregon Column)

Jacob Hallock at the four corners is making quite extensive improvements about his buildings. His is putting a piazza on his house and quite an addition to his barn. He seems to be getting there, for all the stumps he has to buck at.

On the opposite corner is a lot that was cut and cleared last winter of the wood. Now there is as fine a piece of rye growing as one need to look at. It was bought and cleared (and the most thorough job of the kind I ever saw done and I have done some of the same kind of work myself) by Philip Monegan. The appearance of the corners is changed immensely for the better.

### October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1891

The Mattituck Athletic Association is a "booming" corporation. About forty shares have been subscribed, a good field for athletic games hired of Mrs. Lizzie R. Betts at a nominal figure, and

we think it is going to be a very good thing for our village. Its officers are: Pres. Charles W. Wickham; Vice Pres. J.M. Lupton; Sec. and Treas, Geo. Fischer.

### October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1891

It is the glorious (?) sweet cider time, which probably explains the pugnacious tenderness of "Little Dublin," as that portion of eastern Oregon and northern Cutchogue lying between the town main roads is locally known.

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1891

Boss Floyd S. Ruland has just completed a very pretty and tasty tenant cottage for our good friends, farmer John M. Lupton, who dabbles in seeds some what but delights in the pleasures of farming, i.e. by proxy.

It is with pleasure we note that Clarence Cooper has rented the "Glover Place" and will probably move there this month as Mr. Bergen who bought Maple Farm, Mr. Cooper's place, is expected here soon. Talking with Mrs. Glover she expressed sadness that of all their large family (that of the late Thomas and Christianna Hallock) none should remain in their native village, but be scattered abroad.

### November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Richard Cox, who as a restaurant keeper has built a very snug little business here, is making much needed improvements in his store for the convenience of his patrons.

# November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1891

Our good friend Jacob A. Brown is doing a fine little business this fall. He had ten horses and about a dozen fine carriages arrive last week and expects to sell at least two hundred horses this winter.

Mrs. E. K. Morton has opened her kindergarten for the fall term and has quite a little class of bright little tots. She is an excellent teacher and we trust will have a large class this winter.

## <u>December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1891</u>

David B. Dayton has sold his place at the bay shore to a Mrs. Margaret Cox of New York, who will use it for a summer home. Mr. Dayton has purchased a lot of Thomas Reeve and will immediately begin building a house upon it, soon as carpenters can be secured.

# July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1893

Mrs. Fannie J. Long has sold her place at the foot of Love Lane to a Mr. Luke Mulroy of New York who will make extensive improvements upon it this Fall. Price paid for it was \$1,400 we understand.

#### July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893

D. R. Cox, proprietor of "Mattituck Landing" on the bay, entertains many pleasant little sailing parties and has two sloops, Jennie Treadwell and Etta, to take parties out on the bay, and as that is the only place of its kind between Jamesport and Greenport, we think he will do quite a thriving business in time.

# August 4th, 1893

Last week our good Catholic neighbors held a little bazaar at Mrs. Cox's boarding cottage and cleared over \$65.00 in one evening.

# August 25th, 1895

Thos. Reeve has added a new piazza to his house, ditto Luke Mulroy, who has entirely remodeled his recently purchased house at the foot of Love Lane.

#### March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1895

Jacob A. Brown went to New York to attend the horse sale there. J. Brown expects a big car-load of fine stock horses here by this Saturday freight. He is also having built on the western line of his village property a long row of box stalls to rent to the public at \$7.50 per year, and some open stalls which he will rent to the Glenwood House for the use of its patrons.

### March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1895

The Hallock & Duryee factory is working under full steam now and has larger orders in for its fertilizers, which seem to a loud call this spring.

### May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1895

At "Andersonville," as that portion of our suburbs is called which lies in a westerly direction from the fertilizer factory, scenes of unusual activity were manifest last Sunday afternoon. Carriages, loaded with people, and pedestrians of both white and colored races, could be seen wending their way to this favored spot. Under the active, energetic and masterful supervision of Rev. Ezekial Forman, our resident pastor of the African M. E. Zion Mission, the erection of a church edifice has been begun and this occasion was nothing less than the laying of the corner stone. Four colored pastors were in attendance, including their Presiding Elder, and the services were really very well conducted and interesting. The sisters of the Mission had rehearsed many songs and melodies, and their efforts in the musical line were very pleasing indeed.

#### June 21st, 1895

Luther B. Cox has sold to Joshua Ackerson and wife, of Brooklyn, a fine building lot on the west side of the highway leading to his homestead, and Mr. Ackerson will immediately erect a pretty cottage upon his newly purchased lot.

## July 26th, 1895

Jacob Kline, our veteran shoemaker and cobbler, is having a cozy little shop built just west of the post office. "Jake" has for many years been one of characters and fixtures of Mattituck, and we hope his old patrons will favor him all they can, for he is having a hard time at present to get along.

# August 9th, 1895

Boarders are beginning to show up in larger numbers now. Seymour H. Tuthill has a full house. The Cox house at the bay is full to overflowing. The Mattituck House and Shady Point House have fairly good houses and more expected.

### September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Mrs. Alice AP. Gildersleeve is having two cottages re-built and finished on her Windamere property.

### September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1895

The new railroad wire number 63 was put into our station last week by the W. U. Tel Co. Hudson and Co. are working upon sweet corn this week. The quality is said to be very fine this year.

Oregon: The summer guests have about all returned to their homes. The Murray family was the last to leave Pioneer Farm, and Capt. I.N. Teed's house was left lonely the forepart of the week by the exodus of a merry party of their city homes.

Will Duryea's new greenhouse is nearing completion.

G. Jones is having a sharpie of improved model built, for creek and Sound use, by Boss Baylis. W.L. Travis of Walkill, NY., arrived at Pioneer Farm on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., to commence his duties on Monday as principal of the Oregon School.

Fine riding on the new track at the Mattituck pleasure grounds.

### September 20th, 1895

Rev. Charles E. Craven, with his wife and children, expect to become occupants of the Presbyterian parsonage next week. Mr. Craven will come from his Summer cottage in Belmar N.J., this week and preach for us this coming Sunday, D.V.

Miss Fannie Louise Gildesleeve has a new "bike" and takes great pleasure in her new mode of locomotion.

#### October 11th, 1895

How pleasant it seems to once more see lights streaming form the windows of our parsonage and to feel that in Rev. Charles Craven, his pleasant wife and four children, we have such worthy successors of dear old Parson Hamlin's genial family, who occupied it so many years. In those palmy days of long ago the old parsonage was a veritable paradise for the young folks of our parish, and the three daughters of the house made it so; while its master and mistress never allowed the poor or needy to leave it empty handed. The old house has been thoroughly renovated, four new rooms added, bath room, etc., and today it is one of the pleasantest houses in the village. Our people seem to think highly of their new pastor and his family, and we trust he may do much good here.

Large quantities of "snappers" or young blue mackerel and bonitos have been taken of late in Mattituck creek and bay. If that channel is ever dug out by congressional aid we haven't the least doubt that George Wood can by induced to have whale come in here during the winter months to spout, and in the summer have a sea-serpent anchored off shore form the Shady Point Hotel.

## October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Alfred Boutcher's farm at North Mattiuck (Oregon) has bee sold to Own J.Monahan, of the same place. It is a very convenient handy little farm, and produce fine crops.

#### November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1895

George H. Fischer has purchased the shop owned by Richard Cox just south of him meat market. We understand it is to be neatly fitted up, and possibly a drug store will be started here soon.

### November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Zenzius & Doran have started a very convenient passenger and parcel delivery here since the free express delivery was discontinued. For ten cents they call or leave passengers within a radius of three quarters of a mile from station, and deliver parcels at proportionately small prices. It is wonderfully convenient, especially on a stormy day.

The new conduits from the old cisterns on Railroad Ave. work finely now, and on rainy days the street between Gildersleeve Bros. store and the Mattituck House is passable and in good shape, very different from what it was 6 months ago. Money expended on such repairs is well invested and no sensible tax-payer will growl at the expense involved.

### November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1895

George H. Fischer is having a plate glass front put in his meat market, and the front taken from his old shop will be put in the shop he recently purchased from Richard Cox.

Oregon: Gunning at the Sound has not been up to the average this fall, but Mr. Schenck, the veteran gunner, has made some quite good bags.

The quail hunters do not seem to be in it this fall—birds few, with miles between the bevies.

### November 29th, 1895

George H. Fischer has put in a magnificent plate-glass who window in his market and made many other notable improvements. Although the glass is large and clean, it is of American manufacture, and we are glad to say that it demonstrates that American talent has found another thing that it can do as well as, if not better than, our transatlantic competitors.

#### December 27th, 1895

Oregon: M.J. Bergen is building a large hay barn on his West Mattituck property, to be used to house the large quantity of hay he cuts there.

#### January 31st, 1896

Our jolly Joe Hudson, of Hudson & Co., spent nearly all last week at the great "Bike" show in New York. Joe is an enthusiast about the bicycle and his eminently mechanical head we expect is now full of "wheels." Your humble correspondent also looked in upon the immense affair one evening, and to the devotees of the wheel it must certainly have been a very fascinating place to study the very latest ideas of the great manufacturers. We felt very proud of Mattituck's share in the show, represented by our old chum, Ernest D. Terry's display, in the booth of the place, and Terry Mfg Co., where his new invention, "The Pathlight" was finely advertised. Conrad Grabie, our wide-awake blacksmith, also attended the exhibition and has taken the agency for several wheels. Boss Floyd S. Ruland is building him a new shop, which he expects to stock up with a big line of wheels to sell and rent this summer, also make repairs of every sort, which will be a great convenience to the many wheelmen in this section.

Louis Downs is clerking for Gildersleeve Bros. and will stay with them till he takes a permanent position later with Reeve & Hall.

### February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Theodore F. Miller, our enterprising and popular poultry dealer and proprietor of the famous Cherry Edge Poultry Yards, has just issued his spring circular, which is a fine production, illustrated with three cats, and superbly printed.

Mrs. John C. Wells has had their house fitted up with steam heating apparatus, and Joe and Will Hudson have discarded their hot air furnaces and substituted hot water heaters instead. The breakwater in not dead after all. John M. Lupton and Herbert R. Conkling are in Washington this week looking after its interest before the River and Harbor Committee of the House. There seems to be a strong feeling in the War Department that there should be some water communication between the Sound and the Bay at Mattituck, and judging from the drift of matters, it may no be surprising to see a deep ship canal dug here, making two islands out of Long Island after all.

# May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Our new druggist, Herbert Klein, of Brooklyn, moved his furniture and family into "Windamere" Tuesday of this week. We understand he has rented the place for five years.

The New Suffolk road between Mattituck and New Suffolk is now in excellent condition, and it bids fair to become a regular boulevard in time.

## May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1896

Miss Dolly Bell, of New York, has arrived with her horses and carriages for her usual summer sojourn at Mrs. John C. Wells.

#### June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Talk about your cities! Don't we have our streets sprinkled now by Otto P. Hallock's new watering cart, just as they do in Riverhead, and isn't Van Amburg's great moral circus going to perform here too, on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., just as it does in Greenport! Well, I guess, -- and Bert Reeve has sold his thirty-fifth bicycle, and Con Grabie and Knipe are right in it, too, and the new drug store has four different colored window bottles in it, and as if this wasn't enough Manager George H. Fischer informs us that we can positively state that the New Haven ball nine, some of them from the Yale College club, will play ball here on Fourth of July, and still—"potatoes, they grew small in Kansas" last winter, and are only worth ten cents a bushel in Mattituck now. How it's all done we don't know, but it "did." Fifteen years ago this June, when we first took charge of the Mattituck station, we thought nothing of shipping three or four thousand crates of strawberries per day, and now the berry special, obeying our "white handkerchief" signal, whizzes by without stopping, our farmers finding out that asparagus is a much better crop to raise at this season of the year.

Subscriptions are being circulated for the formation of a bicycle path in Southold Town and our wheelpeople are quite enthusiastic about it.

## June 26th, 1896

The Board of Health of Southold Town was called to Mattituck on Monday in response to a petition, which asked the gates of the Mattituck water mill be removed, the petitioners claiming that a scum arose on the surface of the creek which would breed malaria and typhoid germs. The Board visited Joshua Terry, the owner of the mill, and he agreed to raise the gates twice a week. This was entirely satisfactory to the Board and no action was taken.

### July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Seymour H. Tuthill's cosey "Ingleside House" has four guests at present. Dr. McSweeney's four daughters the Misses Florence, Agnes, Irene and Isabel; also T.C. Bay, Wm. Calligan and Miss Nellie Lorigan of New York, Rev. Charles Reilly of Norfolk, VA and Mr. and Mrs. Van Wagner of Brooklyn.

Work upon the erection of the new Methodist Church will begin next week, and will be rapidly pushed to completion.

### August 7th, 1896

Griffin & Tuthill, the well known "Movers" have hauled the old M. E. Church back to the rear of the lot, and the new edifice will be built in front of it. Sliding doors will connect it with the old building, which will be used as a Sunday school room, chapel, etc... The work is to be rapidly pushed forward, and we hope before winter our good friends will be able to worship in their new edifice.

## September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Harry Finn, the great artist, has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Alan Foreman, at Cox's Neck for the past two weeks. Mr. Finn says in all his great sketching tours he has seldom seen finer, fairer views than some he has obtained around our beautiful creek.

# September 11th, 1896

The Village Improvement Society met in Apollo Hall Monday evening of this week. Among other matters brought up for discussion the urgent need of some fire apparatus for our village, was thoroughly talked up and it was hoped if nothing more can be done that a hook and ladder company will be formed this winter through the instrumentality of this resolution.

# September 25th, 1896

Cranberries are said to be very plentiful and of splendid quality this fall. Mrs. John C. Wells, O & A.J. Long and Arthur L. Downs have marshes here which ought to pay well this fall.

# October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1896

Gildersleeve Bros. wish to call the attention of all their old friends and customers to their "fall opening" which will be held all this week. They have a large stock of dry goods than they have had in years. Dress goods of all kinds, outing flannels, just the thing for winter shirts, from 5 cents up. An immense line of horse blankets, beautiful bed blankets and comfortables, from 60 cents to \$10. Hosiery, shoes, rubbers, boots, etc. A grand line of men's and boys hats and caps, including some very nobby novelties in silk caps and woolen Scotch and German caps.

Sheetings and muslins by the case and underwear of all kinds and values. Laces, very pretty patterns and novelities of every description, as well as staples in the grocery department. Good delivered free of cost to all parts of Long Island and satisfaction guaranteed. Prompt clerk service, and every effort made to avoid vexations delays. We spend all our money in Mattituck and hope our friends will do the same with us when they can with advantage.

We hear our good friend Mrs. Adrian J. Williamson, of Flatbush, L. I. formerly Miss Ella Waters of Mattituck, is having a large and handsome summer villa erected upon her father's farm at Oregon, where she can entertain her friends during the "dog days" and if memory serves us right she need to make lovely whipped cream cake and cut it in generous slices too; so when summer come again we shall hope to be remembered at "Bobolink Villa." She has her trotting horses boarding at her father's Dr. Waters, this winter.

#### December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1896

Oregon-We notice Capt. J. Wines, at the cottage by the bridge, has commenced building, preparatory to a start in the poultry business. The surroundings are excellent for the business and we wish him success in the undertaking.

## January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1897

The stockholders of the Hallock & Duryee Fertilzer Co. have decided upon the closing up of their business and the dissolution of the corporation.

# January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1897

At the special school meeting held last Saturday evening it was voted to raise the present building so that another story could be added. And from plans submitted by the committee we judge it will make a very handsome building when completed.

#### February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Some talk is heard of a proposed open highway from the railroad station, across the creek and so on to the road that runs from the West Mattituck main highway to Cox's Neck. It is reported that the owners of the land needed would be willing to donate it for the purpose. A new bridge would be necessary and considerable work would be needed in the way of moving loam to put the road in shape for travel. This would mean expense, and we have heard doubt expressed as to whether the road should be accepted by the town if an offer should be made. However, we believe the advantage to be gained by the public would far outweigh the expense, and we hope that the rumors as to a new road in the locality named will soon develop into realities.

## February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1887

- 2 large articles in this column
- 1.Two of the Reeve children fell through the ice on the creek and died.
- 2. Train stuck in big snowdrift just east of Mattituck.

#### February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1897

A new kitchen extension is being added to the Mattituck House-a much need improvement.

#### March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Capt. Andrew Cox has more friends among the young people of this place than anyone we know of. And Cox's neck has always been a delightful rendezvous for them.

Oregon- P. Duryee has been improving his outbuilding, enlarging and raising up his wagon shed to two stories and enclosing it, making a very commodious storage building.

# April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1897

Messrs. Reeve & Hall and George H. Fischer are making extensive alterations and changes in their respective markets and when complete they both will be models of their kind.

E. P. Reeve our harness maker, has moved to Quoque, where he will live with his son-in-law, Hazard Jackson. John Boutcher, of Oregon, has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Reeve. Louis Downs, of Oregon, will clerk for Reeve & Hall this summer.

## April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Boss Lester Gildersleeve has taken the contract to build a large addition to the canning factory owned by Hudson & Co. here. It will be forty by one hundred feet in size, with substantial brick foundations, and is to be used mainly for storage purposes. Work will begin on it as soon as Boss Gildersleeve finishes his work at Fischer's Market.

Great quantities of Mattituck creek shad are being marketed now by George S. Wood and Patrick Drum. They are said to bring excellent prices in New York markets at present, and have been very plentiful in the creek this spring.

We understand that we are to have another "Raines Law Hotel" as John B. Westerhoff has leased the Glenwood House of Jacob A. Brown.

Eugene P. Robinson has leased Mrs. Abbie M. Wykoff's farm at Oregon.

## April 16th, 1897

Ebbie Weir, of Jas. Weir & Son the well known Brooklyn florists, has rented Chas. W. Wickhams's Hillside Cottage for the summer.

# April 23rd, 1897

A special train conveying the officials of the L.I.R.R. Co., visited Hudson & Co.'s factory here last Tuesday afternoon, to consider the advisability of putting in a private siding for their increasing business.

# April 30th, 1897

The Road Commissioners, Messrs. Fitz and Cox, have been busy all this week establishing lines on Railroad Ave, Pike Street, Love Lane, Main St., etc. in Mattituck.

Dan Griffing, of Jamesport, is open a harness shop just south of Mattituck post office, and Boss Lester Gildersleeve is building an addition to Rourke's shoe shop for that purpose.

### May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Jacob A. Brown is having five more stall sheds erected for the public, just east of his present sheds. Sheds seem to be in great demand here.

Franklinville: George B. Woodhull's new barn was raised on Monday by Corwin & son.

### May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1897

The old horse sheds east of Gildersleeve Bros., which have served the public faithfully for the past 30 years, have been pulled down, as they were getting unsafe, to make room for other improvements.

S. P. Hedges of Greenport, had a big force of men here last week putting in new tubes for Hudson & Co.'s mammoth boiler.

### June 11th, 1897

The commencement exercises of the Mattituck Public Schools Class of '97, will be held in the Presbyterian Church of this place on Tuesday evening, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8 o'clock. There will be seven graduates, Miss Edna N. Tuthill, Joseph Kirkup, Elmer Ruland, George Brown, Sidney H. Gildersleeve, Edward Bennett and Ernest Tuthill.

Asparagus is almost a complete failure as this cold weather prevents its growth. Hudson & Co. say they are nearly eighty thousand cans behind their list of last year, owing to the very cold season.

#### June 18th, 1897

Franklinville: The new cycle path has been laid out by the Commissioners from the railroad crossing through the district, and work will soon be commenced on it by the young men of this place who are interested in cycling and good walks.

### June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Suffolk Ave. is proving a delightful drive this summer and many of the boarding houses in New Suffolk use this station instead of Cutchogue, as the road is so pleasant in summer time. Floyd S. Ruland, who secured the contract for enlarging our public school building, began work upon his new job Thursday of this week and will no doubt push it rapidly to completion.

### July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1897

Not many women have the pluck, indomitable will and courage together with the wise forethought and judgment that tilling the soil call for in these days to tackle the "profession" of farming, but Mrs. Alice Havens Worth Boutcher has them all in a marked degree, and despite the hard times and low prices for produce, manages to make a very neat, comfortable living from her old homestead farm and lays by something for the inevitable rainy day. With her own hands she cultivates and prepares for market big beds of onions, lettuce, radishes, early potatoes, sweet corn, squash, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and currants, is will informed upon all matters pertaining to agriculture, keeps three cows and makes excellent butter, is shrewd, sharp, but honest, and pays all her debts, which is more than many men farmers do or can do, because their tastes and more extravagant, or, more correctly speaking, more extravagantly indulged, for also she has no keen desires for artistic living as anyone, but thinks it best to be honest and out of debt rather than make a vain show upon an empty pocket-book.

The new bicycle path and side paths up Mattituck Hill are much appreciated by cyclists en route for Riverhead. The climb is very easy and Road Commissioner Cox has made a fine job of it. Now, Boss Luther, if you will give us as fine a cycle path from the Mattituck House to Manor Hill as our sister villages of Cutchogue and Peconic have from Miss Franc Wickhams' to Williams'store, we will rise up and call you all manner of nice names. We know Mattituck roads

have nothing but a mean sound foundation, but they can fix a cycle path very easily on the north side of the road and with comparatively slight expense.

### July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Very quiet times in our village on the Fourth, though herds of cyclists visited us from far and near. About 300 of the villagers went down to the bay and enjoyed the cooling breezes from Husing's pretty pavilion.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Forman and family domiciled at their beautiful home at "Cox's Neck" for the summer.

#### July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1897

The roof of the school house is now in it's place and the second story nearly enclosed. Boss Ruland and his men are rapidly hurrying the work to completion.

### July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1897

The *Eagle* says: Many experiments have been made in years past among the famers of Long Island in the raising of tobacco but no very large tracts have been planted. Frederick W. Hallock, of Mattituck, intends to go into business on an extensive scale and has set out several acres of tobacco plants on his farm at West Mattituck. His plants are in a thriving condition and the success of his experiment is awaited with considerable interest by the farmers in the vicinity. If the crop yields a fair return many of the farmers hereabouts will go into the business. Mr. Hallock obtained his tobacco plants from seeds grown in hot houses very early in the spring. As soon as the ground was suitable the plants were set out about the same as cabbage plants. They grew very rapidly and promise to be nearly three feet in height at the harvest in September. In many villages on the island small quantities of tobacco are grown annually and it is of fairly good quality. The soil in many sections of the island is well adapted for the cultivation of tobacco and some farmers say the raising of it could be made remunerative if the secret of curing it was better known. Mr. Hallock has engaged an expert from Florida to assist him in curing his crop and it is said that a large tobacco dealer is ready to take the whole product.

# August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1897

The "Shady Point" and "Ingleside" boarding houses and "Windamere" are overflowing with boarders this summer, and this month will be a very good month for every cottage boarding house in the place, as they are all full at present. The hotels do not seem to have many guests, but will probably do better later.

A party of Connecticut fisherman have camped out on the Sound beach near the Mattituck Bay Inlet and are getting ready for sturgeon fishing, having had a fine boat sent them by the L.I. R.R. They think the prospect very good off our shores for their industry.

On Friday of next week, Aug. 13, there will be a hot time in the old town that night. Down on the athletic grounds, which are to be brilliantly illuminated, a grand summer open air concert and bicycle carnival will held and an immense gathering is expected, as delegations from Riverhead, Aqueboque, Jamesport, Franklinville, Oregon, Cutchogue, New Suffolk, Peconic, Southold and Greenport have promised to attend. Cake and ice cream will be served to the weary, heated riders on their arrival, from seven till nine o'clock, then a splendid musical program under the direction

of Prof. Geo. B. Reeve, will be rendered. Following this will be the bicycle parade, when awards for the finest decorated ladies' and gentlemen's wheels will be made. Garrett H. Duryee, of Floral Park, and John Lewis Clark, of Greenport, have kindly consented to act as judges and a third judge is to be selected before the carnival. As the admission in only 10 cents, every one can afford to be present, and the concert alone is worth double the admission free. If stormy of Friday, it will be held Saturday evening.

#### August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Potatoes are on the move here at 55 cents. Car load after car load goes from here every day and up to the present time there seems to be very little rot in this section.

We trust all will bear in mind the open air concert and bicycle parade on the Athletic Grounds tonight, Aug. 13, if pleasant and tomorrow night if today is stormy. The celebrated singers
"Captain Chaco and Miss Eliza MacAiry, late of London, have promised to appear at the concert.
Ernest D. Terry, inventor of the Pathlight bicycle lamp, gives one of his finest productions as one
of the awards and the other five awards are very pretty and hence an immense crowd is expected
to this great bicycle event.

"Aunt Liddie Betts" has opened a "café" on the cycle path from Mattituck to Cutchogue and we hope her many friends will give the pleasant lady a call for she is deserving of much kind attention, for she has been a true friend to many people in the past.

The merry-go-round, from Patchogue, has been delighting the hearts of the children here all this week, just across from the railroad station.

Mattituck Creek mill and bridge seems an attractive spot for an afternoon's outing, and an unusual number seem to be taking advantage of it, as a large party maybe met there every pleasant afternoon.

Oregon: Fishing at the Sound remains good, both in and off shore, many fine catches having recently been made.

## August 20th, 1897

During the heavy storm of last Monday morning the barn of Bryant Conkling was struck with lightning and almost immediately consumed. The rain fell in awful torrents at the time, and it was all Mr. Conkling could do to get the five horses out of the barn before the roof fell. E. Romaine Orse of Brooklyn, boarding at Mr. Conkling had a valuable running horse boarding also with Mr. Conkling and when they went to get him out it was found dying, as he had probably been struck by the lightning. The glare of the burning building had roused the neighbors and they hurried to the scence at 3:45 a.m. in time to save the wagons, etc., but the entire crop of wheat, straw, hay etc., with which the building was well filled, all went like tinder. Mr. Conkling and his estimable wife have the sympathy of the entire community for their bad luck.

# September 10th, 1897

Franklinville-Louis H. Schenck, is to erect a handsome summer villa on his piece of property on Peconic Bay, near Brush's Creek, that will be ready for his occupancy by another summer. The plans and specifications for the work were drawn by Boss Benjamin P. Young of this place. Boss J. T. Beebe, of Cutchogue, is the carpenter in charge and Boss Stewart L. Fanning, of New

Suffolk, will do the mason work.

### September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Last Thursday afternoon a colored lad named Cashley, who works for Chas. A. Mayo, was accidently cut about the legs by a mowing machine, the injuries inflicted being quite serious. The lad was attended by Dr. J. H. Benjamin, of Riverhead, and Dr. Peterson, of Cutchogue.

Franklinville: The Franklinville district school opened on Monday with Miss Edna Tuthill of Wading River, as teacher. Miss Tuthill comes to us highly recommended as an experienced and capable teacher. Last year she taught in the Patchogue Union School under Prof. W. E. Gordon.

#### September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1897

Oregon: P.S. Moore has been improving his residence by adding an extension to his kitchen. The Oregon school opened on the 15<sup>th</sup>, under the instruction of Prinicpal F. C. Shaw of Fishkill. Miss Flossie Sterling, of Cutchogue, will take charge of the primary department later on.

#### October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1897

Bryant S. Conkling is having a new barn built in place of the one destroyed by lightning last August.

Gildersleeve Bros. and Otto P. Hallock have been paying \$1.00 per bushel for potatoes all this week, and as our farmers have much late stock they should reap a rich harvest of scheckles this year. Cauliflowers are looking better, too, and we hope this fall will be a prosperous one for our little community.

#### November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Oregon: Nearly every day it is a common sight to see load after load of cauliflowers going to the pickle house, two tons being an ordinary two-horse load.

Capt. I.N. Teed is making extensive improvements on his residence, making the inside much more convenient, besides the improvement in style of finish and decoration.

#### November 12th, 1897

An awful accident happened to Robert C. Bergen of this place last Monday. While carting a big load of potatoes to the station his load slipped while going down the hill by Benjamin C. Kirkup's house, and he fell with it. One wheel passed over his face, smashing the jaw and inflicting very serious injury. He was taken home and Dr. Morton attended him, and at present we believe his injuries are not likely to prove fatal, but it was a very narrow escape from instant death.

Edward Reardon, whose wife Johanna was for years the popular cook at the Mattituck House in its palmy days, died at his home last Wednesday of pneumonia.

"Aftermaths" seems to be the proper caper among our crops this fall, and the second crops see to be of every description, including pears and apples, strawberries, raspberries, etc. Arthur L. Downs has a splendid second crop of tomatoes, no uncommon thing here this fall, while nearly every day we are shown goodly samples of fruit, which should only be seen in early summer. We wonder what this portends? A hard winter or a mild one?

Oregon: The opening day of the shooting season was ushered in with much noise around the fields, and one would think that game most surely grace the table of every hunter out, but we fear that many came in with many less shells and empty game bags, tired and hungry, with torn clothes and many scratches. The "veterans" have taken a chance at the birds at the Sound with fair success.

#### December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Franklinville: S. B. Fanning has sold to the Manhasset Improvement Co. several fine specimens of maple trees, which are to be set out around the Manhasset House, Shelter Island, in place of the ones which were destroyed by fire.

### December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1897

A branch of the New York State Free Circulating Library has been started by Mrs. E.K. Morton.

### <u>December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1897</u>

Skating has been fine on Captain "Eli's" pond, also on "Chapman's" and "Issaiah's." The Lake was safe, too, for a few days, and the school children are having a fine vacation, consequently.

### January 14th, 1898

Oregon: R. Burns' new barn is rapidly nearing completion, and is about ready to receive his stock that was saved from the flames of the old barn.

#### January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1898

The Mattituck House has been closed for some days, as Thomas Burgess, Jr's lease expired last week.

Justice Sidney P. Tuthill has been appointed Postmaster at Mattituck.

### January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1898

"Horace," of the *News*, we like you, and it's all right for you in your editorial capacity to talk about the great advantages accruing to Riverhead from the ending of the Wading Rive extension there, as you propose, but don't you suppose people sometimes want to go to Mattituck as well as you greater city. Other editors besides yourself have been glad to seek our poeals of great price here in the past, and there are still other belles here to be "ringed" besides the one you took from us. Go easy on the railroad, nob, for the sake of the past, and give us a little chance. Riverhead ought not to have everything in the county, you know.

#### February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1898

One hundred and four of our good neighbors went on a grand sleighing party to Jamesport Thursday of last and had a grand time at the Miamogue. Mine Host Corwin gave them a nice supper and Donovan and Duryee furnished the music to which "Lester" and "Floyd" led a big band of merry dancers. It was a perfect day and night and a gala time for those who were there.

The past two weeks have been full of pleasant social events. Many sleighing parties kept Cox busy day and night. It seems too bad that we haven't a large fine hotel, for run by the right parties it would be sure to pay. All the Greenport schoolmarms and their escorts dined at Cox's Saturday night.

### February 25th, 1898

Gildersleeve Bros. moved several carloads of potatoes this week at 75 cents. Many of our farmers are still holding for the dollar mark, but we fear it won't come till very late this spring. Miss Lizzie May Tuthill, our new postmistress, keeps things shining in her office. We seem to be very fortunate in our postal "girls" for they give us fine service and keep things very neat and tidy.

### March 4th, 1898

The freight train of last Monday morning took out several big car-loads of potatoes from this side track and two more car-loads of produce, the entire nine car-loads representing a cash value of nearly \$3,500. Pretty good for these dull days among our good farmer friends.

Messrs. Hudson Bros. had a beautiful team of finely matched black horses arrive here last Thursday for their own carriage use.

John M. Lupton has just shipped a large quantity of cabbage seed to California. Seed grown on Long Island and particularly on the eastern end, is always looked upon as good material by Western farmers. Cabbage seed from this section is said to give finer results in California than that grown in any other region.

Laurel: Postmaster Oliver A. Atwood is in receipt of his official papers from the Post Office Department at Washington D.C., and opened the new office on March 1 in the old Franklinville Academy. The academy has been closed as a house of education for several years, and was recently sold to Oliver A. Atwood, who will remodel it.

## March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1898

We shall feel very grateful if anyone having in their possession papers of historical interest or knowledge of such matters pertaining to Mattituck that would be fitting to incorporate in a forthcoming souvenir of this place, would forward them to Charles Gildersleeve, who after making such copies or notes as may be needed, will return them safely to owners.

For sale, a farm of eighty-five acres, situated at West Mattituck. It contains sixty acres of the best soil to be found on any of the celebrated Mattituck farms; the remaining twenty-five acres partly wooded, and also exactly adapted for asparagus culture. Eight and one-half acres of fine, young asparagus in good cutting shape now, making it very valuable. The farm runs form the highway to the Sound, and has the only roadway to the beach in either direction for miles. A clear lake of fresh water also upon it near the barn, very handy for stock purposes. Buildings in good repair, and altogether one of the most desirable farms in this section. For terms and particulars address Charles Gildersleeve, Mattituck L.I.

Thomas Ellis and wife, of this place, have been engaged by Hudson Bros. to take charge of their new purchase, the historic "Horn Tavern" farm. They expect to put out one hundred acres of asparagus on their new plantation. Twenty-five acres will be planted as fast as possible. Asparagus farms seem to be in great demand this spring, and as the price of this delicious esculent is steadily advancing, they ought to bring in a big revenue this year to our farmers.

#### March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1898

Theo. F. Miller, of the Cherry Edge Poultry Yards, has his new circular our for the spring trade, gotten up in just the way he does all his business, in a neat, careful, painstaking manner, that can

be relied upon every time.

Our talented primary and intermediate teachers, Miss Effa and Mayme Tanner, are very anxious to get an orgran for their rooms, and for this purpose will hold a Maple Sugar Social in Apollo Hall Saturday evening of this week, March 19<sup>th</sup>. They have a big quantity of pure maple sugar sent them from their home in New York State, and as they are full of fertile expedients for entertaining, we can safely promise an evening or rare enjoyment at their social. An entertainment will be given, also, and as they have few peers in getting up such affairs, we predict a very pleasant time for all who attend. Their last school entertainment will always be remembered as the best thing of its kind ever given here, and we wish they could be induced to give another this spring, as both parents and children seemed to enjoy it much, and such drills must be of great benefit to the little tots.

### March 25th, 1898

The American Journal of Health of Mar. 22, has a big editorial (either paid for or solicited) upon the merits of Hudson's Mattituck asparagus, paying these packers a great compliment on its freedom from the slightest trace of chemical adulteration, and recommending it to all as a very healthful food.

# April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1898

Frank M. Lupton was here this week and informs us he has sold his place on the creek, "Oakhurst," to a Mr. Sumin, of Brooklyn. Mr. Lupton is setting out a California hedge, laying out a fine driveway, planting trees, etc., on the new purchase, the Conkling farm in "Egypt" and we doubt not but that when his plans are all carried out he will have one of the finest summer places on Long Island, for he has a magnificent situation to build upon.

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1898

Laurel:

The present condition of the new bicycle path is "most miserable" for either wheelman or pedestrian. Why not put the roller on it?

Mattituck: Thomas E. Reeve & Sons' hot houses are full of a magnificent crop of lettuce, the finest we ever saw, and we trust they well bet big prices for it this spring.

## April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1898

Last Saturday night the boys of the village had a great time burning the effigy of Segasts, which Theo. F. Miller had hanging from a gibbet in front of his Cherry Edge Poultry Yards. They brought it up in front of the post office and saturated it well with kerosene and the Spanish Premier was soon reduced to ashes.

#### Laurel:

Willis Fanning has recently purchased the farm of W. W. Tuthill.

George E. Penny is having his newly purchased residence remodeled and will occupy the same when completed.

There was such unusually loud noises heard throughout the place last Saturday that our first thought was that the Spanish had arrived, but it proved to be Road Commissioner R.V.A. Fitz blowing up, by the use of dynamite, the roots of large shade trees including locust and maples, in

front of H. H. Williamson's residence now occupied by A. W. Young, where the new bicycle path is to be built. The fences and trees will have go be removed in several places in order to have the path straight.

Mr. Schenck, of Brooklyn, has arrived at Laurel, where he with his family is domiciled at their new and attractive summer villa on the bluff overlooking Peconic Bay.

Oregon: Capt. I N. Teed has been requested from headquarters to raise a company of volunteers to help repulse any invasion that may occur in this vicinity.

### April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1898

George H. Fischer has put up a bulletin board in front of his shop, and the Brooklyn Times very kindly and courteously furnishes him with all their war bulletins, so that all its patrons are kept posted on war news.

A vast improvement has been made on Franklinville hill by our Road Master. When the grading is completed it will be an immense change for the better.

#### May 6th, 1898 - Mattituck

Two fine horse blocks have been placed in front of the Presbyterian church and the fence around the grounds has been nicely painted.

Thomsa F. Reeve & Son shipped four barrels of fine hot-house cauliflower to New York market last Monday, positively the first of the season in New York, we are told.

John L. Robinson, son of Charles M. Robinson, of this place who left Mattituck eleven years ago, came home for a vacation last Thursday, accompanied by his California bride.

#### Laurel

Cornelius Lester, of Shelter Island, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. George Lester Woodhull, of this place.

After the evening train arrives the post office is the center of attraction, all eager for the war news, while Postmaster Atwood is kept busy handing out the evening paper and making change. The Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Theodore Terry on Wednesday of this week. The Society has recently donated a barrel of useful articles to a needy missionary school at Aiken S.C.

#### May 13th, 1898- Mattituck

The cold days and night are playing havoc with our asparagus growers, John C. Wells informs us this week the ground in his asparagus field was frozen had; and this delightful spring vegetable we fear will be a very short crop.

The Rev. P.M. Jackson, of the A. M. E. Z church, or Riverhead, brought his band of singers to Apollo Hall last Monday evening, and gave a large and varied program of songs, dialogues, recitations, and "comics" The hall was well filled by an exceedingly appreciative audience, and the performers were in fine voice. If we might be allowed to particularize, we should call attention t the efforts of the chief soprano, Miss Hattie Tucker, of Riverhead, and the elecutionary efforts of Miss Martha Jackson of Mattituck, while the comics of Mr. Tucker were simply wonderful; his smile is at once expansive, capacious, hilarious, and contagious; and Mrs. Louise Brazier, also of Mattituck, did us proud by her ballad singing.

#### May 20th, 1898 - Mattituck

The good people of Oregon road have long wanted an opportunity of showing their appreciation of Rev. Chas. E. Craven's preaching to them Sunday afternoons in the chapel there, which he has done once a month; so with their usual intention of having a fine social time, a splendid supper, and making money for a good cause at the same time, Mrs. Abbie M. Wyckoff threw open her hospitable home and the ladies contributed such stores of lovely cakes, salads, biscuits, meats and all manner of delicious viands that a multitude was fed and a basketful remained. All this happened last week on Thursday evening, and despite the inclement weather, the spacious house was crowded. Mr. Craven sang a solo and the Eclipse Orchestra discoursed sweet music, while many amused themselves looking at the curiosities and family heirlooms of the Monfort and Wyckoff families, with which the house is crowded. The dining room was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers arrayed by the tasteful hands of Mrs. Nettie Waters Reitz, and the tables fairly groaned with good things. The cashier, Mrs. Boutcher, received \$35, which was presented to Mr. Craven by Otto P. Hallock, after supper was served. Mr. Craven is a great favorite on the Oregon road, as well as in Mattituck, or wherever he is known.

#### Oregon

Asparagus growers are rushing work on their beds getting them ridged up ready for cutting. The Pequash Recreation Club held its regular monthly meeting Saturday. Quite a arty gathered, in spite of the busy season and pleasant weather, . Guests were present from Moriches, Riverhead, an Mattituck. A fine chowder was served and highly enjoyed by all.

#### Laurel

The cycle path has been in good condition or riding during the past week and everyone who owns, can hire or borrow a bike, is enjoying the many fascinations of the wheel these fine spring days.

Robert Wells has recently purchased an iron-steed, and when farming business is not too pressing, can be seen out with the rest of the boys and girls.

Mr. Husing has been making several marked improvements around his place.

H. H. Williamson, of the News, has given her house a fresh coat of paint, which is very becoming.

It is evident that Laurel is a patriotic spot for nearly everyone is flying the stars and stripes.

May 27th, 1898