

H. L. Drennen Possesses Some Old Papers of Interest and Other Relics

H. L. Drennen of Boonville has in his possession some copies of old newspapers that are very interesting and of some historical value and interest. One of them is "The Ulster County Gazette," ostensibly published at Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y., on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1800. Doubtless it is one of the numerous facsimiles of this famous publication, no copies of which, as far as collectors can ascertain, are in existence. Mr. Drennen does not know whether this copy is an original or not, as he found it among some papers that belonged to his mother. Possibly it is one of the facsimiles that were sold at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876; or it may be one of the earlier reprints, a number of which were made.

In any event the paper is an interesting one. It is an eight-page sheet, all in one piece folded two times. Three pages are devoted to the death of Gen. George Washington, which occurred Dec. 14, 1799. In mourning the death of this Colonial hero and America's most famous man the printer turned his column rules upside down to make the text bordered in wide black strips. The rest of the paper is devoted to legal matters and sales notices. One advertisement of distinct departure from the modern method is as follows:

"Luther Andre and Co., have this day
Been opening goods both fresh and gay.

He has received near every kind,
That you in any store can find;
And as I purchase by the Bale
I am determined to retail
For Ready Pay a little lower
Than ever have been had before.
I with my brethern mean to live;

But as for credit shall not give,
I would not live to rouse your
passions
For credit here is out of fashion,
My friends and buyers one and
all,
It will pay you well to call,
You may always find me by my
sign,

A few rods from the house divine."
The following articles will be received in payment: Wheat, Rye, Buck-Wheat, Oats, Corn, Butter, Flax, Ashes and Rawhides. The articles will be taken in at the Esopus prices. Cash will not be refunded. Warking, Dec. 24, 1799.

A sale report reads as follows:
"White man gold—I will sell to the highest bidder for six months—Tob Willams who is too lazy to take care of himself.—Sale to take place at Crosses' Store one Wilson Creek north of Parkensburg, Va.—Amos Adkins, constable.

Another of Mr. Drennen's old papers is a copy of the New York Herald published at New York April 15, 1865. It contains an account of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and gives the details of Lee's surrender to Grant. The news that appears is mostly about the war.

In a supplement of the Boonville News dated Dec. 10, 1881 appears twenty-eight ads. The only merchant in business then and now is A. H. Sauter, whose firm then was known as Sauter & Company.

Mr. Drennen also has a copper powder flask more than 100 years old. It is engraved with the emblem of war and peace, clasped hands, and twenty stars, representing the states in the Union at the time it was made. Mrs. Drennen has a Confederate \$50 bill dated Richmond, Feb. 17, 1861, which she has had for years.