

OHA AT 150**How not to check
on the kerosene**

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863:

An explosion of kerosene, which was distinctly heard for a distance of several blocks, took place at Mr. Potter's store, corner of Warren and Onondaga Streets. A can of kerosene was low, when one of the clerks, seeking to know its exact condition, looked in at the top, holding a lighted candle at the opening. An explosion instantly occurred, knocking the inquirer over and scattering things generally. No serious damage was done.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*