

Around the Country-Side

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT PLACES AND PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW

HARLEM

Guests of Mrs. Wm. Smith: Mr. and Mrs. Green and daughter, D-ita, and Miss Mary Percival and Miss Mary Knowlton, Plum Hollow.

Mr. John Reason is very at present with rheumatism and heart failure.

Moving is the order of the day. Mr. E. White removed to Elgin and Mr. A. Irwin and Mr. John Crapp have moved into Mr. Wm. Smith's residence.

GLOSSVILLE

Now that the condition of the roads has improved, farmers in this section are busy drawing wood.

Miss Edith Church spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

We are glad to report that Miss Eva Brown, who has been confined to her bed for the past few weeks with typhoid fever, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Drummond of Toledo visited friends in this vicinity recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bell entertained the young people of the neighborhood on Friday evening, and all report a very enjoyable time. Mr. Bell has sold his farm and is moving to Newboro.

MORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Young, Trevelyan, are moving into Mrs. Wm. Johnston's house.

Mr. B. N. Henderson intends making a business trip to Toronto this week.

Mr. Will Merrill has sold his blacksmith business and residence to Mr. Johnston of Elgin, who takes possession immediately. Mr. Merrill and family will go to locate in a thriving town in the Rainy River District, where Mr. Merrill will conduct a hardware business.

Our new school is at last completed and the children are rejoicing in the change. It is a very fine building for so small a village.

We are pleased to state that Mr. Jim Scott is improving nicely. He has not been very well for some time past.

Mrs. Frank Smith, Elgin, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, last week.

NEWBORO

The Public School and the town boys played the first game of football of the season on the school campus on Saturday afternoon. Although the game was hotly contested by both sides, Captain Samuel's veterans showed lack of practise and were defeated by a score of 4 to 2. The two teams will meet another day when the tables will likely be turned.

Miss Maggie Brown of Cape Vincent and Miss Laura Brown of Watertown are visiting at their home here.

Mr. Edwin Pinkerton is seriously ill with pneumonia. Slight hopes are held for his recovery.

Miss M. Wing and J. Moriarty of Westport were the guests of Miss M. Moriarty on Tuesday.

Miss M. Monahan was in Brockville on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Bilton, who has been visiting in Brockville for some time, returned home last week.

Mr. Leggett of Clear Lake was the guest of Mr. C. Davidson on Saturday.

Wood cutting is the order of the day.

Messrs. Geo. Foster and E. J. Lyons were in Elgin on Saturday.

Mr. F. Halladay of Westport was in town on Saturday.

Mr. W. P. Richards was one of the contestants in the oratorical contest in Athens on Friday evening.

Mrs. Fred Adrain wears a broad smile over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Mr. W. J. Hart was in Westport on Friday.

Mr. Frye, who opened a bakery here a short time ago, is doing a rushing business.

A farmer near Bedford Mills was fined last week for killing a deer.

HARD ISLAND

Mr. C. J. Robeson, whose residence was recently destroyed by fire, has sold his farm to H. Stephenson and has secured a position in the carriage works at Gananoque, to which place he is now moving. Ere taking his leave, he requests your correspondent to solicit the medium of the Reporter in behalf of himself and wife to return their hearty and sincere thanks to their neighbors and friends for their many kindnesses and highly appreciated gifts in their time of distress. In

quick response to their loss a list was circulated by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. H. D. Wing, which resulted as follows:

- H. D. Wing \$ 5 00
J. Robeson 10 00
P. H. Robeson 5 00
E. Robeson 5 00
Arthur Robeson and wife, Spokane 25 00
C. W. Robeson and wife Miss M. McArthur and Mrs. W. Brodie, Hammond, bedding and clothing, amt. 35 00
J. W. Hitchcock 2 00
H. Stephenson 2 00
S. Y. Bullis 2 00
I. C. Alguire 2 00

- Mrs. I. Alguire and Miss Deming, blankets and clothing, Mrs. M. A. Everett, quilt, Rev. E. W. Reynolds, unsolicited 2 00
G. W. Robeson 2 00
C. L. Lamb 1 25
G. M. Bates 1 00
Mrs. E. Halladay 1 00
H. H. Arnold 1 00
G. W. Beach 1 00
P. W. and Wiltsie 1 00
A. Taylor 1 00
E. Taylor 1 00
E. Livingston 1 00
G. Rosenbarker 1 00
J. Patterson 1 00
W. W. Robinson 1 00
H. Knowlton 50
W. C. Smith 50
W. F. Earl 50
H. Evre 50
J. P. Lamb 50
A. Hannah 50
From Elbe and vicinity per J. H. Besley 5 00
W. J. Taber 2 00
G. M. Bates 1 00
J. Wright 1 00
W. C. Brown 1 00
M. Bates 1 00
R. E. Cornell 1 00
M. Bruce 1 00
R. Brown 1 00
H. Davis 1 00
W. Steacy 75
E. Males 50
Miss I. Bates 50
S. Hewitt 50
G. McLean 50
F. Wiltsie 50
W. H. Rowson 50
Miss K. Cook 25

Contributions of a pleasing character were simultaneously received from friends and relatives at Seely's Bay, but an accurate account thereof cannot at present be procured.

FOR GOOD ROADS

After the utter failure to secure a stone crusher last season, and being unable to make any satisfactory arrangements for this year, the council of Rear Yonge and Escot have decided to purchase a machine and engage an engine to run it. (See adv't in this paper). At the nomination meeting this solution of the difficulty was strongly advocated by Councillor Joynt and Mr. W. C. Hayes, but it was not decided upon until it became clear that the investment could not be safely avoided.

From a bystander's view-point, the investment seems a safe and commendable one, and with the care and custody of the crusher given to a competent man there seems little reason to doubt that it will prove profitable. Should the parent municipality feel disposed to extend the usefulness of their crusher to its only child, Athens, and to neighboring municipalities, it might be made a source of revenue; but action along this line will, of course, have to await the result of the township's experience.

SMITH'S VALLEY FACTORY

The annual meeting of Smith's Valley cheese factory was held at Harlem on February the 27, when the secretary for 1903 read the annual statement, which was quite lengthy and very satisfactory to all. Mr. Smith made some comparisons which were also satisfactory. The average per monthly statement was \$17.98 per ton.

The next order of business was to appoint officers for 1904, when the proprietor, Mr. Wm. Smith, requested the patrons to relieve him of being treasurer, as he had served them for a great many years. There were now banks close by and he recommended them to place the money to the credit of the patrons of Smith's Valley and draw their money by cheques, which was done.

Next order was election of officers for 1904, which resulted as follows: Wm. Smith, salesman. Miss Amanda Evre, secretary. Committee—John H. Chapman, Wm. Gorman, Stanley Gile. Meeting adjourned to the dining room where oysters and other eatables were partaken of freely and a general good time was spent, all wishing Mr. Smith a pleasant and prosperous season.

WHEN

A sequel to Frank's "Why" of last week, written for the Reporter.

There's a better time a coming, Tho' it's very far away, Tho' I shall be better, wiser, When I'm very old and grey; Then the useless toil I'm doing With the things I shouldn't say, Shall all be left behind me, When I'm very old and grey.

True, this world is full of cheating, Full of wrong and vain deceit, And my harvest will be yielding Much of chaff, and little wheat; Still I arm my soul with patience, As I struggle day by day, Waiting for the calm of lifetime, When I'm very old and grey.

EPHRAIM

PARLIAMENT OF THE A. H. S.

The Mock Parliament in connection with the High School has appointed the following officers for the term: Hon. President—A. E. Donovan, Esq. Hon. Vice-President—N. L. Maasey, B.A.

President—R. R. Graham, B.A. Vice-president—W. J. McAndrew Leader of Government—C. F. Connolly Leader of Opposition—A. McConnell Secretary—J. Donovan Treasurer—W. Anglin Sergeant at Arms—D. C. McIntosh Critic—C. P. Bishop, B.A. Ass't Critic—W. C. Dowseley, M.A. The leader of the government has slated the following cabinet: Attorney General—Hon. Eric Jones Postmaster General—Hon. Ray Wood Green

MINISTERS

Agriculture—Hon. Arthur Johnson Education—Hon. Geo. McMillan Militia—Hon. L. Toffey Crown Lands—Hon. A. J. Flood Finance—Hon. Ambrose Lockwood Customs—Hon. Carlyle Avery Public Works—Hon. Ambrose Shea Interior—Hon. C. F. Connolly

WOMEN'S CLUBS

At Kingston recently Bishop Mills addressed a gathering of ladies on "Womanhood." He is reported thus in the Whig:

"A woman can do almost what she pleases with a man," said the bishop. "It she goes about it prayerfully, patiently and wisely. There are exceptions to every rule but the majority of men would be better and truer, if women used their influence for the right. Women don't realize their power. They don't make their home what they might, and the men go out to their clubs and unhappiness ensues. Clubs for unmarried men are all right, for married men they are a mistake. The club idea for women has taken deep root in the United States, and has unfortunately crossed the border into Canada. Some women think it is well to copy men. It is a great mistake. I must say I have the utmost contempt for mannish women. The afternoon card party for women in vogue in many cities, is a degenerating tendency of the day. While women in hot and darkened rooms, eagerly play for gain, their husbands and sons are given the choice between a lonely house, and seeking companion ship outside their own home. Thus instead of women elevating, sustaining and inspiring they are weakening homes, and the lives of those about them.

Revival Meetings

The Holiness Movement Society of Smith's Falls will open a special series of revival meetings in the Opera House on Friday, March 4th, to be continued till Sunday, March 13th. The preachers of the district are expected to attend with their people. The district includes Athens, Maberly, Lombardy, Portland, Newboro, Algonquin, Carleton Place and Boyds. Rev. R. C. Honner will have charge. Services daily at 10, 2:30 and 7:30. Half an hour song service will precede afternoon and night meetings.

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CANINE INTELLIGENCE.

A Dog That Did Not Have Sense Than His Master.

My friend was staying one autumn in Wales. Smoking and chatting one evening with a local farmer, the talk fell upon dogs. The farmer's sheep dog lay before the fire, and the farmer instanced his sagacity. He made an exclamation in Welsh. At once the dog rose and went to the door. "You might let him out," said the farmer. "The sheep are in the corn" is what I said to him." The dog passed eagerly out. In a few minutes there was a scratching at the door. The dog entered panting and lay down at the fire again. Shortly afterward the farmer repeated his Welsh remark. Again the dog ran to the door, and my friend let him out. Again in a few minutes was the scratching at the door, and again he lay down before the fire panting. After an interval the farmer remarked in Welsh, quite in the way of conversation: "I am not easy about those sheep. I do believe they're in the corn." The dog, without rising, looked up at the farmer, gave two sharp yelps and turned round to his master and hid away in the autumn. Red squirrels are smaller, but my friend has seen them in the hollow trees, and, although they, too, have snug nests of cedar bark in the hollow trees, they use them only at night, for no weather is so severe as to keep these little fellows indoors. They are about the most provident of all the creatures in the woods, usually storing away under brush heaps, beneath fallen logs and in hollow trunks far more nuts than they can possibly eat in one winter. They do not put them all in one place, as a rule; they generally have several hoards at some little distance apart. This is a wise precaution, as it sometimes happens that one store is discovered and stolen by an enemy, and unless there was another supply to fall back upon the squirrels might die of starvation.—Woman's Home Companion.

Evolution of the Bed.

Bedstead originally meant "the bed place." The truckle bed was the first advance on the bench, and then the taster suspended from the roof. Then came in the Arabian bed—a name perhaps derived from the crusades. The four poster came from Austria in the fifteenth century. The late Queen Victoria always carried her bedstead about with her, and so did the nobles in the middle ages. The coverlet or counterpane, whence comes counterpane, was added splendidly embroidered. Yes, the beds at this time were often only sacks of straw. Feather beds came from France in the fourteenth century, but straw was in general use long after. Blankets of wool were not introduced by Blanket of Bristol, who made them, for the word, in the sense of a coarse woolen fabric, existed before.

Very Absentminded.

The celebrated German historian Theodor Mommsen was the most absentminded of men. Once while going from Berlin to Charlottenburg, a half hour's journey, the trolley car in which he rode went off the track. The rest of the passengers took another car and went ahead, and the stranded vehicle was abandoned till help could be found. Mommsen remained reading his book. An hour or two later the sound of jacks, levers, derricks, etc., aroused him. Rising from his seat, he went to the door and, with the most complete unconcern imaginable, remarked, "I suppose we have come to a standstill!"

The Polite German.

We Germans are not only the most polite, but also the most ceremonious people in the world. Without ceremony it is not possible for us to present a friend, to take a seat in a restaurant or to drink or even to utter a single word. Consequently a people like the British, which ignores and utterly disregards these customs, must appear to us a herd of lubbers.

A Line of Action.

"You see," said the young lawyer, "my client is accused of bigamy, and he's guilty; so I hardly know how to defend him." "Why, that's easy," said the old lawyer. "Defend him on the ground of insanity and get a few henpecked husbands on the jury."

Cause For Worry.

She—Why do you look so worried, Bertie? Did papa object? Bertie—No. But he said: "It's all right. You'll soon find out it's useless to object when Nell is set on anything."

Not Until Then.

"When may a woman be said to be happily married?" "Not until she has had the pleasure of refusing several men."

SALE REGISTER

Parties getting their sale bills printed at this office receive a free notice up to date of sale under this heading.

On Tuesday, March 8, a cash sale of the farm stock and implements of the estate of the late John T. Taylor of Soperton will be held at 1 p.m. John Stewart, auctioneer. T. R. Beale, solicitor for executors.

On Friday, March 11, Solon Lehigh, Frankville, will offer for sale by auction 15 head of well bred Holstein cattle, 2 horses, vehicles, implements, sugar and dairy utensils, etc. Sale at 1 p.m. A. M. Eaton, auctioneer.

—It pays to grow good fruit. The Reporter will exchange choice nursery stock for wood of any kind. Stock may be selected from catalogue of Stone & Wellington or E. P. Blackford, Toronto. Start your orchard this spring.

A new geography, intended for use in the public schools of Ontario, is in course of preparation, and will be published at an early date. The book will devote special attention to Canada, where the developments of recent years have added many places of importance to the maps, but at the same time it would not cut off Great Britain and the United States with such scant treatment as is given Canada in geographies in those countries.

Mr. Daniel Derbyshire, President of the Eastern Dairyman's Association, had an interview with Hon. John Dryden to ask for an increased grant for the payment of instructors of cheesemakers. Last year \$4,000 was the amount of the Government's grant, and in the eastern district twenty-two instructors were employed. Mr. Derbyshire asked that the grant be raised to \$8,000, and that the number of instructors be increased. The Tories contributed \$15 each to this fund and it is proposed to increase this to \$20. "The instruction is doing a vast amount of good in improving the quality of the cheese," said Mr. Derbyshire, "and we want to extend it."

Old Prob's is the only individual that has had an easy time this winter. In handing out the weather all he has had to do was say cold, colder, very cold, decidedly cold or intensely cold, and he hit the mark every time and built up a great reputation. But with the advent of March his restful days are over and his fallibility becomes apparent. On Sunday last it rained, on Monday a cold wave visited us, and on Tuesday Old Prob's said it would be milder, and it was; but he neglected to warn us of the howling tempest of wind and snow that was to rage during the morning hours, filling the roads and making life out of doors an impossibility. Yes, March came in like a whole menagerie, and, if this frigid season, is to properly round off its reputation, the month will go out like a wolf in sheep's clothing.

A Small Beginning. Long before the Revolution a young printer in Philadelphia, when he had taken off his working apron at night, used to sit poring over his dozen of old volumes by firelight. He soon knew them by heart and hungered for more. But books were costly, and he had but little money. He had eight or ten cronies, young men who, like himself, were eager for knowledge. Ranging his books on a shelf, he invited his friends to do the same, that each of them might have the benefit of them all. Ben Franklin thus laid the foundation of the first circulating library in this country.

Why Kitty is "Fuss." A great many years ago the people of Egypt, who had many idols, worshipped the cat among others. They thought she was like the moon, because she was more active at night and because her eyes changed like the moon. So they made an idol with a cat's head and named it Pasht. The same name they gave to the moon, for the word means "the face of the moon." The word has been changed to "Pus" and "Puss" and has come at last to be "Puss," the name of the most of us give to the cat.

A Generous Spirit. "Henry, I want \$2 this morning." "What for?" "Must I account to you for every penny I spend?" "I don't insist upon knowing about every penny. When it's less than a nickel you can bunch it."

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