

The Rockwood Review.

Mr. William Hamilton has organized a Rockwood Basket Ball Club. If a ball is not secured soon, it is said there will be a head in the basket.

The Granite Football Club is becoming enthusiastic very early in the season, and is preparing for a vigorous campaign next autumn, when a determined effort will be made to retain the Junion Championship, as well as to capture the Intermediate Cup. The boys do not like begging for funds, and in September will give a grand Minstrel Show, in which the very best talent will take part.

Swallows broke the record this year, and for the first time that we can remember came in March. Large numbers were seen by Mr. Beaupre on March the 31st, and they have been quite common ever since. Frogs were in "full song" on April the 5th, and birds generally seem to be ten days ahead of time. Whether they will prove good prophets remains to be seen, but as a general rule birds are good judges of weather.

Mr. John Shea has become the happy possessor of a wheel, and when he goes abroad is "Monarch" of all he surveys. Mr. Stoneness has also got a "wheel," while our genial Secretary is looking for a mount. At night he dreams of Columbia, Victor or Remington—by day he is torn by conflicting emotions labelled Brantford, Cleveland or the Potter Special.

In view of the fact that the prize fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons was universally condemned, it is somewhat surprising to find out how well posted every one was in regard to it. Can it be that hypocrisy is one of the failings of the age?

The ice broke up on April 3rd, and although it did not move out then, navigation was practically opened.

The new law regarding political civil servants is causing quite a stir among aspiring municipal Solons. We expected our Thomas to rise high in the ranks of Aldermen—never mind Thomas there is consolation left for you, and some other fellow will be made happy. While the new rule will give comfort to the majority of civil servants who are quite ready and willing—aye eager to eschew politics—the great question has been asked, where does the rule commence, where does it end? Does it include Members of Parliament and Cabinet Ministers who really are members of the Civil Service? The conundrum will be an excellent one for the Granite Football Minstrel Troupe to solve. Some civil servants are very sorry that the "Gamey" law did not pass. Civil servants, as a matter of fact, should not exist either for or by politics. There is a good time coming some years hence.

April 1st developed a number of jokers, and the wise men who were caught by clever juveniles early in the morning, wreaked their vengeance later on in the day, on unsuspecting seniors. A well known comedian is writing a topical song on his experiences during April the first. It is devoted to Mr. Wm. Shea, and is to be called "Pull out that Sliver and ease my Aching Hand."

Mr. Painter and Mr. Woods are the latest additions to the Rockwood Staff. At the time of writing the particulars of their welcome by the members of the Ancient Order of Initiators has not been received, but we have no doubt the young men were pleasantly received and entertained by the profound body.