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Local Notes

The census enumerators for Athens have completed their labors.

Good roll butter, only eighteen cents at Thompson's.

The subject of Rev. J. R. Frizzell next Sabbath evening will be "Memory and Conscience."

The New Zealand Government wanted another man to assist Mr. Kinsella in the dairy expert business, and have secured Mr. W. M. Singleton, son of the well-known cheese manufacturer, of Newboro, Ont. He leaves in May.

Newspaper experts have expressed their testimony that the growth of card playing this year has been remarkable; that it has amounted almost to a fever, and also that its greatest increase has been among the women.

A moose head recently confiscated at Powassan, will be sent to Buffalo as part of the forest exhibit of the province. The spread of the antlers measures sixty-seven inches, which game warden Tinsley thinks is the largest ever taken in Ontario.

Work out the following in your idle moments: A fence 6 rails high, rails 13 feet long and 1 foot allowed for matching, surrounds a square field of such size, that there will be an acre in the field for every rail in the fence. Find size of field.

The *Almonte Gazette* states that a Calabogie hen laid an egg that measured "9 1/2 inches in diameter the long way and 6 inches the other way." The *Gazette* should supplement these figures by giving the length over all and beam of this particular fowl.

Wm. Patterson, the Queen's medical student who was charged with having committed an offence against the criminal laws by having in his possession the dead body of Mrs. Dennis Sheehan, of Peterboro', while on his way to Kingston, was fined two hundred dollars before Judge Weller.

A short time ago Mrs. Stewart, Depot Harbor, curiously vaccinated herself on the nose. While dressing one of her children's arms that had been vaccinated, she happened to scratch her nose, on which was a little pimple; that was all that was required; vaccination was the result. Though very painful for a time, she is now recovering.

The *Montreal Gazette* discussing the cheese situation recently says: "As matters stand at present it is almost a dead certainty that Canadian factory-men will have to be content with at least, 1c lower all round for cheese this year, if not more, but if they turn out a raft of undesirable fodder rubbish, their average return will be still less.

An interesting exhibit reached us on Tuesday morning, when a young son of Mortimer Wiltse laid on our table a smooth, well-preserved apple which he had picked up the day before in the orchard, where it had lain all winter. It was in a perfect state of preservation and looked and tasted as fresh as if just plucked from the tree in October.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on the eve of April 17th, 1901, at the residence of the bride's mother, Yonge Front, when the Rev. Mr. Visser performed the marriage service for Mr. W. Hunt, of Algoma, and Miss Agnes Ferguson of Caintown. The bride was attended by Miss Hunt, while Mr. Herbinson did the honors for the groom. Their home will be Algoma, at which place Mr. Hunt has a large farm and a beautiful residence.

The Alexandria News tells of a Lancaster young man who tried to cut himself loose from the tobacco habit. He chewed twenty cents' worth of tobacco a week, and concluded to try a tobacco cure. In two weeks he ate up \$1.50 worth of the cure and for the next two weeks he used 10 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of peanuts, and 5 cents worth of cough drops per day. During these two weeks he also consumed two large rubber erasers, all the rubber tips from 14 lead pencils, chewed up a dozen pen holders and browsed off his moustache as far up as he could reach. He is now chewing tobacco in the interests of economy.

Trooper Kelly of Regina is in Athens this week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Fisher. He is en route home from the war in South Africa. As a member of the first contingent Canadian Mounted Rifles, under General French, he saw a lot of hard fighting while protecting the left wing of the general advance northward through Cape Colony and the Orange Free State. Bivouacking in those heavy tropical storms and the scarcity of water were among the greatest hardships they endured.

Mr. G. L. Olds, who has published the *Budget Monitor* at Philadelphia, N. Y., for the past few years, has removed to Alexandria Bay, N. Y., and commenced the publication of the *Thousand Island Sun*, the initial number of which reached us last week. Mr. Olds is a cousin of Mrs. Loverin, Athens, and has been here several times on visits to his relatives. The first number of the *Sun* is bright and new, and will no doubt fill a long felt want in the Alexandria Bay district. We gladly place it on our exchange list.

The Baptist Sabbath school, Brockville, is said to be the largest in town. Often 297 answer to the roll call. Greater accommodation is a necessity. In the rear of the church will be an addition, including dressing rooms and two parlors. Under this will be an extension of the basements, making additional class-rooms. The improvement will cost \$8,000. Three members subscribed \$1,500. This is decidedly better than paying heavy taxes for the enlargement of the prison accommodation. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Sycamore is beloved—eloquent and popular. They have also purchased ground for sheds to accommodate horses of those coming from a distance. Those from the country will pass from the sheds into the dressing room, leave their wraps and then enter the class rooms or auditorium.—W. S. H.

Natural Gas Near Ottawa.

Recently parties began to bore for oil in Gloucester township, Carleton county, a point not far from Ottawa. The prospectors did not strike oil but were lucky in opening up a fine flow of natural gas. The well is reported to be a steady flowing one, with a large volume of gas, and development is likely to go on if the beds prove extensive.

An Early Riser.

"Pat," said the manager to one of his workmen, "you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning."
"Indeed, and O! am, sor. It's a family trait, O!m thinking."
"Then your father was an early riser, too?"
"Me father, is it?" He roises that that early that if he went to bed a little later he'd meet himself getting up in the mornin'."

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DAYTOWN

Mumps are quite prevalent in this section at present.

Spring work has begun in this section. Some have sowed peas and others are ready to sow wheat and oats.

Vet Stevens has a new hired man, W. Moore of Lyndhurst.

Philip Stevens has the contract to draw the milk this season to Delta factory. He has just returned from Kingston where he disposed of four milk cans of syrup at good prices.

The sugar season has been a poor one, not much syrup being made.

CHARLESTON LAKE

TUESDAY, April 23.—The ice went out of the lake on Friday night, and on Saturday night there was none to be seen.

There was a slight ice shove on Thursday night, which shifted Geo. Bradley's and John Hudson's boat-houses, but not doing any material damage.

Wm. H. Jacob has already had enquiries about renting his cottage for the spring fishing.

Lev Southworth moved out to Cedar Park hotel on Monday.

Rob't Foster has the outside boarding of his new addition well under way.

We understand that J. H. McLaughlin, Athens, the local agent for the Sun Life Assurance Company, has received a letter from the officials of the company stating that, if suitable arrangements can be made with the hotels and oarsmen, about 60 of the officials and agents of the company will come to Charleston Lake in August for a three or four days outing. The Editor of the *Reporter* has, we understand, offered to place his house-boat and steamer at the disposal of the party and act as guide for a trip across the lake and up the summit of Blue Mountain. Several of the party are ardent fishermen and wish to secure good oarsmen for the occasion, so as to take home a few trophies of their skill.

TAGGING TIPLERS.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 22.—The State Senate of Arkansas, by a vote of 14 to 1, has passed a bill making it unlawful for any person to drink any intoxicating liquors as a beverage unless he shall have first obtained a license as a dram-drinker.

The license fee is fixed at \$5 per annum and the penalty attached to violation of the law is \$15 fine or imprisonment for thirty days.

One of the strongest arguments advanced in favor of the measure is that its enactment and enforcement would compel almost every man in Arkansas to contribute to the public revenue.

The bill is now in the House and a fight is made on the ground that it is obnoxious to the better class of dram-drinkers in Arkansas because of its extremely Democratic and levelling tendency. The poorest toper will be on practically the same level with the richest, the humblest with the proud, the blackest with the whitest.

POOR PETE!

From the *Deloraine (Man.) Times*.

It may not be generally known in Deloraine who Pete is but a visitor any day this last winter to the bachelor quarters of our esteemed fellow townsman, A. N. Sherman on North Broadway street in Deloraine would have met him who is called Pete. Tethered by foot to the leg of the stove, at the length of the string and added to this the length of the attached leg stood Pete kicking tugging and struggling with his tether. Now Pete is none other than a wild goose of the wavey species and pursues usually a quiet demeanor saying very little but listening to the soliloquies of his master. But Pete this week has lost his guardian. Mr. Sherman, his keeper and companion, left for the east on Monday morning and as it was decided that Pete might not be able to get a birth in the same Pulman with his chum and as he had not travelled on the train he might get sea sick, it was decided "twas't no use thinkin' on it," 'he'd got to stay right there." Well Monday morning after stretching a bit and both having had a bath and master had his porridge of cracked wheat and Pete had his of number three soft wheat smutted and rejected at every other place in town, they had a very sad parting. And as it is Pete's story we are relating it may as well be given in his own words as he speaks very freely now that his master is gone and he has time to do a little private thinking of his own. Pete was called on and said very sadly "He's gone." I always called him he. He's gone and the last words he said to me were 'Pete it's goin' to be a very dry summer, dry, dry, drier than eleven pounds flour. You just got all the empty fruit cans you can pick up around town and fill 'em up for it's goin' to be so dry they will have to soak their hogs to make them hold whey." As Pete had then delivered himself he closed his eyes as if in silent meditation and would say no more.

Not a Promissory Transaction.
"Is your daughter learning to play the piano by note?"
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No Friends of His.
Housewife—Shame! You are going to the dogs.
Tramp Caller—Not at all, lady! I'm tryin to keep out o' dere way.

The Reason.
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"No doubt," they answered, "it was because she took the knave."

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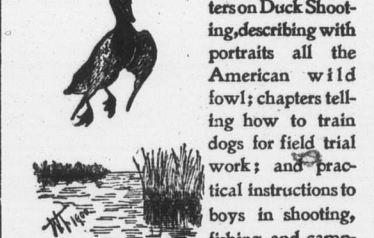
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