

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The question of taking over the telegraph lines is now being discussed in the U. S. Congress. It is claimed by the advocates of the measure, that the telegraph service, conducted in connection with the post office department, would put the latter on a paying basis, and wipe out the present deficit of twenty millions annually. We are inclined to laugh at the slowness of the effete countries of Europe, but Great Britain has made a success of government ownership of telegraphs and telephones, and Canada would do well to do likewise, not forgetting the express service.

The appointment of John Seath, B. A., High School Inspector, as Superintendent of Education for Ontario, is announced, the vacancy caused by his promotion to be filled by Principal Wetherell, of Strathroy Collegiate. There is no question about the scholastic qualifications of the new appointee, but whether they will be equal to the administrative demands of their important positions remains to be seen. Report does not credit either gentlemen with a superabundance of approachableness or a superfluity of amiability. These are qualities they might do well to cultivate if they desire to increase their popularity.

Finance Minister Fielding has sounded a timely note of warning to life insurance policy holders cautioning them against the folly of allowing their policies to lapse on account of the revelations made during the insurance investigation. That there has been mismanagement and extravagance has been proven, but the solvency of the companies is unquestioned, and it would be foolish, indeed, for any policy holder to permit himself to be stampeded by the highly exaggerated reports in circulation in certain quarters. The investigation will have a good effect in disclosing weaknesses in the present system, and suggesting remedies for improvement. Stick to your policy.

Customs regulations are far from popular with the masses, but there are a few particularly obnoxious rules that are a constant source of irritation and the cause of much ill feeling. The American head tax, of two dollars per capita, was intended to be applied against undesirable foreigners entering the country. Official and stupid officers are applying the provisions of the law to parties who have no intention of taking up their residence in the land of freedom? A party from Amherstburg went over to Detroit one day last week to call on a relative in that city for a few hours. He was detained, hauled before a special immigration officer, and had to contribute two dollars to the treasury before he was permitted to go on his way. Another case on our own side of the line, occurred this week. A party of Hindoos, attached to a circus, coming through from Buffalo to Port Huron on a special train, were halted at the border, and not permitted to pass. They would have been in the country about six hours if the fat witted customs officials allowed them to pass. Such regulations existing between two neighboring and friendly countries is discreditable and contemptible.

PLYMPTON.

Miss Mamie Smith is spending a few days with Grandpa Forbes, London Road. Calvin Hodgins refused \$450 this week for his pair of drivers, Moore Battle stock, and is asking \$500. Master Harold Thompson, London Road, gave a birth day party to his school mates last week and all enjoyed themselves. The road scraper is doing good work this week, and none too soon as the roads were worse than they have been for many years.

Raising barns are all the rush this week and Jack Oliver is kept busy. Messrs. Lucas, Forbes and Dewar, London Road, had their barns raised for cement foundations.

Mr. Angus Gordon, townline, lost a valuable mare five years old last week. Running through the orchard she jumped over a wire fence, fell and broke her neck. Mr. Gordon paid a handsome figure for her to Duncan McDougall.

DEATH OF FRED O'NEIL.

Fred O'Neil, aged 56, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Wednesday, after a lingering illness. The funeral takes place at Strathroy on Friday. Mr. O'Neil was one of the best known and most enterprising men in Western Ontario. He was born in North Dorchester and lived for years in Petrolia. He left there in 1873 and settled in Metcalfe Township, on lot 12, concession one, as a farmer. He remained there several years, prospering in his avocation and receiving the confidence of his fellows. He was township councillor for a number of years. Later he moved to Kerwood, where he

built up a large butchering business and then built an up-to-date hotel to cater to the needs of the village. His clientele composed travelers and citizens, who always found in him an ideal mine host. As a caterer his fame spread throughout the district. Two years ago he sold his Kerwood hotel for \$7,000 and retired to Strathroy, where he bought a fine residence on Centre street and where he had lived up to the time of his demise. He was highly esteemed and thoroughly trustworthy. In politics he was a loyal Conservative and in religion a member of the Anglican Church. He was a member of the I. O. O. F.

WARWICK.

Mr. D. Luckham, Detroit, visited relatives in this neighborhood last week. John Dobbin, 6th line, Warwick, arrived home from the Northwest Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. Hunter, of Pt. Edward, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Auld, last week.

Messrs. Fred Wynne and Rob. spent the 24th in Alvinston. They report a good time.

Mrs. A. E. Smith, Petrolia, spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Levi Smith, Briar Crest.

Miss Ada Harkness, Strathroy, visited her friend, Miss Gertrude Smith, during the holidays.

D. Ross and Company have been busy for the past two weeks putting up wire fences for the farmers around Birnam.

Miss E. Wilson and Mr. Russell, of London, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. Walter Wilson, Winfield Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nash and family, from Hull, England, arrived from the Old Country Saturday, and have been employed by W. G. Hall.

The union S. S. convention held in Knox Pres. church on the afternoon and evening of last Thursday was largely attended and much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Robert Higgins and son R. J. visited friends in Enniskillen last week, and in company with Mrs. Dobbin and R. E. Higgins spent Sunday in Forest.

W. H. Stewart and wife left Tuesday for Kincaid to visit friends. From there Mr. Stewart will go to Toronto on Saturday to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge meeting, of which he is one of the auditors.

Stewart Smith has purchased the handsome black carriage stallion, Moneo 2nd, a fine type of a carriage horse and has left some splendid stock in Alvinston and vicinity. Breeders would do well to see Moneo before making other arrangements.

Russell Bailey, wife and child, of Detroit, Mich., nephew of Robt. Long, 6th line, S. E. R., and well-known here, just left San Francisco before the dreadful calamity had overtaken that city, for which his friends are very thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Evans and son, Harry, of Prosser, Washington, U. S., are renewing old acquaintances in Warwick and vicinity after an absence of twenty-four years. Mr. Evans has prospered since taking up his residence in Washington, and owns a fine farm of 800 acres, also property in the town. Mr. Evans is also overseer of highways in Benton county, and has charge of about 60 miles of roadway. They will spend a month visiting old friends before returning to the West.

Grand musical and literary entertainment Zion Cong'l church, Warwick, Friday, June 8, 1906. Addresses by Rev. Horne and Muxworthy, Watford; Black, Forest; Shore and Hosking, Warwick. Vocal selections by Mr. D. Luckham, of Detroit, trained baritone soloist, and the Watford male quartette, Messrs. Prentiss, Luckham, Morrow and Mitchell. Miss Elliott, of Glencoe, elocutianist, as expected. Club singing exercises by Miss Muxworthy, of Watford. Readings by Miss Anderson, of Warwick. Rev. M. Kelly, pastor of the church will occupy the chair. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment begins at 7.30 p.m. Admission, adults 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

Mitchell-Blackstock.

The residence of Mrs. James Blackstock, 10th line east, Enniskillen, was the scene of a very happy event on Wednesday of last week, the 23rd inst., when her youngest daughter, Miss Nellie Laurena, was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Frederick Mitchell, a popular young farmer from near Watford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Miller, of Oil Springs, in the presence of about one hundred guests. The principals stood under an arch of evergreens and white lilacs which was decorated with a beautiful heart of pansies. The bride was given away by her brother Fred, the wedding march being played by Mrs. Kimmerly.

The bride was gowned in crepe de chene over silk, and carried a bouquet of cream roses. She was supported by Miss Phemia Owens, of Wardsville, who wore white crepe de chene over pale blue, and carried white carnations. A little niece of the bride, Miss Cora Blackstock, was flower girl, and looked very sweet in cream silk. She carried a basket of myrtle and apple blossoms. The groom's best man was John W. Blackstock, brother of the bride.

The house was very prettily decorated for the occasion, lilacs and myrtle prevailing. After the ceremony Mrs. Oliver Douglas sang "O Heart of Love," while the guests congratulated the happy couple. The company then repaired to the dining room, where a very sumptuous repast was spread. Six young lady friends of the bride waited on the guests at the table.

The bridal couple left on the 9 p. m. train for Petrolia, and will visit Detroit, Mich., Lafayette, Ind., and other points before they return to take up their residence near Watford. Mrs. Mitchell's travelling dress was of light grey material, with white trimmings. Useful and ornamental gifts, in great profusion, testified to the esteem felt for the bride and groom by their many friends. The guests included friends from Watford, London, St. Thomas, Glencoe, Wardsville, Oil Springs, Alvinston and Petrolia.—Petrolia Advertiser.

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MOFFATT & EDWARDS will load hogs at Watford on Monday next. Highest market price paid. A few good brood sows for sale.

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DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Monday, June 4th; Monday, July 2nd; Hours 3.30—8.30 p.m. Eye, ear, nose and throat consultations. Eyes tested for glasses. tt

BORN.

In Leamington, on May 29th, 1906, the wife of R. S. Brison, of a son.

MARRIED.

In Forest at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Sitter, on Wednesday, May 23rd, 1906, by the Rev. G. E. Burrell, Mrs. Sarah C. Maidment of Sarnia, to Mr. Dempster of Adelaide.

In St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on Saturday, May 19th, by Rev. Canon Welch, Dr. H. N. McCordie, of Forest, to Miss Serena Cowan, of Sarnia.

At Port Huron, Mich., on Monday, May 21st, 1906, by Rev. J. P. McManus, Mr. Thos. Draper, of the Draper Mfg. Co., of Pt. Huron, to Miss Louise Johnson, of Pt. Huron.

At the residence of the bride's mother, 10th line east, Enniskillen, on Wednesday, May 23rd, by Rev. R. A. Miller, Miss Nellie Laurena, youngest daughter of Mrs. James Blackstock, to Mr. Frederick Mitchell, of Watford.

DIED.

In Wardsville, on Saturday 19th, 1906, Sarah Jane Ramsay, beloved wife of Henry Ramsay, aged 50 years and 6 months.

In Sarnia, on Thursday, May 17th, W. H. Stehenson, of Pinebog, Mich., aged 67 years, 5 months and 10 days.

In Forest, on Saturday, May 19th, Duncan Campbell, formerly of London, aged 84 years, 5 months and 10 days.

In Petrolia, on Sunday, May 20th, 1906, Samuel Gilroy, aged 86 years, 7 months and 1 day.

In Petrolia, on Friday, May 18th, 1906, Mattie Ferns, beloved wife of Chas. VanSickte, aged 22 years, 1 month and 2 days.

In London, on Thursday, May 17th, 1905, John Rogers, of Petrolia.

In Enniskillen, on Tuesday, May 22nd, D. G. H. Bam, aged 34 years, 11 months and 10 days.

In twenty minutes' time the citizens of Port Huron raised \$20,000 to induce manufacturing enterprises to locate in that city.

Desirable Farm and Gardening Property For Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED offers for sale that beautiful farm and garden of nine acres, situated at the south-east corner of the Village of Watford, end of Wall St., good crossing over railway track, two gates. Good house and stable, poultry house, pig pens, carriage house, orchard containing all kinds of fruit, apples, pears, cherries, and small fruits, 800 strawberry plants just commencing to bear, took nine prizes in fruit at last year's fair. Three good brick wells, plenty of water. Owner retiring on account of ill health. Apply to T. H. CLARK, Watford. m18-5t

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