

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS GATHERINGS.**  
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**HURON.**

Goderich Harbor is frozen over and the ice extends a long distance into the lake.

The deputy-reeve, the clerk, and two auditors and the assessor of Goderich township are all bachelors.

A week ago last Saturday, Mrs. Mitchell, mother of the editor of the Goderich Star, went to London, on her way to visit a son-in-law, at Windsor, who was at the point of death. She went up town at London to visit some old friends and while on her way to the station again met with a bad accident; a runaway team, dashing along the street, struck her, causing injuries that necessitated her removal to the hospital, where she still remains.

What might have been a serious fire happened while Messrs. W. and R. Green were putting in some electric lamps in the Brunswick Hotel, Wingham, the other day. The latter struck the chandelier, breaking it, the oil took fire. A table was thrown on the fire, to smother it, and as help was near, it was soon put out.

Clinton is shortly to have an incandescent light system independent of the present electric service.

Hotel licenses in Wingham have been raised from \$160 to \$190.

A very successful Sunday School convention was held in Wingham last week. Very encouraging reports were listened to from all parts of the county. Discus-

sions on important Sabbath School topics were held which were of great profit to those present. The closest interest and the best of interest prevailed throughout, and the delegates and visitors were much strengthened in their work by the convention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President W. H. Kerr, Brussels; Vice-Presidents, S. Gracy, Wingham; Jas. Scott, Clinton; Rev. J. S. Henderson, Hensall; Rev. J. H. Simpson, Brucefield; and Rev. J. A. Osborne, Gorrie; Executive Committee, Davidson, Goderich; J. S. McKim, Blyth; Rev. W. Craig, Clinton; Rev. S. Sellery, Wingham; and W. M. Gray, Seaford; Corresponding Secretaries, A. H. Manning and H. Foster, Clinton; Minute Secretary, Israel Taylor, Clinton; Treasurer, J. C. Stephenson, Clinton.

A serious accident which terminated fatally befell a young man named John Watson, con. 16, township of Grey, last Thursday afternoon. It appears he and his brother were working in the bush and when felling a large tree, it broke a limb from another tree which came down striking the young man, who was hurrying off to a safe distance. Upon examination it was found that one of his legs was broken. Medical aid was summoned and the fractured limb set, which seemed to be the only apparent injury. The patient was doing as well as could be expected until about midnight, and lapsed into a state of unconsciousness, in which state he remained until death relieved him on Saturday. He was a steady and industrious young man and his sad death is a severe blow to his father and brothers. The sympathy of the whole community will be given to them in their terrible affliction.

Peter McGowan, late of Farguhar school, Exeter, has been engaged to teach No. 5, Osborne, at a salary of \$450. Mr. Hogarth, late teacher, received a salary of \$450.

George A. Sprout has rented his farm on the 2nd concession of Tuckersmith to Hugh J. Grieve for four years. It contains 200 acres.

**PERTH.**

At the annual meeting of the North Perth County Orange Lodge, held in Listowel on Tuesday 2nd inst., the following officers were elected: Co. M. S. E., Bro. C. W. Cosens, Trowbridge; Co. Deputy Master, Bro. Wm. Welsh, Listowel; Co. Chaplain, Bro. Wm. McKee, Molesworth; Co. Treas., Bro. S. S. Rothwell, Britton; Co. Rec. Secretary, Bro. Thos. Later, Listowel; Co. Director of ceremonies, Bro. E. W. Alexander, Listowel; Co. Lecturer, Bro. J. Dixon, Mornington; Co. Deputy-Lecturer, Bros. Jas. Carson, Mornington; and Adam Strong, Wallace.

It was decided to hold a grand celebration in Listowel next 12th of July.

Miss Clara, daughter of Mr. John Stephenson, of Elma, died very suddenly at Grand Valley, where she had been teaching, last week. She was only ill one hour.

Constable Bulmer, of Listowel, has been re-appointed at a salary of \$350, the same salary.

Jas. Moorehead, of Milverton, has been appointed caretaker of the Listowel High School at a salary of \$200 per year.

J. Johnston, of Atwood, had a narrow escape from choking to death one day recently by reason of a bone lodging in his throat while in the act of eating his meal. By prompt and skilful assistance of the doctor the bone was extricated.

Wm. Macfarlane has bought the Breen farm of 100 acres, lot 41, con. 5, North Easthope, price \$5,350.

Milverton Sun: A young man by the name of Brookser, hailing from Hamburg, was arrested by Constable Fraser of that place, in Milverton on Tuesday, under a warrant charging him with stealing apparel from a hotel. The young man had secured a position in town, and had only arrived the day before his arrest. He is a tailor by trade.

Martha, wife of Richard Strong, died at her home in Listowel, on Jan. 25, in her 70th year. Mr. and Mrs. Strong were early pioneers of the township of Wallace, where they spent many years of active life, and upon retiring from the farm moved into Listowel about a year ago. They were of Irish nationality and active members of the Church of England.

C. E. Harris, of the C. P. R., Brandon, son-in-law of James Donaldson, sr., 8th con., Elma, and a former Elmaite, is the inventor of a sleigh barrow; that is, a wheelbarrow in which a stout runner of 1 1/2 or 2 inch stuff a couple of feet long is substituted for a wheel. The rig works like a charm over ice and snow.

W. S. Buchanan, son of W. A. Buchanan, drover, Donegal, had the misfortune to get his right leg broken about midway the other day. He and his companion Arthur Miller, were wrestling in the school yard when Buchanan tripped Miller, the latter falling on Buchanan's leg with the above result. The boy has been unfortunate, three years ago last fall having had his leg broken by a board falling on it.

The Elma Mutual Fire Insurance Co., now has policies amounting to \$830,910 and unassessed premium notes to the amount of \$39,126.78 and all claims adjusted have been paid, leaving a balance of \$934, with \$99.24 yet to collect. At the annual meeting last week the retiring directors, Messrs. Jones, Grieve, Gray, Richmond and William Hewitt were re-elected. The old officers were installed as follows: Wm. Shearer, president; James Donaldson, vice-president; Robt. Cleland, sec.-treasurer.

**WELLINGTON.**

Edward Swartzenberg, township of Puslinch, had his barn, stable and contents, together with 7 horses, a threshing machine and all his cattle destroyed by fire the other night. He only saved one calf and one sheep. The loss is between \$2,000 and \$3,000. There was no insurance on the stock, but the building was partly covered by insurance.

Alex. Yule, the famous Harriston baker, has ordered five car-loads of Manitoba flour.

The receipts of the Guelph general hospital amounted to over \$11,000 last year.

The assessed value of Harriston is \$373,533; Clifford, \$95,000; Mount Forest, \$533,505; Palmerston, \$357,795; Drayton, \$131,155; Arthur village, \$230,177.

We are sorry to report the death of Miss Mary Greer, daughter of Mr. Thos. Greer, of the 6th con. Wallace, who died on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Her death has cast quite a gloom over the young people as she was well known and a general favorite among all who knew her. She had been teaching school on the 3rd con. Wallace until a little over a week before she died.

**BRUCE.**

A girl named Annie Wannamaker, was some time ago sent by the Walkerton authorities to Toronto, her father being in jail and her mother dead. She was taken care of by the Salvation Army for a while and then sent to the Industrial school at the expense of the county of Bruce, according to statute. Recently Bruce county tried to get released from responsibility but failed, and now the Salvation Army is taking steps to make the county reimburse them for their keep of the girl.

The Grey and Bruce Mutual Fire Ins. Co. held their annual meeting recently. The company now has 1010 policies in force—400 of which were taken last year—representing a risk of \$1,070,110. The company pays \$496 in salaries and expenses. The new officers are: David McNichol, President; Hugh Wilson, Vice Pres.; David Jacklin, Daniel McDougall, Christian Taylor, Andrew Marshall and Chas. D. Knapp, directors.

A Hanover man's wife was away visiting and she wrote: "Please send me some money if you have it; if not, send me your overcoat so I can make clothes for the children."

The election for East Bruce takes place to-day. Mr. Cargill is the Conservative candidate and Mr. Truax represents the Reformers.

It is said the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway has secured control of the Lansing & Northern Michigan Railway, and the Chicago & West Michigan Railway. They have heretofore been valuable connections of the Chicago & Grand Trunk.

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