

THE REPORTER COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS

MONDAY, Feb. 17.—Miss Maggie Rath of Ludlowville is the guest of Miss Bertha Godkin.

Mr. Arthur Seaman and Miss Seaman of Rockport and Miss Maud Washburn of Soperton were the guests of Mr. Wm. Godkin last week.

A surprise party from here part of the 14th inst. After enjoying themselves to an early hour in the morning the party left for their homes, well pleased with the reception accorded them by Mr. Johnson.

The party who left here on the 15th to pay a visit to Mr. Philip Yates of Sheldon's Corners report the roads in a very bad condition, owing to the heavy drifts of snow.

Mr. George Goukin, who has been home the past winter, intends leaving for Winnipeg in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Wm. Godkin has just got through burning a large lot of line. Parties requiring the same can be furnished any quantity immediately.

Miss Hattie Morris of Chatham is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Arthur Seaman and sister of Rockport are the guests of Mr. L. H. Washburn and his numerous friends in this locality.

Another carnival is advertised to take place at Crystal Palace rink on Friday evening. A purse will be offered for races between Athenian and Lyndhurst skaters.

An event that will mark off an era in the life of two of our devoted and deserving young people will soon transpire—an event that generally makes a festive flutter—a mysterious event that by some wonderful power makes a distinct union of two, so that there is only one. Both the parties rank among the most respectable families we have.

Our school has re-opened under the management of W. E. Steacy. We wish him success.

Miss Jennie Rodgers returned home on Friday last, after an extended visit with friends in Saginaw, Mich.

A party of young people attended the ball at J. Foster's, Toledo, on Friday eve. All reports good time.

P. Moran is very ill. Slight hopes are entertained as to his recovery.

Mrs. H. and S. Rodgers spent last week with their mother.

The heavy snow storm last week caused many disappointed faces on Sunday.

Visitors: T. Pelow, Kingston; M. Balp Smith's Falls; E. Fleming, and F. P. Freeman, Elgin; J. O. Mara, Lombard; Mr. and Miss Waters, Cornworth.

TEMPERANCE LAKE MONDAY, Feb. 17.—The recent snow falls have left the roads in a bad condition.

Mr. T. I. Earl has purchased a new grind stone, composed of diamond sand. He claims it does a capital job.

Mr. J. Colby spent a few days in Brockville last week on business.

Mr. M. Mansell is assisting Mr. E. Earl in getting out saw logs.

Miss Laura Yates of Plum Hollow is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Avery of this vicinity.

Mr. W. Davis and J. Graham have given up their job of cutting wood till March. The snow has got too deep for boys to be in the woods now.

We notice that some of the young folks were greatly disappointed on account of the roads being blocked for two Sundays.

We wish the public that at McIntosh Mills much success, with their new Irish superintendent, Miss E. Tuffey.

Our grocery is running at full blast now.

Ness Nellie Towiss has returned home after spending a few weeks with her uncle in Athens.

The Methodist prayer meetings are held on every Thursday and Sunday evening in the church.

Miss Maggie Ellingham is on the sick list. She is under the skillful treatment of Dr. J. F. Harte.

A number of our young folks are attending the skating rinks at Athens this winter.

The Hornetic prayer meetings are held at Mr. D. Avery's on every Tuesday evening.

Mr. D. Andrew and H. Wilcox from McIntosh Mills visited this town on Friday last with their new snow plow.

Our school was closed two days last week on account of the school master being snow drifted in Athens.

Mr. George Burham and son are cutting wood for Mr. D. Avery.

Mr. E. Rock, while wrestling with one of the girls at school, was thrown and severely hurt by having one of his wrists sprained.

It is always in order to repeat the caution to farmers and others not to sign and give notes for the purchase of articles to any person with whom they are not personally acquainted; at any rate without carefully studying what they are making themselves responsible for.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Hatch of the Pen.—Leon Amos unaccountably Bolted Eight Down.

The fire engine is being placed on a slight track.

We are pleased to be able to report Mr. Wm. Mott as recovering from his severe illness.

Miss Lovrin is spending a couple of weeks in Prescott where she is the guest of Mrs. A. Daniels.

Mr. J. A. Rappell has as guest this week his brother-in-law, Mr. John Rumlund, of Eastland, Iowa.

If you would always be healthy, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier.

The Citizens' Band is to have another concert player, a young Frenchman from Perth, who will work in Mr. Davis' shop.

Mr. Jas. McIntosh is in the village on Monday. He was called to the bedside of his father who is very ill at his residence, McIntosh Mills.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Crafter Niblock. He had a stroke of paralysis last week which rendered one side nearly helpless.

—One day last week the Gamble House bus team ran from the station to the hotel stables. Fortunately, the damage done by the runaway was very trifling.

Mr. Jas. Judson, late an efficient carriage trimmer in the works of D. Fisher, has gone to Ottawa where he takes a similar position in the large carriage shop located there.

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Notwithstanding the stormy, unpleasant weather of last week, we understand that the gentlemen canvassing the village with a view of introducing a system of electric lighting, met with success that we may now say with certainty that the village of Athens will be lighted by electricity before many weeks.

Burglary at Delta. The village of Delta is becoming quite metropolitan in respect to sensational happenings. The latest is a burglary of the store of Mr. R. Whaley, which occurred on Thursday evening last. At a late hour the clerk, Chas. Stevens, had occasion to enter the store, and on lighting a lamp he discovered that he was not alone—that Robert Trickey, a young tinsmith employed by Mr. Pierce, was standing at the other end of the room in the vicinity of one of the money tills. The intruder at once said, "Hello, Charlie," and the reply was "Hello, Bob, what are you doing here?" Bob then promptly took up a very plausible tale. He said that he was passing the store when he discovered that a certain young man of the village had effected an entrance by breaking a pane of glass. Bob had, of course, intended doing the proper amount of thing in respect to his discovery, but thought that he would accept the reward he would surely receive by helping himself to a little candy. He was engaged in this very culpable act when the untimely entrance of the clerk placed him in a false position, rendering his perfectly justifiable presence within the store liable to misconception, &c. It was not a very good story, but due allowance must be made for the fact that he had absolutely no time for its preparation. However, he pronounced it "tripping on the tongue" and with an assurance that almost persuaded Charlie to accept it as truth without alloy. Bob assisted in fixing up the broken window and then retired to his virtuous couch. In the morning he repeated his story to Mr. Whaley and to several others, but later in the day when they desired to consult with him he was not to be found. Enquiries were set afoot and it was soon learned that the clerk placed in his description had been seen running up the road in the direction of Soperton. On Saturday, Delta's highly efficient constable, Mr. Russell, visited Athens in search of the erring boy. He had learned that he was first taken refuge at the barn of Wm. Johnson. About 12 o'clock on Friday night Ushey Kendrick heard a noise in the vicinity of his stable and on investigation found that one of his horses had been bridled and was standing in the snow. The boy had ridden so that Bob had found it impossible to mount. Later in the night the fugitive found a horse more to his mind and better suited to his purpose at the barn of Henry Whaley. This horse, showing evidence of having made a hard and fast journey, returned to its stable on Saturday morning. Traces in the snow showed that he had ridden the horse nearly to Sheldon's Corners, where it had given out and laid down in the snow. Walking on reaching the residence of James Walker he decided to cut a cutter and robes to his outfit. These were easily obtained, but he was not so successful in the matter of harness, the only head-stall he could find being an old one with but one eye. He hitched up the horse and led it until a safe distance from the house when he took off the bridling and patched up another line. The roads were very heavy and when he reached the limits of Athens or he was not inclined to risk their own lives, he abandoned the cutter and mounting the horse rode as far as W. C. Hayes' where this horse also gave out. His further exploits are not definitely known, but it is reported that a lad answering his description reached Lynn on Saturday night or Sunday with part of his hands, feet and ears badly frozen. He stayed only a few minutes and left for Marlborough, from which place it is expected he will steer for the river and the domain of Uncle Samual.

This had boy makes a very poor burglar, but as a horse trader and bar-back performer he has proved himself to be a glittering success.

—Last week was a terror for mail carriers all through the country.

Mrs. Uri Hayes of Brockville is visiting friends in Athens.

Richard A. Wood, an insane man of Delta, was taken to Brockville on Tuesday by Constable Russell.

Lost—At Athens on Jan. 20th, a black and white collie dog. Finder will please inform E. Jackson, Plann Hollow.

The Ont. Education Department has arranged for the establishment of a training school for French and English teachers in Ottawa.

The spring assizes, non-jury, will be held at Brockville on 23rd inst. before Justice Ross; the jury sittings on May 14th before Justice McMahon.

Mr. W. H. Frodenburgh has expressed himself willing to put an electric light plant in Westport, which the town will guarantee him 200 incandescent lights at 2 1/2 per light.

The attendance at the Brockville Business College is unusually large this season, and is keeping up to its past reputation as an up-to-date school, training young men and women in the shortest time possible for the active duties of life. It is encouraging to know that the public appreciate a good school.

On Thursday last Mr. Robert Bowie of Brockville viewed for the first time Cedar Park Hotel at Charleston, of which property Mr. Bowie became a few weeks ago the proprietor. He thinks that in the summer time the hotel will be a success and Cedar Park may easily be reduced to five miles, but a day like last Thursday, with the same drifts to be encountered, he knows it is at least eight miles.

Last week Mrs. W. G. Parish and Mrs. H. H. Arnold, delegates of the Athens Auxiliary, selected the ward that organization is undertaking to furnish in the Brockville General Hospital. They were given the present operating room which is being superseded by a more commodious apartment. It is a large, well-lighted room, and the good exception of the ladies of the Auxiliary can be depended upon to make it all that it should be.

After an absence of exactly three years the Rev. W. Warren Giles was heard in his old pulpit, the Baptist Church of the Redeemer, New York City, on Sunday evening, 16th inst. The service was conducted by his brother, Mr. M. Mulvenna, and fifty of his co-laborers of years ago was the occasion of his return. The audience crowded the building to the doors and the re-union at the close of the service was touching in the extreme. Beautiful floral decorations were in evidence of the hour. Mr. Giles will return to Canada for a visit after concluding some engagements in other cities.—Ex.

Another triumph for the Canadian hen and her progeny has been scored, the case this time being that of a hen in York, and the eggs of course in Canada. The silver cup offered for the best collection of any variety as well as several special prizes were won by Canadian brood-ma. For several years past the Canadian hen has been doing very well in the matter of health, wealth and happiness of the Canadian people, and has done great service in adding to the material wealth of the country. This latest proof of her worth is a subject for congratulation and pride.

The people of the townships of Bassard and Burgess and of the village of Delta are entitled to the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. What these people have done to bring upon them the infliction of opening all right to a debate between two members of Parliament, and above all of having to submit to quotations from "Hansard" being fired at them, we do not know, but we suppose that the ten-year-old exhumation of the stinking subject of oleomargarine makes a fast and furious case for the people of these people for some of their political sins. At any rate, next Friday evening at the Delta Town Hall the subject is to be aired by Messrs. Thos. Bain, M. P., and Geo. Taylor, M. P.

Joseph Atwood who eloped from Delta with another woman, and who was charged with the murder of a woman, was brought to Brockville on several charges preferred by Delta people. Only two charges were pressed against the prisoner, one for obtaining money under false pretences and the other for stealing a horse. On the latter charge he was sentenced to nine months in the Central prison. As for the woman, she is reported to have reached her old home one night last week, accompanied by the two children she took away. Dormer, who appears to be of a most forgiving nature, and disposed to overlook any little eccentricities on the part of his loving spouse, met her with open arms at the depot, and made a most pathetic enough to make the train hands weep. He was so pleased, in fact, that after the necessary amount of kissing had been done he went over to the nearest hotel and celebrated in the most approved form. The whole party then secured a rig, and left for Pike Falls where the woman's father resides. Mrs. Dormer, we understand, indignantly denies that her marital vows have been broken, but says she was working out in Lenois, and just happened to be at Atwood's house when he was arrested.

The snow-blay law passed by the village council last week is being fairly well observed. The appearance of the streets is wonderfully improved under the new regime and the comfort of pedestrians proportionately increased. While the strict carrying out of the proposals of the by-law may seem a hardship to those having corner lots, or a wide frontage, still those owning such valuable properties must expect to do a proportionate amount of work. Those who are not inclined to do their own part, or who through pride or affectation do not wish to be seen shoveling snow, can get men who really require work to do the shoveling for them for 10c an hour. John Palmer is ready to do the shoveling at that rate, and regarding the clause that will be charged upon any person who killed deer in water, the Commissioner said positively that no such clause was recommended. The regulation regarding the shoveling of boats is rather a good one, and the recommendation was that any big, ice or weed bed should be taken as the shore. With these regulations the Reporter is perfectly satisfied and trusts that the law will be so amended.

"FUTURE"

(Written for the Reporter.)

There's a question that is stirring in the hearts of many minds, and that is, "What is the future?"

It's a question that is common to all, and that is, "What is the future?"

Can you grasp the stars of Heaven and command them to come down? Can you grasp the glowing rays of the sun and command them to stop?

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THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

It is proposed to establish a brewery at Ludlowville.

Traveller Township paid \$225 last year for sheep killed and injured by dogs.

Many farmers of Huron County are feeding blackstrap molasses to their cattle.

F. B. McIlhenny of Lindsay has just shipped two car loads of horses to Bristol, England.

R. W. Dunlop of Drummond received \$171 from the Baldwin Harrow Factory last year for the milk of 14 cows.

A charter has been applied for by citizens of Leamington and Moravia, who propose to manufacture best sugar.

Mr. Featherston, M.P., has since September last, shipped 4000 tons of hay from the Ottawa district into Western Ontario.

A cow belonging to Mr. Merkeley of North Williamsburg last week gave birth to three calves, and a now on the farm produced a litter of 17 pigs.

The new Western Dairy School was opened on Friday at Strathroy by Ministers Dryden and Ross and Prof. M. O. A.C. There was a large attendance.

Farmers may obtain by mail samples of the most promising varieties of seed grain for test purposes by sending their names and addresses to the Director of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The farm and residence of W. W. Clarke, of Montreal, stating that Maughan & Co. had sold over 5000 lbs. of the Maughan and Borderer. The prices ranged from 22 1/2 to 25 cents per lb.

These horses were from the vicinity of Owen Sound, Ingersoll, and Orangeville.

The farm and residence of the late Jas. Fisher, Hyde Park, London, Ont., has been purchased by Mr. Alban Armit, an Englishman, for \$10,000.

The farm consists of 100 acres and is situated a few years ago a gold medal from the Agricultural and Arts Association of this province.

A Comet Hunter in Luck. Boston, Feb. 16.—The comet whose discovery was announced Saturday by a cablegram from Rio, Prussia, proves to be a new one, and is named after Professor Pickering, who is at Lick Observatory, and is not to be confused with the comet which was discovered in 1858.

Miss Carrie Ross, of the Brockville asylum staff, spent Sunday at her home in Athens.

Miss Emma Hayes has returned home after an absence of several months with friends in Smith's Falls.

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

A Clear and Concise Account of Its Operation in the U. S.—How the Candidates are Chosen.

GUTHRIE CENTER, IOWA.

DEAR REPORTER.—You having spoken so kindly of my letter describing my system of electing, and presenting a condition of this state, and having expressed a wish for a letter on "the working (whether satisfactory or not) of the elective system as applied to offices, that in this country (Canada) are appointive, I take great pleasure in writing you on this topic, though knowing only too well that my strongest effort will be altogether too weak to do justice to a subject of such great political importance.

No truer words were ever spoken than those of President Grant in Cleveland, "A public office is a public trust." Without doubt one of the best ways to make a public office a public trust is to keep that office at the disposal of the general public and to see that no one but a first-class man occupies that office. With the exception of the Supreme Court of the U. S., almost every public office in this country is filled by the elective system, thereby giving every man a chance to say who shall hold those offices. While it is almost impossible to overcome some strong political organizations which have the control of the politics in certain districts, yet in the great majority of cases, by means of the elective system, whereby every man has his say, the result is exceedingly satisfactory.

In this state, at least, you find all the public offices, such as those of judges, sheriff, treasurers, auditors, &c., filled with good, straight-forward, honest men, and it is interesting to fulfill the duties of those offices to the best of their ability and to the satisfaction of the community at large.

Nearly all public offices are elected for a period of two years. Judges are elected for four to six years, and a man gives good satisfaction, they usually always elect him for a second or third term, or even more. But if at the end of two years it is found that he is incapable of filling the office, he is not re-elected. If, on the other hand, he is a man of high character, and a man of high ability, and from time to time, you might say, politically dead, in that community at least. But if a man has served two or three terms in an office, and proved himself a good man, an office we print the bills for. This, in many cases, is worth as much to the man having a sale as the bills. Orders by mail receive prompt attention. Address REPORTER OFFICE, Athens, Feb. 17, 1896.

SALE REGISTER.

Benj. Scott will sell at his farm, near Lake Erie, at 1 p.m. on Feb. 19th, 6 cows, 2 heifers, 3 yearlings, 3 calves, 2 colts, 1 horse, 1 mule, 1 wagon, 1 harness, 1 machine, 1 sugar utensils, harness, &c. D. Dowley, auctioneer.

Mrs. Harriet Jackson of Plum Hollow, will sell on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. 6 milk cows, 3 sows, 3 pigs, 3 chickens, 3 ducks, 3 geese, 3 turkeys, 3 rabbits, 3 cats, 3 dogs, 3 horses, 3 mules, 3 wagons, 3 harnesses, 3 machines, 3 sugar utensils, 3 harnesses, &c. D. Dowley, auctioneer.

Charles Pennock, Phillipville, will sell on the Ohio Davidson farm on Tuesday, March 19, 14 choice cows, 10 heifers, 10 calves, colt agricultural machinery, wagons, buggies, cutters, harness and smoke stack for sugar arch, &c. R. G. Murphy, auctioneer.

Chas. E. Howe, having leased his farm, will sell on Wednesday, March 4, all his farm stock and implements, including 12 milk cows, 10 heifers, 10 farm hogs, binder and other farm machinery, wagons, sugar utensils, &c. Sale at 1 p.m. D. Dowley, auctioneer.

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