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Country Talk

Newry.

Miss Patton, of St. Catharines, formerly of Listowel, was the guest of Miss Wynn last week.

H. Y. Smith and bicycle visited Palmerston on Saturday, Aug. 22; he made the return trip in one hour and forty minutes.

It is reported that Mr. Gee, general merchant of Newry, is contemplating removing to Listowel within a month or so. We will be sorry to lose him as he is a good citizen.

Welland Wynn and Charles Fullerton left this week to resume their studies at the Listowel High school. We hope the boys will not be discouraged at failing on their first examination, but remember the time-honored adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

W. R. Humphrey, the Newry carriage builder, started on a trip to the "Ould Sod", on Monday last. He intends visiting relatives and places of interest on the British Isles; he sailed on the Alcides, a steamer of the Donaldson line, and was accompanied by Harry Hoar, of Atwood.

Ethel.

Robt. Wilson, of Brussels, is engaged with S. Nichol as blacksmith.

H. Dobson has been very sick with inflammation, but is mending.

J. A. Young taught several days last week relieving Geo. Dobson at S. S. No. 5, Grey.

Miss L. Sherlock will attend the Model school at Walkerton and left this week.

Mrs. D. Henderson passed away on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The old lady was ill for some time.

The position of head miller in Reeve Milne's mill has been taken by George Brewster, of Clifford, a former resident of Ethel.

What might have proved a serious accident happened the other day. While Mr. Peebles was taking some straw off the chopper in the grist mill, his arm was caught and a large piece of flesh torn off. Dr. Cale dressed the wound.

A Mechanics' Institute has been organized in Ethel, and the following officers have been elected: Pres., Dr. Cale; Vice-Pres., Geo. Dobson; Sec., T. P. Simpson; Treas., H. F. McAllister; Librarian, J. Holloway; Directors, L. Eckmiller, J. Holloway, W. Coultas, J. C. C. Stubbs, D. Milne, W. Spence, W. Milne, G. Imlay. A large number of members have already joined and it is expected to boom.

Listowel.

At the Stratford races Grey Tobewon the open trot with Rosa B. second and Axtell third.

S. Kidd has acquired an interest in the Arlington hotel and has undertaken its management. Sol is an experienced hotel man and will give the travelling public good satisfaction. He is well known and well liked in town. T. H. Rolls goes over to the Central again and Jim Greenwood goes west.

J. H. McBain, of Atwood, preached two excellent sermons in the Methodist church last Sunday. He took for his morning subject, "Christ, the resurrection and the life," and in the evening, "Christ as our example."

Messrs. Hay Bros. have got their mill started again after being closed 4 weeks for overhauling. They are now grinding part new wheat and intend to push business during fall and winter.

The following is from the Dublin Evening Mail, of Friday, May 8, 1891, and refers to the wife of Rev. G. B. Taylor, L. L. B., formerly minister of Christ church, Listowel: The sad and unexpected death of Mrs. Taylor, wife of the Rev. G. B. Taylor, L. L. B., secretary to the Hibernian Bible Society, and formerly curate of Clontarf parish, which occurred on Thursday last, has cast a gloom over the locality. Mrs. Taylor was a model wife and mother, and her early and sudden removal from her husband and young children has been a painful shock. The funeral service which took place this (Saturday) morning, in Clontarf parish church, was largely attended by the parishioners, and a large cortege afterwards followed the remains to Mount Jerome cemetery, where they were interred.

Logan.

The new iron bridge on the 8th con., near Brodhagen, is completed.

Chas. Honey has gone to Dakota to reap the harvest on his farm there.

Hazel-nuts are quite plentiful this year, judging by the quantities which are daily brought home by children and others.

The threshing machines are busy at work and the farmer is looking pleasant over the yield of wheat, the average being 35 bushels per acre.

Donegal.

Dame Rumor promises us a wedding next week.

Messrs. J. and B. Candler have rented Frank Curtis' farm on the 8th con., for a term of 5 years. We wish the boys success.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Following is the report of the standing of the pupils in Donegal public school for the month of August: Fifth Class—R. G. Irwin. Senior Fourth Class—John Foulston. Junior Fourth Class—R. Cooper, N. McFarlane, M. Johnston. Senior Third Class—J. Cooper, F. Wilson, W. S. Buchanan. Junior Third Class—M. Hammond, I. Baker, M. McNichol. Second Class—H. McCourt, M. McCourt, A. McNichol. Senior First—A. Hammond, A. Gray. Junior First—J. Burke, F. Candler, M. McKenzie.

Brussels.

The flax mill is pushing work.

A new free bus is to be run between the Queen's hotel and the railway station. R. Williams will take charge of it.

We regret to state that Mrs. Ainley sr., is very ill and there is little hope of recovery. She is about eighty years of age.

Wm. Cornish has purchased the Blas-hill house and lot in Graham's survey, south of Brussels, and has taken possession. Price \$325.

A meeting was held on Monday evening in the Methodist church basement, for the purpose of talking up the formation of a Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.

I. C. Richards, harness maker, has purchased a 14-foot frontage on the lot immediately north of the egg emporium from S. W. Laird at \$30 per foot and will let the contract at once for a new shop 14x55 feet. The building will be two stories and will have a plate glass front.

V. Taylor was arrested at Teeswater last week owing to the passing of notes in which Silas Jackson, of Brussels; E. J. Williams, of Cranbrook, and other blacksmiths are interested. This man sold patent rights for iron harrows to Mr. Jackson for Grey and Morris township and then went to Cranbrook and Belgrave and sold the township rights again. Taylor was committed to Goderich jail.

Grey.

Mrs. H. Ball left for Epsom to see her mother who is ill.

THE BEE will be sent to new subscribers for the balance of 1891 for 25c. cash. Don't borrow any longer.

Miss Rachel Roe has returned from a pleasant visit of two weeks with relatives in Gorrie and vicinity.

The Council at their last meeting fixed the township rate for this year at one and six-tenths mills. The county rate is two and one-tenth mills and the school rate eight-tenths of a mill.

John McLaughlin's new brick residence on the 12th con., is a fine looking building. The brickwork was done by Messrs. Pugh & Cornish, whose reputation for good work is well known.

Miss E. A. McNeil was a successful candidate at the recent teachers examinations, obtaining a 2nd class certificate. Her 3rd class grade was secured from the public school and she taught with marked ability for three years in one section. Miss McNeil then attended Goderich High School for about six months with the above result. May her success in the past be an index of future prosperity. Miss McNeil purposes attending this session of the Normal school at Ottawa.

James Turnbull's new brick residence lot 5, con. 4, to replace the one destroyed last spring by fire, is nearing completion. The new building is 24x36 feet with 20 foot walls. It has a cottage roof and metallic shingles. Messrs. Coombes & McDonald did a good job with the brick work. The brick is red with white corners. W. Findlater is doing the carpenter work. When completed Mr. Turnbull will have one of the most comfortable homes in the township. The work has been pushed along very rapidly and will be done in a few weeks.

Elma.

Miss Jennie Morrison spent a few days visiting friends at Port Elgin this week.

Donald Simpson, lately of Listowel, has been the guest of A. Simpson for the part week.

Geo. Hume, 8th con., has a working horse which weighs 1,840 pounds. Who can beat this?

W. G. Morrison, of Teeswater, spent a day or two with John A. Morrison, 10th con., previous to returning to his school.

John A. Hume, 8th con., leaves this week to pursue a course of business training in the Stratford Commercial College.

Miss Jennie Simpson, David Langley of Elma, and Miss Bartley, of Maryboro, have gone to attend the Model school at Mitchell. Sam Gray, 10th con., will attend the Stratford Model.

La Grippe is again ravaging the community. The Dr. informs us that it is more deadly in its effects than heretofore, and of course more fatal in its results. A number are laid up this week with it.

Miss Mary Richmond was visiting friends in Listowel during the latter part of last week.

Richard Johnson intends to start in a few days on a trip to Ireland, for the benefit of his health.

The Monkton Cheese and Butter Co. shipped 400 cheese the other day, the price paid was 9 1/4c. Jas. McLaren was the buyer.

There will be a tea-meeting held at the parsonage, Monkton, on the 8th of September next. A big turn out is expected.

Miss Maggie Houze, of the 12th con., east, who has been dangerously ill with inflammation, is at present on a fair way to recovery.

The new German church, Monkton, will be opened on Sept. 20. We understand there will be a sermon preached in the evening in English.

David Langley, who succeeded in obtaining third class standing at the recent examination, has gone to Mitchell to attend the Model school.

We regret that Steven Hamilton, 10th con., has had an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, which will unfit him for work for some time.

Jos. McLennan's (Donegal) team brought in the biggest load of flax to the Atwood mill this season one day last week. It weighed 4,400 lbs.

D. M. Lineham left for Montreal this week, accompanied by his sister, Lizzie, where they will spend some time visiting friends before the former resumes his college studies.

Eccles Vallance, who has charge of a school at Hesson, paid a visit to his home on Sunday last. He is much pleased with his section, so we may prophesy for him marked success.

Among the first to get through harvesting in this township is Andrew Thompson, con. 4, who finished his harvesting and had 22 acres of fall wheat sown by the 20th August. Andrew is a hustler.

S. J. A. Boyd, son of Jas. Boyd, of Elma, arrived home the other day after having had a pleasant trip to the old land. He visited England, Scotland and Ireland during his stay abroad. Mr. Boyd has resumed his duties as teacher at Belfast, Huron county.

WE MAY EXPECT some pleasant summer weather before dreary fall comes in dead earnest.—The Elma fall fair to be a grand success with such an efficient board of Directors.—A host of weddings before the cold weather sets in, and may we not expect our bachelor brother, of THE BEE, to be one of the principals.—The quiet (?) and modest birch-wielder of S. S. No. 5, to continue to display a mark across his upper lip as an evidence of the grand possibilities of his sex—sort of a mark of distinction.—Harvesting operations to close in a few days.—Auction sales to boom this fall.—To scan THE BEE advertising columns in quest of cheap fall and winter goods.—Fall fairs and big pumpkins to take their innings.—A bountiful harvest, good prices for grain, and the honest, truly grateful farmer, to thank the Giver of all good, to pay his long standing store debts and subscribe for THE BEE, the best local paper in the county, for 1892.

JAMES ROBB'S DEATH.—James Robb, 12th con. of Elma, received the following letter last Saturday from John Floyd, in reference to his son's death which occurred in Butte City on Aug. 19th:—DEAR SIR—To day (Aug. 24) is the first opportunity I have had since the 19th inst. to write you. Before that sad accident, which caused the death of your son and one of my most intimate friends, he and I had been together so long I regarded him as a father or brother. Had he lived to the 1st of Nov. he would have been in my employ seven years, during which time we lived together with the exception of one year, when he ran a camp for me a few miles distant. It didn't seem as though he was working for a salary, he took so much interest in everything as though it was for himself, and I never found fault with anything he did. I have been rather successful in business, and intended next year to sell out and go to the Old Country. Him and I talked of it frequently, and were going as far as your home together. But he has gone to his grave, and I feel as if I haven't a friend in the world. But thank God I am still in the land of the living. This goes to prove to us the brevity of life. About half an hour before James was killed I was talking to him. The depot is about half a mile from the wood office. I walked down to the office after dinner where he was loading his wagon with cordwood. He put about 1 1/2 cords on what we call a single rack, two bed pieces and stakes behind and in front, and the wood put across. The driver always sits on the front of the load. I left before he had loaded, the last words I spoke to him were: "Jim, when you are coming back come by the office." He left the depot a few minutes after me. I came to the office, and about 20 minutes later a man came in and asked me if I knew that James Robb was killed. I said, "My God, it is surely not so." He said it was for he came from there. I went there and found that his life had fled. There was a man within a few feet of him when the accident occurred. Jim was sitting on his load and endeavoring to cross a street car track the wagon gave a sudden jolt and the wood he was sitting on slid to one side causing him to fall forward between the wagon and the horses. When in the act of falling he was seen to grab for the harness but missed his hold and down he went in front of the wheels, and as a consequence the horses became frightened and ran away. There were people close by, but they could render no assistance, for it was all done in a minute. When I first telegraphed you I didn't like to say he was killed. In my last message I thought I had better let you know, in case you viewed the body you would wonder what had happened. An inquest was held, and I was of course one of the witnesses. I will now close with best wishes for you and your family. JOHN FLOYD, Butte City, Montana.

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