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THE REPORTER

COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Every thing well Mixed up.

FAIRFAX

MONDAY, Feb 11.—Mr. Ed. Leeder and Mr. E. Kelly were the guests of Mr. John Lappan last Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Cox, with his short locks, in returning from Foster's ball froze both of his ears.

TOLEDO.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—Foster's ball on Tuesday night was a success.

The Bible society agent preached in the Methodist church on Sunday night last.

Mrs Gallagher and Mrs. Johnson are the guests of Mrs. Derbyshire.

Mr. Frank Fowler is on the sick list.

Miss Louisa Edgar and Miss McClare attended the Christian Endeavor convention last week at Spencerville.

There is a new doctor in town. His friends live in Toronto, but he has just returned from New York where he has been for the last two years.

Mr. J. Coad is very sick.

QUABBIN.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—Our school is a thoroughly efficient and progressive one under the able management of Miss Julia Donaghue.

Grippe has again made its appearance; quite a number are on the sick list.

Ice harvest has commenced. E. Schriber and John McDonald have the contract for cutting all the ice in Jones' Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hagerman attended the holiness convention at Athens.

Quite a number from here attended the horse races at Rockport.

Breaking roads has been the order of the day since the last big storm.

Mr. Frank Thomson is meeting with good success in taking orders for apple trees.

A. T. Trickey passed through here last week selling silverware.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. J. R. McDonald is convalescent after a severe attack of the grippe.

ELGIN.

SAURDAY, Feb. 9.—Wedding bells were ringing last week. Rev. R. G. Reynolds was called upon to tie the matrimonial knot. The contracting parties were Miss Mim Delong and Mr. Wiley Coon. After the wedding the happy couple partook of a sumptuous repast at Mr. Fuller Stevens. They left the next morning by train for Ottawa amidst a shower of well wishes and congratulations.

A second quiet wedding took place at the parsonage last Wednesday. Miss Maggie Taylor and Mr. R. Braeve of Westport were made man and wife. Mr. Thomas Taylor and Miss Tilly Dunn were the assistants at the wedding. They left for Smith's Falls.

Mr. Phelps, of Philipsville, is clerking at the drug store of Dr. Coon.

Miss Helen Dargavel's confirmation class was confirmed in Newboro on the 5th.

Among the sick are Mrs. W. H. Sly and Mrs. Warren. Mr. Seth Huston had an operation performed by Dr. Coon. He was troubled with a fever sore which necessitated the scraping of the bone of his leg. He will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. Beecher, of Toledo, aided by Past Master Workman Dr. Coon, ably conducted the large body of workmen at Clinton Sly's funeral.

Wallace Pennock, lately of Venacher, is renewing old acquaintances.

Joseph Sexton intends going to Plevna with a load of horses and apples.

William Grey is the happy father of a girl.

The heavy snow-fall prevented Rev. Chisholm coming to conduct the anniversary services at Philipsville

Anniversary tea was given on Monday evening at Philipsville. Among the speakers were Rev. Poiser of Delta, Sheldon of Delta, Chisholm of Catarraqui, Jamieson of Newboro and G. S Reynolds of Elgin.

The Ladies' Aid gave a concert last Friday, Feb. 1. Miss Tenant of Cornwall and Miss Reynolds of Westport were the "stars" of the evening. Both of the above mentioned ladies displayed considerable talent and assisted in giving a very entertaining concert, but alas for the Ladies' Aid, not very remunerative, as the expenses were $2 more than the receipts. Bad weather caused the failure.

Our local sports have arranged to have horse races on Sand Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th.

Mr. Wood is doing a rushing business. He is a good man in the right place.

Visitors: Miss Nuttal, of Kingston; Miss Brown, of Philipsville; Mr. Hoover, of Brockville; Miss Wells, of Delta.

ELBE MILLS

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Leeds County Association Patrons of Industry, held at Delta on the 6th inst., the following officers were appointed for the present year.

President, David Nichols, Portlevile.

Vice President, W. W. Hicock, Sweet's Corners.

Secy-Treas., R. E. Cornel, Elbe Mills.

Sentinel, —Heaslip, Sand Bay.

Auditors: W. J. Webster and Wm. C. Sliter, Lansdowne.

Delegate to grand lodge, Herb Horton.

Alternate delegate to grand lodge, Wm. C. Sliter.

Semi annual meeting to be held at Singleton in June

R. E. CORNEL, Co. Sec.

FRANKVILLE

FRIDAY, Feb. 8.—The thermometer registered 28 deg below zero on Wednesday morning last

Mr. A. H. Parker purchased the Rudd farm for the sum of $2,745.

The revival services are being conducted in the Methodist church by the Rev. G. H. Porter.

Mr. W. D. Livingston is on the sick list.

A number of young people of this place spent an enjoyable time at the residence of Mr Wm. Eaton on Tuesday evening last

Mr. D. Dowsley, of Gananoque, is visiting relatives here.

The annual milk meeting of Farmers' Friend cheese factory was held in Brownbridge's hall on Tuesday evening Jan. 29th when the report of the past season was read by the sec., Mr. C. Rudd. Milk delivered realized $19.30. The following officers were elected: salesman, H. Smith; sec., W. D. Livingston; treas., A. H. Parker at a salary of $30 each. Auditors, Joseph Coad, Enos Soper. Mr. Jones was re-engaged as cheese maker for another year.

LYN.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—Johnnie Armstrong is home on a flying visit, on account of his father's illness, and had a rough time making the trip. He was on the train that was run into west of Toronto, but escaped any injury except a soaking up. J. Armstrong, sr., is some better, able to go out driving.

Reports from woodmen put the depth of snow on the level at from three to six feet. Surely the regularity of train service on the B. & W. this winter should convince the back country folks of the desirability of a mail service by that route. At present it takes three days to get a return mail from Delta or west of this to Lyn, and the same from Addison or Greenbush.

Owing to the snow blockade, the S. Scidmore and annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation has been postponed until Tuesday the 26th

M. B Stack advertises his hotel for sale. The house has been much improved since he has occupied it and is said to be one the most comfortable country hotels on the road.

On Saturday evening the Liberal meeting was well attended, in spite of the storm, and was very enthusiastic every one feeling that there were good grounds for expecting a Liberal victory at Dominion elections.

MALLORYTOWN.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—Mallorytown Epworth League spent a social evening last week at E. Hageman's and report having a pleasant time.

Mr. Frank Thomson has a fine Star colt for sale. He's a flyer.

Quarterly services were held in the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Mrs Hannah Kelly is ill with inflammation of the lungs. Dr. Lane is the attending physician.

Dr. Lathan, of this place, has sold his property on Main street to David Hodge.

Mallorytown is to have a butter factory. The contract has been drawn up and about twenty-five names signed to it. It will be run on the same principle as the Union Cheese Factory.

A political meeting was held in the town hall on Feb. 1st.

John Raphael was chosen chairman. The speakers were Mr. H. Horton, Dulsemane; John Franklin, Rockfield; Aleck Gibson, A. Hogaboon, David Forrester and Robert Hodge of this place.

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of Mr. Crawford.

The sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Andress, Andressburg, occurred recently and was largely attended by their nearest relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Andress, who are respectively eighty four and seventy six years old, are exceptionally active and continue to take a lively interest in daily affairs.

Mr. Reuben Cooper has the largest pile of stove wood out in the east end. Reuben is a hustler.

A new blacksmith's bellows and new drilling machine, cheap for cash, at A. D. Young's, Athens.

Village Council.

The second regular meeting of Athens village council was held in the council chamber at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 11th inst. All the members present, except Mr. Evertts.

After reading and confirming the minutes, the clerk read the applications of H. C. Phillips and A. James, for the position of assessor for 1895. The auditors for 1894 presented a carefully prepared statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year. A by-law was introduced, read three times and finally passed, appointing A. James assessor at a salary of $20. On motion, the bonds of the treasurer were fixed at $5,000 and the names of Richard Arnold and Theo. G. Stevens, as bondsmen for the treasurer, accepted. On motion, the report of the auditors was accepted and an order given on the treasurer for $3 00 each for their services. On motion, B. Loverin was appointed caretaker of the fire engine and other fire appliances, he to see that that they are properly cleaned and dried after use, at a salary of $12.00 for the year. The offer of the Reporter office to do the printing required by the council for the sum of $40 was accepted. The council then adjourned to the next regular session on the 1st Monday in March.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement

Boiled Right Down.

Gananoque is to have a curlew bell.

About 1,500 bushels of potatoes were buried in Kingston last week at 18c.

[illegible] bushel for wheat at Belleville.

One second-hand [illegible] high, second [illegible] A DAY.

CAWLEY [illegible]

Rev. Wm. Wright [illegible] church, in Brockville, is seeking attending a meeting of the Presbytery of Leeds.

Johnnie Cassels had his [illegible] injured Monday and [illegible] bones were broken but the injury part is sufficiently painful to [illegible] him a few uneasy holidays.

The first eclipse this year [illegible] eclipse of the moon on March 10th. It will be visible in North and South America. A partial eclipse [illegible] visible in Eastern Canada [illegible] on March 25th.

CASH—$3,000.00 worth of crockery, china and glassware at Bankrupt prices. Sale continues for a short time only.—F. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., near opposite the Revere house.

Wolves are reported to be plentiful along some parts of the O., A. & P. S. Railway. They are being killed in considerable numbers, the increased bounty from $6 to $10 making it profitable to hunt them.

The village auditors have completed their labors and their abstract statement of the receipts and expenditure for the village and the high and public schools, duly certified, will appear in next week's Reporter.

Rev. T. C. Brown, pastor of the Methodist congregation at Smith's Falls, has asked, and full excess that the modest sum of $2,500 in cash will be placed on the collection plates on the Sunday of the opening of the new church in that place.

All sugar makers and cheesemen should read the advt of W. F. Earl in this issue of the Reporter. Mr. Earl is doing a rapidly increasing business, which alone is a guarantee that his charges are reasonable and that his work gives satisfaction.

Mr. John Witherell, an old and highly respected resident of Plum Hollow, died yesterday (Monday) morning. Deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a man of seeing integrity, and his demise is regretted by all who knew him.

Yesterday morning Mrs. (Dr.) Harte left Athens for Kingston, accompanied by her son, for the purpose of consulting Dr. Sullivan about her injured foot. Mrs. Harte is still unable to walk without the aid of a crutch and has endured a great deal of suffering.

As previously announced, a grand rally of the temperance workers of Leeds County will be held in Athens on Thursday next, 14th inst. The afternoon session will be held in the vestry of the Methodist church and the evening meeting in the Presbyterian church. All temperance societies in the county are requested to send delegates.

The time for receiving tenders for heating and plumbing the Industrial Home, and for erecting a barn in connection therewith, as advertised last week, has been extended twenty days. Tenders to be sent to R. L. Joynt, North Augusta. Specifications may be seen at J. C. Algoire's office, Athens, or at the office of the architect, G. A. Allan, Brockville.

Pleasant Time.

Newboro Standard: When Mr. George Gordon, our versatile tonsorial artist, undertakes to entertain his friends he does it in a thorough manner. Last Tuesday night a number of young people from Athens and a few from town assembled at the residence of Mr. Gordon for the purpose of enjoying the evening in a social way, and doing honor to their friend. A bountiful repast was invitingly arranged to which all did ample justice, while the strains of music from the magical violin vibrated through the crisp and chilly February air, telling the story more plainly than words that a happy time was in progress. We congratulate Mr. Gordon on the success of his efforts, for the "Hooraw," as he humorously termed the gathering, was a most enjoyable affair.

"Girl I Left Behind Me."

An English contemporary says:—"The Girl I left Behind Me," according to tradition, became the parting tune of the British army and navy about the middle of the last century. In one of the regiments then quartered in the south of England there was an Irish bandmaster, who had the uncommon peculiarity of being able to fall in love in ten minutes with any attractive girl he might chance to meet. It never hurt him much, however, for he fell out again as readily as he fell in, and so acquired a new sweetheart in every town the regiment passed through. Whenever the troops were leaving the place where he had a sweetheart he ordered the band to play, "The Girl I left behind Me," which, even then was an old Irish melody. The story of his accommodating heart soon spread through the army, and other band masters, at the request of officers and soldiers, began to use the melody as a parting tune, and by the end of the century it was accounted disrespectful to the ladies for a regiment to march away without playing 'The Girl I Left Behind Me.'"

The oldest known version of this song (1770) is called "Brighton Camp," and it is supposed by Mr. Chappell to have been written in 1758-59, when we had troops encamped on the South Downs in expectation of a French invasion. Mr. Molloy says that "this melody, although claimed by the English, is indisputably of Irish origin," but it must be allowed the melody is very unlike any well authenticated Irish air.

Special services are being held in the Methodist church

Messrs M. B. Stack and Frank Cowan, of Lansdowne, were among those who witnessed the races at Charleston on Tuesday.

Rheumatism primarily caused by an acid condition of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, and thus cures the disease.

The annual financial statement of St. Paul's Presbyterian church was issued this week and shows the church to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The express company failed to bring in the news for our first page this week. We have waited a day, but accomplished to go to press without it.

On Tuesday the largest gathering of Liberals that ever assembled in Brockville met in convention and unanimously elected Mr Jas. Cumming of Lansdowne their standard-bearer in the Brockville riding for the Dominion House.

On Tuesday W. A. Williamson, of Gananoque, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring with Mrs. Annie Dowsley to defraud James Demster of his property. On Wednesday Williamson was brought before Judge Reynolds and was given his liberty on suspended sentence. The woman Dowsley will receive her sentence on Monday.

The races at Charleston Lake on Tuesday came off as advertised. Both events filled and the heats were close enough to be exciting. In the three minute class Foster's horse took first and Finan's grey (Lansdowne) second. In the green race N. C. Williams' Tommy R. was awarded first money. The track was heavy, so no time is given.

Honor Roll of S. S. No. 14, Yonge.

Fourth.—Gertie Dockrill 258, May Dockrill 254, Florence Hayes 231, Geo. Hickey 175

Third.—Will Hall 128.

Second.—Loyd Dockrill 111.

Pt. Second.—Boyd Hall, Foster Hall.

ADELLA SCOTT, Teacher.

North Leeds L. O. L.

The County Orange Lodge of North Leeds met in the Orange Hall, Morton, on Feb 5 and elected the following officers.

County Master—Andrew Gray

Deputy Master—A. Elliott.

Chaplain—Rev. Wm. Moore.

Secretary—H. F. Metcalfe.

Fin-Secretary—R. Seymour.

Treasurer—H. Fitzpatrick.

D. of C.—Metcalfe Sheffield.

Lecturer Geo Atchenson

Deputy Lecturer—Jas N Somerville.

An Opportunity.

The ladies in connection with the W. M. S. of the Methodist church, Athens, are preparing a box of clothing and bedding to be sent to Rev. Mr. Raley and wife at Kilamaat, B. C., for use of the Indian school which they have established there without any promised help or assistance. The ladies here feel a deep int rest in the work there, as Mrs. Raley is a former Athens girl, Miss Maud Giles, daughter of our townsman, Dr. Giles. Any one who has any old thing, bedding, &c., wishing to donate to this school can do so by sending the articles to the home of Mrs J. P. Lamb during the month of Feb. The box will be packed for shipping about the 1st of March.—MRS C. C. SLACK, Cor. Sec.

BALDWIN'S CORNERS.

FRIDAY, Feb 8.—Mr. John Bolton, an old and highly respected resident of this place, is dangerously ill.

Gussie Bulger, who has been attending the carnival in Ottawa, returned home on Saturday.

E. J. Rice, of this place, and A. Murphy, of Smith's Falls, attended a party in Westport on Tuesday evening.

P. Donovan, who has for the past three years been employed in the Ottawa hotel, Newboro, has vacated that situation for a better one. He is now in the employ of Albert Moulton.

Will Heat, of Newboro, intends going extensively into bee-keeping, as he has purchased a number of hives from Wm. Bulger of this place.

SPRING VALLEY.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—On Friday evening last about twenty invited guests partook of the hospitality of Miss Gertie Hayes. After oysters were served a very enjoyable time was spent in games of all sorts, all being well pleased with the evening's outing. Where will we have the next one?

Doctor M. is back to this vicinity, seeming to have improved considerably since he went away.

Mr. Thomas Thompson had the misfortune to freeze his face on Wednesday last while coming from the woods.

We understand our pugilist has sent out several challenges during the past two weeks. Look out, boys.

Owing to the condition of the roads, the boys are unable to practice their speedy horses.

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of Miss Tennant, of Caintown.

Mr. Joshua Gilroy has refused a handsome sum for his celebrated horse, Doc. L. is a hustler.

DULSEMAIN.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—A. E. Sliter spent Saturday and Sunday in Brockville.

A team belonging to D. Haskins ran away while hauling wood at R. Stringer's bee last week. No damage done

Mr. Herbert Horton, addressed a meeting of the ratepayers at Brockville on Thursday night, Feb. 7th, in the interests of Patronism with satisfactory results. Quite a number of Patrons from here attended the business meeting at Delta on Feb 6th.

Mrs. Martin Cross is suffering from bronchitis.

Miss Annie Allyn, of Delta, was the guest of her cousin, Chattie Sliter, last week.

Miss Sliter, of Brockville; Miss Patton, the teacher here; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webster and son, of Fairfax, were visiting at Wellington Sliter's last Saturday.

Mr J. B Wilson and wife, Miss McMurray of McCrone's Corners; Miss Wright, of Ebenezer; and Miss Kelsey, of Newboro, were visiting at Herbert Horton's last Saturday.

TIS WORSE THAN DEATH

BELGIUM'S CAPITAL PENALTY A SYSTEM OF REFINED TORTURE.

It Is Said to Kill the Victim in Three Years, Notwithstanding All Efforts to Ameliorate the Punishment Except Through Hearing and Seeing.

Though the death penalty was practically abolished in Belgium over thirty years ago, the punishment of those convicted of capital crimes is so awful that none has yet been able to endure it more than three years. Another curious thing is that little Belgium until recently had two public executioners, while but one was sufficient for her vaster neighbor, France—Diebler, otherwise known as "Monsieur de Paris." The King of the Belgians recently ordered the retirement on a pension of 1,837 francs of the "executor of high works" (as he is euphoniously termed), who was stationed at Liege. The executioner at Brussels still holds his place.

The duties of the public executioner in Belgium are singular, but not arduous. The courts still continue to sentence malefactors to death, but the guillotine has been replaced by a scaffold, on which is posted a copy of the sentence. Much ceremony is observed in affixing this document. A troop of gendarmes, with their imposing helmets plumed with horsehair, is drawn up about the place of execution, which they gravely guard with sabres drawn, while the red-robed executioner mounts the steps, nails up the decrees of the court, and after a moment, takes it down again.

But the condemned man might more mercifully have perished by the axe or rope. He is placed in a dungeon so constructed that from the moment he enters it he will never hear the sound of human voices nor see a living being. His food is passed in through a sliding panel in the door of his cell.

Not one of these prisoners has been able to survive this confinement more than three years. The authorities have striven in vain to prolong their lives by varying their food as much as possible, but those who are moderately or lightly nourished gradually waste away, while those who are generously fed go mad and die raving maniacs.

OUR LITERARY VISITOR.

David Christie Murray, the English novelist, has concluded his tour through Canada. His visit was a notable event in literary and journalistic circles, as Mr. Murray has won distinction in both fields and his books are well known. He is not yet forty-eight years old, having been born April 13, 1847, at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, where he was educated at a private school. He began newspaper life as a reporter on the Birmingham Morning News. In 1873 he went to London and served on the Daily News and World. During the Russo-Turkish war he acted as special correspondent for the Edinburgh Scotsman and the London Times. On his return he published his first long work of fiction in Chambers' Journal, "A Life's Atonement." "Joseph's Coat" appeared in 1880, "Val Strange" and "Coals of Fire," a collection of short stories, in 1881. New novels from his pen have appeared at regular intervals since that time, among which are "Hearts," "The Way of the World," "A Dangerous Cat's-paw," "Wild Dora," etc.

WENT DOWN WITH HIS SHIPS.

The Officer Who Commanded the Ill-Fated Elbe for Three Years.

Kurz von Goessel, captain of the foundered North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, was born in Ratibor, Prussian Silesia, where his mother still lives.

The Von Goessels are connected with many of the most aristocratic families in Germany. Capt. von Goessel's only brother is a general in the German army, and under Emperor William I. was a member of the general staff.

Von Goessel ran away to sea when he was fifteen years old. He became an enthusiastic sailor, and eventually commanded a fine sailing ship. More than twenty years ago he passed the examinations required by the Lloyds, and entered their service as a fourth officer. He took

CAPT. KURT VON GOESSEL.

command of the Elbe about three years ago. For three years previous to that time he was captain of one of the company's vessels that went from Bremen to Singapore, through the Suez Canal. Before that time he commanded a Lloyd boat [illegible] from Bremen to Rio de Janeiro, and [illegible] on the port to Baltimore.

Capt. von Goessel's family consists of his wife and three children—a girl, seventeen years old, and two sons, one twelve, the other three years old. They live in Bremerhaven. They formerly lived in Hanover, but moved north to be nearer the Captain when he was in port.

The Captain was forty-four years old, fine-looking and stood 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet. He was broad-shouldered, well-built. He had bright blue eyes, and wore a full flaxen beard.

Among the Lloyd's vessels Kurt von Goessel was second officer of the Mosel, which was blown to pieces by dynamite at its dock some years ago; was first officer of the Saale and commanded the Saale.

There was no more popular captain in the Lloyds' service. A marble statue—"Calabata"—was dedicated to him less than two weeks ago, and he spent quite a little time while he was last at New York at the Liederkranz Society Club-House. He was an economic as well as a popular captain, and time and again received premiums from his company for the economical administration of the affairs of his boat.

Thoroughly jolly, good-natured man, he always had a pleasant word for everybody. In looks and bearing he was the best type of the Teuton.

Withal he was a solid, substantial man, with lots of nerve and plenty of good common sense. He was a man who never lost his head, one who could be depended upon in an emergency.

Could Say "Truly Rural."

This is a story about a congressman from Indiana, and, according to the Washington Post, it is perfectly true. One night, or to be exact, one morning, not long ago, the congressman came home in a condition that might have given rise to remark. He was not intoxicated—oh, dear no! And to prove it, he said "truly rural" all the way up the stairs—a thing which, as everybody knows, is an infallible test of sobriety. The light was turned low in his room, but he dimly perceived a large gray cat perched on a chair. The Indiana congressman detests cats.

"Scat!" said he, sharply.

The cat didn't stir.

"Scat!" repeated the congressman.

The cat took it good-naturedly, and sat perfectly still. The congressman shook the chair. The cat only rocked to and fro and then settled against the chair's back.

"Well, that's the blamedest cat," remarked the congressman, as he pushed it off the chair.

And it was. It had no fur. The congressman heard a subdued snicker, and turning met his wife's eyes. It was a calico cat, and his ability to pronounce "truly rural" was of no avail.

Niagara Falls 32,000 Years Old.

For more than 100 years the scientists of the old and new world have been figuring out the age of the great falls. Elliott in 1790 fixed the age at 55,000 years; Lyell in 1840 claimed the falls could not be over 35,000 years; Woodward in 1886 even reduced the figure to 12,000 years, and still more recently Gilbert, after learned arguments about the matter, estimated their age at sixty-seven centuries. Now Professor Spencer comes forward and says that all calculations so far had been based upon the retrogressive movement of the soil through the action of the water. While this recession is nearly regular, he adds a new element of valuation—that is, the different phases of the formation of the river itself and its greater or lesser force of erosion exerted both on river and bands. Spencer argues that the river has existed for about 32,000 years. During 1,000 years or more it had drained the Erie basin without having formed a cascade. The waters of Lake Ontario getting lower and lower, the falls resulted, but were formed slowly and gradually until they reached their present height. The Niagara Falls as we know them, or nearly so, will last at least 5,000 years longer.—La Nature.

Banishing the Pig From the Parlor.

It is gratifying to learn from the report of the congested districts board for Ireland that the efforts to banish the pig from the parlor are calculated to benefit both the pig and his master. Having noted that the board have offered in the Kilbrannan district inducements to small occupiers to provide out-buildings for cattle, as under the present system cattle and pigs share the night and part of the day in the same apartment as members of the family, the report goes on to say that injurious effects have been noted many hours after the effluvia of cattle, while the animals no doubt suffer from the sudden changes from a close atmosphere at night to cold or moist air in an unsheltered field or road which obtains during the day. London News.

THE GAME OF SNAPDRAGON.

Players Must Be Quick and Not Mind Burned Fingers.

Few "Christmas gambols" exist in their original form. But the old games modified to suit modern taste as well as the new ones are just as full of fun and are entered into by the young folks nowadays with as much zest as were the rougher gambols over which in old England the "Lord of Misrule" presided. Although, the authority of this lord was generally acknowledged at Christmas merrymakings 200 or 300 years ago, and he made things very lively, such disorders finally crept into his brief jurisdiction reign that he was suppressed.

One of the most quiet and genial of the gambols over which he was master has been handed down under the name of "snapdragon." Raisins are put into a large bowl, covered with spirit, which is ignited. Lights in the room are extinguished, and each one attempts in turn to grasp a raisin, a feat requiring some skill and courage. Meanwhile an appropriate accompaniment is the "Song of the Snapdragon," beginning thus:

Here he comes with flaming bowl,
Don't he mean to take his toll?
Snip! Snap! Dragon!

Take care you don't take too much,
Be not greedy in your clutch,
Snip! Snap! Dragon!

With his blue and lapping tongue
Many of you will be stung,
Snip! Snap! Dragon!

Too Bad.

"Hello, Billie, merry Christmas! What did you get?"

"Got left."

"Up to the Scratch."

Is this expression derived from the old idea that a witch was deprived of her power by a person drawing her blood by scratching her? In the trial of Richard Hathaway, as a cheat and impostor, at Surrey assizes, March 24, 1703, it was alleged against him that he did, in the presence and hearing of divers persons, falsely, devilishly and knowingly, and as a false impostor, pretend and affirm that he was bewitched by Sarah Mordtuck, and that by reason thereof he could not eat, but had fasted ten weeks successively, and pretended also that he was affected with divers diseases, and that by drawing blood from the said Sarah by scratching he should be freed from his said pretended bewitching, and that the defendant did thereupon scratch the said Sarah and draw blood from her, and thereupon falsely affirm that by drawing the said blood he was freed from the said diseases, whereas, in truth and fact, he never was bewitched, nor had fasted, as aforesaid, and knew himself not to be bewitched by the said Sarah.

We have arrangements made with David Dowsley, auctioneer, to fix dates for sales by him anywhere in the County. Parties having sales can get their auction sale bills and fix the date at the Reporter office without going to see Mr. Dowsley. Parties ordering bills from this office will be given a free notice in this column.

SALE REGISTER.

Walter S. Johnson will sell, at his farm, near Oak Leaf, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 14, 5 cows, 2 two year old heifers, 4 calves, 2 horses, and all his vehicles, implements, sugar making utensils, etc.—D. Dowsley, auctioneer.

John M. Livingston will sell at his farm, Lake Eloida, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb 19, 7 cows, matched team of four year old black horses, bay mare, vehicles, implements, etc.—D. Dowsley, auctioneer.

Almeron Bonsteel will offer for sale by public auction at his farm, Wiltsetown, at 1 p.m on Tuesday, Feb 26th, 5 cows, 3 yearlings, 1 horse, 2 pigs, lumber wagon, mowing machine (new), horse rake.—D. Dowsley auctioneer.

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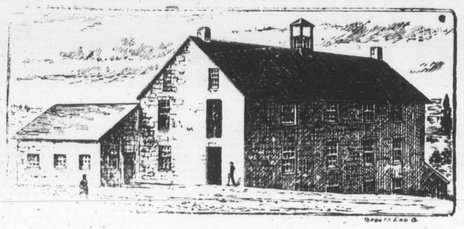

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