

More Basket Ball Criticism

DEAR EDITOR:

The attention of the H. S. S. basket ball team has been drawn to the generous supply of hot air that has been furnished by the Florenceville correspondent to the Sentinel and Observer. The young lady correspondent has shown no small amount of ingenuity in distorting facts.

Let me give a few facts which I challenge Florenceville to deny. The first game was played in Florenceville and won by the F. C. S. with a score of 12-8 and though 13 fouls were called on Hartland in the first half by a referee who did not know the game (as admitted by the Florenceville manager) the Hartland boys took their defeat and said nothing.

At the next game in Hartland the score at the end of the first half was 6-1 in favor of Hartland. And then the referee, A. W. Kyle, did not suit Florenceville. I may say here that this is the only team that has ever kicked against Kyle. They wished to again use the verdant specimen who did the trick for them in Florenceville. Hartland would not agree to this and finally Frank Estabrooks of Florenceville was put on. The official score as kept by Noddis was 9-7 for H. S. S. Miss Saunders, who kept the score for Florenceville, stated to the H. S. S. manager and Kyle after the game that the score was 9-8 for the H. S. S.

But who was this disinterested party? None other than Martell, who came in when the game was under way and who stated to a Hartland player after the game that the score was in Hartland's favor.

This left Hartland and Florenceville with one game each. The H. S. S. team then publicly and privately challenged the F. C. S. to play off on Hartland or on neutral ground with neutral referee, and Florenceville replied that THEY WOULD NOT PLAY, or as the manager stated in his letter "it was entirely out of the question." The Observer, correspondent says F. C. S. will not play lest "adverse and untruthful criticism result." When did Florenceville become so conscientious? Their reason is simply THEY DARE NOT PLAY. The Hartland boys are still ready to back up their challenge.

Just a word in regard to the criticism. It may be taken as a good type of the tactics employed throughout by Florenceville, and contains only 3 distinct falsehoods. The one concerning the score has already been dealt with. Second, the Hall: After taking into consideration the room taken up by the spectators, say two feet (and it was more in the game at Florenceville) there is exclusive of the space occupied by the stove and stage about twice as much floor space in Hartland hall as in Florenceville, and no plaster falling off. Any who were inclined to believe Florenceville's STORY would at once see the untruth of their statement in this respect. Third: Kyle was referee in first half and removed as a result of Florenceville's protest with Hartland.

Now let Florenceville "play up" on the square or "shut up."

ROY STEVENS.

P. S.: To give the visiting team the benefit of the protest the H. S. S. boys asked them to continue to play in the usual way, but they declined, showing they had no hope of winning.

Death of George E. Orser

An honest, kind-hearted and patient resident of San Juan county, passed away at his home on La Plata, at 2 A. M., Feb. 23, 1911.

George E. Orser was stricken with apoplexy just one week prior to his death. Two days after the first stroke, he suffered a second and his entire right side became paralyzed. He was conscious most of the time even to the very last, but during the last two days or so could not speak. He died without a struggle, and sweetly trusting in his Savior, firmly believing that the Prince of Life would awaken him from his sleep with the voice of the Archangel in the Resurrection Morning.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Elder W. A. T. Miller—Adventist—with a large number of sympathizing friends of the family present.

Mr. Orser was born at Brighton, New Brunswick, and lacked but nine days of being 71 years of age when he fell asleep in Jesus. For forty-six years and some months, he was the loved husband of the woman, who repeatedly asserted that in all those days of wedded life, her heart was not once wounded by a cross word from him. What a record is this!

Her maiden name was Mary J. Shaw. To them were born five boys and two girls. Four sons and one daughter still live.

"Mother" Orser says that she wants all the kind neighbors, who did so much to lighten her burden during the time of her deep sorrow,

to know that she and family are sincerely thankful to them for all their generous aid and comfort.—New Mexico Paper.

Pastor's Resignation.

Rev. H. C. Fraser, M. A., of the First Presbyterian church, Grand Falls, has given to his congregation notice of his resignation. Mr. Fraser has been in this church five years—three years as student and two as ordained missionary. It is understood that he will remain a few weeks during April and attend to the organizing of the church and the election of elders, when they will call a man from Halifax Presbytery, thus avoiding any break in the services. It is Mr. Fraser's intention to visit his deceased wife's relatives in Vancouver before again taking up active work. The congregation regret very much the peculiarly sad circumstance which has brought about the young pastor's resignation, but wish him God-speed wherever his lot is cast.

CENTREVILLE.

(Late for last issue.)

We are still anxiously waiting for Mr. Hazen to announce his policy on the St. John Valley Railroad question. A great many are going west from this section, a railroad would stop the exodus. Young men will not stay on farms now when it takes all day long to haul one load of produce to market.

Henry Good has sold his farm, also.

his team and intends going west. Hollie Reid and Herbert Boone left for Vancouver today. Lee Margison left for the same place last Wednesday.

Mrs. Rose Clark is having lumber hauled for a large barn to replace those burned last summer.

S. W. Niles still has the Morgan Horse, "Ned Lambert." He is a fine looking horse and standard bred and deserves patronage.

Dr. H. W. Pepper has bought a new driver. This makes three horses the doctor now has. Business must be rushing.

At the last meeting of the Agricultural Society two members were appointed to go to Fredericton to attend the sale of pure bred stock. They hope to buy some Ayreshire cattle.

The small minded farmers who have been talking against Reciprocity will now change their tune as potatoes have taken a big upward jump on the American side.

A St. John traveler in the village Saturday forgot it was April 1st. and picked up a valuable parcel containing snow.

Died at Woodstock.

W. F. Glidden, the well known horseman, who for a number of years past conducted a livery stable at Woodstock, died last week. Mr. Glidden about two weeks ago fell on the sidewalk and fractured his leg in two places. The deceased gentleman was well and favorably known here.

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