

LOCALS.

One of our Shoe-makers had a narrow escape from drowning on Wednesday.

There are eight Societies of different kinds, in existence at present in this town.

The "Bonita," Hanrahan, master, for this port put into LaHave. All well.

A number of pearls were taken from muscies by parties in this town. Information can be had on application to our office.

The brig, "Charles W. Oulton" from Liverpool to this port, to Messrs John Mann & Co., put into Shelbourne, N.S., short of provisions.

Our townsman J. Paterson, and D. B. Longwill, Esquires, left Liverpool on the 9th inst. for Halifax on route for Harbor Grace. We wish them a safe voyage out.

Pugilism, vandalism, scandalism and other grades of isms are too rife here at present. It is our desire to chronicle the events of the day. Gently gentlemen, beware.

Mr. Wark had a narrow escape from drowning. Had it not been for the timely assistance of a fellow countryman he would undoubtedly have met a watery grave. We would advise inexperienced persons to be cautious, and not walk too far on the ice.

We have been informed that the body of an infant, with its head partly severed from its body, was found at River Head last week, swathed in various articles of female apparel. The police have the garments in charge and hopes through their means to secure the offender.—(Chronicle.)

The lecture in St. Joseph's Catholic Institute by J. G. Conroy, Esq., M. H. A., subject, 'A Yellow Primrose,' was excellently delivered and quite a success. A large and appreciative audience attended it, amongst whom were his Lordship Dr. Power, and three or four of his clergy.—[Ibid.]

The Brig "Margaret Ridley," Capt. Collins, had her stem and stern post broken out with ice on Thursday evening, 27th Feb., about three miles off Cape Mutton, Trepasser Bay. The crew which is all numbered nine men got safely onshore at Trepasser, from whence they proceeded overland arriving here on yesterday. She was loaded with salt from Cadiz, and consigned to Mr. P. Hutchings of this city.—[Ibid.]

If our memory serves us aright, a presentation was made by a Grand Jury at a meeting of the Quarter Sessions, some time ago, recommending the necessity of a suitable fence being erected over the bank, on that part of the road leading from the residence of Mr. Ridley, eastward toward St. Patrick's School-house; and the placing of two or more Gas lamps also in that locality. We have heard no more of the matter since whether any action will be taken by the authorities to have the evil complained of looked after, or otherwise, we consider it a duty we owe to the community as a public journalist to trace up such dilatory conduct on the part of the 'powers that be'; and also to see that the rights of the lieges are respected.

We are very much pleased to observe the effect, and beneficial influence which has characterized the working of the Total Abstinence and Benefit Society of this town. We speak from personal knowledge and observation of the fact that numbers of its most useful and exemplifying members were, a few years ago, looked upon as a nuisance to the community; and since their enlistment in the ranks of this institution, a great reformatory influence has been the pleasing result. Too much credit cannot be awarded to those christian gentlemen who were the pioneers in this noble work. The Juvenile T. A. & B. S., is also doing a great amount of good as a preventative to the demoralizing tendency of intemperance, and also as a comforting assistant in the hour of trouble and bereavement no better association could be found.

The "Starrigan" edifice notables have been quite and inoffensive during the past week—perhaps their little game is played out. We anticipate a great clearance sale shortly of firewood in the shape of starrigans, gardeners, longers, &c. We would recommend all who are in need of the above, to visit a part of the town in the neighborhood of Noad Street and inspect for themselves. It is thought one more grand effort will be made to raise the wind. The first Lecture of the series came off on Tuesday, and was a decided success. The lecturer on entering the

'wing' was loudly cheered. He was escorted to the platform by Drum Major Higgins, and Corporal Webster, the band playing. "See the Conquering Hero Comes!" On the platform we noticed the leading members of the cause. The lecturer was introduced to the audience by friend Stevie, who also stated the object of the lecture, and hoped the learned gentlemen would be listened to with marked attention, so that the reporter of the "STAR" (who he saw among the assemblage) may not have it in his power to criticize, as he is wont to do. After the delivery of these few remarks of caution, the lecturer strode majestically to the front, and after giving a few glances into the crown of his hat, commenced his yarn. Space prevents us from laying before our readers the orator's remarks. At the close of his his address, a vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously passed. Should the Committee require any job-work done in the shape of posters, hand-bills, &c., we beg to acquaint them that we are prepared to execute the same in a first class style, and on the most accommodating terms.

The sum of twenty thousand dollars having been liberally voted by the Legislature, to defray the expenses of a survey across the Island. We proceed now to offer a few suggestions for the information of our numerous readers as to the best qualified men in the country to carry out this important work. We will give the names of the men and the part of the work to be performed by each individual. First on the list we will put down the name of the illustrious advocate of Railroads—the Editor of the "North Star"; next on the programme comes our old friend Seaton, the Editor of the "Express"—the well known ability and general knowledge which these contemporaries possess with regard to railway matters generally, are trumpeted over the length and breadth of the Island; we will assign to them the surveying of the land measuring and general engineering, reporting the exact cost of construction, per mile &c.; to bridge building, &c., no better could be found throughout the country than the well-known Garret Dooley. Next on the list comes the leveling estimator, sleeper-bed probabilities, &c. To this branch of the work our fellow townsman Tomosh would be satisfied be equal to the task; and next on the programme comes the "Standard's" Weathercock; without the presence and services of this valuable individual we could place no confidence, whatever, in the success of the mission. The wonderful knowledge of this wizard with regard to the weather will be of inconceivable benefit, if the retellings of nature's laws in the form of earthquakes, thunderstorms, hail, frost, snow, typhoons, &c., should threaten the country—the Weathercock can predict the exact moment that it will take place—three months previous. In order also to prevent any quarrelling, fighting or other obstructing causes of a similar kind, some military protection will be necessary. This part of the business can be well supplied in the person of a well known member of the police force in this town, whose military gait from the feet upwards has been a subject of great curiosity; he is also possessed of a wonderful aptitude in performing the 'right about face,' wheeling about and securing his prey in an instant. This useful acquisition to his general military bearing will be of inconceivable advantage to him, as growing, snarling, threatening, challenging, &c., may take place between the two Editors; he will therefore fall upon them at any moment. Having got them fully equipped and ready to start, it would be prudent on the part of the Receiver General to pay down the bounty, half in advance as some of the party may require some refreshments before leaving. We can fancy in our minds eye, this noble band of native pioneers moving forward from the Metropolis. The two Editors arm in arm occupying the front rank of the cortege, followed by Dooley and Tomosh and close on the heels of these—marching comes the Weathercock—his weather-eye lifting, and bringing up the rear rank marches the bold genlarne, with determination and heroism marking his noble face. We watch them fading from our view; we leave them to their task and exclaim, 'good luck boys a pleasant voyage to ye.'

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