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Country Talk.

Listowel.

Fred. Turner, of Walkerton, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Allie Barber, who has been visiting friends in Galt, returned home.

Thos. Edmonson, an old resident of Listowel, died at his residence, Bay street, on Sunday last.

The Town Council have decided to postpone their arrangements for electric lights until the fall.

The Perth County Sabbath School Convention will be held in town on the 15th and 19th February.

We are glad to state that A. Little, G. T. R. agent, who has been sick for some weeks, is improving slowly.

R. Brooks, formerly of Atwood, has opened out in Woolfe's stand, and is already quite a favorite with the public.

Several of our young people attended the ball in Wingham on Tuesday, 3rd inst. Report says they had a fine time.

A masquerade carnival will be held in the skating rink on Friday evening, Feb. 13th. Suitable prizes will be given for best costumes.

The Misses Campbell, daughters of D. D. Campbell, of this town, attended the Masonic Ball at Georgetown recently. It was a brilliant affair.

The parlor concert announced to be given under the auspices of the choir chapter of Christ Church Guild on Tuesday evening last, has been postponed.

Last Friday being fair day and the sleighing excellent a great many farmers were in town, and Listowel had the appearance of one of its old-time days.

The R. T. of T intend presenting to the public before long a drama, entitled "Down by the Sea." They also expect to soon secure the services of the Life Boat Crew.

A curling match was held here on Saturday between Wingham and Walkerton curling clubs. At the close of the game the Walkerton players were two shots ahead of their opponents.

Rev. Mr. Smyth, of Harriston, preached to large congregations in the Methodist church on Sunday last. He is a forcible speaker, and his sermons were remarkable for their earnestness and power.

Mr. Watson, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday. He is expected to occupy the same pulpit for the two following Sundays. His subject for next Sunday is: "Sceptics Idea of Freedom."

The Oddfellows on Friday night gave an oyster supper to two of their members who are leaving town. Alex. Ross, of Thompson Bros., is going to Toronto, and Jas. Hay purposes trying his fortune in Mexico. THE BEE wishes them success.

Listowel Conservatives met on Feb. 11th, at 7:30 p.m., in Woolfe's hall, for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the convention at Milverton on Thursday, 12th inst., at which a candidate was nominated to contest this riding for the Dominion House.

Knox church people spent a very enjoyable evening at a social held at Alex. Gordon's on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst. They will hold another at John Stevenson's, on Monday, 16th inst. Sleighs will be at Livingstone's corner at 6:30 p.m. to take out all who wish to go.

The Emma Wells Co. closed a week's engagement Thursday night, Feb. 5. On every evening they played to good houses and the large attendance is a good testimonial that the people were delighted. The vocal and instrumental solos of Miss Wells were excellent. T. H. Marks as a comedian has few superiors.

George Draper, who has been ill for a long time, died last Friday morning. His funeral, which was a very large one, took place on Sunday, at 2 o'clock. Many of his friends from both town and country followed his remains to the cemetery. The procession was headed by the High School teachers, High School Board, of which he was once chairman, and the Public School Board.

Owing to other engagements Lawyer Manning, of Clinton, who was to lecture on Feb. 12th in the Methodist church, had to postpone his visit. However, the young people in charge were fortunate enough to secure the services of the pastor, Rev. J. Livingston, who will lecture on "The Human Voice."

Miss L. Berry, of Lucknow, and Miss Minnie Tufts, of Hamilton, will render several solos.

Poole.

Miss Maggie McCoag is visiting her mother at Warton.

The relative standing of the pupils of the Poole school for the month of January is as follows: 5th Class—Addie Large, Richard Whitney, Wm. Kines. 4th Class—Melville Large, Peter Dewar, Jennie Kines, Jas. Chalmers. Senior Third—Maud Large, Eli Atkin, Annie Engel, Duncan Dewar. Junior Third—Albert Bergmann, Priscilla Daily, Milla Wilhelm, Peter Neumeister, John Fleming.

Trowbridge.

On Monday evening, 16th inst., the annual Sabbath School entertainment will be held. Program to consist of addresses, dialogues, recitations and music. Doors opened at 7, entertainment to commence at 7:30. Admission 10c; children under twelve free.

The Rev. J. C. Pomeroy, of Linwood, will spend next Sabbath on the Trowbridge circuit. He will preach at Molesworth at 10:30 a.m., and at 2:30 will address a mass meeting of Sabbath School children at Trowbridge. He will preach in Trowbridge at 6:30 p.m. A large turn-out is expected. Free seats for all.

I. O. G. T.—At the regular meeting of Trowbridge lodge, No. 197, the following officers were installed:—Stephen Cosens, C. T.; Miss M. H. Cosens, V. T.; Chas. Cosens, P. C. T.; Geo. Rowell, R. S.; Johnson McCormick, F. S.; Miss J. Cosens, Treas.; J. F. Code, Chap.; Miss Minnie Tughan, G.; Ed. Halpenny, S.; Thos. Tughan, M.; Miss Sophia Love, Dep. M.

Turnberry.

Mrs. McLaren, of Wingham, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Campbell has returned from a visit to relatives in Wellesley.

The Methodists of Salem are to have their annual tea meeting sometime in the near future. May the event coöperate.

A number from this part attended the Reform and Conservative conventions held in Brussels Monday and Tuesday last.

John Coats left for Manitoba Tuesday last with a car load of fine horses which he purchased from farmers of Turnberry.

Hugh Green and Mrs. J. Fortune, jr., and family left for the prairie province Tuesday last. May they have success in their new homes.

The Methodists of Bluevale are holding a series of evangelistic meetings which are being largely attended and with good results.

The young men of the Presbyterian church, Bluevale, have organized a Volunteer Work Society and intend having a grand entertainment about the end of this month.

Monkton.

The Methodist quarterly meeting on this circuit was held at Bethesda last Sunday.

John Harris and family of Bluevale, and Wm. Harris, of Brussels, were visiting at the factory last week.

There is some talk of our baseball club holding a grand concert in the English church some time in March. The boys deserve well of the public.

A. W. Tindall, who has been engaged to manufacture cheese at Dundalk next season, will move his family to that village some time in the near future.

The German Lutherans are looking for a site upon which to erect a church next summer. If there is any business enterprise in our landed men there should be no difficulty in purchasing a lot.

Among other celebrities we noticed these in our village last week: John Collison, of Harriston; Inspector Alex. Anderson and Sheriff Hoosie, of Stratford; Bailiff Coppin, of Mitchell, and David Shine of Milverton.

The Advocate's Monkton scribe reaches the height of self conceit in his reference last week to the mayorship of our village. Our present mayor was elected in spite of the opposition of the Advocate's man. The position is the gift of the people, not any one man who may imagine that he is smart. Our mayor has the hearty support of all the people, who are now laughing in their sleeve over the Advocate's scribe's attempt to make himself a "big" man.

Stratford.

Grand Chief Templar Wilson of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. G. T., presided at a conference of local temperance workers in their hall, in Stratford, on Thursday Jan. 27th. He was accompanied by Grand Councillor Metcalfe of Blyth, and Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Templars, Mrs. Scott, of Toronto. Delegates were present from Mitchell, Avonton, Trowbridge, Carlingford, Poole, Summerville, Sebringville and Stratford. The principal subject discussed was how to organize so as to carry on aggressive missionary temperance work in Perth. Reports were read from the different lodges represented as to their standing and work and their feeling tested as to organization. The reports were encouraging and much enthusiasm was manifested. All were unanimously in favor of organization. Each lodge wished to be in touch with the others. Executive officers were therefore appointed to look after the district as follows: W. A. Myers, Stratford, D. C. T.; Miss Kate Richmond, Poole, D. V. T.; J. C. Garden Stratford, D. D.; W. S. Smith, Stratford, D. S. T.; Miss Cosens, Trowbridge, D. S. T. Mrs. Scott gave an interesting address on juvenile templar work. Asked for pledges from the delegates and received a number of responses. The pledge embraces total abstinence from alcoholic drinks, profanity, tobacco and gambling. Those pledging themselves were authorized to organize Juvenile Temples in the district. The convention rose at six o'clock.

Donegal.

The post-masterhip at Donegal is still vacant, caused by the death of Mr. Aldred. We hope the vacancy will soon be filled.

The saw mill owned by Wm. Attick has the prospect of doing a good business this season, as his yard is about filled. A good many farmers around are preparing to build new barns, etc., causing the rush. He is also buying a large stock for shipping purposes. Mr. Attick has a good way of pleasing the public generally. We wish him success.

Brussels.

Colds are very fashionable at present. Harry Whitley spent Sunday in town—Sacrament in Knox church last Sabbath.

Rev. J. L. Kerr is on the sick list this week.

We are to have "the glorious 12th" in town this year.

Noble F. Gerry, wife and daughter spent Sunday in Mitchell.

Rev. R. Paul preached on the Ethel circuit last Sabbath morning.

R. G. Wilson arrived home from Salt Lake City, Utah, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Miss Hord, of Clinton, were the guests of Jno. Hill, Grey, last Sabbath.

Mrs. Jno. Leckie, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Olliver.

Quite a number took in the tea meeting at Ethel on Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Turnbull has sold her house and lot on Mechanic street to Jas. Hogg, of Grey township.

Miss Addie Vanstone was at Gode rich last Friday attending the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Bissitt.

Revival services still in progress in the Methodist church. Rev. Ottawell, of Walton, preached Friday evening.

Miss E. E. Kerr left last Wednesday for Durham where she goes to keep house for her brother, Rev. W. E. Kerr.

The corner store in Graham's block, lately occupied by J. Jones and W. M. Sinclair, is being fitted up for Alex. Strachan.

Rev. J. A. McLaughlin, M. A., delivered two very excellent sermons in the Methodist church last Sabbath, taking for his morning text, Dan. 6:10, and in the evening, Jer. 6:16. Mr. McLaughlin will always be a welcome supply in the Methodist church.

A great crowd in town Monday owing to the Reform convention. Short addresses were delivered in the afternoon by Dr. Macdonald, Thos. Gibson, M. P. P., and a very enthusiastic meeting in the evening, the hall being crowded to the doors. The meeting was addressed by Drs. Macdonald and Sloan. Dr. Macdonald was the unanimous choice of the convention.

Grey.

Mrs. J. A. Frayne is improving.

Mr. McGuire, 6th con., does not make the progress toward recovery nearly as rapidly as his many friends would desire.

David Clark's child, 14th con., is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been very sorely tried, having buried seven children, five of them within a few days of each other.

Thomas Calder and wife and George Forrest and wife were away at Wingham last week, attending the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Stark. The deceased lady had reached the good old age of 78.

The death is announced of Rev. D. Bickell, of Mount Forest, after a short illness from inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Bickell had been in the ministry for the past eight years and was a promising young divine of the Presbyterian church. He leaves a wife and four children. The rev. gentleman was the pastor of Trowbridge and Molesworth congregations for a time.

Next summer John Slemmon purposes building a new barn on lot 23, con. 9. It will be 40x64 feet, with stone stabling. Wm. Dark will do the mason work and Dan. Zimmer the framing and carpentering. Wm. Lake will also put up a large barn 40x60 feet, with roomy stabling underneath. Mr. Zimmer has the contract for the woodwork.

Robert Scott has sold his farm on the 15th concession to John Clark for \$2,000. This farm contains 50 acres, is an excellent place, and was sold cheap. Mr. Scott has purchased R. McDonald's place in Cranbrook for \$170, and intends living in that village. We hope Mr. Scott will have many years of good health to enjoy the pleasures of retirement from active duties, and to which his industrious and frugal life entitle him.

The tea meeting came off at Roe's church as announced, on Tuesday the 23rd ult., though the night was very cold and stormy there was a fair turn out, and all present appeared to enjoy themselves in first-class style. After justice had been done to the good things provided by the ladies of the congregation—and they can provide good things—J. Cober, of Ethel, was called to the chair which he filled in a very graceful manner. Then followed an anthem by the choir of the church. Rev. B. Sherlock then gave a reading on Temperance which was good and well received by all present. Next was music by the Misses Sherlock, and this followed by a speech by Mr. Johnson, school teacher. The choir then rendered another piece of music, after which the chairman called on Rev. R. Paul, of Brussels, who gave an address on "True Manhood."

Then more music by the choir. The next was a reading by Miss F. Sherlock. This was very fine. Another piece of music by the Misses Sherlock, and the national anthem by the choir brought the entertainment to a close. Proceeds \$19.10. A social was held Wednesday evening.

Henfryn.

J. L. McCrae has delivered over 700 ties at this station.

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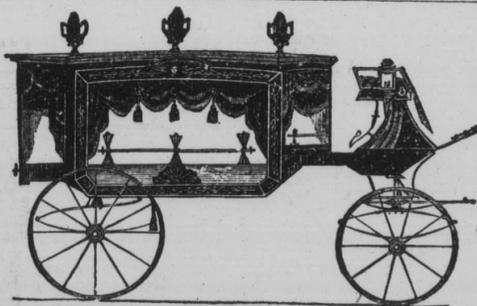
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