

The Rockwood Review.

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 10, at exactly 3.47 as recorded in the official minutes of Rockwood, the acting Storekeepers, (there are two of them), acting Assistant's Assistant rushed wildly into the office of the Chief Attendant, and asked if he smelled anything like ham frying. The Chief said he did, but considered it nothing unusual in an institution so arranged that in any part of the centre building the whole bill of fare can be diag-nosed long before it comes on the table. The young man replied that he thought this was a mistake, and asked the Chief to fill in a requisition to put a fire out. The Chief replied that such a course might be necessary in some institutions, but he did not think it was required here, but he would look it up. He turned up back file No. 20,683 which gave a rule, "When a fire is discovered put it out without reference to anyone." The Assistant Engineer, several Stokers, the whole of the numerous Storekeeping Staff, &c., &c., were lined up in the back yard, and armed with the modern combination Seltzer water and Siphon fire Extinguisher, while the Carpenter's assistant carried a sledge. At the word of command the well disciplined brigade rushed forward and surrounded the building where the fire was supposed to be. The Chief applied his eye to a knot hole, and at a glance took in the whole situation. In stentorian voice he ordered the young Carpenter to rend the padlock on the door into a thousand pieces. This was done, and as the door opened the young Assistants' Assistant rushed into the building regardless of danger, and in a moment staggered out again with an inanimate object in his arms. "Saved, saved," he gasped, and fell fainting on the ground. The fire was soon extinguished by the Seltzer Brigade, and an examination of the inanimate object proved it to be a juicy ham that was being smoked in a temporary smoke

house. The young man is doing well, the ham is well done, the damage by fire will not be charged to the Government Insurance Fund. Such satisfactory fire brigade practice has not been held since the days of a former Engineer, who succeeded in getting the Brigade to the stables, on a false alarm, in thirty-seven seconds, and escaped being extinguished himself by covering the return distance in ten seconds.

Mr. John McManus, our veteran Storekeeper, has passed through a very serious illness. Early in April he had an attack of erysipelas, followed by blood poisoning. For several days his life was despaired of, and his many friends at Rockwood were in great anxiety. Fortunately Mr. McM. has weathered the storm, and will soon be back at his old post, and will receive a warm greeting.

Mr. Wm. Shea has made his debut in a new act, and now poses as a "Wizard of the North." On April 13th he gave a capital sleight of hand performance in the Amusement Hall, and proved himself an adept in the art where "the quickness of the hand deceives the eye."

Mr. Woods, the latest addition to the Staff, is an excellent comedian and a good singer.

Sam Skinner is kept busy twitting several young people who are said to be on the brink of matrimony. In such case Sam is simply unique.

The Iris and Viola have been taken out of winter quarters, and the annual voting for the captaincy of the Iris will take place in a day or so. A compromise is suggested, viz. two captains- Davidson for gybes, and Shea for navigation.

Mr. Watson has reappeared as an elocutionist, and has been enthusiastically received.

Mr. A. Cameron, of Portsmouth, has recovered from a severe attack of lagrippe.