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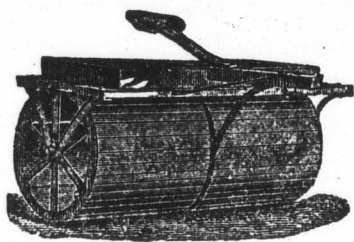
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Local Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis and daughter are at Charleston Lake this week, guests at Harbor View.

Mr. Isaac Cornell of Canton, N. Y., is visiting old friends in this district, the guest of Mr. Amos Blanchard.

Miss L. Culbert of Seely's, late of Brantford, is visiting friends in Athens, the guest this week of Miss Maudie Wiltse.

Mrs. S. S. Rowe of Burlington, accompanied by her little daughter, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Donnelly, Church street.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church meet at the home of Mrs. A. W. Blanchard on Thursday (to-morrow) at 3 p. m.

Nervousness is cured by making the blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the sweet, refreshing sleep of childhood.

On Monday last, Mr. Wm. Conlin took possession of and established himself in the shop vacated by Mr. D. R. Reid. He has put in two chairs and will employ an assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Holmes and son, George, left Athens last week on a pleasure trip to Inverary, Frontenac county. At that place there is a beautiful lake and excellent fishing.

A handsome mikado, manufactured by the McLaughlin Carriage Co. of Oshawa, was exhibited on Main street last week by Mr. E. Fair and it attracted a great deal of attention.

In discussions of the Boxer question we frequently hear the great wall of China mentioned. It will add to the interest of this wonderful structure to know that it was finished 211 B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Judson of Oshawa, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Earl and family, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Judson, Athens, are at Charleston lake this week, occupants of Ingle Wave cottage.

Mr. D. R. Reid leaves Athens in a few days for Westport where he will open a barber shop. Mr. Reid has conducted a successful business here and has made many friends who will regret his departure.

A telegram on Monday last apprised friends of Mrs. Johnathan Johnston of her serious illness. Accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. P. Y. Merrick, she had gone to Billings Bridge, near Ottawa, a week previously, to visit her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Lowe.

A change of residence has been made recently by two citizens of the south ward. Mr. H. Eyre has removed to the house just vacated by Mr. Sidney Moore, and Mr. George Derbyshire has taken possession of the residence recently acquired by him from Mr. S. Niblock.

Mr. John O'Connor, P. D., came to Athens on Monday in search of law for the lawless. He is determined to bring certain of his tormentors to the bar of justice and exhibited a whole bag of money that was to be sacrificed, if need be, in the attempt. He may also do a little private detective work while in town.

On the evening of Friday last, Miss Miriam Green, A. T. C. M., and her music pupils gave a very enjoyable musical at the home of Mrs. G. W. Beach, Mill street. Those who contributed to the programme were Misses Lucy Bullis, Lottie Witherill, Edith Young, Ethel Slack, Mabel Slack, Jessie Arnold, Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb, Miss Green, Messrs. J. E. Blanchard and S. Manhardt.

In one of the recent thunder storms, Mrs. H. Johnson of Delta was sitting beside a stove, holding a baby in her arms, when the electric fluid entered the chimney and passed down through the pipes to the stove. Mrs. Johnson received a shock but was not seriously injured and the baby escaped unhurt. It appears from reports of lightning accidents that a stove is a very good thing to keep away from during a storm.

Mrs. Kendrick of Portland was a visitor in Athens on Sunday.

Miss Keitha and Miss Ethel Gilroy are this week visiting friends in Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Berney and family returned home from Charleston today.

This issue of the Reporter has been delayed owing to the non-arrival of an express parcel.

The oldest newspaper in the world is the Peking Gazette, which has been published regularly since A.D. 1351.

A Hamilton girl has just married a man named Sock. It is said she objected to the name and would not have wed him only that he was well heeled.

A recipe for lemon pie vaguely adds: "Then sit on a hot stove and stir constantly." Just as if one could sit on a hot stove without stirring constantly.

Dr. and Mrs. Bingham returned to Hamilton this (Wednesday) morning, after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bingham, Elgin street.

The Dominion alliance has decided to make the 2nd Sunday in August a day of Christian Thanksgiving for the enactment of the Manitoba prohibition measure.

Gananoque Journal: Miss Bews, accompanied by her nephew, Master Douglas Bews, left on Saturday to visit friends in Brockville, Athens and Charleston Lake.

This week, Dr. Will Giles, Dr. Ed. Giles and wife of Montreal and other members of the family take possession of Camp Lookout, Charleston lake, for a month's stay.

Farmers' prospects all through this section of country are grand—never were better, according to farmers themselves. The heavy rains did little injury and that only in low lands.

A recent prohibition Convention in a western town was attended by Jeremiah Abstinence of Coldwater, Mich. A man with a name like that ought to know how to act in a temperance crowd.

Messrs. Nesbitt & Hall removed their steam stone crushing machinery from Athens on Wednesday morning after having broken and delivered on the road 440 yards of a superior quality of stone.

For an investment that pays, money spent in securing an education at the Brockville Business College is sure to bring returns. Mr. Wellington Allison has a position in the C.P.R. offices in Montreal and Hugh Adams has a situation as stenographer in the same city.

Record (Smith's Falls): Messrs. Moulton and Mackey of Westport have entered into an arrangement with Mr. W. W. Barton to buy his stock and take the lease of the store, beginning with the 1st of October. They are both bright young business men and will be a valuable acquisition to the business men of the town.

This week, on invitation of Miss Laura Bullis, a bevy of twenty-six Athenian maidens are enjoying the balmy breezes of Charleston Lake, all domiciled at the beautiful summer home of Mr. S. Y. Bullis. The party are being chaperoned by Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb and among those constituting the party are Miss Belle Wiltse, Misses Hattie, Lucy and Nellie Bullis; Ardella Charland, Elgin; Minnie Patterson, Brockville; Sadie Stewart, Newboro; Ross Breakenridge, Mabel Stewart, Cora and Jennie Wiltse, Lucy and Hattie Patterson, Mabel Karley, W. Elliott, Evelyn Wiltse, Ray Boyce, Jennie McChayne, Grace Wing and Mabel Slack. The echo that does duty at High-rock has telegraphed for assistance and by the end of the week it is expected that a full and faithful record of all the merry music of Charleston bay will be duly registered.

A Big Gun.

A gun guarding the harbor in New York is the largest in the world. It is no less than a ton and a half heavier than any other gun in existence, and will throw a shell weighing 2,350 pounds, while the weight of the powder required for each charge is 1,500 pounds. It is said to carry 16 miles, and every time it is fired means an expenditure of \$1,000, and it can be fired once in every two minutes. The cost of making was more than \$125,000—the total expense, including its armament and placing it in the harbor, amounting to \$500,000. The gun is so large that a British Lightguardian could crawl into it through the muzzle, and so capacious that 50 soldiers could shelter inside it. A hundred horses could barely draw its burden of 126 tons, and two and a half battalions of infantry could not carry it a dozen yards.

CHARLESTON NOTES.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1.—Both hotels are entertaining a large crowd of guests.

Every cottage at the lake is occupied and there are enquiries daily from outsiders for cottages to rent.

Mr. B. Loverin, wife and daughter are occupying their houseboat, Lah-n-o-tah, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. Bert Daniels of Prescott.

On Saturday next the Athens Council of Chosen Friends will picnic at the grove lately fitted up by B. Loverin and in the afternoon will be taken for a ride on his houseboat. On Thursday 18th August, the Methodist and Anglican Sunday schools of Lyndhurst will hold a union picnic on the same grounds.

P. W. Strong and wife entertained a few friends at their cottage on Tuesday.

Mr. Loverin's steam yacht, Sport, made the run from Donaldson's Bay to its moorings at Warren's Bay, a computed distance of five miles, in twenty-seven minutes on Saturday last.

W. Crozier and Son's Catamaran is completed and made its trial trip a few days ago. It worked to the entire satisfaction of its owners. It is an odd looking craft and will draw as much attention and comment as the houseboat, when brought up to the dock at Charleston.

EXPOSING A HOTEL BEAT.

The Elevator, or, Rather, His Red Underwear, Did It.

"I've had a variegated experience with hotel beats in my time," said a veteran boniface who was in town on a visit the other day, "but I believe the funniest incident in the line that ever came under my observation occurred some years ago when I had charge of a house at a sister city not a thousand miles from New Orleans."

One rainy evening shortly after the arrival of the eastern trains a tall, good looking chap walked into the office swathed from neck to heels in a long cape mackintosh. It was as handsome a rain coat as I ever saw, and his fashionable hat and the expensive alligator skin valise he carried in his hand completed the outward picture of a man of means. He wrote his name on the register and, remarking that he was thoroughly fatigued and not feeling very well, asked to be shown at once to his room. The clerk assigned him to quarters on the third floor, and one of the bellboys picked up his valise and led the way to the elevator.

When they got out, the elevator man slammed the door rather suddenly and kept on going up to answer a call in the next story. It so happened that the long skirt of the stranger's mackintosh caught on a slight projection on the ironwork of the door, and as the car shot upward it stripped the garment off his back, very much after the fashion of skinning an eel, leaving him, to the blank amazement of the bellboy, clad in nothing but a suit of red flannel underwear.

"I was coming down the hall just as the accident happened, and I took in the situation at a glance. The fellow had expected to gain his room without detection and in the morning would have claimed that somebody had stolen his clothes with heaven only knows how much money in the trousers pockets and probably a gold watch in the vest."

"Anyhow, he was caught 'dead to rights,' as the saying goes, and he was taken so completely by surprise that he couldn't invent any story to account for his condition. He begged piteously not to be arrested, and I finally told him to get out, but before he could leave the house he had to have some clothes, and he swapped his elegant valise for a pair of greasy overalls and a blue cotton jumper belonging to the engineer. I heard afterward that he had caught several big houses on the same game."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

CHURCHGOING IN OLDEN TIMES.

Attendants at Service Used to Have a Very Sociable Season.

Sir Walter Besant has written whimsically, giving a glimpse of churchgoing a couple of hundred years ago. He says: "Did you ever go to a church in 1700? I have just come from a service at St. Stephen's, Walbrook, a Sunday morning service in that year. The congregation began to arrive a quarter of an hour or so before the service commenced. The ladies were dressed finely. A footman or a page or an apprentice walked behind them carrying their prayer books. He preceded them up the aisle, opened the door of their pew and placed the books on the desk before the seats. This done, he retired to a place under the gallery where the domestics sat."

"The women in the pew stood up and exchanged smiles of greeting with their acquaintances; with those in the pews before and behind them conversed openly; the church was filled with the buzz of conversation. When the service began, a great many, to show their devoutness, repeated everything out aloud, even the absolution and the verses assigned to the clergymen. They even read out loud the lessons of the day and the gospel and epistle. Some of the people continued to talk to each other from one pew to the other. A psalm, not a hymn, was sung, and only one."

"During the singing most of the people sat down. After the service was over the churchgoers renewed their civilities toward each other and their conversation on things of the most worldly kind. My companion lamented the ill timed talk of the people and the foolish habit of repeating the whole service out loud; as for sitting while the psalm was sung, he said it was to be excused on the ground that the version was miserable. Besides, it was a 'custom so inveterate' that there was no hope of getting it altered."

"Yet when I went to church with Hogarth 30 years later the people all stood up for the singing. How and when was the custom changed? How long did the people continue reading the service aloud? And when was the practice of conversation and the exchange of civilities before the service discontinued?"

Sympathetic.

Miss Reader—"There is a world of sentiment in Tennyson's line—'And may there be no moaning at the bar when I put out to sea.'"

Mr. Widdelhead—"Yes, I see; didn't want the lawyer to feel bad.—Baltimore American."

Insult Added to Injury.

"That woman editor hurt my feelings terribly."

"Did she say she had thrown your poetry in her wastebasket?"

"No; she said she had thrown it in her trash basket."

Not Elastic.

To a man who never can make his salary stretch from one pay day to the next a learned financial article on "The Elasticity of Our Currency" must seem bitter sarcasm.—New York Press.

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