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Country Talk.

Grey.

Alex. Stewart, of the 14th con., has been on the sick list during the last two or three weeks, but is now much better.

James Sinclair, of the 14th con., has been ill for some time past with typhoid fever but we are glad to state that his physician now pronounces him out of danger.

Wm. Habkirk, of the 9th con., purposes having an auction sale of his farm and farm stock about the first week in February.

Alex. Crerar, who went to Manitoba eight years ago, has been here on a visit. He is located at Binscarth and is well satisfied with the appearance of things in the west. Mrs. Crerar and children are visiting in Stratford.

Hilton Fowler is teaching in S. S. No. 2, as the teacher the trustees first engaged failed in his final examination at the Model. Howard Fowler, the late teacher, is now attending the Toronto Normal, but will resume teaching in S. S. No. 2, after the midsummer holidays, when his brother's term expires.

A meeting was held in Turnbull's school house on Monday evening of last week, under the auspices of the Walton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society. Excellent addresses were given by the chairman (Jas. Smillie) and Geo. Gigg, Jas. Bulgar, Alex. Gardiner, Rev. D. Forrest, David Knight, and Rev. W. Ottewill. Appropriate musical selections were interspersed. Before the close four young ladies were appointed to canvass the line for subscriptions to the Society. The meeting was a good one and enjoyed by all present.

Listowel.

J. H. Gunther is making great improvements in his jewelry store.

A live, energetic correspondent for THE BEE wanted here. Who will respond to the call?

"I trust the merchants of Listowel will not forget to have a regular closing hour this summer."—One of the clerks.

Joseph Harrison, an employe in Hess Bros. factory here had parts of three fingers taken off by a planer. The hand although painful is doing as well as can be expected.

On election night great bon-fires were built on the corner of Mann and Wallace streets in honor of Thomas Magwood, the Conservative candidate-elect. Wild excitement prevailed in both party camps.

About 2 o'clock last Friday morning fire broke out in a frame dwelling here owned by Con. Miller, of East Toronto, and occupied by L. Seebach, which was totally destroyed. Insured in Western for \$500; loss about \$200 above insurance. The origin of the fire was a defective chimney.

There has been a change in the officers of the local corps of the Salvation Army here. Capt. R. I. Werry has been promoted and is now in the Chatham Division as Divisional Secretary. Capt. Werry and wife left for their new home on Tuesday of last week. They are succeeded here temporarily, by Capt. Snider and wife, of Seaforth.

A little girl, daughter of Mrs. Tremain, widow, had the misfortune to have her arm broken while playing at the Public School a few days ago. The fracture is said to have been caused by a boy striking the little one's arm with his hand. This should be a warning to the school children against playing roughly, about which there have been some complaints of late.

A couple of youths from the west end of the town made their way into the Congregational church one day recently, through the cold-air duct, and proceeded to do what mischief suggested itself to their depraved minds. They appropriated a missionary collection, amounting to about \$3, which had been left in a cupboard, and before they left they set fire to the music stool and organ which was damaged considerably. It appears that the boys afterwards quarrelled over the spoils, and this is the way they were found out. They were summoned before the Police Magistrate, but were let off with a warning; their parents agreeing to make the damage good and restoring the stolen funds.

Donegal.

Our esteemed townsman, William Flood, is at present confined to the house by an attack of fever. Under the care of Dr. Rice we hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

ERROR.—In the report of the Donegal cheese factory last week the total money received for the year should have read \$10,694.39, instead of \$40,694.39 as quoted in last week's BEE.

Messrs. Watson and Buchanan, former residents of this locality, but now of Manitoba, are visiting old friends and relatives in this vicinity. Both have done well in the prairie province.

Eighth concession voters in this neighborhood were pleased to find out last Thursday that polling sub-division No. 5 had been left unchanged and that the county papers were in error.

Robert Nixon, son of James Nixon, is home from Manitoba visiting his parents. The pleasure of his visit has been greatly lessened by the continued severe illness of his sister Emma, who is suffering from lung trouble. Dr. Hamilton is doing all that medical skill can do to bring about her recovery. May he be successful.

Elma.

Mr. Hodgins and wife, of Lueknow, spent a few days visiting Mrs. S. Wilson, 8th con.

Will Baker and his brother Walter, of Manitoba, are over on a visit, having moved from Elma 11 years ago.

Miss Clara Jolly is visiting friends in Downie this week. There must be some attraction for the Elma girls there.

Miss Bessie Richardson returned to her place in Stratford on Wednesday after spending a week under the parental roof.

Miss Mary Challenger, of Mitchell, returned home last Saturday after a two weeks' visit with her cousin, Miss Jennie Challenger, 8th con.

The North Perth election excitement ran high in Elma last Friday. Teams were flying about in all directions. Some were known to poll their vote who had not voted for seven or eight years past. The strength of the respective political parties in the township was verily tested.

On Thursday, of last week James Holmes' little boy, Willie C., 16th con., died of diphtheria. Medical aid was summoned and every effort put forth to save the life of the sufferer, but to no purpose. The funeral took place on Sunday last, interment in the 12th line cemetery. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Diphtheria appears to be fastening its death grip on several families of Elma township. The latest victim to its relentless stroke is Willie H., a little son of Mrs. Barton, 8th con., aged 6 years, 8 months and 4 days, who died at 11 o'clock on Saturday evening last. This disease is in many instances fatal with children, and in spite of medical skill and the best of nursing the little fellow succumbed to the inevitable. The funeral, which proceeded to the 12th line cemetery on Monday, was largely attended. The bereaved mother has the heartfelt sympathy of the community in this her hour of sorrow.

OBITUARY.—At the advanced age of 77 years, Mrs. Jos. Dawson, the surviving head of an old Elma family, passed away on Friday, Jan. 16, at the old homestead. She and her husband and family came back into the bush 37 years ago, taking up and cleaning the farm on the town line known as the Dawson homestead, on which both the old people lived until death, and which is now in possession of their son, Matthew. The deceased, James Robinson, was the daughter of James Robinson, of Appleby, Westmorland, England. She was married in England to Joseph Dawson and five of her family were born in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson came to Canada 42 years ago, settling in Innisfil, Simcoe Co. Their nine children are all living, the eldest Matthew, on the homestead, James in Dakota, Mark in Minnesota, Joseph is a doctor in the state prison in Joliet, Ill., and Robert is in Aylmer, Ont., two of the daughters are living in Manitoba and the youngest is on the homestead. Mr. Dawson died in Elma seven years ago. Thus one by one our pioneers are passing away. Mrs. Dawson's was a familiar face in the neighborhood. She was held in the highest respect and many feel that they have lost in her a friend of very old standing.

The messenger of death has visited a number of the quiet homes of Elma township during the past few days and has left sorrow and anguish in the family circles wherever his grim mission of sorrow and death has led him. The home of Wm. Little, 12th con., was bereft of one of its brightest jewels last Saturday night, 24th inst., in the person of Miss Maggie Ann Little, who, after a prolonged illness extending over the greater part of her lifetime, bade adieu to perishing things of earth and passed home to her reward. In addition to her other bodily ailments she had the misfortune to fall on the kitchen floor and break her leg, which doubtless shortened her brief stay on earth. She was a good girl, and her cheerful demeanor and Godly life was a benediction to those who formed her acquaintance. The family are members of the English church, Henfryn. In the absence of their pastor, Rev. E. St. Yates, Rev. Mr. Parke, of Listowel, performed the last sad rites at the grave. Deceased was in her twenty-fifth year. It is often difficult to understand God's purposes and designs in the hour of suffering and death, but knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God," we willingly submit to His all-wise providence even though it sometimes means the severance of the hitherto unbroken chain of the family circle. May this affliction be sanctified to the remaining members of the family is the united wish of their many sympathizers.

Bornholm.

C. Rock, while working in his planing mill at Brodhagen last Friday, had the misfortune to have the top of one of his little fingers completely severed from the rest.

ENTIRELY FAIR.

The maiden blushed and hung her head. "What do you take me for?" she said. The young man spoke up eagerly. "For better or for worse," said he.

A very successful tea meeting in the interests of the Logan appointment was held at that place on Monday evening last. Some of the speakers who were expected failed to put in an appearance, but their places were very acceptably filled by some prominent persons from Mitchell, namely, Messrs. Ford and Babb, merchants. Mr. Wood ex-Councillor, occupied the chair in his usual happy manner. The choir gave some excellent music, also Rev. and Mrs. Brandon favored the audience with some well selected music, while Miss Near, of Monkton, delighted them with two recitations. The ladies are to be congratulated on their well-spread table. The proceeds amounted to \$68.

Turnberry.

Farmers are holding their grain for better prices.

Mr. McPherson is at Goderich this week attending the first meeting of the new county council.

A number of our young people are spending this week with friends in Stanley. We hope they are having a pleasant and enjoyable time.

The Methodists of Bluevale commenced a series of evangelistic meetings Sunday last. They will be continued for a few weeks if the weather permits.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Winnipeg, who have been spending a few weeks with her father, David Gemmill, returned to the prairie province Monday last.

OBIT.—An old pioneer and resident of the Howick boundary passed to meet his reward Tuesday, 20th inst., in the person of John Gallaher. Deceased was a prominent member of the Methodist church, who departed this life at the ripe old age of 80 years leaving behind him a large family most of whom are grown up and doing for themselves.

Ethel.

Miss Wilson, of Mount Forest, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Spence.

Heffernan & Bawltinimer shipped a car of lambs the other day.

T. G. Ratchffe, of Donegal, smiled on his Ethel friends last Saturday.

A party of village young people spent Monday evening of last week with Geo. Welsh and family. A pleasant time is reported.

John Whitfield, jr., who has spent the past four years in Michigan, is visiting in this section. He reports times dull in that state.

We are sorry to learn that Thomas Slemmon is laid up with inflammation on the lungs. We hope to see him around again shortly.

During the past ten days the saw logs have been rushed into the mill in good style. The stock now is about equal to other seasons, which is encouraging to the owner and employes.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church was held last Monday evening. The attendance was fairly large. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$37.05. The sacrament was administered on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Stewart conducting the service morning and evening.

We omitted to mention the meeting of the Ethel Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society which was held on the 7th inst. in the Presbyterian church here. Mrs. Sutherland gave an interesting address and Mrs. McNabb, of Lucknow, read a paper on missions. The following officers were elected:—Mrs. Dunbar, President; Mrs. Patton, Vice-President; Miss Davis, Secretary; Mrs. Panabaker, Treasurer. A lively interest is manifested in this important department of church work.

Monkton.

Quite a number from this locality attended the tea meeting at Bornholm on Monday night.

Wm. Harris, jr., returned home last week from a visit among his old friends in the vicinity of Brockville.

Several cases of that dread disease—diphtheria—exists on the 16th con. Elma, but it is not expected to make much further headway.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied last Sunday by an evangelist named Reid. Mr. Reid seems to be an earnest Christian and evidently possesses the fire and force so necessary to a successful revivalist.

On Jan. 21st a meeting in behalf of Dr. Ahrens was held in Huggins' Hall. Dr. Ahrens was represented by Dr. McKay and W. C. Moscrip, and Mr. Magwood by Dr. Philip and Geo. Moir. The four speakers were all old "stumpers" and they delivered good speeches.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. Mr. Brandon, Edward Cleaver was united in marriage with Mrs. Houghton. Mr. Cleaver is well known and highly respected here and all unite in wishing him and his bride a long, prosperous and happy life.

The Advocate scribe in this village has evidently been in a sound sleep since last December. In a recent issue he announced the startling discovery that our Mayor for 1881 was Mr. Green-sides. Such is not the case. On nomination day no one was brought out in opposition to Mayor McKenzie and he therefore was re-elected by acclamation. The general desire is to let the present Mayor hold the office as long as he wants it, and until he resigns it will be a waste of time for dissatisfied sore-heads to boom their "pet" candidates.

Brussels.

Mrs. Alex. Wilson is on the sick list this week.

Miss F. Flouty, of Wingham, is visiting in town.

Miss Dundas is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kneetal, jr.

Miss Maggie Stewart is home on a visit from Mount Forest.

Master Bryan, of Lucknow, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. Sell.

Miss Minnie Shaw is home from her situation as milliner at Bridgen.

Thos. Fletcher has disposed of his brick residence to George Thompson.

Mrs. Geo. Love and Miss Carrie, of Harriston, are visiting Mrs. Alex. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Orangeville, are visiting his sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Paul.

The banquet announced for the Salvation Army has been indefinitely postponed.

Willie Haslam who has been in Dakota for some time, is visiting old friends in and around town.

Grand carnival at the rink this (Friday) evening; our rink is being pretty well patronized this winter.

Quite a number of our R. T. of T. Council visited the sister Council in Listowel last Monday evening.

We are pleased to see T. Moore able to be out again, he has been confined to the house for some time with sciatica.

Adam Good and wife, Mrs. S. Fear, Garfield Vanstone, Mrs. W. Vanstone and Miss Lillie are all on the sick list this week.

The plate glass front has been put in to Stretton's new block. After a few more fires we will have a first class front street.

Communion in Melville church last Sabbath, the pastor preached in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Law, of Belgrave, in the evening.

Rev. W. Smyth, of Harriston, preached Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Methodist church at the special services.

The store formerly occupied by A. Good as his grocery store, is being fitted up for J. Jones, jeweller, and W. M. Sinclair, lawyer.

A. Strachan has leased the commodious corner store in Dr. Graham's block for a term of years and will remove his stock in the course of a month or so.

Messrs. Dickson & Hays have removed their law office to the rooms formerly occupied by E. E. Wade, Leckie's block, over the bank. The store vacated by them will be utilized as sample rooms for the American Hotel.

At a meeting held at the Post Publishing House, Saturday afternoon, 17th inst., the following collectors were appointed in connection with the Brussels Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society for the districts named:—Brussels East—Misses Vanstone and Kelly; Brussels West—Mrs. R. Ross, Mrs. Strachan; Brussels North—Mrs. Kerr, and Miss Rivers; Morris, con. 7—Misses McColl and McCarter; con. 6—Misses Walker and Smith; con. 5—Misses Clark and Love; con. 4—Misses Black and Currie; con. 3—Misses Ireland and Armstrong; con. 2—Misses Reid and Forrest; Ethel—Misses Davies and Milne; Grey, cons. 13 and 14—Misses Ballantyne and Hislop; cons. 11 and 12—Miss Perrie; cons. 9 and 10—Misses Hill and Habkirk; cons. 7 and 8—Misses Crooks and Cardiff; cons. 5 and 6—Misses Smith and Smith; cons. 3 and 4—Misses Strachan and Taylor; cons. 1 and 2—Misses Strachan and Beharill. The collectors books must be returned to the Sec. Treas. in time to allow him to send away the annual report March 1st.

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