COUNTY NEWS.

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything Well Mixed Up.

GLEN BUELL.

WEDNESDAY, May 6.—We are sorry to say that our teacher, Miss Scott, was compelled to close school on account of sickness.

Mrs. Fowler, of Athens, has renewed old acquaintance in this place and started a music class.

House-cleaning and spring work are the order of the day now.

A little rain would be very acceptable just now, as the ground is getting very hard to work.

Mr. Howard Morehouse visited at Mr. Watson Davis' on Sunday last.

Miss Morehouse and Miss Percival visited at Mr. Brock Davis' one day last week.

Some of the folks don't feel so jolly now as on last Halloweve night. They are laughing on the other side of their mouth now, when they have to watch old brindle. Won't you please put on your gate, and we will never do it again?

HARLEM

MONDAY, May 4.—Farmers are busy at present putting in their spring crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood moved to their home near Toledo on May 1st.

Quarterly service was conducted on Sabbath by Rev. G. Poyser, and it was well attended.

Mrs. Hugh Smith returned to her mother's home after visiting friends in Harlem for a few days.

Mr. Albert Gorman has returned home and is about to take up his abode near this place for the summer. Glad to have you among us, Ab.

Mr. James Taylor is slowly recovering from the gash he recived in his foot some time ago.

Miss C. Preston has been visiting Miss May Chapman of Portland for the past few days.

Miss Edith Mark has returned to Toledo again.

We notice that the young folk of this place take advantage of the good wheeling at present.

Prayer meetings started in Chantry on Sabbath evening.

We notice that bike's make their usual trips again this summer.

Visitors:—Miss M. Elliott at J. F. Chapman's; Mary Coon, at the Misses Smith's.

TREVELYAN.

MONDAY, May 4.—Miss M. J. Kelly has returned home from Kingston after an extended visit with her brother, the Rev. J. J. Kelly, and many other friends in that city.

Mr. D. Heffernan and lady passed through our town on Sunday, May 3rd, en route for Wexford.

Our vet. is kept busy these days looking after the farmer's friend, (the horse). His supernatural docility about the above mentioned quadruped is unlimited.

Strange to say, the common herbage of the field is still held at $14,00 per ton, while the genus Avena is plentiful at the normal price of 28 to 31c.

Mr. Horace Burch of Gloomvale is lamenting the loss of his ewe cat. She got her leg broken.

On Friday of last week the dwelling house owned by William Hendry, near Mott's hill, on the road to Lyn, was destroyed by fire. While burning brush in the orchard a cinder was carried by the wind and lodged on the roof. The shingles being old and mossy, the fire easily caught and before help arrived the roof was totaly burned off. The walls were built of stone, so they managed to save the lower floor, partitions, and woodshed.

Visitors:—Tiechet Lazuko, Tobious Bunton, Miss Tuffy, Mary Pelter, and W. Watson.

FRONTENAC

MONDAY, May 4.—Spring work is now the order or the day in this vicinity.

Mr. Michael Hudson has emigrated to Uncle Sam's Land, and his genial smiles will be very much missed by the young people of this locality.

Thomas Spence has accepted a position in the Palace Factory at Addison. We wish him success.

Charles Flood is now rusticating at Mr. John Hudson's.

Mrs. Dockrill, who was very ill, is now, we are pleased to state, much improved.

Catching fresh fish is among the industries of our people at the present time, but the most of them say it's a rather scaly business.

Jack Shea paid our town a flying visit last week, and it is rumored that he will carry off one of our fairest damsels in the near future.

Mr. N. Shea has secured the services of Mr. Thomas Woodend to draw milk during the coming season.

Visitors:—Mr. and Mrs. P. Shea, of Chicago; Joe Flint, of Syracuse; Chas. Flood, P. McTyre, and A. McDougall.

GREENBUSH.

MONDAY, May 4.—Arbor Day was duly observed in our school.

Messrs Haskins & Falkner, who have leased the general store formerly run by Mr. R. E. Foster, are doing a good business. We wish them success in their enterprise.

Mr. James Hewitt is adding to the appearance and comfort of his dwelling by the addition of a new woodshed and kitchen.

Mr. Clifford Blanchard, who was obliged by ill health to return home from New York, is not much improved. He talks of a sojourn in the South, in the hope that thereby his strength may be regained.

Miss A. Ross, of Athens, was the guest of Miss Moore for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Pike Falls, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. S. Loverin spent a few days at Maple Grove, Addison, last week.

Mr. H. Olds is a guest at the home of Mr. Norton Olds.

5,000 Deacon skins wanted at the Athens Meat Market by E. D. Wilson & Son. 2m

E. S. Clow is prepared to furnish wheelmen with cyclometers, saddles, bells, cement and all other sundries, at lowest prices.

T. G. Stevens has just received a fine assortment of fancy furniture for spring trade, making his stock complete in all lines. Please call and see. Will take basswood and ash lumber in exchange for furniture. 3i

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraphed Information.

CASUALTIES.

William Bellamy of Brockville, aged 10 years, was run over by a car and it was found necessary to amputate the leg between the ankle and the knee.

R. Hodgson, aged 20, whose home was in Toronto, but who was working at Oshawa, in attempting to board a freight train fell and had both legs taken off by the wheels. He died about two hours afterwards.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The bricklayers' laborers of Toronto, to the number of 1000 went on strike May 1 for higher pay.

May day was either not observed in the European capitals, or it passed off without any disturbances.

The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Traction Company, Philadelphia, nominally went into effect at 4 o'clock Friday morning. The effort to tie up the system failed.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The Toronto Civic Board of Control has decided to reduce the number of tax collectors to six.

Subscriptions for the new loan of the city of Montreal of £410,000 have been closed in London, Eng. Te loan was largely over-subscribed.

On Saturday the Board of Police Commissioners of Ottawa formally dismissed Chief of Police McVeity. Mr. McVeity has announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty.

POLITICS—IMPERIAL.

It is reported that Lord Salisbury has decided to appoint Lord Llandaff, better known as Mr. Henry Matthews, Q.C., who was Home Secretary in the last Salisbury Cabinet, to succeed the Marquis of Dufferin as British Ambassador at Paris.

The Pall Mall Gazette claims that it has authority to deny the prevalent rumors that Lord Salisbury is about to retire from the Foreign Office owing to failing health. He was never in better health, the paper says, and never more eager for work.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Thom's photograph gallery and dwelling was completely gutted by fire at Lucan.

On the last day of April five thieves were shot in Cripple Creek during the fire and two in Poverty Gulch. Twenty-five firemen were injured during the day.

St. Marys had a $20,000 fire on the 30th ult., which started in the National Hotel stables. At one time the whole business portion of the town was in danger, and London and Stratford were telegraphed for aid, but the fire was brought under control before the engines were loaded on the cars.

THE DEAD.

The wife of Rev. W. J. Clark died at London.

Charles Gamon, one of the most prominent citizens of Collingwood, died Sunday afternoon in his 74th year.

John U. Diamond, ex-Deputy Reeve of Thurlow, and formerly of Belleville, died at the Home for Incurables, Toronto, on Saturday.

Timothy W. Anglin, chief clerk of the Surrogate Court, who at one time was Speaker of the Dominion House of Commons, died at his residence in Toronto, Sunday, at the age of 74 years.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

Li-Hung-Chang has arrived in St. Petersburg bearing a letter from the Emperor of China to the Czar, and numerous costly presents.

France and Italy have demanded of the Porte an indemnity for the loss of life of citizens of those countries and the destruction of property belonging to Catholic missions during the recent massacres in Anatolia.

The new customs regulation governing the exportation of horses in the United States went into effect May 1. Under its provisions the sum of $3 must be paid at the port of exportation on every horse brought into the country.

PURELY PERSONAL.

A report comes from Montreal that Sir Donald Smith is to be made a Peer.

Premier Greenway left Toronto on Saturday for the west, and will spend some time in Chicago on his way home.

Princess Beatrice (Princess Henry of Battenberg), daughter of the Queen, has been appointed Governor of the Isle of Wight.

Muzaper-Ed-Din, the second son of the late Shah, was enthroned at Tabriz, the capital of the Province over which he has been acting as Governor.

There is not the slightest hope of the recovery of the Czarewitch, who is in the very last stages of consumption, and arrangements have been made in case of his death, to cancel the coronation ceremonies.

THE DARK CONTINENT.

The recent action with the insurgent Matabeles resulted in inflicting such severe loss upon them that Buluwayo is looked upon as being practically relieved.

Judge Gregorowski, who presided at the trial of the Reformers at Pretoria, was hooted and groaned at on his return to Bloemfontein, in the Orange Free State.

A number of cipher telegrams connecting the South Africa Company's officials with Dr. Jamieson's raid in the Transvaal have been made public by the Boer Government.

According to a London correspondent of The St. Petersburg Novosti, Great Britain's aim in the Soudan campaign is to reoccupy the Equatorial Province and when she has established herself on the Upper Nile she will evacuate Egypt.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The water was let into the Cornwall Canal on Friday, and navigation was opened on Saturday morning. The canal was kept open on Sunday.

All the coal companies advanced anthracite prices to the basis made by Reading, Lehigh Valley and Lackawanna. The advance is 25 cents per ton, taking effect at once.

The ship-building business of the Clyde is better than it has been for years. All trade differences have been settled, and there is enough work ahead to keep the yards busy all the present year.

The burden of commercial advices from New York is to the effect that business in the United States, while better, is not as good as had been expected—or, perhaps, hoped for—at this advanced period of the season.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

A despatch from Simla says that the drought in that district is causing great distress.

Rain fell incessantly in eastern Manitoba for the 48th hour Friday night, and in many districts the water is completely covering the low lands. Seeding operations will be greatly retarded.

Over four million bushels of grain are said to be in elevators along the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, waiting for export to the Old Country. Most of the elevators have been quite choked up.

The Imperial House passed the bill to amend the law respecting the rating of occupiers of agricultural land in England. The effect of the bill will be to take from the Imperial exchequer the sum of £2,000,000 yearly. The vote stood 333 to 156.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

The London press are clamoring for the crushing of the Transvaal, and in this spirit Mr. Chamberlain has sent a message to President Kruger.

Advices from Trinidad state that the British intend to force the passage of the Orinoco, and that the Venezuelans are determined to resist the attempt to their utmost.

Staff-Sergeant Harp of the 48th Highlanders, who won first place on the Canadian Bisley team of this year, left Thursday night ahead of the team, for the Old Country.

The arrival of Earl Grey and his troopers at Buluwayo will be the signal for a general advance of British forces, which will immediately take the offensive against the Matabeles.

The Matabele impi, which was defeated on the bank of the Umguza river, now occupies a position commanding the Salisbury road, for the purpose of intercepting the Rhodes column.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement Boiled Right Down.

D. & A. Corsets at G. W Beach's.

Mr. T. H. Crawford of Mallorytown spent Sunday here.

Rev. L. A. Betts of Brockville was an Athenian visitor this week.

Division Court is being held to day. The docket is a very light one.

Miss Ethel M. Crawford spent a week visiting friends in Elgin and vicinity.

The Brockville Cheese Board will not meet for organization until the second Thursday in May.

Mrs. M. K. Evertts of Easton's Corners is here this week assisting in the care of Mrs. Wm. Howe, who is still very ill.

Mrs. W. H. McDonald, of Brockville, has returned home, having been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Crawford.

Isaac C. Alguire has joined the procession of non-fencers and removed the unsightly fence from in front of his premises.

Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Hagar, Athens were at their island cottage, Tremont Park, near Gananoque, on Wednesday and Thursday, getting things in trim for the season.

Mr. Delorma Wiltse, of Athens, left Napanee on April 30th for Prince Edward county and other points west as traveler in the interest of Douglas Bros. & Co., Napanee.

W. G. Parish has had a gang of men placing a new iron roof and iron sheeting on his grain storehouse near his mill at the B. & W. Station, thus rendering it fire proof against sparks from his mill or the engine on the B. & W.

Her Majesty's Birthday will be celebrated at Charleston on Monday, May 25th, 1896. Boat races for the championship of Charleston lake will start at two o'clock p. m. Greasy pole during the afternoon, grand display of fireworks in the evening at 8:30. 3i

Jas. Kilborn, east Main street, has greatly improved the appearance of his large lot by the removal of his barn and workshop to a more convenient location and by taking away a lot of useless fences running across the lot. The change makes a wonderful improvement in the appearance of his premises.

Lapoint continues to occupy the day room in jail where he was placed on his removal from the General Hospital and will not be locked up in a cell like ordinary prisoners until he has fully recovered or is able to get up and retire according to the prison regulations. Though he walks around considerable he lies on the bed the greater part of the time. Dr. Moore the jail surgeon is attending him. The prisoner is as reticent as ever about making even the slightest mention of his crime.

According to the Times, two popular young people of Brockville, Miss Edith McCoubrie and Mr. Charles Marshall, were married very quietly in Athens a few days ago. We are pleased to notice this evidence of the revival of an industry that flourished here some time ago. It is contrary to ministerial etiquette to advertise individual experiments at matrimonial knotting, so we take the liberty of stating in a general way that the ceremony can be performed in this town as pleasantly and expeditiously as anywhere in Canada.

Yesterday (Tuesday) Athens lost one of her best citizens in the person of Elijah W. Middleton, who left Canada to take up his abode in Uncle Sam's domains. He will locate at Madrid Springs, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he will open up a bakery. Mr. Middleton has been a resident of Athens for the past fourteen or fifteen years, coming here from Lyndhurst. He purchased the old stone building, now Gordon's carding mill, and started a planing mill, door and sash factory, which he ran for several years. He sold out some three years ago, and since then has had charge of the engine room in Saunders' mill. While sorry to lose Mr. Middleton as a citizen, we cheerfully recommend him to the community amongst whom he is about to locate as an exemplification of the "noblest work of God"—an honest man. Mr. Middleton's wife and family left this morning to follow on to their new home. The Reporter wishes them much prosperity.

Improvements.

Building and repairing are the order of the day just now in Athens. Nelson Earl, Sarah street, has erected a large carriage barn and stable; W. F. Earl, Mill street, an addition to his kitchen and barn; S. Y. Bullis, corner Elgin and Prince streets, a large addition to his drive house and stable; W. H. Jacob, Victoria street, besides erecting one of the most substantial summer residences on Charleston Lake, has the cellar dug and a good deal of the material on the ground for a new house on Henry street, directly opposite his fine residence occupied by W. B. Connerty; A. D. Young, Elgin street, has the foundation laid for for a double tenement house on Prince street; Mrs. L. D. Phillips has had workmen engaged during the past week in repainting her house and carriage barn; John Ball has just completed a fine job of painting for John Freeman, Henry street, and goes to Brock DeWolfe's this week to do a like job for him; N. D. McVeigh, the new proprietor of the Armstrong House, has put new roofs on the stables and barn, and will put a galvanized roof on the hotel this week; Miss Mary Livingston, Centre street, had a few of her friends at a bee on Friday last tearing down a small barn that had collapsed with the weight of snow on the roof last winter, and is having the debris cut up into wood. Down on Isaac street the road overseer has been busy during the past week grading the street and building new sidewalks in front of the residences of Miss Empey and A. N. Sharman. The residents of the street, with commendable public spirit, have built a fine boulevard in front of their respective properties. I. C. Alguire has had a gang of men and teams drawing dirt and levelling up his lawn, and last, though not least, Billy Davis has planted a large cedar pole and hung his big boot out to the gaze of an appreciative public, while John Cawley, J. P., has a long flag-pole ready to hoist if his favorite candidate is elected for South Leeds.

Men's Suits, well made and well lined, for $3.50, at G. W. Beach's.

The Hornerites broke ground on Monday for the erection of their new church on Wellington stre t.

The Renfrew creamery is expected to turn out one ton of butter each day during the coming summer.

Plum trees bloomed out this week. This event is said to indicate that the red-fin suckers are running at the Charleston Outlet.

Just opened up—A new lot of choice blouse waists with starched collars and cuffs, for 75c at G. W. Beach's.

The population of Prescott has fallen away over 200 the past year. It is now 2702 souls, the same as it was fifty years ago.

Sam Covey is doing a rushing business in shade trees this spring and gives a gilt edged guarantee that they will grow.

Many noticeable improvements have been make at Cedar Park this season, and workmen are still busy making changes and additions.

It has been definitely decided to hold the annual regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen at Brockville. The event will take place in August.

Heber Kilborn is home from McMaster University and will spend a few days here before leaving to accept a call to a Baptist church at Stanstead Junction, P.Q.

Constable Tinsley, Brockville, is to receive the Sanford gold medal from the Royal Canadian Humane Society for the bravery he displayed in facing Lapoint's gun.

One of Athens' suburban residents is avoiding all anxiety about the price of cheese by retailing milk to villagers at 3c per quart. He says at that price it pays better than sending it to the factory.

It is putting it mildly to say that an unusual interest has been taken in the Conservative convention in session at Delta to-day. At least three candidates will be before the meeting, and at this time speculation is rife as to who will get the coveted honor.

The adv't of The Golden Crown on third page or this issue scarcely requires an introduction. It is big enough to speak for itself. We may just say that this business house has been represented in our columns before and its announcements are well worthy of attention.

Fisher's Carriage Works has contracted to build three large medicine waggons for the Dr. Williams' Co., of Brockville. The first was completed last week and reflects great credit on the staff of workmen. The lettering by C. C. Slack is artistically beautiful and will prove a travelling boom of large dimensions for Pink Pills.

The many friends of Mr. Gordon Steacy, H. S. student, will regret to learn of his serious illness. While coming to Athens last week on his bicycle he was taken with bleeding at the lungs and has since suffered several severe hemorrhages. Several medical men have been attending him, including Dr. Cornell of Brockville and Dr. Stracy of South Mountain.

The fire company will be called out for practice on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock. The engine will be placed at the Victoria street tank, and the men will be given a drill on climbing ladders with the hose. Every member of the company is expected to be on hand promptly at 7 o'clock, and as many others as are willing to give the brigade a hand at the brakes.

George H. Bresee, second son of the late Wm. D. Bresee of Newboro, died at Buffalo on Wednesday last from appendicitis. Deceased was a young, unmarried man, highly esteemed in his native village, which he left three years ago to join his brother in the laundry business at Syracuse and Buffalo. Mrs. Bresee was with her son when he died and accompanied the remains to Newboro on Friday last.

Some hard-to-believe stories of big catches of salmon are reported from Charleston. Giving these stories the proper discount, and speaking according to the record, it is safe to say that the fishing this season is good, but not above the average. All the smaller pan-fish are taking the hook well, and a fruitful day's sport along this line can be counted upon with certainty. The rock bass and bullpouts are attending to business as usual at Beale's creek.

Still Ahead.

A couple of weeks ago the Reporter gave the size and weight of a specimen of hen fruit, laid on our table (not by the hen herself, but by her owner), which record as to size and weight has not been beaten, although several of our cotemporaries have attempted it. This week we are again to the fore. On Thursday, April 30th, Mr. Sterling Wiltse laid on our table a wild strawberry plant with leaves about half the full-grown size and with four blossoms fully opened out and thrifty. We believe this is something unprecedented in this part of the country, and we ask our cotemporaries of the press to go one better if they can. The sample is hanging in our office for the inspection of any sceptical person.

The Village Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the village Council was held at 8 p. m. on Monday evening. The Reeve and all the Councillors were present. Minutes read, confirmed and signed.

The Clerk read a petition from Chas. B. Wiltse and 28 others asking the Council to open up Sarah street, from Main to Wellington street. On motion, the petition was received and the Reeve and Wm. Karley appointed to confer with the owners of the land, make the best arrangements possible, and report at the next meeting of Council.

Wm. Hillis appeared before the Council on behalf of the owners of property on Wellington street east, and stated that the street had been opened to the full width required and asked that the Council assume the street from Elma to Sarah street, and put it in proper shape for travel.

On motion, the Council assumed the road as requested.

Chas. B. Wiltse notified the Council that the portion of Sarah street, from Wellington to Wiltse, had been opened to the proper width, and requested the Council to assume charge of the same, which, on motion, was done.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 26, at 9:30, as a Court of Revision, and for other business, if necessary.

B. LOVERIN, Village Clerk.

SUICIDE AT SOPERTON.

Alfred Thomas, of Soperton, Shoots Himself in Front of the Methodist Church Simply Because a Young Lady Refused to Allow Him to Accompany Her Home.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at the little hamlet of Soperton, situate about ten miles west of Athens, on Sunday evening last. Alfred Thomas, a young man about 25 years of age, son of Henry Thomas, a well to do farmer residing in that neighborhood, had been paying attention to a Miss Julia White, also residing near Soperton. His wooing did not meet with favor by the young lady, and the young people of the neighborhood had been bantering Thomas on his ill-luck. He, being of a very bashful and retiring di position, took their bantering very much to heart and on Sunday evening last determined to get the privilege of seeing the young lady home from church after the service was over. While the crowd was standing in front of the church he approached the young lady and asked to see her home, but she refused. A second and third time he pressed his suit, but with the same result. Whether her manner of repulsion or the jibing looks of his companions was the cause of the rash act, will never be known, but the strain on his mental faculties was too great to withstand, and pulling a revolver from his pocket he placed it to his temple and fired. He dropped to the ground in the midst of the crowd and never regained consciousness, dying in about two hours thereafter.

It is not known that Thomas was in the habit of carrying a revolver, and whether he procured it with the deliberate purpose of committing the rash deed, if again refused the company of the young lady, is only conjecture. When the pistol was picked up it was found that there was only one more cartridge in the magazine. As would naturally be the result, the wildest excitement prevailed in the neighborhood and all sorts of vague rumors were soon in circulation, but we believe the above to be a correct summary of the principal points in this fearful tragedy.

The funeral of Thomas took place at the Soperton church on Monday, the services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Poyser. A large crowd was present, and universal sympathy was expressed for the friends of the young man who so suddenly and criminally sent himself into eternity on so frivolous a matter as the refusal of a young lady to accept his attentions.

Rev. W. W. Giles addressed a very large congregation in the Baptist church on Sabbath evening, the past r, Rev. J. A. Kennedy, filling an appointment in Brockville.

The Prescott Journal gives currency to a report that Mr. R. L. Joynt will be a candidate in Grenville at the approaching election, running as a McCarthyite.

Cheap Bicycle for sale: One highest grade American make safety bicycle, pneumatic tire, high frame, new saddle and cyclometer. Price $45. Apply at Kinch E. Redmond's residence, Athens.

A couple of weeks ago, in response to the invitation of Mr. Joynt, photographer, over thirty babies visited his gallery in one day. This week he offers adults an opportunity of obtaining a dozen $3.50 cabinets for $2.50

Mrs. James Druce, of Grey's Lake, Ill., writes the Reporter, when renewing her subscription, asking the Temperance Lake correspondent to give more news from that locality, which was her old home.

In an advertisement in the Chicago papers last week of service Sunday in one of the largest churches appeared the announcement that "all bicycles left at the door will be checked by an attendant, and cared for during service hours."

An order in-council has been passed by the Ontario Government appointing several County Court Judges to make "county council districts" under the new law. The division must be made between the 15th May and 15th October next.

About a year ago a legal decision was given to the effect that farmers were exempted from the law against working on Sunday. The law was amended at last session, and now farmers as well as other folk are subject to fine if they desecrate the Lord's day.

Mr. Joseph Thompson, of Belfast, Ireland, who has spent several months with relatives in Athens, Spring Valley, and Lyndhurst, started on his return journey to the Old Country yesterday. He goes by way of Toronto, Niagara Falls, and New York, and will remain for a short time in each place to see the sights.

Information was laid a few days ago against a resident of Delta for playing cards on Sunday. The case was to have been tried Tuesday morning by Police Magistrate Deacon of Brockville, but it was not called, for the reason that the defendant called the day previous and pleaded guilty to the charge. A fine with costs amounting to $11 25 was imposed and paid forthwith.

A visit to the Athens Mineral Springs was made this week by the Reporter. The water in the sulphur spring (the one that was opened up last fall), was found to be very strong both in smell and taste. As these springs are free to all, we would advise any person suffering from any scrofulous complaint to procure a supply and give the water a thorough test and report the result to the Reporter.

The work of furnishing a ward in the new wing of Brockville General Hospital undertaken by the Athens Auxiliary, is drawing to a close, several of the ladies this week being engaged in making final arrangements. The task proved to be of even greater magnitude than the ladies anticipated, and its successful accomplishment does them infinite credit. It is confidently predicted that it will be one of the handsomest rooms in the hospital.

The Oddfellows of Athens spent a pleasant evening in the Methodist church on Friday last, the event being arranged to mark the anniversary of the founding of the order. Mr. E. T. Tennant presided very acceptably and introduced a program in which the performers were Miss J. Davi on, Miss M. Barber, Misses E. and C. Wiltse, Rev. J. J. Cameron, Mr. H. Rhodes, and the League and Church choirs. The collection was for the Athens Hospital Auxiliary, and on it being presented by the chairman, the president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. D. Fisher, received it with suitable acknowledgments.

THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

DE MODERN CICERO ON "DE DANGERS OF AMBISHUN."

How He Was Received by the Club—The Honors Accorded him Don't Include Those Which Foster in Their Recipient The Dangers of Ambition.

"It am my painful dooty to announce dat de Hon. Step Back Cahoon am in de ante-room an' waitin' to deliber a lecktur' befo' dis club," said the President as the meeting opened with a red-hot fire in the stove and eighteen kerosene lamps lighting up the nooks and corners.

"De gem'lan named has a wide reputashun in de Soufwest as 'De Modern Cicero.' He arrove heah at his own expense, an' if properly incouraged, will open a foundry for de purpose of graduatin' orators an' poets—terms very reasonable. De subjick of his lectur' or address to-night will be: 'De Dangers of Ambishun.' I bespeak fur him your rapped attenshun. Doorin' his delivery Samuel Shin will let de stove severely alone, an' if Sinful Smith goes to frowin' apple-cores around de hall he will be made to realize dat dis am a cold world an' dat all flesh am grass. De orator will now be brung in."

Pickles Smith and Trustee Pullback absented themselves for a brief while and then returned with the distinguished stranger.

"My frens," he began in well-built voice of two-horse power, "I has trabbledober a thousand miles to spoke to you from dis platform. Your President wid whom I am now stopping (board free and shams on de spare bed), has doubtless outlined my lectur' an' my intenshuns. I will darfore attack de subject widout furder preface.

"What am ambishun? It am a desiah in de human heart to git ahead—to soar higher—to climb up—to make ourselves better off. Who am ambishus? All of us, from de lowest to de highest. De poo' man wants to be rich; de rich man wants to be Senator, Guv'ner or President. One man am ambishus to become a poet; a second wants to quit whitewashin' and become a lawyer; a third sighs fur de time to come when he kin quit blackin' stoves an' sit in de Legislachur. One woman wants to lead in de church; another in society; a third in fashuns. Ambishun am allus skookin' around an' looking fur a lodgin'-place in de human heart. I doan' suppose dat dar' am one single pusson in dis hall who's heart am devoid of ambishu. (Sensation.) De Keeper of de B'ar Trap would like to be Librarian; de Librarian would like to be Treasurer; de Treasurer hankers to be President, and de President would be tickled all ober if nominated for Congress.

"I hev known speakers an' writers to declar' dat dis sentiment of ambishun orter be cultivated an' incouraged in de human breast, but I tell you it am a dangerous thing. It am a sentiment dat shouldn't be fooled wid. When you sot out to incourage ambishun in de heart of a gem'lan who has seen de las' stick of wood put on de fiah—de last handful of flour scraped out o' de bar'l—de last piller in de house stuffed into a broken winder, you tech a lighted match to a heap of shavins an' start a flame dat may lick up a hoss-barn wid its fiery tongues! (Decided sensation.)

"To make a personal illustrashun, take de case of Shindig Watkins. His wife earns an average of $5 per week at de wash tub. He moves an average of twelve times a y'ar to save rent. He plays policy to de amount of fifty cents a week, an' am content wid one squar' meal a day. He am a slumberin' volcano. So long as he am content dar' am no danger, but let somebody tell him dat he has a fucher—let somebody sow de seeds of ambishun, n' dat slumberin' volcano would get up an' bust an' roar an' shake an' send ribers of molten lava runnin' frew de land! (Everybody looks at Shindig in fear and awe.)

"Fur another example take de case of Elder Toots. He walks about wid his hands in his pockets. His countenance w'ars a serene an' contented expreshun'. All days am de same to him, bekase he knows dat his son-in-law will send ober grub an' fuel. All nights am peaceful, bekase he knows dat his wife's fadder will pay de rent an' put a bar'l of cider in de cellar in de fall. Men look upon him as a good ole man, an' dey speak of how gently he am slippin' down de path which leads to de grave. But, let somebody drap a hint to de Elder dat he orter set up a wood-yard, or run for Alderman, or lib in a house wid inside blinds an' a front doah bell, an' no human bein' kin predict de result. (The Elder sleeps on, as usual.) Ambishun might lead him to rob a bank, kill his son-in-law, forge notes, become a livin' terror instead of a guileless ole man.

"I has seen ambishun lead de owner of one poo' ole white mule to feelin' dat he mus' hev a span of shiney black ones, an' he went to prison fur fifteen y'ars.

"I has seen ambishun lead de man who couldn't pay fo' dollars a month rent go off an' steal a bale of cotton an' sell it to make de fust payment on a manshun hevin' front an' back sta'rs an' old one pane of glass to each winder. (Gestures of horror.)

"In closin' dis address, which has bin chopped in two in de middle in order to 'low you to git home at an airly hour, I retirn my hottest thanks to one an' all of you fur de seemin' attenshun bestowed upon my humble efforts, an' my fond prayer am to de effeck dat happiness will continer to attend you. Any collekshun tooken up fur my benefit will be reputably accepted in de speerit tendered, an' no one kin predict what results it may lead to."

When the gentleman had retired the President rose and said:

"To present de Hon. Cahoon wid a sum of money will be to incourage his ambishun, an' you hev heard from his own lips the dangers of sich a course. No collekshun will darfore be tooken up, an' dis meetin' will now be adjourned."—M. Quad.

His First Impression.

"That umbrella you lent me yesterday—" said the man who had just come into the office.

"Yes?"

"Here it is. I came to return it."

"Dear me!" was the absent-minded reply. "I had no idea it was in such band condition as all that!"—Washington Post.

Its Wings Interfere.

Hicks—The firefly strikes a spark by rubbing its wings together.

Dickson—Um! What you might call a fire caused by a defective flew.—New York World.

It Is His Business.

Kilduff—That man never hesitates to face the music.

Skidmore—Who is he?

Kilduff—I don't know his name, but he is the leader of the orchestra.

Washed by the Sea.

Crimsonbeak—There is a vast difference between a tramp vessel and a tramp you see on land.

Yeast—Is there?

"Oh, yes; the tramp vessel often gets a wash."—Whim-Whams.

As Broad as Long.

Mamma—Russell, stop teasing your brother; I'm tired of hearing him cry.

Russell—It won't make any difference if I do stop, 'cos if I don't tease him, he'll tease me and make me cry.—Harper's Bazar.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Rev. J. H. Sowerby, pastor of the First Baptist church, Chatham, will deliver his valedictory on May 24th.

Rev. G. Mott Williams was consecrated Bishop of the new Protestant Episcopal diocese of Marquette, at Grace church, in Detroit.

The St. Barnabas Church, St. Catharines, committee, will formulate charges against Rev. C. H. Shutt in the letter-opening case as soon as a new bishop is elected.

There will be a meeting of dairymen at the town hall, Lansdowne, this week for the purpose of selecting a man to go to England with the view of placing cheese directly on the English market

The Church at Westport.

The plans for the new Presbyterian church at Westport, prepared by Architect Ellis, are ready, and tenders will be advertised for. The church will be of brick. The main part will seat about three hundred people, and a Sunday school room will seat two hundred. These departments will be separated by doors, so that one room can be made out of them when necessary. The seats will be circular. There will be metal ceilings, metal roofs, and a square tower with belfry.

Honor Roll.

The following is the report of S. S. No. 13, Rear of Yonge, for the month of April. The names appear in order of merit.

Sr. 4th. Class: Nellie Hudson, Geo. Hickey.

Jr. 4th.—Frances Hudson, Jas. Cox.

3rd Class.—Stella Hickey, Mary E. Keyes, Willie Cox, Thomas Hudson, Augusth Leeder, Mamie Shea.

Sr. 2nd.—G. McOuat

Jr. 2nd.—Arthur Cox, James Hudson, Irvin Keyes, John Leeder, Ambrose Shea.

1st Class.—Rose Ann Cox, Harry Leeder, Harry Keyes, Ursula Shea.

J. COKEY, Teacher.

Cheese Prospects.

J. C. Warrington, the well-known Montreal exporter, is of the opinion that cheese will not command as good a price this year as last. He is of opinion that the market will open at about 6 cents. Fodder cheese, he says, is not wanted at any price. Already two lots have been purchased in the western part of the province at 6½c. Mr. Warrington says the English market is overstocked with colored cheese, and it is not selling. There is, however, quite a demand for prime white. The conditions have changed greatly as regards the buying and selling of Canadian cheese within the past two years. As it is now, the Canadian product must be turned over in about six months from the opening of the season or sold on consignment, as the Australian and New Zealand cheese begins to arrive on the English market about the beginning of December, and keeps it liberally supplied until the following May or June.

Mr. D. Derbyshire says he could not look at it in just the same light. He lays special stress on the fact that while the season opened last year with some 53,000 fodder cheese on hand to act as a drag on the season's operations, 1896 will have no such drawback. He is of opinion, however, that prices at the beginning will be very low, but hopes and expects them to improve during the season.

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RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, who is in New York, speaks in a hopeful tone of the business of the Grand Trunk Railway, of which he is president.

Judge Acheson in the United States Circuit Court has signed the decree for the sale of the property of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and Coal and Iron Companies under foreclosure proceedings.

The Dundas Council has decided that if the Hamilton and Dundas Railway cars are not all fitted with modern conveniences, according to the agreement with the town, no license permitting them to run into the town will be issued for the current year.

The employes of the defunct London and Port Stanley Railway syndicate, after waiting for about two years, are to receive their wages in a couple of weeks. There are some twenty men interested, who will get amounts ranging from $13 to $125, the total amount being $789.67.

CAPTURED CRIMINALS.

A provincial detective has been detailed to work on the Kitchen robbery in Wentworth County.

Ernest Johnston, of Stratford, having but two months to serve in the Kingston Penitentiary, escaped, and has not been captured.

Harry Emes was committed for trial at Niagara Falls on the charge of causing the death of Minnie Minchin by an illegal operation.

John Bellair was an applicant at police headquarters, Chatham, for news of the whereabouts of his wife, who, he claimed, had deserted him.

The supply of bodies of children thrown into the Thames by Mrs. Ann Dyer seems inexhaustible. Another body was fished up Saturday; making the seventh.

The Anchor line steamer Belgravia arrived at New York from Palermo and Naples, bringing 1548 Italian immigrants. This is the largest number of passengers arriving by any one steamer this season.

Five children at one birth is the remarkable record of the wife of Oscar Lyons, a farmer living one mile west of Mayfield, Ky. The babies are all alive and show prospects of doing well. They are all boys.

Mount Mauna Loa, Honolulu, was in violent eruption at 7 o'clock on the morning of April 29. The fountain of lava in the summit of the mountain was estimated by observers at Hilo as four thousand feet high. The light was so brilliant that it was seen from Lahama, 110 miles away, the next night, and the glow was seen at Diamond Head, 180 miles distant. This indicates an eruption of the greatest magnitude.

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