

Country Talk.

Turnberry.

Hugh Green spent Sunday under the parental roof.

The Misses Henry were visiting at their brother's last week.

Mr. and Miss Aiken were spending a few days at Hugh McDougall.

Allan Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, O. Curry and Miss S. Bently, were in the Queen city last week attending the Exhibition.

Mrs. Jackson, of Winnipeg, daughter of David Gerum, has returned home and will spend a few months with friends and relatives.

Grey.

The trustees of S. S. No. 8 have decided upon engaging a third-class teacher for 1891.

Mrs. C. Bowerman, of the 16th con., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Webb, in the Queen city, and is taking in the Exhibition also. She will be away about two weeks.

J. L. Picard, teacher of S. S. No. 1, has received the offer of a school in Peel county for 1891, which he has accepted, as it is nearer home and the attendance smaller than in his present school. The salary he is to receive is \$450.

A COMPLAINT FROM DAKOTA.—In a letter to a friend in this township a North Dakota farmer says: The dry weather has made another failure of the crops in this poverty-stricken land. There is a very poor sample of wheat, as it is all shrunken into chicken feed. He is certain that from 60 acres he will have no more than 200 bushels, and his neighbors' crops are no better. The price of grain is a good deal better than it was last year, however, when they only got 58 cents a bushel for their wheat.

Elma.

Mrs. John Parke and daughter are renewing acquaintances in Hamilton, where they formerly resided.

Quite a number of young people from this section attended the Toronto exhibition last week.

Although the apple crop is light, many of our farmers have seen fit to dispose of them in barrel lots to outside buyers at a fair figure.

Adam Parke, 12th con., has rented the farm of Geo. Denman, situated on the boundary between Elma and Grey, for a term of years at \$170 per annum. Mr. Parke takes possession shortly.

Abraham Rowel, of Woodstock, is buying and packing apples in the township of Elma. Is it not very early to pack winter apples? Does not this show the necessity of making bargains more definite.

We are pleased to see that the township Council have noted our advice of last week and have succeeded in repairing some of the most dangerous places on our roads. May they continue the good work.

Miss Jennie Richmond, teacher, spent Sunday at her home on 12th con. From accounts that have been received from her section, Miss Richmond has gained the esteem of pupils and parents, which she undoubtedly deserves.

Let every one of Elma's farmers march forth to our show to be held in Atwood next week, and try to make it a success. It is in reality for the welfare of the farmer, so why should he not take an interest in it.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan have returned home from the prairie province, where they spent the past month. They report as being well pleased with the country, the crops, and reception given them by friends and former acquaintances.

Miss Kate Richmond, the popular teacher of the Poole public school and daughter of our worthy councillor, Geo. Richmond, has been re-engaged as teacher for 1891, at an advance of \$50 salary, which is now \$450. The trustees here always appreciate the services of a good teacher, by paying a liberal salary.

John Livingstone, sr., and James Shearer, sr., returned the other day from a seven weeks' visit to Scotland. Mr. Livingstone spent most of his time in Edinburgh and in the Highlands. Mr. Shearer with his relatives, East Kilbride, in Lanarkshire. Mr. Livingstone brought over bunches of heather in bloom. They returned on the Nevada, Capt. Stewart, and made passage in 10 days.

The appearance of a couple of seedy-looking fellows created considerable excitement at S. S. No. 7, twelfth line, one day last week. The gentlemen in question had dinner at the house of S. Wherry, to whom they represented themselves to be cattle dealers. It being dinner hour they crossed over to the school where the children were at play, their rough looking appearance striking terror to the hearts of the younger children, who, thinking their best course was to get out of the way as quickly as possible, started to run, and did not stop until they gained a house fully a mile and a quarter distant. The news spread like wild-fire that a couple of escaped lunatics were abroad. Mr. Smith, one of the trustees, hastened to the rescue. The report sped to Newry almost as fast as if it were telephoned that the school was invaded by ruffians who were tearing up seats and books and everything they could lay hands on, while the life of the teacher and pupils were in jeopardy. Of course, naturally, Mr. Wynn, fearing for the safety of his son, hitched up his driver and he, accompanied by Mr. Bennett, another of the trustees, who chanced to be at Newry boxing cheese, drove at a furious rate to the spot, but upon arrival found everything serene, in fact, there was no alarm as the teacher in- and asked permission to rest in the school till one o'clock. A joke is very well, but we think in this case it was carried rather far.

Poole.

Mrs. Jas. Hanna, of Atwood, was the guest of C. Walker last week.

J. Stewart, of Harrison, returned home last Monday after visiting friends in this neighborhood for a week.

The entertainment given by the Good Templars of this place last Wednesday evening on the occasion of their fifteen-anniversary was a decided success, both socially and financially. The members of the lodge are to be congratulated upon their ability to provide such an acceptable intellectual feast for those who patronize their entertainments.

Brussels.

Harry Whitley is in town this week.

Dr. Cavanagh is away in Toronto this week.

Rev. S. Jones is visiting friends in Cliffton.

R. Wynn is home from Mitchell visiting his parents.

Mrs. A. Bruce spent Sunday with her sister in Palmerston.

Rev. S. Sellery, M. A., B. D., preached in Wingham last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Good and Willie visited the Queen city last week.

Miss F. E. Kerr has been on the sick list last week with pneumonia.

Miss Robertson, of Kincardine, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Malcolm.

Terry O'Neil spent Sunday in town. The East seems to agree with him.

Miss Robinson, of Bluevale, spent Sunday with Miss Clara Creighton.

Miss Minnie Shaw has gone to Bridgen where she was milliner last season.

Miss Clara Creighton returned to her millinery situation in Watford last Tuesday.

W. Ballantyne, of the Post staff, was holidaying in Guelph, Galt and Ayr last week.

Mrs. J. Seli returned this week from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bryan, in Lucknow.

Rev. B. Sherlock, of Ethel, preached in the Methodist church morning and evening last Sabbath.

Miss Etta Sturdy, of Harrison, left for home Wednesday after a visit of over four weeks in town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Murch and daughters were visiting at T. Moore's this week. Mrs. Murch is a sister to Mr. Moore.

G. A. Deadman returned from his trip to Manitoba last Friday. He likes the country well, but wouldn't care to live there.

Rev. J. Mulholland left Thursday for his new charge in Helena, Montana. Mr. M. has been preaching in Northern Dakota for several years.

The W. M. S., of the Methodist church held their annual meeting Thursday of last week when the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. R. Paul; 1st Vice, Mrs. J. L. Kerr; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Wm. Vanstone; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Sellery; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Gilpin; Treasurer, Miss Emilie Kerr. This Auxiliary starts on a new year with very favorable prospects.

Stratford.

On Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends and fellow-workmen connected with the Grand Trunk met at the Crown Hotel, in this city, to tender a farewell supper and make a presentation to Andrew Pullar, former carpenter of the G. T. T., on the occasion of his retiring from the service of the Co'y.

Beatrice (Trixy), the little daughter of Mr. Buckingham, Stratford, while playing with her school mates, Friday evening, on a rope attached to a pulley, slipped and broke her right arm at the wrist. It is a painful compound fracture, being attended also with dislocation of the wrist, but we are pleased to learn that the youthful patient is improving rapidly.

An American buyer the other day succeeded in inducing D. W. Clark to part with his fine stallion, "Wellwood," which he imported from Scotland two years ago. Of course there was a "consideration," and a handsome one too—\$1,000—though it is doubtful whether Mr. Clark can secure an animal equally good for the money. "Wellwood" has gone to Michigan.

Having assisted at the marriage of his niece, Miss Guthrie, of Guelph, Principal McVicar, D. D., of Montreal, came to the classic city to visit his brother-in-law, R. R. Goulding, and preached Sunday morning of last week in St. Andrew's church, and in the evening in the Central Methodist church.

It goes without saying that the sermons were good ones, and that they were greatly admired by those who were fortunate enough to hear them.

The directors of the Natural Gas Company held a meeting in the office of 19th. J. H. Mook, of Springville, N. Y., was present, and from the pleased faces of the directors everything seemed to be going all-right. In fact, it is whispered that all the directors "smiled" and "smiled" again. On enquiry we learn that the drill has reached a depth of nearly 1,300 feet; the rock they are drilling in now being known as "Red rock," and similar rock is found in the gas and oil region of Ohio. It is claimed that at less than 1,800 feet, as it crops out to the surface at Meaford, which is about ninety miles from this city (as the crow flies), and the dip of this rock to the south averages 20 feet to the mile which would bring it to 1,800 feet deep here. The drill is now about 100 feet below sea level, so that if gas is struck now (and knowing ones say it is nearly sure) the rock pressure will be very high and a good well will be the outcome. We are pleased to learn that the stock is well taken, and that the citizens are beginning to awaken to the fact that Stratford has enterprising men left yet.

Trowbridge.

Rev. Mr. Caswell returned home last week.

Mrs. George Leslie, of Aberfoyle, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Bert Lake, of London, is spending a few days with old acquaintances here.

Do not forget the Sabbath school entertainment that is going to be held in the Methodist church next Monday evening, Sept. 29. A good time is anticipated. Admission 15c.; children 10c. Come one, come all.

Mornington.

Miss Annie Long is visiting friends in Stratford this week.

Thos. Roe and Albert Knox, of Unionville, attended the anniversary services of the English church in Atwood last Sunday evening.

The anniversary services in connection with the Methodist church, of Milverton, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5th, when sermons will be preached at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., by Rev. Mr. Geo. On the following Monday evening a tea-meeting will be held, after which addresses will be delivered by rev. gentlemen from distant places.

Donegal.

Rumor hath it that one of Donegal's most popular bachelors is about to take unto himself a help-mate for life. Query: Who is the fortunate young lady?

Samuel Vipond lost a valuable horse on Tuesday morning from inflammation. J. Roe, V. S., was called to attend it in the earlier part of the week, but the disease proved stronger than veterinary skill.

A young man employed by Henry Doering received a kick on Monday evening from one of Mr. Doering's horse's that will probably cause him to be more careful in handling horses in the future. It appears he was in the stable amusing himself playing with the dog, and getting rather near the horse's heels for the comfort of that animal it took a hand in the fun by kicking both dog and man. We are pleased to learn that both are recovering.

Newry.

Mrs. W. R. Humphrey spent Sunday with friends in Mitchell.

James Harvey, of St. Thomas, spent Sunday at home and returned again Monday morning.

Mrs. Donaldson, who has been visiting under the parental roof, returned to her home in Stratford this week.

Mr. Wynn succeeded in capturing two red tickets at the Listowel fair, one on his Jersey and the other on his driver. John Roe also scored first on his drivers.

W. D. Gilchrist intends having a sale to-day (Friday) and removing to Leamington, Essex Co. W. D.'s smiling countenance will be greatly missed on our streets. He made a good citizen and his witticisms cheered many gloomy countenances. The good wishes of the Newry people follow him wherever his tent may be pitched.

R. K. Hall paid a flying visit to our hamlet this week on pressing business. Mr. Hall says that he sold \$2,800 worth for the Erie Iron Works Co. during exhibition time in Toronto, much to the gratification of his employer, who made him the happy recipient of an elegant gold fountain pen. May your shadow never grow less Bob.

James Irwin has his place up for sale on the real estate market for \$800. Jim says that he will leave all to the happy purchaser even to his cat, taking nothing with him but a pilgrim's staff. His farm is well adapted for sheep raising, potatoes, onions, and a finer "loek" of potatoes never grew between Ballyslughgathay and Tullymuclescragg, Ireland, than can be grown on this farm.

Monkton.

T. Scott spent a few days in the village last week.

Miss Stewart attended the Toronto exhibition last week.

Miss Wilkinson is visiting friends on the boundary this week.

Mrs. Sherman, of Stratford, is the guest of Mrs. Greensides this week.

Miss Lottie Battin returned home from Rochester, N. Y., last week.

The next attraction for our citizens will be the Atwood Exhibition on Oct. 2nd.

Mr. Galloway, of Uxbridge, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath.

Miss Annie Featherstone returned to Toronto after spending a few weeks with her parents here.

The Foresters intend holding their concert on Oct. 3rd. A grand time is anticipated. Come one, come all.

John Berlet is having the inside of his nest on Main street lined with a compound of sand and lime. John is doubtless doing this for the comfort of his mate and nestlings.

Which is in the worst position, he who courts two girls at the same time and place, or he who courts two at different times and places? Our own opinion is that Billy and Alf are either enterprising or hoggish.

HYMENEAL.—One of those pleasing events which awakens an interest in young people took place last Friday, the contracting parties being Thomas Gowan, a former teacher here, and Miss Ellen Dobbs, one of our estimable young ladies. The marriage ceremony took place in London. We wish the happy couple a bon voyage over the troublesome waters of life.

A very large congregation assembled last Sabbath to hear Rev. E. A. Fear preach the anniversary sermon in connection with the Methodist church. His discourse was very interesting and instructive. The tea-meeting on the following evening was largely attended and the weather was everything that could be desired. Able addresses were delivered by Revs. Rogers, Henderson and Fear. The singing by the choir was well rendered. Proceeds \$41.

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