

From Neighboring Firesides.

News Budgets by the Reporter's able staff of Correspondents

HARLEM

Mrs. Wm. Smith and Miss Pansy Smith spent the last few days in Westport. The many friends of H. W. Emerson are pleased to hear that his hand is much better. Mr. John Raison is on the sick list. Dr. Mallory of Delta is the attending physician. Mr. Wm. Smith left this morning on a business trip to Brockville and Addison. We are pleased to hear that J. D. McIntyre is much better the last few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. White and children spent Sunday with the former's mother, of Frankville. Miss Georgiana Rogers spent the last few days with her friend, Miss Pansy Smith. Our school has reopened for the year 1904 with Miss Leggett as teacher.

NEW DUBLIN

School opened Monday with Miss Kughan as teacher. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Trickey are visiting friends at Mallorytown. Dublin is the place to make a bee. If you doubt it just take a look at Sherman's woodpile. Mr. Bryce Gordon of Smith's Falls is visiting his cousin, E. B. Cadwell. We are sorry to say that Mrs. S. Hawkins, who has been suffering with a severe attack of blood poisoning, is no better. The proprietor of the Royal Dominion oyster house is giving his patrons and friends a grand oyster supper, on Friday evening next. Mr. W. Horton and daughter of Smith's Falls spent New Year's with his brother, Mr. J. Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sherman and Miss Kughan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Trickey on Sunday last.

SEELY'S BAY

Mr. Samuel Stevenson has sold his farm to Mr. T. Rhodes for \$6000. The Masonic Lodge here has purchased the Select Knights' hall for \$900, furniture included. Possession given on Jan. 1st. The Methodist Sunday-school Xmas entertainment, held on Xmas night in Select Knights' hall, was a decided success in every way. The hall was unable to hold the crowd, many having to go away. A good programme was given, all taking part acquitting themselves creditably. The receipts totalled \$55. Wm. Chapman is very ill and small hopes are entertained for his recovery. J. N. Chapman, marine engineer, and James Seabrooke are home, after a successful season sailing on the lakes. Court Arlington No 3842 I. O. F. holds its annual oyster supper on Tuesday, Jan. 5th. There is good sleighing in this section of country. Mr. E. Furst of Watertown, N. Y., has been visiting friends the past few days.

GLEN BUELL

Christmas Eve was the scene of a very pleasant gathering, when a number of younger people, including the choir, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sturgeon to present their daughter Edith with an address and silver tea set as a slight recognition of her services as organist of Glen Buell Methodist Church, which duty she has faithfully and ably fulfilled for over five years. The address was read by Mrs. G. A. Gilroy and the presentation was made by Mr. Arthur Hayes. Although taken entirely by surprise, Miss Sturgeon replied with a few well spoken remarks, assuring them it would be in the future as it always had been in the past, a pleasant duty. Howard Willis of Delta was the guest of his cousin, Willis Sturgeon, on Sunday last. Christmas week was the scene of a family reunion at Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Towrie's. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Towrie and daughter, and Charles Towrie are spending a few days as guests at Oakdale. Before serving their connection with their teacher, Miss Hall, her pupils desired to show the esteem in which she was held by presenting her with an address, also a lamp and tea set.

DELTA

The Xmas trees and entertainments of the Methodist and Baptist churches during the holidays were a decided success. Those who took part in the programmes ably filled the positions assigned to them, and every thing passed off pleasantly in the presence of well filled houses. The school meeting was held at the

public school last Wednesday morning for winding up last year's business. E. A. Pletzer was elected as a trustee. The trustees are E. A. Pletzer, J. W. Russell and W. J. Eirob. The Delta hockey club went to Phillipville to play a friendly match. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of Delta. Mr. Samuel Horton of New Dublin spent New Year's day with his brother, John Horton. George P. Chamberlain of Toronto spent the holidays with his friends last week. The ice is now in a splendid condition in the lower lake; wood and logs can be hauled on it anywhere. Miss Bernice Jackson gave a driving party to her young lady friends on New Year's, which was much enjoyed. Misses Addie and Fanny Bernev of Athens spent the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Coleman. Visitors during the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vennay and Miss Dill Gilboer of Brockville and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Coon of Athens. Mrs. Clate Copeland has gone to Maple Ridge to spend the holidays with her parents.

NEWBORO

A large number from here attended the tea held in Westport under the auspices of the Methodist church on Dec. 31st. Mr. E. Merriman of Elgin was in town on Friday. Mrs. T. Bolton, of Portland, was the guest of Mr. Geo. Bolton on Tuesday. Mr. Jas. Whaley is dangerously ill at present. Mr. J. Adrain of Chatham is the guest of his brother, Mr. E. Adrain. The Misses Baker, of Brockville, are spending the holidays at Mr. Robt. Bilton's. Mr. J. E. Dier is suffering from an attack of quinsy at present. Mr. E. Pinkerton, one of our general merchants, sold out his entire stock to Mr. J. Pinkerton, of Crosby, who has purchased Mr. Harrison's store in Portland. Mr. Pinkerton will go to the North West in the spring. Nominations were held in the Court House here on Monday, and the following were elected by acclamation: Reeve, W. S. Bilton; Councillors, Geo. Lyons, Robt. Barker, D. Moriarty and R. King, M.D.; Trustees, J. T. Gallagher, J. H. Singleton and Wm. Hart. Messrs. B. M. Stewart of Lyn and Thos. Whaley, of Soperton, were the guests of W. P. Richards last week. Mr. Bower Williams of Sydenham was in town on Monday. Mr. R. C. Grothier left on Friday morning for Rusview, where he has obtained a situation as teacher. Mr. John Lee of Westport will open a butcher shop here in the spring. Mr. E. Foster of Lansdowne spent New Year's at his home here. Miss M. Shaver of Smith's Falls is the guest of Miss Mary McKian. Mrs. Jas. Howarth is seriously ill at present. A Christmas tree and tea, under the auspices of St. Mary's church, was held in the Court House on Wednesday evening and was a grand success, financially and otherwise. A large number in this vicinity have been fined recently for fishing without licenses. Victory again perched on Newboro's banner on Jan 1st when the Athens hockey aggregation went down to defeat by a score of 7 to 5. A grand carnival was held in the People's Rink on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Portland and Elgin were in attendance. The executive of the Athens Model School Reunion Club, composed of Mr. B. J. Lyons of the year '01, Miss J. Knapp of '02, and Miss E. Gallagher and Messrs. B. Stewart, of Lyn, and W. P. Richards of '03, met at Mrs. Richards on Tuesday. Mrs. V. L. A. Dier and Mr. John Forrester of Westport were unable to attend, but sent letters of regret. After the election of a chairman, the committee commenced business. The committee considered Westport unfavorable for camping and it was decided to hold the reunion at Chaffey's Locks the first week in July. The next meeting of the executive will be held during Easter week when all other matters will be settled. A very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist church on the 29th inst. when Miss Perthena Blanche Gallagher, daughter of Mr. John Gallagher, a prosperous merchant of this place, was united to Mr. E. B. Dargavel, of Toronto, son of W. G. Dargavel of this place, by Rev. Pearson. Misses Mary E. Dargavel, sister of the groom, Mina Bell of Mallorytown and Florence Ewing of Cataract, acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. R. N. Day, of Toronto, assisted the groom. Miss Ooad of Brockville and Miss M. Singleton, of Newboro, presided at the church. The happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip to Ottawa and

returned on Friday evening when a reception was held at the home of the groom's father. Court Letham No. 120, I.O.F. met Monday evening and installed the following officers for the year '04:— C.R.—Wm. Canning. V.O.R.—D. McClelland. Orator—B. Cavanaugh. Fin Sec.—R. O. Leggett. Rec. Sec.—Geo. Duncan. Treas.—J. E. Dier.

SPORTING NOTES

ATHENS LOST

Newboro won its game from Athens on New Year's Day after the hardest fought battle ever seen in Newboro, by a score of 7 to 5. It was hockey from start to finish and of the swiftest kind at that. It became quite rough near the close of the last half, when, with the score 5 to 5 both teams were straining every nerve to win. Rappell was struck over the eye in the first half, and although he made an effort to stay in the game, he was forced to retire, Lyons going off the Newboro team to balance up. The first half ended with the score 2 to 2 and it was not until two minutes before the close of the last half that Newboro won its margin of two by combination rushes. Two of Athens forwards were comparative juniors and the fast pace at which they were playing began to tell towards the last. The Newboro boys are all heavy men and their forward line play better combination and trust one another more than the Athens boys. These latter facts were the cause of the local defeat. The following were the players and officials:—

NEWBORO Moriarty goal Coleman Preston point Parish Esherson cover-point Hagerman B. Tett rover DeWolfe A. Tett centre Barber Stanton right wing Rappell Lyons left wing Berney

Goal umpire—J. Forrester, Westport; S. B. Covey, Athens. Time-keepers—E. C. Tribute, Athens, and M. McConigal, Newboro. Mr. Arthur Parish, of Athens, gave good satisfaction as referee, particularly enforcing the off-side rule, which was frequently broken.

In summing up the match it would be hard to particularize any of the players. The Newboro forwards were all good and Pearson at point plays well. For Athens, Hagerman played his usual reliable game, Parish at point put up a brilliant game, while DeWolfe and Barber were the most prominent on the forward line. Only three men decorated the cushion during the match, Berney for continually loafing off-side and A. Tett and Hagerman for slugging. The Athens boys were well entertained at the Ottawa House and have nothing but good things to say of their treatment by the Newboro sports while on the ice.

CLUB VS. SCHOOL

Two local junior teams clashed on the People's Rink, here, New Year's afternoon, and the smoke has not yet cleared away. They were the Y.B.C. A. Club and the Public School teams, the former being victors by a score of 7 to 1. The following were the players:— Y.B.C.A.—Rappell, goal; Parish, point; Pipe, cover-point; W. McLean, centre; McLaughlin, rover; E. McLean and Jacob, wings. School—Rockwood, goal; Wilson, point; Witte, cover-point; C. Gifford, centre; F. Gifford, rover; Cornell and Steyans, wings. Referee—Morris Foley.

LEEDS COUNTY LEAGUE STANDING

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, To Play. Newboro: 2, 0, 4. Athens: 1, 1, 4. Portland: 0, 1, 5. Westport: 0, 1, 5.

Games next Saturday—Westport at Newboro; Portland at Athens. Newboro has the heaviest team in the league. Athens went on the train to Newboro taking the special freight which went up about 10 a.m. and returning on the Brockville-Frontenac special in the evening. Brockville decisively defeated the Frontenacs, of Kingston, in the first O.H.A. senior contest by a score of 9 to 1 on New Year's night. A special train was run over the B. & W., about fifty people along the line purchasing the tickets. The excursion was not a financial success. Only five went to Athens.

Athens was without the services of Lee, their speedy wing man, on New Year's Day. I was not used to the team were at the station that it became known that he could not go. DeWolfe, who was substituted, although a speedy man, is only a junior, this being his first time under senior fire. He played a star game. Newboro colors are the same as Queen's—red, yellow and blue. The unsettled state of the elements prevented Westport and Portland from playing their scheduled game at Portland on Saturday.

Fred Barber is a hard checker. He checked Pearson so hard in the game at Newboro on Friday that the hefty cover-point was forced to lie down and gasp for breath.

AMERICAN AUDIENCES.

Men and Women and Their Effect Upon Public Meetings. American audiences are strangely alike in some things and strangely dissimilar in others. A good committee will take as much pains in the arrangement of its audience as of its speakers. An audience seated without crowding is seldom enthusiastic. Neither is an audience whose hands are occupied with bundles or umbrellas, an audience largely composed of women or an audience in a cold room. The easiest audiences to address, the most responsive and inspiring, are those composed of men crowded and packed together and warm.

Women naturally do not applaud or cheer. They are by instinct more self restrained in the public expression of their emotions than men. Every public speaker is complimented by their presence, knowing that their quiet word at home is oftentimes more effective in results than the most enthusiastic shouting on the street corners by those nearest the speaker. I remember well two audiences, both from the same social class, both crowded, both in large theaters and both largely attended by women. One happened to be in Colorado, one in Massachusetts. In the Colorado one the orchestra was reserved for women. In the other meeting the men had the orchestra and the women had the lower gallery and all the boxes. In both cases the audiences were entirely friendly to the speakers. The second meeting was marked by wild enthusiasm, the first one by respectful attention. In the second case the mass of men in the orchestra urged on the speakers by continued applause. In the first case the men in the galleries who started to applaud were checked because between them and the speakers was a mass of absolutely silent femininity in the orchestra. I do not say that one meeting was less effective than the other, but the difference in the strain on the speaker was marked.—From "The Spellbinder," by Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., in Scribner's.

A Witty Reply.

Whenever the United States supreme court on hearing the argument of counsel for plaintiff in error, is entirely satisfied that he has no case, the chief justice is apt to say to counsel for defendant in error that the court does not care to hear further argument. At one time Hon. Matthew Carpenter, from Wisconsin was counsel for plaintiff in error and opened the case. Before he was through the court was satisfied that there was nothing in it, and so when he had concluded and counsel for defendant in error arose Chief Justice Waite said, "The court does not care to hear any further argument." Counsel was a little deaf and, although noticing that the chief justice spoke, did not hear what he had said and, turning to Mr. Carpenter, who sat beside him, asked what had been said. "Oh, hang it!" replied Carpenter in tones audible to the bench. "The chief justice said he would rather give you the case than hear you talk."—Youth's Companion.

No Influence Above.

In Dr. John Hall's time it was the custom in his church to use the old fashioned, simple hymns, and the singing was congregational. William M. Everts disapproved E. DeLaford Smith, then corporation counsel of New York city, singing with all his heart and whistled to his friend: "Why, there is Smith singing 'I want to be an angel'! I knew he wanted to be district attorney, but I didn't know he wanted to be an angel." The remark was repeated to Mr. Smith, and quick as a flash came the retort: "No, I have never mentioned the matter to Everts, knowing that he had no influence in that direction."

Lightning Struck Down.

"Lightning knocked the church steeple down," some one said to Brother Dickey. "Yes; Satan's eyes always flash fire when he sees a church steeple go up." "And here's a colored brother killed another at a camp meeting." "Yes; Satan goes ter meetin' 'long wid de res' er dem en sometimes shouts de Joudes." "And a preacher was drowned in the river last week." "Oh, yes; Satan's in de water too. He 'bleege ter go dar ter cool off.'" "So you blame everything on Satan, do you?" "Bless God! Was the reply. "Ain't dat what he's fer?"

Conspicuous Example.

"Women are belittled and made of no account in every possible way," exclaimed the indignant head of the family. "Even the geographers willfully and deliberately slight her. How many really important towns in this country are named in honor of a woman?" "Well, my dear," said her husband, scratching his chin reflectively, "there's Louisville, you know."

An Anchor to Windward.

He—Let's get married on Friday. She—Oh, George, Friday, you know, is— He—Yes, I know it's unlucky, but then, if our marriage doesn't turn out well, we shall always have something to blame it on.

Lift It High.

"Yo' kin allus tell er polite man," said Charcoal Eph, ruminatively, "by de way he lift his hat 't ladies, an' ef he lift it high, yo' kin allus tell dat he ain't baldheaded, Mistah Jackson." —Baltimore News.

A Bachelor's Cost of Living.

If the average bachelor, with a mill house's income, not the fellow who goes in for extravagant fads, but the man who maintains good social position and who entertains liberally, were to balance up his personal account for the year, it might contain these charges without comparative extravagance: House or apartment and service.....\$10.00 Valet 50 Clubs 1.00 Restaurant and entertaining..... 12.00 Clothing 5.00 Automobiles 5.00 Chartered yacht 10.00 Cards 5.00 Bad loans 2.00 Horses, coach, groom, etc..... 10.00 Total \$59.50 These are the more or less fixed items of expense, and any one who has ever attempted to keep a personal account knows that when you have put down the necessary expenses you may add almost as much for the thousand and one things that may be grouped conveniently under the head of "incidental expenses." In a general way it may be said that the millionaire bachelor who spends from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year is living his life in accordance with the demands of the time on men of wealth.—Ainslee's.

A Catch Bet.

Turn round, and, with your back to the table, ask somebody to throw the dice. Then tell the person who threw them to double the number of the spots on the die on the left, and keep the number to himself. Tell him to add five, then multiply by five. To this figure have him add the number of spots on the die in the middle and multiply the product by ten. Then ask him to multiply the number of spots on the third die and give you the aggregate sum. From the amount subtract mentally 250, and the remainder will show in the three figures the number of spots on each of the three dice. For instance, take three dice. Their numbers are three, five and two. Double the one on the left—five plus five equals ten. Add five, equals fifteen. Multiply by five, equals seventy-five. Add the number of spots on the die in the middle, three, equals eighty-eight. Multiply by ten, equals 880. Add number of spots on the third die, two, equals 882. Subtract 250 and 532 remains, which are numbers on the dice.

Why the Audience Laughed.

At a public entertainment recently a conjurer had an experience which was highly comical, though quite disastrous from a professional point of view. Having produced an egg from a previously empty bag, he announced that he would follow up this trick by bringing from the bag the hen that laid the egg. This little arrangement he left to his confederate to carry out. He proceeded to draw the bird from the bag, but what was his surprise on finding that the alleged hen was an old rooster, which strutted about the stage with ruffled feathers and offended dignity and set up as vigorous a crowing as if it had just awakened from its sectorial slumbers. The whole audience shrieked with laughter, and the unfortunate conjurer made a bolt for the dressing room.

The Tumbleweed.

The tumbleweed is a curious plant, indigenous to the western prairie. It grows in all directions from a central stem, making a large flat head, close to the ground. In the fall, after being touched by the frost or dried by the weather, the stem breaks off, the head becomes the sport of the wind and is driven off across the prairie, scattering seeds as it goes and finally bringing up against some obstruction which arrests its progress. These weeds have been seen piled ten feet high against a fence, driven there by the wind.

Jack Tar as a Critic.

At an auction art sale the other day a marine view was about to be knocked down at a handsome figure when a bluff sailor, who had happened to wander in, exclaimed earnestly: "My stans; if there ain't a vessel drifting on to the rocks with a strong breeze blowing offshore!" The artist took his work home to rearrange the wind.

She Was Surprised.

Mrs. Neighbors—What's that awful racket in the next room? Mrs. Rounder—Oh, that's only my husband dressing to go downtown. Mrs. Neighbors—Indeed! I've heard folk say he was a loud dresser, but I had no idea it was anything like that.

No One Made a Motion.

"Kin any one make a motion?" asked one of the audience. "Gents," said Alkali Bill, chairman of the meeting, as he laid his revolver on the table, "owin' to the general custom of wearin' weapons in these parts I trust no one will make a motion."

A Mean Defense.

Magistrate—It's very disgraceful that you should beat your wife. Prisoner—Well, yer honor, she aggravated me by keepin' on sayin' she'd 'ave me hup afore that bald-headed hold 'umbug, meann' yer honor Magistrate.

A Comparison.

"How'd ye like the lecturer at the town hall last night, Si?" "Great! He was a Boston feller, an' I swan, I never laughed so hard in my life. He knew more long words than a negro minstrel."

A Little Close.

"You married a rich wife, didn't you?" asked Jones of his friend. "Yes," he sighed, "but she's not declared any dividend yet."

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral advertisement. Text: "Don't try cheap cough medicines. Get the best, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. What a record it has, sixty years of cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles." Includes a small illustration of a person.

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