

COUNTRY TALK.

Fullarton.

John Schellenberger has purchased the Weber farm in Ellise for \$10,000. Within a radius of three miles and inside of a period of three days there were no less than three weddings in the front part of Fullarton. The parties most interested are: John Stricker, of Chicago, to Miss Niberlein, of this township; John Kreis to Miss Apal, both of this township; and finally Adam Bald, of Fullarton, to Miss Carry Schaub, of Sebringville. A popular old bachelor says that to his knowledge there are eleven more weddings on the string in the township.

Newton.

A good, live correspondent to THE BEE wanted here.

The stern reaper has cut down another prominent pioneer of Perth, in the person of John Zoeger, Esq. whose death occurred at his residence at Newton, on Saturday, 18th ult. Some years ago he was one of the best known and most prominent men in North Waterloo. He was the founder of the village of Wellesley, and carried on an extensive business in that village. He was a staunch Conservative all his life and opposed Moses Springer, ex-M. P. P., now sheriff of that county, as a candidate on the Conservative ticket for the Legislature, and was only defeated by 17 votes, which was a great surprise, as Mr. Springer was thought to be a most remarkable strong and popular candidate.

Elma.

Evangelistic services are being held on the 12th con. Elma, by Messrs. John Tree and Samuel Wherry. They report having good meetings and quite a number have professed conversion. The meetings are held in the farm houses.

Considerable farm property has changed hands in this section. East half lot 10, con. 10, owned by Mr. Clark, was sold to Messrs. George and William Nichol. Lot 12, on the same line, was purchased by James Nichol from Jas. Love.

On Saturday night one of Archie Simpson's colts became halter-cast, causing severe internal injuries which caused its death on Tuesday of this week. It is a serious loss to Mr. Simpson as it was a very fine animal and his favorite.

On Friday night last Henry Smith, of the 16th con., died at the age of 61 years. Deceased was one of the pioneer residents of the township and was one of the few remaining who voted for T. M. Daley at his first election. He leaves a family of seven children, among whom is Joseph Lambert and Mrs. C. Skin of this township. The family have the entire sympathy of the community.

Newry.

Business has been quiet in the village this week.

Miss Mina Wynn is under the influence of la grippe in St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison are suffering from the prevailing epidemic.

Miss Mary Gray is visiting friends in Downie this week. Somebody will be glad.

Charlie Wynn is laid up with la grippe and not able to attend his school.

Our school was closed a few days on account of the teacher suffering from la grippe.

Business in general is dull here. Our carriage builder "Billy" is the only one who is kept busy.

Andrew Swanton is on an extended tour through the northern counties of the Province. We hope he will bring her home with him.

A. J. Keillor is going to open out an office and stick out his shingle which will bear the following inscription: "A. J. Keillor, Conveyancer, Valuator, &c., &c. Money to Loan." The latter will be quite acceptable and we hope he will circulate it without restraint.

The following percentage obtained by the pupils of S. S. No. 5, Elma, at the written examination held for the month of January. The examination covers the work gone over during the month:—Fifth Class—William Morrison 72, Welland Wynn 70, William Gray 69, David Langley 68, Jennie Simpson 53, Albert Gray 50. Senior Fourth—James Morrison 84, John Fullarton 83, John Farrel 82, James Danbrook 81. Junior Fourth—Charles McMane 85, Fred Wynn 81, Kattie Allison 77, Edith Alexander 74, Minnie Johnston 72, James Dickson 64, Fannie Adams 48. Senior Third—Barbara McIntyre 59, James Gilmer 55, Frederick Danbrook 49, Minnie Chisholm 48, Michael Richardson 32, John Lesley 18. Junior Third—Alex. Dickson 63, Albert Morrison 40, Samuel Newstead 30. Senior Second—Maggie Allison 79, Carrie Gilmer 77, Paulina Richardson 70, David Smith 49, Robert Johnston 40. Junior Second—Annie Danbrook 82, David Dunlop 77, Charles Coulter 73, Matilda Newstead 70, Eva Gee 68, Eva Holmes 65, Mand Coulter 63. Part Second—Lena Simpson 83, Melbourne Gee 78. Part First—Willie Morrison 80, Albert Duclow 73, Angus Dickson 66, Lena McMane 53, Thomas McIntyre 50, Willie Coulter 20. Total number on the register during the month 70, boys 45, girls 25. Average attendance 53. Pupils who missed no days during the month. Wm. Gray, John Farrel, Fred Danbrook, James Simpson, Willie and Minnie Morrison, Maggie Allison, Annie Danbrook, Laura Simpson, Laura McMaue.

W. G. MORRISON, Teacher.

Molesworth.

The annual meeting of Molesworth Cheese and Butter Company was held in the Molesworth School house on Saturday, the 11th of January, and was well

attended by the shareholders belonging to the company. All seemed well pleased with the way the business was conducted during the past year. After the passing of the financial report, three of Directors were re-elected for the present year, the two new ones being Joseph Armstrong and Herman Fisher. The board of Directors for the present year are Hance Cummings, Henry Coghlin, John Brisbin, Joseph Armstrong, Herman Fisher. The following figures were taken from the Secretary's report: Total amount of milk received at the factory was 2,796,473 lbs., manufactured into 280,467 lbs. of cheese. The total amount realized for cheese was 9.63 cents. The cost to manufacture per lb. of cheese, including all expenses connected with the running of the factory, 1.40 cents. After the business of the meeting was over there was a dividend of one thousand dollars paid to shareholders on their milk.

Monkton.

Eben Freeborn, our popular clerk, has been down with la grippe. William Merrifield and wife have also been down with the same complaint. We believe Dr. Hamilton has the better end of the grippé, if we may judge from the calls he gets.

The Monkton reporter to the Stratford Herald is the best looking man on the staff. So much for Monkton. The reporter to the Beacon is not so good looking but is a good fellow and a sneezer after the girls, and it is said he talks in his sleep.

Wm Harris, jr., is still very low with pneumonia, brought on by la grippe. His sisters are also sick, and we hope they will soon be restored to health again as the family is highly respected and has the best wishes of all the community.

Mr. Wilson, manager of the Ontario House, is taking stock this week. The business done under his management has been pleasing to his many customers and we are sure will be to the firm. May Mr. Wilson live long to do business with us.

Brussels.

Principal Shaw was taken down with the prevailing influenza and school had to come to a full stop in his department.

A gentleman was in town talking up the organization of a Court of Independent Foresters. He decided that we were well equipped in the matter of lodges and Societies and went on to Wingham.

NEW SALT FIRM.—The assignee of the Rogers Estate has sold the salt block to Coleman & Sons, of Seaford, also the stock in yard, &c., for the sum of \$7,000. They are going to commence operations at once; this is a good move for the town, as well as a fairly good sale of the block. The citizens of Brussels welcome the new firm to our town and trust they may succeed.

The Huron Sabbath School Convention was held in Seaford on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. It was on the whole a very successful gathering, although la grippe militated very seriously against the attendance of both speakers and delegates. Out of 24 persons who were to take part on the program 13 were present and 11 absent.

The following officers were elected for next year:—President, Rev. Mr. Craig, of Clinton; Vice Presidents, Rev. Mr. Staebler, Crediton; Jas. Mitchell, Goderich; T. O. Kemp, Seaford; and W. H. Kerr, Brussels. I. Taylor, of Clinton, was re-elected Minute Secretary; J. C. Smith, of Seaford, Corresponding Secretary, and C. Stevenson, of Clinton, Treasurer. Executive Committee, Rev. Mr. Simpson, Brucefield; Rev. Mr. Sellers, Brussels; W. M. Gray, Seaford; D. McQuarrie, Blyth, and J. Grigg, Exeter. The next Convention will be held in Brussels in January 1891.

Grey.

Miss Lotie Hill is visiting relatives at Clinton and locality.

Reeve Milne and Deputy Reeve Oliver and Bryan were in attendance at the County Council last week.

Miss Hannah Ball is in Toronto taking a course at the Conservatory of Music. She will no doubt be an apt pupil. The attendance fell off considerably in S. S. no 8, owing to this fashionable epidemic that is going the rounds.

Last week Robt. Oliver, of New York State, was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frank Oliver. He intends going to Denver, Colorado, with a view of bettering his circumstances.

T. W. Johnston was laid aside for a while from the blow received from a cow's horn on the breast. He was butchering and the knock was given after the animal's throat was cut.

George McTaggart, of the 16th con., is very ill from a severe attack of influenza and it looked very serious for him at one time but he is some better now though still far from well.

There was a wood-bee at Duncan McNair's when quite a quantity of wood was sawed up but was not split or piled. It will be good exercise for Neil to pile it up before the snow gets drifted all over it. There were "lots" of young people at the social gathering in the evening when music and dancing were in order. Everything went merry as a bell. There were three violinists of various degrees of excellence and everybody put in a good time.

DECEASED.—On Thursday of last week Mrs. Thos. Mitchell, an old and respected resident of the 9th con., passed away to her reward. She had been ailing for some years with diabetes and recently the prevailing epidemic—la grippe—took hold of her and proved fatal. Her husband, two sons and one daughter are left to regret her demise. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon. Rev. D.B. McRae conducted the service. Mrs. Mitchell was a resident of Grey for about 25 years and was a kind hearted, hard working woman.

Blanshard.

The following salaries will be paid our township officials this year: Clerk, \$100; collector, \$90; assessor, \$60; treasurer, \$60; auditors, each, \$10.

The annual meeting of the Blanshard and Nissouri Cheese & Butter Company was held at the school house near the factory on Saturday last. Much interest was taken in the report of the directors for the past season, which showed 2,800,000 pounds of milk had been received during the season, from which 13 1/2 tons of these had been made. A dividend of 10 per cent. was the result of the season's operations, 8 per cent. of which was paid on the debt and 2 per cent. being paid by the secretary, F. McMaster, to shareholders. The old officials were re-elected.

Stratford.

A number of Stratford people took in the Ancient Order of Hibernian's ball at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening of last week.

The irrepresible Dan Moran, of Seaford, has moved his bag and baggage to Goderich, where he intends to locate as a bill pester and light porter.

The remains of Christopher O. Farmer were interred in Sarnia with military honors, the deceased having been a member of No. 7 company, 27th Batt.

Messrs. A. A. Mavor, W. Walton, and J. A. Hibald of the G. T. R. shops were in Hamilton Friday attending the funeral of Herbert Donville, G. T. R. locomotive inspector and sixth son of C. K. Donville, mechanical superintendent of the road.

Mornington.

The following are the names of the pupils in S.S. No. 6, who obtained the highest number marks at their written examination for January—Fifth Class—Lettitia Dowd, Jennie Lang, Wm. I. Dowd. Fourth Class—Clara Watson, Clara Lang, Nettie Tillie. Senior Third Class—Wm. Gray, Samuel Robinson, Emily Lang. Junior Third Class—Maud Vaddell, Lizzie Dowd, Katie Anderson. Second Class—W. H. Dowd, Jennie Forrest, Maggie Gray.

The following are the pupils who took the highest number of marks in their classes during the month of January, as shown by the examinations held in Union School No. 9. The names are in order of merit:—Senior Fourth—Sarah Roe, David Harrow, Aggie Anderson. Junior Fourth—Adam Appel, Moses Stieky, Janet Hamilton. Senior Third—William Sippel, Horace Williams, Richard Roe, Marie Edwards, Lizzie Pummell (all equal). Junior Third—Lydia Edwards, William Roe, Adam Hamilton, John McLellan (equal). Second Class—David Stakley, Albert Edwards (equal), Sarah Harrow, Albert Gallop, Henry Stevenson (equal).

LAMES L. WILSON, Teacher.

Elma and Wallace Boundary. Influenza has not yet lost its grip here. A number of the older people are still low with it.

Miss Millie Tompkins has returned from Kincardine where she has been visiting her sister.

We are pleased at seeing George Leslie around again. George cut his foot very badly some time ago.

Miss Elizabeth Henderson left on Tuesday for Guelph, where she has secured a position in the hospital.

On Monday evening a number of young people were entertained to an oyster supper, at the residence of John Curtis. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The following is the standing of pupils in U. S. S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace, for the month of January. Names in order of merit:—Senior Fourth Class—Arthur Milburn, Edward Tompkins, James Henderson. Junior Fourth Class—Serrie Brisbin, W. J. Marks, Maud Mann. Senior Third Class—Robert Marks, Ernest Stapleton, Albert Weber. Junior Third Class—Sarah Ferguson, Annie Brisbin, Lizzie Beil. Second Class—James Stapleton, Jessie Urquhart, Jesse Milburn.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.

Staffa.

Mrs. Wm. Warden has returned from a short visit with friends in Toronto.

T. A. Hawkins, music teacher, will spend a week with friends at Port Albert his former home.

Slight odds re the order of the day and our villages have not all escaped, while some have had severe attacks.

Miss Melhargy, sister of Mrs. Carling, and Mr. and Miss Morkin, niece and nephew of the same, are guests at Hibbert Hotel.

Mrs. Dunca McDougall, who has been poorly for some time is, we are sorry to say, no better. John Drake also, we regret to learn, is still under the care of Dr. McFavish.

A meeting of the Hibbert Reform Association was held in the township hall, and among the delegates appointed were Messrs. McLaren, Cassidy, Hurlbert, McLean and Barbour. Such an array of talent should be able to make choice of a good candidate.

At the 1st session for January of Court Waun, No. 380, I. O. F., the following officers were installed: Samuel Chesne, C.R.; James Oliver, F. C. R.; Peter McNaughton, R.S.; F. D. Hutchison F. S.; J. Sadler, Treas.; James Parish, Chaplain; A. D. Nasmith, Physician; Josiah Izzard, S.W.; Thomas Pingle, J.W.; James Manson, S.B.; Alex. Grey, J.B.

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