

SICKNESS.—Mrs. James Taylor, lake shore, Colborne is very low at present.

OBITUARY.—It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of William Shields, who lived on the boundary between Ashfield and Colborne for some years. He was a genial, inoffensive man and a good neighbor. The family has the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Londersborough.

The officers installed in North Star Lodge, No. 317, for the ensuing quarter are: J. Browning, W.C.T.; B. Tyrone, P.W.C.; R. Adams, F.S.; H. Smith, R.S.; G. Garrett, W.M.; M. Houlihan, W.V.; H. Backwell, I.O.G.; G. Hezlewood, W.C.; J. Riley, O.G.; M. Burkwell and E. Brown, W.R. and L.H.S.

The grangers held their anniversary supper in the temperance hall, Tuesday evening. Although the weather was very unfavorable, the hall was filled. Mr. McMillan gave a very edifying address, explaining to the benefit of young men improving their leisure hours in study, and the advantage to be derived from choosing their company. Dr. Young spoke about the use of literary societies and proposed the contemplation of starting a literary society in connection with the grangers.

Rev. Mr. Hough gave a fine address, wishing to impress upon their minds the necessity and solemnity of Christianity. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Fort Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, drove to Ayr this week.

Mr. McKillop will soon have his mills running again.

Mr. Cowan was delighted with this beautiful town.

The following correspondence was snowed up last week.

14 degrees below zero in the shade here this (Wednesday) morning.

The fishing on the ice has played out. The fishermen are not getting any this week.

W. J. Fellow was to Staffa, to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. McTavish. P. S. L. Miller, visited the school recently and made a number of propositions.

Miss Maria Cowan, of Leith, spent a few days with Hattie and Lizzie Hawkins last week.

A. C. McDonald, of Dundas, was in the village this week. Miss Maria Cowan, of Kintail, is the guest of Miss Kate Hawkins.

A large quantity of rock 12m square timber will be shipped from this port to Quebec during the coming summer. Teams are now engaged hauling it to the dock.

Kintail.

The storm of last week again deprived us of our mail from Monday until Thursday. The severity of the storm, together with the intensity of the cold, where the mercury went down into the twenties, caused us to think that we had been ransacked to within at least 20% of the North pole. The oldest inhabitants of these parts, are agreed that this has been the severest winter within the last 20 years.

The McLean Bros secured quite a number of cattle in these parts on their last trip around, and took them away on Friday of last week. The McLeans are held to be pretty fair dealers; but their action in refusing to buy cattle off the Kintail scales has caused a slight feeling against them to show itself. Our weighmaster claims that the scales are all right, and farmers should remember that it is in the interest of the dealer to have the cattle driven from here to A. Allen's before weighing them, on account of the shrinkage.

A grand ball was held in Young's hall on the night of the 18th inst. As the fair partook somewhat of the ture of a select party, certain of our young folk, who are accustomed to join in the mazy dance, were debarred from attending. One of the chief features of the ball was the presentation of a splendid violin to Mr. Dalton violinist.

Clinton.

Mr. Douglas, of Woodstock, is visiting his cousin, Miss M. Douglas.

Murray Mackintosh, of Goderich, paid a visit to the "hub" last Friday.

We are glad to learn that Mr. R. D. Bayley is quickly recovering from his late illness.

This weather almost paralyses business in "the hub," as the farmers living on the roads running north and south are completely blocked in by the immense drifts.

A parolee social in connection with Wilkes Presbyterian Church will be held at the residence of A. McMurchie Thursday evening.

On Friday evening several valuable prizes will be offered for competition on the Clinton skating and curling rink for fast skating, etc.

The L. H. & B. R. has been receiving the worst of the storm, as it was blocked completely all the latter part of last week, and was only fully opened for traffic on Monday.

This morning a man named Wm. Akins, living on Main Street, was found frozen to death with his team stuck in an ice drift. It is supposed he had been drinking.

A large number of buildings will be erected in town the coming summer. Thos. Jackson will build three new stores on his property on Huron street, and J. H. B. Elliott will store on the corner to Chris. Dick one's bookstore.

Miss Boston has let her contract for a fine, old dwelling house on Rattensburgh road to W. A. Chalmers.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Guild Association held a concert, entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, tableaux, etc. Mr. Craig, of the town, made his first appearance here, and was received with rapturous applause by the large and appreciative audience present.

Mr. Craig is spending the winter of Clinton with his musical troupe.

Jno. Welch, formerly in the butchery business in Brussels, is teaching school near Amherstburg, Essex Co.

Saltford.

On Tuesday last week, the school teacher, here, J. Morris, had occasion to chastise two youths, when they attempted to overpower him in the discharge of his duty. The father of one of them, old man named Goldthorpe, entered the school during the trouble, and grabbed hold of a teacher, using some very bad language at the same time. He also disrupted the school, and the teacher was left in dismay. As Goldthorpe has since made an ample apology for his foolish conduct, we abstain from commenting upon his actions.

Dunlop.

Visitors.—Charles Spence, of St. Stephen, Goderich township, was the guest of John M. Williams last week. Miss Agnes Gralar of Duncannon, and Miss Miss Maxburg of Zurich, are visiting friends here. Miss Anna Cummings is visiting her cousins at Kingsbridge.

We are glad to see our old friend T. Robertson back again at the Smithy.

Fishing through the ice is a favorite pastime here. The engineer in the boat, the fisherman of the elachan, and his crew seldom empty.

Leoburn.

J. J. Wright, of the Point Farm, has returned from Cuelph, where he was attending the funeral of a relative.

The past month has been the coldest ever remembered here. Owing to the bad state of the roads the stage was upset here a day last week, and a passenger from Kintail had his leg broke.

The school attendance has been averaging 15 for a few weeks.

The first limbs of the season were dropped on the farm of W. Clutton, Sr., on the 11th inst.

James Hogarth of Shepparton, a newly arrived man, has taken up his residence with us.

Forbesville.

David Wilson of Chicago is here on a visit.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Goderich, was the guest of Mrs. Annie Ellis last week.

Miss Mattie J. Aston, of the 4th, has returned home from her visit up North.

Mr. and Mrs. Cousins, of Colborne, are visiting friends in the vicinity this past week.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of the infant son of T. R. Miller, school teacher.

Archibald McDougall of the cut line officiated at the Baptist Presbyterian church on Sunday the 8th, in the place of Mr. Forrester who was doing similar service at Bethel.

Miss Ida Cryderman is about to take up her abode in Mitchell. We understand the teaching of music there, for which she is eminently qualified, will be engaged in by her.

Auburn.

The revival services in the Methodist Church are still going on.

Captain Hickenon, of the Saved Army, received a telegram on Monday to go to Wingham. He has decided to remain in Auburn this week.

Messrs. Wittluffer & Kennel have put in a stock of furniture in the premises purchased from O. Wenzel. It is their intention to do an undertaking business also.

The Rev. Mr. Parke was unable to conduct service here in the Episcopal Church on Sabbath last, on account of sickness. We hope to hear soon of his convalescence.

A. M. Polley, of Goderich, was in this neighborhood last week buying horses.

The county ledge I. O. O. F. will hold their next meeting in the temperance hall here on the 18th inst.

Paramount.

Jno. Martin is suffering from erysipelas. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Miss Elkin, of Manchester, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Reid, of this neighborhood.

Mrs. Frank McInnes, while carrying a pail of water, slipped on a piece of ice, and had the misfortune to break two of her ribs. She is doing as well as could be expected.

The members of Dewdrop council contemplate holding their annual concert at an early date. They will likely get a crowded house. Further particulars will be given before it takes place.

The Methodist people are going to give another of their popular parlour socials, on Wednesday, the 26th inst. A good time is expected; do not miss it. Admission only 10c. It will be held at the residence of Jno. Reid.

Nile.

The quarterly meeting services of the Duncannon circuit were held in the Methodist Church here on the 8th inst. There were conducted by Rev. T. M. Campbell, of Goderich, who preached an able and eloquent sermon upon the occasion.

Sickness is very prevalent in this neighborhood just now, both among old and young.

Miss Sheppard, of Goderich Township, is at present visiting her friends in this neighborhood.

Next Sabbath evening Rev. Mr. LeGear will preach a sermon in the Methodist Church on "The Sin of the tongue."

The annual S. S. convention of the Duncannon circuit of the Methodist Church will be held in the Duncannon church on the 28th inst. An interesting program is being prepared.

Owing to the storm of last week the roads in this vicinity are much blocked, and the work of turning is greatly retarded. But "it is an ill wind that does not blow some one good." To one young man within the circle of our acquaintance the storm was rather a pleasant misfortune, as it interrupted him in the home of his beloved for several days.

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FROM EGYPT.

A BALLOON CORPS.

London, Feb. 15.—The war office has organized a force of balloonists from the engineer corps of the army for experimental service in the Sudan. The balloonists start Monday for Alexandria. They will be provided with three large balloons capable of carrying a number of men 24 hours at a time, and many small balloons for signalling purposes.

YET ANOTHER VISION.

London, Feb. 15.—Walsley telegraphs to-day an account of the fall of Khartoum as given by a native eye-witness. The native says the Mahdi's forces entered Khartoum at daybreak Jan. 26. Gordon was killed by a volley from rebel riflemen while on the way from his headquarters to the Austrian consulate. The Austrian consul was killed in his residence. The Greek consul is held a prisoner. A canvas of Ibrahim Bey Ruchdi, who left Khartoum a fortnight ago, states that Faraz admitted the rebel to Khartoum. The canvas with the usual words to the government, and met Gordon coming out with Mahomed Bey Mustapha and twenty cannavas. While proceeding to the Austrian consulate the rebels fired a volley, and Gordon and Mahomed Mustapha fell dead.

WAR NOTES.

It is stated that Prince Hassim is to be appointed governor-general of Sudan.

The Indian contingent has been raised to 3500, raising the effective force of Gen. Graham's expedition to 11,500.

El Mahdi's spies are busy belittling the British victories at Abu Klea and Gubat and magnifying the taking of Khartoum.

Five eminent Austrian officers recently applied for permission to offer their services to assist the British in the Sudan. Their application was refused.

The Duke of Connaught requests to be assigned to service in the Sudan. He will retire in any event from his command at Merril, India, April 1.

Gen. Graham leaves for Suakin on Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday. He expects to make the march to Berber in twenty days, defeating Osman Digna en route. It is reported rebels from Berber have started for Metemneh to reinforce the Mahdi. Gen. Graham is advancing. The mudir of Dongola is now convinced Khartoum has fallen and that Gordon is dead.

Soldiers imprisoned in England for desertion are being pardoned and ordered to join their regiments.

The first provisional brigade of artillery, Guelph, has offered its services to the home authorities to go to the Sudan. Col. Macdonald is in command of the British contingent.

Joseph Chamberlain, replying to a resolution of the peace association of Birmingham, expressed the fear that the policy of retreating from the Mahdi would not further the cause of peace nor prevent the effusion of blood.

A memorial to the late Col. Burnaby, who fell at Abu Klea, is being raised in England.

Col. Williams, M.P., has received a cablegram from Lord Wolseley stating that he would be pleased to see a Canadian regiment in the Sudan, but nothing has been heard from Downing street. Col. Williams has received nearly 500 applications.

The balloon corps has started for the Sudan.

The Duke of Cambridge, commander-in-chief of her majesty's armies on Saturday at Aldershot reviewed the guards who had been ordered to Egypt. He pronounced them thoroughly efficient.

A gigantic trading company, to be called the Royal Sudan trading company, is being formed in London and Alexandria upon the same lines as those upon which were conducted the East India company. It will claim as one of its privileges the right to build a railway between Berber and Suakin.

Gen. Graves, Col. McNair and many other officers will start for Suakin on Tuesday. Col. Breckenbury, who succeeds Gen. Earle, has been made a brigadier general.

The officials of the war office and other members of the government have been ordered to abstain from wearing military uniforms in time to share in the operations. It is stated that sixteen regiments have been despatched in order to make up a force of 10,000 for the Sudan expedition. In the Arab battalions the average number and little headway is made in the work of recruiting.

A convoy of wounded and invalided British soldiers on the way from Gubat to Korti encountered a party of Arabs. A hot fight ensued between the Arabs and the British, which lasted fifteen minutes. The Arabs were repulsed. The casualties on the British side were few.

THE BRITISH HEADQUARTERS.

Gubat, the present centre of British military operations in the Sudan, is a village of 150 houses and about 700 inhabitants. It is surrounded by vegetable gardens, which supply the markets of Shendi, of which town Gubat is virtually a suburb, although situated on the other side of the Nile. It is also the cemetery where were buried some of the most famous saints and chieftains of Shendi, a fact which makes the village sacred in the esteem of the entire Mohammedan world, and will render its occupation by the British peculiarly irritating to El Mahdi.

THE LATEST.

The expected battle on Sunday did not take place. On Saturday, Gen. Buller abandoned his position at Gubat, before Metemneh, on account of the advance of El Mahdi, with 8000 men from Khartoum. Buller has retired to Gakkal Wells, and may yet retreat to Korti, if he does not go across to Gen. Brackenbury, and help him in the proposed advance on Berber. The advance guard of the Arabs is within seven miles of the British, and the main body only twenty miles away when Buller evacuated Gubat. The wells at various stations are giving out. There are 1,500 camels with Buller's force. The troops are cheerful.

80 Canadians are at Korti, for further service in the Sudan. Among the Canadian officers retained are Col. Kennedy and Majors Dennison and Neilson.

Somebody's Martinis.

One more unfortunate
Trusting the fates,
Rashly importunate,
Picked on the skates.
Tried her up tenderly,
Loozed her strategy,
Fashioned so slenderly,
Unused to mishaps,
Oh, it was pitiful
That she would drop
Where a whole building full
Laid its head drop,
Picked her up tenderly,
Smooth out her dress
Fashioned so tenderly,
Made to caress.

Out she struck trustfully,
Skating galore,
Down she came trustfully
On the hard floor,
Picked her up tenderly,
So good and so true,
Fashioned so slenderly,
What could she do?

Bumping inhumanly,
Tosted the men,
She is pure womanly,
And tries it again,
Picked her up tenderly,
What does she care?
Fashioned so tenderly,
So plump and so fair.—[R.]

THE WORLD OVER.

As mirrored in the Columns of our Outstanding Contemporaries.

Dr. Damsroch, well-known to our music-loving readers, is dead. He was 53 years of age.

Ferry Daultelle, the well-known brewer, formerly of Ajylmer, has been appointed House Surgeon in the Toronto General Hospital.

The second petition asking for the submission of the Scott Act in the county of Perth was deposited in the sheriff's office, Stratford, last Saturday.

A brother of Lieut. Col. Philip H. Eyre, of the South Staffordshire regiment, recently in the same engagement as Major Gen. Earle, is living at Dresden, Ont.

W. T. Shannon, Thomas Wilson and W. Douglas have been appointed license commissioners for the East Riding of Huron under the Crook's Act. J. B. Geiger, secretary of the Huron street police court, has made each of the officers a present of \$30. The members of the House of Commons have subscribed and collected, up to date, the sum of \$500, to be divided between the brave officers. In addition to the above the wounded constables have received donations from private individuals.

Her Majesty's Health.

London, Feb. 15.—It is rumored tonight that Queen Victoria's illness exceeds the announcement made from Osborne today that her majesty was suffering from a severe cold and had been unable to leave her bed for two days. It was stated by persons familiar with the queen's household that her majesty during last month has been exceedingly anxious and continually worrying over the affairs of government, and especially as to the outcome of the Sudanese expedition. Notwithstanding the fact that the news of the fall of Khartoum and murder of Gordon sorely distressed her majesty, she insisted on doing her full share of the consequent work which Egyptian affairs has entailed upon the government, and the result was a strain on her nervous system which made rest imperative.

The queen is suffering from bronchitis.

Yeast Dudley in the Dock.

New York, Feb. 16.—Yeast Dudley was arraigned today for the shooting of Ross, who was aet in court. The prosecuting officer announced that he would not call Ross, because there was such anxiety and constant dynamite at present that extraneous matter might interfere with the orderly administration of justice. Ex-Judge Fullerton and Lawyer Butts appeared for Mrs. Dudley who sat composedly near her counsel and listened without concern to the testimony of the witnesses. The defence stated that no testimony would be put in at this stage of the proceedings and the court held the prisoner for her appearance before the grand jury in default of \$3000 bail.

Rev. T. O'Connell, of London, has been found guilty by the board of trials of scandalous and disorderly conduct in becoming intoxicated. The bishop withdrew his license and removes him from the position of assistant minister of the cathedral of the Holy Trinity. O'Connell entered a protest.

Horatio Hale, the eminent student of Indian dialects and customs, has an interesting article in the February Magazine of American history, on the Mohawk chief, Geo. H. M. Johnson, who married a first cousin of Mr. W. D. Howells, the novelist. Mr. Hale gives a graphic account of Johnson's life and work among the Six Nations—The Critic. It is not generally known that Mr. Hale, who is retired to here, and whose ethnological and historical writings have gained for him a world-wide fame among scholars is a resident of Canada. He lives in Clinton, Ontario, and was for many years chairman of the High School board there. His service to the cause of higher education in his town has been unwearied and most valuable. With quiet industry he pursues his philological studies; the eminent Max Muller, not long ago, paying him publicly the high compliment that he was one of the three who alone reclaimed American philology from contempt.—[Toronto Educational Weekly.]

Mr. Farrow on the Exodus.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Mr. Farrow, member for East Huron, is one of the candid Conservatives in the House. He made a speech at a meeting of the Immigration Committee this morning, admitting that the present system of settling North-West lands was a failure. Disgrace the way as we might, he said, Canada was spending enormous sums of money every year upon the immigration service, without any return. He knew that immigrants who had been brought into the North-West had refused to remain. The want of branch railway lines was one of the prime causes of the exodus, which he thought it was the duty of the government to stop. He proposed to send for a Mr. Lett, of Winnipeg, who had some patent method of keeping immigrants in the country. Mr. Farrow urged that Mr. Lett should be sent for by all means, and a broad smile on the faces of the members of the Committee led Mr. Farrow to assure them that Mr. Lett was indeed a remarkable man, whose cure for the continued exodus would not only succeed, though the Government's fiscal policy had failed. The testimony of Mr. Farrow as to the continued exodus of our population under the high taxation policy is exceedingly valuable. The Government should suppress Mr. Farrow with a timber limit, a railway subsidy, or a silent partnership in the Low contract. He must be kept from telling plain truths or he will ruin his party.

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An Eretre lady is the proud possessor of a number of young canaries fully fledged, and four pair setting.

London, Feb. 14.—Police Constables Colean and Cox, who were seriously injured in the Westminster explosion on Jan. 24 while endeavoring to remove an infernal machine from the building, have received numerous substantial gifts in recognition of their bravery. Mr. Gladstone has sent each of them £50 from the royal bounty fund, with a letter lauding them for their faithfulness and their devotion to duty. Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, the home secretary, has presented Cox with the £127 and Cox with £70. Sir James Ingham, the presiding magistrate of the Bow street police court, has made each of the officers a present of £30. The members of the House of Commons have subscribed and collected, up to date, the sum of £500, to be divided between the brave officers. In addition to the above the wounded constables have received donations from private individuals.

Goderich Markets

Goderich, Feb. 18, 1885.

Wheat (fall) 9 bush	90 00	81 00
Wheat (red winter) 9 bush	88 00	81 00
Wheat (Spring) 9 bush	87 00	81 00
Wheat (groser) 9 bush	86 00	81 00
Flour (fall) 9 cwt.	3 10 00	09 00
Flour (strong bakers) 9 cwt.	3 22 00	09 00
Oats, 9 bush	48 00	00 00
Barley, 9 bush	50 00	00 00
Peas, 9 bush	52 00	00 00
Hay, 8 ton	9 00	00 00
Butter, 9 lb	15 00	14 00
Cheese (unpacked) 9 lb	12 00	11 00
Cheese, 9 lb	12 00	11 00
Brass, 8 ton	11 00	00 00
Chop, 8 ton	18 00	00 00
Feet, 8 cwt.	5 00	00 00
Wood	2 50	3 50
Sheepskins	0 40	3 50

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SARMAIAN	Sunday, Feb. 22nd
POLYNESIAN	Monday, Feb. 23rd
SARDAINIAN	Tuesday, Feb. 24th

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CIRCASSIAN	Feb. 21st
SARDAINIAN	Feb. 22nd
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SARMAIAN	Feb. 24th
POLYNESIAN	Feb. 25th
SARDAINIAN	Feb. 26th

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TO OUR READERS

As it has been announced by our contemporaries that Gilliluddy, of THE SIGNAL, sever his connection with you wish to state that the rumor is quite true. Mr. McGill signed a contract for a certain year, for a stipulated time, which does not affect his journals in the slightest. The proprietor, and the editorial connection HURON SIGNAL, heretofore D. McGillivuddy, will not by his new engagement, another "private contract" undertaken independent of the

Is a recent article in the Century, the Marquis of Lorne termed Canada a "croaky." Mr. CAUCHON, late Lieut of Manitoba, and at one time figure in Parliament, of Monday, of paralysis.

LENOX has an unenviable as the most venal constitu Dominion. A petition has Osgood's hall against the re W. Pruyn, conservative me the house of commons for the grounds of bribery and This will be the third trial in the Dominion house since election

Tan Wingham Violette is some dirty work. The Clit says:—"The Violette is a advertisement that is a dis newspaper." The Violette is of a fellow who will not sto however low to bring his notoriety. By the way, it makes a clean breast of his the "Garland" dodge?

Tan Blyth Advocate has personal mention of the V "P. Kelly left on Mon the anti-Scott convention on Tuesday. Pat makes sensitive, but his influence poor effect in this direction head of Sir John. We us Mr. Kelly did not take I him this trip, but a catch would be able to carry it apartment and not be cou it in the hall of Sir John'

Our sleepy contempo note the fact that our new appears on the frst it is placed there "probal not be overlooked by THE SIGNAL editorials read, independent of Star must be dull-witted that THE SIGNAL, like journal, studies the matt for itself. The best prog in this respect is that t the past four years copi make up, position of, closely as possible, alth of our dreary contemp ly been as devoid of an of moral backbone. I surprised if the Star at near future copies our further, and puts it e where THE SIGNAL has!