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Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents. To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE. Sir: In my letter which appeared in your last issue the verb on the 21st line should read associated. The advices already should follow punishment, of fence should be pluralized, and the period crossed at the bottom of the first column. In justice to you, Mr. Editor, let me say that my manuscript was very hurriedly written and probably difficult to translate. Truly Yours, BLACK-HAWK, Scotchtown, May 18th, 1899.

OLIVILLE, May 19, 1899. To EDITOR OF QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE Dear Sir: On the evening of May 16, I had the pleasure of attending a "Concert and Pie Social" in the Orange Hall of this place. Oliville is beautifully situated along the "George Lyon Road" in the Parish of Petersville. This district is inhabited by a hardy race of honest people, and they are administered to in spiritual affairs by the Rev. J. B. Gough, Methodist Minister of the Jerusalem circuit. The concert was under the skillful management of Miss Ethel Keirstead, of Canaan Forks. This young lady teaches school here, and her wide awake methods has aroused an interest in this district for that which is elevating, refined and lasting. Much credit is due those who took part in this "Up-to-date" Concert, for they, one and all, rendered their share with extreme good taste and culture, showing that they had spared no effort in order to make the evening's amusement both interesting and profitable. After the concert closed Mr. John A. Jackson auctioned the pies, to a large number of smart competitors, who nobly did their part with the result that thirty dollars and sixty-three cents were placed in the hands of Rev. Mr. Gough for church purposes. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Keirstead, Mr. John A. Jackson and all who so willingly aided in this successful programme. Yours Truly, XX, Newcastle Bridge.

Seeing no notes from this vicinity for some time I thought it might not be out of place to give you the following items. Last Sunday, just before service at the Baptist church, at which the Rev. Mr. Crosse is engaged to preach for the ensuing year, two candidates were baptized in the river, below Mr. James Miller's mill. A large congregation assembled at the river. The candidates, Miss Alma Thompson and Miss Minnie Miller were received into the church at the service. Revival services will be held in the church every evening this week. God grant that they may be productive of much good in this community. The drives are all out and lumbermen are busy on the rafting ground, and we can hear the buzz of the saw in the old mill again. Our school is progressing favorably under the management of our genial friend Mr. W. McEACHERON. The school at Zion is to have an Entertainment and Pie Social on May 26th. A good time may be expected, as it is under the management of our talented little teacher Miss Frankie Porter. Miss Frankie Porter and niece, Miss Bessie Thurott, visited Miss Porter's sister at the Elkin Coal Mines, on Saturday, returning by Stmr. May Queen, on Monday morning. Mr. A. McM. Thurott had a visit from Mr. Harry Woods, a Sunday week. Mr. Thurott has had S. J. Winslow at work, well-boring—Mr. Winslow being a well-borer by trade. They have been at work for some time, and in boring, have passed through several strata, and have now reached a depth of 175 feet and still mean to push on in search of an overflow. The first metal found was magnetic iron ore at some fifty feet from surface; then bluish rock; then quartz bearing some sort of yellow metal—said to be gold by some persons. At 79 feet they passed through three feet of coal of excellent quality, then into different rock to the above mentioned depth. Miss Lake, of Kings county, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. McEACHERON. Mr. Charles Bailey has moved to Chipman, so as to be at the beginning of his mail route and we mourn the loss of a genial neighbor. We are blessed with lots of agents for carriages in this settlement. Mr. Van-Buskrick has just arrived tonight with two very nice ones. This place furnished a grand opening for a blacksmith who is a first class mechanic.

Lake View.

May 20.—We are having very cold weather for this season of the year, very little progress is being made with the work of the farm. Daniel Palmer Jr., has been doing good work fishing. Capt. C. L. Marshall left a few days ago on a short visit to friends, South. Mr. Lloyd Palmer thinks some of going to Rosland, B. C., in a short time. Dr. H. A. Palmer left here some few days ago for Atlin. He will be joined by his cousin at Vancouver. Robbed the Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents a bottle, every bottle guaranteed at any Drug Store.

Mill Road.

May 23.—The weather for the past few weeks has been very dry but owing to the heavy rain on Sunday the roads are again muddy. On Sunday last the Rev. Father McDermott held Divine service in the R. C. church at this place. On Sunday next 28th inst. Rev. A. H. Williams will preach in the school house here. On Thursday Mr. James Barnett sent a turkey to market which weighed 19 1/2 pounds. Miss Martie M. Cambridge is spending a few days at her home in Burton, Sanbury Co. Miss Ida Osburn intends spending the summer in St. John. On Saturday evening one of Gagetown's most popular young men, lost his way near the mill at this place owing to the heavy rain and the darkness of the night. Seeing a light he made his way in that direction where he was kindly taken in and sheltered from the snow-raging of the storm. In the morning he was started on the right road for home. Mr. Jas. Barnett is doing a great stroke of farming with the intention of raising "Rice." Miss Bessie M. Law spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Susie J. Brooks. To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE. Sir: I noticed in your last issue a statement made by your Greenwack correspondent which is entirely untrue. I refer to the statement that the Liberal Conservative Club, and the L. O. G. T. have given up holding their meetings. Now sir, this is entirely untrue. As I am a member of both the organizations referred to, I think it only justice to the club as well as the L. O. G. T. to correct the statements made by your correspondent. The Liberal Conservative Club was organized in January last with ten members, and has grown since, until at the present time the membership is about forty, and meetings are held every two weeks in Belyea's Hall, where an enjoyable evening is spent in speech making, debates, etc. Now sir, as to the L. O. G. T., we claim our Lodge is second to none in any country place, and meetings are held every Saturday night (if fine) and has a membership of something over fifty members, among whom are some of the leading talent in the parish, and are doing very effective work. Yours Truly, J. A. FLEWELLING, Oak Point, Kings Co., May 22, 1899. Cook's Penetrating Plaster.

To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

I notice in your issue of the 17th, a piece in connection with L. J. King's license. The piece stated that Mr. King did not have any license but that he had a letter of recommendation from 2nd Kingsclear Church. Mr. King says he has his license and several people have seen them. Mr. Hammond must have an awful poor memory or something must be wrong with him. If he will look at the Baptist Annual of 1897, he will see on page 56 the Licentiate of the Western Association of New Brunswick, and among others he will see L. J. King's name. Now, Mr. Hammond or the Association have made a bad mistake, and it would only be using Mr. King and his friends right for Mr. Hammond to give a full explanation of what he wrote to your valuable paper. Some time ago a piece appeared in your columns from Mr. Hammond stating that Mr. King's license had been cancelled. If Mr. King had no license the people would like to know what it all means. Hoping that Mr. Hammond will make things a little plainer in the future, and thanking you Mr. Editor for space in your valuable paper, I remain, AN ANXIOUS INQUIRER. Mouth of Joneses.

May 22.—The recent heavy rain has started the growth of the grass, and it now has the appearance of being a good crop. Considerable garden stuff was on the standstill, owing to the dryness of the weather, but is doing fine since the rain. Those visiting the village during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wright, and children, St. John; Mrs. Arthur Coaker, and children, Charlottetown. Mr. Pherson, of Chicago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. J. Gollmer. There were no services in the church on Sunday last, owing to the roughness of the weather. Robert Van Buskrick, of Fredericton, W. F. Currie, E. C. Lockett, of Young's Cove, were registered at Elm Grove hotel last week. The school at present is progressing rapidly under the careful management of Miss Emma White. Mrs. C. L. Slipp is able to be around again. Mrs. Slipp stepped on a nail, some days ago, which caused a severe wound.

In South Africa.

JOHANNESBURG, May 16.—A number of men have been arrested here on the charge of high treason. CAPE TOWN, May 16.—The Argus, of this city, today publishes a despatch from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal or South African republic, saying that F. W. Reitz, the secretary of state, confirms the report that a number of unusual arrests have been made there and that it is rumored that the prisoners are British officers. PRETORIA, May 16.—The officers arrested are Capt. Patterson, formerly of the Lancers; Col. R. F. Nicholls, Lieut. E. J. Trenholme, Lieut. C. A. Ellis, lately a private detective at Johannesburg; Lieut. John Allen Mitchell, formerly of the Horse Artillery; former Sergeant Fries, R. P. Hooper and Nichols. None of them have been in the employ of the British South Africa Chartered Company. It is stated that the commissioners of police, who had the affair in hand, had been working up the case for four months. Mr. Beatty, the detective who effected the arrests, received his instructions last week and secured the necessary warrants yesterday. The executive of the Transvaal is sitting in secret session this evening considering the arrests. JOHANNESBURG, May 16.—Further warrants have been issued that the officers already arrested were also preparing to organize a corps in Natal, the British colony, between the Orange Free State and the Indian Ocean, to assist the projected movement at Johannesburg. CAPE TOWN, May 16.—According to advices from Pretoria, the charge against the prisoners is that, while staying in the Rand privately they were really engaged in enlisting men for the purpose of rebellion when they were ready to give the signal.

ghan Groen, had an interview with President Kruger this afternoon and expressed regret that men who had worn the Queen's uniform should be concerned in such a movement. President Kruger replied that he would not believe the prisoners were British officers until it had been proved, adding that he hoped the affair would not interfere with the proposed meeting between himself and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa.

A Six Chinese Combine.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 19.—It is reported that the Chinese merchants of Vancouver headed by Kang Yu Wei, the Chinese reformer, are figuring on a combine of gigantic proportions namely a combine of an oriental trade in Canada, the United States and Australia. Kang believes that the five million Chinamen in the two continents will go into the scheme. Sixty million dollars will be subscribed, five millions in Canada. The huge undertaking has its origin in China-town, Vancouver. Kang supplying the necessary funds and inspiration. The combine will invest the funds of all Chinamen wishing to do business in America and Australia and ultimately carry out the big reform schemes of Kang Yu Wei.

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PRETORIA, May 16.—The British agent and charge d'affaires, Mr. Cony-