

Surprise and Presentation.

A splendid surprise was given to Mr. Geo. Erickson, 40 Blücher St., on Monday evening by the members of the St. Paul's Literary Society of which Mr. Erickson was Treasurer for the past seven years. A splendid address expressing many thanks was read by Mr. C. F. Luckhard and Mr. Erickson was presented with a beautiful gold tie pin. Luncheon was served and a few very pleasant hours were spent during the evening. The St. Paul's Literary comprises 60 members, of which Rev. Mr. Boese is Pres., Mr. C. F. Luckhard is Vice-Pres., and Mr. Geo. Erickson, treasurer and Miss Irene Hoffer, Secretary.

Laid To Rest.

The remains of the late Miss Eliza Hahn were on Monday laid to rest after an illness of nearly 4 months. She was known among a large circle of friends and will be missed among her companions. She was a member of Lodge No. 154 A. O. U. W. The following contributions of flowers were received in sympathy: from mother and father, pillow of carnations and lilies; brother and sister, gates of carnation and lilies; U. W. members of carnations and lilies; Mr. and Mrs. E. Klein, spray of roses; Mr. and Mrs. Val Hahn, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schallhorn, anchor of carnations and roses; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schiller, spray of roses; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hass, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. H. Reud, spray of lilies; Mrs. B. Dettmer, spray of roses; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schiller, spray of carnations and lilies; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jansen, spray of carnations; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodner, spray of roses. Miss Emma and Martha Dannecker, spray of lilies; Miss Elsie Hoffman and Emma Helm, spray of carnations; Miss Luella C. Becker, spray of carnations and roses. The funeral was held at her late home at 42 Agnes Street and thence to St. Matthews Lutheran Church to Mt. Hope Cemetery for interment.

The Peoples Railway.

Ex-Ald. McMillan, who, it will be recalled, was a strong opponent of the People's Railway By-law last November still retains his interest in the position of the company. Yesterday he wheeled over the proposed route from Guelph to the sugar refinery near Berlin. He states that there is nothing doing. A good deal of grading had been done between New Germany and the Sugar Refinery last fall, and the cement piers put in for the bridge across the Grand River, but so far there is no sign of making a start this year. A few large shovels are lying alongside the route, which have evidently been there all winter. Those who hoped for great things from this railway would like to see the company in a position to go ahead.—Guelph Mercury.

Canadian Beet Sugar.

The reports for the three beet sugar factories in Canada for the year 1910 show that the total product of beets processed into sugar was 57,673 tons. The area planted was 3350 acres, but, owing to drought in Alberta, this area was reduced by 1700 acres, and the yield per acre was 8.80 tons. The price paid to growers was \$383,565, being an average of \$5.69 per ton. At the Raymond factory it was \$5; at Wallaceburg \$5.70 and at Berlin \$5.85, per ton. The sugar contents at Berlin was 16.80 per cent., at Wallaceburg 15.6 per cent., and at Raymond 15 per cent., but the actual yield of granulated sugar at the mills was about 2 per cent. less. The Berlin factory gave a sugar product of 5,198,175 pounds; Wallaceburg, 11,348,052 pounds; and Raymond, 1,202,000 pounds, which is a total of 17,748,227 pounds, or 8,574 tons. The value of the crop to farmers per acre was \$52.64 at Berlin, \$51.30 at Wallaceburg, and \$34.50 at Raymond.

DIED IN BRANTFORD.

Mrs. John W. Bowlby, wife of J. W. Bowlby, K. C., Brantford, died on Monday evening at 11 o'clock. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2.30. The deceased who was related to a number of Berlin people, was well known here.

STORY OF A STENOUS BATTLE TOLD IN POLICE COURT THIS MORNING.

The troubles of neighbors created some little excitement when they were aired in Police Court this morning. The husband of one of the women charged his female neighbor with having assaulted his wife. The wife in question said that her neighbor had made a vicious assault upon her, struck her in the face, torn her dress and wound up the battle by having bricks. The defendant's story was to the effect that she was merely defending herself. The plaintiff being the aggressor. The aggressiveness took the form of unmentionable epithets, followed up by blows and a shower of bricks and stones. From the evidence of a witness who had the front seat for the performance it appeared that the event was something of a battle royal—a choice assortment of language, pugilistic exhibitions, and bricks, stones being included in the program. Magistrate Weir dismissed the case.

The case against Albert Rieckman charged with having threatened and used insulting language to Michael Krauschinsky was dismissed, after much evidence had been heard.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The prospects for small fruits this year are usually favorable. The trees and bushes, the farmers say, wintered well and have had a fine spring, and, with the usual care in the way of spraying, etc., they will be generally speaking, in a very healthy state, and the prospect is bright for a fine yield. The seeding operations and other work of spring are considerably advanced.

NEW HAMBURG.

Mr. R. W. Cressman spent the week end with friends in Toronto. Mrs. Wm. Millar, and Miss M. Allchin, were visitors in Stratford on Friday.

Miss Laura Martin left last week to spend a couple of weeks with her sister at Grimsby Beach, Ont.

Miss Nell Anderson, has returned home after a three weeks' visit to friends in Toronto.

Mr. Chas. Richardson of St. Marys spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. H. Boullie.

Miss Clara Buckel of St. Joseph Hospital Guelph, spent Monday last at her home here.

Mrs. Smith of Delhi, is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. J. M. Smith, here.

Mr. Herbert Switzer of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, is home for the summer holidays.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith a daughter.

The many friends of Mrs. Lewis Hahn, will regret to learn that she is confined to her home with serious illness.

Mrs. J. Pedlow has returned to her home in Delhi, after a visit of several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mrs. George Rogers and daughter Dorothy, of Buffalo, N. Y., are here visiting at the home of Mr. Lewis Hahn.

Born: On Thursday, May 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartmann, a daughter.

Rev. C. Zarke, of Berlin was a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. Ralph C. Murlon and daughter of Toronto are the guests of friends in town.

Mrs. Hepler, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Hahn, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Charles Lederman, returned last week from a visit to Winnipeg.

She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. D. Miller who intends to spend several weeks with her mother and friends here.

The Assessor of the village has made his returns for the year 1911, and gives the total amount of an assessable property in New Hamburg as \$542,237, an increase of \$5000 over last year. There is \$75,300 worth of property, exempted from taxation, including public buildings and churches. The population of the village is 1791, an increase of 101 since the last return was made a year ago. There were 25 births and 14 deaths during the past year. There are 44 dogs, on the list.

There is talk of a syndicate being formed to purchase the old American Block and erect a modern three-story building thereon.

Rev. W. J. Yager, pastor of the Evangelical Church here, who has been transferred to Hanover, Ont., preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, May 7th. Rev. Mr. Yager and family will leave this week for his new field of labor and while their departure is generally regretted, their many friends will wish them continued success in their new home.

Mr. E. H. Ashenden, member of the W. P. H. Club, of Chicago, a business associate of Mr. Chas. Peine, called on friends here this week on his way from Bermuda.

The streets of the town have been scraped from the station to Raus' corner. A traction engine was employed to pull the scraper. The dirt is being hauled away and the streets look greatly improved.

With the new G. T. R. time table which goes into effect on Sunday next a new east bound train, will be put on service. This train is of the flyer type, and will run from Chicago to Toronto and is due in New Hamburg at 2:12 in the afternoon. Having had no east-bound train going through here from 9:15 a. m. till 4:32 p. m. this new train will be a welcome addition to the service. A local train was run through here about the same time a few years ago, but was soon taken off again.

Miss Fan y J. Puddicombe has returned home from Toronto where she spent the past couple of months with her sister Mrs. H. W. Smith.

C. P. R. BULLETIN ISSUED AT WINNIPEG DENIES REPORT OF DAMAGE TO CROPS.

Winnipeg, May 9.—The Canadian Railways' weekly crop report came out to-day very opportunely, for there has been a good deal of gossip among grain men of damage to crop prospects from lack of moisture during seeding operations.

Speaking generally, these fears are without foundation. Rain would be beneficial, but there is plenty of moisture in the ground, from one to two feet some points report, and, although there has been no rain in most of Manitoba and other large areas of Saskatchewan since seeding operations started about April 15, the grain is coming nicely.

Without question general rains would be very welcome and should these come it is possible that the local wheat market might break a couple of cents.

But the soil is in shape to sustain drought for another week or ten days without giving cause for serious apprehension. From 80 to 95 per cent. of the seeding is completed.

From six to ten hours' rain all over Alberta last Saturday has removed all danger of draught in that province for weeks to come.

VENTURE MAY EXPLAIN ANXIETY OF THE "INTERESTS" TO GET RECIPROCITY PASSED.

Is J. Pierpont Morgan, ruler over a vast industrial empire, a director in the Hudson Bay Company, and if so, is that an indication of what Canada has to expect in the way of an invasion of the U. S. trusts, if reciprocity goes into effect?

The "Appeal to Reason" organ of socialism regards the announcement of Mr. Morgan's new venture as significant when considered in the light of the strong pressure being used to have the pact approved by the U. S. Government.

The Hudson Bay Company is establishing stores in Calgary and Winnipeg, and will, it is rumored, also enter the departmental store field in Toronto.

This is what the paper says: A little item in the daily press, which The Appeal found rather by accident than through having it dinned into its ears, is of supreme importance. You will surely find that the really things are but barely mentioned in the papers.

This item tells that J. Pierpont Morgan has become a director in the Hudson Bay Company. If a director it necessarily follows that he is a stockholder in that company.

The Hudson Bay Company is the oldest corporation in the world. It was chartered in the sixteenth century, and practically all of Canada, then called British America, is under its absolute control.

It has power to organize armies, to levy war and to exercise a general commercial and governmental sovereignty. For many years its principal business was trading in furs. Practically its only rival was John Jacob Astor, who himself waxed so wealthy that he bought vast holdings of land in New York, and by the time the fur business had run extinct controlled the greatest landhold in the world with the surest income of any man in existence. The rent of the Astors to-day is said to be \$14,000,000 annually.

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Mr. H. S. Hallman Has Returned From a Trip to the Sunny South.

Interesting indeed was an interview had by The Record this morning with Mr. H. S. Hallman, who has but recently returned from a trip of two weeks from Florida, where he went for his health, and also to look into some land investments offering in that vicinity.

He was successful in both respects. He returns in improved health, and also the possessor of 200 acres of land fronting on the bay in the Pensacola district.

Mr. Hallman states that the climate in that part of Florida which he visited is the most salubrious to be had in any part of the continent, there being practically no frost, the year around. He found the land in the district all that it was represented to be by the gentleman who is opening up that portion of the country.

The season there is far advanced, and on the 6th of April potatoes were being dug, which sold for \$2.75 per bushel. The first crop of strawberries was just over, while new vegetables of all varieties were being placed on the market. The trees in the fruit orchards, while in a neglected condition, were loaded with fruit, and the peaches, pears, pomegranates, figs, oranges, lemons and grape fruit were almost ripe. Pecan nuts are raised in abundance in this district.

The residents of the South are not deeply concerned over the reciprocity pact. One of the natives, when asked his opinion, stated that the United States was quite capable of taking care of itself, and also a part of Canada.

The land visited by Mr. Hallman is located on the Choctawhatchee Peninsula and lies between Choctawhatchee Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, the distance across being about five miles. The timber has been removed, and the tract comprises about 25,000 acres.

It is Mr. Hallman's intention to interest a sufficient number of Canadians to form a colony on this tract which is across the bay from Pensacola. He saw farmers in that district making more profit from a 10 acre farm than would be possible in this district with 100 acres. The land will be surveyed in 20-acre lots, and a meeting will be held in Berlin in June to discuss the proposition.

Pensacola is a city of 30,000 population located 70 miles across the bay from Santa Rosa, at which latter place it is proposed to form the colony. Wild flowers bloom the year round in this district.

Mr. Hallman's purchase is in the Pensacola district, and it is his intention to divide the 200 acres into ten lots and to dispose of nine of these to buyers who will guarantee to cultivate and improve the land.

He is well pleased with the result of his trip and speaks in glowing terms of this district of Florida, both as a healthy country and also one offering good real estate investments.

FIVE BABY SQUIRRELS

Five new baby squirrels have arrived at the Park Zoo. They are beauties with a coat of black and grey.

VISITED IN GALT.

Several members of the Waterloo County Poultry Association attended the monthly meeting of the Galt Poultry and Pet Stock Association last evening. Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, the veteran breeder and exhibitor gave a most interesting address on breeding, feeding, and care, of the various breeds. A return visit will be made shortly by the Galt Association.

Peoples Ry. Selling Bonds.

The Peoples Railway Co., is at present negotiating for the sale of its bonds. An English financial concern is interested and Mr. N. R. Bugg states their will be something definite by the end of the week.

There is no construction work at present under way, but this will be again commenced after the company has closed up the deal in question.

NEW LAWS FOR MOTORS.

The new laws concerning the driving of motor vehicles include some clauses which make for the protection of the public, and will be generally appreciated. One is that speed on highways or streets must be regulated by circumstances, such as the condition of traffic, state of the road, etc., and no one may drive recklessly or negligently when by so doing the public is endangered. Again, no person under the age of 17 years shall drive a motor vehicle in a public street or highway. No one without a license is allowed to drive a car for hire, or as a paid chauffeur, and no one is allowed to engage a man as driver unless he has a license. These are the principal new clauses which go into force immediately.

A LITTLE PREMATURE.

In our interview yesterday with Rev. H. S. Hallman we reported the fruit in Florida about two months too soon. We should have said that the peaches, pears etc., were about one-third ripe. They gave, however, every indication of a plentiful crop.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Chas. Boll was held on Saturday at St. Peter's Lutheran church, thence to the East End Cemetery. There were many floral contributions, among them being—Pillow from family, Wreath from C. Blankstein and family, Spray of roses from Mr. and Mrs. G. Tuchinsky, and family, Spray of White Carnations from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graber, Spray of White and Red roses from L. H. Phillips, Spray of Red roses from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graber and family, Spray of roses and Carnations from employees of Aug. Stephens, Owasco, Mich., Anchor from Interior from Herman and Otto Boll, and families, Spray of White Sweet Peas from Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bornhold, Spray of Red roses and White Carnations from Emma Hoff, Spray of White Lilies and Carnations from Mrs. E. Bornhold and family, Spray of Red roses and Carnations from K. O. T. M., Spray of Red roses from Henry Blankstein and sister Mary, Spray of roses and Carnations from Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kahlfeisch.

DEER QUARTERS BEING REMOVED AND GROUNDS FOR PICNICERS SUMMERED — PARK BOARD MAKING CHANGES

With the approach of the picnic season the Park Board is preparing to make alterations at the Victoria Park in order to accommodate the large crowds of picnickers that gather at the park each year. Picnic parties will find the grounds greatly improved this season, for on the recommendation of the Grounds Committee of the Park Board the present deer and squirrel quarters will be removed to the west side of the lake, between the spot selected for the proposed children's playgrounds and the creek.

The present deer grounds will be improved by filling in the hollows and removing the stumps. The grounds will be put into shape for picnic purposes. Numerous picnic tables will also be erected.

The park will be further enhanced by a shrub-bed of 67 by 11 feet, consisting of 60 lilacs of fifteen varieties to be placed near the Gormont Station.

The miniature Zoo at the park is being added to every day. Mr. Geo. J. Lippert, Jr., has kindly given a golden and silver pheasant; Mr. A. A. Pipe donated a pair of wild geese; Mr. Ed. Turner a game cock and two hens; Mr. Allan Grauel, two pair pigeons and Mr. Gobel of the Town Engineering Staff a Witte Duck. Visitors at the park are requested not to molest or disturb these new arrivals.

The Park Board has authorized Architect Cowan to call for tenders for the new Grand Stand. Work on the stand will commence upon acceptance of tenders.

The park drives are now open for the public, but owners of automobiles are reminded that according to the Park laws the speed limit is five miles an hour.

Member of Big American Lumber Firm in Berlin To-day.

Mr. W. E. Heyser, a member of the firm of that name who have immense lumber mills, yards, etc., in Cincinnati, has been in Berlin for the past two days looking for a suitable location on which to establish a lumber yard.

The firm is desirous of locating a branch of its business in Ontario and Mr. Heyser has been looking over the province in search of a suitable distribution place. He was shown about Berlin, and to the Record this morning he stated that in all probability the branch yards would be established in Berlin. "I like your town," he said, "and will return the first of next week to make further arrangements."

The company deals largely in southern hardwoods and to have a distributing point in Ontario would prove of great advantage in conducting the firm's business on this side of the line.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schiedel and family of Preston visited at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hy. C. Gimble on Sunday April 30th.

Mr. J. Harold Bowman of Berlin was a caller in our midst last Saturday.

Have you planted the seeds in your garden yet?

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Waggoner of The Pines were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Albert of Elmira over Sunday and Monday.

Miss Anna Hallman of 26 Ellen street West, Berlin visited her cousin Miss Mabel Hallman here last Tuesday evening.

Cat fishing parties are all the rage here these warm spring evenings.

Mr. Joe Good and his young son Henry of Berlin were on a fishing trip here on Monday. The former succeeded in landing a fine large specimen of the fish family.

Mr. Herman Hertle Sr. of River View Farm and his two sons, Messrs. Norman and Hertle Hertle Sr., are busily engaged in building a barn for Mr. David Thaler of Centerville, which will replace the one that was struck by lightning and burned to the ground last August.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shantz and three children all of Eastport Waterloo were welcome Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Shantz's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hy. C. Gimble of River Lodge.

THE DAHLIA

Method of Cultivation and History of Flower—W. C. Ruff.

The dahlia possesses a happy, easy-going disposition, and readily adapts itself to almost any soil or situation except dense shade and wet, sour soil, and while it loves a sunny situation and revels in sandy loam, yet with proper cultivation it will do well, and give satisfactory results in partial shade and on heavy clay. I think perhaps the finest blooms I ever saw were grown on heavy clay, but for convenience in cultivation and digging I prefer a light soil—and bear in mind, especially, that cultivation is first in importance and without it success cannot be assured.

The soil in which the dahlia is grown should be thoroughly prepared by spading or plowing, the deeper the better. If it is a light, sandy soil, give it a liberal dressing of well rotted stable manure at the time of plowing; if heavy soil or clay, coarse bone meal is best. They do not need too rich a soil, and are often ruined by being over-fertilized. A heavy dressing of air-laked lime is very beneficial to soil inclined to be wet.

Planting should not be done too early and never when the soil is wet. May 15 to June 1, depending on the season, is early enough in the climate of June 15 is not too late for best results. Most varieties will bloom in sixty to seventy-five days after planting dormant roots. Plant single tubers for blooms, and lay them on their side in a horizontal position, not vertical. Cover to a depth of five or six inches, and press the soil firmly over the tubers. Do not plant closer than three to four feet. I plant in rows four feet apart and three feet apart in the row.

During the growing season the dahlia will resent extremes of either wet or dry, so the happy medium must be applied; but after coming into bloom, it is a heavy drinker, a "regular toper," and for this reason proper judgment in watering is not always used, and it is often abused and greatly injured by constant drenching during the growing season, which accounts for many of the failures in growing this plant.

As soon as the sprouts appear above the surface, start and how and cultivate, and this work should be thoroughly done and kept up until the first bloom appears. Light cultivation is better than deep, especially just before the blooming period, and an ordinary steel garden rake is an excellent tool to use at this time. As soon as blooming begins, all cultivation should cease and a heavy mulch of coarse strawy manure or straw litter be applied.