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ADDISON.

THURSDAY, May 28.—At the last May official meeting of the Methodist church of the Addison Circuit held at Greenbush, it was unanimously resolved that as Bro. Oliver had labored with so much acceptance and so earnestly for the last two years that we ask the Stationing Committee to reappoint him for a third time.

C. STOWELL,
R.S.

FORFAR.

TUESDAY, May 26.—Mr. R. E. Young and Misses Anna Morris and Maud Myers attended the Teacher's Association at Athens.

Mr. Fred Morris spent his holidays with his parents here. He is teaching at Lyndhurst and reports having good success.

Mr. Stevenson of Montreal fixed a number of organs in this locality.

Miss Thomson and Rev. Mr. Bailey of Westport were visiting at Mr. Poole's.

G. H. Pool made W. T. Hales the present of a horse this spring.

Rheumatism is the prevailing disease in this locality. J. Myers, G. Preston, H. Henderson and W. McQue are bad with it, besides those who have recovered.

Miss Anna Leonard has a large music class.

DELTA.

Monday, June 1.—Wm. Johnson has laid the foundation for a fine new residence on Victoria street. We think he will be "able" to have it furnished before fall.

While your reporter was taking his usual walk on Sunday afternoon along the watery deep, I was grieved to see several row boats along the shore and their occupant's fishing. Six days shalt thou labor and the seventh "fish." Parents look after the boys.

C. E. Wells who has been in Uncle Sam's domains for some months past, is spending a few days with his parents

The three picnics on Monday were largely attended, and all expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant day's outing.

Mr. Will Seeds of Elgin is assisting in our cheese factory and is becoming quite popular among our fair sex.

Farmers are complaining of the continued dry weather, and say if we don't have rain before long the crops will be a complete failure.

At the last meeting of the Delta Methodist quarterly board it was Moved by Henry Smith, seconded by John Pattamore, that we recognize with pleasure the rapid advancement of the cause of God on this Circuit under the charge of Rev. W. Rilance as pastor and that we extend to him a cordial invitation to remain the third year.—Carried unanimously.

A. COLEMAN.

FRONT OF YONGE.

Monday, June 1.—We attended the Methodist church last Sabbath and as the church is undergoing repairs, service was held in the school house. This reminded us of the olden time when there was no church in Caintown and when service was held in a private house or in the old square-toped school house. No top buggy in those days.

An Oddfellows' hall will be erected in Mallorytown this summer.

A very large concourse of people attended the funerl of S. H. Dickey which took place on Monday, 25th ult. The remains were interred in the family burying ground near Yonge Mills. The Rev. Mr. Serviss was the officiating clergymen who delivered a very appropriate discourse for the occasion.

Mr. Washington Mallory of Mallorytown, has one of the finest hop yards in the county.

Here is a singular coincidence. There is a poor family near Mallorytown where the old lady or head of the family married a dummy and the daughter married a dummy also The old lady has enjoyed wedded life for the third time.

DULSEMAIN.

WEDNESDAY, May 27.—Mrs. Hamilton Weart of Athens was the guest of her sister-in-law Miss Eliza J. Weart last week.

Mr. Earnest McCready (formerly of this place) now engaged in cheese-making near Brockville paid the paternal home a visit last Sunday. He was accompanied by his cousin Miss McCready of Lyn.

Mrs. Thomas Acton of Iowa is at present the guest of her brother Mr John Patience. It is twenty-one years since her last visit here, we cannot see that she has changed very much in those years. Time seems to have sat lightly on her brow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gass Haskins and family accompanied by Mrs. Ephraim Haskins are visiting in Plum Hollow this week.

A new partnership business has been entered into, the interested parties were Mr. Herb Leacock our popular blacksmith and Miss Aggie Scott of Redan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Stiles in St. Thomas Church, Frankville, on Wednesday May 13th. The Church was pretty well filled when the bridal party arrived. As they entered the Church the choir sang a hymn, Mrs. Stiles presiding at the organ. The bride looked lovely, simply, but beautifully dressed in white, trimmed with ribbon, she was assisted by her sister Miss Minnie Scott. The groomsman was Mr. Alfred Leacock, brother of the groom. When the ceremony was performed the wedding march was played after which they received the congratulations of their friends. On the Friday evening following a grand reception was given them at the residence of Mr. Geo. Leacock's, father of the groom. The bride was the recipient of many costly presents thus showing the high estimation with which they were regarded.

NEWBORO.

Again our turn has rolled around, our only "shining" light,
And still we find him holding forth in wondrous power and might,
Not in the mystic sciences, but that which soars above,
That burning passion few can gain—a woman's deathless love.

His powers of suasion none deny not e'en the "upper ten,"
His grand phisique and talents rare the wonders are of men,
Kind nature's priceless gifts have ne'er by sages of renown,
Been better used in keeping up the record of a town.

And if at times from wisdom's path he strays in his career
To take a sail by moonlight or a glass of lager beer,
Why censure him? Did British throne e'er seat a perfect king?
Or can a fisher perfect be who never caught a "ling?"

His genial nature all admit in all his ups and downs,
And if molested by the boys he never on them frowns,
He never yet was known to squeal when out upon a lark,
Not even when he fell a prey to Portland's gaming shark.

Oppression's wave which oft o'erwhelms the victim of foul play
That crushes down the rising hope and damps the spirits gay,
Was never felt for higher still his gamey spirit rose,
Though lost was all his borrowed spoil and round him all were foes.

With calm, serene and steady gaze he met his rival's eye
As soldier meets that monster Death who is prepared to die,
And with a smile disdainful said, I still can keep afloat,
For though my money you have won I've yet a rubber coat.

Across his rival's swarthy face did flit a baleful smile,
As flashed into his mind the thought, I'll add it to my pile,
I call, is heard in Duncan's voice, while clear and sharp it rings,
The coat is mine, says wily Tom, three aces beat three kings.

As wild flower pressed beneath the foot uprears its bended stalk,
His buoyant nature bore him up though realing from the shock,
The coat is lost, he cooly said, but 'tis the outside one,
My under one is left me still I'll stake it just for fun.

He stripped it off, the cards were dealt, it went with all the rest,
Then with a half-defiant air he staked his hat and vest,
These followed suit and, as a plant is nourished by its roots,
He kept alive his Staying Power by putting up his boots.

Misfortune's hand which causes men to grovel in the dirt,
Had stripped him of his whole attire except his pants and shirt,
My all is gone except my grit, reluctantly he said,
And as I've nothing more to lose tis time to think of bed.

He slept a deep and heavy sleep till late on Sunday morn,
And dreamed of boyhood's happy hours and manhood's life forlorn,
But, cruel fate, the landlord's call disturbed his sweet repose,
Then flashed the question to his mind what shall I do for clothes?

As pity stirs the human breast for stag that's brought to bay,
Kind friendship's hand went out to him who now in bed did lay,
That sympathetic spirit touched his rival's stoney heart,
And of the clothes won in the game he gave him back a part.

When evening's shades had crowded out the light of sunny day,
He turns from that unlucky place and homewards wends his way,
But on the hill he faces round upraised his empty purse,
And on that village he pronounced this long and bitter curse.

"Oh nest of liars, rogues and thieves may boulders on them fall,
May goblin spirts break their rest and vipers round them crawl,
May slow starvation be their lot and demons mock their groans,
Their bodies rot beneath the sun and vultures pick their bones."

Then turned his back upon the scene and bitter thoughts did prey
Upon his mind while plodding home 'neath Luna's silvery ray,
Mans inhumanity to man shall cease when sounds the knell
That dooms the unrepentant to the endless flames of ——

The following are a few snappy, sensible(!) "news items" that the Limekill correspondent sent in last week to the Prescott Journal, and the Limekill correspondent's items are a fair sample of the Journal's correspondents' "news."

S. Mahoney and M. Colwell thought they should have kept quieter.

We notice some of our young ladies look very down-hearted since Jim has gone.

We wonder what took Herman to Prescott Sunday.

What takes Johnny up to Mr. W. Gore's so often?

It is a wonder Jim does not get a bird for the cage on the hill.

We think the Smith's Crossing correspondent is rather hard on poor Joe.

Wonder where Hugh was Sunday night last.

Honor Roll, Greenbush

For school section No. 20, Elizabethtown, for May: V. Class—Lewis R. Moore 102. IV Class sr.—Nellie Patterson 577, Bertha Blanchard 569, IV Class jr.—Talmage Smith 372, J. Loverin 337, Alma L. Langdon 284. III Class sr.—Lucy Patterson 353, W. G. Smith 289, Luella Johnson 253, Bertha Maud 153. III Class jr.—W. Miller 320, Walter Finlong 315, Anna Johnson 239, Dorman Finlong 224. II Class—Lizzie Connell. 1st Class part II. Bertha Justus 114, Victoria Olds 88, Fred Olds 82, Hattie Patterson 58, Fred Kerr 52, Ella Kerr 37, Leonard McBratney 36, Destown Forsythe. Average attendance for May 30.

Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll for school section No. 9, of village of Lansdowne for the month of May, 1891. Below will be found the names of those who deserve special mention. They are given in order of merit.

SENIOR DIVISION V Class

Minnie Allen 638, Charlie Bradley 605.

Sr. IV Class

Evelyn Dixon 827, Florence Moore 786, Jessie Findlay 757, Charlie Young 706, Maude Moulton 635.

Jr. IV Class

Matthew Fairlie 722, Hannah Fairlie 686, Catherine Fairlie 683, Etta Somers 671.

Sr. III Class

Maude Terry 722, Bennie Kirker 722, Arthur Bradley 688, Jennie Deane 672, Effie Kirker, 570, Rhoda Kilborn 556.

Jr. III Class

Lillie Moulton 591, Berta Allen 531 Hattie McConnell 525, Lizzie Bomen 504.

JUNIOR DIVISION. Sr. II Class

James Fairlie 591, Lillie Gray 497, Alma Bradley 457, Susie Somers 442.

Jr. II Class

L. Shields 457, M. Kirker 420, Mabel Kilborn 411, Bertie Young 404.

Sr. Part II Class

Gertie Cole 329, Charlie Moxley 305 Annie Heaslip 266, Mark Tooker 204.

Jr. Part II Class

Fred Cornett 214, Lizzie Johnston 144.

I Class

Edith Wallis, Amelin Shields, Paul Moore, Maggie McKay, Christina Sullivan, Ethel Young.

Lou Moxley, Prin.
J. Graham, Assist.

Brockville Cheese Board

Special to REPORTER.

Ashwood Hall, May 28.—There was a large attendance of members both salesman and buyers. Business seemed to have regained its ordinary course notwithstanding the presence of those members who objected so much against the auction system recently.

As business progressed it was apparent that the "hatchet was not laid down for good." that there was an undercurrent of discontent among the few confidential and private gentlemen who figured so prominently in the minority at last meeting. Later on we learned that the action taken by them was to get certain salesmen to agree to let them have their goods at say 1-16 of a cent per lb. more than was paid on the board by the so-called Small Fry Buyers. From the large number of refusals made by salesmen, who are recognized as willing salesmen, your correspondent is led to think that they made a serious mistake in trying to take in the small fry on the great wheel of monopoly.

On the bulletin board to-day the offerings totaled 4,880 boxes of cheese of which 3.126 boxes were colored, the balance white.

The sales were made at from 8⅞c to 9c, about one half the goods being thus disposed of. White cheese appear largely in the minority thus far this season.

After adjournment of the board those having their goods on hand made for the confidential gentlemen's rooms. Some of them of course received the price promised, but others who were not in possession of the promised blessing had to except much less than was made in public for the goods.

REAR YONGE AND ESCOTT COUNCIL

The council met at the town hall, Athens, on Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, 1891. Members all present.

Edward Webster and Edward Duffield were transferred from Road Div. 12 to 21.

Torrance C. Brown was appointed overseer in Road Div. 11, in place of P. S. Trickey who did not wish to act, and A. McDougall in place of W. J. Earl, Div. 1.

W. G. Johnston, Joseph Pullah, Holmes Clow, and Trueman Cadwell, were allowed to do their statute labor in building sidewalk, on road leading to Athens from this property, work to be done under supervision of Holmes Clow.

Orders were given on the treasurer for the following amounts: John Wiltse for building 67 rods wire fence on road $10, Albert Morris $5 bal. of salary, and $5 for extra services as collector.

Road Div. 16, $5, Road Div. 2, $10 to assist in blasting rocks near Wm Clow's, Amos Wiltse for Charlotte Palmer $4, David Brown $3 per week, to be expended by Edward Bulford, Nicholas Shea for building culvert in Road Div. 4, $6; delinquent statute labor tax $8.25.

Council adjourned until August 15th at 1 o'clock p.m.

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What Girls Talk About.

"What do girls talk about," I asked one of them, "at their luncheons and during calls upon each other?"

"Well," she replied, "there are usually two subjects of conversation at gatherings of girls, and they are about equally prolific. One of them is the men and the other is girls who don't happen to be present. We discuss the men of our acquaintance from every possible point of view, exchange confidences that have been made to us, criticise them with unrestricted freedom, and wonder which of them want to marry and what styles of girls they prefer. Sometimes we are rather sharp in our criticisms, but on the whole the men get out rather easily. But when it comes to other girls—my!"

"What do you mean by that!"

"I mean that no mercy is shown. For example, we take up some poor unfortunate who isn't with us and go through the pleasant operation, known as picking her to pieces. We discuss her costumes, her complexion, her manners, her sayings, her tastes, and by the time we have got through with her the Creator wouldn't recognize his work. Then we start in on some other girl."

"But have you many enemies of this sort?"

"Enemies?" Bless your innocent soul, I haven't an enemy in the world. I love my neighbor as myself."

"You surely don't intend to convey the impression to my mind that these girls whose characters you discuss in this cannibalistic way are friends of yours?"

"Why, certainly. For instance, on the south side the other day we were all taking 5 o'clock tea and having a simply beautiful time picking Maria Jones to pieces. Just in the middle of it all Maria came in. Was she greeted coldly? Well, hardly. We all embraced her, gave her a seat near the fire and changed the subject of conversation to Annie Smith. And how Maria did go for her, to be sure!"—Chicago Post.