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HOODOO SCORES BIG AT BATH

Local Play Delights Large Audience—Sundry Notes, All Interesting

Spring-time is clean-up-time, and the citizens of this place, have availed themselves of the opportunity. Bath has taken on a new aspect. It is to be hoped that we may all become inoculated with the "clean-up" germ and foster it, so that having acquired the habit, we may make this place a cleaner, healthier and more pleasant town in which to live.

The regular annual Water Works meeting was held in the Town Hall on Friday morning. The usual routine business was discussed and approved. It was furthermore decided to call a special meeting on June 1, when the project of erecting a new reservoir will be more fully discussed. The many friends of H. A. McIntyre, the popular manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, will regret to hear that he is about to leave us. Although regretting his departure, he will carry with him the best wishes and congratulations of the many true friends he has made in both business and social circles. He expects to leave for St. John the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hay and family, Church St., have moved to Piermont, where Mr. Hay has taken over the Garfield Kennedy farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairley are also leaving town. In future they will reside in Fredericton. George Thompson, has purchased Fairley's property and expects to move into it soon.

H. Wiley Day was in town Tuesday. He proceeds to Houlton by car.

Mr. McDonald, Moncton, has arrived in town, and will assume the management of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The many friends of Mrs. Charles Bohan will sympathize with her, upon hearing of the death of her sister, Mrs. Quigley, of Grand Falls, which occurred last week. Mrs. Quigley leaves to mourn, besides her husband, three small children, three sisters and one brother.

Master Carl McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLaughlin, Church St., celebrated his fifth birthday in company with his many well friends on Saturday last.

Congratulations to E. F. Shaw, Esq., who celebrated his 72nd birthday on Friday, May 4. Mr. Shaw, for many years a merchant and magistrate, has been confined to his bed with paralysis for a year.

McIntosh Bros. have strong a boom in the month of the month in preparation for several drives of different operators which are to come in.

Mr. Kearney of Wicklow, who for years was ferryman here, has again taken the ferry over and is giving the public good service.

The resumption of train service on last Saturday was heralded with great rejoicing. It seemed as if we were prisoners on an island, cut off as we were, from the outside world. The Observer was the first paper received and the news of the road was eagerly sought. To the Observer management we offer our sincere congratulations on their progressiveness.

Service is what the public want and the Observer gave it. They are certainly to be congratulated.

Harry Price, has sold his barber shop on Main St. to Mr. McClements of Centreville.

Fred McLaughlin returned from Presque Isle, Me., on Sunday. Walter Shaw, Woodstock and Mr. Watson, St. John, were registered at Dev's Hotel during the past week.

Mr. Campbell of Lunenburg was visiting relatives here on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

On account of flood conditions, the moving picture films did not arrive. Hence there was no show last Friday evening.

Since the last issue, news of damage done to the mill, owned and operated by Ed Dyer of Beechwood, has been reported.

Considerable time must elapse before it can be put into operation again.

Pat Sullivan and Lewis Corcoran left for Fort Fairfield during the past week.

Mr. McClements of Centreville has rented the Nixon property on Church street recently vacated by H. F. Hay.

"The Hoodoo," a three act comedy, was staged in the Elita Theatre here on Wednesday, May 2. The play, a three act comedy, centred around an Egyptian Scarab with Professor Spiggott brought with him as a wedding present to Brighton. Early Brighton accepts the \$3,000 scarab, which is sacred to the Egyptian deity. He is warned by Prof. Spiggott to bury it for twenty-four hours or "Kee" the Egyptian God, would bring bad luck to him, who should wear it without replacing it in the earth, its native element, for at least 24 hours.

Brighton Early laughs at the idea. However he loses it! Paradise, the colored maid of all work, finds it. Billy Jackson gives Aunt Paradise a dollar for it! Dunn the burglar steals it from Billy Jackson and so the bad luck travels! Brighton Early is faced by Dodo De Graft, the Daunting Dandy, who threatens to sue him for \$30,000 for breach of promise. He then receives a telegram that the second National Bank has failed and he has lost his money. This proves to be a false alarm. "It was not the second National but the fourth National! So Billy Jackson loses his money! Billy is engaged to three girls at the same time—Doris, Jennifer, and Shirley. And Mrs. Cumber, the rich widow. Finally in the second act, he is exposed as a thief. The three girls all claim to be engaged to him and Billy becomes temporarily insane. In the third act Dunn the burglar, wearing the sacred scarab, has the worst luck that a burglar can have. He is caught and exposed by Billy Jackson.

Dodo De Graft is also exposed as Dunn's wife. Then the tide turns and Professor Spiggott and Semiramus, his wife, are again united, as also all the little Spiggotts. Brighton Early and Amy Lee are married, and so are Billy Jackson and Doris, who elope, after Mrs. Derrington Shins has ordered Billy to leave the house. Thus all ends in bliss. And all those concerned live, like the people in the story books—"happily ever after". The play was a success in every way. All acted their respective parts splendidly. To say that any one particular person, was better than his neighbor, would be more than the writer of this article would become responsible for. It would take a critic to judge, so well did all the players act their respective parts. Between acts Mrs. Colman, of Woodstock, and a Ottawa giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee appointed to enquire into agricultural conditions throughout Canada, of which committee T. W. Caldwell, M. P., is member.

"THE BIG FOUR" BOON TO FARMERS

Is the Judgment of Chairman of Parliamentary Committee—H. H. Hatfield and O. R. Estey Give Evidence

This week H. H. Hatfield of Hartland, C. T. Gallagher of Bath, G. G. Porter of Perth and O. R. Estey of Woodstock are in Ottawa giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee appointed to enquire into agricultural conditions throughout Canada, of which committee T. W. Caldwell, M. P., is member.

It will be recalled that two weeks ago P. W. Pirie of Grand Falls gave evidence before this commission and upon his evidence was based a newspaper story which in effect was that Hatfield, Gallagher, Porter and Estey comprised a combine, spoken of in the committee as "the Big Four", and which controlled prices of potatoes in New Brunswick in such manner that they bought at 85 cents to \$1 and sold in Cuba at \$2.75 to \$3.50, and after adding all costs of transportation to the original cost of the potatoes they made a profit of \$1.50 per bushel, or \$12,000 to \$15,000 for each fortnightly shipment.

The Committee's report on Mr. Pirie's evidence shows that the greatest crime of the "Big Four" was that they paid the farmers 10 cents to 15 cents more for the potatoes than the small independent shipper could afford to do. On Tuesday of this week Hatfield and Estey gave evidence before the Committee. After questioning them closely the Chairman admitted that the "Big Four" way of doing business must be very satisfactory to the producers.

Their evidence also showed that the "Big Four" had suffered a loss on their Cuban transactions amounting to tens of thousands of dollars each year.

The witnesses were asked if they could make any suggestion that would better the condition of the potato growers. This they went to Ottawa prepared to do. They recommended, first, that there should be a reduction on the freight rates on the products of the farm; second, that there be a more efficient class of better cars supplied. Furthermore that the duty on acid phosphate, an essential ingredient of fertilizer, be removed, and that there should be better methods of marketing produce. It was suggested that a survey be made of the Canadian market as to the requirements for potatoes, and that shippers and growers co-operate and only send on to the market at one time as much of their potato crop as the market at the time will readily absorb. By this method the price could be kept even, there would be no shortage in the market and to send the prices skyward with a consequent rush of potatoes and the inevitable sudden drop upon their arrival.

Messrs. Gallagher and Porter gave evidence yesterday.

REV. E. A. TRITES AT CARIBOU

(Contributed)

In December of 1922 Rev. E. A. Trites came from Hartland, N. B. to take charge of the Baptist church of Caribou. He found a warm welcome from a devoted band of workers. He is winning golden opinions from all by his genial presence and untiring devotion to his duties. The congregations tax the seating capacity of the church and the Sunday School has an attendance of 250.

On Sunday evening a large congregation listened attentively to a powerful sermon by Mr. Trites and a fine solo by Miss Myrtle Trites.

Physicians today are making use of tea-packs in the treatment of pneumonia and other pulmonary maladies, whereas 25 years ago hot applications were prescribed exclusively.

EAST FLORENCEVILLE L. O. B. A. SOCIAL

Various Notes of General Interest From Glister Town

A very pleasant time was enjoyed by the members and friends of the Orange Association on Tuesday evening of last week in a social held in Smith's Hall. The program consisted of readings by Mrs. E. W. Sanders and Mrs. James Banks. A duet by Mrs. R. S. Semple and Mrs. J. A. McIsaac, a solo by Rev. I. W. Williamson and a negro male quartette composed of Roy Hunter, E. P. Smith, I. W. Williamson and G. F. Smith. The quartette proved very popular. Rev. I. W. Williamson gave a lecture on the struggle of liberty in Holland in the 15th century, when the Spanish Inquisition was decisively defeated under the leadership of William of Orange. After the program the guests were treated to refreshments by the members of the L. O. B. A. A special offering was taken to aid the suffering Protestants in Southern Ireland.

The Ladies Orange Association held its regular meeting on Monday night and three young ladies, Miss Mildred Tompkins, McComb and Nina Williamson were initiated into the mysteries of the Association.

The regular meeting of Carleton Lodge, A. F. & M., was held on Thursday night of last week when one new member was initiated into the order.

Everyone is very glad to see the trains moving again and receive their mail in the regular way. During the latter part of last week, the mail was carried from Hartland by stage. Curio hunters took snap shots of the mail coach which reminded them of early days in the country. The river is subsiding very rapidly now and while there was no material damage done in this section all the citizens feel more comfortable to see normal conditions prevail. The good weather of the past few days has greatly encouraged the farmers and they are all busily working on the land preparing it to receive the crop which many intend to plant at the later part of the week. Motorists are taking advantage of the good hard dry roads and the hum of many engines is heard day and night.

The many friends of Guy Lawlor will be pleased to learn that his efficiency has been recognized by the managers of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that he is in line for a satisfactory promotion. Guy expects to leave about the middle of June for his new position in Montreal for summer vacations and in the fall expects to get charge of a more important office. Wilbur Tompkins, who has been junior in the office here for some months, has been notified to take full charge when Guy leaves.

A party of young people motored over to Centreville on Saturday night to see the movies.

Lee Brownell left on the up express on Monday for Detroit. Mrs. Brownell accompanied her husband as far as Arcootook where she will be the guest of Mrs. J. R. D. White, before joining Mr. Brownell in the new home across the line.

Dr. Belyea was in East Florenceville on Monday driving from Hartland by car. He visited several of his patients while here.

Giles McIsaac was a visitor to Woodstock on Monday afternoon train.

Mrs. I. M. Tompkins and family expect to move this week into the house they have recently purchased from Jos. Withers.

Berry Banks has started to work for Lorne Simonson and Jos. Withers is engaged with G. F. Smith for the summer.

Another operation has been performed on Etta Kinney. She is making a strong fight for recovery against many disadvantages.

Friends of Charlie Hunter were delighted to see him on the streets of the village on Monday. His health is improving slowly but surely.

The funeral of H. McMullin who died at Boundary Line was conducted by Rev. L. W. Williamson on Wednesday of last week. The remains were laid in the family plot in the lower graveyard.

There will be service in the Anglican church on Sunday, May 27, at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. Mr. Stead. We are going to observe Mother's Day in the Baptist church on Sunday night. All should wear a flower, a white for mothers who have passed away, a red flower for mothers who are living. Appropriate music will be sung and Rev. I. W. Williamson will preach on the subject, "God's noblest work, a mother."

Arthur Semple has gone to Juniper to work for the summer.

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