

## LOCAL NEWS.

Special services are being held in the Methodist church, Protectionville, this week.

David R. C. Brown of Aspen, Colorado, has devoted \$50 to the Miramichi National History Association.

**THANKSGIVING ON KING'S BIRTHDAY.**  
It is understood that Thanksgiving Day this year will be Monday, November 9th, the King's Birthday.

Mr. Jos. Grogan's exhibit of hand painting at Chatham exhibition drew forth many expressions of appreciation. The work was excellent.

**BIG FIRE IN NELSON.**  
About three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, fire caught in the Daily House at Nelson, opposite the post office, and owned by Postmistress Miss Maggie O'Brien. The cause is said to have been hot ashes emptied carelessly from a man's pipe. In a few moments the flames were beyond control and the Newcastle fire department were asked for aid. Ten firemen went over with their engine and all the mills in Nelson were shut down and sent their workmen to assist. The flames were kept from burning anything but the Daily House, a barn and some other out buildings. About all the furniture and merchandise was saved. The building was occupied by Miss Mary Burke, as a confectionery store and dwelling; by Michael Dunn, grocer; Miss Milne, dressmaker; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richardson's dwelling. Upstairs was the A. O. H. Hall.

## WEDDING BELLS.

**DALTON-MURPHY.**  
St. Bridget's R. C. Church, Renouville, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday morning Sept. 16th, when Mr. John J. Dalton and Miss Wilhelmina Murphy were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. E. S. Murdoch. The bride looked charming being attired in a dainty dress of cream muslin, with Valenciennes lace trimmings, and white picture hat and was assisted by the groom's cousin, Miss Nellie Burns, who wore a suit of grey voile with white trimmings. The groom was ably supported by his brother James.

The wedding march was played by Miss Laura McCarty. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the home of the groom's parents where a sumptuous dinner was served to the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. About 5 p. m., tea was served to a large number of invited guests who spent a very pleasant evening in dancing and other amusements. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. Thomas Ross, jr., of Blackville. Testifying to the esteem in which the young couple were held by their numerous host of friends, the presents were many and beautiful.

The groom's present to the bride was a handsome gold bracelet and to the bridesmaid, a gold cross and chain. The groomsmen received gold cuff links. The best wishes of the community are theirs for a long, happy and prosperous life.

## McDONALD-FLYNN.

Tuesday morning, September 15th, St. Margaret's R. C. Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Miss Mary A. Flynn and James McDonald were united in holy matrimony by Rev. E. Pattincaud. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Annie Close, while the groom was supported by Mr. Mark Flynn, brother of the bride. The bride was becomingly attired in cream silk costume with silk and lace trimmings and hat to match. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the home of the bride's father where dinner was served and in the evening a number of young folks gathered and a very enjoyable time was spent. The bride was the recipient of many pretty and useful presents.

## UPPER BLACKVILLE.

Mr. M. R. Benn of Douglastown passed through here on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Will McLagan and little daughter of Blackville were the guests of Mrs. Will Donald on Sunday last. Miss Mabel Donald attended the exhibition in Chatham on Wednesday. Mrs. M. Coughlan was in Douglastown last week. Mr. Bert Donald spent part of last week in Chatham.

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The proceeds of the Catholic dinner at Tabernacle on the 13th inst., were about \$800.00.

John Brooks of Newcastle, Agent, has assigned to Sheriff O'Brien for the benefit of his creditors.

Rev. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell left Redbank yesterday for Oxford, N. S., where Mr. Mitchell has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church. Redbank will miss Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell very much.

Miss John R. Allison returned on Saturday from Moncton Hospital, where she recently underwent an operation for a tumor on her shoulder. The operation was successful, and Mrs. Allison has returned home much improved in health and spirits.

## Social Personal.

Station Master Payne is indisposed. William Brown returned on Friday to P. E. I.

Miss Pinkie Ingram spent Wednesday in Chatham.

Miss C. Norman returned to Boston Tuesday morning.

Osborne N. Brown returned on Saturday to Montreal.

Miss Hartison of Boston, Mass., is the guest of Miss Bell.

Alfred Reid of Boston is visiting his father, Benjamin Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clarke returned to Summerside, on Thursday.

Mrs. H. Ingram and Miss Minnie Ingram spent Friday in Chatham.

Miss M. C. Kethro of Chatham was visiting friends in town Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Robinson and son Tom have returned to Plainfield, Illinois.

J. T. McLean of Chatham spent Wednesday in St. John attending the exhibition.

Alexander Robinson of Boston and Miss Maggie Robinson spent Friday in Chatham.

Miss Abby Stewart of Town spent Wednesday in St. John attending the exhibition.

Mrs. J. D. Thompson and Mrs. A. McLeelan, of Moncton, are visiting Mrs. John Russell.

Misses M. Power, A. McIntyre, B. Hickey attended the exhibition in Chatham last week.

Miss Rita O'Kane of Chatham, and friend Miss Sadie Barry of Boston, spent Friday in town.

Miss Dora B. Humphrey of Apohaqui spent the last few days with Mr. and Mrs. Simon MacLeod.

Miss Jean Robinson returned to Halifax last week to resume her studies at Halifax Ladies' College.

Reid MacMillan of New Mills has spent the last few days here with his brother, Dr. J. D. McMillan.

W. A. Russell of Shediac came home Friday night to attend the funeral of his aunt, Miss Nancy Russell.

Miss Katie Gillis who has been visiting her parents here, returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., this morning.

Eldon Curranthors of Freyville is ill with typhoid in Moncton.

Misses Laura and Norma Smith, of Chatham, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Margaret Robinson at "The Pines."

Mrs. Devereaux of New York, arrived home last week, having been called by the death of her father, Mr. George Brown.

Miss Isadore Leighton spent last week at the St. John exhibition. Her school was supplied by Miss Sadie Urquhart of Nordin.

Mr. Gordon E. Turner of Woodstock, is spending his vacation in Town, the guest of his cousin, Mr. Havelock Ingram.

Miss Louise Manny left on Saturday night to enter McGill University, Montreal. Miss Manny stood ninth in the Matriculation examinations.

Mrs. J. H. B. Scott and Dr. Anna O. McLeod, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon McLeod, left on Monday for their homes in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Annie Power, daughter of Contractor Thos. Power, who has been an invalid with rheumatism for the past two years, was able to be taken out last week for a drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Staples of East Summerville, Mass., returned home Tuesday morning by the Maritime express, after spending a week with relatives in Chatham and Newcastle.

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## PASTIMES OF MADMEN.

Cunning and Ingenuity Displayed by the Insane.

Some of the inventions of the insane are of scientific value. A patient at Villejuif invented a "pneumatization machine" by combining a bottle, a plumb and small metallic tubes, to which he had fitted faucets. Having set up his machine, he produced leaves of bread the size of a man's head. The bread was good—so good that it was decided to make the machine known. One day when it was in action the doctor suggested taking a photograph of it. The inventor watched him as if petrified for a moment; then he fell upon the machine, wrenched it apart and trampled it underfoot. The invention, an exceedingly useful one, was lost, because no one had seen him make it, and no one dared speak of it to him. To abide to it is to bring on a furious attack.

Most lunatics, no matter how contented they may be, generally cherish a furtive longing to escape. They collect from the police station, the impressions of locks and make keys from empty sardine boxes, spoon handles or anything to be found. Dr. Marip's museum includes a collection of knives of strange and unheard of shapes. Some of them have blades made from pieces of glass or slate and set in handles of corset steels. Objects harmless in themselves become dangerous weapons through the ingenuity of madmen.

Insane sculptors are as common as insane painters. The insane sculptor hews out coarse statuettes, fantastic animals, ferocious little horned and grinning devils. An ex-mechanic carves all his soap bones. That his old trade is still in his memory is shown by the little screws that he makes out of the smaller pieces of bone. He works all day at his senseless and ridiculous task. Another lunatic, who believes he is the incarnation of the soul of Beelzebub, passes his time carving toy men out of wood. Each pair of his creations are joined together, now at the necks, now at the shoulders—Helen E. Meyer in Harper's Weekly.

## NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

They Succeeded the System of Nomination by Caucus.

Conventions have not always nominated our presidents and vice presidents. For more than thirty years presidential candidates were named by a caucus made up of members of the house and the senate. This system died when in 1824 the caucus insisted upon by Martin Van Buren and other friends of William H. Crawford of Georgia defeated Crawford, which threw the election into the house on account of the scattering electoral vote caused by the entrance of Clay, Calhoun, Jackson and John Quincy Adams in the race. This fracas elected Adams. The campaign of 1828 in consequence was somewhat demoralized, and in 1831 the Republicans followed the example the anti-Masonic party had set the year before and met in convention in Baltimore to nominate Henry Clay. The Democrats held their first national convention in the same city the following year, nominating Martin Van Buren for vice president. The dominating figure of the party, Andrew Jackson, needed no endorsement of his candidacy for the presidency.

The Democrats in 1835 and 1840 nominated Van Buren for the presidency in Baltimore, and the Whigs nominated Clay in the same place in 1844, when the Democrats named Folk. In 1853 Roman M. Saunders introduced the two-thirds rule to the Democratic convention, and it was adopted. The customs installed at these earlier conventions which succeeded the tyranny of the caucus chamber have been continued and added to from time to time, and the conventions today are merely the descendants of those that nominated Clay and Van Buren—Charles Wadsworth Camp in Metropolitan Magazine.

Horizon.  
A man calls it the horizon where the earth and the sky seem to meet, but a woman's notion of the horizon is the families she can see moving in from behind her front window curtains. If, further, they hang out their washing in a spirit of candor, they are, of course, all the more so. The horizon is caused by a number of things, chief among them the gregarious instinct. Only for this next door would mean as little as tariff revision or pure food or international arbitration. It takes a star or something of that sort to rise above the horizon, but a very ordinary woman may feel above it—Life.

The Cult of the Hotel.  
"Hotel" is a French word, but a thoroughly British institution. If its great hotels were suppressed London would no longer be London—that is to say, the London of society, the theater, literature, politics, art and fashion. The hotel is one of the essential factors of London life—Milan Corriere Della Sera.

A Comparison.  
Mrs. Gilles (anxiously asking after rector's health)—Well, sir, I be glad you says you be well, but there—you be one of these "bad doors," as I calls 'em (gle 'em the best o' vittels, and it don't do 'em no good)—there be pigs like that!—London Punch.

First Necessity.  
"How would you define a 'crying need'?" asked the teacher of the rhetoric class.  
"A handkerchief," replied the solemn young man with the wicked eye.

The great and the little have need of each other.—Shakespeare.

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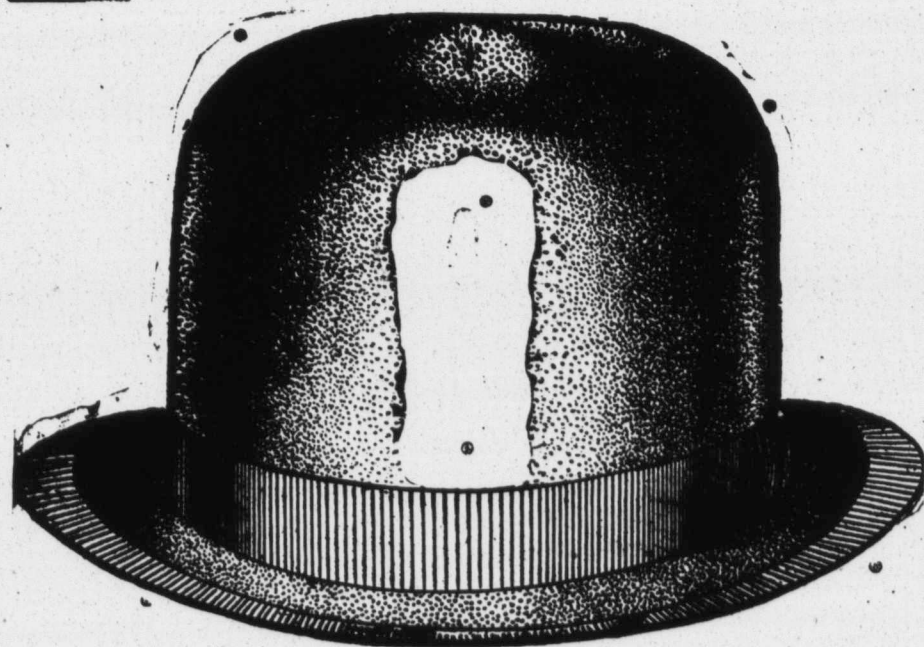
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