

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The *Star* World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraph Information.

SECRET SOCIETIES.
The Ontario L.O.O.F. Grand Lodge closed on Friday in Toronto. It reduced the age limit to 18 years, and decided to meet next year in Hamilton.

PEOPLE OF WAR.
The Madrid Gazette says it is ordered that there be held an additional inquiry to discover the responsibility for the lack of means of defence which necessitated the capitulation of Santiago de Cuba.

THE LABOR WORLD.
The Toronto union of the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen have been notified that the executive committee will make one more effort to walk out on the management and if possible adjust their differences.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.
The Detroit Common Council at a special session yesterday afternoon adopted by a vote of 14 to 10 the amendment to the ordinance of the Citizens and Fort Wayne lines changing the rate of fare from five cents to eight cents a quarter. There will be a hot legal fight over the plan to reduce the rate.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.
The half-yearly report of the Grand Trunk Railway Company announced that the balance of \$120,000 has been added to the balance of \$4,000 carried forward from 1898, making available a total of \$124,000 for a full dividend of four per cent on guaranteed stock, and one per cent on first preference for the half year, leaving a balance of \$2,000 to carry forward.

PURELY PERSONAL.
Emperor William on Friday attended the opening of the Diet of the Reichstag. Sir Richard Cartwright, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, will address a meeting in Toronto on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 18.

UNCLASSIFIED.
The French Government has issued a prohibition of any further fights between bulls and wild beasts, owing to the brutal exhibition recently given between a bull and a lion.

London apolo from Bombay report rain in Allahabad.

Mr. G. Nelson, Napaw, found a baby boy at his doorstep the other morning. A note asked that the child be cared for and brought up "a good Protestant." No clue of the mother was secured, and Mrs. Nelson will adopt the boy.

Tommy Lee, an Italian, working on the line of the G.T.R. as a track repairer, was struck by the westbound train at Milton on Sunday morning at 7.50 and instantly killed. Deceased leaves a wife and four children in Buffalo. He was 35 years of age.

THE FIRE RECORD.
The building at Dallas, Texas, which was a quarter of a million dollars, was destroyed by fire on Friday.

On Saturday the Delhi House, Delhi, was completely destroyed by fire. Loss on building \$8,000; on contents \$200.

Lightning struck the C. Beck Manufacturing Company's new lumber yard at Penetanguishene on Saturday, setting fire to the lumber and consuming about 12,000 feet.

At Ottawa on Sunday the tannery owned by Mr. James Robson & Sons was burned to the ground along with all the stock. Estimated loss about \$45,000; insurance covering about \$20,000.

George Ruthven's barn and outbuildings, situated about three miles from Alliston, Ont., were destroyed by lightning on Saturday morning. They contained this and last season's entire crops.

The residence and cold water works of E. G. McCrohan, Windsor, were burned on Friday. Only the walls of the house proper are left standing. Everything in the barn, including a valuable horse and two pigs, was burned, and very little was saved from the house. Mrs. McCrohan and the five children narrowly escaped in their night clothes. Mr. McCrohan was away from home.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.
Samuel F. Harkness, who is wanted in Ontario on a charge of embezzlement, has been extradited from Toledo.

James Gallagher was on Friday sentenced to labour to one year in the Central Prison, on a charge of bigamy. In June, 1898, he married Ellen G. W. O'Brien, and in November, 1898, he married Miss Crow, daughter of Chief Justice of the Indian reserve at G. W. O'Brien, son of Hamilton.

G. W. O'Brien, son of Hamilton, was sentenced to serve a six years' sentence in the Kingston Penitentiary for shooting at his wife and son. He was paroled and in connection with the penitentiary to the General Hospital. He is suffering from heart disease and rheumatism.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Proceedings During the Past Week—The Proceedings on Friday—The Speech From the Throne.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons the only incident out of the regular routine on the railway subsidies was the defeat of the following resolution, moved by Mr. W. F. Macdonald, an addition to the railway bill: "In case it appears to the railway committee of the Privy Council to be expedient that a station shall be located at any point on the line of any railway the company may make an order requiring the company to place, maintain and operate a station at that place named and described, and may from and in connection with the company's main line and from such station for and at all times as may be necessary by the committee, and it shall be the duty of the company owning or operating the line of railway to carry out the order within the time mentioned therein."

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—Half a dozen bills were cleared off the order paper today. A great part of the day was taken up with a discussion of the Fitzpatrick-Laurier interview. The Premier said that Mr. Fitzpatrick had put words into his mouth for which he was himself responsible. Mr. Taylor's resolution stated that the methods of the government in disposing of the province of the binder twice factory at Kingston were not in the interests of the farmers, but it was defeated by 10 to 31.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—This was "harbor day" in the House, the morning session being spent in supply, considering the vote for harbors and rivers in Quebec. The afternoon session was taken up with the evening session being devoted to harbor and river votes in the Maritime Provinces and the greater part of the session being devoted to harbor and river votes in the Maritime Provinces and Ontario. The other items in the supplementary order were also voted on, and supply was practically finished before the House rose.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—At 11 o'clock this morning the House went into supply again, and the voting of supplies went on until about 9 o'clock, when the last day having been voted, the proceedings

were again carried by the Speaker, and the "House" then began to "confer" in the sense which has been coming in the House since the vote on the 12th, when the last item was voted on, and the last two measures were read a third time.

Ottawa, Aug. 11.—At 11 o'clock this morning Hon. George E. Foster reviewed the session arrangements of the Government, but before adjournment for noon the supply bill was passed. At 3 o'clock Mr. Foster replied, and before he finished his speech the Commons was summoned to the Senate Chamber, where His Excellency prorogued Parliament in the following words:

Speech From the Throne.
His Excellency Lord Minto proceeded to state to the Senate Chamber shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and prorogued Parliament. His Excellency having taken his seat on the throne, and the Commons having been summoned, delivered the speech from the throne, which was as follows:

"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: In reviewing you of your duties during the prorogued session, I desire to thank you for the diligent attention you have given to the most important measures which have been submitted for your consideration."

"I am glad to observe that the action of Canada in deciding to unite with the mother country and the Australian colonies in the construction of the Pacific cable has met with general approval."

"I congratulate you on the evidence of continued patriotism and which has stimulated the formation of so many companies having for their object the development of enterprises that must tend to increase the wealth of the country."

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the supplies you have granted for the public service."

"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I desire to express the hope that Canada may long continue to enjoy the prosperity that at present prevails."

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry furnished the honor of the day.

One More Is Dead.
Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Ellen Ryan of Manitowick, the ninth victim of the Canadian Atlantic Railway wreck at St. Polys, died Wednesday, died on Saturday night. Ellen Ryan's sister was killed Monday, and their niece, Ellen McDougall, who was travelling with them, may die.

Italy Has Lost President.
Pekin, Aug. 14.—The Italian Minister has asked the Tsung Li Yamen for a railway concession to an Italian syndicate, as Italy has lost prestige since the Sanjam affair.

He Believed In Tobacco.
The late Dr. Norman Kerr, the English temperance advocate, made a life study of the subject of inebriety, concerning various aspects of which he had published about 30 volumes, together with numerous articles in medical journals. On the efficacy of tobacco as a disinfectant he also held strong opinions, and made the following statement: "On broad, general grounds, I am decidedly of opinion, from my own experience and observation, that tobacco smoking—things being equal—does give any one exposed to infection a considerable amount of immunity."

Is His "Collection" Recollections?
Mr. Russell gives two Irish bulls which are prize specimens of their class. This by T. Healy. "As long as a man is Irish suffering is dumb, the ear of English compassion is deaf to it."

And this from the Irish Times: "The ear of the Irish difficulty is not to be found in the empty pocket of the landlord."

A Gone Feeling.
A married man who was recently bitten by a snake made his wife feel just like it does when his wife makes up her mind.—Chicago News.

GOT THE CHECKS MIXED.
Why One Man Gets Hit When You Don't.
"Funny thing happened to a friend of mine lately," said a gentleman from Mississippi at the counter of one of the hotels in New Orleans, "he has a business interest in the City of Mexico, a I became engaged to a very beautiful young lady of that place. A couple of weeks ago he went down to get married and had his two trunks, containing his business papers, checked for him by a Yazo to Mexico City via New Orleans. Through some blunder at the baggage room he was given the wrong trunk, and he had his trunk containing an oil stove and a few children's toys, and he was not until he opened 'em up at his destination."

"He had made the trip in a suit of brown knickerbockers, and, being to a lay on the ground, arrived just before the hour set for the ceremony. The wedding was to be a very well affair, and when the groom fellow saw the oil stove he went nearly crazy. Oil stoves are all right in their place, 'y' know, but a man can't very well get married in one of them, so, by Jove, he had to go and meet the bride party in his old brown knickerbockers, which hadn't been improved, I can assure you, by his long journey! The punctilious Mexicans were scandalized, and the bride almost about it was that after he got back home with his wife the very first person that called was a money lender, who carried a handbag. I hear you are just getting up housekeeping, he said, and I would like to show you a very valuable and interesting invention. It is a small, compact oil stove—'He never got any further. No, indeed! My friend didn't do a thing to him!'"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Good Fresh Whiskey.
Two negro laborers who had been at work all the morning carrying bricks to a mortar to the workmen on a building in South Washington were overheard recently discussing the important matter of locating the whiskey. They said in their dirty overalls puffing their pipes at the end of the middle finger.

"Brother Simon," said the first, in a meditative tone, "twain does 'y' usually get your drink?"

"Well, brother Rastus, most in general I buys my liquor at Mistah Dan Jones'. Why does you ax me that question?"

"Cos I gits mine at Mistah Bill Carber's. I wouldn't drink none o' that ole stale whiskey of Mistah Jones'. He don't buy his fresh every day, and it bums up as it goes. 'Y' can take it all day 'y'."

Love the Farm and Farm Home.
"The only drawback to any intelligent country community solving educational and refining privileges is lack of co-operation between the farmers themselves," writes Mr. John E. Starnes of "Enterprising in the Country." In the Ladies' Home Journal. "Whenever a farming community realizes that in themselves lies the means of educating their sons and daughters to love the farm and the farm home, and that because one does not have the privileges of the town or large city there is no reason why he should stagnate either mentally or socially, he will solve the problem of how to live happily and contentedly on a farm."

A Neglected Point.
"There is a marvelous amount of good advice in Hamlet's speech to the players. 'You will find that it is not the part of the player to play the part of the player, but to play the part of the player who is not the player.'"

"Yes," answered Mr. Stenington Barnes, "but it doesn't go far enough in a practical way, but of course play the part of the player who is not the player."

He is expected to see far enough ahead to advise players when there wasn't a chance to be much money in the Shakespearean drama."—Washington Star.

This is a maxim of unfeeling truth, that nobody ever tries into another man's concerns but with a design to do, or to be able to do him a mischief.—South.

The greatest depth to which a ship has been anchored is 2,000 fathoms—considerably more than two miles.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

After many weeks of anxious waiting the result of the midsummer departmental exams was given out on Saturday and Tuesday last. As usual, Athens school makes a very creditable showing in number of passes and honors. The names of the successful students at schools in this section are given below:

The marks of the unsuccessful candidates will be sent within ten days to the principals of high schools or public school inspectors. No marks will be sent or given to candidates by the department. Certificates of successful candidates will be sent to principals and inspectors about the first of September.

Unsuccessful candidates should not appeal until they have consulted the high school principal after receiving their marks. Appeals to be entertained must be made to the Deputy Minister before the 30th of September.

ATHENS.

FORM I.

K. O. Berney
F. Blanchard
E. M. Borden
F. W. Bullis
M. Cawley
R. Coleman
R. N. Crane
Laura Goodall
M. McDonald
M. A. Shick
Marcus Stevens
Maurice Stevens
M. Witte

FORM II.

G. L. Berney (honors)
G. L. Berney (honors)
T. B. Rhodes (honors)
M. Walker (honors)

FORM III.

A. Anglin
F. M. O. Barber
R. H. Barber
J. M. Barker
M. A. Berney
P. Billings
L. Bullis
M. Carley
A. Charland
W. G. Connolly
C. Crane
E. P. Gilroy
E. De Wolfe
V. M. Edgar
R. J. Ellis
W. H. Eyre
E. Gallagher
K. P. Gilroy
H. B. Greene
C. Grey
M. Hagerman
A. Hall
C. E. Halladay
H. J. Hunt
J. M. Kelly
A. M. Lee
G. G. McConkey
R. Mackie
C. Mitchell
A. O'Donoghue
H. Patterson
B. Z. Pierce
W. E. Pinkerton
M. Pritchard
A. E. Taggart
R. Thompson
H. R. Warren
C. Wilcox
C. Williams

MATRICULATION (4)

A. Brown
M. Connolly
E. M. Taylor
J. Witte

MATRICULATION (3)

C. A. Halladay
L. Stevens

FORM III.

M. E. Barber (honors)
L. Drummond
L. G. Elliott
W. Elliott
W. Gallagher
C. A. Hall (honors)
G. Johnston
G. Kennedy
W. P. Kennedy (honors)
A. C. Lynch
W. Pinkerton
C. Pritchard
A. M. Roddick (honors)
V. Steacy
M. E. Steacy
M. E. Steacy (honors)
B. Tett
A. W. Trickey (honors)
D. V. York.

GANANOQUE.

FORM I.

D. E. Benson, B. E. Cook, H. Dempster, H. E. Benson. With honors—J. Benson.

FORM II. PART I.

M. M. Carpenter, A. Carpenter, W. F. Cornet, G. H. Davis, H. A. Germain, E. C. Gray, M. Haig, E. Jackson, A. Maitland, J. G. McCann, E. S. S. G. M. Johnston, W. E. Steacy.

MATRICULATION (4)

H. C. Bryce, M. Maitland, Ida Ren.

FORM III.

M. G. Little (honors), J. E. Mitchell, F. Petch.

MATRICULATION—M. Bennett.

Passed in French, German, and Latin—S. Chadsey.

WESTPORT.

FORM II.—PART I.

M. M. Bilton, G. Bilton, V. Dier, J. W. Forester, J. B. Lyons, S. M. Kinley, M. Wardrobe.

MATRICULATION (4)

M. Denby, P. Moulton.

Canadian Farm Product.

Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture, has returned from Great Britain. In reply to a question he said: "I found Canadian farm products gaining place in the British market."

Canadian cheese are selling the trade better this season than last year. All that is wanted now is to keep up the evenness of quality and get a milder, cool flavor by curing them at a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees. The butter trade is growing. I compared some of the creamery in the market with the finest Danish butter. The finest Danish was still superior to the Canadian; but the Canadian was better than last year. In Denmark the second quality of Danish is marked it is the general practice to pasture the cream before it is ripened for churning. In Canada few butter makers do that in the summer months.

I learned that there is a good deal of water fasted poultry. The demand for water fasted poultry. The demand for water fasted poultry. The demand for water fasted poultry.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROMOTIONS.

The result of the midsummer promotion examinations in the public school, given below, will relieve the minds of many anxious little students, and will, incidentally, give the front door of the Reporter office a much needed rest. Three or four who were recommended may receive the coveted call up higher when school re-opens. The names in the following form appear in order of merit:

FORM I.

To Intermediate I.—Martha King, Vera Gairford, Hazel Colborne, Roy Patterson, Evelyn Gifford, Keith Percell, Ray Kincaid, Lily Darling, To Senior I.—Louise Broad, Edna Smith, Pearl Parish, Kenneth Blancher, Carrie Covey.

To Jr. Jr. II.—Bessie Kincaid, Bryce Wilson, Beatrice Saunders, Lulu McLean, Muriel Kelly.

To Senior II.—Beaumont Percell, Kenneth McClary, Allan Cornett, Laura Blancher, Mabel Jacob, Caroline LaRoe, Ernest Pierce, Stenna Mullin, George Foley.

FORM II.

To Junior II.—Gladys Cross, Jean Karley, Carson McNamee, Hayden Hayes, Stanley Price, Marjory Saunders, Frank Smith, Helen Donovan, Helen Pipe, Vera Gairford.

To Senior II.—Ella Blancher, Roy Percell, Mabel Fair, Harold Wilke, Bessie McLaughlin, Stavia Simon, Lloyd Wilson, May Gifford, Belle Earl, Glen Earl, Harold Jacob.

FORM III.

To Junior III.—Florence Simon, Mabel Berney, George Pipe, Lila Arnold, Edna Brown, Lila Palmer, Rufus Broad.

To Senior III.—Jessie Brown, Lena Walker, Dannie Conway, Raymond Greene, Gertrude Young, Geo. Hawkins, Edith Brown.

FORM IV.

To Junior IV.—Arlissa Hagerman, Lillie Caldwell, Eric Jones, Berta Abernathy, Robbie Simon, Rose Johnston, Jean Johnston, Mabel Stewart, Floyd Hovey.

To Senior IV.—Budd Covey, Claud Patterson, Harry Cawley, Manie Lee, Arthur Morrill.

SUPERINTENDENT.

MONDAY, August 14.—Messrs Ed. and Cyrus Monroe, Iroquois, guests for the past week at E. J. Sufell's, have returned home.

The Ladies' Section of this place will have an ice cream social on T. F. Soper's lawn on Tuesday evening, August 2nd. A musical and literary programme is being prepared.

Mr. Jack Downey paid a farewell visit to friends here Saturday and Sunday. He leaves for the West this week.

Mrs. W. T. Sheridan and children have returned from a week's visit with friends in Athens.

Miss Ella Sexton renewed old acquaintances here last week.

Miss Sadie Stafford is visiting friends in Pittsburg.

A rather novel plan for raising money was hit upon by three little girls of this section, viz.: Misses Hazel Washburn, Jennie Frye and Claude Wilson. They utilized all the cast-off finery belonging to their respective relatives in making dolls' hats, caps and bonnets. The millinery was displayed on a beautiful ladies' table. The prices ranged from one to five cents and the proceeds from the sale, amounting to one dollar, will be used to purchase a gift for their Sunday school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foy, Toronto, are visiting their friends in this section.

Miss Gertrude Johnston, for the past week a guest at Maple Grove, has returned to her home in Toronto.

Miss Maud Washburn is spending a few days with friends in Rockport.

Miss May Andrews, Lombardy, and Miss Julia Washburn, Washburn's Corners, are guests at Green Grove Hill.

Miss Bessie Steacy, Wilketown, and Miss Belle Johnston, Oak Leaf, were guests at Lake Side, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheffield, Lyndhurst, visited friends here on Sunday.

A number from here attended the picnic on Seely's Bay on Saturday.

Two strange gentlemen struck town Saturday night, who seemed very belligerent. Although small in stature they made it interesting for some of our young men and their visit will not soon be forgotten.

FRONT OF YONGE.

MONDAY, Aug. 14.—We do not know as to the drought at the several watering and summer resorts, but it is very dry at Caintown. It would certainly make a strong man cry to see the mammoth sweet corn and pumpkins withered.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg and family took an outing on the river last week and also did the house of Phillips. It is said a very healthful time was spent.

Mr. Samuel Hageboom, who has already fine success in the dairy trade, is in the line of the dairy trade.

Mr. Thomas Dickey and wife are visiting friends and relatives in McIntown.

J. Quinsey and J. Ferguson of Caintown had a good day's fishing on the St. Lawrence one day last week. They caught a nice lot of pickerel and others of the finny family.

Mr. M. J. Connolly of Pine Grove has just let a contract for many improvements on his beautiful residence. It is not necessary to say that he is a hunchback in treading a bicycle. Sit right up, young men.

SEASONABLE SUMMER SUPPLIES.

Picnic.
Parties can obtain all necessary supplies at the Athens Grocery. Canned Goods of all kinds, plain and fancy biscuits, pickles, lemons, &c.

Preserving.
Time has arrived and we ask the public to see our large stock of glass jars and test the value we offer in sugars.

New Teas.
We have a fine line of new Teas and the best brands of Coffee. These goods are very superior and are sold at popular prices.

Our whole stock of groceries and provisions is worthy of your best attention. Prompt delivery of all orders.

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LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pen.—Local Announcement.

Rolling Night Down.

Lawn social at I. C. Algure's on Saturday night.

Rev. E. W. Crane and family are at Charleston lake this week, occupying the Wilson cottage.

Go to the lawn social at I. C. Algure's on Saturday.

Miss Bertha Pierce is this week visiting friends in Lyndhurst.

The Liverpool chess cable on Monday was 47s 6d for colored and 46s 6d for white.

Miss Flo Stevens and Mr. James Blanchard left Athens this week for Ottawa to attend the normal school.

Mr. Wilton O'Lea and Mr. Newman of Syracuse, N. Y., arrived in Athens on Tuesday for a visit with friends.

During the model school term, Miss Emma Patton of Oxford Mills will have charge of the principal's department.

Talk about sunsets, river scenery, and all that sort of thing, but they are not to be compared with the view of the new style of hats just come out.

Miss Florence Chater of Brookville is spending a few days in Athens and at Charleston Lake, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Mortimer R. Parish of Chicago, Ill., spent a few days last week visiting his father, Wm. Parish Athens. Mr. Parish is Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago City Express Co.

On the 24th inst., Mr. Arthur Fisher, B. A., will leave Athens for Moose Jaw, N. W. T., where he will visit his brother and may decide to make his home in that district.

The pupils and teachers of the Baptist Sabbath school held their annual picnic at Charleston Lake on Friday last. The weather was fine and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lillie, who is unusually susceptible to icy poisoning, has been obliged to return from Charleston lake to Athens on account of again being infected with this noxious plant.

Mr. Stephen Edwards and wife and Dr. Anderson and wife, of Mitchell, and Mr. E. N. W. T., where he will visit his brother and may decide to make his home in that district.

Our country exchanges are all taking a week's vacation, and next week the staff of the Reporter office will rest from their labors and no paper will be issued. The office will be open as usual for job printing and general business.

Agonistic Reports.

On the evening of August 15, in the middle of the street in front of the Memorial United Brethren Church, Toledo, Ohio, the elegantly bound volumes which compose the library of Marshal O. Waggoner, formerly one of the most pronounced agnostics of the world, will be burned. He is a recent convert to Christianity and a few weeks ago became a member of the United Brethren church. The library in question is valued at over a thousand dollars. Nearly every volume of any note who wrote in defense of infidelity and agnosticism, found a place for his works in Mr. Waggoner's library.

Gasoline Used by Mistake.

The fire at the Rev. Dr. Knox's house, Wolfe Island, last Thursday was caused by gasoline being burnt in a lamp in mistake for coal oil. The lamp was a public one, and gasoline was poured into it.