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Country Talk.

Elma.

Mrs. Giddins, of Port Huron, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Mary Neil, of Woodstock, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Neil.

Chas. Trimm, who is now attending the Collegiate Institute, was visiting friends in Elma last week.

Mrs. Young Coulter has been very ill for the past few days. We trust to see her in her usual health shortly.

Gilbert Thibodeau, who has been nursing a sore throat for the past few days, has again commenced work.

Wm. Attig's saw mill has shut down for a few days as he is putting in a new furnace which was badly needed.

The fall wheat crop in Elma township looks splendid at present, and a bountiful harvest is anticipated in this cereal.

Alexander Lochhead intends leaving this week for Glasgow, Scotland. He will spend six weeks visiting the sights and wonders of auld Scotia.

On Monday last a son of Mr. Hilles', 14th con., got badly hurt while trying to hold an angry cow. He is now doing very well under Dr. Hamilton's care.

W. T. McLennan, of Donegal, and Robt. Buchanan, of the 13th con., left last Wednesday for Nepeawa, Man., where they will prospect with a view to taking up land. Mr. McLennan visited the West some three years ago and was much pleased with the prairie province. Success, boys.

The cheesemakers and others interested in dairying should visit the Newry factory on Wednesday and Thursday, May 20th and 21st, the occasion of the visit of the Superintendents of experimental dairy work. Some valuable lessons on the most approved methods of cheesemaking and the care of milk will be imparted.

We learn with much regret that Thos. Lineham, 12th con., has been very ill with the gripe and congestion during the past week, and on Sunday last grave fears were entertained of his recovery. We hope that the skilled medical treatment and good nursing he is receiving will restore him to his usual health in a few days.

John Little, 12th con., had the misfortune last week to fall on a drawing knife, causing the blade to penetrate his leg just below the knee cap, and were it not for prompt medical aid he doubtless would have bled to death. Before the Dr. came to his assistance he fainted through loss of blood. He is doing nicely now, however.

John, son of John Little, 12th con., had the misfortune to break his leg just above the ankle on Monday afternoon. He was putting up a hay fork in the barn, and in doing so by some means or other he missed his footing and fell to the floor with the above result. The broken limb was speedily set and the sufferer is doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Mary Harvey, who at present is studying at the Normal School, Toronto, has been engaged to teach in S. S. No. 2 for the remainder of 1891, the present teacher, T. M. Wilson, having resigned in order to pursue his studies at Toronto University. T. M. is a plodder and will come out right side up. He will take a Science course. Miss Harvey assumes her responsibilities after mid-summer vacation.

DIED.—On Monday of this week Peter Cowan, one of the pioneers of Elma, passed away at the ripe age of 73 years. Mr. Cowan came to Perth in 1853, and resided at Stratford for a few years, from which place he moved to Elma and has resided ever since on the farm on which he died. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man and beloved by every one with whom he came in contact. Honest and straightforward in all his dealings and kind withal. He will be greatly missed. He leaves a family all grown up, a few grand children, and several great grand children. W. S. Cowan, of Stratford, is one of his sons, and his other son, John, farms the homestead. His golden wedding was celebrated a few months ago.

Ethel.

Nature's covering now adorns
Every road and glade and glen,
While meadows rich and wild Hawthorns,
Grand and brilliant are again.

See! the trees resplendent grow
With their load of flowers white;
And blossoms as they onward grow
Cast perfumes of sweet delight.

Report of the Junior department of the Ethel public school, for the month of April:—Senior Second Class—John Lindsay, Alice Davies, James Peebles, Erna Kaynard, Wilbur Lindsay. Junior Second Class—Part I—Willie Spence, Lizzie Richardson, Carrie Eckmier. Junior Second Class—Part II—Joseph Whelpton, Elsie Dilworth, Eliza McCullum. Part II Class—Maggie Davies, Sanford Burton, Edith Milne, Ellen Sandes. Part I, Senior Class—Howard McAllister, John Peebles, George Richardson, Willie Tompkins; Middle Class, Willie Peebles, Ratchlife Whelpton, Edna Raynard, Gideon Zeimem; Junior Class, Willie Willis, Emma Inlay, T. Fogal.

Poole.

Mrs. J. W. Chalmers attended the opening of the Stratford hospital last week.

The hour for Sabbath school has been changed from 2 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. for the summer months.

John Hepler has engaged a harness-maker, his increasing business making an extra hand necessary.

Arthur Biffin is taking up the study of science, that of 'mumology' demanding his attention at present.

The Honeygrove cheese factory commenced operations on Monday with Will Gray, the well-known cheese maker, at the helm. The prospects for a successful season were never better.

Brussels.

The population of Brussels is put at 1,193.

The Band will make their first appearance in a week or so now for their weekly serenades.

Don't forget that on the evening of May 21st a song service will be given in Melville church, Brussels.

It would look more business like if a card was stuck up at the Council meetings bearing the legend 'No smoking allowed.'

Mac will have a car of potatoes less to ship next year by the time he feeds up the little Irishman who arrived at his place on Thursday of last week.

'The ship that never returned' is the name of a pretty, catchy waltz composed by T. A. Hawkins, of Brussels, and published by W. H. Billing, of Toronto.

Owing to several reasons the committee managing the Gospel Temperance meetings have deemed it prudent to postpone the holding of the first meeting until Sunday evening, 17th inst., in the Town Hall.

Rev. W. Ottewill, of Walton, preached in the Methodist church here last Sunday morning and Rev. F. Swann, of Auburn, in the evening. Rev. Mr. Swann took for his text: 'Our Father,' and delivered an earnest practical sermon from the significant words in the Lord's Prayer.

A. J. Cousins, of Mitchell, has leased the well-known Queen's Hotel, Brussels, from Capt. Stretton, for a term of five years, and has purchased the furniture, etc., in the house. He took possession last Monday. The building is receiving a thorough over-hauling and fitting up. The new proprietor comes well recommended as a reliable, business like man and will put the Queens in the front rank of popular hostleries in Huron county. Capt. Stretton and family will continue to reside in Brussels, living in the house west of the hotel.

Grey.

Township Council will meet in Ethel on Tuesday, 26th inst.

Old Mrs. Bishop has returned from a visit to her son, Wm. Bishop, of Beachville.

Angus Lamont recently purchased a tip top young thoroughbred Durham bull from a well-known breeder in Wellington County.

James Smith, millwright, well-known in this locality, was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Fox, at Montreal, on April 29, by Rev. Dr. Smyth. Mr. Smith's many old friends in this section wish him many years of wedded bliss.

On Wednesday, April 29th, the services of Rev. F. M. Smith, of Henryryn, were called into requisition for the purpose of performing the marriage ceremony between Hartwell Speiran, Jr., and Miss Mary Jane Cook, at the residence of the bride's father. The young couple begin life under auspicious circumstances and the good wishes of their many friends are expressed for their future happiness.

On Monday forenoon, of last week, about 11 o'clock, fire was discovered in the roof of James Turnbull's kitchen lot, 5, con. 4, by Willie Hogg, a neighbor living opposite. The alarm was given but the fire had gained such headway that the building was soon wreathed in flames. Mrs. and Miss Turnbull were in the house at the time but knew nothing of the fire until warned or their danger by their neighbor. By the time Mr. Turnbull reached the house and other help arrived it was too late to save the dwelling or contents so that all that was rescued was placed in three quilts. The fire is supposed to have originated at the chimney or from a spark. The house was a well built, comfortable structure, 24x32 feet, with kitchen 18x24 feet, and was valued at \$1200. There was an insurance of \$650 on the former and \$250 on contents in Howick Mutual. The loss will be a very serious one to Mr. Turnbull and family as their clothing, provisions, and household effects generally went up in smoke. A temporary dwelling place will be put up at once and a new residence will be erected later in the season.

Turnberry.

Fishing is now the favorite pastime. S. McBurney, of Wawanosh, spent Sunday here.

Seeding is now almost finished so the farmers after working like trojans will have time to breathe freely before the potato planting begins.

EXCEPTIONS.

Talks the people of cold weather,
When there comes a snowy day,
And they seek their fireside cheery
To chase the thoughts of cold away.

Think they then within their fancy
'Cause their comes a blustering day,
That 'twill ever thus continue
Through this balmy month of May.

No, my friends, regain composure,
May shall have refreshing rain,
And the stalwart trunks shall brighten,
As the warmth has come again.

Warmth and blessing all returning,
Shall dispel all gloom and sorrow;
Cheer up then, and as the poets
Think, 'twill better be to-morrow.

Look no more at the gloomy side,
New and better views imbibe;
Look for coming joys and blessings,
As does nature's humble scribe.

Science teaches us exceptions
Wrought by Nature's powerful sway,
So my friends we have exceptions
In this balmy month of May.

Professors all will talk of art
Employed in every favored scheme,
But imagination reigns supreme
In the poet's beloved theme.

So the poets in their fancy,
As they write in measured lines,
Think as does the stylish maiden,
Never be behind the times.

Now as we have sunny weather,
As my friends can plainly see,
I will ask you to consider,
And no more a grumbler be.

Glenfarrow, May 12, 1891. W. T. F.

Listowel.

E. Bolton returned home from McGill last week.

Miss M. Frame, of Stratford, is visiting in town.

We regret to say that J. Purcell is still very sick.

Rev. Mr. Perry, of Toronto, was in town last week.

Chas. VanAllan left Stratford last week for New Westminster, B. C.

Rev. Mr. Hill has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) I. Campbell.

The Epworth Society spend an evening on Missions this (Friday) evening.

Mrs. Scott, of Division street, has opened a private school at her residence.

S. McKee is at present running the branch store of Carson & McKee in Toronto.

W. M. Bruce attended the opening of the Stratford hospital on Thursday of last week.

John Riggs left last week for a visit to his father, who resides in Brookfield, Missouri.

It is expected by the recent census Listowel's population will number about 2,600.

The dwelling of John Holmes which was burned a short time ago was insured for \$3,200.

W. J. Ferguson, barrister, was in town last week. He intends starting a law office in Wiarton.

Amandus Jensen, who for many years was a resident of Listowel, died in Palmerston recently.

The High School Junior Football club at their last match defeated the Public school boys by 4 goals to nothing.

A. Nichol spent a few days under the parental roof this week. He has returned to Toronto to attend a summer session at the Medical College.

Although Thursday, May 7, was proclaimed Arbor day by the Mayor, very few trees were planted. Some of our merchants kept their stores open while others closed and went fishing.

J. C. Burt is now travelling for the wholesale house of Ogilvie, Alexander & Anderson, of Toronto. Before starting on the road the Oddfellows presented him with a beautiful and costly gold headed cane.

The entertainment held in the town hall on Thursday, April 30, was a great success. Addresses were delivered by Revs. D. Rogers, Atwood; E. W. Hughes, Wingham; F. E. Nugent, Mitchell; and Mr. Pritchard, of McGill University.

The Epworth Society of the Methodist church intend giving one of the treats of the season on the evening of Friday, May 22nd. It is to be a conversation and will embrace a museum, art gallery, program and refreshments.

Messrs. A. Moyer & Co. have men busily engaged building the walls of their boiler and pump house on Inkerman street. Connections with the mains will be made via George street. The boiler, 100 horse power, and smoke stack have arrived from the John Abell works.

Constable Bulmer arrested two men last week on charge of robbing the Brussels post office. One was fined \$25 and costs for carrying a revolver and as one was identified as one of the robbers they were on Friday taken to Brussels. One turned out to be Louis Smith alias 'the kid' an ex-convict and well-known to the Detroit police.

The District School held under the auspices of Knox church on Friday last was in every way a success. The town hall was packed and the proceeds were in the neighborhood of \$100. All taking part played their parts well, but special mention should be made of Messrs. J. Livingstone, B. Brooks and R. Rothwell. The pantomime at the close was very good, representing the capture and release of an English nobleman by a band of Spanish gypsies.

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