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Port Albert.

ANOTHER BIG CAT.—The heavy-weight feline owned by postmaster Haynes, of Sheppardton, cannot come up to a big cat in the possession of Mr. Dunbar, of this place. Which weighs 13½ ounces.

Morris.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of J. E. Stewart, teacher of S. S. No. 4, which compels him to resign his position. It seems to be a lung trouble with Mr. Stewart.

Considerable suprise and regret was manifested, in this township, over the unexpected disappearance of Lewis Abbey, and worse than that putting in many of his friends in trouble by having to pay notes and bills of his. It is said he sold his horse, buggy and harness at Wingham for $30 and then left for parts unknown. A young man named Hill is placed in a very disagreeable position by being put in for about $800 by Abbey going away.

Stanley.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Wm. Callander has sold his farm, being lot 19, con. 2, consisting of one hundred acres, to his neighbor, Mr. J. McCowan, for the sum of $6,800. As this is a first-class farm, Mr. McCowan may be congratulated on having secured a bargain. He now has a two hundred acre farm of as fine land as there is in Canada.

SERIOUSLY ILL.—The many friends of Mr. Joseph Higgins, collector of the township of Stanley, will regret to learn that he was prostrated by a paralytic stroke on Friday last. He was on his way home from the residence of his daughter, who resides on the Sauble Line, when he became ill. A gentleman met him on the Bayfield Road and found him lying over the dash-board of the buggy perfectly senseless. He was at once conveyed to the residence of Dr. Wood, and under medical treatment recovered sufficiently to permit of his removal to the residence of Mr. Elliott, his son-in-law.

Colborne.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The members elect for the township of Colborne met in the township hall, on Monday, 16th January, 1882. The following gentlemen presented themselves and signed their declaration of qualification and office, viz.: Wm. Young, Reeve; Anthony Allen, Deputy Reeve; Patrick Carrol, Joseph Beck and Archibald Malloy, Councillors. The Council them organized the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Moved by Joseph Beck, secended by P. Carroll, that the Council adjourned for dinner—Carried. The members having again taken their seats, it was moved by J. Beck, seconded by P. Carroll, that Raby Williams be appointed auditor on behalf of the Council—Carried. The Reeve appointed Donald McIlrachie as the other auditor. The clerk was instructed to notify the auditors to meet in the township hall, on Wednesday, 1st February, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., to audit the books of the township. Account of Charles Stewart, for building culvert, $6, to be paid; account of Hart & Rawlison for blank form for election purposes, to be paid, $5.18. Communication from Seaforth *Sun* office, asking to be allowed an opportunity to tender for the township printing. Statute labor division No. 39, was amended by adding side road north between lots 4 and 5, 10th con. The Council then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, 1st February, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., when the the pathmasters, poundkeepers, etc., will be appointed.

Carlow.

Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of Goderich, will preach in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday next at 2.30 p. m.

HYMENEAL.—On Wednesday the 11th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, the marriage of Maggie, daughter of Mr. Gordon Young, 9th con. Colborne, to Mr. Peter Bissett, also of Colborne, took place. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Pritchard, of Auburn. After this the more elderly friends and relatives partook at the good things of this life, and cracked their jokes to their hearts' content. As the bride is well known and highly thought of in this vicinity, many valuable articles were presented. As the shades of evening approached the young folk gathered to spend a pleasant while together. As the bride's parent spared no pains to provide everything necessary, the anticipations of all were fully realized. When the clock pointed to the "sma' hours ayont the twal," the company dispersed, with best wishes for the happy pair, who are just about to enter "Uncle Sam's domains."

LITERARY SOCIETY.—The following is an account of our Friday's entertainment The President in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The first on the programme was singing by Ida and Frank Sallows and Albert Downs entitled "The Jasper Walls"; 2, Recitation by Charlie Oke, "Tie the flags together"; 3, reading by Etta Potter, "The Cobbler's Starling"; 4, dialogue by Eliza Howell, Phoebe Smith, Clara Robertson and Etta Potter, entitled the "Force of Imagination"; 5, singing by Eliza Howell, Phoebe Smith, Charlie and Bertie Oke, "Gathering Home"; 6, recitation by Agnes Jones, entitled "Little Jim"; 7, reading by Miss Cunningham, "The Bridal Wine-cup"; 8, reading by Willie Edward, "The Alarm"; 9, Editor's Selections; 10, singing by the school, "The National Anthem". Moved by Mr. Strang, seconded by Miss Cunningham, that the meeting be adjourned until Jan. 20th.

Hay.

The new bell for the Catholic church on the Sauble Line, arrived last week, and will shortly be raised to its place in the steeple by Mr. J. C. Kalbfleisch. It has been brought from Cincinnati, weight hundred and seventeen pounds, and has a very fine tone, when the wind blows from the lake the sound will be carried over a great extent of country.

Millburn.

VISITORS.—Miss Low, of Montreal, and Miss Cox, of Goderich, were guests of Mrs. Allen last week. Miss Ivers, of Wawanosh, is visiting Mrs. H. Horton Mrs. Young has returned from a week's visit to Dungannon, and Mrs. Cumings has just spent a fortnight among old acquaintances in Kingsbridge. Mr. A. H. McQuarrie, has resumed his duties here, after a three weeks visit to friends in Londesboro.

Leeburn.

The many friends of Mr. P. Kelly will regret to learn that he has had to go to Toronto for Medical advice, owing to poor health. He has been unwell for about five months.

The gallant Joe Mayweed was the escort of five married ladies at a recent Goderich Tp. teameeting. The drive was a long one, but the Millburn cavalier and his fair freight arrived home in safety and enjoyed the trip.

WEBSTER BROWN.

Benmiller.

VISITING.—Miss Helen Gibson, of Goderich, is visiting friends here.

PERSONALS.—Mr. Edward Flanighan and Mrs. F. have left for Detroit.—Mr. D. Rodgers has taken charge of the mill since Mr Flanighan left.—Mr. John Fisher has been appointed superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school for the present year.

A HEARTY SURPRISE.—On Wednesday evening, January 11th, a party of seventeen young folk from the Maitland con., drove to the farm of Mr. R. Jennings, Goderich township. It would have been a surprise, but the cheekiest one in the crowd first gave notice of their coming.

Blyth.

The new coucil met for the first time this week. Mr. L. Thorne was appointed village clerk instead of Mr. Metcalf, salary, $60.

CURIOSITIES.—Rev. W. Birks, of this place, has three curiosities in his possession, in the shape of three small images, or "Chinese gods," which were presented to him some time ago by a missionary. Two of them being figures of men, dressed and painted to represent, one a soldier, the other apparently an ordinary person, and are in a good state of preservation. The third figure is much more worn than the others, and has apparently been the object of much adoration, as the arms and face are entirely worn off. This one was known to be in Chinese families for 300 years, and looks like a very ancient block of wood yet without any signs of decay. All the figures are of wood.

Brussels.

Last Saturday Miss Ella Kay left Brussels for Hamilton where she will attend the Wesleyan Female College.

SOLD.—Duncan McIntosh has disposed of his interest in the woollen factory to his partner, Mr. Service, who will now have sole charge of the same. Mr. McIntosh has had charge of the mill for over ten years. He intends going to the North-west. Mr. Service has also purchased the handsome brick residence of Mr. McIntosh.

NEW ENTERPRISE.—Messrs. Bennett & Smith, of Brussels planing mill, have decided to enter upon the manufacture of furniture for the North-west trade. A drying kiln for seasoning lumber is being arranged and in the course of a month or so work will commence. All their old customers can have work done as in the past, as they will be in a position to attend to both. This is what Brussels wants, energy and determination on the part of the promoters of her industries.

Ashfield.

OBITUARY.—The following notice we copy from the *Catholic Record*: To record the demise of an old and much esteemed resident of Ashfield, John Sullivan, becomes to me a painful task. The subject of this notice was a native of county Kerry, who left his native land in '49 and emigrated for this country, bringing with him many interesting reminiscences of the land he left, a land of which he was passionately fond until the day of his death. The primeval state of the Tp. of Ashfield, when the deceased entered it, with five sons and one daughter, held out no promise of ease for some time to come; but on the contrary continued hard labor ere a home could be hewn out of the forest. Few can realize the hardships, privations and difficulties with which the pioneer has to contend; those brave pioneers of Ashfield were no exception to the general rule, still their indomitable courage, their honest and persevering efforts, their desire to secure a home out of the reach of the tyranny of landlords and cruel and unjust laws buoyed them up, and enabled them to surmount obstacles from which thousands would shrink in dismay. The death of his son Michael and the peculiar circumstances that attended it, gave the deceased and his faithful consort a severe shock, which calamity caused other difficulties to disappear or fall into insignificance. This brave and generous Michael by this time had settled on a lot of his own and was collector of the township in the year of his death. One day while engaged in his own clearing a rabid wolf made its appearance and attacked the defenceless man. A desperate struggle ensued between Michael and his fierce antagonist which lasted for some time, but finally ended in the death of the furious beast and the apparent triumph of the man who risked so much to save his wife, his neighbors and their stock from the ravages of so terrible an enemy. All recollection of this incident was about to be forgotten; but in due time the sorrow and alarm of relatives and neighbors became very great upon observing unfortunate Michael manifesting unmistakable signs of hydrophobia, which resulted in the poor man's death. This, as already stated, was a severe shock to the subject of my remarks. However, Mr. John Sullivan toiled and lived on in his own unobtrusive way, enjoying the love and esteem of all who knew him. In his case the force of habit could be seen with remarkable clearness; for the habits of industry adhered to him to the last. and notwithstanding his circumstances he seldom could be found unemployed. A singular example of prescince was in the language of which he made use three weeks before his decease. While attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Buckley, another old settler, his remarks were on that occasion—"I'm the next will be laid in this cemetery," which proved true. The large concourse of people that followed his remains to the grave showed in some degree the respect in which the deceased was held. The general regret at the loss of so worthy a citizen and so sincere a friend was modified by the recollection that few reach the ripe age at which he arrived, for he died in his 90th year. Mrs. Sullivan, who is considerably his junior, still lives. Many will miss the departed, for the most conspicuous in church was the venerated white locks of old Mr. John Sullivan, and in spite of age there were few who attended more regularly. Requiescat in pace.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributers to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

Dungannon, Jan., 13th 1882.

MR. EDITOR.—We find in your journal of the 6th inst., a letter from this neighborhood signed by one "Snodgrass." Had he subscribed himself "Snake in the Grass" he would have given a better index to his true character and design. He informs your readers that there was a terrible confusion on the 28th of Dec. last, over the election of a trustee for this section, and then declares the cause to have been religion. This statement shows how little this one of the "very few" of the right minded and unprejudiced of this community, knows about religion, of course he means the Christian religion, and that teaches its professors to love their neighbours as themselves, so that if there was an unseemly and improper feeling manifested, it was for want of religion. He seems to think that men cannot differ in their views regarding the elegibility of a candidate for trusteeship without demonstrating their religion to be worthless. That denominational feeling was created for party purposes we do not deny, but we do most emphatically deny that it originated with any member in good standing in either the Presbyterian or Methodist Churches. The animus of "Snodgross" against all true religion displays itself very glaringly in his fling at our Union Prayer meetings, and his vile and false attempt to drag into this party strife the parties who originated and sustained the said prayer meetings. If we are not mistaken, the fanatics in the affair were Snodgrass and Co A more malicious attempt to blacken the characters of the ministers and members of the Christian churches in this place we have rarely met with, than this of "Snodgrass," and it ill-becomes the author of this abominable producture to cry "O, consistency, thou art a jewel." A fine example he set to the young people of Dungannon and neighbourhood. Whatever of sectarian fire was kindled in the locality before, he has done his best to fan; and his lecture to Presoyterians and Methodists will only excite disgust in the minds of the really right-minded and unprejudiced of this community. An early insertion of this letter will oblige. Respectfully yours,

JAMES CASWELL,
Pastor of the Methodist Church, Dungannon.

R. W. LEITCH, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in Canada, Dungannon.

Meteorological Report.

State of the weather for the week ending Jan. 17th, 1882:

Jan. 9th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. W., fresh, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 85. Snow flurries during the day.

10th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. E., fresh, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 401. Began to snow at 7 p. m., 2 inches of snow fell during the night.

11th—Wind at 10 p. m. N. W., moderate gale, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 540.

12th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. E., light, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled during the 24 hours 254. Snow flurries during the day, amount of snow fall ½ inch.

13th—Wind at 10 p. m., N. W., brisk gale, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled during the 24 hours 453. Began to rain at 10 a. m., ceased at 11 a. m., 0.5 cubic inches, foggy all the afternoon.

14th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. W., brisk gale, frost, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 957. 6½ inches of snow fell during the past 24 hours.

15th—Wind at 10 p. m. South, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 660.

16th—Wind at 10 p. m. N. W., fresh, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 556.

17th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. W., fresh, cloudy, frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 598.

G. N. MACDONALD, Observer.
Goderich, Jan. 18th, 1882.

Postal cards on the backs of which are pasted slips cut from newspapers are frequently posted. These postal cards go to the D. L. O. There is a regulation concerning this description of postal matter that it will not have anything attached or gummed to it.

On Sunday a rather impressive ceremony was performed in the Basilica by Bishop Fabre, on Montreal. On Friday a lunatic committed suicide in the sacred edifice, which is considered by the church an act of desecration, and necessitates a special service to restore it to its consecrated purity. Owing to the absence of Bishop Duhamel in Rome, Bishop Fabre was telegraphed for, and to-day celebrated a special mass

GUITEAU'S GUMPTION.

The Assassin's Argument in favor of Insanity—Close Reasoning With intent to make I lack appear White.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Guiteau was apparently in the best of spirits this morning when the reporter called at the jail. "I have decided not to sell my speech for money," he remarked, "but to give it the widest circulation through the press. After opening his speech in precisely the same language used in his Christmas greeting, Guiteau says, "In shooting the president I deny I violated any law human or divine; nothing that the Deity directs a man to do can violate any law. I stand here as the agent of the Deity. The political situation is just what I knew it would be last June, if Garfield was removed. Everything on this case so far has gone about as I anticipated last June, which is evidence of the Deity's confirmation of my act. The assassin rehearses his history as heretofore given by himself and continues:—Soon after Robertson's appointment the republican party began to heat up. This was about the middle of May; by the 1st July it was whiteheat; and if this spirit had not been killed by the president's removal the nation would soon have been in the flame of civil war. To prevent a repetition of the late war and its desolation, the removal of the president was necessary. By his removal the republican party was cemented and the nation to-day is happy and prosperous. And to-day I suffer in bonds because I had the inspiration and nerve to remove the president that the nation might live.

When I saw Garfield under Blaine's vindictive spirit, and that he was proving a traitor to the men that made him, it grieved me to the heart and I prayed over it. If Garfield was out of the way I thought one night in my bed everything would go well. For two weeks I prayed over the feasibility of the president's removal. The more I prayed about it and the more I looked at the political situation, the more I saw the necessity for his removal. Finally after two weeks of earnest prayer I decided the Deity had called me do it, and I commenced preparation for it. This was about the 1st of June. I shot him on July 2nd. Not being a marksman he lingered till September 19th, when he passed quietly and gently away, the Lord thereby confirming my inspiration. There was a special providence in his dying in New Jersey. I undertake to say the Deity allowed him to die there to protect me from the possibility of legal liability for simply executing his will. The Deity has probably fixed the law so that their verdict cannot be legally enforced. I would have done the act at any time after June 1st if I had known I was to be shot dead the next moment. High toned people are saying "well, if the Lord had not wanted him he would not have departed." Physical death is nothing. All men have died, all men will die. The president might have been taken by a railroad accident or slipped on an orange peel and broken his neck. Providence and I saved the nation; why should not I be a hero and the equal of Washington and Lincoln and Grant. Many people are beginning to see I have saved the nation. If there be in this assembly any dear friend of Garfield's, to him I say Guiteau's love to Garfield was not less than his. If that friend demand why Guiteau removed Garfield, this is Guiteau's answer. Not that Guiteau loved Garfield less, but he loved his country more. Had you rather that Garfield was living and die in war than that Garfield was dead to live in peace. No, as Garfield loved Guiteau, Guiteau weeps for him; as he was a good man Guiteau honors him; but by the Deity's inspiration Guiteau removed Garfield for the good of his country. Beware, ye Americans, that you do not incur the wrath of the Deity by dealing unwisely by me, for I tell you the truth and lie not when I say I am here as God's man. Put my body into the earth if you will; that's all you can do; but thereafter comes the day of reckoning. The mills of the gods grind slow but sure, and they will grind to atoms every man that injures me. The American slaveholders put John Brown's body in the ground, but they paid for it during the war in blood and desolation. Life is an enigma, and this is a strange world. The judge should charge as follows: "That if they believe I believed it right for me to remove the president because I had special divine authority for so doing, they will acquit me on the ground that I was overpowered by the Deity in that I was suffering from transitory mania." To the jury he says: "Two months ago you left your homes and loved ones to listen to this case. I have no doubt you have given it your most solemn and prayerful attention, and that your verdict will be 'not guilty,' as charged in the indictment. To hang a man in my mental condition on the 2nd July, when I shot the president, would be a lasting disgrace to the American people, and I am sure you so understand it. The mothers and daughters of the republic are praying that you will vindicate my inspiration and their prayers I expect will prevail. Woman's instinct is keener than man's, and I pray you to listen to the prayers of these ladies. How would your mother and wife and daughter vote on this case Have you any doubt but they would vote for acquittal and why should you not do likewise. Physical death has no terrors for me. Suppose it possible that I should be sentenced to be hung in thirty days, I may die in twenty-four hours. I shall not go until my time comes. Anyway I have always been a praying man and I think I stand with the Deity. In our western domain thousands of Mormons are daily and nightly violating the law, but the government don't hang to vindicate the dignity of the law. During the last decade Mormonism had spread with frightful rapidity, and to-day nothing but another war can suppress it. The federal government is responsible for Mormonism; let president and congress suppress this gigantic, spiritual and social despotism. If I were president I would clean out those detestible Mormons in some way and right speedily. Perhaps in 1884 I shall get a chance at them. Now, gentlemen, I leave this case with you. At the last great day you and all men will stand in the presence of the Deity arguing for mercy and justice. As you act here so will be your final abode in the great hereafter I beg you do not get the Deity down on you by meddling with this case. I beg for your own sakes and for the sake of the American people, and for the sakes of generations yet unborn, that you let this case alone. You cannot afford to touch it. Let your verdict be that it was the Deity's act, not mine. When the president was shot his cabinet telegraphed to foreign nations that it was the act of a madman, and it will be far better for everybody that it be officially decided it was the act of a madman.

His Excellency the Governor-General sailed from Liverpool for Halifax on Wednesday. At a farewell luncheon given in his honour by the Mayor of Liverpool, His Excellency stated that the Princess Lousise remained in England at his desire, in the hope that she would be perfectly restored to health. He trusted, however, that she would be able to rejoin him in the spring.

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