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ALGER FOUND GUILTY

And Sentenced to Prison for Seven Years.

Judge Falconbridge Would Not Listen to His Plea for Mercy, Saying That in Conspiring to Defraud an Insurance Company He Had Been Trafficing on His Wife's Life

Whitby, March 20.—George Alger was this evening found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the Equitable Insurance Society. The verdict, although warranted by the evidence, was somewhat of a surprise to the Crown authorities, who had counted on a disagreement. The judge's strong charge against the prisoner completely turned the scale of events and the jury reached its conclusion after a deliberation of one hour and a half.

When the jury announced its verdict at 6.30, Mr. Clute asked for mercy for the prisoner, but His Lordship Judge Falconbridge could not agree with that view and sentenced him to the longest possible term for the offence, seven years.

His remarks in doing so were as follows: "George Elisha Alger, after a fair trial, in which I must say you have had a most brilliant defence, a jury of your own countrymen have found you guilty of the charge laid against you. I cannot quarrel with the verdict, and I can hardly see how they could have come to any other conclusion. As I have pointed out the form of conspiracy of which you have been found guilty, is far reaching in its effects. I cannot lose sight of the fact that doing as you did you were trafficking on the life of your wife, and I see no reason why the maximum sentence should not be passed upon you. I sentence you to seven years in the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston."

The prisoner had previously declined to say anything and took his sentence in a rather nonchalant manner. He has been out on bail for some time, but previous to the passing of the sentence was taken into the prisoner's box by High Constable William Calverley, and he stood up with folded arms awaiting his fate. His 17-year-old daughter, who had sat at his side all day with tears in her eyes, took the blow very grievously. Just previous to being taken into the prisoner's box, Alger told her that if she intended to make a scene she should leave the court, as it would only unnerve him.

He was then led away by Constable Calverley to the jail after a sad farewell to his loved ones in court.

CANADA MAKES A PROTEST

That Pleuro-Pneumonia Does Not Exist Among Cattle in This Country.

Ottawa, March 20. — (Special) — Mr. Foster gives notice to-night of the following important resolution:

"That it appears for many years protests were put in force by the British authorities making the slaughter of Canadian cattle obligatory upon being landed on the assumption that the disease of pleuro-pneumonia was detected in certain animals imported from Canada;

"That a bill is now before the Imperial Parliament which proposes to make the exclusion of all foreign cattle permanent;

"That the most thorough investigation carried on in Canada has failed to disclose the existence of a single case of pleuro-pneumonia;

"That, in view of the foregoing facts, this Parliament, whilst not wishing to interfere in any way with legislation considered necessary in the United Kingdom, desires respectfully to protest against the permanent exclusion previous to November, 1892, Canadian cattle were allowed free entrance into ports of the United Kingdom without being required to be slaughtered on landing;

"That on 21st November, 1892, regulation of Canadian cattle on the ground of the existence of pleuro-pneumonia in Canada, and to express in the strongest possible manner its belief that pleuro-pneumonia has not in the past and does not at the present time exist in Canada."

ALEX. M'LACHLAN IS DEAD.

One of the Best of Canadian Poets Off Rather Suddenly.

Orangeville, March 20.—Alexander McLachlan, considered by some Canada's greatest poet, died at his residence here at 8 a. m. to-day. He moved into town from his farm a short time ago and had been in good health until a few days ago. His death was unexpected and was a shock to his friends.

Alexander McLachlan was born in Johnston, near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1820. When a young man he took a position in a large store in Glasgow. When 23 years of age he emigrated to Canada, settling in the village of Erin, where he remained for some years. Ten years ago he removed to Amaranth, and twelve months ago took up his residence in Orangeville. Deceased had published two volumes of poems, including "The Emigrant" and "Long Headed Laddie." In 1885 he was presented with a gold medal by the Caledonian Society for a poem on Robert Burns. Mr. McLachlan leaves a family of four sons, four daughters and a widow.

Painter Richmond Dead

London, March 20.—George Richmond, a well known portrait painter, died in this city yesterday.

George Richmond, Hon. R.A., D.C.L., LL.D., was the son of an artist and was born in 1802. He early began the study of art, and in 1837 he went to Italy, where he spent two years. In 1847 he was appointed by Mr. Gladstone a member of the Council of the Government schools of design. The portraits executed by him number between 2000 and 3000—hundreds of which have been engraved.

Election in South Louth.

Dublin, March 20.—The election to fill the seat in the House of Commons for the South Division of Louth, made vacant by the death last December of Dr. Daniel Ambrose, anti-Parnellite, was held yesterday. McGhee, anti-Parnellite, was elected by a vote of 1626 against 1249 for Nolan, Parnellite, and 469 for Caillin, Independent. At the last election Ambrose was elected by a vote of 2062 to 1044 for Fitzgerald, Parnellite.

Disbanding the Turkish Reserves.

Constantinople, March 20.—An Irade has been issued disbanding the reserves, who, owing to the recent troubles, were summoned to serve with the colors.

To Fight the Mahdists.

Rome, March 20.—A despatch to The Tribuna, from Massowah, states that Gen Baldissera, the Italian commander in Africa, has sent two battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery to Keren to operate against the Mahdists.

Gun Explodes on Board Ship.

Maadrid, March 20.—While the warship Maria Teresa was testing her guns off Ferrel to-day, one of them exploded, injuring three officers and six seamen.

President Cleveland was 59 years old Friday.

The Queen will return to Windsor Castle from Climiez at the end of April.

Queen Victoria has created Emperor Francis Joseph Colonel-in-Chief of the First Dragoon Guards.

It is stated that King Alexander of Servia is engaged in marriage to the eldest daughter of the King of Greece.

The Prince of Wales will be installed as Chancellor of the University of Wales in the course of the coming summer.

Samuel Plimsoll, the originator of the famous "Plimsoll mark" to prevent the overloading of ships, is dangerously ill. He is seventy-two years of age.

Jasper Johnston of Flagal jumped from a straw stack and struck on a pitchfork, one of the tines of which went through the centre of his foot.

A movement is on foot for the canonization of Mary Queen of Scots on the ground that she died a martyr to her faith.

The health of the Queen has so much improved that she has arranged to go to Coburg to attend the marriage of her granddaughter, Princess Alexandra, to Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg.

John C. Fox, postmaster of Olinda, South Gosfield, Ont., has resigned. He is 88 years old and has held office since 1858, when there was only one other postoffice in the county.

THE DEAD.

Mr. W. F. Harper, late Manager of the Merchants' Bank, London, is dead.

F. C. Gilchrist, Port Qu'Appelle, Government Inspector of Fisheries, is dead.

Wm. Q. Judge, president of the Theosophical Society of America, died in New York.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement Boiled Right Down.

Winter seems to have stolen a March on Spring.

Delta dealers are offering 50c for maple syrup on contract.

5,000 Deacon Skins wanted at the Athens Meat Market by Wilson & Son. 2m

May 24th this year falls on Sunday, Dominion Day on Wednesday and July 12th on Sunday.

Richard Wood, Delta, committed to jail on a charge of lunacy, has been discharged. Doctors pronounce him sane.

Miss R. Rowson, of Wiltsetown, who is a teacher in Brockville, has been appointed a delegate to the annual meeting of the Ontario Education Society which will be held in Toronto on April 7, 8, & 9.

On Friday evening next, in St. Paul's church, Rev. J. J. Cameron, M. A., will deliver a lecture on the subject of "Evolution, or the Man vs. the Monkey." A fine musical program, including solos by Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Reynolds and Miss Dayison will be rendered, and an enjoyable evening is assured. Admission, 15c; double, 25c.

In reference to the latest addition to the staff of the Reporter, the Fergus News-Record of the 19th inst. says:—Richard E. Mills, an employee of the Fergus News-Record, left on Monday for Athens, near Brockville, where he has taken a position on a newspaper. Richard deserves success if diligence, faithfulness and perseverance should be rewarded.

The Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Niagara, is the man chosen for the same high position in the new Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. The new district includes the counties of Lanark, Renfrew Carleton, Russell, Prescott, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and the district of Nipissing as bounded and set off by the Legislature of Ontario, except a part thereof lying north of the Mattawa river and Trout Lake.

The services in connection with the new Hornerite church, Lombardy, occupied four days. Rev. Messrs. Horner and Sproule officiated. The attendance on Sunday was unusually large, a great number driving in from the surrounding country. Among those present were a father and daughter who had driven all the way from Mountain Station, a distance of 45 miles, also many from Athens, Lyn and other distant points.

The Echo says a curious circumstance happened to Mrs. Mossop, of Smith's Falls, last Friday, while she was hanging out clothes on an out-door line. She caught hold of the line, the usual zinc-coated kind, when some kind of muscular contraction took place in her hand and she was unable to let go. Some neighbors come to her assistance, and they had to cut the wire at both sides, and the piece remaining was grasped so tightly that it was removed with difficulty. After a time the muscles relaxed and the hand returned to its normal condition.

David Dowsley, the champion auctioneer of Leeds County, is thinking of starting an auction room in the corner store of the Dowsley block. His plan is to allow parties who have any article to sell to stow it in the store room, where it can be inspected, and he will hold a sale every fortnight or month, and dispose of everything that offers, for a commission on the sales made. At the same time any persons having horses, cows or other animals, carriages or machinery, could thus find a cheap way of disposing of the same. We believe the scheme is a good one, and hope Mr. Dowsley will receive encouragement enough to induce him to take hold of the matter.

Mr. John Gibson of Gananoque was in Athens three or four days last week, having been storm bound while on a business trip through the rear of this county. The firm of Gibson & Mitchell handle and manufacture all grades of Scotch, American and Canadian marble and granite monuments, and they were putting up a very fine monument over the grave of the late Levi Stevens of Plum Hollow, when the storm came on and they were unable to get farther than Athens on their way home. John has a host of friends in Athens who were glad to see his genial presence. He also remembered the Reporter by ordering a copy for a year, and in doing so said that he had strict orders before leaving home to not forget to call down our way.

Joseph Knapp of Plum Hollow commenced making cheese in his present location about 15 years ago. He built and owns the factory which he operates there. He has increased in favor with his patrons until he receives the milk on an average from 1,000 to 1,200 cows. On the 16th of this month he started his butter factory in an annex to the cheese factory, at a cost of about $1,000. His separator is the Russian, (not use in Pennsylvania); velocity, 75,000 a minute; capacity about 2,000 an hour. On Friday last he took in 1,500 lbs milk. It would have been 2,500 lbs if it had not been for the great snow storm. Had a farmer 20 years ago predicted that tons of milk would be delivered at a butter factory, on three feet of snow, in the middle of March, that farmer would have been but on record as a crank and a loon. A butter factory enables the farmers near it to get a fair return for two or three months' more milk than they otherwise might. No doubt Mr. Knapp's enterprise will be properly appreciated.

His Nose Broken.

Rev. J. C. Madill, pastor of Zion Congregational church, and William McLaren became involved in a dispute on a ferry boat at Port Huron, as a result of the suspension of McLaren's mother as treasurer of the church. It wound up by McLaren striking Madill, breaking his nose and cutting him with a knife which he had in his hand. A man named Mitchell, who came to the pastor's assistance, was felled to the ground with a chair and his nose was also broken. McLaren is held in $500 bail. Rev. Mr. Madill is prominently known because of his connection with the P. P. A. movement.

There is trouble in the Kingston Post Office, and a letter carrier has been suspended on a charge of stealing letters.

February was a somewhat peculiar month this year, inasmuch as it contained four full weeks and one Saturday over. The first day was Saturday and the month ended on Saturday, therefore giving it five Saturdays.

On account of funds accumulating quickly, will lend money on real estate at the very lowest rate—$12,000 on hand now. Mortgages also purchased. —JOHN CAWLEY, Athens, Ont.

A sister of the Rev. C. A. French of Lombardy, was the first white woman to cross the Rocky Mountains within the arctic circle in winter. She is the wife of Archdeacon Canham, now of the Diocese of Selkirk.

At a meeting of the horsemen of eastern Ontario, held at Kemptville on the 12th inst., it was resolved to form a circuit of the following towns, viz: Brockville, Iroquois, Kemptville, Richmond, Almonte, Carleton Place Perth, Smith's Falls and Athens.

Ed. Griffin of Nova Scotia came to Montreal a few days ago with $2,500 stitched in the lining of his coat. He took off the coat in a saloon, and it was stolen. He told the police, and a detective found the garment in a second hand store, where it had been sold for 75 cents. Griffin bought it back for $1, and found the $2,500 intact.

Rosie Rusho, one of Gananoque's wards, was on Thursday last transferred from a Toronto institution, where she has for some time been maintained by the county of Leeds, to the poor house at Athens. She is not considered by some as a proper subject for the house, as she is said to be able and willing to earn her own living. Possibly, however, it is better for the community that she is kept within bounds.

When the dust is on the counter, and the cobwebs on the shelf, and there's seldom anybody in the store besides yourself, and your stock is getting stale, and enough bills coming in to make a banker pale, oh, then's the time a merchant is feeling kinder blue, and is troubled with the question of the proper thing to do. But in such a situation one sure remedy applies: if you want to get the customers you have got to advertise.

The act now under consideration by the Ontario Legislature, to reorganize county councils, will, if adopted, revolutionize that body. Counties will be divided into districts. Each district will send two representatives to the council. The election will take place at the same time as the municipal elections. Separate ballots will be supplied by the county clerk. A peculiarity is that each elector will have two votes and may give both to one candidate. It does not appear whether members of the municipal councils are eligible for the county council, nor is there any provision for the remuneration of the county councilmen.

It is well to know that if you "introduce" a friend to a bank manager or anybody else in order that he may have a check or draught cashed, you make yourself personally liable for the amount. By making note of this information you may have occasion to appreciate its value. It may save you all you pay in a lifetime for this and all other newspapers. For instance, it's only one of many, a chap in a town near Toronto asked the landlord of a hotel at which he usually stayed to introduce him to a local banker. The introduction was promptly complied with, and "my friend" got the cash. The draft was returned, and the landlord heard of the mistake he had made.

The Recorder accuses the Commissioners of the Industrial Home with having last year awarded the contract for the supply of meat to the Home at "big figures," and intimates that this year the county town butchers will make a bid for the plum. We do not know the size of the big figures referred to, but as the award was made on a fair tender, the "chance of making some money" was probably not one that Brockville butchers need greatly regret missing. "The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted," is the basis upon which the commissioners do business.

We may add for the information of the Brockville speculators that from the 18th of Dec. last to the present time only nine quarters of beef have been supplied.

The Product of the Maple.

The recent advance in the price of cane sugar has given the farmers reason to hope for an improvement in the maple syrup and sugar trade, and they have made preparations to do a big business this spring.

While the dairymen are trying in every way in their power to remove the disparity that exists between the price of cheese in this country and in England, it might be well for the sugar-makers to consider the matter of obtaining better prices for their products. Take the Toronto markets, for instance: Nearly, if not quite, all the syrup advertised by retailers is described as coming from the "Eastern Townships," while as a matter of fact much of it is produced by inexperienced persons with very crude appliances. The result is, of course, a lessening of the demand and a consequent lower price. It looks as if a "branding bill" were required to remedy this grievance, but in the meantime we think that our farmers can do much to improve their position in the markets. Leeds county maple syrup is equal to the best produced in Canada, and where once used, and its origin known, would hold the market at a premium considerably above the ruling price. Then, obviously, it should be the aim of our sugar men to so stamp or designate their products that substitution on the part of dealers would be impossible. This could be best accomplished by affixing a neat label to the can, stating where made and the name of the maker. Last season we printed a number of these labels for progressive sugar-makers; but to accomplish the desired result it is essential that the practice of labelling should be general among all the worthy producers. But who are "worthy" producers? Well, that, of course, is a question that would have to be decided. We have some sugar-makers in Leeds that do not come up to the standard we have in view, and it would, perhaps, be necessary to form an association of skilled manufacturers who could adopt a trade mark and thus be in a position to protect themselves at home and abroad. We believe that concerted action on the part of our best farmers along the lines we have indicated would create a special demand for Leeds county syrup and sugar at a substantial advance on prevailing prices.

Miss E. Freeman of Chantry is visiting Mrs. L. Freeman, Prince street.

Mr. J. B. Bellamy is this week filling his old position in the store of H. H. Arnold.

Out of weakness comes strength when the blood has been purified, enriched and vitalized by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Geo. A. Wiltse, for many years head clerk for Phil. Wiltse & Co, can now be found behind the counter at Wm. Karley's hardware store.

Mr. James Wallace, who has been taking a shorthand course at the Brockville Business College, has obtained a position in New York. Brockville students still lead in finding situations.

The directors of the Brockville Electric Street Railway Co. include some of the best and wealthiest of the county town's business men, and the early construction of the road is assured.

CASH.—$8000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices Sale continues for a short time only —T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

Mrs. S. Fowler wishes to inform her music pupils in the country that it was owing to sickness in her family and blocked roads that she has been unable to fulfil her engagements for the past week, but will resume her regular lessons the beginning of next week.

Wm. T. Stevens of Plum Hollow arrived in Athens on his return from California on Saturday evening. 'Tis said that Wm. T. is not very favorably impressed with California, but we hope to have an interview with him and get an account, in his own inimitable style, of his observations, impressions and experiences on his trip to and from the Golden state.

Times:—Messrs. Thos. Barnes and J. G. Landon, of the Hamilton Smelting Works, came in from over the line of the Brockville & Westport Railway where they had been examing ore claims in the interests of the company. The prospective ore not being uncapped they were not in a position to pass an opinion upon it. If it turns out to be of the right kind it will find a ready sale with the Hamilton Smelting Works. At the present time about three hundred tons of ore daily are being used and when the smelter is run at its fullest capacity it will consume between seven and eight hundred tons. Messrs. Barns and Landon left this afternoon for Hull, Que., to examine claims in that locality.

Missionary services were conducted in the Methodist Church, Athens, last Sunday, by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Hagar. There was a good turn-out to the morning service, when an eloquent sermon was preached from the words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature." The speaker treated his subject in a masterly manner. He spoke of the feeling of want and unrest with regard to spiritual things felt by the people of heathen nations, and the efficiency of the Christian religion to supply that want. Christianity conveyed blessings, but it also imposed responsibilities, one of which was contained in the text. Mr. Hagar referred in complimentary terms to the work which had already been done by the various denominations in the mission field, but notwithstanding this, much still remained to be done, as two-thirds of the inhabitants of the world were still in darkness. He concluded his address by showing from the Missionary Report how the amount raised for missions by the Methodist Church last year had been expended, and a comparison of what Athens circuit had done in this line with some adjacent circuits. The comparison was in most cases favorable to Athens. There was an increase in contributions last year over the year previous, and if an earnest exhortation, coupled with a forcible presentment of the necessity has any effect, the givings this year will be still larger.

The Great Storm.

It is many years since a storm such as that of last week visited this section. The fall of snow was not great, but the high wind which accompanied it piled it in great banks that were simply insurmountable. The storm continued all day Thursday. During the greater part of the day the wind was from the east, but towards evening it shifted into the north and blew a gale, effecting a complete blockade of all roads running east and west, the B. & W. among the rest. The train managed to get through to Brockville and back to Westport all right on that day, but a special sent out shortly after to keep the road clear got stalled near Lyn and did not reach Athens until Saturday. Train No. 1, with a force of men, is working on the Westport end of the line, and a large gang of shovellers, having completed the opening of the line between here and Brockville, passed through Athens last night en route to help the force accompanying train No. 2. The line will probably be open this afternoon or to-morrow.

Country roads generally are blocked to such an extent as to seriously impede, and in some cases prohibit, traffic of all kinds.

The mail service, of course, has been very irregular. Friday's mail, per stage from Brockville, did not reach Athens until Sunday.

Warning to the Kickers

St. Peter sits at the heavenly gates his hands on the strings of the lyre and sings a low song as he patiently waits for the souls of those who expire. He hears in the distance a chorus of song swell from the foot of the heavenly throne, and he smiles as the music is wafted along and he warbles a lay of his own: "There is room in this region for millions of souls, who by sorrow and woe were bereft, 'tis for those who have suffered the melody rolls, but the kickers must turn to the left. There is room for the people, who when they were young, persisted in sowing wild oats, yet boomed up their town with sinew and tongue, but the kickers must go with the goats. There is room for the people who pointed with pride to the beauty and growth of their town, who kept singing their praises aloud til they died, but the kickers will please amble down. They'd say the music was all out of tune, and the angelic choir "hand me down," and they'd send for a jeweler to the moon to sample the gold in the crown. So while there is room for a million of souls, who by sorrow and woe were bereft, we want no complaint of the music rolls, so the kickers must turn to the left.

Mr. W. B. Connerty was seriously ill last week, but is again able to attend to business.

Rev. Mr. Gilmour of the Baptist Church, Brockville, has accepted the call tendered him lately by the Hamilton Baptist church.

The Prescott Journal says: Our fishermen are getting their fishing tackle ready for Charleston Lake spring salmon fishing.

Superintendent Mooney of the B. & W. was in Athens yesterday arranging for the more expeditious transport of the mails during the blockade.

Mr. C. Barber, formerly with Mr. J. Thompson, now of New York, is home for a visit, and is being warmly welcomed by his many young friends.

According to the amended School Bill before the Ontario Legislature, a member cannot sit at the school board and the municipal council at the same time.

The name of Geo. Taylor, M. P., is now coupled with the office of Superintendent of the Rideau canal, and there are other aspirants for the same position.

The Easter holiday rates on the railways come into effect on April 1. Students and teachers can travel now at one fare and a third, tickets good to return until April 13th inclusive.

Mr. H. H. Arnold is in the Queen City this week attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends as a representative of this council. He is accompanied by Mrs. Arnold.

The special services are being continued in the Methodist church this week. They are well attended and proving successful in awakening many to a more thoughtful consideration of how their lives square with the requirements of the Gospel.

The estate of Chancey Blancher, late of Minneapolis, has been admitted to probate in the Surrogate Court and administration granted to James Ross, of Athens, as nominee of the widow of the deceased. The deceased left personal property in the United Counties.

The past week has been full of anxiety for the relatives and friends of Mr. P. P. Slack. A week ago Sunday he was taken ill and from the first his case manifested serious symptoms. In the last few days he has been delirious and required constant attendance. Today he is conscious, but is very weak.

Smith's Planet ry Almanac gives the following weather forecast for April: A fickle, wayward month with alternate gleams of sunshine and cloudy weather, the latter predominating. The first and second weeks will prove very rainy but fairly warm; the third cool to cold with high winds; the fourth threatening and dark with abundance of rain and hail, the month closing with rapid changes and foggy, misty, squally weather.

Only a few days ago Henry Mullen, well known in this section, was in Athens, apparently enjoying the best of good health. On Monday evening last he was found sitting on the steps of a Brockville business house, and being interrogated, complained of being ill. He was conveyed to the General Hospital, where he died on Thursday morning from pneumonia. His brother David removed the remains to Addison for interment.

A school teacher near Canning got the best of his pupils not long ago. He promised them if they behaved well during the week he would show them something they had never seen before and would never again. Friday came, and the pupils had conducted themselves in an excellent manner during the week and were all anxiety to see the wonder. The teacher, putting his hand in his pocket, took out a nut, cracked it and, showing them the kernel, ate it.

The Game of Cricket.

It is said that the game of cricket will be more popular than ever in Canada this season. It is the best of all the games going. There are no pugilistic contests; the contestants do not whack each other over the head with their bats; nobody desires the massacre of the umpire. The game is not to the swiftest nor the victory to the strongest; the players do not go home in an ambulance, nor do they wear crockery eyes; mortality is rare.

The Great Auction Sale

The auction sale of the household effects of the Armstrong House took place on Saturday afternoon and evening last, and was continued on Monday afternoon and evening, when a large amount of goods were disposed of. The sale is further adjourned until Saturday next, 28th inst., at 1 and 7 p. m. The stock remaining consists in part of a solid black walnut hair-cloth parlor suit, 3 or 4 solid walnut bedroom suits, extension tables, 15 or 18 wash stands, mahogany centre table, marble top centre table, bedsteads and sofas, sheets, comfortables, 2 sets woven wire springs, and pillows for 20 beds, refrigerator, a quantity of dishes and glassware, and other articles. All the best of the goods are yet for sale, and this chance for procuring household furnishings at a bargain should draw a large crowd on Saturday afternoon and evening. Everything must be sold, in order to wind up the estate.

WEXFORD.

MONDAY, March 23.—C. Heffernan spent Sunday in town.

Mr. T. Flood and lady left for Warburton on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kavanagh of Quabbin City favored us with a call on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Flood are visiting friends at Sommerset Valley.

Miss Minnie Leeder has returned from a week's trip through Spencerville, Prescott, Yonge, Mills, etc.

Mr. Peter Flood is about to open out a general store here on Main street, next door to R. Dixie's emporium.

Venerable George Anthony Denison, archdeacon of Taunton, is dead, at the age of 91.

William Everitt, another old settler of Kent County, has just passed away, at the age of 84.

Mrs. William Hillier, who had reached the great age of 95 years, has just died at Odessa, Ont.

Robert Kenny, father of W. W. Kenny of Guelph, is dead at his home in Aylmer, Que., aged 90.

Barnaby Janisse of Walkerville is dead. He was born 82 years ago on the farm on which he died.

Rev. Father Maloney, parish priest of Durham, died very suddenly of pneumonia at the early age of 29 years.

James Sanderson, one of the oldest conductors on the Grand Trunk, is dead. His home was in Port Hope.

Alexander McLachlan, a well-known Canadian poet, died at his residence in Orangeville, Ont., aged seventy-eight.

Charlotte Shaunoo, daughter of Me Koonce, a Chippawa warrior, has just died at the Kettle Point Indian Reservation, aged 94.

Gabriel Balfour, one of the oldest settlers in the district around Omemee, Ont., died in his 80th year. He was one of the veterans of the rebellion of 1837.

A 15-year-old boy is under arrest in Jackson, Texas, charged with attempting to murder his father, his mother and the family physician by putting rough-on-rats in the coffee.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Alex. Archer of Glencoe was sandbagged and robbed of $85 at Windsor.

Albert Forest, a Barnardo boy, has been arrested at Brantford, charged with theft.

William Albert Smith was found guilty by Judge Hughes at St. Thomas on two charges of bigamy. He has three wives living.

William James Hammond was committed for trial at Gravenhurst, on a charge of having murdered his wife, known as Kate Tough, by poison.

Old Mr. Carney, father of the young man in custody in Lindsay on the charge of murdering Mr. James Agnew, is losing his reason through grief.

George Cathrae was sentenced at Galt about nine years ago to twelve years in Kingston penitentiary for burglary. His term was shortened for good conduct, and he has returned to Galt.

David Stock, Deputy Collector of Customs at Dundas, Ont., has resigned on account of a shortage in his accounts to the amount of $400 or $500. Stock had been connected with the Custom House since 1890.

Charles Ryan of Buffalo, N.Y., who is wanted by the Canadian authorities for the robbery and attempted murder of Edward Russell at Bridgeburg, Ont., last October, was captured in Easton, Pa., and is held awaiting extradition papers from Canada.

Gertrude Taylor, aged thirteen, of St. Joseph, Mo., confessed that she poisoned the food partaken of by her father, her brother, and his wife, causing the death of the first-mentioned, because they opposed her keeping an organ that had been in the house for a year.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

Friction among the officers threatens to destroy the usefulness of the Fifth Royal Scots of Montreal.

A popular subscription in Germany to provide money to increase the navy has been a complete failure.

The Chinese Government is making no headway against the Mohammedan rebellion in the north-western provinces.

It is generally believed in well informed London political sets that England has secured the sanction of Germany, Austria and Italy to her Nile expedition, and that France is only burning her fingers in meddling with the Egyptian question.

Torpedo Boats for Japan.

Japan is going to build at once no less than ninety torpedo boats. Great Britain, on the other hand, has decided to build no more of them, but to substitute for them what are known as torpedo boat destroyers. These are larger than torpedo boats, and carry half a dozen quick-firing guns apiece, in addition to torpedoes and torpedo tubes.

Bake-Shop Humor.

"Have you tried our new electric cakes?" asked the young man who tends the bake-shop.

"Why, no, I haven't," said the sweet young lady who trades there. "Why are they called electric cakes?"

"So many currants in 'em, you know. Ha! ha! Heard it before? No? Little joke I got up myself."

"Oh, how witty."

"Why, that's nothin'. Here's another. Why is a cookie? Give it up? Because it isn't a cook-R."

"Wonderful!"

"Yes. I think of 'em all day. Fried cakes can sing, you know, on one note—'Do' notes, eh? I get off things in here so funny sometimes that the ginger snaps. Don't know whether it draws trade or not, but I should think it would. Now, that pie there, for instance, don't belong to us. Why? Because it's Min's pie."

"I don't wonder the molasses cakes," said the young lady, as she smiled again sweetly and tripped out.

Very Willing to Wair.

The last day of a negro criminal in Texas had come. He was awakened and asked what he would have for breakfast, and told that he could have anything he liked.

"Den, boss, I reckon I'll take er watermillion."

"Watermelons are not ripe yet."

"Neber mind, boss, I kin wait."—Texas Sifter.

Her Idea of It.

Professor—Katie, why haven't you heated my room better? The thermometer is only 52 degrees.

Maid—But, surely, Herr Professor, 52 degrees is plenty for a little room like this.

What He Feared.

Boy—Teacher, I wish you would make that girl quit winking at me.

Teacher—Why, don't you look somewhere else?

"Because if I do she'll wink at some other boy."—Texas Siftings.

COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything Well Mixed Up.

FRANKVILLE.

MONDAY, March 23.—Miss McCoy of Bishop's Mills is visiting friends here.

Dr. Dixon spent a few days in Ottawa last week.

The revival services have closed, and much good was the result of the meetings.

Mr. Peter Stewart is getting material on the ground to build a large new barn this spring.

Mr. T. Connor has sold his farm to Mr Joseph Hanton.

A number of our young people spent Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. Frank Johnson, and all report having had a good time.

Work has already been commenced to repair the Methodist church.—Messrs. Pritchard and Eaton have the contract.

TREVELYAN.

TUESDAY, March 17.—The patrons of the Aberdeen cheese factory held their annual meeting on the 17th inst., and elected their officers for this season. Mr. James A. Ferguson is the owner of the factory and is a first-class cheese maker and a thorough business man in every respect.

We were favored with a visit from our old friend, Stephen Dale. He thinks he will get a wheel this summer.

Mr. Thomas Edgers has returned after an extended tour through the country. He took in Portland during the race and reports a good visit among his many friends.

Francis Fortune, Junctown, took dry measures enough by here this last week to measure all the grain in this section.

Visitors: Miss Hattie Westlake, Glen Buell; Miss Agatha Gavin, Warburton; Hugh C. Smith, Charleston; Miss Jennie Cox, Sheatown.

T. and P. J. Flood have gone to Lansdowne with their wood sawing machine. They will show the boys on the sixth how we cut wood in Trevelyan. They are both able young men, and full of vim.

Mr. R. J. Leeder has increased his stock and farm this spring.

What has become of John Ball? He doesn't come round to see us at all.

MCINTOSH MILLS.

MONDAY, March 23.—Miss A. Morrigan of Toronto, who was the guest of Miss M. Bolger, returned home yesterday.

We are sorry to report that Mr. J. J. McIntosh is not improving as quickly as expected, and is still in a very weak state.

Never before in the history of our oldest inhabitants has such a crowd been seen in our village as that of Saturday last. The people from Wexford were delighted with Miss Eliza Tuffey and the bath.

There is a good opening here on Main street for a general store, which is very much needed at present.

The party given by Mr. T. Graham on Wednesday night last was a brilliant success. A large number were present and enjoyed themselves until "the wee, sma' hours." Our popular young musicians, R. Nunn and S. Birch, furnished music to the satisfaction of all. Everything passed off satisfactorily, and reflected great credit on Mr. Graham.

Visitors: D. Haddigan, E. Pash, A. Bours, Flannagan, and Mrs. Quinch of New York.

FAIRFAX

MONDAY, March 23.—Mr. J. Thompson is in town, the guest of Mr. J. Bolger.

Mr. J. P. Lappen was a guest at Mr. Foley's last week.

Miss A. Garvin is visiting friends in Wexford.

Miss Jennie Leach is spending a few days in town.

Miss B. Flood and sister of Wexford passed through town last week.

Our new cheese factory is in the hands of painters, and is being greatly improved.

The Flood Brothers of Wexford are doing up all the wood piles in Warburton with their new sawing machine.

We regret to state that Mrs. James Lonan is still on the sick list.

The concert given by Dan. Sullivan & Co., on Thursday night, was well attended, every seat being occupied. Every number given was well received and pleased the audience, if we were to judge by the hearty applause given and encores demanded.

Mr. P. Rape is fitting up his brown nag for the coming race that will take place here next week.

Owing to the scarcity of fodder in this section, a great many cattle were stripped of their hairy robes here last week.

SOPERTON.

MONDAY, March 23.—For several years we have not been blocked in by snow as we are at the present time. On Saturday last many of the farmers turned out and made the snow fly in every direction, but it is still disagreeable travelling.

The revival services being held in Apple Grove hall are well attended.

Mr. Jaspar C. Eaton, musical instructor, was the guest of Mr. L. H. Washburn the latter half of last week, and was unable to attend to his duties on account of the bad condition of the roads.

Our school was closed on Friday last, as the pupils were unable to reach the school house. This is the first time that Miss Sexton has had a holiday on account of bad roads this year.

We had no mail on Friday and Saturday last as the B. & W. failed to put in her appearance.

Some of our farmers are beginning to prepare for sugar making, and we hear of people who have tapped several trees, and report a good run.

Mr. Robert Morrison is still on the sick list. Several other citizens are ill with la grippe.

An exchange says: "In towns where a newspaper is published every business man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is engaged in. It not only pays the advertiser, but it also lets people at a distance know that the town in which you reside is a prosperous community of business men. As the seed is sown, so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign while you expect to do business."

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