

THE REPORTER COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Every-thing Well Mixed Up.

FAIRFAX MONDAY, Feb. 10.—Mr. J. Lappin visited McIntosh Mills last week and was delighted with the public bath. Mr. J. Bolger, of McIntosh Mills, paid out town a short visit last week. The steamer Valritta is ashore above the dam at Vinegar Hill and cannot be got off until the water rises. Messrs. Flood and Bolger are visiting friends in town and the street has yet been heard of the violin.

DULSEMARN. MONDAY, Feb. 10.—Miss Young of this place is seriously ill at present. Mr. T. Flood is busily engaged hauling wood to Lynn.

Our post office on Wednesday night last was broken into and a quantity of money and stamps were stolen, also Mrs. T. Flood's valuable dog, a fine white dog belonging to the violin.

Messrs. Leeder and Flood, were driving a party of young folks en route for Quabbin, when the team got unmanageable going down Quabbin hill, upsetting the carriage with its contents down a grade of forty feet.

Some of the young ladies were very badly-out and bruised. The fiery steeds took shelter of Mr. F. Gavin's, leaving the omnibus four miles behind.

The crossing between here and Sheatown is not altogether safe yet. The large crack in the creek channel has been bridged over and a toll is collected from those who wish to make the trip to and from Sheatown.

A fine white horse belonging to Peter Flood got in on Sunday afternoon but was rescued after being in the water for two hours. Peter came very near being drowned.

Rumor says that it will take three weeks' work for thirteen good stake belchers to make the road passable between here and Orchard Villa.

Messrs. Peter Flood and Brothers attended a grand wedding held in the vicinity of Toledo on last Tuesday night. Peter reports a good time. Pies and cakes were in abundance and beef a specialty.

A grand party will be given in Mallorytown hall on Thursday evening 13th. Messrs. Flood and Leeder's car is chartered for the occasion.

Visitors: Messrs. E. Gavin, P. Doyle, E. Avery; also Miss A. Boyle, E. Gavin, and Jennie Cox.

NEWBORN. MONDAY, Feb. 10.—Mr. N. A. Glass, our local baker, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is recovering.

Miss Agnes French, who has been confined to her bed through an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, is considered out of danger.

Mrs. Rev. W. S. Jamieson of Sydenham, formerly of this village, has paid her many friends a short visit last week.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the leap year carnival is postponed till Friday evening.

Mr. Elwood Chadler, barrister, Winnipeg, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Thomas Donahoe will move onto her farm, now occupied by Mr. Henry Stewart, in a short time.

The B. & W. is threatened with a snow blockade.

A deep gloom seemed to have settled over our quiet village when it was announced on Tuesday, Feb. 4th, between 12 and one o'clock, that the spirit of Benjamin Franklin had fled within that hour passed into the spirit world.

Within the history of Neloro, there has not been more general sorrow evinced through the demise of one of its citizens than has been felt through the death of Mr. Fifeid. On Friday, Jan. 24th, the deceased was around town as usual looking the picture of health, but during the following night he took a chill, and, although medical aid was summoned at once, he gradually sank from the first. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Jamieson of Sydenham, by request of the deceased, and the remains were placed in the vault under the order of the A. O. U. W., of which society he was a member.

Mr. Fifeid was about 55 years of age, and was born near Boston, Mass. He moved to Newboro with his parents when a boy and spent the greater portion of his youth in what is now this vicinity, during its activity. Through the death of Mr. Fifeid, Newboro has lost a citizen who possessed sterling qualities which are missed only in men of honor. All through his business through life brought him in constant contact with the lower elements of nature, yet he possessed a heart full of kindness and sympathy. He was ever ready to do himself. He leaves a wife to mourn his sudden departure, who, in her hours of sorrow, has the sympathy of the community.

Several new and second-hand cutters of latest styles for sale at a bargain, or will exchange for hard maple cord or stove wood. Apply to WILLARD ABBETTINE, Wm. Layng's old stand, Athens.

CASH.—\$6000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices. Sale continues for a short time only.—T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Bankville, Ont.; nearly opposite the Hevora house.

By-law No 46.

For Regulating the Cleaning of Sidewalks in the Village of Athens From Snow, Ice or Dirt.—A Brief Synopsis.

Authority being given by chapter 42, section 496, of the consolidated municipal act, 1895, municipal corporation of Athens enacts as follows:

1. That all resident owners, tenants or occupants of premises in the village shall remove all snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction from the sidewalks adjoining their premises within three hours after the ceasing of any storm (Sundays excepted) and where a storm does not cease before 6 o'clock in the evening, then before nine in the morning following (Sundays excepted).

2. The penalty for non-compliance with provisions of section one shall be not more than \$5 nor less than \$1 for each offence, at the discretion of convicting justice. In default of immediate payment of fine and costs, a distress warrant against the goods and chattels of offender shall be issued, and if no distress is found then the justice may commit to common jail for not more than 21 days.

3. In case any non-resident owner or owners of any unoccupied premises in the village shall neglect or refuse to have the snow, ice or dirt removed within 24 hours after the ceasing of any storm, the corporation shall by their road overseer cause such snow, ice, dirt, or other obstruction to be removed at the expense of such owner, and render him a bill not later than the first day of May in each year, and if same is not paid before the 1st day of October shall return the expense of such cleaning to the village clerk who shall charge the same, together with the cost of such notices, as a special assessment against such premises, which shall be recovered in like manner as other municipal rates of said village.

4. This by-law shall come into force at once after the passing thereof. The above by-law was passed the 10th day of Feb. 1896.

S. V. BULLOCK, B. LOVERIN, Reeve. Clerk.

The full text of the above by-law can be inspected at any time in the clerk's office.

SEELYE'S BAY

MONDAY, Feb. 10.—The Select Knights' concert, held Wednesday evening last, proved a decided success. The hall being well filled. All taking part in the program acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the large audience present.

Mr. A. E. Donohoe performed the duties of chairman in a very pleasing manner. Mr. C. Slack, in his specialties, brought down the house, being encored again and again. Mr. and Mrs. Merriman of Levey, Miss Hughes of Batterson, and Miss Smith of Forfar sang some very fine solos and duets. Sheldon's string band played some fine selections.

The drama entitled, "The Broken Hearted Club" was performed by the Seelye's Bay Dramatic Co. in a very creditable manner, and was highly applauded. The concert finished with singing by the whole audience of God Save the Queen, and every one went home well pleased. The receipts were over \$100.

The storm of Thursday last was a heavy one and caused a good deal of damage by crushing in roofs of sheds, &c.

The sale by auction of B. Kenny's farm on Saturday last did not take place, the bids not reaching the reserve bid of \$3,500.

Mr. Wm. Crockery of Westport is visiting friends here.

Miss M. Hevora has nearly recovered from her late illness.

Miss Brady has secured a license to fish with hoop nets in the north part of South Lake.

Sunday's storm has blocked the roads.

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The Bear Went Back. Sunday, Feb. 2nd, was Candlemas day, on which, according to tradition, the bear makes his first appearance in the rule book good, braining fast asleep for a six weeks' extension of his sleep, but if the shadow is not to be seen, he concludes that spring has arrived, and his season's repose has ended. If the rule book good, braining fast asleep again now, for his shadow must have been clearly cast on Sunday.

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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.

—The meeting of the Farmer's Institute advertised to be held in the township hall, Athens, yesterday (Tuesday) was nearly a failure owing to the blocked condition of the roads, neither Wm. Stafford, Lyn, or W. H. McNeil, Lyn, were able to get through. Only about 25 or 30 persons were present at the afternoon meeting which was addressed by Messrs Brown and Duff. The evening meeting was fairly well attended. The same gentlemen spoke on different subjects. Mr. D. Fisher, acted as chairman and R. S. Holmes, as Sec.

—Odds Against the Kicker. This is the way a country editor sizes up a kicker and offers odds on his probable relations to the paper: "Whenever you find a man finding fault with a local paper, open it up and look to one man's advertisement in it; five to one he never gave it a job of work; three to one he does not take the paper; two to one that if he is a subscriber he is delinquent; even odds he never does anything that will assist the publisher to run a good paper, and forty to one that if the paper is a good one and full of life, he is the most eager to see the paper when it comes out."

Postal Changes. The Canadian Official Guide for Jan. contained the following instructions with regard to addresses of letters intended for any part of the United States: Postmasters would do well to press upon the attention of the address of a letter intended for the United States is not complete unless the words "United States," or at least the initials "U. S.,"—carefully written so as not to be mistaken for N. E. or N. W. are placed on the letter. A great many post offices in the United States bear names which also belong to post offices in Canada, and a simple indication by an abbreviation such as Me., O., Pa., etc., of the State in which the place is situated may not if there is no mention of the country, suffice to prevent letters being sent to a Canadian office of the same name as the one in the United States for which the letter is intended.

Palpitation of the Heart Defined. Palpitation of the heart is perhaps the most common symptom of heart disease, and is defined as pulsations that are perceived by the patient. It is attended by irregular intervals of more or less freedom from attack. The heart may begin to beat violently; it may pound against the walls of the chest; the vessels may throb in the neck; the eyes become suffused, and all other parts of the body may be affected. The heart may be very rapid and very feeble, so that the pulse may consist only of a series of rapid and almost imperceptible waves.

Those suffering from palpitation or fluttering of the heart should not delay treatment a single hour. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the heart will always relieve this trouble within the first half hour, and for this reason is regarded by physicians generally as the greatest known remedy for the heart. Sold by J. P. Lamb.

THE DEAD. A. H. Haines, Mont Joy, dropped dead in his barn.

Gen. Sir Charles Patton-Kings, 81 C.E., is dead at home.

Ex-Aid Joseph Fox is dead at Belleville, from paralysis.

John James, Frankena, wife, mother of John White, 25, dead.

John Bowers, one of Kingston's oldest citizens, died, aged 84.

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Reduced About One-Third PRICES NEARLY CUT IN TWO AT

D. W. DOWNEY'S ONE PRICE BARGAIN CASH SHOE HOUSE

KING ST., BROCKVILLE

We have several thousand dollars too much Stock and must sell it before the 1st of March to make room for Spring Shoes. We don't keep goods until they get out of date, and this is the way we take to clear them out.

Women's Croquet Rubbers for... \$.25

Men's S. Sandal Rubbers for... 40

Men's Wool Lined Rubbers for... 45

Men's Wool Lined Overshoes for... 88

Infants' Button and Lace Boots reduced to... 25

Ladies' Slippers and Moccasins reduced to... 1.50

Ladies' Lace and Button Boots reduced to... 2.00

Ladies' Lace and Button Boots reduced to... 2.00

Ladies' Kid Button Boots reduced to... .75

Ladies' Felt Gaiter Boots reduced to... .75

Ladies' Felt Slippers reduced to... 40

Ladies' Tweed Slippers, 2 pair for... 25

Ladies' Carpet Slippers... .20

Men's Felt, Lace, Gaiter and Buckle Boots, plain and lined, for... 1.00

Regular prices 1.50 to \$2.00.

Men's Fine Lace and Congress Boots reduced to... 1.50

Regular prices 2.00, 2.50, and \$3.00

Space will not permit us giving prices for any more lines. Come and see what we are doing.

D. W. DOWNEY

The Big One Price Bargain Cash Shoe House

THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER HAS BEEN ABOLISHED.

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada is in process of being reorganized. The position of assistant general manager, so long occupied by Mr. Wm. Waite, has been abolished. The friends of that popular official will be glad to hear, however, that he has been invited by Mr. Hays, the general manager, to continue in the service of the company. He has long and so faithfully served. The official notice states that Mr. Waite's future position will soon be defined to that gentleman's satisfaction, although some think that an assistant general manager will accept the position tendered him some time ago in New York in connection with the Freight Lines Association. It is quite likely that Mr. Hays realizes that if any legislation were required in the interests of the Grand Trunk, Mr. Waite's services would be of great value. Although the statement may once more be denied, it is a positive fact that Mr. Waite, mechanical superintendent, will soon retire, as well as Mr. Williams, who has for years been connected with Mr. Waite's office.

This morning