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girls who had expressed their sympathy with him when he was rapped by the foreman, were hanging to the wall. To let go meant to fall to the basement, and almost certain death; yet they could not hold on longer than a few minutes.

from the spike. It is not likely that he could have guided the body down the incline, and all his labor would have been lost, but the foreman came to his assistance, having hurried to the second floor to see what had become of him.

BRUTAL BALKAN BRIGANDS. Madame Tilkka Relates the Experience of the Stone Party.

Madame Katerina Tilkka, who, with Miss Ellen M. Stone, passed six months among the Balkan brigands, told the story of that terrible time.

the outcome of the brigands' meeting. She said: "My husband had a watch which was dear for association's sake to both of us, and knowing that Turkish brigands spare no one, I put it in my belt. I also had \$35 in gold in Turkish money, seven pieces, and I put these in my mouth, microbes and all."

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By Air Ship to Europe Next Spring. Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Gold, a retired naval officer, says that next spring the world's mode of travel will be revolutionized by the appearance of the Gold non-explosive airship.

One of the Yliet Diseases. Is Catarh, which first attacks the nose and throat and finally spreads all through the system. The one sure remedy is Catarrhicine.

Law Should Be Amended. The law should be amended so that no man against whom a prima facie case of fraud or corruption is made out should be permitted to occupy his seat pending trial, and there would be very little delay in bringing on elec- tions if a member were kept out of the house so long as he remained under indictment.

Scott's Emulsion. Fat is of great account to a baby; that is why babies are fat. If your baby is scrawny, Scott's Emulsion is what he wants. The healthy baby stores as fat what it does not need immediately for bone and muscle.

Xmas Goods! In Leather Cases, Bags, etc., Choice Stationery, Perfumes, of French, English and American makes, etc.

Royal Pharmacy. W. A. WARREN, Phm. B., The Down-to-Date Druggist.

Counterfeiters at Work in Cape Breton. Sydney, N. S., Dec. 6.—Since some time early last summer, counterfeit \$10 notes of the Bank of Montreal have been making their appearance at Glace Bay and other colliery districts.

Death of Captain Stanwood. (Yarmouth Times.) The death of Captain Stanwood removes one of the best and most favorably known master mariners in the maritime provinces and the New England States.

WORLD'S NEWS. George Donli, superintendent of the Boston Stock Exchange, died last week. He was born in Fitchburg, N. S., 69 years ago.

WAR NOTES. Tokio, Dec. 6.—The Russians are nightly attacking 203 Metre Hill in determined endeavor to retake the summit of the ground of contention. The Japanese are increasing the defenses of the position, and have succeeded so far in repelling the assaults. The works against Sungen mountain eastward are progressing speedily, and all indications point to an early general assault, although the date when it will begin is kept secret. It is expected that the next general assault will prove successful.

Rheumatism Cured. Jas. McKee, Linwood, Ont., Lachlan McNeil, Mabou, C. B., John A. McDonald, Arnprior, Ont., G. B. Billing, Meridian, Ont., John Mader, Mabou Bay, N. S., Lewis C. Butler, Berlin, Ont. These well known gentlemen all assert that they were cured by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc. Take this self-denial gladly and cheerily, and let the sun and the glaucous fall on dark things and bright smiles, like the sunshine of the Almighty.—F. Parker.

WEEKLY MONITOR



COUNTY NEWS.

MR. A. LYLE has gone to spend a few days with friends at Halifax. Miss Janie Kelly, who was visiting relatives at Bridgetown last week, has returned home. Mr. Clarence Longley spent a few days last week with his relatives at Annapolis Royal and Clements. Mr. Richard Ray met with a somewhat painful accident last week, by a gust of wind blowing some hot embers in one of his eyes. We are sorry to state that our aged citizen, Mrs. Harriet Bath, who some days ago was struck with paralysis, is no better. The young ladies of Belleisle intend having a bean social at the new hall on Friday evening, the 16th inst. Proceeds to defray debt on hall. They promise a good time, and when the young ladies of Belleisle promise that, you will be sure to get it. Come and see. The little ones are beginning to see visions of Santa Claus in their dreams. We are having a long spell of good old-fashioned winter weather here at present.

PARADISE.

Rev. A. B. Higgin will give his illustrated lecture on "The Holy Land" in Longley's Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, under the auspices of the Literary Society. The Literary Society met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Pearson. The following magazines were chosen for circulation among the members—N. Y. Outlook, Independent, Book Lovers, Review of Reviews, Current Literature, The World-to-day, Arena, Ladies' Home Journal, McClure's Farmer, Advocate, Green's Fruit Grower, Everybody's, Cosmopolitan, Twentieth Century Home, Frank Leslie's, Success, The Christian Herald, and National. Miss Bessie Darling, of Lawrencetown, visited Mrs. R. S. Leonard on the 11th inst. Miss Edna Marshall, of South Farmington, visited her mother, Mrs. L. C. Marshall, recently.

INGLISVILLE.

Mrs. L. B. Banks and daughter, Miss Eva, have been spending a few days at Mr. H. O. Whitman's. Mrs. Edwin Banks, who has been at the Halifax Infirmary for the past seven weeks, returned home on Wednesday last much improved in health. Mr. Henry Banks made a driving trip to Halifax on Monday, to accompany his mother home on Wednesday. The school at East Inglisville will give a Xmas concert in the school house on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, under the auspices of their teacher, Miss Whitman. Also, the school at West Inglisville will give a Xmas concert on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st. Admission free.

ALDANY.

Messrs. Fred Fain and Norman Goucher captured a large mouse last week in the vicinity of the Halfway House, also Mr. A. B. Fain and Mr. Thomas Burney killed another on the following day near West Dalhousie. Mr. Chas. Merry returned home from Boston on Saturday, 10th. Mrs. Stark, our teacher, went home and spent Sunday, 11th. Mr. and Mrs. William Sheridan were the guests of his parents on Sunday, 11th.

The Valley Exhibition of 1905.

As secretary of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association, it is probably unnecessary for me to open the question of a county fair for the coming autumn. Until the past week, it was looked upon as almost an established fact that this valley fair should alternate between Kings and Annapolis counties, and that 1905 would surely find it in our county, but at the Windsor meeting of the N. S. F. A. it was rumored that Hants county would make an effort to have it brought to Windsor next year. We had intended opening the question with a view of reaching a decision as to which of the towns of Annapolis Co. should hold it in 1905, and supposed that such a decision would rest largely in the hands of the County Association. Directorate; but if Hants is our competitor for honors, it probably rests with the local government to decide where to place the grant. In such a case, we should take steps at once to have, if possible, the grant assured to our county. The above will be sufficient to set the ball rolling, and we hope that efforts will be made at once to bring the fair to one of our towns for 1905. A meeting of the directors of the Annapolis Co. Farmers' Association will be held in Bridgetown, at St. James' Hotel on Friday, Dec. 14th. We have already received official resolutions from Annapolis and Middleton, asking that the County Association consider the place as applicant for the location of the fair. R. J. MESSENGER, Secy. A. C. F. A.

The firm of MacKenzie & Mann are making application for the construction of a line from the mouth of the French River to the Georgian Bay via Ottawa to Montreal. The other application will be for a line from a point on the James Bay railway, north of Toronto, to Montreal via Ottawa. It will connect at Montreal with the I. C. R., having Halifax and St. John as stated ports.

WORLD'S NEWS

R. L. Borden and wife have returned from a trip to Virginia Springs. Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, who have been sojourning in California, are expected home on the 20th. Commissioner Coombs, the new head of the Salvation Army in Canada and Newfoundland, has arrived in Toronto. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which has been held at St. Louis during the past seven months, ended Nov. 30th. The new schedule of pay rates recommended by Lord Dunsford and approved by the Militia Department recently went into effect in Canada. The 20-cent stamp has just been issued from Ottawa. It is of the same color as the 20-cent stamps of the Queen's head series. The set now comprises six, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 and 20 cents.

OBITUARY.

MR. THOMAS SHAW. The death occurred yesterday forenoon, at 10 o'clock at his home, after an illness of several months, of Mr. Thomas Shaw. Mr. Shaw was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Bridgetown. Coming here from Berwick, his native town, at the age of fourteen years, he took up the trade of cabinet making and carpentering, and afterwards as contractor and builder, built a number of houses in Bridgetown and vicinity. He was for a short time employed by the late J. B. Reed at his factory, and about thirty years ago, in partnership with the late John Fisher, established a sash and door factory, supplied by power from Reed's furniture factory. In 1891 they purchased the old Baptist Church building, which was removed to give place to the present edifice, and secured a lot on Washington street and fitted the building up for their business. Ten years ago it passed into the hands of Mr. John H. Hicks, and has since developed into the woodworking establishment of J. H. Hicks & Sons, one of the most important industries in the county. Mr. Shaw has been for a number of years in ill-health and unable to engage very actively in business. He was twice married. His first wife was Cecelia Peters, of Berwick, by whom he leaves two sons, William, residing in Indiana, and Jess in Bridgetown, Conn. By his second marriage to Louisa Ruffee, of Bridgetown, who survives him, he leaves one son, Henry R., living in Aspen, Colorado. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon from the home, at two o'clock.

HENRY W. BALCOMB. Henry W. Balcomb died at his residence at Salem, Mass., on the 7th inst., after a long illness. He was born in Chelmsford, N. S., Oct. 1st, 1826, and had resided in Salem nearly 60 years. He began business of builder and contractor 53 years ago and contributed largely to the growth and prosperity of his town. His contracts included many well-known structures. He had long been identified with the Advent Christian Church and was especially interested in the construction of a new church in North Salem. In 1876 and 1877 he was a councillor. He was a director of the Roger Constable Bank, a member of John Tiedt lodge, Pilgrim Fathers, and a Mason. In 1881 he was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Sanborn, of Newfield, N. H., who died in 1885. In 1889 he married Miss Sarah E. Honeycomb, who survives him. He also leaves, besides two children by his former wife, Charles S. Balcomb, Mrs. Annie M. Wheeler, Mrs. Eliza M. Jones, and Mrs. Susan A. Ingham, of Boston. Mr. Balcomb had an excellent sympathy with the sick and unfortunate. In his business career he was lenient toward those in embarrassed financial circumstances and had an open hand for the poor.

Providence Church (Clears Off Debt). The pastor and officials of the Providence Methodist Church of this town were "at home" to the congregation in the church vestry on Thursday evening, the 5th inst. After a time of general handshaking, a short but very interesting programme was announced, consisting of music and recitation. Then the report of the church renovating committee was called for. The secretary announced that the entire cost of the improvements—building the chancel, decorating the interior and shingling and painting the exterior—was about \$1600, of which about \$1200 was already provided for. A very cordial vote of thanks was presented to Messrs. J. W. Beckwith, L. R. Miller and M. E. Armstrong, M. D., the committee, for the great interest they had taken in the work of renovation and the highly satisfactory manner in which the work had been accomplished. It was then suggested that it would be wise to provide for the balance of \$400, and to put into the hands of the committee an additional amount, which would enable them to make some desirable improvements in the vestry. The suggestion was at once responded to by an offer of \$50.00. Other offers, ranging from that figure to \$5.00, were promptly made, and in a very few moments the sum of \$425 was procured, which will without doubt be increased by the contributions of some of our best givers who were unavoidably absent from the meeting. With thankfulness to the committee, and especially with thankfulness to God, who put it into the hearts of brothers and sisters to respond so willingly and liberally to the call of the Church, the entire meeting rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc. Refreshments bountifully provided, closed this memorable "at home." Add to the above that in the quarterly meeting of the circuit, held on the afternoon of the same day, a considerable balance was left in the hands of the recording secretary after all demands to date were paid, and it will be evident that the hardworking pastor, faithful stewards and the Methodist people generally are to be congratulated upon the very satisfactory showing of their financial affairs.—Com.

Premier Ross, in an address to the Sons of Temperance, told his brethren (he has been a member of the society for 40 years) that legislation in temperance or in anything else could not go ahead of public opinion, and if the temperance people wanted advanced legislation, they would have to elect prohibitionists to the legislature.

THE WEATHER RECORD. The weather of the present month has been exceptionally severe, and believing a comparison of maximum and minimum register between this year and last, which was an average one, would be of interest to our readers, we have secured the following record from Mr. Miller, the official meteorological registrar:

Table with columns for Dec 1-12, Max, Min, and 1905. Shows temperature fluctuations for December 1st through 12th, comparing 1904 and 1905 data.

EMPIRE LINIMENT MANUFACTURING CO., BRIDGETOWN, N. S. Dear Sirs—This is to certify that I have used Empire Liniment for rheumatism, and my daughter also used it for rheumatism, contraction of muscles, and neuralgia, and we can truly say that it is no equal. Yours truly, MRS. KENNETH HILLIER, Windsor, N. S., May 22nd, 1903.

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DIED. SHAW—At Bridgetown, Dec. 13th, Thomas Shaw, aged seventy-five.

Xmas Announcement.

FURNITURE is becoming very popular as Xmas presents now-a-days. It is not necessary that a large amount be invested for there is many a useful article for the home that can be obtained for a small outlay. We can hardly enumerate the many lines and articles which we are offering. Every day we are opening something new, and by December 10th our stock will be replete with many delightful surprises. To lovers of FRAMED NOVELTIES we have something nice to show you. Our line is most unique. Having made a personal selection of many American Novelties in Furniture, Statuary, Frames, Pictures, etc., etc., you can depend on obtaining the latest, and selected by us with great care. We mention a few items suitable for a present for wife, mother, sister, brother or friend.

- Quarterm Oak Pieces, Grandfather Clocks, Umbrella Stands, Reed and Rattan Goods, Music Cabinets, Odd Chairs, Framed Novelties, Souvenirs, Morris Chairs, Secretaries, Children's Toys, Doll Carriages, Mission Furniture, Magazine Stands, Screens, Rockers, Parlor Tables, Oil Paintings, Jardinere Stands, Easels, Writing Desks, Sleds, Dolls,

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HENRY MANN SEALD TENDERS

Sealed Tenders for the Collection of County Rates in the various Wards of the County of Annapolis are requested for the year 1905.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY Atlantic Steamship Lines, Halifax to London.

Proposed direct sailings S. S. "Lake Michigan," Dec 21st, S. S. "Mount Temple" Jan 11th, S. S. "Montrose" Jan 20th.

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Also a line of fancy and useful articles, suitable for Xmas Gifts.

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WEEKLY MONITOR

The Monitor's Agricultural Department For the Use and Benefit of Farmers.

Correspondence, Suggestions and Inquiries welcomed to these columns.

Winning an Education From the Farm

This Article by a High School Girl, Lillian V. Melvin, of Kansas, Has Been Awarded First Prize by the New England Homestead in Its Contest for Young Women on Making the Farm Home Attractive.

About four years ago father told my sister, brother and myself that if we wished an education we had to have to obtain it ourselves. I wanted to sew in a shop, but he said "No." I then wanted to work out during vacation, but he said "No." He said that there was more profitable work for me, so we rented a farm on the edge of the town and have been farming since.

My education began in a Chicago kindergarten about twelve years ago, but for the past five years we have been in Kansas farms. Last winter I was employed as stenographer by the superintendent of our schools, during my spare period, for which I received a small salary. When school closed I attended the teachers' institute, but I preferred to farm in summer and finish my high school course.

Don't tell me there is nothing in farming! Last year we raised \$100 worth of beans growing on one-quarter acre of ground by actual measurement. The grocers made no profits on these beans, as we peddled them to housewives. We hired our ground plowed and cultivated with hoes and a one-horse cultivator.

We pay \$150 a year for a seven-room house with a two-acre orchard and two acres of garden land. We rent land nearby for farm crops. We have raised pigs, calves, chickens and most all kinds of garden products. Last year we sold \$400 worth of vegetables and poultry products, \$50 worth of milk, and realized about \$75 profit from pigs and cows bought twice completely destroyed by high water, but we kept planting and have been selling several dollars' worth of produce every week, so we will receive fair compensation for our labor even this year.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION. Now as to your question: "How can farm life be made more attractive to young women?" There is nothing so attractive in this day and age as the jingle of silver dollars and the money in the bank in your own name, knowing that you have created or grown something to produce them. Young women, as well as young men, must be given an opportunity to earn money on their own account. Otherwise they cannot be attracted to the farm.

DEVELOPED INDIVIDUALLY. I cannot see why farm life should be harder than any other life. It is the most healthful life I can think of. I believe from what I have observed, that what is lacking more than anything else in woman's life on the development of individuality. It is not enough to be able to have and to do. Farm life is the ideal life, because it is the most independent. One can enjoy more independence with less capital on a small farm than anywhere else. I prefer the free air of the field to the close air of the shop, the office, the store, or even the schoolroom, except when in pursuit of knowledge. I would rather feed my own chickens, beans and potatoes, than in the cool mornings and evenings, take my own produce to market and sell it where I get the most for my produce and have the money in my own hands.

How Nova Scotians Lose On Apples Sold Abroad. New York, Dec. 5.—The Journal of Commerce says: "The produce trade, export and domestic, of this city is much wrought up just now regarding the alleged quality of American apples in the English market. George A. Cochran, of Boston, who receives quotations by cable, to whose attention the matter was brought, insists that a crate in England has systematically handed together for several years past to get the product of apple growers of the United States and Canada, but he is not satisfied. Mr. Cochran says they resort to different tactics each year to accomplish this purpose, and this year, fortunately for them, they had fairly good crops of apples in England to help on, and which they magnified to such an extent that it made many growers in this country feel as if they were going to get little or nothing for their fruit. Mr. Cochran declares that these particular dealers have agents in Boston, Toronto and Nova Scotia, and he continues: 'They consist of fruit merchants in Liverpool especially, where the worst of them hold forth, but are in Glasgow, London, Manchester and other markets. They advertise freely through the papers here as receivers of apples on the other side. They put their consignments into the fruit auctioneer's hands for realization, and here is where the iniquitous work comes in.' The fruit auctioneers are Mr. Cochran thinks, but whose names are not given, and who are in the person on the other side. Mr. Cochran avers, manage at the auctions to secure the most desirable lots and resell the apples at private sale at high prices, while they return to the shipper on this side, Mr. Cochran avers, account sales based on the auctioneer's returns.

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LOCATING THE TROUBLE. Many of the youth of both sexes on farms are compelled to lead comparatively aimless lives, and this just at the period when they should develop into the larger life or sphere of activity. They have no voice in the management of anything, no sense of responsibility, no interest in doing anything save as they are told, receive no compensation except board and clothes.

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TO SAVE THE COAL BILL. The man who strives, at the expense of his coal pile and peace of mind, to maintain a temperature of 68 or 70 degrees in his home incurs a needless waste and endangers his health, is the conclusion of Dr. Henry Mitchell, a Brooklyn physician. Dr. Smith has spent years in the study and observation of the effect of an over-heated and over-dry indoor atmosphere upon the health, and has come to the conclusion that what is needed when the thermometer registers, says 65 degrees, is not more heat, but more moisture in the air. When it is taken into account that 25 per cent. of the cost of heating is expended in raising a temperature from 60 degrees to 70 degrees, it will be seen that Dr. Smith has solved a great economic problem, as well as pointing a way to the preservation of health. A moment's thought recalls the fact that we often sit out of doors in the spring and summer with perfect comfort at a temperature that would cause us to shiver in our rooms in winter. These widely different conditions Dr. Smith attributes to the presence of humidity in the one instance and its absence in the other.

Dr. Smith has so repeatedly demonstrated the fact that an indoor temperature of 65 degrees is more balmy and agreeable than a much higher temperature, provided there is sufficient humidity, that he declares, it should be a cardinal rule that if a room at 65 degrees is not warm enough for healthy persons, it is because the relative humidity is too low, and in such a case the proper procedure is to raise the relative humidity—not the temperature. He recommends that every household should have a hygrometer, or moisture indicator, and that water should be evaporated in rooms in sufficient amount to secure a relative humidity of about 60 per cent. In the absence of the hygrometer, a simple test will be to evaporate a sufficient amount of moisture to make the room comfortable at 65 degrees.

One point emphasized by Dr. Smith is that every time we step out of our houses during the winter season we pass from an atmosphere with a relative humidity of about 20 per cent. into one with a relative humidity of, on an average, 70 per cent. "Such a sharp and violent contrast must be productive of harm, particularly to the delicate mucous membranes of the upper air passages." The remedy is to maintain the indoor humidity at the proper point—between 60 and 70 per cent.

Lack of System in Business. How many thousands of business men there are who manage their affairs in slipshod, haphazard fashion, and who complain bitterly of the abuse of the "perfect confidence" which they have reposed in their employees. My acquaintance of the "perfect confidence" is that, in ninety cases out of a hundred it is not genuine confidence at all, but a mere excuse for business shrewdness or lack of system. The law resorts to actions for personal injuries provided that a man whose body has been injured by the manner in which he is employed, in order to entitle him to claim damages, prove not only that carelessness, but also his own freedom from negligence contributing to or causing the injury. If every business man who suffers from a defaulting employee were obliged to prove not only the employee's crime, but the absence of substantial grounds which would justify his confidence in the employee, his opportunity and the temptation for the offense, how few convictions of these defaulters there would be. It is a great misfortune that those who speak so eloquently and so often on the duty of "faith in man," and who expound this doctrine as though