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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor.

OUR MORNING STROLL.

No. 13—What Things of Interest We Note This Week.

SOME three years ago, Mr. Joseph Thomson came to this village from one of the rear townships, and started a small millinery shop in an unpretentious building on Main St., formerly occupied by J. P. Lamb as a drug store. The amount of business done at first was small, but by degrees the custom increased until it became necessary to employ an assistant. About one and a half years ago it was decided to open a grocery and provision store, and part of the same shop was utilized for that purpose. This branch of the business was also very small at the beginning, but by perseverance, close attention to business, selling at reasonable prices, and strict honesty, the business has become one of the best in the village. During the past two seasons, Mr. Thompson has been on the road most of the time, gathering eggs for the Boston market from the local dealers in the surrounding villages. He seems to have been fortunate in securing a large portion of the local trade in this commodity, for from a glance at his books we learned that he has this season handled over 25,000 dozen eggs, for which he has paid out the sum of \$4,055, the average price being 16 11-50c. per dozen. We also learned that during the past year he bought and sold over \$4,500 worth of groceries and provisions. The millinery business during the past year has brought in some \$1,200, which shows that Mrs. Thompson combines the two very essential elements, viz.: a good saleswoman and the faculty of fitting up an article so as to please the most fastidious. Mr. Thompson also does a large business in outside barter, dealing in hides, pelts, &c. to the extent of some \$1,100, making the yearly business foot up to something near \$10,000. Mr. Thompson says his business has been greatly curtailed for want of transportation facilities, and he is therefore an ardent supporter of the proposed Brockville, Westport, & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, believing that when the railway is built he can do a larger business, at far less cost for shipping, thereby enabling him to pay higher prices for the commodities that he handles.

It is said that the liquor-dealers contemplate petitioning Parliament to so amend the Scott Act as to admit of

the sale and consumption of beer and wines. Any movement in this direction should be promptly check-mated. The temperance people have had a hard fight from the beginning. Morfe for the furtherance of their cause and the conducting of their campaigns they have had to supply themselves. And this, too, with no selfish object in view. Arrayed against them they have had an interest of wide-spread influence, fighting for its very existence—a monied interest in defence of which money has been freely used. But the steady persevering work of the numerous temperance societies scattered through every village and hamlet in the Dominion has educated the public mind to a recognition of the virtue of, and necessity for, a prohibitory law. The sentiment in favor of temperance has for many years been steadily increasing, till now, when that sentiment is test'd by a submission of the Scott Act, it is found to be entertained by a very large majority of our people. The carrying of the Scott Act in the fifty-one counties in which it is now in force has cost the temperance party a large amount of time and money, and anything that would tend to interfere with this finished work should be promptly and effectively resisted. It is scarcely likely that Parliament would grant such a petition, but the temperance people should see to it that they have abundant reason for not doing so.

Municipal Nominations.

On Monday last, punctually, at 12 o'clock, Jas. H. Blackburn, Clerk of the municipality of Rear of Yonge and Escott, took the chair at the Town Hall, and announced that he was prepared to receive nominations for the positions of reeve, deputy reeve, and councillors for 1885. Mr. Isaac Alguire was also present to receive nominations for police trustees. The following persons were then nominated:—

For Reeve—Isaac C. Alguire, S. A. Taplin, R. B. Alguire, Jas. B. Saunders, Hugh Mulvena.

For Deputy reeve—Jas. B. Saunders, R. B. Alguire, S. A. Taplin, M. Halladay, Thos. Berney.

For Councillors—Ransom Brown, Geo. P. Wight, Thos. Moulton, M. Halladay, A. W. Kelly, John Wiltse, A. James, H. H. Arnold, D. Fisher, Horace Brown, Chas. Johnston.

Police Commissioners.—N. Dowseley, H. C. Phillips, Wm. Parish. By acclamation.

At the lapse of one hour, the nominations were declared closed when all the candidates for councillors resigned, excepting Ransom M. Brown, Thos. Berney, and Geo. P. Wight. The Clerk declared these gentlemen elected by acclamation, to serve for 1885.

Mr. Saunders, Reeve, was then called upon, and in response, he gave

a resume of year's business, showing everything to have passed off smoothly and satisfactorily. Referring to Railway affairs, he said that he had consulted with men who were posted in the matter, and had learned that the debentures could be floated at five per cent., and calculating on the present assessment, in order to raise the amount of bonus in this municipality, ratepayers would be required to pay the sum of \$1.92 on each \$1,000, for a period of twenty years. He was in favor of the bonus being granted, and said that the ratepayers would likely be informed by public speakers before polling day as to all details of the scheme. He concluded his speech by thanking the ratepayers for past and present favors.

Mr. Isaac Alguire said he had served the municipality in the capacity of reeve and councillor, and with his record before them, if the people wished him to be their reeve for 1885, the choice must be unanimous, otherwise he was not in the field.

Messrs. Berney and Reid Alguire returned thanks for their nomination in short speeches.

Mr. Taplin spoke at considerable length, reviewing his relations with this municipality as a public man and as a citizen. He arraigned before the meeting several who were present, accusing them of truckling and slandering. He gave some interesting tit-bits of municipal history, vindicating himself from charges which he said had been made against him. His speech was a vigorous, scathing denunciation of his alleged traducers, and an effective defence of himself. He closed by expressing himself willing to resign, if by his so doing Mr. Isaac Alguire would be elected by acclamation.

Mr. Saunders spoke in contradiction of some statements made by Mr. Taplin, and said that he also was willing to allow Mr. Alguire to be elected without opposition, providing he was given the deputy reeveship.

Mr. Reid Alguire withdrew his candidature for the deputy reeveship, and M. Halladay was declared elected.

The only contest, therefore, will be between Messrs. Taplin and Saunders for the position of reeve.

YONGE FRONT.—Reeve—R. R. Phillips, W. A. Foster. Councillors—P. F. Purvis, Jas. Dickey, Chas. Mal-lory, Vincent Buell, Ed Poole, P. C. Purvis, George Leeder, Jas. Avery, John T. Tennant, Roderick Morrison, D. T. Tennant.

ELIZABETHTOWN.—Reeve—F. H. McCrea, R. J. Jelly. 1st deputy—Samuel Simpson. 2nd deputy—Wm. Wilson. Councillors—Anson Manhard, Thos. Smith. The contest will be confined to the Reeveship.

SOUTH CROSBY.—Reeve—Gray, acclamation. Councillors—Stanton, Stout, Smith, Leake, Murphy Delong.

BASTARD AND BURGESS.—Reeve—W. C. Stevens, Thos. Myers. Deputy—Frank Harrison, A. Elliott. Councillors—P. Murphy, R. Seymour, A. Derbyshire, John Preston, Wm. Smith, J. A. Bell.

PETITIONS are now in circulation throughout the Dominion, to be presented to the Senate and House of Commons at the next session of parliament, praying these bodies "to amend the Scott Act in such a manner and form as may be deemed proper to remove the injustice at present existing, by making it necessary that a three-fifths majority of the total vote polled at any election which may be duly ordered hereafter by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, shall be necessary to the enforcement of the Act."

Now we have every respect for the rights of a majority, and we certainly think that the false principle upon which this petition is based should be recognised by the Government and people, and a fitting reply be made in answer to it. The Scott Act, like other just laws, is framed and intended to confer the greatest possible good on the greatest possible number. And if even a bare majority favor its adoption, then the opinion and rights of that majority should be duly respected. Of course, where the people of a county or city are nearly evenly divided with regard to the merits of the Act, more difficulty is found in enforcing the law, but even in such a case, the friends of the Act should remember that they are fighting for the rights of the majority, however quiescent that majority may be. The size of the majority does not in any way affect the principles of justice upon which the law is founded. The granting of this petition would place the temperance party at a great disadvantage, and would be a concession to the liquor interest which its assumed merits do not deserve. It would also have the effect of defeating the Act in counties where its beneficial effects are most needed.

Glen Buell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Barrington have returned from Grand Forks, Dakota, to spend the winter with friends in this vicinity. Mr. Barrington now owns 480 acres of land, 25 of which are under cultivation. The soil is a black loam, three feet thick, with clay subsoil. The average yield of wheat per acre is from 25 to 30 bushels; oats from 60 to 70; barley from 50 to 55. Roots of all kinds are also grown in abundance. Mr. Barrington thinks that Dakota is just the place for young men commencing life without capital.

Mr. D. M. McPherson the cheese king of Eastern Ontario, gave a grand entertainment at his residence, Lancaster, the other night in honor of his brother from the far West.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

All the important events of the week ending on Tuesday evening.

BOILED DOWN TO A COLUMN.

Smallpox is abating at Stoco, and it is believed it will shortly disappear.

Granville and Gladstone have been provided with extra guards since the explosion at London Bridge.

The English war office has decided to arm the volunteer force with Martini instead of the Snider rifle.

Plans are perfecting for concerted operations for the defense of the British colonies in the event of war.

A silver brick from Mexico, weighing 4,200 pounds, has arrived at the New Orleans Exposition. It is valued at \$200,000.

An attempt was recently made on the Czar's life by loosening rails on the Gatschine Railway at a point where the Czar's train had to pass.

A telegram received by Lord Lansdowne on Monday states that another Canadian voyageur, Geo. Fletcher of Manitoba, has been drowned on the Nile.

Intense excitement was caused at Santa Maria, Cal., by the arrival of the petrified bodies of a man and woman discovered in a gypsum quarry near Point Sal, buried side by side.

Samuel Hawkins, under sentence of life imprisonment at Kingston, from the county of Elgin, for shooting with intent, has been released under a pardon after serving seven years in the penitentiary.

United Ireland says: The English exhibit admirable patience under the senseless and wicked frights to which they are subjected, but the police direct the dynamite conspiracy and pay for the explosions."

The Salvationists arrested in Montreal for singing in the streets have been discharged. Great interest was taken in the case and the result was received with applause in the court room.

Excise officers made a descent upon an illicit distillery in St. Valliers, Que. and confiscated a number of stills. The inhabitants thereabouts did not think it was illegal to manufacture spirits for their own use.

The Crofter tenants of the Duke of Argyle, on the Island of Tiers, refuse to pay rent, and are extending their crops. The Duke has asked for an armed force to protect his rights, and a company of marines have been sent to quell the rebellious tenants.

In the death of Bishop Fuller, of the diocese of Niagara, the Anglican Church loses one of its most devout and valued members. A big-hearted man and a generous Christian, he labored hard for many years for the good of all who came under his ministrations.

Rev. Father Pepin, of St. Antoine, near Montreal, who was charged with having committed an indecent assault upon a little girl while at confession, has been discharged. The priest has been thirteen years in the parish, and has made many enemies among his parishioners through his opposition to the liquor traffic, and it is thought the case was concocted to have him re-

An old gentleman was walking gingerly along the sidewalk that extends east from the post office. There is an excellent slide at this point, and the old gentleman was proceeding with caution when a wild boy came along the slide with a whoop and knocked the underpinning from below the pedestrian. They both fell, "Fitz James above, the Gael below." The old man, who was somewhat heavy, might have hurt himself, were it not for the boy beneath. As the upper person slowly rose he looked at the flattened boy and calmly said: "One of us should apologise, and as you are rather out of breath I guess I'll do it. I'm sorry, my son, that this unseemly incident occurred."

The boy gasped out: "Betcher life—old—chap—ye ain't—half's sorry's—I am."

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PAID FOR 50,000 lbs OF

WOOL.
C. L. LAMB,

Farmersville, May 20th, 1884.

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PROVISION STORE.**

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J. H. McLaughlin

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16 lbs good Muscavado sugar... \$1 00

11½ lbs Granulated sugar for..... 1 00

12 lbs Prunes for..... 1 00

12 lbs Currants for..... 1 00

15 lbs Raisins for..... 1 00

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The best brands of Teas from 25 to 40 cents per lb. Tobaccos at a great reduction

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Tailor and General Jobber.

Farmersville, May 21.



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Goods in that Line.

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The Marriage of John Smith.

Not a sigh was heard nor a funeral note,
As the man to his bridal we hurried:
Not a woman discharged a farewell groan
On the spot where the fellow we married.

We married him just about eight at night,
Our faces paler turning,
By the struggling moonbeam's misty light
And the gas lamps steady burning.

No useless watch-chain covered his vest
Nor over-dressed we found him;
But he looked like a gentleman wearing
his best,
With a few of his friends around him.

Few and short were the things we said,
And we spoke not a word of sorrow,
But we steadily gazed on the man that
was wed,
And bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought as we silently stood about,
With spite and anger dying,
How the merest stranger had cut us out,
With only half our trying.

Lightly we speak of the fellow that's gone
And oft for the past upbraid him,
But little he'll reck if we let him live on,
In the house where his wife conveyed
him.

But our heavy task at length was done,
When the clock struck the hour of re-
turning,
And we heard the spiteful squibs and puns
The girls were sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we turned to go;
We had struggled and we were human,
We shed not a tear and we spoke not our
woe,
But left him alone with his woman.

Odd, But Even.

It is quite a number of years since
this old camel story trotted along the
sands of time, but the Detroit Free
Press starts the ancient animal on its
travels again. This is how it hap-
pened:—About Ben Ali McGuffin,
being full of years, died, leaving to his
three sons his seventeen camels for
the simple reason that he could not
take them along with him. This will
duly attested, said the eldest was to
have one half, the second son one-
third, and the youngest one-ninth of
the seventeen camels. The boys
were a little perplexed at this as it
seemed to involve the cutting up of a
camel, and camels were worth three
dollars a day on the Sahara that
season. But the boys, if not first-
class mathematicians, had level heads,
and did not go to law to prove the old
man insane, but went instead to the
good old Cadi Hassan O'Donohue, who
had taken a medal at mathematics at
Ann Harbor.

"Boys," said the good old Cadi re-
proachfully, "you should not bother
me with those little matters. Ask me
a harder one."

But seeing they were troubled the
benevolent old man asked the hostler
to trot out his own dilapidated camel,
which had seen its best days travelling
with Barnum as the sacred Gnu of
Persia.

Placing the aged brute with the
seventeen camels the boys had brought
along, he said—

"There are eighteen camels. I
shall now give you half of the eigh-
teen, which is nine. How does that
strike you?"

"It hits me where I live," said the
eldest, who was slungy, but withal was
pleased at getting half of eighteen

rather than half of seventeen.

"The next boy shall have one-
third of eighteen, which is six. Are
you there, Moriarity?"

"The next shall have one-ninth of
eighteen, which is two," and so the
third youngster collared his two
camels. Thus two and six and nine
make seventeen, and still was the
good Cadi's animal left unscathed.
The people marvelled, as the Cadi
had given each more than the will
called for, which is rather unusual in
courts of law. And they said one to
another, "That's what it is to be good
at figures."

Killed By a Meteor.

From Somerset, Pulaski County
Ky., comes the news that a man has
been killed by a fiery stone out of a
clear sky.

Julius Robble, a farmer living near
Somerset, started for that town on
Wednesday morning last. His wife
ran to the door to call him back for
some forgotten object. He turned his
face toward his wife and had hardly
taken a step before the woman was
blinded by a vivid flash, more piercing
and spreading than the wildest light-
ning. She covered her face with her
hands and thought she had lost her
sight forever.

Simultaneously with the flash a
rushing sound of indescribable power
closed the woman's ears. The sound
ended in a terrible explosion which
shook the earth and rattled out the
windows of the cottage. The wife
fell on her doorstep in terror, and
when the nearest neighbor ran up the
road a few minutes later he found her
insensible.

The neighbor, Jesse S. Williams,
found a sight of destruction at the end
of the lane. The earth was smoking
and the smell was similar to that of an
iron foundry. A big hole was the
open grave of a mangled man. Wil-
liams knew the object before him must
be Robble, but he would never have
been able to recognize in that jumbled
mass his old friend from boyhood.

Robble had been killed instantly,
his head having been crushed in. His
clothing was torn and burned and his
body was streaked with burning
streams of molten iron or detached
stones of white heat. His limbs were
charred and bent out of all shape. The
meteor must have burst on his head.

The meteor burned itself deep in the
quivering earth, and sent splinters of
itself in all direction. Some of these
pieces are as large as a peck measure.

When the widow was resuscitated
she became almost insane from the
shock to her senses and the awful fate
of her husband. Her two children
were frightened into hysterics.

Mr. Williams was about three
hundred yards from Robble's house
when he saw the aerolite descend. He
describes the noise it made as the
roaring of a dozen locomotives blowing
off steam. So swiftly did it drop that
the rushing sound, the explosions and
the flash were almost simultaneous.
Mr. Williams was almost thrown by
the shock. He says that the meteor is
buried deep out of sight, but that the
hole is big enough to hold four or five
tons of coal.

Somerset is the country seat of
Pulaski county, in the southeastern

part of Kentucky. It is on the line
of the Cincinnati Southern railroad.
It is but a small place, and Mr. Rob-
ble was well known in the country
around.

Nobody in the vicinity of the place
knows whether the aerolite is of iron
or of stone, but scientists are greatly
aroused by the strange visitor from
the skies, and the state geologist, with
members of the faculty of the Tennes-
see Agricultural College and of the
East Tennessee university have al-
ready started for Somerset.

The fall of the meteor and the kill-
ing of a man in its path is the first
authenticated story of its kind in
American history. Pulaski county is
thoroughly alarmed by the fiery
messenger, and some of the more ig-
norant are going to leave the country,
which is a fertile, undulating strip of
land on the south fork of the Cumber-
land River.

Many persons are visiting Somerset
to see the hole in the ground. Every
piece of the meteor remaining on the
surface of the ground has been picked
up and carried away as mementoes,
and the body of the monster itself
will have to be unearthed by the scien-
tists. The only other case of human
life being destroyed by a meteor hap-
pened in Saxony over a thousand
years ago, and the faculty of the local
colleges intend to make a thorough in-
vestigation of the aerolite now buried
in Somerset. Pieces of the meteorite
will probably be sent to Eastern col-
leges.

A Boston lady has submitted to
Mayor Martin, a scheme which she
proposes to undertake. It is to cre-
ate a fund, the income of which shall
be used annually for the care of the
teeth of children in the primary
schools. She proposes to contribute
\$50,000.

The portrait of Lord Lorne, the
late Governor-General of Canada, by
Millais, the celebrated English Artist,
has been completed. The likeness is
an admirable one, and it is painted in
the artist's best style. It will shortly
be placed in the National Art Gallery
of Canada, at Ottawa.

The new bridge at Lachine, of
which plans are now before the gov-
ernment of Ottawa for approval, will
consist of twelve spans, eight of
which are 240 ft. two 270, an two of
408 each, making a total of less than
3,300 ft. The shorter spans are on
the Lachine side, extending over
more shallow water, of which the
depth does not exceed fifteen feet.
The deepest water in the river is
toward the Caughawaga side, where
points in the channel reach a depth
of 41 ft. The 408 ft. span extends
over this portion of the river, and
leaves a clear headway for Ontario
steamers. The greater portion of
the bridge consists of deck-trusses,
with the exception of the channel
spans, which are built with open
lattice sides, so that the view
throughout is unobstructed. The
river bottom consists of solid rock
throughout, giving the best possible
foundation when once the piers are
placed in position. The distance
from Dalhousie station, via Mile End,
will be 11½ miles. The cost will be
two to two and a half million dollars.

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FARMERSVILLE AND VICINITY.

Walks About Town. What Our Reporter Saw, Heard and Noted.

Carnival.

The carnival has been unavoidably postponed. No additional charge for seeing the elephant.

Concert.

All arrangements are now completed, and a first-class entertainment will be enjoyed by those attending the Oddfellows' concert in the Wellington St. Church, to-morrow (Thursday) night.

Acquitted.

An infraction of the Crook's Act was charged against Mr. R. H. Gamble last week, but there being no evidence to sustain the charge, the case was dismissed.

Struck with a Club.

Several of our subscribers have been struck with the club which we make with the Toronto News. Two papers—home, provincial and foreign news—for \$1.50. See adv't in next issue.

A Handsome Gift.

The members of the English Church at Farmersville and Lansdowne, on Christmas, presented Mrs. Jones, wife of the pastor, with a purse containing \$75. We congratulate Mrs. Jones on receiving such a handsome present, evidencing, as it does, that she is highly esteemed by the donors.

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We understand the Farmersville brick yard will be run next season by Messrs. Arza Wiltse and Stephen King, who have been engaged for some time past in excavating clay for use next season. Mr. Wiltse intends using a quantity in the erection of a dwelling house, and the remainder will be offered for sale. We believe Mr. Ross, the former proprietor of the yard, will next season open a new yard near Kincaid's corner, about 1½ mile south of the village.

Watch-night Service.

In the Wellington St. Methodist Church, on New Year's Eve, a watch night service will be held. These services are very impressive, and though no pause, no rest, no visual line, marks the year that comes and the year that goes, yet, at the solemn hour of midnight, there is a feeling which inspires the heart, under divine influence, with a feeling that another land-mark of this life has been passed, and that a new era has begun. To all, and especially to those who purpose making next year an improvement on the present, we commend the service of Wednesday night.

Literary and Musical.

On Friday evening next, a meeting of those interested in the formation of a society for improvement in literature and music, will be held in the basement of Wellington Street Church. All are invited. This will afford young people an opportunity of which they should not be slow to take advantage. In Farmersville, where there are so many who are laying the foundation of their future

ives, such a society should receive every encouragement, as it would confer lasting benefits on all attending. We wish the society every success.

Sale.

Mr. G. W. Beach will conduct an indiscriminate clearing sale for the next sixty days.

Music.

Mrs. Bannister, a graduate in music, will give instruction to a few pupils at her residence.

School Statistics.

We have been favored with a report prepared by Mr. Geo. Nash, giving the resident population of Farmersville school section. The figures given below have been carefully prepared and may be relied on as correct:—

Boys under 5 years	38
Girls do	42
Boys 5 to 7	42
Girls do	18
Boys 7 to 13	55
Girls do	48
Boys 13 to 21	58
Girls do	62
Boys over 21	26
Girls do	37
Married families	328
Widowers.....	9
Widows.....	33
Grass-widowers	1
Grass-widows	4
	771

Married persons who have no children of their own living with them

Personal.

A. W. Bannister, B. A., Classical Master of the Farmersville High School, has been reappointed examiner in classics by the senate of Albert College.

Hymeneal.

On Tuesday, Dec'r 22, at the residence of Anson Manhard, Esq., Mr. Aoley Brown was united in matrimonial bonds with Miss Nellie Manhard, Rev. J. Simpson officiating. A large concourse of friends assembled to witness the nuptials, bringing with them many valuable presents indicative of their good wishes for the happiness of the contracting parties. After receiving the congratulations of their friends the newly-wedded pair started on their wedding tour. May that "tender, secret sympathy, which heart to heart and mind to mind, in body and in soul can bind," abide with them for all time, is the sincere wish of the REPORTER.

The marriage of Mr. C. L. Chambers, of Waverley, Iowa, to Miss May Gordon (recorded in another column), was rather a surprise to the young men in this section. The idea of their allowing a young man from Iowa to obtain a wife from the limited number of eligible young ladies of Farmersville! But it was a just reward for their stupidity. None but the relatives and immediate friends were present at the nuptials of the happy pair. A wedding supper was served, and a number of wedding presents given. They intend remaining here for a few weeks before leaving for their future home near Waverley, Iowa.

Away Out in the West.

The following letter from the far West will be read with interest by the many friends of Messrs. J. Wiltse and Sala Blancher:—

Yuma, Arizona, Dec'r 18, 1884.

Dear Friends at Home:—This fine June day, with the thermometer 80° in the shade, a fresh-picked lemon in my hand and orange tree laden with fruit in sight, makes me think I am in a strange country. You, I presume, are rolling up Scott Act votes with the atmospheric thermometer away down, but, I hope, with the prohibition thermometer registering away up in the nineties.

Our journey, thus far, has been slow but sure. We had a stoppage of five hours in Toronto, eleven hours in Chicago, and twenty-four hours in Kansas City; we were snow-bound seven hours on the top of the Rockies, and since yesterday at 3 p. m., our car has been trailed along by a freight train, so that you will see we are getting along pretty well, considering. We have still to travel some 730 miles of the total distance of 3,545 miles. We are having a fine time viewing all the strange and varied scenes of this Southern land. But they are not all pleasing, perhaps the most repulsive being that of seeing the natives almost as naked as the day they were born. The journey throughout has been most interesting to me. In passing through the Rockies, at an elevation of 7,861 feet above the level of the sea, we found thirteen inches of snow on the level. This, a cow boy informed me, was an unusual depth, and he regarded it as a great God-send. The mountain scenery is very fine, and yesterday and to-day it has been perfectly enchanting to behold. The variety of foliage seemed endless, and was such

as to fill a Northerner with wonder and admiration. The cactus here grows fifteen feet in height, and we saw many beautiful flowers, strangers to our northern clime, the names of which we did not know.

We do not expect to get through before the 23rd, so that we will have plenty of time to see the country.

Yours, as ever,

SALA BLANCHER.

The Weather.

Some of the weather prophets have all along prophesied that we would have a green Christmas. Although there was good sleighing on that day, the last day of the year shows the fields as bare as in November, with the frost nearly all out of the ground and the air warm and balmy.

Mr. J. B. Parke, who lives near Gnanoque, on Saturday last severely fractured his wrist by falling on the ice.

MARRIED.

BROWN—MANHARD— On Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the residence of the bride's father, Fairfield East, by Rev. J. Simpson, of Maitland, Mr. R. Aoley Brown, second son of Horace Brown, Esq. of Farmersville to Nellie, second daughter of Anson Manhard, Esq.

CHAMBERS—GORDON— At the residence of the bride's brother, J. F. Gordon, Farmersville, by Rev. W. Blair, on Wednesday Evening 24 December, Mr. C. L. Chambers, of Waverley, Iowa, to Miss May Gordon of Farmersville.

DIED.

SHERMAN— Suddenly, on Saturday, Dec. 27th, at the residence of her father, W. V. O. Sherman, Esq. Plain Hollow, Theresa A. Sherman, in the 39th year of her age.



J & P. WILTSE.

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