

Bloomfield.

Bloomfield is gaining quite a notoriety. Not long since Alex. Strong had two young pigs lost, strayed or stolen from their pen. E. London and J. E. Fleming each lost several bushels of oats from their granaries about the same time.

As Rob Brandelmire was returning from the "Dew Drop" one night, he stopped at the store to do some trading and as there were several boys around, he hid a bottle of whiskey, he had with him, before going in the store, but notwithstanding his precautions, the whiskey was gone when he came out, and despite all his efforts, it could not be found. It has not "turned up" yet, I believe, and no doubt it has been "turned down" by whoever appropriated it. But Rob wanted some returns for his loss, so a few nights after, he came to the store to buy some pork. The clerk noticed that he loitered around after making his purchase, so he kept his eye on him without seeming to do so, and Rob thinking his act unnoticed took a handful from the yard, loaded it with his pork and started for home. But the clerk followed him and he had little difficulty in recovering the sled.

Alex and Norville Strong and Mrs. Ben London went Saturday to attend the funeral of William Strong, grandfather of Mrs. London and Norville and father-in-law to Mr. Strong, which took place three miles below Woodstock.

Rev. G. A. Sellar preached an excellent Christmas sermon Sunday morning. He also had a service at Beckin Settlement Saturday evening. There was also a concert in the Hall at Lakeville, and a concert and Christmas tree in the Methodist church at Monticello. Bloomfield was well represented at all places.

Friday afternoon the closing exercises of the school were well attended. Miss Smith examined the children in the various branches of work gone over during the term, and their responses showed remarkable proficiency. The manner in which the following program was rendered reflected credit on teacher and pupils: Chorus "Sunbeams" by the school; recitation "The Holidays" Howard London; Temperance dialogue by Ada Wilson and Eva Cheney; duet, Nellie Nye and Pearl Williamson; recitation "Curfew must not ring Tonight," Ethel Williamson; recitation "Frank's Wish," Lemuel London; chorus "The Violet" by the school; Temperance dialogue by Ethel Williamson, Nellie Nye and Ada Wilson; recitation "It may fail upon you," Pearl Williamson; quartette "Night Shades are Past," Ethel Pearl and Birdie Williamson and Eva Cheney; recitation "I Wonder What I Should Do," Roy London; chorus "The Pilot" by the school; recitations "Xmas Study in Stockings," Birdie Williamson; dialogue by seven boys; recitation "The Church Woman's Strike," Nellie Nye; recitation "O, Clap Your Hands" by Wendell Stokoe; quartette "Children of Jerusalem" by Eva Cheney, Birdie Williamson, Frank Stokoe and Lemuel London; recitation by Fred Cheney; recitation "The Brook in the Wood" by Glenn Wilson. Then some very appropriate remarks were made by visitors. Nellie Nye received a handsome Birthday Text-book for regular attendance, and Wendell Stokoe presented Miss Smith with a bottle of perfume. Then Miss Smith gave a generous treat of candy and nuts and the exercises closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McLeod of Monticello spent Xmas here with Mrs. McLeod's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cheney while Mr. and Mrs. James London went to Monticello to spend the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkins.

G. H. Stokoe went to Bangor last Tuesday to dispose of his poultry, and just returned yesterday.

At Mrs. James McCleary's Xmas gathering there were about sixty present, including her father, G. R. Stokoe who has seen eighty-six Christmases, and his children to the third generation represented by his daughter, Mrs. Bruce Black and her daughter, Mrs. John Everett with her children. It is not often that four generations of a family are thus brought together.

W. A. Jewett has removed his family to Belleville, where he has rented a blacksmith shop and is getting a good trade. Mrs. Jewett's mother, Mrs. Matilda Flemming and family spent Xmas with them.

S. A. Stokoe and family have moved into the rooms over C. H. Cheney's store.

Misses Idella Black and Ada Beckin are home from Normal School, to spend their Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Howard Adams of Walkerville, Mont., who has purchased a farm here, and has, with her little son Ralph, been living on it for a short time, is just having her furniture brought on from Walkerville.

Charles Alerton from across the border, is spending his Xmas with his family here.

There is to be a missionary meeting in the church here Thursday evening. Mr. Sellar expects Rev. Mr. Johnson of St. Stephen (Mrs. Seller's brother) who is spending Xmas with them, and Rev. H. D. Marr of Woodstock to assist him with the programme.

Newburg.

(Cor. Telegraph)

Newburg, Dec 22 — Miss Kate A Tracey was married in Bangor, Me. November 23rd, in the Catholic church of St. John's, to John Howard of Bangor. The bride was attired in a white cashmere gown and wore a bridal veil. She was the recipient of many bridal presents from friends here and there. A wedding luncheon was given by the groom's parents. Their many friends wish them health, happiness and a pleasant voyage together through life.

The school in Central Newburg closed today. Miss Susie G. McGuire, the teacher, had a treat for the pupils, and a small programme. Bennie's Reprieve, recited by Evelyn Gallagher; Spanish Girl's Prayer, recitation by Sadie Burke; Selling the Farm, by Mabel L. Gallagher; Today and Tomorrow, recitation by Mayles and Sadie Burke; When I Saw Sweet Nellie Home, recitation by Tommy Cunningham; All Wool Shirt by Frank Keegan; Lady Clare, dialogue by Evelyn G., Stella Keegan and Leonard McCaron; The Rainbow by Maud McCaron; The Old Man's Favorite Tale, (in Evangeline) by Ella Cunningham; The Two Portraits, by Evelyn G.; Christmas Tree Lights, by Stella K; representation, by Willie Frame. Grades 4 and 5 read their essays on Christmas Eve.

The pupils had a written examination the previous week. Grades 3, 4 and 5 nearly all making averages over 90, Evelyn Gallagher's marks in geometry being 100.

The prize for general studying and prompt attendance was won by Mabel Gallagher, and the reward of merit prizes to each class were given as follows: Grade 2, Frank Keegan; 3, Willie Frame; 4, Mabel Gallagher; 5, Evelyn Gallagher.

There was quite a number of visitors, all of whom expressed themselves much pleased with the progress of the school. Miss McGuire will remain as teacher next term.

Misses Belle, Mame and Cass Gillin, Lena Lynch, Susie McGuire, and Messrs. Jim and Hugh Gillin and Mr. Lynch were the guests of Rev. Fr Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, Sunday.

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- " 3. — N. W. Dunmark, Victoria Co., evening session.
- " 4. — Florenceville West, Car. Co., evening session.
- " 6. — Glassville, Car. Co., evening session.
- " 7. — Jacksonville, Car. Co., evening session.
- " 8. — Richmond Corner, Car. Co., evening session.
- " 9. — Millville, York Co., evening session.

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