

### Beaufort.

Crops are looking remarkably well in this settlement. Oats promise an abundant yield and Buckwheat will be a very heavy crop. The danger of injury from early frosts being almost past. Potatoes are looking well, the ravages of the bug not being so apparent as in some former seasons.

School has re-opened and is well attended, Mr. John Home of Glassville being the teacher. With a desire to add to his usefulness, or popularity, Mr. Home has announced his intention to hold religious services in the school-house on Sundays.

"Behold in this, what leisure hours demand, Amusement and instruction, hand in hand."

### Wordy Speakers.

In every language there is a word to describe the insignificance of the babbler, and the man who talks too much has been the butt for the ridicule of all nations since the days of Euripides. The Spanish legend says the garrulous man has no soul to exist after death; he turns into wind, and is happy in making throughout eternity a noise which nobody can answer. The Arabs compare men who talk much to mills. "We hear their perpetual clatter, but they give us no flour." Excellent is the anecdote of a certain member of the Irish House of Commons who was making a rapid and interminable speech against a bill defended by Curran. The Speaker at last reminded him that his time had expired. "Time, Mr. Speaker!" exclaimed Curran. "He has long since done with time. He is now trenching on eternity."

### Biggar Ridge

The good people of Biggar Ridge are making all the preliminary arrangements for their annual Pic-nic which is announced to take place on September 10th. It is generally conceded that this is one of the most enjoyable open-air gatherings held in this neighbourhood, and is deservedly well patronized. The coming pic-nic will no doubt be as good as usual, and be as numerously attended as the former ones have been. We sincerely hope that they will be favoured with fine weather, and that we may be privileged to be present. In anticipating that pleasure we cannot refrain from humming over that time-worn hymn

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### TENDER HEARTED.

Judge Q., who once presided over a criminal court "out West," was famous as one of the most compassionate men who ever sat upon the bench. His softness of heart however did not prevent him from doing his duty as a judge. A man who had been convicted of stealing a small amount was brought into court for sentence. He looked very sad and helpless, and the court was much moved by his contrite appearance. "Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment?" the judge asked. "Never, never!" exclaimed the prisoner, bursting into tears. "Don't cry, don't cry," said Judge Q., consolingly: "you're going to be now."

John Dunn, the white Zulu chief, who rendered great assistance in the settlement of Zululand in 1879, died recently at Durban, South Africa.

A great fire occurred at Ismailia in the Suez Canal Company's tramway depot. Nearly all the waggons were destroyed.

A builder in Wolverhampton England, was lately fined £10 9s. 6d., for using mortar to which street sweepings had been added, in the erection of a house.

Trouble is brewing between Bulgaria and Russia.

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### Humbugs.

Phineas Taylor Barnum, the American showman, it is said, was the greatest humbug that ever lived. We don't know that anyone ever disputed his title to the proud position, but we know that he has retired, or, in the words of the rhymster Alas! he is no more, but there are plenty of aspirants for that vacant situation. A few of these come under our observation and we would fail in our duty as chroniclers if we did not direct attention to, at least, a few of them.

First, there are "Teetotal Humbugs" that is, active members of temperance organizations who look upon the Wine when it is red; upon the Stout when it is brown; the Ale when it is amber; the Whisky when it is colourless, or when it is coloured for that matter; yea, and not content with looking upon them with a desire, but actually putting the enemy into the mouth, to steal away the brain, as our old friend Will Shakspeare said, so many years ago. These are temperance humbugs and ought to be ostracised; not for taking a little of the cup that cheers, but because they are inconsistent hypocrites, in fact, humbugs.

Then, there are "Pious (?) Humbugs" who make long prayers, who frequent petty gospel shops, who stand up in meetings and pray, and whine, and howl, and hold forth to their fellow co-religionists, who to all appearance

"—Speak, behave, and act just as they ought,

But never, never reach one generous thought." in whom dwelleth not charity, honesty, or any one of the cardinal virtues, who don't exactly repudiate their just debts, but never try to pay them, notwithstanding that one of the fathers of their so-called religion left a motto "Owe no man anything" but who, on the other hand, take their debtor by the throat (figuratively) and say with a pious twang, "Pay me that thou owest." Creditable consistency. These we call religious humbugs, and our experience points out the fact, that they are very numerous. They too should be ostracised, because they are stumbling-blocks in the pathway of those who but for such examples might soon become devout christians.

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