

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

South Clones.

May 1.—The Rev. W. B. Armstrong held service in the school house on Sunday, the 9th inst. He intends to hold service every four weeks during the summer months.

The wet weather has put the farmers back for another while which will make them considerably behind other years.

Mr. John S. Emery, who was engaged in lime burning with the Armstrong company, has returned home, owing to work in the kiln being suspended for a time.

Some of our young men are to start for the Mitchell boom on Monday to spend a few months.

Our schools are in a flourishing condition. The one at South Clones is under the management of Miss Hannah R. Douglas, of Inchby, and the one in district No. 14 is under William Kerr, of Sumner Hill.

Mr. James Ferguson, who has been in St. John, has returned home for a few days.

The Methodist Sunday school has opened again for the summer. Mr. James Cooper is superintendent.

The Range.

May 20.—The weather continues cold and wet, scarcely a day passing without some rain.

Capt. Moses Miller's new schooner, the "Otis", started on her first trip on Tuesday, the 18th.

Capt. Levi Miller has commenced to build a small vessel.

Mr. F. L. McLean returned home on Saturday last.

Capt. W. O. Barton and Mr. P. M. Barton spent Sunday at home.

The Rev. Mr. Allaby, who has been spending the past fortnight with us, went to St. John on Monday.

Rev. Mr. Higgins, returned missionary, gave an interesting lecture in the church here on Monday evening, the 10th inst.

Mr. G. F. Burke made a trip to St. John a few days ago.

Arbor Day was observed in this district much as usual. Trees and flowers were planted, the yard cleaned, and the interior of the house decorated. When the work was finished, an entertainment was given, which did credit both to teacher and scholars. After the entertainment the ladies who were present, spread a bountiful repast, which was partaken of by a large number of the people of the community.

Petersville.

May 22.—Farming is very backward this spring, the ground being so wet that there is very little work done yet, and seeding will be very late, grass is starting starting well; and the woods are fast taking on its mantle of green, and the scenery, as viewed from some of the high hills in the vicinity, is very picturesque.

Owing to the bad state of the roads, the local store keepers are doing a rushing business.

Mr. Joseph Miles, a commercial traveler, paid a visit to the stores here a few days ago.

The young people seem to be enjoying the leisure time very much. Almost every evening of the past week the young men and ladies could be seen in "Gala" attire, promenading around, and making social calls.

Henry Cooper is preparing to repair his cottage. Mr. Cooper is an extensive farmer and dairyman.

Mrs. William McAllister, of Fredericton, who has been visiting her parents here, has gone home.

Rev. W. B. Armstrong and son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Howe on the 16th inst.

Miss Leonard, of "Elmsdale" is spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Jane Cooper, who has been visiting here for some time, has gone to Armstrong's Corner.

Oromocto.

May 24th.—On account of the cold rains the farming is very late here this spring.

Mr. James Kimball is very ill with consumption at his home above the village. His daughter came home from Boston last week to see him.

Mr. John Rutledge received a letter on Saturday May 22nd, containing the sad news of the death of his youngest brother, Mr. Edmund Rutledge, of Eureka, Cal.

Mr. Rutledge was about 47 years old and leaves a widow and a large family of young children. Mr. Rutledge visited his friends in Oromocto about ten years ago.

Mr. George Wood, of French Lake, who has been sick with typhoid fever, in Victoria Hospital, died on Sunday the 23rd. His friends were notified at once. Mr. Wood's wife died about a month ago and his two children are very sick.

Lower Salmon Creek.

May 20.—The farmers are once more commencing to till the ground which, owing to the recent rains, has kept very wet until late.

The sudden death of Mr. W. C. King, of Chipman, has cast a gloom over this

community.

Miss Dora DeLong and Misses Cassie and Maggie Thompson were the guests of Miss Mary I. Fowler on Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Simpson passed through this place en route to Fredericton. Miss Rebecca Baird, who has been visiting relatives in Eureka, California, intends starting for home this month. Her many friends wish her a safe and pleasant journey.

Miss Mary A. Baird, of this place, who has been visiting friends at St. John, Apohaqui, returned home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Robinson Porter spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Darrah.

Mr. Marshall Hargrove, of Lakeville, is now busily engaged at setting young plants out of the greenhouse owned by Mr. David Humphrey, of Upper Salmon Creek.

Hampstead.

It is with sadness I write that "Aunt Katie" Vanwart, whom I before noted as seriously ill, has died and was buried on Wednesday. Services by Rev. Geo. W. Foster were attended by a large concourse. Deceased was 80 years of age and was a sister of Geo. Slipp of Upper Gageton, Reid Slipp, of Central Hampstead and Leonard Slipp of Woodstock; mother of Wilford Vanwart, of this place, Mrs. Mayes Cane of Wickham, Mrs. Dewitt, of Jenseg, Mrs. Wallace of Hibernia and Mrs. Smith of Indiantown.

For long years "Aunt Katie" has been noted for her generous hospitality. Also for being a consistent Christian and a great bible student, even to the last being able to complete any passage of scripture mentioned to her. A life and death like hers but exhorts us to—"So live that when the summons comes to join the innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not, like the quarry slave at night scoured to his dungeon but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust approach the grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Hampstead was in gala attire on Thursday and Friday when over 40 churches from Queens and Sunbury counties, together with Chief Superintendent Inch, Inspector Bridges and Mr. Brittain of the Normal school met here in institute. No doubt you will receive a full report from the secretary.

There was a public meeting addressed by Rev. G. W. Foster, the Chief Superintendent, Inspector Bridges and Mr. Brittain, which was largely attended and much enjoyed.

Quite an exciting incident occurred on Saturday when a number of teachers were left by the "Olivette" through their own carelessness, but a plank was put out and all got on board but Miss Stuart, of Sheffield, who was thus obliged to stay over Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Martha Slipp.

Among visitors for the 24th, we note Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace, of Milford, guests of Mrs. James Wasson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McKinney, of Head Line, guests of Mrs. Laura Thompson.

Mr. E. P. Vanwart, of Reid Bros., St. John, guest of his father, I. S. Vanwart.

Mr. Geo. F. Thompson has left the employ of Mr. Henry Walton to accept a position on board Stur. Ada G.

Mrs. Mary Jones and son Thomas are moving to St. John, permanently, he having secured a position on the street railway.

Mrs. Mary Douglas is going to St. John also, to take up her abode.

Mrs. L. S. Thompson paid a visit to Gageton the other day to consult Dr. Casswell. We are pleased to note an improvement in her health.

Mr. H. H. Ferguson, salesman for the Messy Harris Co., was a visitor of Mr. R. W. Ferguson on Monday.

Mrs. Bell Slipp and Miss Gardiner paid a visit to Miss Burchill, of Hibernia, the other day.

Mr. Robert Ross held a wood splitting frolic the other afternoon after which the young people gathered indoors and tripped "the light fantastic," till an early hour.

Armstrong's Corner.

May 22.—The GAZETTE is always anxiously looked for here.

The recent wet weather has retarded very much the agricultural operations in this section, but this week the farmers have been endeavoring to push their work.

There has been considerable sickness in this vicinity of late. We feel very much the need of a physician in whom we could place confidence, as for treatment for any serious case we have to send to Gageton, a distance of nineteen miles, which occasions a good deal of delay, or to St. John, which is rather expensive. If a physician was located at the pleasant village of Welsford, he would be in easy access to all parts of this parish and the adjacent ones, and would have a fairly lucrative practise.

Among the guests lately registered at the Kennedy House are Mr. Hazen Hamilton, Clover Hill, and Lullilla and Mary Murphy, Headline.

It is reported that a large black bear was seen in the immediate vicinity of the hall on the 15th inst. A couple of our local sports are anxiously watching, thinking that he may reappear.

Our school is making good progress under the efficient management of Mr. Foster Thorne. We trust that he will continue in charge during the ensuing term.

Northfield.

NORTHFIELD, Sunbury Co., May 24.—Mr. John Libby, of this place, has sold his farm to Mr. Campbell, of Hardwood Ridge, and intends moving to Norway, Me., where he and his family will reside in future. They are deservedly popular here and will be much missed.

The school in district No. 2, Northfield, has been for some time under the efficient control of Miss Killeen, of Maudgerville, and is progressing very nicely. Miss Killeen has proved herself an energetic and capable teacher.

Summer Hill.

May 24.—Several cases of German measles are reported in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Corbett are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Mr. Charles Armstrong arrived home from the United States a few days ago.

The service in the Methodist church here, on Sunday 30th inst., will be in the evening at 7.30. Episcopal service in school-house in the morning at 10.30

Chipman.

May 22.—Senator King, who was called home in the winter, from his duties at Ottawa on account of his late brother's illness, for the same cause has been unable to attend to the large amount of correspondence daily accumulating on hand; but his friends may rest assured that matters of public interest will receive attention at the earliest opportunity.

The stone wall foundation of Mr. H. McLean's new saw mill at Briggs' Corner is completed. The bottom sills are all laid and this afternoon, the workmen have commenced to raise the frame.

Annie Wellwood, who left here to attend court at the shiretown, last Tuesday, was taken to St. John the day following and placed in the lunatic asylum.

Mr. Walter H. Brown and family have removed from here to their farm at Grand Bay, Kings county. Mr. Brown made a host of friends while clerking at Briggs' Corner and Mrs. Brown won the esteem of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

A few days later our popular shoemaker caught the moving fever, so picking up his awls he moved both kith and kin to his father's, below the village, in hopes of improving his financial condition.

James Flewelling, the village barber, has a new pole affixed beside his shop door. The same is neatly painted in diagonal stripes of white and red—the usual blue being omitted as Jimmy is too busy to take a fit of the blues.

The school children here, if no one else, will observe Monday as a holiday.

We are now in the last week of May with very little or no farming done yet owing to the wet state of the land which no sooner begins to get dry is again saturated with copious showers.

Rafting is proceeding slowly for want of men who are scarce and it is not until the season of the year and the prevailing high winds render the work more tedious and expensive. From present appearances it will take all summer to finish, and by that time most of them will be eaten up, figuratively.

The carcass of a cow is floating up river near the Falls. People who derive benefit from their domestic animals while they live ought to give them interment when they die, else be looked after by proper authorities.

Waterborough.

May 23.—The people of this place have commenced farming and from early morn till dark you can hear the farmer as he goes about his work. Many of the farmers have taken away their road fences (this liberty is allowed them by the new road law that came in force April 1st) which greatly helps the looks of their farms.

W. M. Roberts, merchant, has returned from St. John, bringing with him a good supply of dry goods, groceries, etc.

John Coyle, merchant, has also returned and is showing a full line of useful goods.

Capt. Eben Slocum of the Schooner Leah D. run his vessel on the bar at Fanjoy's Point. It was a very foggy night and he did not see the light in time to prevent her grounding. With the assistance of several men she was soon pushed back to deep water. Lee Farris went to help him load coal at Newcastle for Fredericton.

Arbor day was a busy one here; the school house was cleaned, and papered by the teacher and several other ladies. The yard was also cleaned and some trees planted by the scholars, making it look bright and attractive.

Mr. C. B. Botsford intends to leave for Boston about the first of June.

Frank L. Farris has gone to St. John, to visit his sister Mrs. N. V. Butler.

Theo. Sharp, who has been working in Boston is expected home in a few days.

Eleanor Wiggins, agent for P. S. McNutt, passed through here this week seeking whom he may find to buy carriage, horses, harness, etc.

E. G. Merritt, travelling for the Daily and Weekly Telegraph and Budd College of Jenseg, visited the school in this place on Wednesday, May 19th.

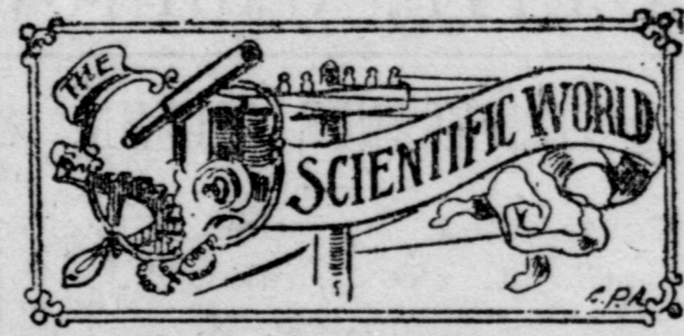
The many friends of Douglas Fanjoy will be glad to hear that he is able to be out again after a severe attack of lagrippe.

William Fanjoy lost a trotting mare a few days ago.

Mr. Kelly, agent for the Brovine Medicine Co., passed through this place on his way to Jenseg.

The Fire Fiend.

New York, May 20.—By the burning of a block in Hoboken, N. J., tonight one hundred and forty families were rendered homeless. There were fourteen double flats, each one of the flat buildings were valued at \$35,000. The factory building occupied by Strandes & Co., where the fire started, was valued at over a quarter of a million. A second fire in the big dry docks of Fietzen & Lang caused a loss of nearly half a million. Six canal boats were destroyed; also an oil barge, but the dock itself was saved.



SPECTROSCOPE AND ASTRONOMY. The Marvelous Instrument That Registers the Light Chemicals.

In 1859 the spectroscope came upon the scene, perfected by Kirchhoff and Bunsen along lines pointed out by Fraunhofer half a century before. That marvelous instrument, by revealing the tell-tale lines sprang across a prismatic spectrum, discloses the chemical nature and physical condition of any substance whose light is submitted to it, telling its story equally well, providing the light be strong enough whether the luminous substance be near or far—in the same room or at the confines of space. Clearly such an instrument must prove a veritable magic wand in the hands of the astronomer.

Very soon eager astronomers all over the world were putting the spectroscope to the test. Kirchhoff himself led the way, and Donati and Facher Secchi in Italy; Huggins and Miller, in England, and Rutherford, in America, were the chief of his immediate followers. The results exceeded the dreams of the most visionary. At the very outset, in 1860, it was shown that that such common terrestrial substances as sodium, iron, calcium, magnesium, nickel, barium, copper and zinc exist in the form of glowing vapors in the sun, and very soon the stars gave up their corresponding secrets. Since then the work of solar and sidereal analysis has gone on steadily in the hands of a multitude of workers (prominent among whom in this country are Professor Young of Princeton, Professor Langley of Washington, and Professor Pickering of Harvard), and more than half the known terrestrial elements have been definitely located in the sun, while fresh discoveries are in prospect.

It is true the sun also contains some seeming elements that are unknown on the earth, but this is no matter for surprise. The modern chemist makes no claim for his elements, except that they have thus far resisted all human efforts to dissociate them; it would be nothing strange if some of them when subjected to the crucible of the sun, which is seen to vaporize iron, nickel, silicon, should fail to withstand the test.

An Electric Bush. A plant which shows decided electromagnetic properties, the phytolacca electrical, was recently found in Nicaragua. If one of the branches of this plant is touched by the naked hand a shock is felt similar to that produced by the discharge of a Ruhmkorff coil. The influence upon a magnetic needle becomes plainly evident at a distance of seven or eight steps from the plant, the needle deviating from its proper direction. This influence increases as one gets nearer to the plant, and if the magnetic needle is brought into the midst of a phytolacca bush it will assume a steady circular movement.

The ground upon which this plant thrives does not show even a trace of iron or any other metallic substance which would be likely to influence a magnetic needle, therefore there is no room for doubt that the curious plant really possesses that peculiar property. The intensity of the phenomenon seems to depend entirely upon the time of day; during the night it ceases altogether, while the maximum of the electrical influence occurs during the day.

It is stormy the magnetic element of the phytolacca are considerably increased.—Philadelphia Record.

Lamp Wick Made of Clay. A remarkable lamp wick has been invented which is made entirely of clay. This sounds paradoxical, for clay is not a substance that is very susceptible to heat, yet there is no other material in the wick except clay, and it burns in a brighter flame and gives a steadier light than any cotton wick.

This new wick is made of potter's clay, and is perforated by very minute holes, up through which the oil passes by capillary attraction. In shape it is similar to the old cotton wick, but is cylindrical. When in a plastic state filaments of unspun vegetable fiber are mixed into the clay, and when this wick is burnt or "fired" it hardens while the vegetable matter is consumed, leaving numerous small holes through which the oil readily passes. This wick does not need to be trimmed. When made it is filed off square at the top, so as to cause it to give a well-formed flame. As the oil has perfect passage up to the flame, it cannot emit an odor. Its inventor claims that its consumption of oil is but one-third that of the cotton wick, while producing the same amount of light.

A New Paper Process. A new method of separating knots, etc., from wood-pulp is as follows. The larger knots being first removed by boring, if necessary, the remaining wood is disintegrated, and before being digested is passed by an apron into a tank containing water or a saline or other solution whose specific gravity is intermediate between that of the good wood and that of the knots, etc. During its passage through the tank the material is beaten below the surface of the liquid by rotating paddles. The knots, etc., sink to the bottom, and at the delivery end of the tank the floating matter is removed by scrapers to a receptacle on an endless apron, the scrapers moving the material over a hollow perforated incline through which the waste liquid escapes into a trough.

Stores Up the Light. Prof. M. Becquerel of Paris, who recently discovered the rays of uranium, has in the course of his experiments come to the very curious conclusion that this metal, and to a lesser extent its salt, emits rays very similar to the Roentgen rays, which can pass through opaque objects, and from the discharge of electric currents, and retain these properties even after they have been protected many months from light visible to us. Some nitrates of uranium which Prof. Becquerel prepared under light-tight covers since May 5 of last year were recently found to act upon a photographic plate as powerfully as before they were exposed to light. This surpasses the property of all other bodies as far as emitting phosphorescent rays are concerned, and presents a new conundrum to science as to the real nature of the uranium rays.

Iron Consumption. In the year 1888 the consumption of iron per inhabitant, was: For Great Britain, 400 pounds; Belgium, 310; United States, 290; Germany, 294; Sweden, 270; France, 112; Austria, 45; Spain, 37; Italy, 22, and Russia only 15 pounds.

Condensing Milk. Many methods of preserving and condensing milk are employed in different countries, and the process has within recent years been brought to a state of comparative perfection.

The military contingent to England, to accompany Premier Laurier at the time of the Queen's Jubilee, will cost \$26,000.

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