

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents

DAYTON, Columbia Co., Wash. Dec. 15th., 1898.

To EDITOR OF QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE. I recently read a copy of the QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE, and am much pleased to see that it has prospered since I last saw it.

Dayton is a small inland town of about 2500 inhabitants. It is on the Blossom end of two lines of railroad. But both companies are now preparing to extend their lines farther into the surrounding rich wheat country and eventually tap the main lines in Montana and we hope, in the near future, to be on the main line from Omaha to Portland, Ore.

Columbia county is about twenty five miles square and about one fourth of it is too mountainous for cultivation. But it would startle most of the Eastern farmers to see the places which are here successfully cultivated.

Mark Twain's story of 'The farm out West, which was stood up on its edge and cultivated on both sides,' is almost a reality here in some places.

Wheat is the principal and I may say the only crops, and some barley is also raised.

Diversified farming cannot be easily followed in eastern Washington and when the wheat crop fails, the farmers have neither buckwheat, oats, or root crop, to help swell the harvest.

No fertilizers are used here, but vegetables need plenty of irrigation as the summer season is very dry and there is no dew. From June 30th until Sept. 1st of last summer there was not a drop of rain and not a cloud in the sky over this section, though up in the mountains fifteen to twenty miles distant there was frequent rains during that period.

We had quite a severe winter here for the past two weeks. But zero was about the lowest temperature, but zero weather seems to be as cold here as 15 below does in Queens Co.

We are at an altitude of 1000 ft., in the foot hills of the Blue Mountains, which rise to about 3000 ft., about fifteen miles from the coast. Their highest point beyond that being about 5000 ft.

We have about two inches of snow here while a few miles up the road there is from three to five feet.

The cold weather generally lasts six or eight weeks here and then the winter is considered as being over, and one can generally work outside without discomfort. But there are exceptions to this rule here as elsewhere. We have no skating here, as the streams are very rapid and very little level ground near them and the winter is not long enough, and too uncertain to pay for making a rink.

Now perhaps, I have occupied enough space for this time but if this seems acceptable I may try again. Allow me again to congratulate you on the success of your bright and breezy paper, which, as a native of the county, I am proud, as it compares favourably with the weekly papers of much larger towns than Gagetown.

Wishing you a merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you and your readers, also friends and acquaintances of White's Cove and vicinity.

I am, very truly yours, HEIR, SKOOKUM, SIX. Johnson.

A pleasant event took place on the evening of the 24th inst., at Mr. Elisha L. Perry's, at Cody's when his daughter Arminthea was united in the holy bands of matrimony to Adam M. Wilson of Cole's Island. Rev. E. K. Ganong performed the ceremony. Over one hundred guests partook of the bountiful repast; the tables being decorated in a handsome and artistic manner.

The presents were numerous and costly including a beautiful quilt, by Miss Rachael Wilson; handsome stained glass sett and mustache cup, Mr. and Mrs. Bamford Northrup; parlour lamp, William Wilson; album, Mr. Hazen Starkey; beautiful mat, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Phillips; pair towels, Mr and Mrs. S. C. Perry; handsome bed-spread, Mrs. Mahetable Thorne; pair towels, silver napkin ring and pepper dish, Mr. M. B. Perry; 1/2 doz. napkins, Mrs. Wm. Patterson; lemonade sett, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore; 1/2 doz. glass tumblers, Mr and Mrs. T. C. Worden; flowered lemonade sett, Mr. Adam Wilson; pair towels, Mr. J. E. Armstrong; handsome glass sett, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Hetherington; sett of smoothing irons, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Thompson; handsome parlour lamp, John Leonard and family; silver jewel case, Alfred West; pair towels, Miss Maggie Hetherington; handsome parlour lamp, Wm. Somerville and family; 1/2 doz. silver

spoons; Mr. and Mrs. James McBriarty; 1/2 doz. knives and forks, Robert Patterson; berry sett, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dunlop; 1/2 doz. goblets, Mrs. Jennie O'Brien; chamber sett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson; berry sett, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Parker; beautiful ink stand and cup and saucer, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Perry; lemonade sett, Mr. and Mrs. George Gamblin; berry sett, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Roberts; sett of vases and pair of towels, Mr. and Mrs. L. VanB. Hetherington; two dollars in cash Mr. Thomas Phillips.

Besides the above there were glass setts, towels, water pitchers, egg cups, vases, napkins preserve dishes, parlour lamps and cups and saucers too numerous to mention.

All join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a happy journey through life.

Hibernia.

A very pleasant evening was spent by a large number of the friends of W. H. Perry, F. B. minister of this circuit as they met at Hibernia Hall this evening. There were present a good number from Upper Hampstead, Central Hampstead, Jerusalem and this place and although the Hall is quite a large one it proved too small for this occasion.

The ladies from the different places brought baskets well filled with dainties for a tea but owing to the crowd they could only find room to pass them around as the tables could not be used on account of room, and the scribe is of opinion that they (the tables) could hardly hold up under the weight of the goodies as it was they fairly groaned.

After ample justice had been done to the goodies Jas. I. Davis was chosen treasurer for the evening and in less time than it takes to tell it he presented the Rev. gentlemen with the sum of \$37.50 in cash, and goods to the amount of \$13.19, donated to him from his hearers of the different places. Mr. Perry very feelingly replied and after speech by H. Ferguson, the chairman, and a song by Mr. Asa Slipp the crowd started for home having spent a very pleasant Christmas eve.

The home of Sylvester VanWart of this place is very lubliant over the advent of a bouncing boy.

Misses Mabel and Jessie Dougan are visiting friends here.

H. W. Nickerson is home spending his vacation

When "The Boy in the Woods" sees this he will know that your Hibernia correspondent is still alive or if dead "behold he speaketh."

Oh, yes! by the way! the tame martin referred to by your Hardwood Ridge correspondent as belonging to Hibernia and being almost captured by two ladies. Now we wish they had been successful in capturing it but it does not belong to Hibernia but to Jerusalem, not if captured in the future please return to Hibernia and we will return it to you.

Hardwood Ridge.

Dec. 24—The semi-annual examination of the school was held to-day. A goodly number of the ratepayers were present. After the pupils had been examined in the various subjects, in which they proved themselves wonderfully proficient, the trustees addressed the school and people present. The addresses by Messrs Brown and Linton were crisp and to the point. Trustee Linton's address was in a way, a resume, of the development of the district.

The present teacher, M. G. Duffy, has been engaged for another term. Under Mr. Duffy the school has been making excellent progress.

A large quantity of coal has been hauled through here this last week.

John Powers of this place is quite ill. Mr. Powers was well as usual Tuesday morning when he left his place of employment, Newcastle, where he is engaged in getting out a frame for a schooner. But while on his way home was seized with violent cramps and became semi-conscious with pain. Dr. Hay was summoned and pronounced it an attack of acute indigestion.

Newcastle Creek.

Dec. 19.—One of our most respected townsmen, Mr. John Yeomans met with a painful accident on Friday last. While in the act of getting on a moving sled his foot slipped under the runner and a weighty load of coal passed over it lacerating the instep and twisting several of the toes.

Posters are out for a basket and pie social and concert to be held at Alpine Hall on the evening of Dec. 28th inst.

Quite a number of our sea-faring men of this place returned to their homes on Saturday Nov. 27th. Looking hale and hearty after their long season's work on the briny ocean.

We regret to know that our esteemed Pastor, the Rev. A. Freeman, is about closing up his work here for the present, prior to taking a trip to far off California, for the purpose of accompanying his two grand-children to that place. Mr. Freeman who has laboured with us for the past year has proved very sincere in his work and believes it his duty to help the members of his church to understand and to feel alike the world's need and the claims of Christ. We all join in wishing the Rev. gentleman bon voyage and hope for his speedy return.

Our school, which has been in charge of Mr. M. L. Hawkes for the past year, closes on Dec. 23rd, for the Xmas holidays and will not reopen during the ensuing term.

The public half-yearly examination was held on Nov. 23rd. There was a large number in attendance. The pupils were examined in the various branches and acquitted themselves with general satisfaction. After the routine of school work was over a short programme, consisting of dialogues, readings, recitations and singing was carried out to the delight of those present. At the close Mr. John Yeomans responded in glowing terms tracing the career of several prominent Canadians from their work of boys in public schools to general success in life.

Highfield.

Dec. 22.—The people of this place are busily engaged in getting up their winter's wood.

On the 15th inst. the ladies of St. John's Church held their annual sale of fancy and useful articles, which was in every respect a success. The sale was held in D. J. Hamilton's new store.

A social dance was also held in Mr. Hamilton's new building a few nights since. About 30 couples were present. The music for the occasion was furnished by Fred J. Pearson. Dancing was kept up until a late hour, when all went home happy and tired.

On Saturday last, Mr. James H. F. Ward Esq. of this place sold 3 fat cattle to Mr. Jones of Apohaqui for \$75.

Mr. D. M. Pearson has returned from a fortnight's business trip to St. John.

Mr. Alfred Pearson has returned from Carleton and York counties.

Mr. David Wasson of Waterboro is in the neighbourhood selling washing machines. He has met with very good success, having sold quite a number, and he has a fair prospect of selling more.

Mr. Geo. L. Hatheway has moved into the house recently vacated by W. J. Lawson.

The trustees have secured the services of B. W. Parker for another term.

Mr. Arthur Vradenburg has finished his contract on the house of M. A. Noddin, Long Creek. Mr. Noddin is to be congratulated on the fine appearance of his building.

Mrs. T. H. Pearson has returned from a trip to St. John.

Mr. Allan Thompson and Mr. Arthur Pearson have gone to the Millstream in the employ of J. McAulay.

Miss Maggie Ward, Miss Bertha Pearson, Mr. Wm. M. and Walter Pearson were the guests of Miss Lizzie Somerville last Saturday evening.

Our rector with a number of the young people have been decorating the church for Christmas.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a very bad affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address,

REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, 33-1yr. Brooklyn, New York.

Canned Pumpkin for Pies.

If you live in the country, be sure to put up a supply of canned pumpkin for pies and patties next winter, according to the following plan from Good House-keeping:—Stew—or, better yet, halve and bake—the fruit until it can be pressed through a colander. Then fill the jars shaking down often, put on the covers, set in a kettle of tepid water, cover closely and boil steadily thirty minutes. Before sealing fill every jar to overflowing with boiling water, wipe off the top, adjust the rubber and cover and seal. When cold, wrap in paper and store in a cold, dry place.

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Castor Oil for Warts.

Apply it as often as necessary and convenient, so that the warts will be kept greased and moist with it. For instance, with cows, put it on the warts twice a day once after each milking. Inside of a week the warts will come off. This cure will work on human flesh. The above is given on personal experience.

Maud—"I'm a little uneasy in my mind; Ned asked me to marry him, and I told him I might, some day. Now, would you call that a promise?"

Mario—"No; I should call it a threat."

"Here's Sandy comin' up the road, Ellen," said Margaret, who, with her moon, had come to stay for a day or two. "Let's hae some fun. Me and Tam will hide ahint the door, and ye'll tell him we've no' come after a'. Then we'll step out and surprise him."

Ellen (obeying order):—"Weel, Sandy, Margaret and her moon haena come after a'."

"Thank Heaven for that, Ellen."

Poetry.

BEAUTIFUL CHILD.

BY MAJOR WM. A. H. SIGOURNEY.

Beautiful child by thy mother's knee. In the mystic future what wilt thou be? A demon of sin, or an angel sublime— A poison Upas, or innocent Thyme— A spirit of evil, flashing down With the lurid light of a fiery crown— Or gliding up with a shining track, Like the morning star that ne'er looks back. Daintiest dreamer that ever smiled, Which thou wilt be, my beautiful child?

Beautiful child in my garden bowers, Friend of the butterflies, birds, and flowers, Pure as the sparkling, crystalline stream, Jewels of truth in thy fairy eyes beam, Was there ever a whiter soul than thine Worshipped by Love in a mortal shrine— My heart thou hast gladdened for two sweet years

With rainbows of Hope through mists of tears— Mists beyond which thy sunny smile With a halo of glory beams all the while.

Beautiful child, to thy look is given A gleam serene, not of earth, but of heaven. With thy tell-tale eyes and prattling tongue, Would thou couldst ever thus be young. Like the liquid strain of the mocking-bird, From stair to hall thy voice is heard. How oft in the garden nooks thou'rt found With flowers thy curly head around! And kneeling beside me with figure so quaint, Oh! who would not dote on my infant saint?

Beautiful child, what thy fate shall be Perchance is wisely hidden from me. A fallen star thou mayst leave my side, And of sorrow and shame become the bride— Shivering, quivering through the cold street, With a curse behind and before thy feet— Ashamed to live, and afraid to die; No home, no friend, and a pitiless sky. Merciful Father, my brain grows wild, Oh, keep from evil my beautiful child!

Beautiful child, mayst thou soar above, A warbling cherub of joy and love, A drop on Eternity's mighty sea. A blossom on Life's immortal tree— Floating, flowering evermore In the blessed light of the golden shore; And as I gaze on thy sinless bloom And thy radiant face, they dispel my gloom— I feel He will keep thee undefiled, And His love protect my beautiful child.

—Harper's Magazine.

When Rot Exists in Potatoes.

An exchange thinks it best where rot exists to pull the potato stalks by hand and throw them in a heap. With a broad tined fork set beside where the hill was, push it down far enough to get all the potatoes, raising and shaking the dirt from them as the potatoes are brought up and left on the surface. It will often be found that the layers of potatoes which come up with the stalks will be all rotten, with those below, dug with the fork, will not only be free from disease, but will generally remain so. They will be so far matured that the potato skin will harden so that the fungous spores will be less likely to attack it. If some lime is sprinkled over the potato heap, it will absorb surplus moisture and make farther rotting impossible for potatoes thus treated.

The Apple as a Medicine.

The apple is such a common fruit that few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid, in an easily digestible shape, than any other known fruit. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It also agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretion and prevents calculus growth, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best preventatives of diseases of the throat. Next to lemon and orange, it is also the best antidote for the thirst and craving of persons addicted to the alcohol and opium habits.

"Why, Willie Wilson! Fighting again? Didn't last Sunday's lesson teach that when you are struck on one cheek you ought to turn the other to the striker?"

Willie—"Yes'm; but he hit me on the nose, an' I've only got one."

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