

LOCAL TOPICS.

RUMORS of matrimony in the air for this month.

REV. MR. ARCHIBALD officiated in the Presbyterian church Sunday last.

HENRY A. SMITH, of Jacksonville, and John Walton, of Upper Woodstock, have leased the Turner house.

At the close of morning service at the F. C. B. Church, on Sunday, Pastor Phillips inducted one member into the church.

Those who have returned from the Alliance and Camp meeting on Brown's Flats in Kings Co. speak in glowing terms of the accommodation afforded and of the meeting.

Very little work has been done on the bridge the past week for want of materials. If this sort of thing continues the bridge will probably be completed about two o'clock next summer.

Mr. Blackadder is to be here next Sunday, when he will conduct the morning and evening services in the F. C. B. church. In the afternoon he will hold a railway meeting in the W. C. T. U. Hall.

THE Foresters picnic at Hartland the 16th promises to be the leading county event of the season. The C. P. R. have agreed to carry passengers to Hartland and return for one fare good for the 16th and 17th.

THE concert in the vestry of the Presbyterian church on Friday evening last was highly enjoyable. The very perfect representation of the average sewing circle elicited cheers and laughter from the audience.

MR. H. Paxton Baird was honored with an invitation, as president of the Woodstock Board of Trade to attend the banquet in Ottawa to the delegates to the Intercolonial conference, now being held in the capital.

THE Field Battery went into camp Monday morning, on Doherty's farm just above the town limits. There was a good turnout of men, and a fine lot of horses. Everything was got in readiness in the morning and before noon the Battery were on their camping ground.

THE lot which the Salvation army has secured for the erection of its new barracks here is on the corner of Richmond and Regent streets. It was bought from James Hayden, and is 80 feet deep by 80 feet of a frontage. The dimensions of the barracks are to be 38x45.

THERE have been seven cases of scarlet fever reported to the Health Inspector. Two of these are in houses on Regent street, two on Chapel street, one on Connell street, and two on Prince Albert street. In accordance with instructions from the Board of Health, the infected houses have been placarded.

THE Ancient Order of Hibernians have had their hall on Main street completely renovated, re-fitted and re-painted. It is now one of the nicest halls in town. The parlor has been painted and carpeted, and the walls hung with appropriate pictures. The lodge has good reasons to be proud of these new quarters.

A correspondent wishes to know in this issue what has become of the post office box to have been put on the corner of King and Main street. He and others will be glad to learn that the post office department have authorized the placing of a box at the above mentioned part of town, and it will be done immediately.

OUR business men are grumbling with good reason over the increase in insurance rates recently made by the old line companies. An exchange says: The insurance rates in Bangor have been increased 10 to 20 per cent. The merchants are indignant over the changes and talk of forming a mutual insurance company.

THE Bishop of Fredericton arrived in town to attend the synod and church society meetings on Monday evening. He was on a pastoral visit up river and there consecrated three new churches, one at Burnt Land Brook; one at Sisson ridge, and one at Arthurette. His Lordship also confirmed a large number of persons.

THE "Stars" won another victory at base ball on Monday. This time the Wanderers were the victims. The main features of the game were heavy batting and doubtful umpiring. The score stood 23 to 20. Those deserving special mention are: batters, Hay, Glue, G. Saunders, Frapp; fielders, McKinnley, E. Saunders, Williams, Hay, Thornton.

It is expected that the erecting of the band stand will commence this week. The young ladies, who have worked so energetically in collecting subscriptions have made considerable progress, and a little generosity on the part of our business men will make everything lovely. A free concert once a week from the band on these summer evenings will be duly appreciated.

A STOP was put to the telephonic communication between Woodstock and Houlton for some days by the burning of the switch at Houlton, but it has been fixed up, and now subscribers can converse with their cousins for the space of five minutes in consideration of the sum of 25 cents. It costs 15 cts. to talk with McKenzie corner, and 50 cts. to converse with Presque Isle.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church held on Wednesday evening last, it was decided to extend a call to Rev. James Whitesides, who has held services since the vacancy. The matter will be dealt with by the Presbytery, and if Mr. Whitesides accepts the call, and the Presbytery approve it, his ordination and induction will take place in a few weeks.

THE people of Chapel street are most unreasonable. They have a nice, pretty watering cart standing on their street, where there is every reason to believe it will remain all summer, except on rainy days, and yet some of them are inquiring why they can't have the snow-plough too. They ought not to expect that the councillors of the other wards

will agree to all the town ornaments decorating Queens ward.

THE Bangor & Aroostook railroad bridge, now being built across the Meduxnekeag in this town will be completed about the middle of July, and the work of laying rails between Houlton and Monticello will begin. Work of grading the Fort Fairfield branch of the B. & A. is rapidly progressing. It is under contract by Malcolm & Ross, who has a force now on hand, which will be increased to one thousand men in a short time. *Aroostook Times.*

THE Grand Council of the R. T. of T. will meet here on July 9th 10th and 11th. There will be a grand reception in the rink on Monday evening when Mayor Hanson and T. A. Lindsay will present addresses of welcome to the members of the council. On Tuesday and Wednesday evening July 10 and 11 W. N. Buchanan will give his entertainment, an evening with Esop. H. H. Rines, Ontario's tenor singer will be present at all the meetings.

In a trip to Watson Settlement last week it was noticed that some of the farmers had thrown their road fences, and were cultivating down to the edge of the road. They say that they can cultivate to much better advantage when they do not have to work up to the old fashioned worm fence, and the farm certainly looks fifty per cent. better. Great hopes are entertained for all crops but the potato crop. A long worm seems to have taken possession of the seed and eaten the heart out of it. Potato bugs are moving about in numerous gangs with quite as much importance as if the potato depended on them for existence.

HERE is a striking incident of what perseverance will do on a farm, and settles the oft-disputed question as to whether tilling the soil pays: Frank C. Hanson of St. Albans has sown 365 bushels of grain, cultivating 100 acres all in grain. Also 15 acres of sweet corn, 2 acres of potatoes, seeded down of the acreage, 60 acres, and taking the rocks off ready for the mowing machine. He works ten horses and his cows vary from eight to twenty, or more summer and winter. When he took up his home farm it was all run out and cut about five tons of hay. Now it cuts over 120 tons and annually raises from 1000 to 1200 bushels of grain, besides corn, potatoes, etc.—*Aroostook Times.*

Woodstock Market.

There is plenty of new cheese in the market selling at 9 to 9½ cts., which is lower than last week. The Liverpool cheese market, which regulates ours through Montreal, is weak.

Pressed hay, the demand for which is light, is selling at \$8 to \$9, as last week. Loose hay is running low; there are limited quantities on the market at \$6. New hay will be ready soon, cutting will commence in some parts on Monday. Oats are better at 37 to 40 cts.

Butter stands about the same, 15 to 16 cts. Owing to hot weather little is moving except for retail purposes. The farmers are packing.

Eggs are stationary at 10 to 11 cts. There are practically no potatoes in the market. Everyone is waiting for a new mess. No domestic pork or ham. Canadian ham 11 to 13 cts. Canadian pork 16 to 18 cts. by the bbl. In the outside market molasses and sugar have made a decided advance during the week. Barbadoes rose 2 cts. Sugar 1-6 to 1-4 with probability of a further rise owing to increasing demand in preserving season. Oatmeal is higher in sympathy with oats. Cornmeal and flour have not changed in two months.

A Noble Railroad Company.

A railroad authority told THE DISPATCH that previous to this year the C. P. R. has always charged for all excess of freight over and above the registered weight of a car. When the B. & A. entered into competition with them for the western traffic the new road did not make this charge, and consequently the C. P. R. felt it necessary to abandon the practice. However, it seems that they induced the Maine Central, with whom they are very thick, to re-weigh B. & A. cars at Oldtown, and charge excess on such freight from that point; thus placing the B. & A. at a disadvantage in competing with the C. P. R. This little scheme is almost equal in magnanimity to the act of the C. P. R. in attempting to fence the steamer Aberdeen off from a landing place at Woodstock.

The B. C. Floods.

The causes which led up to the recent floods in British Columbia are these: The snow last summer had never melted on account of the cold season. Snow to the depth of thirty feet lay all last summer in the gulches throughout the Albert Canon. Along the Illecillewaet River snow fell early and plentifully last winter, to the depth of forty-three feet in the mountains of Selkirk Range and proportionately all through the province. And as no slides happened this spring and but a few last summer to bring it down to the level and thus give it a chance to melt and run off the early part of the spring, as heretofore, it lay where it fell till the hot weather set in. The heat came all at once. The spring had been very cold.

Killed in the Explosion

The list of those killed by the recent explosion in the Albion colliery in England continues to swell, and the number is now far above the first estimate of the fatalities. Thus far 268 bodies have been brought to the surface. One hundred and twenty of the dead were buried the day after the accident. The funeral was attended by 30,000 colliers, and the services were very impressive and affecting. All the pits in the vicinity were closed in order that all the employees might attend the funeral. The dead were carried on 50 biers and were followed to the cemetery by an extremely long procession.

PERSONALS.

John Munro has returned from Chicago: Miss Cassie Bull arrived home from Ohio last week.

R. A. Payne is representing the St. John Sun at the Synod.

Mrs. Ernst Sjøstedt is visiting her father, Mr. John C. Winslow.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyd of Linnaeus are in Woodstock, the guests of Dr. Hand.

H. C. Henderson, teacher of the Grammar School at Andover was in Woodstock last week.

J. V. Ellis, editor of the St. John Globe, and Mrs. Ellis are spending a few days in Woodstock.

Major C. W. Drury, R. C. A. Kingston, Ont. is here attending the annual drill of the Field Battery.

Miss Blanch Estey, Florenceville left for New York on Friday last to spend the summer with her sister Mrs. Brown.

Miss Edith Porter and Miss Grace Porter departed for their homes in Fredericton on Saturday to spend their holidays.

The atmospheric molecules of the editorial sanctum were violently disturbed last week by the genial editor of the Glassville News.

J. C. Stulen, engineer for the inspection of the new bridge, on behalf of the government, is in town, and has his temporary abode at the Wolverton house.

Mr. James Evans who has opened a grocery store in the building at Upper Woodstock vacated by C. I. Fowler has been appointed postmaster at Upper Woodstock.

A Good System.

There are no poor-houses and few able-bodied paupers in Holland. There is a tract of public land containing five thousand acres. It is divided into six model farms, and to one of these is sent the poor person applying for public relief. If he voluntarily serves till he learns agriculture, he is allowed to rent a small farm for himself, and be what is called a free farmer. Every pauper who is thus reclaimed to honest, regular industry is so much gain to the State. There is also a forced labour colony, where beggars and vagrants are sent, and made to do farm and other work, whether they want to or not.

Where is the Box?

To the Editor of The Dispatch:
SIR,—Have you heard anything of a post office box that was to be placed on Baird's corner about six months ago. Is it lost, strayed or stolen? An answer from you or some one who knows what has become of it, will oblige
ENQUIRER.

Hotel Arrivals.

At the Wilbur:—C. F. Kearney, Florenceville; G. B. Churchill, St. John; Edgar Golding, Quebec; C. H. Rideout, Houlton; W. J. D. Jarvis, Benton; O. B. Brizzell, L. T. Clough, Houlton.
At the Exchange:—Henry B. Taylor, East Florenceville; M. R. Benn, Debec; J. A. Watson, Littleton; Jno E. Page, Tracey's Mills.
At the Victoria:—Jno. E. Stewart, Andover; Wm. McMullen, Prince William; G. F. Burr, Hartland; C. L. Kearney, Barry Hagerman, Florenceville.

MARRIED.

FREEMAN-WILSON.—At Wakefield, June 27th, by Rev. Canon Neales, John A. Freeman and Fannie, youngest daughter of William Wilson, all of Wakefield.

DIBBLEE-FORSTER.—At St. George's church, Moncton, on the 27th June, by the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, B.D., Rural Dean, of Shediac, the Rev. Horace Earls Dibblee, M. A., Rector of Manguerville and Edith Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick Forster, Esq., of Toronto.

BLACK-DRAKE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Avondale on the 27th ult. Mr. Newman Black and Miss Laura Drake, both of Avondale Car. Co.

SIMMS-SHAW.—At Bath on the 30th ult., by Rev. C. T. Phillips, James Simms of South Knowlsville, and Miss Ida Shaw of Bath.

LOST.

LOST IN THE RIVER near Florenceville bridge. A Red Morocco Wallet containing about One Hundred and Thirty Dollars, three notes and two post office orders. The finder will be amply rewarded by returning the same to KIRKPATRICK BROS., East Florenceville.

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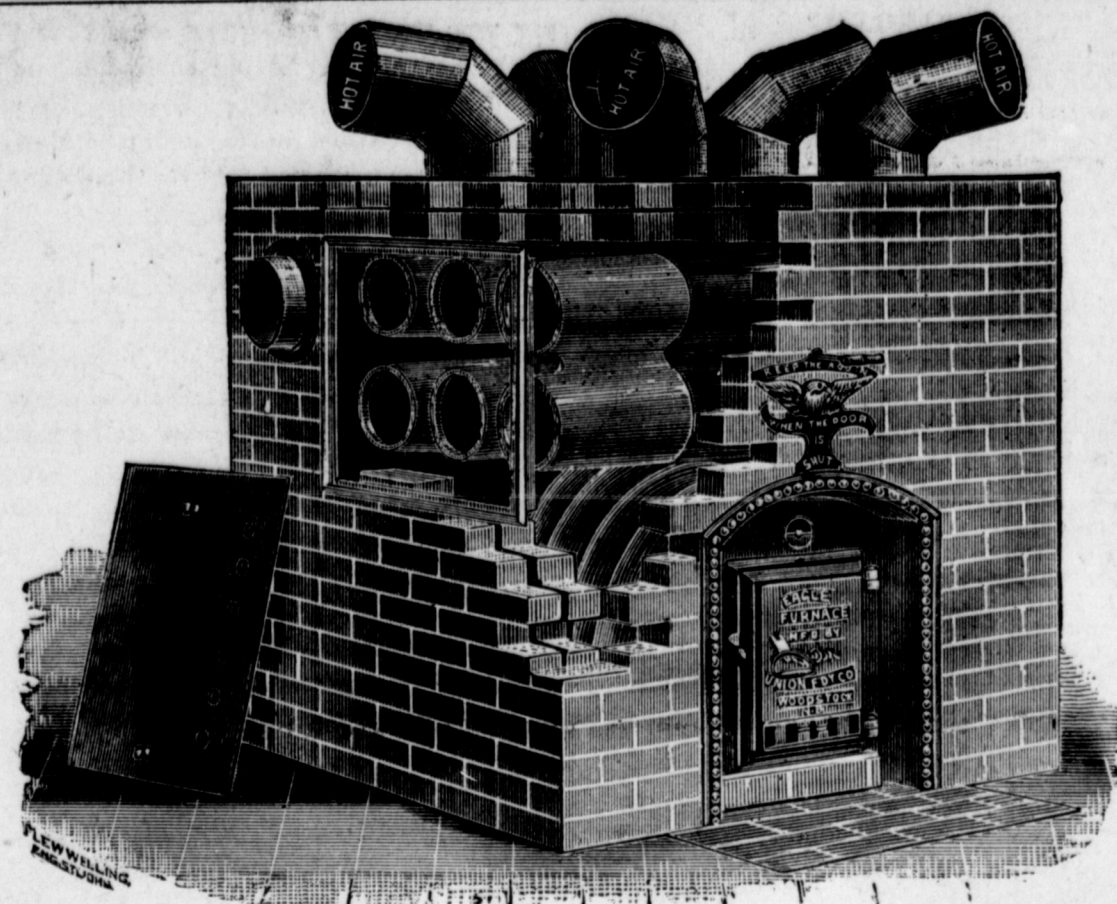
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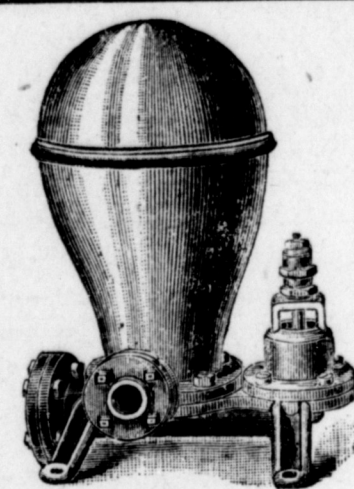


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