

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

NINE HUNDRED MEN FOR DRIVING THE TOBIQUE.

Entertainment at Fort Fairfield in Which Bluenoses Participate.—Mount Pleasant and 12th of July Celebration.—Items From the Four Corners.

PERTH CENTRE.

Large crowds of men pass through town every day on the way for stream driving. It will take eight or nine hundred men for driving of Tobique waters this spring of which about all pass through this town both ways.

Miss E. M. Parker has arrived in town after a few weeks vacation at her home in Woodstock. Envious to her arrival she visited St. John and selected a very fine assortment of goods in the millinery line.

Last Wednesday one of our popular young ladies Miss Cassie Armstrong was married to Mr. John Foulton of Andover at the residence of her father Mr. Albert Armstrong in the presence of a large number of friends. Rev. Wm. Pepper (Methodist) of Andover officiating.

Mr. C. C. Gibbs arrived home Thursday being very sick and has been confined to the bed since. The river is clear of ice and is raising fast which is the result of the recent rains.

Mr. C. H. Holmes has been unable to supply the demand for driving boats this spring. Mr. John Tapley of Riley Brook and J. F. Tweeddale of Arthurette were in town on Sunday.

A. L. Green has just received a fine assortment of ready made clothing selling at a very reasonable price. Gosline Bros. have closed down their mill until after the drive.

Miss J. Miller and Mrs. E. Howard of Andover left for Boston on Friday. The Methodists at Andover will give a grand concert in the near future.

BRISTOL.

The river is now quite clear of ice, it having run out on Thursday and Friday. There was a large jam on the Florenceville bridge, and it was thought it would be swept away, but luckily however the bridge stood the strain, without sustaining any damage.

W. A. Sherwood went to Woodstock on Friday, returning next day. Mrs. Wm. King, Woodstock is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Hayward Rogers, Arch Rogers, and Ernest Dyer, started for New Hampshire on Thursday.

Preparations are being made by the scholars of the advanced department for a concert on the evening of May 1st, and no doubt it will be a most successful affair.

The competition in the Templar Lodge was brought to a close last Friday night, the side led by Miss Fraser being the winner. It will not be in order for the other party to finish the treat.

Mr. Charles Bell is very ill, and doubts are entertained of his recovery. George Davis, a young man employed in the Woodworking Factory had his foot quite badly jammed on Friday by a stick of timber rolling upon it.

M. Walter Duffy was called to his home in Albert Co. on Monday by the death of his father. Court Monquart L. O. F. was organized at Bath on Thursday evening by High Chief Ranger Coleman and the following were chosen. Miles McRae, Court Deputy; Alfred Giberson, C. R.; Rupert Hutchison, V. C. R.; C. J. Green, F. S. D. McFally, R. S.; Hanford Squires, Treas.; Amos De Merchant, Chap; Perley Giberson S. B. Dyer Kearney, J. W.; George Loyd S. W.; Dr. McNally, Physician.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Press correspondent of this place seems to be a person of rather wide ideas having a general knowledge of the news for miles around. I hope he doesn't belong to the class called "sleep walkers." Gossip is a bad thing to deal with. Frozen up sleigh bells often cause a great deal of anxiety but when we look into the future we often feel sad, so pity the Press correspondent.

The L. O. L. of this place held its special meeting Tuesday evening. Two members proved the realities of the Royal Arch Purple degree. They say the goat is in excellent condition. This lodge bids fair to be the banner lodge of the county in a time not far distant. At present it has a membership of nearly fifty which speaks well, when we consider that it was organized only seventeen months ago.

Another grand thing we are looking forward to is the celebration of the 12th July next which is to be held here. At its last regular meeting the lodge passed a motion to invite all the lodges of the county both True Blues and Orangemen to unite with them in the celebration.

Several of our farmers are engaged in sugar making. The season, so far, has not been very favorable for the business.

One of the gentlemen of the village has been adding to his stock in the way of a cow. It is said that he will next invest in a housekeeper.

Our assessors W. H. Drake, Jas. Biddges and J. R. Tompkins met at the residence of Mr. Bridges Tuesday evening to discuss the matter. Travelling is difficult, but still one of our young men continues his tri-weekly drives to Lansdowne with his fair one.

ROCKLAND.

We are having some very very disagreeable weather just now, people say they have not seen the roads in such a condition for a good many years.

Our young men are all home again from the Lumber Woods, and are now making preparations for the Drive.

THE DISPATCH gave an instance not long ago, of a young man who had gone Camel hunting. That is all very well, but when it comes to taking a Thorn-in-the-flesh, that we think deplorable. Last Wednesday evening, Mr. Mansfield Ellis and Miss Addie Thorn without any seeming timidity drove down to the F. C. B. parsonage and very quietly embarked on the "voyage of life," with the full intention of "padding their own canoe."

We boys are now in eager expectancy, and all on account of the maple candy party at Mr. John Nobles' Friday evening; rates 25cts. per couple, and the ladies go free.

Miss Ellie Dickinson, who has been with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Worden since last autumn, has returned to her home in Canterbury. Mrs. Worden accompanied her for a short visit. We fancy we can hear that fellow with four eyes, gently murmuring, with quivering lips, and tear-beddozled eye, snatches of that old familiar song, viz: "Come where the Lillies bloom."

Miss Sadie Snow is still with us. Shortly after their home was burned, the family (with the exception of Mr. Snow and Miss Sadie) went to Woodstock. She has been with her friend, Miss Barnes, since the sad affair, and we shall all feel very sorry to have her leave us. Mr. Snow has

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been in Woodstock for the last five days, but returned on Thursday last.

Rev. Mr. Bannison of Hartland, occupied the Baptist pulpit of Rockland last Sunday morning.

Rev. J. J. Barnes has been holding a few special services here, but the roads have been so very bad, that they have not been very successful. He with Mr. John Puddington met with grand success in Gordonsville and Egypt, baptising in all about 25 persons.

On last Tuesday evening, 14th inst., the members of the Baptist church (the ladies with their baskets) met at Mr. Enoch Estabrook's. The sale of the baskets amounted to \$40.55, which was paid to their pastor, Rev. H. D. Worden.

We are daily expecting a visit from the "Twin Sisters."

HARTLAND.

The Hartland ferry is playing in bad luck again. The ice rush on Friday morning early took a turn in on the derrick, carried it away and smashed one of the boats. The loss to Boyer & Raymond, the owners is estimated at \$150.

The ice in the river ran past here on Friday morning causing considerable damage. The wire of the ferry was torn down and some damage done to the boats. The ice jammed at Pokiok which caused the water to rise very high. Ice and logs were floated over the track and delayed the down express for a few hours. Mr. Sawyer's mill had to be closed down for the day on account of the height of the water and it also carried away the wharf of edgings. A few buildings along the shore were pushed from their foundations by the moving ice.

Rev. Dr. Chapman preached in the Methodist church here on Sabbath evening.

G. R. Burt is making considerable repairs on the store which will soon be occupied by W. W. Hay of Woodstock.

Wallace Ross is rapidly completing his building which he will use as a meat shop and grocery store below and double tenement house above.

Mr. Richardson has leased the upper story of his factory to a gentleman from Maine, who will manufacture spring beds. A few have already been turned out. Mr. R. hopes to steam up the factory this week.

AROOSTOOK JUNCTION.

The weather at present is fine consequently the roads which have been unusually bad, are drying up. The farmers will no doubt soon be stirring the soil.

C. H. Hopkins is home from business college. He will return in June to finish his studies.

John S. Hopkins has gone with a crew to drive out the lumber which he cut during the past winter on a branch of the job.

Mr. A. P. Clayton, who has been a resident of this place for a number of years has removed to Keswick where he intends making a permanent home with his daughter.

Mrs. Lewis Rivers has been suddenly called away on account of the illness of her daughter in Gibson.

The Union Sunday school was opened yesterday T. H. Manzer was elected superintendent and C. H. Hopkins secretary.

WAKEFIELD CENTRE.

In printing my last notes you made a slight mistake. When you make it Mr. Andrew Scott went to Fton, it should have read Mrs. Andrew Scott.

Mr. Charles Fitzpatrick of this place, who has been in Montana for the last three years, arrived home last Saturday. I believe he intends running his farm himself this summer. Mr. James Johnston, who occupied Mr. Fitzpatrick's farm for the last three years, intends moving to Woodstock, where he will reside.

Mrs. Nickolas Sharkey visited Miss Cadwalader's school one day this week.

While sawing wood at Mr. Hagerman's this week, Ralph Briggs was taken very sick, and had to leave his work and go home.

Mr. Charles Caldwell has been almost laid up during the past week with a very severe cold.

Mr. Gilbert Hagerman's youngest child had a very serious attack of sickness, a few days ago, he is now getting better.

Mr. George Sharkey's leg seems to be improving very slowly. He has to keep it bandaged yet.

LAKEVILLE.

A. B. Carvell and sons have an average supply of lumber to saw this year. The mill which altogether employs 6 men, has been running for some time. The shingle machine was started this week.

William Page, whose house was burned last fall, is preparing to build again.

William Wilson has been refitting part of his house. Colin King also has carpenter and plasterer employed.

The new firm of White & Wilson have been in St. John all week, selecting goods for their store, which will be opened about May 1st.

A slight thunder-storm, the first of the season, passed over this place last Friday evening.

The young ladies present at Mrs. J. R. Fowler's hocking yesterday, and those of the young folk who dropped in later, spent a very pleasant evening.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week the people of Fort Fairfield were delighted with the long talk of opera. "The Spectator" This opera was started by Mrs. Edward W. Pond, and was gotten up for the benefit of the Episcopal Parsonage. It has been faithfully rehearsed for about three months under the direction of Mr. G. B. Nicholson, and those who attended it last week saw that all had done their parts well. The leading lady's part was ably taken by Miss Ida Caldwell, formerly of Woodstock, and on this occasion she proved that she is the possessor of an admirable soprano voice. Mr. Bennet C. Snider, of Moncton, had the honor of rendering, in a highly complimentary manner, the leading gentleman's part with his excellent tenor voice. The others of the cast were: Mrs. Arthur P. Libby, Mrs. J. B. Williams, Miss Fern Collins, Dr. J. H. Murphy, Chas. Osbourne, Jas. D. Partridge and Geo. Osbourne, who all did their respective parts well.

The friends of E. J. Clarke, of Woodstock, were glad to see him in Ft. Fairfield Tuesday 14th.

The ice in the Aroostook ran out last week. As yet the water has not gained a very high pitch.

The several rains lately have kept the roads in a very bad condition.

D. F. Merritt, collector of customs at Woodstock, was in town Wednesday last and attended the opera in the evening.

Thursday evening last a special train on the B. & A. brought 48 people from Caribou and 35 from Presque Isle to attend the opera. There was also quite a large party over from Andover.

Miss Annie Burpee has joined the ranks of the Episcopal choir, and will add a good alto to that body of singers.

Mrs. Anna Earle is making a short visit to Mrs. S. P. Waite at Andover.

Miss Bedell of Andover, was in town last week. I understand that Fort Fairfield is to have a good band this summer. The citizens began to agitate this question a short time ago, and in two weeks the result was that \$600.00 were raised for necessary new instruments and uniforms.

Deacon Hiram Stevens, one of the first settlers of Fort Fairfield, died last Tuesday morning. His funeral which was on Saturday, was very largely attended. All the stores closed up for two hours in the afternoon while the funeral services were being performed.

The Central Telephone office has been moved from H. C. Holmes' drug store to Jeffs Bros. store. Chas. and Nellie Smith of Caribou, were among those who came down to the opera Thursday last.

Miss Lena Mosher and Miss Helen Barker of Presque Isle, came down on the special train last Thursday night.

DEBEC.

We were all pleased to enjoy a visit from our ex-school teacher Mr. Allen Stead, Hartland, he was the guest of Mr. C. W. Dickinson.

Miss Della Henderson left Tuesday for Calais, she will be greatly missed.

Miss McKeene, Woodstock, is visiting Mrs. W. F. Johnston.

Rumor reports three June weddings.

Mr. John Y. Flemming our county councillor is confined to the house with La Grippe. He is recovering.

Miss May Atherton is visiting the Misses Henderson.

Everybody is glad to see Mr. Fred Davinson back.

Mrs. Brittany, Benton, is visiting Mrs. C. W. Dickinson.

Mrs. Lewis Rivers has been suddenly called away, on account of the illness of her daughter in Gibson.

The Union Sunday School was opened yesterday. T. H. Manzer was elected Supt., and C. H. Hopkins, Sec'y.

Miss Aggie Garrity and Miss Louisa Crabb start next week for the states.

Miss Carrie Boyd and Miss Ethel Dickinson spent Sunday in Benton.

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