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## G. W. Van Wart, King Street, Woodstock.

### LOCAL TOPICS.

TODAY is Ash Wednesday.

ON MONDAY at daylight the thermometer was 25° zero.

THERE is about two feet of snow in the woods around Woodstock.

MRS. JANE BRIDGE of Brantford, Ont., will preach in the Advent Chapel next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

JULES & FOSTER painters and decorators are doing an excellent job on the interior of The Baird Company's retail department.

THERE is now just enough snow in the woods to make good working. Teams are at a premium, and the logs are being rushed out in lively style.

A FELT DONKEY in J. Fred Dickinsons window is a rather striking advertisement. He is made of felt boots and is a "warm looking thing."

THE large boilers to be used by G. R. Ketchum at his mill in Ashland were transferred from the Canadian Pacific to the B. & A. depot on Tuesday. They made a heavy load.—Houlton Times.

G. A. WHITE has bought the piece of land on the corner of Green and Chapel street, next the Wolverton House, and intends building a house there. The price said to have been paid was \$900.

W. W. HAY, received word on Monday of the death of Mrs. D. R. Eaton, at Parrsboro, N. S. She was an aunt of Mr. Hay's wife, and her husband was of the large lumber firm of D. R. & C. F. Eaton.

CONCERT.—The members of "Enterprise Lodge" P. O. I. intend holding a concert in the school house at Central Northampton on Wednesday evening the 19th inst. The proceeds are for the benefit of the lodge. All are cordially invited, admission only fifteen cents.

SUB-EDITOR OF "WAR CRY."—Frank E. Shea, a Woodstock boy, who has been in Spokane, Wash., in connection with the Salvation Army, is now in Toronto, where he is established as sub-editor of the War Cry. His friends are glad to know that Frank is toiling upward.

THE Woodstock woodworking factory which has been closed for a short time for repairs will resume work on 24th inst., when orders for windows, doors, mouldings, stair stock, sheathing and flooring of all kinds, school and church furniture and house finish of every description will be promptly filled at lowest rates. Write for prices.

A VERY pleasant affair took place at the residence of Mr. John Fisher last Thursday evening, when, the pastor and the choir of the F. C. B. church presented Mrs. A. A. Allen with a handsome valise, accompanied by an address. Mrs. Allen was for many years one of the most valued members of the choir. In acknowledging the kindness she made a suitable reply.

DR. MANZER has shown THE DISPATCH some fine specimens of crown and bridge work that he has done for prominent people in town. Dr. Manzer requests that patients outside of town desiring appointments for fillings will send him word a day or two before hand. Appointments can be made by telephone to the doctor's office and B. B. Manzer's store or house.

MESSRS. F. B. Killen and Frank Lawlor, connected with the Woodstock & Centreville Railway have been in town for a week past. They expected to be joined by Mr. Mahon and others of the company last Thursday, but word was received that illness in Mr. Mahon's family had detained him, and he will not be along until today. A general meeting of the company will be held next Monday.

MR. CHAS. CONNELL, Druggist, has just received a second supply of that great English remedy, Holloway's Red Blood Syrup. It is a specific for pale, weak, nervous persons, or those with a consumptive tendency, and where the system is run down by overwork. This is no new tried remedy but has stood the test of time and experience. So great is the confidence placed in its merits that Mr. Connell is instructed in all cases where the purchaser after using the prescribed dose for one week and is not satisfied with its results, the money will be refunded. No other remedy can be bought on such an offer.

MRS. RIGBY SHAW of Pembroke, died very suddenly on Sunday afternoon. She has been in poor health for some time, but was feeling very well indeed on Sunday, and ate a hearty dinner. After the meal, while sitting in the room she was attacked by paralysis and expired instantly. Her husband survives her, but there are no children. Mrs. Shaw was a daughter of Thos. Watson who lived for many years at Lower Woodstock. After her marriage her father and mother moved up to Pembroke and lived with her and her husband. The deceased was between thirty and forty years of age.

OLLA PODRIDA.—This unique and highly entertaining entertainment comes off on next Friday evening, the 21st at Graham's Opera House with great eclat. A number of home talent have been in training for several weeks, and the program bids fair to out rival all of Miss Hudson's former efforts. We have peeped behind the scenes and are authorized to disclose some of the mysteries of an Olla Podrida. This class of entertainment is presented once a year in Spain, and attracts the masses, as well as the royalty. Miss Hudson while in Mexico learned what an Olla Podrida was, and is going to give us one. Mr. Walter C. Everett, both as Neptune in the Sea Nymph drill, and as one of the leading figures in the war with Miss Hudson, will again delight the audience with his mimable rendering of those particular parts. This war question is very fine, and takes us back to the 16th century. Dr. G. B. Manzer sets the mouse trap and catches his mouse right before your eyes. The gymnasium girls in the red coats of Tommy Atkins will be on hand to show you how to do many trying feats. But oh! the butterflies—a bevy of children in every color of the rainbow are to trip the light fantastic just as they did in the Kirmess, with new features. Prices within the reach of all Woodstock and surrounding country. Watch for hills.

Rev. Mr. Morgan Explains.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

DEAR SIR,—In view of the fact that a very misleading item has been going the rounds of the press of this province, appearing in your issue of Feb. 5th inst. I feel it only just to myself as well as due to my friends and the general public, that a correct statement of the facts should be made by me. You will therefore do me a great favour to give the same publicity to what I am about to state as you did to the article referred to.

Early in November last I was ordered by my physician to take a vacation, whereupon my people kindly voted me a month's leave of absence and I planned a trip to Massachusetts. When about to leave I was approached by a friend who desired me to accompany him to New York, where he purposed going to look into the matter of the Dingee estate, so-called, and ascertain to his own satisfaction whether or not it was a myth. At the last moment I decided to accede to his request and render him what assistance I could. We left Woodstock about the middle of November. After spending a couple of weeks in examining the public records in New York and neighbouring towns and cities, my friend found it necessary to return home, although our researches had not reached the point which he desired. At his earnest request I consented to remain for a time and endeavor to complete the unfinished task. In a few days the course of my search for certain missing documents brought me unexpectedly upon some facts which pointed to a crime in connection with the disappearance of one Solomon S. Dingee. These facts I felt it my duty to place in the hands of the District Attorney and police authorities before leaving the city. It was through my so doing that the "New York World" people secured the data which led to a prolonged investigation on their part through their expert detective, ending in their full publication of the 29th ult. Meantime, on the eve of leaving for home at the expiration of my vacation, I was taken suddenly and seriously ill. So serious was the attack that I was not only unable to get home for the holiday season, but was detained in New York during the entire month of January and only reached home on the 7th inst. Although much improved I am still confined to the house.

Now, Mr. Editor, the object of this letter is to make clear the point that, during the period of my absence since the expiration of my vacation in December, I had not voluntarily stayed in New York to prosecute this investigation as has been unfairly represented. The facts which the newspaper reports represented me as "digging up within a few days" were discovered early in December, after which time I was not actively connected with the matter at all. Moreover, the object of my pursuit was not at any time the unearthing of the mysterious disappearance of Solomon S. Dingee. Indeed it was not until I had been in New York some time that I even knew that such a person had ever existed, and the discovery by me of the facts which led to the "World's" investigation and sensational publication was purely an accident.

Hoping that this statement may set me right before my friends and the public in general, and thanking you for your valuable space,

I remain, sincerely,

JOHN B. MORGAN.

Jacksonville, N. B., Feb. 13th 1896.

A Prominent Londoner.

LONDON, Ont.—Chase's Ointment is an invaluable remedy for itching Fles and in my own case I would pay \$50 per box for it if it could not be otherwise had.

JOHN PRIDMORE,

160 Sydenham St.

### CARNIVAL.

Those in Fancy Dress and who Won Prizes.

The carnival at the roller rink on Friday evening last was well attended, and was voted a grand success. The following were among the costumers:

#### LADIES.

Agnes Black, flower girl.  
Sadie Glue, evening star.  
Nellie Baker, fancy dress.  
Minnie Collins, handsome dress.  
Maggie Kennedy, Mollie Bawn.  
Mary Nason, tingle arzy girl.  
Alice Thornton, gipsy twins.  
Clara Thornton, gipsy twins.  
Beatrice Williams, fancy dress.  
Fay Camber, fancy dress.  
Myrtle McKenzie, Spanish girl.  
Maud McKinley, Bohemian girl.  
Mable Blake, little dust girl.  
Maud Collins, flower girl.  
Sadie Brown, fancy dress.  
Hildegard Chadleigh, gipsy musician.  
Dorothea Weston, Italian musician.  
Mrs Geo Lee, gipsy.  
Alice McKinley, Japanese girl.  
Lillie McKinley, Indian girls.  
Mary Weeks, Margaret Van Cooke, street musician.  
Beulah Kerr, daisy girl.  
Lena Hutchins, Japanese girl.  
Ella Hutchins, white dress.  
Maud Warner, gipsy.  
B. Maud Dibblee, tennis.  
Margaret Stewart, Spanish girl.  
Nellie McElroy, chamber maid.  
Alice Corbett, fancy dress.  
Pearl Campbell, Japanese.  
Minnie Smith, flower girl.  
Hazel Welsh, daughter of Ala Baba.

#### GENTLEMEN.

H E Clark, Mephistopheles.  
Chas Glue, evening star.  
C M Augherston, handsome costume.  
W C Everett, Jap.  
Frank Fisher, Court Ferdinand.  
A N Boyer, bicyclist and  
Miss Lillian Boyer, bride.  
Stanley Brittain, Palmer Cox.  
R Fenwick, Chinese brownie.  
Fred Ross, frost and snow.  
David Nason, school girl.  
Herbert Flemming, darkey dude.  
Guy Hanson, two old sports from  
A Everett, Oklahoma.  
W Williams, comic dude.  
Leo J Brown, baseball boy.  
Roy Nason, Indian boy.  
Harry W Lee, fancy dress.  
Wm McDonald, cowboy.  
Guy Flagg, Capt Jinks.  
Harry Nevers, Mr Barnes of New York.  
Dr G B Manzer, John Bull.  
J Dickinson, clown.  
Jas Hull, colored gent.  
Ed Manzer, Spanish student.  
A Dickinson, colored sport.  
Geo Grier, baseball.  
Gordon Connell, Row's brigade.  
S W Miller, snake charmer.  
Harry Smith, Topsy.  
Chas Merritt, nigger.  
W H S Cox, Esquimaux.  
Arthur Campbell, resurrected sport.  
E K Connell, Japanese boy.  
B B Anderson, baseball.  
R W J Parkins, country dude.  
Arthur Derrah, Turk.  
Herb Oliver, bicycle lady.  
Cecil Hamilton, Topsy.  
R Corbett, fancy dress.  
G E Dent, the little baker.

The winners of prizes were; Lady's handsomest costume, Minnie Collins; lady's best original costume, Nettie McLean; gent's handsomest costume, Ed. Manzer; gent's best original costume, Dr. G. B. Manzer; girl's handsomest costume, Beatrice Williams; boy's handsomest costume, Frank Fisher.

Dr. Manzer's John Bull costume was most appropriate, being made after a cartoon in "To Date."

Frank Fisher was a peach.  
Herb Clarke as Mephisto looked truly devilish and one rather wondered that a prize didn't get his way.

Ed Manzer's costume was a beautiful affair indeed and attracted much attention.

Will Cox as an Esquimaux wore a fine fur suit that he had been at much trouble to procure.

Rube Lee made a famous clown.  
After the carnival, on the invitation of Dr. Manzer some members of the Utopia Club and a few other of whom Wallace Gibson, Benton, was one, adjourned to Lees Restaurant where an oyster supper was awaiting them. Afterwards they brought up at the club where music with its voluptuous swell entertained them till late in the evening.

Look out for the famous world beater—The John Bull 5c cigar. The Best Smoker in the Land. Invented at the Time of the War Scare. Compare it with the best ten centers and see which is best. For sale by TAYLOR, DOCKRELL & Co., ST. JOHN.

## New Goods

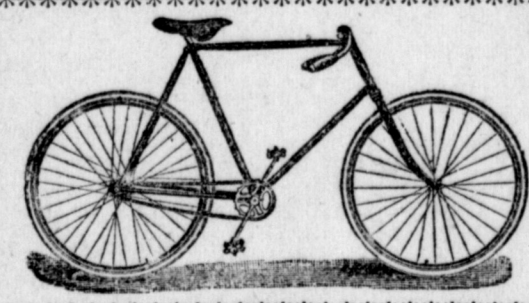
For Spring, 1896, are arriving. Great Novelties in Swiss Embroideries, Laces and Ladies' Lace Collars. Cambrics and Muslins in great variety and most engaging patterns. Make your selections early while our stock is full.

## WATCH

For the '96

### "YELLOW FELLOW."

Fleet  
As an  
Arrow.



Stiff  
As a  
Poker.

The light, easy-running, much talked-about **STEARNS**.  
Has any bicycle ever sold here given such satisfaction?

SAMPLES WILL SOON BE IN.

## BALMAIN BROS.

FEB. 10, '96.

### Court Of Arbitration.

The little jangle between Cleveland and Salisbury about the line fence dividing Venezuela and Guiana, has smothered itself out, and in both countries there is manifested a desire on the part of the people to seize every available occasion for shaking hands and making friendly enquiries about each others health. There has also been frequent suggestion that the United States and Britain should support a permanent Court of Arbitration, to arrange any future differences of opinion which may arise. The feeling which dictates these suggestions is a good one, but those who give the matter carefully thought perceive that a court is already in existence and is doing its work in a most satisfactory manner. This dispute about Venezuela has, for all practical purposes, been before a Court of Arbitration and has been conclusively decided. Do you ask what Court? Think. The court of Arbitration that decided the Venezuela dispute was Mr. Smiff! It may, at first sight, appear absurd, but it is quite true. Mr. Smiff, the gentleman who writes out leading articles, may personally, be dissipated in his habits and shockingly untrustworthy in private life, but he is a representative of the noblest profession on earth and the great and glorious institution of the Press, of which he is a member, is the Court of Arbitration which has decided the Venezuela dispute and which will decide all future dispute between the two branches of the Anglo-American family. Nor will its jurisdiction terminate at that point. As knowledge in creases and Advanced Thought spreads, Smiffs will arise in all their glory in Germany, France, and other European nations, and the Press in time will become the Court of Arbitration for the whole civilized world. Why should it not? Is not the Press the wise, the thoughtful, the prudent, the cultured, and the advanced exponent of the desires, the opinion, and the sympathy of the people? Of course it is. Then is it not clear that Mr. Smiff is the true Court of Arbitration in all contentions between the English speaking people? In the case of Venezuela the suit has been before the Court, and judgment has been delivered. The two parties to the suit have shaken hands, the dispute is over, and Mr. Smiff is waiting patiently for someone to wink.—Bobcaygeon Independent.

### PERSONALS.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald has returned from Montreal.  
George Green, Summerfield, was in Woodstock on Monday.  
F. B. Killen and Frank W. Lawlor are staying at the Wilbur House.  
Rev. James Ross passed through town on Monday on his way home.  
Thane M. Jones is in Fredericton visiting his sister, Mrs. W. S. Fisher.  
Guy Balloch, Centreville, has gone to Boston and New York for a little recreation.  
Dr. King, Andover, passed through Woodstock last Thursday on his way home. He will return in a week or so.  
Dr. Kierstead and some other Woodstock gentlemen have gone to Chatham to attend a grand gathering of the L. O. A.  
Thos. McMurray, Yarmouth, H. P. Sturdee, W. H. Banks, St. John; A. W. Scott, Moncton; W. E. Fisher, Quebec; John S. Potter, Montreal; were recent arrivals at the Wilbur.  
H. V. Dalling, inspector of watches and clocks for the Northern Division C.P.R. made one of his periodical trips to Edmundston last week with good success. He left this week for St. Stephen and St. Andrews.

Perhaps you don't know how **Ready** we are on **Everything** relating to **Prescriptions**; **So** it will not be amiss to **Call** your attention to the **Reliable**, **Intelligent**, **Prompt** service we give **To** anything of the kind placed **In** our hands. **Outside** of **Prescriptions** **Never** fear, but that we **Shall** please you on anything usually kept in a drug store.

**GARDEN BROS. DRUGGISTS,**  
Woodstock, Feb. 17, 1896.

**OLLA PODRIDA**  
—AND—  
**GYMNASTIC EXHIBITION**  
—AT—  
**Graham's Hall,**  
**FRIDAY, Feb. 21st, 1896.**

By Miss Hudson and Pupils,  
Assisted by home talent.  
Two of Kirmess Drills Repeated.  
**FOR SALE.**

A second hand Howe Sewing Machine in good running order, may be had very cheap. Apply at McDougall's Restaurant, King St.

**WANTED.**  
May 1st, a store suitable for the sale of patent and proprietary medicines. Address, SALOL, 697 Mass. Ave., Cambridgeport, Mass.

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A convenient self-contained flat situate on Elm street, Woodstock, N. B. Seven rooms, hall and storeroom, sheds and barn. Possession given May 1st, 1896. For terms and particulars apply to J. C. HARTLEY, Solicitor, Woodstock, N. B.

**WANTED.**  
A young man with some knowledge of the clothing business. Apply at OAK HALL, WOODSTOCK.  
A DANCE IN COLE'S HALL on Monday evening for the benefit of Prof. Barry was a success.  
The cruiser Baltimore is to go out of commission immediately.