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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

DRIVES HUNG UP BY REASON OF THE DROUGHT.

A Dog Nearly Caused a Serious Accident in Bath.—Departure from Perth of Mr. E. W. Harmon.—Festive Gathering at Hartland.

JACKSONVILLE.

At the last session of the Hobos held in the association parlors the winning hobo was conspicuous by his absence. Several prominent officials from Hartford and Waterville including a few hog reeves took the Hobo oaths of membership. After a regular routine of business the audience was regaled with a song entitled "Tis a sin to steal a tater" by little Johnnie Laney from Cape Briton. Though Johnnie is only a five year old he faced that immense audience with a coolness and nerve that would have done justice to Mr. Syphers giving evidence against the Woodstock Druggists. Little Johnnie McDervin retorted "Curfew must not ring to-night." As this was a new piece he received several encores and two calls before the curtain. Johnnie's marvellous and universal elocution is in great measure owing to a course of private lessons he received in Colorado. The Hobos in a body attended service in Coe's music hall on Sunday. The procession was headed by Gilmore's celebrated New York Band. Rev. Ezra Kinney the Hobo Chaplain delivered a very impressive address taking as a text "supper little children and old women to come at me, for I fear them not." Only those who know Mr. Kinney's candour and originality can understand what a paralyzing effect this address had on his audience. He illustrated his address with many startling occurrences he had witnessed when he was outside. He treated his subjects so weightily and brought out his heavy points so forcibly, that every time he struck the counter with his fist he brought the 400, Hobos to their feet. The Foxy Hobo, was so delighted with the harangue that he has declared his intention of attending service regularly once a year hereafter, though the Political Hobo says he hasn't seen the inside of a synagogue for upward of 30 years. Lizer Jane the belle of one hill has returned from the States and has applied for the position of Preceptress of the Club House on Wise's Lake. She insists that if she takes the job a system of Turkish baths shall be put in and a conservatory be built on the south side of the structure. Since the Hobo government came into power, the road in the Jacksonville district has been greatly improved. In fact the Hobos are instituting reforms in all directions. They have some intention of nominating a Hobo candidate for Ottawa.

OAKVILLE.

I see by last week's DISPATCH that a Watson Settlement lady came very near "getting in the soup" so to speak, by reading the Oakville news in this paper. I am very sorry that anything so serious should happen, but for the consolation of that lady let me say, we have a Methodist church a number of Methodist people who read the Wesleyan, and that when the happenings of this great place are put in print it is quite suitable for reading matter on any day Sunday included. Spring has come again and most farmers are at work now. Dr. Martin has built a veranda across the front of his already pretty residence, which adds much to its appearance. Who got the bounce? In future you had better attend to your own business more strictly, young man. Mr. George G. Bell intends building a large barn this summer. He has the frame already up. A citizen of this town paid a visit to Woodstock a few days ago, and when he returned he seemed to be suffering terribly from what I will not dare to guess. Town air must be too thin for him. Mr. Thos. Bell has a wagon shed erected, which when completed, will be very convenient. The season of stone picking frolics will soon be upon us again. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, the singing being remarkably good. T. S. Briggs has built a handsome fence around his grounds.

PERTH CENTRE.

Mr. E. W. Harmon one of our popular citizens took his departure for the far west one day last week. Mr. Harmon located in this town about 15 years ago and opened up a blacksmith and carriage shop and in that line he stood second to none in New Brunswick. He will be greatly missed by the community both near and abroad. As a citizen he took great pride, in the advance of this town. Mr. Harmon was an active member of the I. O. F. and held one of the highest offices in the court. Rev. Mr. Jinkins preached in the Free Baptist church Sunday evening. Mr. Miles McCrea has bought the shop and stock from Mr. E. W. Harmon and solicits the patronage of the country and will guarantee good satisfaction. Mr. Jas. A. Anders has returned home after spending a visit with friends in Kings county.

The river is falling fast. The lumbermen on head of Tobique river are at work driving.

CENTREVILLE.

Miss L. E. Fitzgerald had her grand opening of spring millinery Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of last week. Her windows are tastefully decorated with everything that could be thought of in the shape of millinery goods. A mass of elegant leaves and flowers hangs conspicuously in the window, arranged in the form of a large bell; and on either side is a large star and crescent of the same. The band gave an open air concert in front of her window Thursday evening after which they were invited inside to partake of some well-prepared dainties and refreshments. To their great surprise their wives were also present to partake of the feast with them. Miss Fitzgerald though in business for so short a time, has established a large trade, and reports her business in a more flourishing condition this season than any previous.

BRISTOL.

C. A. Phillips of this place is deriving an excellent business. His stock in every line is complete and purchasers would do well to examine his goods. Miss Colwell is again in charge of the millinery department and will as usual, please the ladies with her taste and skill.

BATH.

Miles McCrea, a highly respected citizen of this place, has recently removed to Perth, where he has opened a business of his own in the blacksmithing trade. He will be greatly missed by the fair sex of this vicinity, as well as by the I. O. F. Court Mount, of which he was court deputy.

Messrs. W. A. Smith and P. Corbett are doing an extensive business in the sale of agricultural implements.

Miss B. Ryan who has been dangerously ill for the last few weeks, is now improving under the skilful treatment of Dr. Cummins, who has lately taken the practice of Dr. McNelly.

Miss M. A. Bolan has also been ill for a few weeks past, but is now convalescent.

Owing to the recent drouth the drives in general are still hung up.

W. R. Gillen of Hartland, who has many friends in Bath, made a flying visit here last week.

Miss Merritt, niece of Mrs. Whit. Giberson, has lately established a dress making business here. We wish her much success in the new field.

S. Miller, the bustling agent for the Sun Life Assurance company, did a large business in this place last week.

Ex-mayor Hanson of Woodstock, came to Bath lately on business.

The recent announcement that the Dominion election is to take place on June 23rd, has started the people guessing as to who may be the candidates. We want to know at once.

Bath can now boast of an expert carriage painter. The work is done in first class style, and any one wishing a carriage repainted should give him a call.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the late Colwell Brown, resident of this place for the last thirty-five years, passed away on Wednesday last. She will be much missed by her many sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Squires, widow of the late Zebedee Squires, for a number of years a resident of Fredericton, died at the residence of her son, Robert Squires, on Friday last. She was buried on Sunday, and her funeral was largely attended.

Mrs. Tracey, of the Tracey House, recently held a novel social in the shape of a maple candy party. The guests were many, and well entertained. We hope the example set by Mrs. Tracey may be followed by many others.

Past H. C. R. Le Baron Coleman, of the I. O. F., paid the Court Mount a visit last week.

Mr. Howard Giberson is doing an extensive business in the sale of steam washing machines. He is the right kind of man to sell and has the right kind of a machine to take.

Miss Mary McIsaac, who has been in Houlton for some months past, arrived home last week.

What might have been a very serious accident, but luckily was averted, occurred here last week. The scene took place near the C.P.R. station and the principal participants were a dog, a bicycle and rider, two runaway horses and several men.

The dog, who was the instigator of the affair, we should have thought to be more peaceably inclined, on account of coming from "The Happy Land of Canaan, the land where milk and honey flows."

But the results proved different. We are thankful to our M. P. P's, who if they did nothing else in the last session, that they enacted a law taxing dogs, and we pledge them our votes at next election if they will make an amendment to the same law doubling the original tax, or providing that all vicious dogs should wear a muzzle if they are allowed to run at large in a civilized community.

D. W. Kyle has severed his connection with the firm of Phillips & Seelye. We wish him success wherever he may go.

HARTLAND.

Special meetings have been conducted in Matheson's hall by Revs. Worden and Hayward, during the past week and much good is being done. The meetings will continue during the present week.

The three mills are in full blast. Mr. Richardson started on Friday, and all were pleased to hear the new whistle. The boiler equipped with a modern furnace, built of fire brick by Mr. J. Cadwalder had a head of steam in twenty minutes. The engine and all the machinery which was built by Messrs. Cowan, Galt, Ont., worked to satisfaction.

The Hotel American has changed hands and is now run by Mrs. Keliher of Bangor.

Miss Berdie Tracy arrived home from New England convalescent music Boston last week.

On Monday April 27th the Commercial Hotel was ablaze with light and radiant with the beauty and elite of Hartland, the occasion being a leap year party given by the ladies of the village to their gentlemen friends, who gladly responded to so generous an invitation. The following programme was carried out each lady selecting a male partner to converse with; weather, leap year jealousy, music, ghosts, matrimony, advice, oysters. The above on neat cards were distributed among the party, oysters claiming the favorite partner. At eleven the gong sounded for supper, each lady accompanied by her partner marched in to the tables sumptuously arranged in Mr. Rideout's large dining hall where oysters etc, were discussed ad libitum. When the inner man and woman were thoroughly satisfied the party trooped into the parlours where music, singing and games were indulged in and "all went merrily as a marriage bell" till the wee sma hours, when tempus fugit advised the ladies to escort their partners to their respective homes according to leap year customs. Thus ended a festive evening long to be remembered by those present, regretted by those absent, and hoped to be repeated by all.

BORN.

CLARK.—At Woodstock, on Sunday, 3rd inst., to the wife of S. H. Clark, a son.

MARRIED.

HOYT-CHURCHILL.—On April 29th, at St. Paul's church, by Rev. Canon DeVeber, the Reverend Leo A. Hoyt, rector of Simonds, to Adina, only daughter of Capt. David Churchill, of Golden Grove.

NOTICE.

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PERSONALS.

Dr. Inch was in town last Friday. Senator Temple was in town on Saturday. H. H. Fairweather, St. John is at the Wilbur. A. A. McCluskey, St. John, is at the Wilbur House.

Dr. Churchill, Bristol, was in Woodstock on Monday.

H. W. Shaw, Hawkshaw, was at the Victoria recently.

Rev. Father Murray, Johnville, was in Woodstock last week.

W. B. Jewett returned from Halifax on Saturday.

Perry Fitzgerald, Glassville, was in Woodstock on Monday on business.

F. M. Baird son of Geo. F. Baird, M. P., St. John, spent Sunday in town.

Archdeacon Neales accompanied by his daughter Miss Bessie Neales, arrived home on Friday.

Leb. L. Mooers, Connell, Stephen Scott, Bairsville, Harry Burnham, Centreville, are at the Victoria.

Geo. F. Gregory, Q. C., who attended court during the libel case, returned to Fredericton on Saturday.

Rev. J. D. Freeman of the Baptist church Fredericton is in Woodstock for his health. He will preach for Rev. J. H. McDonald next Sunday.

Edward and Roland Williams have gone to Woodville, N. H., to take positions with their uncle, Robert Colwell, who is engaged in railway work there.

John J. Hughes and Frank Thompson have entered into a partnership, and have opened a plumbing establishment on Queen street. They are now ready to receive orders.

A NEW POET.—It is understood that Frank J. Sherman, accountant of the Merchants' Bank, during his recent visit to New York, made arrangements for the early publication of a book of poems, which he has written.—F'ton Herald. Mr. Sherman was located in Woodstock at one time and has many friends here.

THE VENDOME has been cleaned thoroughly, painted and papered in good taste and Mrs. Burns Gibson now occupies it and has opened it as an hotel. She not only has that part of the building lately used as a restaurant but also those spacious rooms which Mr. Connell occupied as law offices. George Laird runs the restaurant on the first floor which has been so renovated that those who lately frequented it would not know it. The long dining hall up stairs is now available for oyster suppers and that sort of thing. George Laird has a work room in the rear where he will receive orders for furniture repairing and upholstering. The attention of the public is called to this hotel and restaurant which is centrally and pleasantly located and run in the very best manner.

WENT THROUGH THE ICE.—The following account of the drowning of a Fort Fairfield man, Mr. James Sterling, is taken from the Northern Leader. The accident occurred at the head of Priestly Rapids in the St. John river, a few miles below Seven Islands.

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