

DECEMBER 8, 1897.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

SISSON RIDGE.

We regret to report the death of one of our esteemed residents. Our aged friend Rev. Mileage Lewis formerly of Albert County was called away on Friday Nov. 26th. His remains were interred on the property of Mr. Gough on Sunday Nov. 28th. Much credit is due Rev. Mr. Milan, for the excellent sermon which he delivered in the "Ridge" schoolhouse in regard to the event. The bereaved family and relatives have our deepest sympathy.

A meeting was held in the school house on Dec. 1st in connection with the building of the Baptist church. Mr. Ridgewell presided as chairman with Joshua Brown Esq. as secretary of the meeting. The location and size of the church was decided and the committee were appointed. Those on the building committee were Joshua Wark, Asa Marston and John Vincent, and the ways and means committee are Mrs. Joshua Wark, treasure, Mrs. Miles Lewis, Earnest Marston, Norman Wright, and Wayman Wright.

Mrs. Harv. Sisson of this place fell on the ice recently hunting her back quite severely, but is recovering.

We are having some nice weather here lately and some of our gentlemen seem to be taking advantage of it such as taking "long island" drives during the fine evenings. We infer that the air up the river must be harassing from the fact that the said gentlemen have been complaining of a heart trouble ever since.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

The Comedy Drama, "The Deacon's Tribulations" was played here Thanksgiving evening by the Home Talent Comedy Company. A full house greeted them, every seat in the hall being occupied, as well as all the standing room. Those taking part did remarkably well, and fully deserve the patronage given them by the public. During the evening, specialties, in the way of songs were introduced by Messrs. Henneberry, Lowery and Seaborn. As usual after the play, there was a dance; good music was furnished by Churchill's orchestra of five pieces. Owing to the success of this affair, the Company will produce a much heavier play in the near future.

Business is terribly dull, owing to the rough roads and lack of snow.

The drug firm of Seates & Co. failed up about three weeks ago, but are now doing business again. The several teachers who have been out of town to their homes, spending the fall two weeks' vacation, returned on Saturday the 4th to begin their duties on Monday for the winter term.

There has been very good skating on the mill ponds for some time past.

C. A. O. Smith, Miss Smith, and Miss Ella Beardsley, of Richmond, N. B., were among those who came down from Caribou to the Thanksgiving play and dance.

The "St. Paul Guild" of the Episcopal church held a sale and supper in Elm Hall last Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance and quite a little sum made.

Mr. Bonney, Principal of the High School, returned Saturday from a two week's vacation spent in the woods, he brought home with him two fine deer, and also a bear skin.

It is rumored that the Knights of Pythias are thinking very seriously of giving a New Year's Ball.

Many beautiful things are now on display at the different stores for Christmas.

Bishop Nealey will again visit this parish on Dec. 20th, to administer the rite of Confirmation to the large class that is now being prepared. The Bishop was here at the first of November and confirmed a class at that time.

There will be two dancing classes here this winter, one by Churchill's orchestra, and one by Messrs. Beckwith, Knowles and Osborne. Both classes begin this week.

Leveeta Kimball, formerly of Jacksonville, has bought the Isaac Barnes' farm on the West Limestone road, and will probably move into this place in the spring.

The Ladies Aid Society at Stevensville gave a sale and supper on Friday evening at their new hall, Stevensville. A large number drove up, a distance of two miles from the Fort, and enjoyed the little fair immensely.

Four tramps were locked up Thursday evening and on Friday taken to Houlton goal for 60 days.

Miss Ida Caldwell was married at her home on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., to Mr. Frank O. Osborne. They are keeping house at North End, across the river from the town.

McKENZIE CORNER.

Thanksgiving day has come again and we hope the people of this place will be gratified for the many blessings they have received this present year.

A Thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian church Rev. L. Miller officiating.

A few inches of snow a few days ago helped the roads inasmuch that farmers are glad for they were tired of learning their horses to skate.

Bradford Yerxa, Houlton, has returned to this

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place to take up his abode among his former friends.

Hog killing revivals are now in order.

We expect to hear wedding bells peal out from Greenville in the near future.

Ira Carson while out hunting shot a fine deer, but he says he will capture the next deer he sees alive.

UPPER KENT.

A. Hawthorne, our popular post master, is, we are sorry to say, quite sick.

Clowes Tompkins, who has been working in Fredericton, is home again.

Mrs. Louisa Bloodworth is spending the winter with her son, John Bloodworth. Although nearly eighty-four years of age, she is a remarkably smart woman. She has, during the last few months, pieced a quilt containing over four thousand pieces. Mentally, she is unimpaired.

Mrs. Harriet Giberson, of Bath, is visiting friends here.

Miss B. Squires, of Bath, has been visiting friends here for the last few days.

Carfield Perry has gone to Bath to attend school.

Miss Jennie Squires, our popular teacher, is going to remain another term.

Your correspondent was quite amused with the verses or dialogue between Christian and Prejudice.

We always thought when a woman got married, she changed her maiden name, but then ignorance is bliss.

There is quite a stir in hay and oats, although prices are low. Two cars are being loaded at the siding.

The Meahan Murder Case.

The evidence-taking in the Meahan murder case was concluded in the St. John Circuit Court Saturday afternoon. The prisoner Walsh went on the stand in his own behalf. He said that on the day in question Rooney, the deceased and himself were drinking together and that while on Douglas Avenue he wanted to have some fun, so put a can on a limb and went to peg rocks at it. Tore his shirt sleeve doing that and took off his coat. The leaves stopped his sight, but not the force of the stones. He saw Meahan lying with blood on him. Asked him if he hit him with a stone. Meahan said yes.

Witness took his handkerchief and tried to wipe away the blood. He did not seem bad. Witness went away then and fell down. He then described how he went to the falls, got in a boat, etc., and told of his further movements till arrested. He fell down the bank, he was so drunk. He did not throw any stones at John Meahan; did not attempt to hurt him. They were always good friends.

Meahan was always good natured. Was arrested next morning, was not sure by whom, in the shanty, was taken to Portland police office about 5.30 a. m., and later was brought to the central station.

In cross examination prisoner admitted he had been convicted three times for throwing stones at people.

The prisoner was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Cold Weather Lore.

Weather prophets of a bygone day turned old-standing prognostications—which had in many instances been verified—to good account. Thus:

Many haws,
Many snaws;
Many sloes,
Many cold toes.

"If the old oak bears much mast (acorns), it foreshows a long and hard winter."

Ice and cold in November predict warm weather about Christmas. Hence the proverb, "if the ice bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse after." And again:

If there is ice in November that will bear a duck,

There'll be nothing after but slush and muck.

And still further:

If ducks go slide at Hollantide,
At Christmas they will swim;
If ducks at Hollantide do swim,
At Christmas they will slide—

Hollantide meaning Hallowe'en, or All Saints' Eve (Oct. 31).

In the north of England there is a curious rhyme descriptive of the value of rain in the latter part of the year:

'Tween Martinmas and Yule
Water's wine in every pool.

Thunder in December prognosticates fine weather. In some parts there is an old adage:

—Winter thunder.
Rich man's food and poor man's hunger.

A Gentle Soporific.—"What's the matter with Blum? I hear that alarm clock of his go off half a dozen times between ten at night and ten in the morning." "He's troubled with insomnia, he can roll right over and go to sleep."

Positive proof.—Customer—Is he an up-to-date parrot? Dealer—Well, we'll let him speak for himself. (To parrot—Polly, want a cracker? The parrot—Hoot, mon! I dinna ken! Hoo's a, wi yef Gang awa! Customer—I'll take him.

Safe.—"May I kiss you, Miss Teuspot?" asked young Mr. Huggins. "Have you ever kissed a girl before?" asked the young lady. "Never!" asseverated the young man. "Then you may kiss me. I draw the line at men who kiss and tell."

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The Lady Freemason.

The legend of the Lady Freemason is examined, as in the dry light of history, by a correspondent who communicates his learned enquiries to us this morning. The popular version—which everybody had heard and nobody quite believed—was that Miss St. Leger, daughter of a former Lord Doneraile, had concealed herself in the case of a "grandfather's clock," which was standing in a room where the occult rites of the fraternity were about to be celebrated; that she sneezed (or did she yawn?) and was dragged from her hiding place, but, in lieu of instant execution, was mercifully allowed, in regard to the feelings of her father and brothers to be initiated into all the mysteries of the craft. Being a woman, she was considered to be sufficiently punished by being told a secret and forced to keep it. The fact that she never divulged what she learned has been used by perverse misogynists as a proof that there was nothing to reveal. Faithful Masons have been fixed on the horns of a rather disconcerting dilemma; either there was nothing to tell or the woman never found it out. They have been invited to repudiate either the mystery or the woman. But our correspondent comes to their rescue. From his researches in situ, and his investigation of the family archives, it appears that Miss St. Leger did not hide herself in a clock, for the simple reason that no time piece of sufficient capacity was kept at Doneraile Court. What really happened is that she was sitting in a library joining the room in which the ceremony was being enacted. But the partition wall chanced to be undergoing repair; and while she was dozing—perhaps over a novel of the period—she was awakened by the sound of voices. Naturally she wished to know what was being said. Some girls in their father's house would have walked in to the next room and taken their proper share in the conversation.

But this was too tame for Miss St. Leger. She pulled away some of the bricks and established a position of vantage where she could see and hear without being observed. All might have gone well, but either the lodge program was less entertaining than she had expected or, as our correspondent suggests, she suddenly realized the "terrible consequences of her action." Whether she was conscience stricken or merely bored, she determined to make her escape. She got safely into the hall, and saw nobody there but the family butler. But he was no longer the obsequious retainer; he was a man and a Mason. Indeed, he was acting as doorkeeper to the lodge whose sacred rights she had profaned. It was no longer a case of servant and mistress; she was the culprit, he the avenging priest. Obviously, he had to tell her papa. It was equally matter of course that she should fall into a swoon—it gave her time to review the situation. The sequel cannot be more touchingly described than in our correspondent's own language: "The fair culprit, endowed with a high sense of honor, at once consented to pass through the impressive ceremonies she had already in part witnessed, and become a Freemason." The precision of the narrative leaves nothing to be desired until we ask for the date. All we are told is that "the year was probably 1710." Probably! We had imagined that this full, true and particular account was transcribed from authentic and contemporary records. But if the year is only a matter of conjecture, what of the rest of the narrative? Is it one more essay in that branch of history which the Germans call "subjective reconstruction"—inventing a private fancy and stating it as an ascertained fact?—From the London Standard.

Because you are without money, friends and talents, it does not follow that you are of no account in the world. Each school boy knows that Lincoln was a poor boy, that Grant was nobody in particular until the late war gave him his opportunity, that Livingstone, the great African explorer, was a poor weaver boy, and Burns a plough-boy. Application, industry and honesty were the magic keys that opened to them the doors of success. Others with friends, money and matchless talents, started in the race also, but came to naught because they lacked one thing—an unalterable determination to succeed—like many boys of today, they said, "I can't" and "I won't" instead of "I can" and "I will." You cannot make your mark in a day, you cannot achieve success at a bound; some men may have apparently done so, but in reality it was the work of years which had been patiently waiting its sure reward. In a word, it is the patient endeavor and faithful work of every day which enables a man to make his mark.

A Liberal Elected.

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