

LOCAL TOPICS.

THE WATER in the river is rising rapidly, and it looks as if the ice might go out early.

REV. DR. CHAPMAN and Rev. Mr. Rutledge exchanged pulpits Sunday morning last.

VERY muddy streets around town, and bad going in the country. The sled and sleighs have about had their day.

FOR THE BAIL.—Thomas Troy has a fine stock of yellow, white and red roses of about fifty different varieties and a lot of carnations for the Easter Ball.

THE Town Council will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening next. It is likely that the question of the disposal of Scott Act fines will come up for consideration.

IT IS JUST as important to renovate the bodily system as it is to repair your fences or to clean house in the spring. Call at R. W. Balloch's and get any kind of patent medicine you want.

THE Women's Aid Association in connection with St. Luke's church intend having a Sale and Tea in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, Easter week April 13th. Full advertisement next week.

THE B. Y. P. U. of the Albert Street Baptist Church, will give a parlor concert at the residence of Mr. Chas. McKeen, on Friday evening next. A good literary and musical programme has been prepared. Admission 15 cents.

THE annual meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Company will be held at the Queen Hotel Fredericton on April 6th, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. The regular annual business will be transacted, and the election of directors will take place.

FRED H. DERRAH, of Woodstock, desires to publicly retract some statements that recently in a moment of anger he made about his wife. He admits that he was absolutely wrong and that he had no reasonable cause whatever for making the statements he did. He publicly apologises.

RIVER DRIVING.—The contract for three years' driving the logs put into the St. John and Aroostook rivers will be decided by opening of tenders after April 6th. The contract for driving upon the Tobique will be sold at auction at the Court House, at Antigonish, on Tuesday April 12th, at 2 o'clock.

WHAT had every appearance of a dastardly attempt to wreck Conductor Hagerman's train from Fredericton, on Saturday last, to the Junction, was discovered by Driver Donaldson, who saw the obstruction in time to check the speed of the train. Two heavy loading planks had been thrown across the track near Three Mile Creek. Fortunately no damage was done, due however, to the watchfulness of the driver.

AN APOLOGY.—H. W. Lewis, of Arthurette, justly complains that a very improper reference was made to him in the last issue of THE DISPATCH. This early opportunity is taken of apologising to Mr. Lewis. The item was published in perfect innocence of its nature. It was not sent by our regular correspondent. We must request that people will not send us cheap and foolish jokes under the cloak of news matter.

MRS. CHARLES UPHAM, of the Connell road, died very suddenly last Wednesday morning. She gave birth to a child some two days previous and seemed to be getting along well. A turn for the worse set in suddenly and carried her off. Mrs. Upham's maiden name was King. She was a daughter of Dr. King, a veterinary surgeon, well known in Woodstock. The husband and three children survive. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The remains were interred in Christ Church burial yard.

MCADAM NOTES.—It seems about settled that McAdam is to have a handsome station shortly. The site, it is said, will be below where the repair shops are now, a considerable distance removed from the present site. Work will be commenced shortly. It is said that there is not a vacant house in McAdam. There are two schools, one taught by Mr. Perkins and another by Miss Hoyt. The junction house changes hands the first of the month. Mr. Matthew is leaving, and it is said that Colin Campbell, of Woodstock, will likely be his successor.

A St. JOHN Telegraph correspondent reporter interviewed Mr. White, the attorney-General with regard to the various murder trials now on the tapis. Speaking of the Canovan case, Mr. White said:—The trial of Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Canovan for the poisoning of Minnie Tucker at Johnville on January 27th last would be taken up next month. There was nothing much new in the case, except that Mr. W. F. Best, analyst, of this city, had concluded his examination of the stomach of the unfortunate girl, which had been brought to him by Coroner Comming for that purpose. Of course there was no telling yet what the result of the analyst's examination was.

SOME WEEKS ago THE DISPATCH quoted from the Fredericton Herald an article on "A Flush Delegate" in which reference generally flattering was made to Mr. G. L. Cronkhite of Royaltown. Mr. Cronkhite writes to the Herald denying that he made an inordinate display of his money. He writes:—I wish emphatically to deny the statement that I made a public exhibition of my pocket-book. While in the hotel when some twenty persons were present, I was contradicted in an argument, and I offered to put up five dollars for the benefit of the crowd that I was correct. My opponent said five dollars was too small an amount, but he would bet \$100. I then took out my pocket book and taking from it two bills of \$50 each, offered to bet that amount, or raise it to \$1,000, if my opponent wished it, but he declined to put up his money. This is the only time I had my pocket book out of my pocket from the time I left home till I returned home again, as I had money enough in a purse to pay my expenses."

Personal

Wm. Snaddon, Toronto, is at the Carlisle. Dr. Sterling, of Debec, was in town on Monday. Mrs. T. Carl. L. Ketchum and children are in St. Andrews.

Mrs. W. D. Camber went to St. John last week to attend the spring millinery openings.

Mrs. L. M. Hume, Houlton, who has been spending some weeks in town, left Friday last for home.

Charles Burnham, one of East Florenceville's enterprising merchants was in Woodstock last week.

Colonel Vince of the Brighton Engineers has completed a special course at the R. R. C. I. Fredericton.

Misses May Tompkins and Bertha Woolverton went to St. John last week to attend the spring millinery openings.

H. H. McCain, M. P. P., W. S. McCain and Ferguson McCain, Florenceville, took in the sportsman show in Boston last week.

Moses Burpee and Miss Burpee, Houlton, came over to Woodstock on Saturday. Miss Burpee remained, the guest of Miss McAfee.

Lieut. W. C. Good, of the Woodstock Field Battery, has returned from the City of Quebec where he has been taking a course in gunnery.

Guy E. Flagg, Gordon P. Haley and J. A. Milmore have completed in a satisfactory manner the junior course of study in Book-keeping and Office Practice as given at the Woodstock Business College.

Loggie Ross of Woodstock who attended the Plon Business college here some years ago has arrived in town to take a position in the drug store of John M. Wiley. Lieut. McEllinney of the Salvation army of this city, has been transferred to Fairville, and Lieut. Muttart to Woodstock.—F'ton. Herald

INFORMATION against the Carlisle, Aberdeen Hotels and J. C. Doherty, for violation of Scott Act, have been settled by the payment of a number of fines.

The lecture by Mr. Hyde in the basement of the Methodist church, next Friday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League promises to be a very interesting affair. Lecture commences at 8 o'clock. Silver collection will be taken.

THE Richard Ball house and grounds, just below Connell's foundry, were sold at public auction on Monday. They were knocked down to Richard Ketchum for \$2800. Of the rest of the estate Mr. Ketchum bought ten lots, his whole purchases amounting to \$4,400. John Connor bought a lot for \$500. Geo. A. White one \$410. W. Duppa Smith, two lots, total \$365; Willard Carr, 1 lot \$225; Eli Shea, one lot, \$75. The total sales amounting to \$5,975.

THE Cuban crisis naturally demands more space in the editorial department of the American Monthly Review of Reviews than any other single topic. The whole matter is reviewed in the light of the latest and most authentic information received up to the time of going to press. The Review is convinced that the country desires and will demand intervention in Cuba, that the real question at issue is the relief of Cuba, not the settlement of the Maine incident, and that Spain's final withdrawal from the Western hemisphere will be the only satisfactory termination of the present trouble.

MR. JOHN WRIGHT, father of W. R. Wright of Upper Woodstock was drowned near Temperancevale on Sunday. He was taking a short cut across the country by a winter road which crossed the stream about a mile and a half above the bridge at Temperancevale. The ice had become too rotten to cross on and poles were laid across the stream. While trying to cross on the poles Mr. Wright lost his footing and fell into the stream. The only person who saw him was a sick man, about eighty rods distant. By the time help arrived at the place it was too late. A walking stick was all that could be found. Search for the body was at once made but to no effect. There is a large crowd out searching the stream today. Mr. Wright was born in July, 1800.—Press. Mr. W. R. Wright went to Temperancevale on Monday to attend the funeral.

ASA DOW, well known in this county died at his residence, Meductic, on Thursday, 17th, aged nearly 88 years. His whole life had been spent in Canterbury, where he was in his earlier years, one of the most active and enterprising of the people of that part. He had accumulated much wealth, of which he had made good use in contributing to educational and philanthropic purposes. He made many valuable gifts to the University. At a meeting of the faculty and student delegates of the University of New Brunswick, the first held since his death, it was unanimously resolved "That this committee should give expression to the regret felt by all who are interested in the welfare of the university at the loss sustained by the death of a benefactor whose liberality in founding the Asa Dow scholarship has perpetuated his name, and enabled teachers of limited means to obtain a university education, and further that a copy of this resolution be published in the University Monthly and in the daily newspapers."

James E. Barter. James A. Barter.

NOTICE.

We have lately started a general Woodworking Factory at Avondale, where we are in a position to give you first class work at the lowest prices. Our machinery is all new and of the best quality. We are near to the lumber we manufacture and so buy it cheaper than the larger city factories. The work is all done by experienced workmen—no amateurs. Look for our advertisement in the pages of THE DISPATCH.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES E. BARTER & CO.

Enjoyable Concert.

Miss Alma Hartley and a few of her pupils gave a very pleasant concert at the residence of Mr. Fred Moore, on Monday evening. They who were present enjoyed a treat. The following programme was carried out:—

Duet—Andante and Rondo from Second Sonata. Miss Faye Camber, Miss Annie Colter. Piano Solo—"Joyfulness". Miss Ida Brown. Piano Solo—"Alle Marcia". Miss Louise Stevenson. Song—"A Dream of Paradise". Miss Hartley. Duet—Minuetto, from Op. 78. Misses Maude and Nan Phillips. Piano Solo—"Song Without Words, No. 28". Miss Margaret Ross. Song—"Surely". Miss Faye Camber. Piano Solo—"Pledge Romantic". Miss Ethel Marsten. Piano Solo—"La Naide". Miss Mabel Gladden. Vocal Duet—"Tarry with me". Mr. F. L. Moores, Miss Hartley. Piano Solo—"Forest Melodies". Miss Nan Phillips. Medley Duet—"Ermine". Miss Hazen, Miss Jenner. Piano Solo—"May Bells Ringing". Miss Mary Moore. Piano Solo—"Caprice, 'Le Lever Du Soleil'". Miss Faye Camber. Song—"The Gift". Miss Faye Camber. Duet—"Hungary Op. 28, No. 6". Miss Katherine Clark, Miss Ethel Marsten. Piano Solo—"Star of Hope" (from Batiste). National Anthem.

Returns Thanks.

SALVATION ARMY.
WOODSTOCK, N. B., Mar. 28th.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Dear Editor,—We would like through your paper to thank our many friends in Woodstock for their great kindness and sympathy to us during our stay among them for the last ten months. Truly the Scriptures has been fulfilled. We were strangers and you took us in. God abundantly bless them all and the spruce little town in which we have spent such a pleasant time. We proceed today (Wednesday) to Clark's Harbor, N. S., where we expect to continue our labors for God and souls. Asking a continuation of your sympathy to our successors, Ensign Pugh and Lt. Muttart.

We remain,
ENSIGN AND MRS. WRIGHT.

Farnell's Mother.

Mrs. Delia Farnell, mother of Charles Stewart Farnell, the renowned Irish leader, died in Wicklow, Ireland, on Saturday.

Hard words are said to break no bones; But he who made that proverb lied— As recently was proved by Jones, When rashly, recklessly, he tried To say three Welsh words each of which Had twenty letters! Ere he'd spoken The first of them, a sudden twitch He felt, and found his jaw bone broken.

FLOWERS.

Roses and Carnations, Floral Emblems and Bouquets, At Thomas Troy's Greenhouse.

Also, House Plants of every description, Bedding Out Plants, Cabbage Plants, Cauliflower, Tomato, Celery and Cucumber Plants ready 1st of May. All orders promptly attended to.

THOMAS TROY,

Opp. L.P. Fisher, Main St. Woodstock, N.B.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

The subscriber will sell his farm, or rent it to a good reliable tenant on reasonable terms. Apply to JOHN D. KETCHUM, on the premises, or at THE DISPATCH OFFICE.

GARDEN'S CORNER.

There is no department of our business that receives such close attention as our DISPENSARY. In it we keep nothing but the Purest Drugs and Medicines that can be procured. In every way it is perfect in its appointments, and at all times under the personal supervision of the proprietors. While our drugs are of the highest standard of quality, our prices are always the lowest consistent with good work. This is why we dispense so many physicians' prescriptions. You are always sure of purity and greatest care in compounding.

GARDEN BROS.

The Prescription Druggists
Woodstock.

Our Third Anniversary.

It is three years the 30th of this month since Oak Hall was born in the Town of Woodstock. We are therefore three years old in business today.

We take this opportunity of thanking the citizens of the Town and County for their very liberal patronage and solicit a continuance of the same, assuring them that we will do our utmost at all times to please. Give the best and latest goods the market affords at the lowest possible prices.

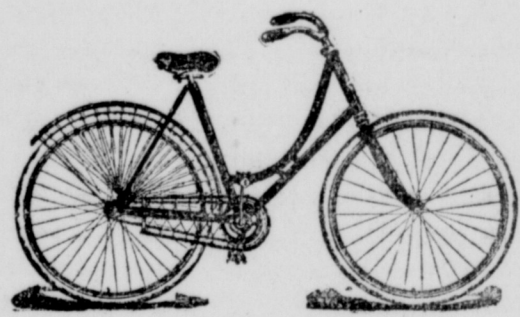
We will continue to do a cash business—mark our goods in Plain Figures, and sell every person at the same price. With your money back if you are not satisfied.

HAM & SMITH,

Oak Hall, One Price, Woodstock.

COME IN and look over our 1898 line of wheels.

\$40

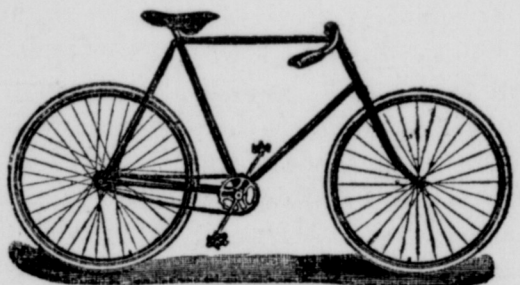


\$50

We Can't

tell you about what we have to offer in this brief space.

\$65



\$80

Prices from \$40 to \$80.

Every wheel is reliable and warranted.

BALMAIN BROS.

Woodstock, March 30, 1898.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Real Estate.

APPLY TO D. McLEOD VINCE,
Barrister-at-Law, Woodstock, N. B.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Pacific Fishing Club will be held on Thursday April 7th., 1898, at the office of W. T. Drysdale, Woodstock, N. B.
H. A. SEELY, Secretary.

WANTED.

Wanted to buy a farm near Woodstock. Any one wishing to sell would do well to write to MILES J. FAWCETT, Temperance Vale, York Co., giving description and location.

WANTED.

A situation as an engineer or fireman. Can handle any kind of engine, used to condensers. Fair education. References given. Any reasonable offer accepted. Address Engineer, Bristol, N. B.

WANTED.

Third Class teacher (Female) April 3rd. Beaufort, District 18. A. MACK, Secy.

LOST.

Lost last Friday on the road between Benton and Woodstock, a brown cloth hand bag. Will the finder please leave at the Benton post office or at this office.

TO LET.

Fine house and grounds to rent or for sale, on easy terms. Apply to H. V. DALLING.

TO RENT.

Blacksmith Shop on east side of river six miles below Woodstock, at junction Main and O'Donnell Settlement roads. Occupation given 1st of May. Apply at Queen Hotel Woodstock.

TO RENT.

Self contained ground flat, No. 1 Elm Street. Apply to J. C. HARTLEY.

Utopia Dramatic Club.

—AT—

GRAHAM'S - OPERA - HOUSE
MONDAY,

APRIL 18, 1898.

On which occasion they will produce the drama in three acts,

"TIME AND THE HOUR"

By J. PALGRAVE SIMON.

Commencing at 8.15 p. m. local time. Popular prices. Reserved seats at Graham's Store from Monday 11th April.

GRAND BALL!

The 2nd Annual Ball of the Woodstock Cornet Band will be held in Graham's Opera House, Woodstock, N. B.

EASTER MONDAY, April 11, 1898.

The Band will endeavor to surpass all previous efforts in making this a grand success. Supper will be served at intermission in the rooms used for that purpose in the Opera House. Music by band assisted by musicians from Houlton.

Committee: Dr. Manzer, Floor Manager, Aids, T. W. Murphy, Irvine Dibblee, George Gibson, Percy Bourne.

Concert by Band 8 o'clock. Grand March and Circle 3.30. Admission to Ball \$1.00. Spectators 25c. Supper 35c.

TO LET.

House to let situated on Main street Apply to Mrs. E. B. JEWETT.

TO LET.

To let, a tenement with modern conveniences, on Chapel street. Apply to WM. CONNELL.