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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

UNION CORNER.

The farmers are threshing out their grain. As a rule oats are turning out a good crop. Wheat is not as good a crop as last year but is a fair average in this settlement. James Finnigan who has been sick with pneumonia is convalescent.

Mrs. J. E. Chase wife of our post master has been quite ill but is now getting better. Mrs. Sullivan had a drawing rug party yesterday.

The following conversation took place between two of our young people.

He—I have a heart like a grindstone.

She—The heart of a grindstone is a hole.

Wm. Gildred who has been working all summer in Mr. Sharp's Saw mill at Monticello, Maine was home for a few days, but has gone away to the woods for the winter.

Fred Carpenter and Blanche Elbbett went to Centreville Thanksgiving day returning the following Sunday. They found the snow so deep one place that the horse and driver went faster than the waggon.

Mr. Vickery was the guest of J. R. Barton last Tuesday evening.

Patuck Finnigan a man of 70 years has gone to Boston to get a cataract removed from one of his eyes.

Last Wednesday evening a party of 17 young people from this vicinity went over to Richmond Corner and had a surprise party at Mansfield London's.

GLASSVILLE.

It is a matter of deep regret to many that the Presbyterian church here has been apparently closed for the winter. As far as Glassville is concerned, "the still small voice" of the preacher is no longer heard in the land. When, on the second Sunday of November, the Rev. Mr. Gratz of Andover, preached our pulpit vacant, after service he had a meeting of elders and trustees, and earnestly impressed on them the advisability of keeping church open with Sunday school or prayer meeting. As yet, however, the public have received no notification from our esteemed elders and trustees of any intention on their part to carry out Mr. G's. wise suggestion. As there are in both bodies gentlemen of distinguished piety, great zeal and much ability, it certainly does seem strange that office bearers—sacred and secular—of our time honoured church, who, of course, are presumed to have the interests of religion and Presbyterianism at heart, are not moving in the matter. The Baptist and Methodist churches at Highlands, Argyle and Biggar Ridge—both under hard-working, earnest and popular clergymen, are not thus supine, but in a highly prosperous condition. What is the reason that we Presbyterians whose brave ancestors heroically marshalled themselves beneath "the banner of the blue," and whose enduring constancy not the bitterest reverse of fortune could shake, cannot go and do so likewise? Are we being weighed in the balance and found wanting? Our friend, Councillor Gilmore, said to be a gentleman of very liberal and untrammelled religious ideas, spends his Sundays here in the bosom of his family. Why can't he step out from the sacred privacy of his closet and help us along. He can surely spare a little time from the gaol muddle, to put his sturdy shoulder now and then to the church wheel, and help in keeping us eventually out of a worse limbo than your Hardscrabble purgatory. Come on, Ed, out of your shell, and give us a push. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee." But "so thou and learn what that meaneth." Com.

EVERETT.

We are glad to see the snow and are in hopes it will stay on for the winter as the sleighing is now very good.

We are sorry to say that our teacher is not going to stop with us this term as she is very much liked by the scholars and also the people. She will take up her abode at Burnt Land Brook next term.

John and Leonard Everett spent last Sunday in the settlement and left Monday morning for the wild woods.

Our teacher, Miss L. Tomlinson, and scholars are practicing for a concert and Christmas tree on Christmas. We wish them every success.

We are sorry to say that our Sunday school has not been running this quarter on account of the weather. It will probably not open again before spring.

Mrs. James Watters has been spending a few days with Mrs. Tom Everett this week.

Mr. Hayden of Riley Brook accompanied by Mr. Hale of Woodstock passed through this place Wednesday enroute for the depot at the Forks of Tobique.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everett of B. L. B. spent yesterday at the Dufferin.

MAPLE VIEW.

As the scribe in this place seems to be hibernating perhaps a few words from another would not come amiss.

We are just now rejoicing in another fall of snow which will, no doubt, increase the traffic.

We have not had any service here lately but we think Mr. Paddington will officiate during the winter.

Miss Nellie Sadler is spending a few weeks at Andover.

Miss Annie Flanders has just returned from Andover where she has been visiting for a few days.

Geo. Fulerton, our popular J. P., has charge of a camp for Geo. Upham on Wapskehen.

We are sorry to part with Miss Helen Williams who has gone to Burnt Land Brook to keep house for her brother. We suppose that the daring hunter will cease snaring "dear" for a while at least.

The young people enjoyed some good skating Saturday evening.

P. B. Perkins made another of his flying trips to this vicinity. Possibly he was disappointed to find when he arrived that the "bird had flown."

Our school is progressing favorably under the efficient management of Mr. Davis of Waterville. We are sorry he purposes leaving us at the close of the term as he has made many friends while here.

The hay press, of this place, is at present at duty on Sisson Ridge.

Charles Vincent's house is closed up, he having gone to the woods. Mrs. Vincent is spending the winter at Sisson Ridge.

Fred Vincent has moved into his new house on the upper part of the settlement.

The cook's department in the "Maple View House" seems rather forsaken since the departure of one of the firm.

THREE BROOKS.

The recent falls of snow has greatly facilitated traffic.

Miss Susan Vincent has left for to attend school at Fort Fairfield this winter.

J. A. Perley of Andover passed through here Thursday last enroute for Riley Brook.

The Linton Bros. are lumbering this winter on Wapsky.

Owing to the unfavorable state of the weather Sunday last the Rev. J. R. Hopkins failed to have service in the English church at Sisson Ridge.

Andrew McCaskel has been hauling lumber from this place for the Presbyterian church at Riley Brook.

Willie Smith of this place is preparing this winter for R. A. Estey.

BRISTOL.

R. G. Boyer has opened up a furniture shop in the village and is prepared to do all kinds of repairing.

Prof. Fox who has a singing class here, is now preparing to give a concert in the hall about Christmas. He will be assisted by a number of his former pupils.

Guy Tupper and Miss Augusta Sprague both of Beechwood were married on Thursday evening last, by Rev. D. E. Brooks at his residence.

Rev. Mr. Brooks who has been confined to his house for some weeks with rheumatic fever, is now very much improved in health.

Mrs. I. N. Boyer received a despatch from New Hampshire on Friday stating that her daughter, Miss Bessie Boyer, was very ill, and not likely to recover. Mrs. Boyer left on the afternoon train for New Hampshire.

HARTLAND, N. B.

An alarm of fire was sounded on Monday morning about 5.30 a. m. It was caused by a fire burning in the Cox building. It might have started a serious conflagration as the wind was blowing hard at the time. The hose company were quickly at the scene and water turned on after laying three hundred and fifty feet of hose. This is the first alarm that has been sounded during the night and the readiness with which the company were on the scene is truly pleasing to all.

A new church bell has been purchased and now hangs in the belfry of the Baptist church. It rang for a service first on Sabbath morning when Rev. A. H. Hayward preached to a large congregation.

Special meetings have been carried on during the past two weeks and will be continued during the present week. They are conducted by the Revs. Mr. Bailey and Daggett and much good is being done.

Some change will take place in the teaching staff of the village Miss Susie Pass of the intermediate department has resigned and the primary is vacant owing to the illness of Miss Orchard.

CENTREVILLE.

Fred Tweedie, of the Baird Co., spent Sunday in the village, the guest of Rev. Jos. Cahill.

A goodly number from the village attended the dedication of the new Baptist church at Good's Corner on Sunday the 27th.

Alex. A. Campbell of Bristol, is here visiting friends.

Jack Balloch passed Sunday in Hartland.

Miss Maggie Scholey and Miss Nell Flewelling spent part of last week visiting friends at Jacksonton.

[From Another Correspondent.]

Winter is setting in with a will, but we hope to be able to keep on top the snow, if our snow shovels don't break.

H. T. Scholey and daughter, Margaret, intend starting for St. John on Friday.

Mr. Turner, painter, is in town.

Miss B. L. Keith, Miss Fitzgerald's head milliner, has returned to her home in Sussex. During her stay among us, she was liked by all. We hope Miss Fitzgerald will be fortunate enough to again secure her services, as her work is of the best.

Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Nell Flewelling will continue the work the remainder of the season.

Mr. Holland has gone to his home in Fredericton for a short vacation.

Mr. Campbell has taken up his abode at Haddon Burt's.

James Crone has returned from the West.

Miss Laura Wilkinson is confined to the house with a bad cold.

We are glad to see Miss Fay Burt around again.

Miss J. Hovey spent Sunday in town also R. R. Cunniff.

Rev. Mr. Sellar and Mr. Pinkerton are holding meetings in Lakeville.

Rev. J. E. Flewelling will hold service Thursday evening during Advent.

Centreville can boast of some fine horses. Ward Webb owns a valuable colt. W. B. Stiles and A. Kinney also own beasts worthy of mention.

MEDUCTIC.

S. C. Wiggins is off the sick list after a six weeks' seige of it. His friends are glad that he has so far recovered.

A half foot of snow last week and today another snow-blizzard raging.

A. J. Marsten was in Meductic during the week on business.

Rev. W. H. Sherwood is back again after six weeks' absence assisting the Rev. Mr. Hilyard of Berry's Mills, Westmorland.

A. E. Pearson retains his old school at Meductic. Mrs. Marsten and Miss Beatrice Marsten visited Woodstock on Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Gibson and Mrs. Stairs of Grafton are spending the week with their sister, Mrs. P. S. Marsten.

B.M. Colpitts and family spent Sunday in Meductic, and if this storm continues they will spend Monday.

Rev. Mr. Stirling, Free Baptist, held service here on Sunday. He left for his home in Southampton and as the ferries are not running so that he was forced to drive around via Woodstock. And after travelling twenty-five miles he will only be a half mile from where he started. There should be at least one bridge between Woodstock and Fredericton. Give us a bridge anywhere between here and Hawksshaw and we will be satisfied, we don't ask for any of the fancy (two-priced or three-priced affairs, any old thing will be an improvement, perhaps the government has some old second-hand bridge that they could swap off for people's votes. All the ferries are hauled up and the ice will not be fit for crossing probably until the new year.

same in the spring, two months in the year, no crossing only in canoe.

Miss C. Stairs is home again.

Mrs. E. Porter was taken to the General Hospital at St. John. Dr. Turner accompanied her. Her case is serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis of Benton, visited her aunt, Mrs. Marsten on Saturday.

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THE GAOL QUESTION.

Coun. Connolly Sums Up The Matter From His Point of View

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please obtain me space in your paper to make some remarks about the much talked of Gaol question, and in doing so I wish to make some reference to your editorial in DISPATCH of Oct. 26 (headed Work for the Lawyers.) It is evident that from your writing you see things differently from what I do, and I want to give your readers my views of the matters referred to, and if you wish to criticise my views, all right. I rather invite discussion. You say that the Gaol question has advanced adverse to the Town, and whether this means that the Gaol will be taken further from the Town is a matter of conjecture. That would imply that there had been, or was or was about to be a move made to take the Gaol further from the Town. Mr. Editor do you know of any such a move being made? Has any person or persons asked that the Gaol be taken further from the Town. I have no knowledge of anything of the kind being done. Just look around a little and make inquiry and I think you will find that the conjecture about the Gaol being taken further from the Town, originated in the brain of some of the Woodstock men after the June meeting of the Council and was propagated for the purpose of influencing councillors in the lower part of the county or rather as a scare, that if they did not turn now and vote for Woodstock at a special meeting of the council that would be called, the chances were that in a short time the Gaol and Court-house would be taken further from them. This scheme had the desired effect on some of the councillors that it was worked on, with others it failed, but it worked well enough to give Woodstock Town a majority vote at the special meeting. The Injunction has decided that the government of the province having selected a site and established it for the Gaol and Court-house, at that place they must remain, very good. We think that is good judgment and good common sense as well. You say in the article referred to the matter of location rests with the county council. The judge has decided it does not, and we should be very thankful too that it does not have that power to snap a matter like this on the people and the people have no means of helping themselves. Let us suppose, for argument sake that the Council have that power, and there was no power that could stop them, and they had gone on and built the New Gaol in Town and as their aim was, had it completed before next election, and at next election of councillors enough new men were elected that were opposed to having the Gaol built in town, or suppose the majority of the council would say the new gaol is too far from the court-house and would decide by a majority to repair the old gaol or build a new one at the court-house or they might build new buildings in any part of the county just as there might be a chance of getting a majority, and tax the people to pay for them and according to your idea of the power of the council they could do this thing and no power could hinder. I think we are very fortunate that all power is not rested in the municipality. Again the injunction was granted because the county cannot borrow money from the banks without special legislation. We would here ask why borrow money from the banks, what rate of interest do the banks charge? It is more than 3 per cent and when the statement was questioned we were told that the man that had the money to let at that rate of interest was then in the court-house. A few days later from a report of a meeting of the new gaol committee we learn that the parties that had the money to let at 3 per cent was in England. We were told a great many things at the special meeting that we believe were told to mislead for the purpose of accomplishing the object for which that meeting was called. You say also that a new gaol must be built or extensive repairs must be put on the old one unless all the presentations of committees, grand juries and medical men be utterly ignored. Now I wish to say right here that no committee of the council no grand jury no authorized medical board has ever condemned the old gaol or recommended that a new gaol be built. The grand jury to which the matter was referred to in the month of April last. On that jury was quite a number of gentlemen from the town, also doctors from the town. After the jury had examined the gaol they recommended certain repairs. A suggestion was made by some of the jurors to condemn the gaol and recommend the building of a new one in the town. This suggestion was secured with so few reporters that it was dropped even men on the jury from the town opposed it because the buildings were so good and it would be putting innumerable expense on the county. Now the repairs recommended were not very extensive or costly as we will learn. At the June meeting of the council the committee in charge of the county buildings in a report in conjunction with the grand jury's report recommending certain repairs on gaol, the committee stated that in making up their estimates of cost according to plan presented they had with them a competent architect and mechanic and after adding \$1.25 for overseeing the work \$1.50 for unforeseen expenses the whole amount of the cost according to their estimates would be \$1628. Not very costly or extensive you see. Why was not the recommendation of the committee and the grand jury carried out. Allow me to tell you when the report of the committee was taken up the chairman of the committee (who was Coun. Henderson Woodstock) said in view of the fact that the county was in debt to the Bank for more than \$9000 he thought it would not be wise at the present time to go into the full extent of the repairs recommended. He therefore would move that the sanitary condition of the gaol be attended to at an expenditure not to exceed \$300 (the committee's estimates for this work was \$218.) We will leave it for many of your readers to say if it was not the most natural thing for the council

to do to support the motion made by the chairman of the committee when he represented to the councillors that the county was so heavily in debt and the work prepared to be done did not in any way affect the balance of repairs recommended being done at any other time. It might be well right here to say that a competent mechanic took the plans and specifications gotten up by the committee and offered to give bonds and good security to complete the whole repairs recommended by the committee in a good and workmen like manner to the satisfaction of a committee of the council for the sum of a thousand dollars. This information was given to the council at the special meeting but it fell on their ears as on the ears of the deaf, they had a purpose in view at that meeting and that purpose must be carried out whatever might be the cost before October 1899.

The Court House we are told by judges, lawyers and reporters, whose calling require them to visit all the court houses in the province, that for comfort and convenience and appearance our court house is second to none, but the editor of THE DISPATCH seems to think there is a good deal wrong even with our fine court house. I will agree with you, Mr. Editor, if there are rooms that are not used and they are needed for the court officials, that they should be made so that they could be used but I hardly think they are necessary, or would be used for that class, loafers and smokers might occupy them, if they were finished. I do not think the court house is responsible for all or any of colds that the people have in the country. It is true that we have not a magnificent stone and brick court house with large cellar and heated by a furnace in the town of Woodstock costing some thirty or forty thousand, you might feel safer in it, but I would take cold just as quick. The matter at a recent court referred to where parties had no room in the court house and had to take to the yard, let us have some facts about this matter. The jury had been given a recess by the judge, the people mostly left the court room, the counsel for one side (referred to in THE DISPATCH) of their own sweet will also went out into the court yard, they certainly were not compelled to do so for want of room to have a private conference. I saw the very same that you refer to and my views of the matter was that they were having a little pastime and enjoying it as school boys enjoy a recess after hours of hard study. THE DISPATCH is in a mystery to know when a majority vote of the council means something and when it means nothing.

(Answer)—When they vote to carry out the wishes of the people, it means something. But when they disregard the people's wishes and vote to do something that the people have said they must not do, it means nothing. THE DISPATCH carries us back two thousand years and says that the nations then were proud of their public buildings, their own dwellings might be poor but nothing was too good for public institutions. If THE DISPATCH wants to live over those times when men and women were pressed into the public service and the necessities of life were taken from the poor to build up public institutions that the rich and those in authority could glory in their public works, we do not. We are thankful that we live in a day when every man let him be ever so poor has a chance to speak and say what he thinks is right and what is wrong in the government of the country in which he lives, in a day when the voice of the people must be heard and when those chosen to represent do regard and go contrary to their wishes the people have power to call a halt.

While writing, THE DISPATCH of Nov. 23rd came to hand in which we read a suggestion that the town extend its borders to take in the court house and gaol. This proposition is a very laudable one. Have faith in your town say it is bound to grow, work for that end and everyone in the county will be proud of the town for their enterprise and thrift and it will benefit all, and injure no one. But if the town thinks that their bounds are set and they try to grasp after what rightly belongs to others and build up your town at the expense of the rest of the county, as some of your public men have intimated, as if every other interest in the county should be subservient to the interest of the Town of Woodstock, then we are not proud of you a bit. The time was once that the Town of Woodstock could rule the county, and did rule it but that day has passed and we think not to return. There have been too many acres of wood cleared away, there have been too many homes built in the upper and back parts of the county. There are too many growing interests springing up in different parts of the county for all of them to do obedience to the Town of Woodstock, because she thinks they ought to.

Mr. Editor, I will not lengthen my remarks any further at this time, only allow me to say many thanks to THE DISPATCH for their kind considerations towards Hartland in the future.

And certainly we will try and be very good.

Yours very truly,
C. J. CONNOLLY.

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