

Local News.

AND OTHER MATTERS

An International commercial congress will be held in Philadelphia next June.

The Khalifa, with a few followers, is still hiding in the vicinity of Southern Koroofan.

Major General Brook of the U. S. army, has formally taken command of the American forces in Cuba.

Bathurst is agitating for a pulp mill; that thriving town puts forward many alluring inducements.

On Dec. 22, Elsie E., daughter of Charles and Theodosia Swim, of Coldstream, died, aged 20 years.

Charles McLean, a well known and respected citizen of Woodstock, died on Monday after a long illness.

The Victoria Club will give an entertainment in Tilley's Hall at Waterville this evening. Admission 15 and 10 cents.

Maurice Day of Somerville, a man of 77 years, has been in feeble health for a long time. For some time he has been blind in one eye, and recently lost the sight of the other.

At the residence of the bride's father at Sisson Ridge, Tobique, on Dec. 3rd, Willard E. Clark of Fort Fairfield, and Miss Ellen Briggs were married by Rev. H. G. Gratz.

C. A. Stockton, a well known barrister, and president of the Young Liberals Association of St. John, and A. L. Goodwin, the popular wholesale grocer, both died last Saturday at their respective St. John homes.

On Dec. 6th, at her home, Lower Perth, the widow of Samuel Bishop died, aged 84 years. During the past year Mrs. Bishop lived with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Rideout of Middle Simonds.

The Rev. John Home, of Glassville, died at his home there last Wednesday, of pneumonia after an illness of only a few days. He had been engaged in the teaching profession for a number of years, and taught his school as usual, only the Friday before his death.

James McManus resigned the position to which he was appointed in the Woodstock Custom House. Thomas L. McCaffery has been appointed to the vacancy. He entered on his duties on Tuesday.—Despatch.

On Thursday, Dec. 22nd, at her residence, Jacksonville, Mrs. Stephen Taylor was married to Joseph Churchill of Washburn. There were upwards of 60 guests present, and Rev. Joseph Blake, assisted by Rev. Frank Atkinson, performed the ceremony. It might be stated that both the contracting parties had been previously twice married, so it is needless to add that on this occasion they went through their respective parts of the ceremony with the ease and grace of practiced hands.

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is coming, and you will want some **PHOTOS** taken. You will do well to call at **Keith's Studio**, where there is a special line of Photo Mounts for Christmas, and they are beauties. Call and see them.

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WOODSTOCK, N. B.

There was a case of bubonic plague on board the steamer Golconda, which arrived at Plymouth, England, on Monday last.

About 250 live turkeys were seized at Houlton on Friday last by the customs officials. They were taken over from New Brunswick.

At Brookline, Mass., on Christmas Day thirty young girls and boys were thrown into eight feet of water at Leve-ret Pond by the ice on which they were skating giving way. Three were drowned.

Mrs. Nancy Stoddard, formerly of Jacksonville, died after a three weeks' illness Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ann M. Gray, at Bangor, aged 85. The remains were forwarded to Jacksonville for interment.

At a meeting of the Moncton school board, last week, James Mills of Keswick, York county, was engaged on the Moncton teaching staff at a salary of \$700 a year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Susie Gray of this village, who was compelled to give up her position on account of illness. She is now stopping at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Plummer of this town celebrated the fifth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday. There were guests present as follows: W. N. Raymond and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton H. Gray, Mrs. Sophia Raymond and Randolph Raymond. A pleasant time was enjoyed and numerous presents were given.

There was an eclipse of the moon on Tuesday evening, which to many was unexpected and thereby caused many conjectures as to what had happened to our satellite. Some persons were heard to remark that the dynamo had broken down or that experiments with acetylene were going on. Reference to the almanacs, however, showed the true state of affairs.

A convention of the Sunday School workers of the parish of Brighton will be held at Hartland on Wednesday, 18th January, 1899. The session will begin at 2 o'clock; p. m. An interesting programme has been prepared, and addresses, Bible lessons, etc., will be given by Rev. A. Lucas, Field Secretary; pastors, superintendents and others. All who are interested in Sunday School work in the parish are members of this association, and are cordially invited. Bring your Bible, pencil and note book. The collections taken up in the meetings will be in behalf of association work.

BRISTOL LOCALS.

Miss Lina Morgan, Hartland, and Miss Jessie Taylor, Woodstock, are visiting at Miss Blanch Tompkins'.

M. A. Tompkins took a business trip up river last week, and went north as far as Edmundston.

Fred Phillips, A. J. McLean and Dr. Somerville drove out to Joseph Curtis' lumber camp on Tuesday.

The Parish Sunday School Convention meets at Bath this afternoon at 2 p. m. There will also be an evening session.

School closed on Thursday last. S. C. Merritt, the Principal, and Mrs. Merritt are spending the vacation at Grand Falls.

Miss Annie McLean will take charge of the Holmnsville school next term.

Court Sterling, No. 642, I. O. F., at its last regular meeting, elected the following officers: F. A. Phillips, C. R.; C. W. Brittain, V. C. R.; A. J. McLean, Sec.-Treas.; John Farley, R. S.; G. A. Brittain, Chap.; A. B. Gaines, S. W.; Geo. Tompkins, J. W.; P. C. Barker, S. E.; Newcome Parker, J. B.; Dr. Somerville, Physician; John Farley, C. D.; J. W. Curtis, P. C. R.

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We will take account of stock this week and be ready early in the new year to plan to build up our **MUTUAL INTERESTS** better than in the past. We trust you will prove this statement.

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