

WIZARD OIL CONCERTS.

(To the Editor of the Farmer.)

Sir,—A good deal of talk has been made about the proposed for the City Hall to the Wizard Oil Concerts. Now I am inclined to think that the Hall Committee did just what was right in this matter. There has never been an instance of the same kind, to my knowledge, since the late Mr. W. C. Allen's company has ever had occasion to use the Hall for two weeks, and I, as a citizen, claim that they were entitled to a reduction in the rental. In addition to the rent, the company, I am told, paid the regular commercial tax, so that all things considered, they paid full value for their privilege. Give us more arrangements of the same kind and less grumbling.

ONE WHO ENJOYED THE CONCERTS.

Fredericton, Feb. 15th, 1888.

Town and Country.

Mr. C. A. Bramble has returned from New York.

Scott Act election in Westmorland tomorrow.

Ald. T. F. has been appointed chairman of the fire committee.

The Fredericton curlers play at St. Stephen's next Thursday.

Hon. A. G. Blair, goes to Ottawa next week for public business.

Another carnival is to be held at Marysville on Friday the 24th inst.

The Thistles of St. John defeated the St. Stephen curlers, Friday, by 32 points.

Business is exceedingly dull in the city at present, but it was better in February.

St. John street residents are out of water the main pipe apparently being frozen up.

Mr. Temple, M. P., will leave for Ottawa, Monday, to attend his parliamentary duties.

A special meeting of the City Council for routine business will be held to-morrow evening.

Mr. T. G. Luggie of the Crown Land office, is suffering inconveniences from a sprained knee.

There is activity in the government departments in anticipation of the legislative opening March 1st.

Mr. W. F. Todd has given a handsome medal to the St. Stephen Curling Club for competition at points.

Mr. M. McLaughlin, the leader of the Charlotte County bar, is in the city attending the Supreme Court.

Mr. Frank McGoldrick of the firm of E. A. O. McGoldrick, leaves Friday morning for a trip to the old country.

Dr. J. T. Steves, superintendent of the Provincial Insane Asylum, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Dr. T. C. Brown.

The contractor for clearing the sidewalks of snow down town is not so prompt as he ought to be. The attention of the road-wardens is directed to the matter.

Mr. Wilson, M. P., delivered an interesting lecture in the Gibson Methodist church, Monday evening, on the subject of "New Brunswick's claims upon her young men."

Ships Hoegg and Hawthorn, "Korn" and "Kandy," as they were designated on the coast board, had a curling match for the oysters Monday evening, the latter winning by four points.

The Wizard Oil pitcher was captured by the curlers under 32, who defeated the seniors by 11 points, and the individual competition for the same prize was won by Mr. J. H. Hawthorn with 10 points, who will hold it this year.

Wednesday night an incendiary fire was twice started in the old occupied Stevens house on Sunbury street, but the firemen were prompt in response to the alarms and saved the building although the roof was badly gutted by the second fire.

RUBBERS AND OVERBOOTS.—During this Fall and Winter, you will find N. Campbell leading the trade in this line of goods. Go in and see his splendid assortment, and you will know just where to find the cheapest and best when you need them.

President Fenety occupied the chair at the Bible Society meeting in the City Hall Thursday evening, and addresses on bible work were delivered by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. F. D. Crawley and Mr. W. G. Gaunce. A choir from the city churches furnished an excellent programme of music.

The toboggan party given on the Queen side Friday evening by Mrs. A. G. and Mrs. Harry Beckwith was a very pleasant affair. There were about 60 ladies and gentlemen present, and after enjoying the exhilarating sport of "sliding," the company had supper at the Queen, closing a social evening.

York district lodge, L. O. A., has elected W. H. Anderson, W. C. Conroy, J. G. Walker, Deputy County Master; George W. County Chaplain; Geo. H. Parker, County Secretary; Capt. James Boone, County Director of Ceremonies; J. M. Campbell and James McConrighy, County Lecturers.

Following are the links chosen for the curling match at St. Stephen next Thursday: C. B. Everett, W. H. Berry, W. Johnston, J. H. Allen, W. H. Hoegg, J. H. Haworth, skip. J. S. Barker, J. D. Hodge, H. C. Rutter, skip.

The rink directors have decided to hold another carnival on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., at which they offer \$5 to the handsomest costume for ladies, and the same amount for originality in gentlemen's costumes. Two other prizes will also be offered to be decided by ballot. Music will be furnished by the Band of the R. S. I.

About fifty young people, friends of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, King Street, surprised their worthy parents last evening, the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. The visitors brought along with them a handsome china tea set, and various other valuable presents for Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, who cordially welcomed the party and gave them a very pleasant evening.

Mr. Duncan Blair, an aged and respected resident, died at his home on St. John street, last Wednesday, and his remains were interred Friday afternoon at 10 o'clock, and conducted the services. The deceased, for many years, was an elder in St. Paul's church, and at the morning service there Sunday Mr. Mowatt made a touching reference to the upright, honorable character always borne by Mr. Blair.

The first lecture of the course arranged by the ladies of St. Paul's church, is to be delivered by Rev. Mr. Mowatt, in the City Hall, to-morrow evening, admission ten cents. Mr. Mowatt's subject is "The progress of the continent, and the character of the lecture is very highly spoken of by the St. John press, being already being delivered there.

This is Rev. gentleman's first appearance on the Fredericton lecture platform, and he ought to be greeted with a bumper house.

The Boston Comedy Company opened their fourth successive week in St. John, last night. The company are highly spoken of by the press of that city, and their houses have been exceptionally good. Provided satisfactory arrangements can be made, the company will probably play in the Opera House here for a season. The high prices charged for the City Hall will prevent them playing there. The company play at popular prices, and nothing less than week stands. Their repertoire includes some of the best and most popular dramas.

At the annual meeting of the Baristers Society, held here Friday evening, a resolution was adopted, that the offices of secretary, treasurer and librarian be amalgamated. The treasurer reported the cash on hand \$1,033. The officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. Barker, C. C. Vice-president, D. L. Hamilton, G. O. Council, Attorney General Blair, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Dr. Waldon, G. O., George C. Gilbert, J. A. Vanwart, Geo. F. Gregory, and Dr. Alward. The members of the council are also ex-officio. The new office will be filled at an adjourned meeting to-morrow evening.

The ladies of the Church of England Temperance Society, by means of public entertainments, have raised money for the purchase of the interior of the G. E. Hall. The walls have been painted, new blinds put on the windows, and new curtains in front of the stage. The entertainment Monday evening was to raise funds for the purchase of chairs for the stage, and it was successful for that purpose. Those taking part in the programme, were Miss Winslow, Miss Richards, Miss Tippett, Miss Vernon, Mrs. J. Allen, Miss Bailey, Miss Blanchette, Mrs. Tibbitts, some of the college students, Mr. Wm. Tippett, Rev. G. G. Roberts, and Miss Irene and Miss C. C. Allen.

At a meeting of the committee, held at the residence of Mrs. T. C. Allen, R. O'Brien, Mr. Sterling, and Mrs. Roberts.

OUR ST. JOHN LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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LECTURE.

DR. C. M. TWITCHELL,

Assistant Editor of the Maine Farmer, will lecture in the

CITY HALL,

WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst.

at 2.30 P. M., on the subject of

Poultry Raising.

Farmers and all others interested, are invited to attend. Admission Free.

C. H. LUGHRIN,

Secretary of Board of Agriculture.

Fredericton, Feb. 15-1888.

NOTICE.

A PUBLICATION will be made to the Local Legislature at its next Session, for the purpose of an Act to incorporate the River County Railway Company with power to construct and operate a Railway from some point on the Grandis Brook, west of Westfield Station, to a point at or near the River St. John, near as practicable.

Dated February 15th, 1888.

NOTICE.

A PUBLICATION will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick, to amend the Act of Incorporation of the River County Railway and Acts in amendment thereof, relating to the liability of said Company, and for other purposes.

Fredericton, January 25th, A. D. 1888.

WESLEY VANWART,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED non resident ratepayers of the Parish of New Maryland, in the County of York, are hereby required to pay their respective County and Wild Land Tax for the year 1887, as opposite their names, together with the cost of advertising, 25 cents each, to the undersigned at his residence at New Maryland, in the County of York, within two months from date, otherwise legal proceedings will be taken to recover the same.

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