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ST. JOHN LETTER.

The mystery of dreams—Topics of the day—The markets, etc.

The finding of the body of a young lady in the Nashwaak last Monday, clothed in nothing but a night gown and a wrapper and the verdict of the coroner's jury that she came to her death by drowning while temporarily insane, occasions some reflection. So far as I am aware it has not transpired that she was of a melancholy temperament, that she had any unusual disappointments to brood over or was unbalanced by any religious excitement. She was sewing in the kitchen Saturday evening—Monday morning her body, clothed in a night gown and wrapper was found floating in the river, and she had not been seen in the interim. Temporary insanity is a convenient conclusion in cases of this kind and one that many a jury has reached while smoking pipes and talking politics, but there are those who believe that suicide is cold blood or while temporarily insane, is less frequent than is generally supposed. There are thousands whose minds are as active when they are asleep as when they are awake, and others who walk or work totally unconscious of their movements. They are quite irresponsible for their thoughts or actions yet they are not temporarily insane. Mentally and physically they are without a personality. Cesare Lombroso tells in the "Man of Genius," how Voltaire conceived during sleep one of the books of his Henriade; how Newton resolved mathematical problems in dreams; how La Fontaine composed in a dream one of his famous fables and how Coleridge's Kubla Khan was composed during a profound sleep. What we call hallucinations might better be called dreams. Luther believed that he had had a personal encounter with the devil; Swedenborg believed that he had visited heaven; Shelley thought he had seen a child rise from the sea and clap his hands; Byron thought that he was haunted by a spectre; once a woman of gigantic size appeared to Cromwell, as he believed, and announced to him that he would be the greatest man in England. Dreams, only dreams. Women in Scotland and elsewhere, notably in Scotland, have many times been surprised of a morning to find much of the work of the day already done and have credited the "little people" that haunted their dwellings with its performance. Afterwards it was found that they themselves had been doing the work intelligently while asleep. Instances are familiar to almost everybody in which persons have solved difficult problems, written letters, devised plans of action and even worked intelligently in their dreams. A good many years ago a young lady of the writer's acquaintance awoke one summer morning very much exhausted and with her feet badly lacerated. She had dreamed she said, of sailing on the river, which ran about a quarter of a mile from the house, and that might account for her exhaustion, but it did not account for the condition of her feet. Later the prints of her feet were found under her window (she occupied a room on the ground floor of the house,) again on the bank of the river, and as the canoe that was moored there had evidently been used during the night, a search was made on the opposite shore where her foot prints were also found. It was conclusively shown that she had left the house by the window in her sleep, walked through the fields to the river, paddled across, walked about on the other shore and returned as she went without disturbing any one and totally unconscious of what she was doing. Had she been drowned while crossing or recrossing the river the verdict of a jury would have been like that recorded by the Nashwaak jury to which allusion has been made, "Suicide, while temporarily insane," yet no suicide would have been committed. Undoubtedly many young men and women somnambulists shoot, stab or drown themselves or take poison and are stigmatized as suicides, and others like the young lady found in the Nashwaak, drown themselves or fall from a window under the influence of a dream, without any idea of terminating their lives. Such an explanation of many so-called suicides is much more plausible than any other that has been presented.

The winter term of the St John Academy of Art opens next week. Pupils find all the material they require at the Academy.

There are now in port uncleaned two ships, two barques, three barquentines, one brigantine and 36 schooners. Since the American elections are over the coastwise trade, which has been dull for several months, is reviving.

Members of the laborers' union are still fighting for a Chinese wall for their protection. While men of education are working for \$1 and \$1.50 a day in stores and offices, they want special legislation to enable them to extort \$4 or \$5 a day from their employers, and so ruin the business of the port.

The deposits in the St John branch of the Savings Bank in October were \$87,045.49; withdrawals \$89,923.49.

The inland steamers are bringing phenomenally large freights of products to the city.

The liabilities of Hall & Fairweather of this city, who assigned a short time ago are about \$60,000. They offer to pay 20 cents on the dollar.

The taxes of St John's hard worked civil servants come out of the pockets of other people.

P.O. Inspector King looks hearty since his drive of 175 miles in Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties.

A good deal has been said in the local newspapers about the alleged attempt at train wrecking near the Suspension bridge last Friday morning. It was evidently the work of a lunatic—there are a good many at large in the city, and escapes from the asylum are not infrequent.

There has been great activity in the flour market the last week; some Ontario millers have advanced prices 30 cents per barrel while others have only advanced 10 to 20 cents. The demand for flour is very heavy

and everything points to further advances.

There is also a decided stiffening in sugars which has induced heavy buying. Refineries find it difficult to supply the demand for yellows. Pickled herring of all kinds continue scarce. Fowler & Calhoun's cornmeal mill is shut down for a week and merchants are unable to fill orders. The market for spices abroad is firmer and many lines have already advanced 1 to 2 cents. Winter apples are arriving in large quantities. No 1 of the best varieties sell at \$1.65 to \$1.75 per barrel. George S. DeForest & Sons are landing a shipment of Malaga raisins, Imperial Cabinet, Clusters and Black baskets, which are very reasonable. Prices about the same as last year.

The 20th Century pencil which never requires to be sharpened, is one of the most useful novelties of the age. Messrs McMillan mail them to their customers at 50 cents per dozen.

A provincial clergyman is reported to have said recently that it was an insult to God to offer him coppers. Did He object to the Widow's mite?

It is now said that nobody is responsible for the reported attempt at train wrecking near the Suspension bridge except the newspaper lunatics.

Eight deaths were reported in the city last week. EDWARD EDWARDS.
St John, Nov. 9th.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent]

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6 1896.

About the only people in Washington who were surprised at the election of McKinley are the very ones who should not have been surprised—those who had taken part in the management of Bryan's campaign, and who knew, or should have known, exactly what a sort of information it was upon which they based their claims that Bryan would be elected. Nearly everybody was surprised at the extent of the defeat of silver. It was supposed by most well informed people in this locality that McKinley would be elected by a small majority of the electoral votes and that the Republicans would retain control of the House by a reduced majority, but few of the most ardent Republicans expected their party to carry enough State Legislatures to secure control of the Senate, although, of course, they hoped for such a result. The result is another evidence of the latter day tendency to make elections avalanches one way or the other.

The loss of the Senate is a very serious blow to the silver men, not only because it was entirely unexpected and unprepared for, but because it will destroy their last hope of being able to keep the silver question before the public during McKinley's administration. The silver leaders had counted much more confidently upon keeping there majority in the Senate than upon the election of Bryan, and had planned to use that majority to prevent any tariff legislation during McKinley's administration, unless the bill passed should carry a silver amendment, just as they did at the last session of Congress. They still say that they intend to keep up the fight for silver, but they do not say how. Unless there is a hitch in the present programme, the Republicans will be able to legislate as they please after the 4th of March, regardless of the silver men. Should the legislation of the next Congress, tariff or any other sort, fail to give the country the promised relief from the present unsatisfactory commercial and industrial conditions, the silver question will keep itself before the public, but should general prosperity follow that legislation it will be difficult, if not impossible, for any party to make a national campaign with silver as the main issue. An overwhelming majority of the voters have just declared against silver, and about the only thing that would cause enough of those voters to reverse themselves—to reverse the result four years hence will be a failure to derive the benefits they expect to get through their defeat of silver. Meanwhile, men who voted for silver and who have not changed their minds, are already asking, what can possibly be gained by keeping up the agitation?

The Bryan managers were hard losers. They refused to concede McKinley's election and continued to hope that belated returns would alter the announced result in a sufficient number of States to elect Bryan, long after everybody else had given up the fight and accepted defeat. They were like Mr Bryan in that respect. They had worked themselves into the belief that Mr Bryan was "a man of destiny" and was bound to be elected. Hope and confidence are always good things in a political campaign and a belief in destiny is not especially disadvantageous; but a majority of the votes on election day is, after all, the only thing that wins.

The politicians have already begun work on President elect McKinley's cabinet and are figuring as zealously as though they had actually been asked to do the work. It is said that the gold Democrats think they ought to have a representative in the cabinet. Some of them may really think so, but thinking and getting are two very different things, as Mr Bryan can testify if he will. Mr McKinley is a very courteous gentleman, and he doubtless feels obliged to the gold Democrats who voted for him; but he is also a partisan of partisans, and it will be a good guess to say that no man will be a member of his cabinet who is not a Republican. Even were he disposed to have a Democrat in his cabinet the experience of Presidents Hayes and Cleveland, in going outside of their parties for cabinet advisers, would probably cause him to think sometime before doing it.

Northampton Items.

Nov 4, 1896.

The weather has been very wet of late, but it is fine again and favorable for going to apple-pearing's and Leap Year parties.

The church of this place is being repaired by the skillful mechanic Mr Tower, of Grafton. The old saying is the whiff of paint and soap suds, makes every place like home. The steamer Aberdeen has made several trips up the river this fall.

On account of the recent rains the water in the river and Gibson's mill stream is very high and we hear the joyful sound of the old mill again.

Revival meetings have commenced at Meductic; boys get your girl, but don't get left.

LeBaron Tompkins has left our circle and gone to the woods for Mr Tedley.

Mr S Gibson, of Sandbank, had an apple-pearing which proved a success, owing to a fine night and a large crowd.

Hark! we hear wedding bells in the near future.

We see again in our midst the welcome sight of a dark horse and carriage.

Hunting is the order of the day; some think they have heard the howl of the wolf prowling around; boys get your guns, but be on the lookout for the "dears."

Halloween night passed off very quietly as the boys got left winding up their yarn.

Mr Ezra Marsten gave a party Tuesday evening which proved more than a success under the management of the man who reached up and brought down the moon. Music was furnished by Mr F Marsten, but for all that the girls went home with the "Blues."

Miss Annie Atherton is the guest of Miss Maude Gibson.

Mr Ezra Marsten has been confined to the house for a few days, the trouble being a very sore eye.

PUNCH & JUDY.

Pembroke Items.

As I have returned from my vacation I thought I would write a few lines to let you know what has taken place during my absence, as my friends have kept me informed.

Mr C W Betts has added greatly to the appearance of his place by building a new barn and painting his house and barns.

Mr N F Phillips has about finished his new house and dam's rumor says he intends eating his Xmas dinner there (but not alone.)

Mr Fred Grey, of Lowell, Mass, who has been visiting friends here, has returned home.

Mr S K Hayden has sold his farm to Mr Pike, the well known brickmaker, and has removed to Riley Brook, Tobique.

Our day school is taught by Miss Ethel Bourne, of Woodstock; she is well liked by both parents and pupils.

Mr Martin Kinney the well known railroad contractor, late of the B & A, intends starting work on the W & C railway soon.

Northampton seems to have a great attraction for some of our young men, also Pembroke for some of the Northampton boys. (A fair exchange is no robbery, girls.) We hope the roads will be kept in good condition this fall and winter.

There have been several corn huskings in Pembroke.

Several of the young folk met at Mr E Hale's the other evening and had an oyster supper. A very enjoyable time was spent.

It is rumored that wedding bells are to be set ringing for one of our popular young men and ladies.

One of our young men made a flying visit to Grafton the other evening. Was it muddy, G—?

I will try and write more next time.

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Arthurette Items.

On the 12th inst., a number of the people of this place gathered at the residence of J D Giberson, to congratulate Mrs Giberson on the completion of her 78th year. Mrs Giberson has been prominently identified with the work of the F O B church in this place ever since its organization in 1851. Mr Giberson, who is 83 years old, has been a deacon in the same church since the same date.

An oyster supper, in aid of the S S library fund, was held at the residence of B Reed, Esq., St Elmo, on the 12th inst. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the sum of \$13 was raised for the purpose stated.

The vestry of the Church of England here have erected a shed for horses and carriages, so that the "poor dumb servitors" who bring the people to church, will be protected from the fury of the elements during services.

A paragraph in the St John papers credits the Tobique with a cut of 80 000,000 of lumber. With due deference to the papers, the cut will be, if a favorable winter, nearer 40,000,000 ft.

The T V R people killed a cow belonging to George McDougall a few days ago.

H B Camber moved into his new house on Monday last, and in the evening was treated to a surprise party.

A great turkey shoot was held at Three Brooks on Tuesday last. Mrs J H Elzar raised over a hundred turkeys, and disposed of a number of them in this way. Prices ruled quite high; ranges, 100 and 200 yds.; best shots, F F Allen and Walter Collins. A parapet was arranged, behind which a turkey was hid all but its head and neck. At a distance of 50 yds, F F Allen shot two, Manzer Giberson one, Walter Tingley one, Dr Bell one, and F P Tinker one.

Oct 28th.

George A Fullerton and Miss Sadie Garow, of Mapleview, were married on Saturday last, it is said.

Rev — Brown and Mr D F Milne are holding revival services at Arthurette. One young lady, Miss Ida Lavigne, was baptized yesterday.

The members of the Brighton Engineers are going to have some target practice next week. A good range has been secured from Mr Daniel Wright.

The roads are in a very bad state owing to the heavy rains and large amount of traffic going on.

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