

Bristol Items.

A W Phillips is spending a few days at home. Mr T H Noble has been seriously ill for some weeks, and his recovery is very doubtful.

Rev H D Worden was in Bristol on Saturday, on his way to Andover. He has been holding some special meetings at South Gordonsville.

Mr E W Demings, who has been spending his vacation in this section, returned to his home in Queens Co. and will go to Wolfville on Oct 1st to resume his studies.

Mr Almon Robinson and Miss Tompkins Bridge-water, have been visiting their uncle Mr W B Tompkins of this village. Miss Bessie Boyer has gone to spend the winter with her sisters near Boston.

Mrs Brymer met with a very painful accident a few days ago. She was cutting something with an axe, when it glanced and came down on her wrist making a deep gash.

Mr T B Rogers has his new house well under-way, it being enclosed and the roof on. D V Boyer has the contract for doing the work. The school house has been much improved in appearance by being newly painted.

Mr C W Brittain has recently added to his grist mill, a keystone brush and scower for cleaning wheat, and it does its work thoroughly, removing everything but the good plump grain. The flour now ground, is very much improved both in appearance and quality, and is equal to the best imported. Mr A F Lockhart, of Hartford, is the agent for the above piece of machinery.

The managers of the Bristol Trotting Park have made arrangements for having some races on Wednesday next, October 8th. A good prize list has been arranged and a good number of entries made for the three classes that will start.

Royalton Items.

Sept 27th, 1898.

People have complained considerable this summer on account of wet weather, but that great blessing of God, water, never before was so scarce in this part of the county as at present; some of our people are compelled to haul it from quite a distance.

We regret to learn that Miss Amelia Simonds has again left us for Uncle Sam's territory; she is followed by the best wishes of the community.

Mr George Wiggins, son of Nathaniel Wiggins, has returned home from the west, after an absence of eleven years, all are glad to see him.

I desire to say a few words with regard to the temperance meetings that are being held in the different communities. Much interest is being felt. We can but admire the ambition and zeal which induces these inspired temperance workers to drive for miles night after night to teach the people temperance, and try and induce them to vote 'Yes' at the coming election.

A number of our young people attended the temperance meetings at Tracy Mills and Upper Knoxfield.

Royalton has been particularly fortunate in regard to temperance meetings; our Endeavor society has had two or three, and last night another was held; Eva DeWare and LePage were present; Mr LePage addressed the meeting and gave us a practical temperance sermon. Some of our people are very enthusiastic, and I think the sentiments of their hearts are

What care we, though death be nigh,
We'll fight for temperance or die.

Here these few lines reach many of your readers the Plebiscite vote will be taken and we sincerely hope the majority will be on the right side.
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Benton Items.

Sept 28, 1898.

On Wednesday of last week Miss Gertie Hawkes and Mr George Haslett were joined in wedlock by Rev J W Clements.

Miss Minnie McIntyre and Mr Wesley Austin were received into the society of married life also on Wednesday last, the ceremony being conducted by Rev Mr Sherwood.

On Thursday, at Woodstock, by Rev W J Rutledge, Thomas Mace of Benton was acknowledged as life partner by Miss Nora Teed of Benton.

The citizens of Benton, among whom may be mentioned Mr and Mrs Wm Murchie, Mr and Mrs Wm Speer, Miss E Speer, Mr Fred Clapham and Miss Annie Sharp, who have been attending the Exhibition at St John, have been strongly impressed with the evidences of its gradual progressive nature, and on their return give very favorable reports of their trip to St John and the pleasant, yet instructive time, spent in the forefathers' "Pett Town."

The Plebiscite wave has not cooled in our village nor in the surrounding districts. A noble and sharply pointed lecture, filled with occasional witty illustrations and anecdotes, was given in the Methodist Church of Benton, on the 15th inst, by Rev Mr Rutledge of Woodstock, while the influence of Rev Mr Clements was strongly exhibited in a brief address, in which he stated that "Temperance Literature" and "social calls" to his mind had proved very successful. This address was supplemented by remarks by T Forrest of Oak Mountain, M A Oulton of Benton, and C A Lewin, who very acceptably occupied the chair. The "White Ribbon Choir" furnished music.

On Thursday last a very excellent Temperance or Prohibition Meeting was held at Oak Mountain. The chosen speakers were Rev Mr Fiske of Florenceville and Rev Kenneth McKay of Houlton, who set forth the needs of Prohibition of the liquor traffic in a convincing and appropriate manner. Brief remarks were supplemented by Messrs J Forrest and M A Oulton.

Miss Louise Deacon leaves this evening for Bangor in company with Miss Fannie Chapman, who has been visiting relatives here.

The sad death of Katie P Lewin, the three months old daughter of Mr and Mrs Edwin Lewin which took place at their residence, 287 Appleton street, Lowell, Mass, on the 20th inst, was received here on Wednesday last by wire. Her remains arrived at Benton on Thursday, in company with the grief stricken father, and was interred in the cemetery at Benton on Friday. The ceremony and sermon was conducted and delivered by Rev Mr Clements.

Mr and Mrs Lewin have the sympathy of their many relatives and friends in the village and the friends at large in the loss of their only babe.

The bud which hides the flower gay,
Before the morning breeze of day,
Is crushed, while yet the dew is seen
Upon the flower in so'ar sheen.

The rose, so pure—without alloy—
While opening into youthful bloom:
But ere its fragrance we enjoy
Its bloom lies fading in the tomb.

Though distant from parental fold,
Angels pervade the "streets of gold,"
Still one small voice on earth is stilled,
But with notes in Heaven the voice is filled.

Thine Time, in working attitude,
Brief to the rose did thus allude;
And standing now in a distant place
Is the germ of earth the rose to grace.

Mrs A E Lewin returned to Lowell on Monday.

Monticello Items.

Sept 27th, 1898.

The weather for the past week has been fine and the farmers are fairly hustling their potatoes out of the ground into the Boston market, starch factory and cellars; quite a number have finished digging.

H C Sharp has suspended operations in his mills and is fitting up for another winter's work in the woods.

The dwelling house of Mr Mulherin at Flint Corner was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday evening between 11 and 12 o'clock, with nearly all the contents. The family narrowly escaped as they were all asleep when the fire was discovered. Mr Mulherin is making preparations for building immediately.

Rev F H Osgood, pastor of the M E church here, exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev J H Barker of Hodgdon, and expects to go from there to Sherman and Golden Edge to assist Rev A H Black in revival services for the next two weeks.

Rev G E Potter, pastor of the Christian church, has gone to Bangor to attend the annual conference.

The village schools are progressing finely, the teachers in charge are Mr Murchie of Corrina, Me, and Miss Maggie Archibald of Monticello.

Upper Knoxfield Items.

A meeting in the interests of prohibition was held here Saturday evening. A deep interest is being taken here in the temperance cause, and we hope that on Sept 30th a large majority will be rolled up in favor of prohibition.

Apple parings are the order of the day or rather the evening, two being held here last week.

W R Demmings made a flying visit here rejoicing the hearts of all.

Last week Mr Wilmot Lawrence returned home with a blushing bride.

A picnic social is to be held here this evening for Pardon Flowelling.

Terrible Results of a Cyclone.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont, Sept 26.—A cyclone struck this city shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon and death and destruction followed. The regulation funnel-shaped cloud, accompanied by a waterspout, struck the city on Welland avenue and travelled from that point to the southern limit of the city. The armory of the local volunteer force was practically demolished. Falling chimneys crashed through the roof of the collegiate institute, narrowly missing a company of students who were drilling. McHugh's cigar factory lost its roof; Pickard's electric works were badly shaken up and one storage warehouse was demolished. Ratcliffe's ice house has completely disappeared. The St Catharines House was badly wrecked. In the district extending from James street east to Queenston street, the havoc was great. The storm struck Merriton, three miles from here, with terrible violence and from that place three deaths are reported with many injured.

The Lincoln Paper Mill was unroofed and badly wrecked, as was the power house of the Acetylene Gas Works.

There were forty pupils in the public school which collapsed and many were badly injured. Frank Moffat, one of the pupils, was killed.

Mrs John Bickley was killed in front of her house, a flying piece of lumber striking her on the head.

TONAWANDA, N Y, Sept 27.—The tornado which wrought such terrible havoc across the border, in St Catharines and Merriton, struck this city with terrible force at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The amount of damage done will exceed \$100,000. Many people are homeless and several are now under the care of physicians as a result of injuries sustained during the brief visit of the wind.

Fearful Mistake.

KENTON, Ohio, Sept 26.—Geo Charlton, living two miles east of here, probably will lose his life through a strange accident.—About midnight, hearing a noise in his chicken coop, he went to investigate. Soon his sister heard a scuffle and, grabbing an axe, she ran to his assistance. Finding, as she supposed, the thief on top, she struck him a fearful blow with the axe, but soon to her horror discovered it was her brother she had hit. His skull was crushed, and but little hope is entertained of his recovery. The burglar proved to be a junk peddler named Mike Smith. He was arrested.

Bank Robbed.

FLORA, Ind, Sep 27.—This morning the safe of the Farmer's Bank was blown open by robbers, who secured close to \$12,000 and made good their escape. Cashier William Lemon, who was aroused by the noise of the explosion, appeared on the scene while the robbers were still at work. He was shot and it is believed will die.

A posse of citizens followed the robbers for some distance, but they got away on a hand-car. Bloodhounds are now on the trail. There were two terrific explosions and the bank building was almost wrecked.

Reduced Freight Rates.

The O P R announces that a general reduction in freight rates on shipments from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces has been made and will probably become permanent. The cut varies from different points, but the reduction will average about 15 per cent. The new rates are as follows: Class 1—Freight, 70c per cwt; class 2—61c; class 3—53c; class 4—44c; classes 5 and 6—35c; class 7—25c; class 8—26c; class 9—27c; class 10—23c. The old rates for the same places were as follows: Class 1—Freight, 80c per cwt; class 2—70c; class 3—60c; class 4—50c; class 5 and 6—40c; class 7—28c; class 8—27c; class 9—32c; class 10—27c.

An English statistician has calculated that it would require a 10,000 horse power engine about 70,000,000,000 years to lift the earth one foot in height, yet there are men who imagine they jar it a little out of plumb every time they get out of bed in the morning.

August Trade.

The Dominion revenue for the month of August was \$3,673,000 as against \$2,878,000 in August, 1897. This is an increase of \$795,000. The expenditure, of course, increased, but it is only \$300,000 greater than in August, 1897. For the first two months of the current fiscal the total revenue was \$7,313,237, as compared with \$5,131,484 in the same period of last year, a gain of \$2,181,000; the expenditure in the same period was \$4,032,440—so that there is a good surplus over the short period.

In the Lesser Antilles.

The human disasters, at the islands of St Vincent, St Lucia and Barbadoes, were most serious. At St Vincent 300 lives were lost; at Kingston 200 houses were demolished. At St Lucia 13 lives were lost. At Barbadoes 10,000 houses were swept away and over 160 people killed. Generally the loss of shipping and other property was immense.

Truly a Narrow Escape.

A special to the *Globe* from Fredericton on the 26th says.

Judge and Mrs Vanwart, Mrs Geo W Allen and Mrs Elizabeth Hazen had a miraculous escape from serious if not fatal, injuries Saturday evening. They were returning to the city after a drive to Marysville and reached the Canada Eastern Railway crossing, near Mr J R McConnell's residence, almost simultaneously with the suburban train on its way to Marysville, whose approach they had not observed. The horse had got over the track, but the carriage was squarely across the rails when the locomotive crashed into it and sent it flying in pieces into the air. Fortunately, the terrified occupants were thrown clear of the track and thus escaped with their lives. All, however, received a terrible shock and the ladies were more or less bruised. Mrs Allan, who was found pinioned under the box of the carriage, received a severe cut in the head and suffered otherwise more than Mrs Vanwart or Mrs Hazen. The judge escaped with scarcely a bruise. The party returned to town on the Chatham express, which came along soon after the accident and the ladies were at once attended by their physicians.

Singularly Sad Death.

The Fredericton *Gleaner* gives the following particulars of the death of a young man under singular circumstances:

The death of a promising young man under peculiar circumstances occurred at the hospital on Sunday evening. On Saturday afternoon the woodboat Leader, Capt Everitt McMann, arrived here from Newcastle with a load of Grand Lake coal. On Thursday, the captain's brother, John, who was one of the crew, complained of the soreness of a small pimple which appeared just above the right eye. On Friday the soreness and swelling had considerably increased. That night a poultice was applied, which seemed to afford but little relief. By Saturday the sore had so swollen that Mr McMann's eye was almost closed, and he was suffering much pain. As soon as the vessel arrived here, about half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, the captain got a team and drove his brother to Dr Coulthard, who advised taking him to the hospital. Blood poisoning had, however, set in, and but very little could be done for the sufferer. He rapidly grew worse, and passed away easily Sunday morning. He was a smart and able young man, being only twenty-three years of age.

On Sunday, the 11th ult, the Methodists of California celebrated, with considerable religious fervor, the ninetieth birthday of "Father" Lorenzo Waugh, who is said to be the oldest living preacher of that denomination in the world. He is a native of West Virginia.

One of the most prosperous farmers in Oklahoma is Mrs Sane Crump, who lives near Calumet. Four years ago her husband died, and since then she and a 14-year-old boy have cultivated 320 acres of land, and this year raised over 5,000 bushels of wheat, besides corn, oats and other things. The widow plows every day and has paid a large amount of obligations of her dead husband since his death.

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Dress Goods,
100 PAIRS—
CORSETS,
And an assortment of
other Seasonable
Dry Goods.

(E. J. CLARKE)

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