Vicinity Chips

Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious

Business notices among locals will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line for each insertion. A reduction will be made on contracts for 100 lines or over.

Township council will meet on Saturday next, 6th inst.

Quarterly services will be held in the Methodist church on Sabbath next beginning at 10 30 a. m.

Colwell Graham, Dundalk, and C. A. Fleming, Owen Sound, were appointed county auditors last week.

A cord of dry wood pays for two subscriptions at the public library. Apply to the librarian, Mr. Armstrong.

Lost, a Brown Paisley shawl, on Tuesday night, between Beattie's corner and Flesherton. Finder will oblige by leaving it at this office.

The Bell telephone Company have placed a new long distance transmiter in the central office here. Montreal is as near as Toronto now.

R. McGirr's hotel and stables at Feversham were burned last week. The furniture was saved. There was an insurance of $830 on the buildings.

Mr. James Allan is Warden of the County. This is not the Patron candidate at last election as stated in the Markdale Standard, but a brother of that gentleman.

Eugenia L. O. L. will hold their annual concert on Thursday evening, Feb. 18. Mr. Bennett of Toronto has been engaged for the occasion. Large bills will be issued this week giving full particulars.

Mr. F. Defoe has built a fine open air rink back of McTavish's blacksmith shop, which is now in full running order. The rink is a large one—50x130 ft. For full particulars see his advertisement elsewhere.

The Shelburne Free Press was burned out root and branch in the big fire last week, but nevertheless came out on time with the help of the Economist plant. Mr. Mortimer's loss was about $4000, with $2100 insurance.

All the Melancthon prisoners are now housed in Orangeville jail awaiting their trial, with the exception of Read, who got off. We are persistently informed that more arrestes will take place, but there have been no "extras" up to date.

We have left about four hundred receipts, nicely printed, which we will cheerfully fill out for one dollar each. Look at the label on your paper and see if you are not entitled to one of these. We would like to dispose of all of them before the 15th inst.

The practice of jumping on loaded sleighs which the little folks are so prone to indulge in these days, should be discouraged by parents and teamsters. One little lad came very near having his legs crushed last week, the catastrophe being prevented only by a hair's breadth by the driver stopping his team.

Owing to ill health Mr. B. Hislop, barber, has been obliged to sell his business here. Mr. Fred Legard is the purchaser. Mr. Hislop has, during the past five years, shown himself to be a young man of sterling character, and much regret is expressed by all at his enforced removal. Ben was one of the most highly esteemed young men in Flesherton, and we voice the general sentiment when we wish him a speedy return to health and prosperity wherever in future his lot may be cast. We understand it is his intention to visit California next spring.

Master Robert Stewart, son of Mr Jas. Stewart of Kimberley, met with a serious accident near Eugenia on Monday while bringing a load of poles to the station. The horses took fright and ran away, throwing the young man off. He was caught by the hind bob and dragged some distance. He was carried to Mr. R. Genoe's residence and two doctors summoned. There were several bad cuts about the head and face and his body was badly bruised. No bones were broken, but still the injuries are so severe that there is danger of fatal consequences.

At a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon last, presided over by Rev. Mr. McLeod, moderator, it was decided to call Rev. Mr. Thom of Arthur to the Flesherton and Eugenia charge. There were two names before the meeting—Rev. Mr. Thom and Rev. Mr. Crozier of Grand Valley. The first ballot was a tie, and the matter was decided only after a few ballots had been taken. Rev. Mr. Thom is not exactly a young man, although unmarried. He is well liked in Arthur and only removes from there because he believes he can do better work for the Master elsewhere. His salary here will not be nearly so large as what he has been receiving, but the rev. gentleman says that the question of salary does not weigh with him.

The Canadian Horticulturist for January 1897 comes to hand very much enlarged and improved. It has a new and beautiful cover, a great many fine half-tone engravings and a colored plate of the rhododendron as frontispiece, with an editorial concerning this shrub. The magazine is enlarged both in number and size of pages to allow for the addition of a special department for floriculture and window gardening for the benefit of amateur gardeners. This number contains a special article by Mr. R. B. Whyte of Ottawa on "Sweet Peas," and among articles the following, the Variegated Calla, Hyacinths, Begonias for the Window, the Lilac, Amateur's Greenhouse, Making Cider Vinegar, a Window Box Device, Cold Storage for Fruit, etc. We advise all our readers to subscribe for this Journal. Address L. Woolverton, Grimsby, Ont.

County Orange Lodge

The County Orange Lodge met in Markdale on Tuesday, when a large representation was present and a profitable meeting held. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Co. Master, Simon Jelly, Shelburne; Dep. Co. Master, John Lyons, Markdale; Co. Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Graham, Shelburne; Co. Sec., James Corbett, Dundalk; Co. Fin. Sec., Joseph Stinson, Singhampton; Co. Treas, Thos. Hanbury, Dundalk; Co. D. of C., H. D. McLoughrey, Markdale; Co. Lec., H. E. Abbot Dundalk; Jas. Brodie, Vandeleur; Thomas Weir, Dromore.

Orange Blossoms

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. James Brodie, town line Artemesia, on Wednesday, January 27. It was the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Mary Melinda, to Mr. William R. Ellis of British Columbia. Sharp on time at 7 o'clock Miss Pickell of Markdale proceeded to the organ, and as she played the wedding march the bridal party entered the parlor, the bride leaning on the arm of her father. She was tastefully attired in a brown and white suit trimmed with fur. Miss Nellie Ellis, sister of the groom, who was also dressed in brown with lace trimming, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Eldon Brodie, brother of the bride, ably performed the duties of groomsman. The solemn service of matrimony, in accordance with the rights of the Methodist church, was now performed by the pastor of the bride, Rev. T. G. Scott of Markdale, in the presence of a select company of invited guests. After the usual congratulations at the completion of the ceremony the company proceeded to the dinning room and sat down to an excellent supper provided for the occasion. The bride was the recipient of a large number of valuable and useful presents which testify to her popularity. After spending a short time visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will leave for their western home in British Columbia.

Sent for Trial

Shelburne, Jan. 29.—The preliminary investigation into the Melancthon arson charges was concluded to-day, after perhaps the most sensational day's proceedings of the week. Confessions of inhuman cruelty to animals were made in the box by men who smilingly told how they burned colts in their stables to secure $25 insurance money. An ingenious plan of Jas. Ballard's was disclosed, by which he built a large foundation around a small barn, and scattering the ruins over the bogus foundation, claimed insurance on a barn of the size of the foundation. Mr. Forsyth, insurance adjuster, mentioned an organ on which he has paid two insurances and which is still in good condition. The evidence deduced at the investigation and the Coroner's inquest has greatly strengthened the position of the Crown, and they are now in a position to proceed against 20 or 30 persons implicated in at least 43 fires, and the probability is that such action will be taken. Detectives Greer and Rogers are still here working on strong clues brought out in the evidence and have a statement which shows a connection between the whole series of fires. The prisoners are losing some of their confidence, and even the Ballards, who are singularly strong and handsome mulattoes, are showing the effects of their anxiety and confinement. The prisoners will in all probability elect to be tried by the County Judge, in which event their trial will take place within a month.

PERSONALS

Mrs. H. Legard of Holland Centre is the the guest of friends in town.

Miss Edith Carr, Eugenia, is the guest of Miss Ella Stewart.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, postmaster and merchant of Dobbington, is spending a week with friends in this vicinity. This is Mr. Thompson's annual outing.

Rev. Mr. Mahan, Dr. Mahan, and Miss Keefer attended district meeting of the Epworth League of Christan Endeavor in Owen Sound on Tuesday.

The following item from the Chesley Enterprise refers to a graduate from this office. Harry's many friends here will be glad to learn that he is getting on in the world: "Harry Davey, who previous to last week was engaged on the Enterprise staff has secured a position with Mr. T. H. Race, the racy editor of the Mitchell Recorder. Harry is a good all-round man and can take any position in the office from distributing type to transcribing shorthand notes."

County and District

The Owen Sound Star says a poor house will soon be needed for the printers of Owen Sound. The fight, it says, is like that between the kilkenny cats.

An exchange says: "There is no insect that will either eat root or stock of buckwheat and sowing it on any piece of ground for two years in succession will kill wire worms by furnishing them nothing to eat."

Municipal life seems to be pretty stagnant in Fergus. After holding two nominations, only the reeve and two councillors were found willing to stand and the others had to be coerced into office.

An Arran lady recently took five turkeys to market, and at the same time her husband took out a load of oats. On comparing proceeds it was found that the woman had received more for her five turkeys than the man had for his oats.

J. P. Klempp, of Walkerton, killed a hog that would be a choice morsel for lumbermen. When dressed it was found to weigh 510 pounds. It measured 7 feet 8 inches around the breast. It was weighed just before being butchered, and registered a neat 720 pounds.

A queer case of mistaken identity occured recently in Meaford. A citizen sold a fat steer to a local cattle dealer. The steer occupied a stall in the stable beside a milch cow, recently calved. The cattle buyer was told where he would find the steer, the citizen not having time to accompany him to the stable. In the evening the citizen went out to the barn to milk his cow, but discovered to his astonishment that she was not there. He straightway made for the slaughter house, where he found the carcass of the cow dressed and ready for the butcher shop. The buyer had mistaken the cow for the steer and actually killed the wrong animal. Explanations were offered and readily accepted.—Mirror.

Miss Clara Evans and a mouse, the one a teacher in a Baltimore public shool and the other a resident of the same building, collided while traversing their respective orbits one day this week, and so startling were the noises which ensued that a panic among the children present was the result. They rushed for the door and down stairs in wildest terror, and a citizen who saw them emerge tumultuously into the street promptly turned on an alarm of fire from the nearest box. When the engine arrived the entire neighborhood was filled with excitement but finally Miss Evans managed to explain most of the trouble.

Our Stock is Going Fast!

But our Great Bargains are Still with us.

Our Genuine Clearing Sale is giving the people of this section such opportunities as they seldom get. It will not be wise to forget this point. We still take TRADE or CASH and have put prices away down.

Come in and Participate in the Good Things Going

It is useless to quote prices as everything is so far below usual selling prices that everybody is more than surprised. We beg to thank the many customers who have called upon us and would respectfully invite others to come in and share the bounties.

T. HILL, FLESHERTON

CLAYTON

BOOT and SHOE Dealer

HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Rubbers, Overshoes
Boots, Slippers and
Seasonable Goods

Selling very Cheap. Custom Work to Order. Repairing Promptly attended to.

STOCK-TAKING

Sale of Furniture

SIXTEEN (16) DAYS' SLAUGHTERING OF PRICES previous to STOCK-TAKING. During this sale we have cut off all profits. Think what this means to you. EVERYTHING in our large and well assorted stock of

Furniture . . .

PICTURES, BLINDS, CURTAIN POLES. In fact everything needed in the home of rich or poor, from the kitchen to the most artistic drawing-room requisites, at absolute cost for 16 days or till February 1st when we commence to take stock.

J. E. MOORE

The People's House Furnisher, Picture Framer and Undertaker

Public Notice!

NOTICE is hereby given forbidding any person or persons trespassing on or cutting, interfering with or removing any timber off lots 23, on the 9th and 10th concession, Artemesia and lots 143, 144 and 145 as any and all persons doing so will be prosecuted according to law.

R. J. SPROULE,
Agent, Flesherton.

December, 15, '96.

Logs Wanted

Real Rock elm logs are as follows: 15 inch in small end and cut 11 feet, 13 feet, 14 feet, 15 feet and 16 feet. Price, $5 per 1000 feet. Maple logs 21 inches and upwards. Small end cut 12 feet plump. Price of maple, $6 per 1000 ft. Cash paid for logs. Logs must be perfect.

EDWARD SARGENT,
Flesherton Station.