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.

Housekeeper wanted—For information apply at this office.

Meaford business men have formed a syndicate to purchase grain.

The public school re opened on Monday with Principal Tomlinson and Miss Irwin at their posts.

Special services began in the Methodist church on Tuesday with two meetings, afternoon and evening.

Mr. W. Trimble took charge of the Durham stage route on Saturday last, and now takes the trip daily, rain or shine.

Councillor McMillan gave an oyster supper to his friends at Bolger's hotel, Priceville, on Monday evening after election.

The annual general meeting of the Osprey Farmers' Milling Co. (Limited) will be held in the Orange Hall, Feversham, on Tuesday Jan 18th.

Rev. J. Mahan will preach a special sermon on Sunday evening next in the Methodist church. Subject—"Turning over a new leaf."

The annual meetiug of the Liberal Conservative association of east and centre Grey, will be held in Markdale, on Friday, January 14th, at one o'clock p. m.

Mr. W. Thompson, Presbyterian minister at Proton Station, gave a short, earnest and very acceptable address in the Presbyterian church at the Sunday evening service.

At the annual school meeting held on Wednesday of last week the retiring trustee, Dr. Christoe, was replaced by Mr. Geo. Mitchell. Dr. Christoe had served on the board for nine years.

Kimberley L. O. L. No. 1340 will hold their annual concert in the Town Hall, Kimberley, on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Revs. J. V Plunkett and J. Mahan and Dr. Sproule are announced as speakers. See large bills for full particulars.

Dufferin Lodge, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers at their regular fortnightly meeting on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 28: N. G., John Whitten; V. G., J. C. Adams; Rec.-Sec., R. N. Henderson; Per. Sec., W. Moore; Treas., D. McTavish.

We met with a peculiar mishap during the past week by which some copy from our Proton Station cor. got accidentally cremated in the stove along with other papers. As the article was a justification of certain statements made by our cor. a couple of weeks ago its loss is all the more aggravating. Will the correspondent kindly rewrite it for next week's issue.

A very successful teameeting was held in the Methodist church, Kimberley, on Monday evening, the proceeds amounting to something over thirty dollars. Flesherton choir was the strong attraction of the evening, giving eleven pieces, and these were apparently appreciated. Most of the speakers billed did not put in an appearance. Rev. Mr. Scott of Markdale and the pastor, Rev. J. V. Plunkett, were the speakers present.

Flesherton young people are in the doldrums this winter on account of having no skating rink on which to while away the long evenings. Owing to a few individuals working at cross purposes, the drill shed has been refused for use as a rink. It is time a joint stock company was formed to build a rink for this town, and suitable for holding large gatherings in the summer. In the meantime this winter the youngsters have to put up with an out-of door-rink, which the Mosier Bros. propose to keep in running order.

The old style of portraying famous people through a "sketch" or "biography is to be modernized in The Ladies' Home Journal during 1898. Five of the most prominent Americans have been chosen for the departure: President McKinley, Mrs. Cleveland, Mark Twain, Joseph Jefferson, and Thomas A. Edison. Each will have a special article, which will consist of about fifteen or twenty fresh, unpublished stories and anecdotes strung together, each anecdote showing some characteristic trait or presenting a different side of the subject. The idea is to show famous personalities through their own doings and sayings, and to make these articles accurate the, relatives and closest personal friends of the subjects have assisted and given to the Journal the best stories and anecdotes within their own knowledge. Each article will thus represent the closest view of the one sketched. No authorship will be attached to any of the articles.

Flesherton came within an ace of having the most serious conflagration in its history on New Years morning. Mr. Fred Tucker, tailor, occupies rooms in the Richardson block over the bank and harness shop. Friday evening a visitor emptied a live pipe into a sawdust box used as a cuspidore. Early Saturday morning Mrs. Tucker was awakened by smoke and the roar of flames. Hastily awakening her husband it was found that a lively fire was in progress and had communicated to the window curtains. Fortunately a quantity of water was at hand and the flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done, but the call was close and two or three minutes more would have placed the fire beyond control, the consequences of which would be too terrible to contemplate.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson spent New Years day with friends in Durham

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong and a lady friend, of Lucknow, spent New Year's day with friends in town.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell ate his New Year's dinner with relatives in Alliston.

Miss Ella Stewart returned on Monday from visiting friends in Galt.

Mrs. J. Deadman and little son of Richmond Hill are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McKenzie, Flesherton Station.

Mr. Chas. Munshaw has returned to his studies at Owen Sound business College.

Rev. R. and Mrs. Kebfer of Linwood spent a few days of last week with the former's parents here.

Mrs Jos. Smith is the guest of friends in Clarksburg.

Wedding Bells

John H. Jamieson, eldiest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jamieson of Artemesia, last Wednesday dared to prove to his bachelor friends that it was not good for man to live alone, so he joined the ranks of benedicts, which he decided was far better, by taking to himself a life partner in the person of Miss Agnes Hislop, youngest daughter of Mrs. Hislop, "Valley Home", at whose home the event took place. There were present only the relatives of the bride and groom. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Mr. Thom of Flesherton. The bride was attired in fawn silk trimmed with chiffon lace and ribbon and wore the usual bridal veil orange blossoms and lilies of the valley and was assisted by Miss Mary J. Jamieson of Toronto, sister of the groom, and Miss Maggie A. Hislop of Stratford, cousin of the bride, who were suitably attired. The groom was supported through the trying ordeal by Mr. Adam Hislop, brother of the bride, and Mr. Will Jamieson, brother of the groom. After the cermony was solemnized the the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by the bride's mother, to which they did ample justice. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, testifying to the high esteem in which she was held, among them being a gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom The happy couple will remain in the valley for a short time prior to their leav- for their future home in the States.

Sabbath School Anniversary

The annual Sabbath school anniversary of Flesherton Methodist church took place on the evening of New Years Day, and as is usual was largely attended, the proceeds amonuting to $65. The program was carried out in its entirety by the pupils of the school, and the singing especially reflected much credit upon the trainers, Miss Christoe and Mr. Barnhouse. Instead of mentioniug the program in any kind of of detail we will give some figures dealing with the school, which will impart a good idea of the flourishing condition this school still maintains. We would, however, like to especially mention a duet by little Misses Edna and Laura Pedlar, also a solo by little Miss Rubey Trimble, which were very sweet. The librarian's report, which has been placed in our hands, shews that the library contains 450 volumes, with an average of 35 books exchanged each week during the year. In addition to these there were distributed 5,200 copies of the Northern Messenger, 4160 copies of the Pleasant Hours and 240 Banners. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year of $83.17, and expenditure $78.45, leaving a balance on hand of $4.72 The secretary's report gave the following information: There are 190 names on the roll The school had been open 48 Sundays during the year. There were 81 removals and 58 new names added. There was an average attendance of 10 teachers per Sabbath and there were 336 visitors during the year. The number of verses committed to memory was—boys 4954, girls 6860. Cora Bellamy recited the largest number of verses among the girls and Charley Hales among the boys. Minnie Bellamy and Ella Barnhouse stand best in attendance among the girls and Willie Bentham and Bert Barnhouse among the boys.

Born

McKEE—In Owen Sound, on Dec. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. John McKee a son.

23 Killed at London,

London, Ont., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—The greatest catastrophe that has taken place in this vicinity since the Victoria disaster of 1881, occurred this evening in the midst of the jubilation that followed the municipal election. The returns were late in coming in, and it was forty minutes past 8 when the Mayor and Aldermen-elect and their supporters thronged into the City Hall, which was filled to its utmost limit, A dozen speakers had addressed the enthusiastic crowd and Mr. R. M. C. Toothe was about to go on the platform when there were loud cries for Alderman Parnell. In the confusion that followed Mr. Toothe pressed forward, and, without the slightest warning, the platform and the floor in the northeast corner of the hall gave way, precipitating about 150 persons to the floor below. Near the platform stood a very large iron safe, which, going down with the floor, added its terrible crushing weight to the falling timbers and pinned fast the unfortunate victims, who might otherwise have had a chance of escaping.

The scene that followed was one of indescribable confusion and consternation the cries of the injured and the groans of the dying mingling in appalling chorus. The firemen were speedily on the spot and rendered all the assistance possible, their efforts being seconded by hundreds of willing hands. All the doctors in the city were summoned by telephone and every nearby cab and sleigh was called into requisition to remove the dead, the dying and injured. The news of the disaster soon spread throughout the city and thousands of curious and hundreds of anxious people packed the entire block on Richmond street, where the City Hall stands. In the confusion and panic that followed the catastrophe the wildest reports were circulated, but the truth itself is sad enough. At last accounts the total number of killed is at least 28, while the injured will be fully three times as many. Three reporters went down into the debris, but fortunately none of them was seriously hurt.

Ottawa despatches state that Canada will adopt the postal system in vogue the United Kingdom. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed on thin linen paper of the following denominations: 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90 cents $1, $1.50, $2 00, $2.50, $3, $4, $5. The cost of obtaining these notes will be one cent each up to 40 cents, two cents between that figure and $2 50 and three cents each for all above that. These postal notes will replace the postoffice money orders for the transmission of all small sums through the post. The present money order system is a cumbersome and indirect method, and wastes much time. It will be continued, however, with some improvements for the transmission of sums up to $100. These postal notes will serve a great public convenience, doing away with the payment of accounts in postage stamps, the postal notes being payable at any money order office without the identification of the payee or any condition other than the presentation of the note. It is expected that the rates, low as they are fixed, will give a small profit. The system is very popular in England.

A young man named Angus McCaig, in the employ of John Rouse, eighteen miles north of Lions Head, in the township Lindsay, shot himself Wednesday last. It appears the young man had been keeping company with a sister of Mrs. Rouse, who was also living there. He wrote a letter and handed it to her, commanding her not to open it until he went out to the woods, where he was working, which was only a short distance from the house. Shortly after he left Mrs. Rouse and her sister, Miss Bestward, opened and read the letter, the contents of which was bidding her goodbye for the last time, stating that he was going to shoot himself. The moment they were through reading it they heard the report of a rifle in the direction he was working, and they at once knew what had taken place. They alarmed the neighbors, and the first to arrive on the scene was a man named Joseph Whitehouse, who found McCaig lying dead, shot through the heart. He was of a morose disposition, and had on several occasions threatened to take his life.

Large numbers have called in and renewed their subscriptions during the past week, but not one quarter of the number who should have done so, and whom we relied on. Many others, of course, will renew during the next two weeks, after which we shall trim our lists accordingly. You cannot afford to be without the local paper. Come in and see us about it.

John Fox was a farmer, aged about 50, living at Loon Lake, Muskoka township. Friday after noon last Fox was in town and procured three bottles of whiskey. About five in the afternoon he was seen reeling homewards. He managed to get within a short distance of home when he fell in his tracks, upon a private road leading to his house. There he laid for four or five hours. When he was found he was terribly frozen. He died on Sunday

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Notice of Meeting

Take notice that the annual meeting of "East Grey Electoral District" Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall Flesherton, on January 15th, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the receiving and passing on the Board of Directors' and Secretary-Treasurer's reports for the past year, the election of officers for the ensuing year, and such other lawful business deemed necessary in the interests of said society. A full attendance is cordially invited.

R. J. SPROULE, Secretary.

Dated at Flesherton, Jan. 4th 1898.