

COUNTRY TALK.

Fullarton.

John Schellenberger has purchased the Weber farm in Billie for \$10,000. Within a radius of two miles and inside of a period of three days there were no less than three weddings in the front part of Fullarton. The parties most interested are: John Stecher, Chicago, to Miss Niberlein, of this township; John Kreis to Miss Apel, both of this township; and Tom Schuch, of Sebringville. A popular old school says that to his knowledge there are eleven more weddings on the string in the township.

Newton.

A good, live correspondent to THE BEE was heard here.

The stern reaper has cut down another prominent pioneer of Perth, in the person of John Zieger. His death occurred at his residence at Newton, on Saturday, 18th ult. Some years ago he was one of the best known and most prominent men in North Waterloo. He was the founder of the village of Wellesley, and carried on an extensive business in that village. He was a staunch Conservative all his life and opposed Moses Springer, ex-M. P., now sheriff of that county, as a candidate on the Conservative ticket for the Legislature, and was only defeated by 17 votes, which was a great surprise, as Mr. Springer was thought to be a most remarkable strong and popular candidate.

Elma.

Evangelistic services are being held on the 15th con, Elma, by Messrs. John Tree and Samuel Whitney. They report having good meetings and quite a number have professed conversion. The meetings are held in the farm houses.

Considerable farm property has changed hands in this section. East half lot 10, con. 10, owned by Mr. Clark, was sold to Messrs. George and William Nichol. Lot 12, on the same line, was purchased by James Nichol from Jas. Love.

On Saturday night one Archie Simpson's colic became inter-lit-east, causing severe internal injuries which caused his death on Tuesday of this week. It is a serious loss to Mr. Simpson as it was a very fine animal and his favorite.

On Friday night last Henry Smith, of the 16th con, died at the age of 87 years. Deceased was one of the pioneer residents of the township and was one of the few remaining who voted for T. M. Ducey at his first election. He leaves a family of seven children, among whom is Joseph Lambert and Mrs. C. Skin of this township. The family have the entire sympathy of the community.

Newry.

Business has been quiet in the village this week.

Miss Anna Wynne is under the influence of the gripe in St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan are suffering from the prevailing gripe.

Miss Mary Gray is visiting friends in Downie this week. Somebody will be glad.

Charlie Wynn is laid up with the gripe and not able to attend to his school.

Our school was closed a few days on account of the teacher suffering from the gripe.

Business in general is dull here. Our carriage builder "Billy" is the only one who is kept busy.

Andrew Smeaton is on an extended tour through the northern counties of the Province. We hope he will bring her home with him.

A. J. Kellor is going to open out an office and stick out his shingle which will bear the following inscription: "A. J. Kellor, Conveyancer, Valuator, &c. etc. Money to Loan. The letter will be quite acceptable and we hope he will circulate it without restraint.

The following percentage obtained by the pupils of S. S. No. 15, at the written examination held for the month of January. The examination covers the work done during the month: Fifth Class—William Morrison 72, Welland Wynn 70, William Gray 69, David Langley 68, Jessie Simpson 58, Albert Gray 54, Senior Fourth—James Morrison 84, John Fullarton 83, John Farrel 82, James Danbrook 81, Junior Fourth—Charles McMane 85, Fred Wynn 81, Kittie Allison 77, Eunith Alexander 74, Minnie Johnston 72, James Dickson 64, Fannie Adams 61, Senior Third—Barbara McIntyre 50, James Gilmer 55, Frederick Danbrook 49, Minnie Chisholm 48, Michael Richardson 47, John Lesley 18, Junior Third—Alex. Dickson 63, Albert Morrison 40, Samuel Newstead 39, Senior Second—Maggie Allison 79, Carrie Gilmer 71, Paulina Richardson 70, David Smith 49, Robert Johnston 70, Junior Second—Annie Danbrook 83, David Dunlop 77, Charles Coulter 73, Mattilda Newstead 70, Eva Gee 68, Eva Holmes 65, Maud Coulter 63, Part Second—Lena Simpson 83, Melbourne Gee 78, Part First—Willie Morrison 80, Albert Dunlop 73, Angus Dickson 66, Lena McIntyre 53, Thomas McIntyre 50, Willie Coulter 39. Total number on the register during the month 70, boys 45, girls 25. Average attendance 53. Pupils who missed no days during the month, Wm. Gray, John Farrel, Fred Danbrook, James Simpson, Willie and Minnie Morrison, Maggie Allison, Annie Danbrook, Laura Simpson, Laura McMane.

W. G. MORRISON, Teacher.

Molesworth.

The annual meeting of Molesworth Cheese and Butter Company was held in the Molesworth school house on Saturday, the 11th of January, and was attended by the shareholders belonging to the company. All seemed well pleased with the way the business was conducted during the past year. After the passing of the financial report, three of the Directors were re-elected for the present year, the two new ones being Joseph Armstrong and Herman Fisher. The board of Directors for the present year are Hanco Dunningham, Henry Treglown, J. A. Erskin, Joseph Armstrong, Herman Fisher. The following figures were taken from the Secretary's report: Total amount of milk received at the factory was 2,289,473 lbs., manufactured into 200,467 lbs. of cheese. The total amount realized for cheese was \$49 cents. The cost of manufacture per lb. of cheese, including all expenses connected with the running of the factory, 1.40 cents. After the business of the meeting was over there was a dividend of one thousand dollars paid to shareholders on their milk.

Monkton.

Eben Freeborn, our popular clerk, has been down with the gripe. William Merrifield and wife have also been down with the same complaint. We believe Dr. Hamilton has the better end of the gripe, if we may judge from the calls he gets.

The Monkton reporter to the Stratford Herald is the best looking man on the staff. So much for Monkton. The reporter to the Beacon is not so good looking but is a good fellow and a sneezer under the gair, and it is said he talks in his sleep.

Wm. Harris, jr. is still very low with pneumonia, brought on by influenza. His sisters are also sick, and we hope they will soon be restored to health again as the family is highly respected and has the best wishes of all the community.

Mr. Wilson, manager of the Ontario House, is taking stock this week. The business done under his management has been pleasing to his many customers and we are sure will be to the firm May Mr. Wilson live long to do business with us.

Brussels.

Principal Shaw was taken down with the prevailing influenza and school had to come to a full stop in his department.

A gentleman was in town talking up the organization of a Court of Independent Foresters. He decided that we were well equipped in the matter of lodges and Societies and went on to Wingham.

New Salt Firm.—The assignee of the Rogers Estate has sold the salt block to Coleman & Sons, of Seaford, also the stock in yard, &c., for the sum of \$7,000. They are going to commence operations at once; this is a good move for the town, as well as a fairly good sale of the block. The citizens of Brussels welcome the new firm to our town and trust they may succeed.

The Huron Sabbath School Convention was held in Seaford on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. It was on the whole a very successful gathering, although a gripe militated very seriously against the attendance of both speakers and delegates. Out of 24 persons who were to take part on the program 13 were present and 11 absent. The following officers were elected for next year: President, Rev. Mr. Craig; of Clinton; Vice Presidents, Rev. Mr. Saebler, Crediton; Jas. Mitchell, Godfrey; T. O. Kemp, Seaford; and W. H. Kerr, Brussels. I. Taylor, of Clinton, was re-elected Minute Secretary; J. Smith, of Seaford, Corresponding Secretary; and C. Stevenson, of Clinton, Treasurer. Executive Committee, Rev. Mr. Simpson, Brucefield; Rev. W. Selker, Brussels; W. M. Gray, Seaford; D. McQuarrie, Blyth, and J. Grigg, Exeter. The next Convention will be held in Brussels in January 1901.

Grey.

Miss Lotte Hill is visiting relatives at Clinton and locality.

Reeve Milne and Deputy Reeve Oliver and Bryan were in attendance at the County Council last week.

Miss Hannah Bell is in Toronto taking a course at the Conservatory of Music. She will no doubt be an apt pupil. The attendance fell off considerably in S. S. No. 8, owing to this fashionable epidemic which is going the rounds.

Last week Robt. Oliver, of New York and State, was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frank Oliver. He intends going to Denver, Colorado, with a view of bettering his circumstances.

T. W. Johnston was laid aside for a while from the blow received from a cow when on the breast. He was watching and the blow was given after the animal's throat was cut.

George McTaggart, of the 10th con., is very ill from a severe attack of influenza and it looked very serious for him at one time but he is some better now though still far from well.

There was a wood-bee at Duncan McNeil's where quite a quantity of wood was sawed up but was not split or piled. It will be good exercise for Neil to pile up before the snow gets drifted all over it. There were lots of young people at the social gathering in the evening when music and dancing were in the order. Everything went merry as a bell. There were three violinists of various degrees of excellence and everybody put in a good time.

DECEASED.—On Thursday last week Mrs. Thos. Mitchell, an old and respected resident of the 9th con. passed away at her residence. She had been ailing for some years with diabetes and recently the prevailing epidemic in gripe took hold of her and proved fatal. Her husband, two sons and one daughter are left to regret her demise. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, Rev. D. B. McGee conducted the service. Mrs. Mitchell was a resident of Grey for about 25 years and was a kind hearted, hard working woman.

Bians ard.

The following salaries will be paid our township officials this year: Clerk, \$100; collector, \$80; assessor, \$60; treasurer, \$40; auditors, each, \$10.

The annual meeting of the Bianshard and Nissouri Cheese & Butter Company was held at the school house near the agency on the 11th of January. Much business was taken in the report of the directors for the past season, which showed a dividend of 24 cents per share. Much business was taken during the session, from which 19 1/2 tons of cheese had been made. A dividend of 10 per cent, was the result of the session. The directors decided during the session, 8 per cent of which was paid on the debt and 2 per cent, being paid by the secretary, \$20,000, to shareholders. The old officials were re-elected.

Stratford.

A number of Stratford people took in the Ancient Order of Hibernians ball at St. Maigs on Tuesday evening of last week.

The irrefragable Dan Moran, of Seaford, has passed his bag and baggage to Goderich, where he intends to locate as a bill poster and light porter.

The remains of Christian O. Farmer were interred in Sarnia with military honors, the deceased having been a member of No. 7 company, 27th Batt. Messrs. A. A. Weston, J. Walton and J. Athabild of the G. T. R. shops were in Hamilton Friday attending the funeral of Herbert Donville, G. T. R. locomotive inspector and sixth son of C. K. Donville, mechanical superintendent of the road.

Mornington.

The following are the names of the pupils in S.S. No. 6, who obtained the highest number marks at their written examination for January—Fifth Class—Lettitia Dowd, Jennie Lang, Wm. L. Dowd. Fourth Class—Clara Watson, Clara Love, Nettie Phillis. Third Class—Wm. Gray, Samuel Robinson, Emily Lang, Junior Third Class—Maud Vaddell, Lizzie Dowd, Katie Anderson. Second Class—Wm. H. Dowd, Jennie Forrest, Maggie Gray.

The following are the pupils who took the highest number of marks in their classes during the month of January, as shown by the examinations held in Union School No. 9. The names are as follows: First class—Senior Fourth—Sarah Roe, David Harrow, Aggie Sanderson, Junior Fourth—Adam Appel, Moses Stieky, Janet Hamilton. Senior Third—William Sippel, Bruce Williams, Richard Roe, Marie Edwards, Lizzie Pummell (all equal). Second—Lydia Edwards, William Joe, Adam Hamilton, John McLellan (equal). Second Class—David Stieky, Albert Edwards (equal), Sarah and Herbert Gallop, Henry Stevenson (equal).

JAMES L. WILSON, Teacher.

Elma and Wallace Boundary.

Influenza has not yet lost its grip here. A number of the older people are still low with it.

Miss Millie Tompkins has returned from Kincaid where she has been visiting her sister.

We are pleased at seeing George Leslie around again. George cut his foot very badly during the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Henderson left on Tuesday for Gulph, where she has secured a position in the hospital.

On Monday evening a number of young people were entertained to a oyster supper, at the residence of John Curtis. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The following is the standing of pupils in U. S.S. No. 2, Elma and Wallace, for the month of January. Names in order of merit: First Class—Mary Ann Arthur, Albert, Edward Tompkins, James Henderson, Junior Fourth Class—Serrie Frislin, W. J. Marks, Maud McPherson, Third Class—Robert Marks, Ernest Stapleton, Albert Weber, Junior Third Class—Sarah Ferguson, Jessie, Lizzie Bell. Second Class—James Stapleton, Jessie Urquhart, Jess Milburn.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.

Staffa.

Mrs. Wm. Warden has returned from a short visit with friends in Toronto.

T. A. Hawkins, music teacher, will spend a week with friends at Port Albert in his own home.

Night colds are the order of the day and our villages have not all escaped; while some have had severe attacks.

Miss McIlroy, sister of Mrs. Carling, and Fr. and Miss Morkin, niece and nephew of the same, are guests at Hibbert.

Mrs. Duncan McDougall, who has been poorly for some time is, we are sorry to say, no better. John Drake also, wants to learn, is still under the care of Dr. McFavish.

A meeting of the Hibbert Reform Association was held in the township hall, and about the time of January. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. C. McLarn, Cashier, Hubert, J. E. McLarn and Harbour. Such an array of talent should be able to make a good candidate.

At the last session for January of Court Wain, No. 380, L. O. F. the following officers were installed: Samuel Chever, C. R.; James Oliver, V. G. R.; Peter McNaughton, R. S. F.; D. Hutchinson F. S.; J. Soder, Treas.; James Parish, Chaplain; L. D. N. Smith, Physician; Josiah Izard, S. W.; Thomas Plagle, J. W.; James Manson, S. B.; Alex. Grey, J. B.

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