

MURDOCH.

Mrs. Pollock has moved into the school residence lately occupied by Mr. James Baird and family.

Mr. Nelson of Normandy has leased the Morrison farm for a term of years.

Mr. Albert Budd who has been in the employ of Mr. S. T. Orchard for the last five years left last week accompanied by his brother, for the vicinity of London. The best wishes of his many friends go with him.

Miss Maud Chapman of Mount Forest is spending her Easter holidays with Murdoch friends.

Mr. Welsh of Toronto paid a visit to his daughter Miss Minnie who intends leaving for Toronto in a few weeks.

Mrs. Johnson Sr., was taken suddenly ill with inflammation of the lungs, but under the treatment of Dr. Park is able to be around again.

Mr. George Pollock is engaged at present in building a stable for Mr. G. Klemp, of Holstein.

Miss Lizzie Johnson who is becoming familiarly known as a public reciter, recited at the temperance concert which was held in Holstein on Friday night. Mr. Wm. Allan as usual was in attendance assisting in the good cause.

Another of our respected pioneers in the person of Mr. Wm. Mead succumbed to a fatal attack of La Grippe on Tuesday last, and was laid to rest in the new cemetery in Durham on Friday. The bereaved widow and family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends and neighbors in this their sad hour of affliction.

VARNEY.

Mr. R. Morice of Normandy was overseeing the building of a new bridge north of our town Monday last which has been in a dangerous condition for some time.

Mr. Wm. McCaimon Jr. spent last Sunday at home.

Mr. R. Pettigrow had the misfortune to lose a fine mare last week with inflammation of the lungs.

The La Grippe has had Mr. Dick Allen for the last week. We are glad to see Dick out again.

Mr. Will Clark took a flying trip to Mt. Forest last Saturday on his wheel. He reports the roads bad for wheeling.

The Rev. H. Caldwell took charge of the service last Sunday morning. The Varney people are always glad to see Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. C. Gadd is busily engaged pruning orchards at present.

Miss Page of Owen Sound gave a lecture to the ladies of the church last Friday. We do not know whether it was equal rights, woman's rights or a lecture on the training of husbands.

It is rather early for summer sets yet but never-the-less Jimmy Allen and his colt took a header into the ditch. They were none the worse for it, Jimmy was a little shook up and the colt greatly surprised.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nowry left for their home in Detroit Tuesday last after spending a few days with Mrs. Nowry's mother who is in poor health.

DROMORE.

Mr. Wm. Phelps was married two weeks ago Wednesday, to Miss Mogk, of New England.

Mrs. Robt. Long, Sr., has been sorely afflicted of late, and is not expected to pull through. Mr. Long is also poorly but going around.

Mr. Eccles, Sr., had the misfortune lately to fall over a fence, and striking a stone, broke four ribs.

John Nelson sold his handsome matched team to W. J. Adams, for \$150. They are rising 3 and 4 years old, and Will has now a turn out of which he is naturally proud.

Peter Reid, Jr., is living in Dromore now, engaged with Mr. Andrew Leslie.

Wm. Calvert and W. J. Adams were in Durham Friday, securing seed drills of the Coulter and Scott, make from C. McKinnon of your town.

An Easter Song Service was held in Amos Church on Sunday last. It was led by Miss Robena Henderson and Mr. J. Snell. A collection was taken up for hymn books.

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HOLSTEIN.

Intended for last week.

Mrs. John and Miss Kate Healy visited friends in Mt. Forest last week.

George Horsburgh left on Saturday for St. Paul where he is hired for the summer months.

Miss Lou Sum of Yeovil is visiting friends in Holstein for a few days.

Mr. John Loughton, Dromore, visited at Mr. Adam Doupe's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dickson of Mt. Forest visited in this place on Sabbath.

Miss Cummings of Hamilton returned on Saturday after spending a few weeks with her Aunt Mrs. J. O'Connell.

Now do not forget the R. T. of T. concert in Temperance Hall on Good Friday evening if you do you will be sorry for a good program is provided and only 10c admision.

Mr. Geo. Cahler has torn down the old log house on centre street. It was the oldest house in the village, he intends building a fine brick residence to report says.

village or town where there were a number and gave him a monopoly of their trade. Who viewed with horror the approaches the parties were making towards direct taxation and who raised the money for campaign and all other purposes by direct taxation on the members. Who always preached what they did not practice, and practiced what they denounced. Lord Macaulay in the third volume of his history of England tells us that in that time (the beginning of the seventeenth century) "there were scores of 'constitutions,' Organizations which lived just long enough to make a miserable noise and go off in convulsions." Here is the history of the Patron order in a single sentence, given by a writer in describing events of nearly three hundred years ago still, there are those who will say that the Patron movement was not a retrograde step.

Onlooker refers to the weakness of the Reform party. This was a stock phrase of the P. F. A., "the weakness of the Reform party and its utter inability to cope with existing conditions," but the P. F. A. forgot and so does Onlooker, that the Reform party rule in all the Provinces but one and in the Dominion as well. A very good proof of their weakness!

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The position of Onlooker perched on the ant hill of delusion, on Mount Prospective and looking through mists of bigotry is amusing in the extreme, and when he jokes about the Patron party being the salvation of the Reform party in the Dominion Elections he becomes humorous. His humor contrasts favorably with his former sneers. Humor is the product of a higher civilization. The philosopher laughs, the savage frowns. But we must remind Onlooker that he is the only victim of his own joke. Such cant will deceive no one else. Thanking you Mr. Editor for the valuable space so kindly allowed.

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