

THE FARMERSVILLE REPORTER.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tenders Wanted—B. Loverin.
Next Week—Delorma Wiltse,
Notice—James Ross.
Special Announcemnt—James Ross.

FARMERSVILLE AND VICINITY.

Walks About Town. What Our Reporter Saw, Heard and Noted.

Election of Officers.

A portion of next Friday evening will be devoted by the Literary and Musical Association to the election of officers. A short program will be presented.

Illicit Whiskey-Selling.

Constables Sly and Coon, of Morton, passed through town on Monday, having in charge Mrs. Milton Jones, sentenced to 3 months at hard labor in the common jail, for the 3d offence of selling liquor without license.

A Private Bank.

There is a rumor going the rounds of the town that one of our most solid financial citizens intends starting a private bank for the benefit and accommodation of the village and surrounding country. Such an institution would be a boon to this section of the country, and one that would no doubt be of great practical value to the community. We hope the rumor is correct.

A Runaway.

Last Saturday afternoon a young man named Haley, from near Toledo, drove into the village, leaving a team, (a span of fine looking and spirited young horses) standing unbitched in front of Fisher's blacksmith shop while he stepped inside. The horses got frightened at something and made a lively run up Main St. Everybody ran and everybody hollered "whoa." Whether under the soothing influence of the "whoas," or from some other cause, the team was finally stopped near the hay scales.

To Dairymen.

We understand that Messrs. Anson Coleman and W. T. Singleton, of Delta, have been appointed agents for a firm in New England, with authority to purchase all the calf and deacon skins they can secure. They have issued a well-written little circular giving full directions as to taking off and curing of skins, and agree to pay from 5 to 15 cents each more for skins taken care of as directed than for those taken off in the old-fashioned slipshod manner usually practiced by too many dairymen. They will have a sub-agent in nearly every school section in the county. John Wiltse has the cash to pay for all offered in this section.

Riel's rebellion in the North West is assuming alarming proportions. On Friday last, a detachment of 100 mounted police and about 40 civilians on their way to Fort Carleton, were met by 200 rebels and a fight ensued in which two policemen, 10 civilians and a number of rebels were killed, and 11 police and civilians wounded. The news of the battle created intense excitement, and men and supplies are being shipped as rapidly as possible to the scene of the rebellion.

Mrs. Thos. Hayes died on Tuesday evening. Funeral on Thursday at 2 p. m. See funeral notices.

The Elbe cheese factory will start on April 6th with over 650 cows, being over 100 in addition to last year.

Was it Suicide?

Last week we gave in our obituary column a brief account of a few incidents in the life of the late Capt. Riley Johnson, little thinking that we would be called upon this week to give some painful revelations concerning the closing scenes in his life's drama. From letters received by his friends it appears that he kept a small confectionery and cigar store at Kansas City, Mo. A few days before his death he was called upon by a supposed former acquaintance from the East, who invited him to his rooms at the hotel to see some ladies purporting to be relatives of the supposed friend. Here he was drugged, and remained unconscious for 24 hours, and it is supposed that the party referred to wished to obtain possession of some valuable papers, relating to a back pension and soldier's claim to which the Captain was entitled for services during the American civil war. It seems that after his recovery from the effects of the drugging, he went to Independence (a small village about 10 miles from Kansas City). Here his body was found suspended in such a manner as would lead to the supposition that he had committed suicide; but the medical certificate which accompanied the remains stated that death was caused by strichnine. In conversation with parties who viewed the body at Ogdensburg, we learn that the features were very natural, and no abrasion or discoloration of the neck was discernable. Their theory, and we believe the correct one, is that after recovering from the effect of the drug administered at Kansas City, the Captain went to Independence in search of the party above referred to, or else had been induced to go there, when a further dose was administered that produced death, and the body placed in the position found in order to make it appear that it was a case of suicide. His store was broken into on the night after his death, which is another link in the chain that leads to the belief that a dark and terrible crime was committed. We learn that a brother, Stanley Johnson, intends visiting Kansas City with a view to unravelling the dark mystery that overhangs the last days of his brother. We have been permitted to copy the following letters which throw some additional light on the matter, as well as showing the respect and esteem in which Capt. Johnson was held in Missouri:—

Kansas City, Mo., March 22, 1885.
S. A. Taplin, Esq., Farmersville, Ont.
DEAR SIR,—I wired you this afternoon of the death of Capt. Riley Johnson by suicide. There is no doubt that he met his death by his own hands, and the cause, we think, will bear investigation. It would seem that there have been parties watching his movements for some time. I think it was Friday he met a man on the street who lives east, maybe Ogdensburg or in your neighborhood. They,

at all events, were acquainted. This stranger in our city invited old Mr. J. up to his room to meet his wife. After reaching the room, Mr. J. was introduced to two ladies, purporting to be the daughters of Capt. Sims. Shortly after that some beer was ordered up and Mr. J. induced to drink with them. Within 30 minutes he was unconscious, and when he came to all of the gang had left. Mr. J. did not awake for 24 hours. It is the opinion of many here that the object of the young man was to secure some valuable papers from Mr. J. relating to something of the past. This worried the old man and no doubt he became temporarily deranged. The remains are being held until something can be heard from his relatives or friends. One, Mr. O'Dell, formerly of Farmersville or Brockville, gave me your name and suggested that I write to you. Mr. J. has been in Kansas City four years next May. Two years of this time he has been with my family. We all, and also many others, became warmly attached to him, and if we do not hear from his relatives or friends, we will not allow his remains to go to the potter's field. The body has, I believe, been embalmed and could be sent to his old home if so ordered. Am obliged to close this hastily to enable me to mail to-night.

W. W. EGNEW.

The second letter is addressed to Mr. Stanley Johnson, Ogdensburg, and says:—

Will you please inform us in what condition the remains of Capt. Riley Johnson reached Ogdensburg and through what source you learned of his death. There seems to be a mystery hanging over the cause of his death. There is no doubt that his mental faculties were deranged. The cause I am investigating. Should you desire, in the near future, I will write you more fully. It would not be well for the scoundrel (from the East) to put in an appearance at this place. Any man who will entice an old and respectable gentleman into a room and then drug him deserves to be shot down on the spot. Mr. Johnson was in my employ for eighteen months, and one year of the time made his home at my house. During his four years stay in K. C. he made no enemies, made a host of friends and not one of them will admit that Mr. J. has ended his life in his right mind.

COUNTY and other ITEMS.

Greenbush.

Death has chosen one more from our midst in the person of Oliver Moore, who died of consumption. The whole neighborhood deeply sympathise with the bereaved family.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Thomas Smith has recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. Albert Forsythe has a colt ten months old, which he challenges anything in the united counties to beat.

Richard Stafford and Chris Young are looking up horses. They passed through here on Thursday with a very fine brown horse they purchased from Mr. John Scott, at Kerby's Corners. All who have horses to sell would do well to give them a call, as they are competent judges and pay good prices.

✓ Simeon Loverin's family are afflicted with that much-dreaded disease, diphtheria, at present.

We understand it is the intention of G. N. Young to build a wing to the west of his blacksmith shop this coming summer, to be used as a grocery store. George has had some experience in the business, is a trustworthy fellow, and no doubt will give good satisfaction. He says "small profits and quick returns" will be his motto.

TENDERS

will be received up to 7 P. M.
On Monday April 6th, 1885,
for the erection of
A PRINTING OFFICE
In Farmersville.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the Reporter Office.

The Lowest or any tender not accepted unless satisfactory.

B. LOVERIN.

Delorma Wiltse

having bought out the
7 CENT STORE.
his add. will appear in this space
NEXT WEEK.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

JAS. ROSS

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Sold on Easy Installment Plan
Second-hand Pianos and Organs
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Agent for the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company of Toronto

JAS. ROSS.

Farmersville, March 31st, 1885.

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Mrs. J. Alguire.

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NOTICE—Having disposed of my Store Business to Mr. Delorma Wiltse, I take this opportunity of thanking my patrons for the liberal patronage accorded me during the past six years. I would also intimate that all accounts due the late firm of Ross & Wiltse, and also due Jas. Ross, must be settled AT ONCE or costs of court will be added.

JAMES ROSS.

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