



ATHENS, LEEDS COUNTY, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 1889.

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COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS.

A Budget of News and Gossip.—Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything, well Mixed up.

ADDITION.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14.—Miss Jennie Gibson has been engaged to teach our school for next year.

Mr. Joseph Moulton has moved into our village and now occupies the villa vacated by Senator Roberts.

Our mayor has consented to remain with us another year on condition that he be furnished with an assistant on all public days.

Mr. Edward McVeigh, of West Winchester was in our village this week obtaining his share of the estate of the late Sarah McVeigh.

Mr. Wm. Smith will move into his new store shortly.

The L. J. Green farm has not yet been rented.

Miss Crumie has been engaged as teacher in our school for the season of 1890.

Mr. J. W. Eaton, of Wausau, Manitoba, is visiting friends and relatives in this section.

Harlem cheese factory paid its patrons \$15.43 net per ton of milk.

Mr. A. Gorman is about to take the road in the interests of St. Rochester nursery firm.

Mr. Albert Brown, our merchant, has erected a new building and has got out his new bob-sleighs and is gathering in the ducks and turkeys for Smith's Fall poultry fair.

Our blacksmith, of Chantry, is kept very busy in shoeing horses and ironing off bob-sleighs.

Mr. McFadden has got a fine boy baby. We all wish him much joy.

MONDAY, Dec. 16.—Some of our ratepayers seem to be greatly excited over our school election.

Grandpa was seen out late one night last week.

Mr. Wm. Thompson from Springfield, La., who has his new store completed.

Our trustees have engaged Miss Sheritt for another year.

Miss Lizzie Thompson, who has been attending school at Athens, will spend the holidays here.

Miss Amelia Sheritt, who is attending the Normal school at Ottawa, will stop off a few days with her sister, Miss Bella Sheritt, on her way to her home in Simcoe.

Miss Minnie McDonald is spending a few weeks in Athens with her sister, Mrs. C. Munro.

MONDAY, Dec. 16.—Miss Tot Bruce, of Winnipeg, daughter of W. Bruce, our former station agent, is visiting friends here, the guest of A. K. Malory.

A Christmas tree will be held in the Methodist church here on Christmas night. No pains will be spared to make it the best of the season.

Mr. Johnny Austin, of Lansdowne, is spending a couple of weeks here with his sister, Mrs. Thad Purvis.

The service in the Methodist church here will be withdrawn on Sunday evening next, as the anniversary service are to be preached in the new church at Escott on that date.

The anniversary tea will be held on the following evening.

What about the concert that was to come off on Thursday evening in the town hall here?

Rev. W. Pearson received some new members into the church on Sunday last.

ELDER MILLS.

MONDAY, Dec. 16.—A row between two young men on the other street was stopped by the plucky intervention of Mr. Thad Purvis.

The advice of Mr. Donovan to the Athenians in last week's REPORTER can well be taken by the township ratepayers, especially that relating to not having a contest. A plan for choosing the township council has been proposed which it is hoped will avoid an election.

Our north Saginaw farmer and the skunk trapper have been digging at night lately near the town line for hidden money. Stephen has a mineral red which he claims to locate gold or silver. If they had our mine trapper to help, the trio would be completely done.

Instead of a ghost appearing to the inmates of the haunted home, it was a falling star, and as predicted they were badly frightened, the lady, it is said, fainting. They claim that the star struck their buggy.

ELGIN.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14.—A turkey fair was held here on the 13th and 14th. The largest number of people and fowl were on hand that ever were known to attend. It was estimated that 8 tons of fowl were sold that day.

Some choices lots brought as high as \$18 and 18c. per pound. There were seven buyers. One old gentleman came with his one lone grand, large in frame and giant like in stature, but, alas! when it came to weight, sadly

deficient. The buyers very generously, after payment for the fowl, presented the former owner with it for a Xmas dinner.

J. Dunn and D. Watson are home from the model school at Gananoque. We hear they are both engaged in this vicinity for the coming year.

H. S. Dawson has met with great success with his evening sales, crowds filling his store sections and going away laden with goods.

The lower part of the town hall is nearing completion. This is a great improvement and has been long needed for public use.

DELTA.

MONDAY, Dec. 16.—Evidently the boys enjoyed themselves last week. The skating was 1 1/2 and large crowds watched the wonderful feats, on skates, of our new lawyer.

The M. E. Sunday school have decided to give an entertainment on Christmas eve. As their entertainments have always been very successful, we look forward to some thing very pleasing and beneficial.

The M. E. choir are preparing a grand concert to be given in the near future. The date is as yet undecided, but will be made known next week. The object in view is to get a much needed organ.

Misses Curtis and Demant, who have been attending Queen's College, Kingston, have returned to spend their Christmas with their friends. The boys are looking well and evidently city life agrees with them, although they pronounce the studies very hard.

Mr. Wm. Birch, mason, has been working in Gananoque this fall. He has returned for a short vacation.

Misses Brown and VanLoon have been visiting friends in Athens. We noticed them here in their places on Sunday morning.

Miss G. Gardner, of Lyn, was the guest of Miss L. Brown last week.

It is pretty hard when a fellow has to stay up all night and build fires so the plants won't freeze.

A. O. U. W. CONCERT.

A Highly Successful Event—Good Music and Recitations and Instructive and Pleasing Addresses.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen of this place held a large public meeting in the high school hall on Tuesday evening the 10th inst.

The meeting was held to afford the opportunity for the Workmen and their friends to meet together and also to bring the claims and advantages of the Order before the public. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Mr. J. F. Lamb, M. W. The Choral Union furnished several very excellent pieces of music during the evening.

Mr. N. H. Beecher, district deputy of the Order for this County, gave a brief address noting the circumstances under which the Order was originated in Meadville, Pa., in 1868.

Since that time it has had a very successful record and now numbers about 200,000 members in all, of which Ontario has about 19,000. He explained many details satisfactorily concerning the working of the Order and showed those present how to join, emphasizing the idea that a young man can make a better present to his bride than a policy in the society.

Mr. L. A. Kennedy, of the high school, rendered in a very effective manner several recitations. The "Race for the Derby" was the favorite while his description of the German's attempt to set eggs under the blue hen brought down the house with laughter.

He was followed by Rev. David Y. Ross, M. A., of Westport, who, by request of the Athens Committee of the Society, had a carefully prepared address on the "Stability of the A. O. U. W. as an insurance organization."

He showed how the financial stability of the society was frequently attacked by papers edited or subsidized in the interests of old line insurance companies; that these hostile attacks were not the independent criticisms of disinterested reviewers, but for the purpose of pushing the method of life insurance pursued by these companies Agents, too, using arguments furnished them from these sources and from campaign sheets issued from the head offices, go about privately running down the assessment system of these societies. Very many of these men have not the requisite knowledge to fairly enlighten public opinion on the merits of different methods of insurance pursued respectively by the Stock Insurance Companies and Assessment Societies. Mr. Ross took the report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion of Canada for 1888 as containing reliable information as to facts on the question before them. This report, coupled with that of the A. O. U. W. for 1888, would furnish the remaining facts of his address. He quoted from these reports figures which will not be given fully here in detail but which proved to follow striking points:—The A. O. U. W. for 1888, out of a membership of 1,609, had 111 deaths, the death rate being 7 for each 1,000 persons. The Order paid all these claims at a cost per member of \$9.34 for each \$1,000 insurance actually paid. This sum of \$9.34 includes \$3.00 per member for lodge expenses and \$6.34 per member cost of grand lodge management. The income of the society was just sufficient to pay this amount and leave a small surplus.

The combined Canadian, American, and British companies doing business in Canada, had an insured membership of 95,485, out of which 881 per cent died, the death rate being 8.614 for each 1,000 persons. It cost each insured person in these companies, exclusive of what was paid for endowments, annuities, surrendered policies,

and dividends paid back to policy holders, the sum of \$20.50 for each \$1,000 of insurance actually paid, leaving a balance in favor of each member of the A. O. U. W. for 1888 as compared with those other companies of 11.16. Had the death rate of the A. O. U. W. been as high as that of the Companies, there would be still a balance in favor of each member of \$9.55 so that the members of the A. O. U. W. paid about one half the amount that it costs insured persons in the companies to give insurance of \$1,000. The Government report also showed that at least 1,142 persons in 1888 surrendered their policies in these companies, getting therefore a sum of money averaging about \$295 each, but suffering loss for abandoning their policies. It is a good thing that they got something back but there was a serious loss. The A. O. U. W. pays nothing for surrendered policies because it owes nothing to a member who leaves, having taken from him only what was necessary to carry on the work.

The lapsed policies of the stock companies was the awful fact in connection with them. By a calculation Mr. Ross explained that no less than 5,752 had got nothing whatever from them. High premiums was probably the reason for this state of affairs. Confidence may be had in the A. O. U. W. as low as it has as good a class of risks as the other insurance companies, and keeps renewing its membership, and has an excellent management. The death rate is the key to the cost, and as the average for several years is 8.677 in all the companies in Canada, old and young, if the rate is no higher in the A. O. U. W. when it gets old, it will not cost more than it does to-day. And as the A. O. U. W. appears to have the same kind of risks as other companies and the same safe-guards, there is no reason the death rate should not be the same when the A. O. U. W. becomes old.

The concluding address was given by Mr. W. C. Foster, pastor of the church. The town may be congratulated on the valuable accession of Mr. Wright to the members of those already here who have the gift of addressing the public in an interesting and effective manner. His address on the social and educational advantages of these societies was valuable. He emphasized the facts of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. These societies were handmaids to religion in inculcating the brotherly spirit among men. In the lodge room men learned how to do business, act as chairman of meetings, &c. They had their general tone elevated and ought to become better men through the assistance of their associates. The proceedings came to a close about 10 o'clock. A most enjoyable time was had and much good will likely result.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Athens, Dec. 16, 1889.

EDITOR ATHENS REPORTER: DEAR SIR.—Your local of last week was quite true, but in justice to Mr. Cornish, I must ask space to explain. I looked over Mr. Cornish's farm, together with Mr. Caras, and found it, as you say, one of the finest farms in this township, compact, well drained, beautifully situated, land of excellent quality, free from scotch grass or foul feed. I was then and am still of the opinion that it is well worth \$9,000, but owing to my wife's delicate constitution, I asked Mr. Cornish to release me from our bargain, which he kindly did, and I wish the public to know this was my only reason for asking him to do so.

Wm. Gibson.

Our Modern Remus.

In old times, when the world was but an infant and ancient Rome yet unknown, there lay on the banks of the Tiber an infant but a few days old, unclaimed by anyone except a she-wolf, which came down from the neighboring mountains to quench her thirst, and upon hearing the pitiful cries of the child whom we will call Remus, she hastened to him and attended to his much needed wants. Although reared in a few days from the care of the wolf, history shows conclusively that he exhibited some of the characteristics of a wolf in governing Rome. If the correspondent to the Westport Journal, who claims to know considerable about Athens and ancient history, had lived in the days of Remus, he would have been taken for his twin-brother, Remus, who also had his share of the good things the wolf offered; for if the foundation of man's nature is governed by his early nourishment, Remus must have had a fierce, rough, and "Modern Remus," as Remus' nature does not show that he received any of the nourishment of a wolf's nature. If he ever received any, it must have escaped from the corners of his mouth, judging from the way he postures on our local correspondent. His case reminds me of a lion or two penned by a well known author. "It's not the lion I am afraid of, but 'tis the truth that makes me mad."

A dispatch from Belleville to the Toronto Globe states that the printer in the Hales's Oats Syndicate, the headquarters of which have been located there, have skipped the country. Farmers in the vicinity of Belleville have been duped to the extent of some \$240,000, and as the company had agents scattered all through the country, this total plunder should be heavy to carry. The agent who operated in Greenbush and vicinity did a very fair business, considering the age and transparent nature of the fraud. We understand that most of the notes given there are held by a Greenbush resident.

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HOTELS. The Gamble House, ATHENS. THE NEW PROPRIETORS OF THIS HOTEL HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY RE-PAVING THROUGHOUT THE HOTEL. DOMINION HOTEL, NEWBORO. THE NEW PROPRIETORS OF THIS HOTEL WILL SPARE NO PAINS IN MAKING THIS ONE OF THE BEST HOTELS IN THIS SECTION.

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