

Local Matters.

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LOWVILLE FREE LIBRARY.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed for the ensuing year.

At the annual meeting of the Lowville Free Library association, Tuesday evening, Hon. O. Fred Boshart was unanimously re-elected a member of the board of trustees for five years to succeed him.

Reports were given by the librarian, secretary and treasurer. During the past year 595 new books have been added to the library, making a total of 3,175 books now owned by the association.

The number of books drawn from the library the past year was 18,149, which is an increase of over 4,000 over the previous year, and demonstrates that the library is popular with the reading public.

Following the annual meeting a meeting of the board of trustees was held. Officers were elected and committees appointed as follows:

President—Prof. W. H. Perry. Vice-President—Mrs. M. Josephine Leonard.

Secretary—Mrs. Minnie S. Jones. Treasurer—R. A. Van Namee.

Finance committee—Mrs. M. Josephine Leonard, Amasa S. Stoddard, William T. Bush.

Administration—Julius H. Wood, O. Fred Boshart, Frank Wiesner.

Books—Prof. W. H. Perry, Miss Anna E. Crawford, Mrs. Minnie S. Jones, Rev. O. C. Frost, Miss Julia Doig, Miss Minnie Schaefer.

Subscriptions—Mrs. Frank O. Doig, Mrs. H. A. Phillips, Mrs. J. H. Wood.

FLASH BOARDS REMOVED. Carriage Dam Lowered Ten Inches.

Superintendent of Public Works Franchot ordered Supt. Abrams to remove the flash boards from the Carriage dam last week, which lowers the dam ten inches.

Until the flash boards were placed on the Carriage dam about the first of July there was no complaint of overflow of the low lands.

When the flash boards were placed in the dam it caused the water to back up and flood the low lands in the vicinity of Castorland and below.

By maintaining the height of the Carriage dam established by the state in 1851 there would be little complaint of flooding the low meadow lands, and to a great extent would prevent the serious damage of the last few years.

The fall of the river from Beach's Bridge to Carthage is only about two feet and it can readily be seen how the raising of the Carriage dam heretofore has effected such great damage to the flats.

The just claims of those persons who have lost their hay crop by the overflow of the Carriage dam, and the consequent raising of the water level, will be paid by the state. Now if these flash boards are to be kept off the dam and the normal flow of water maintained in Black River with the proper opening and closing of the gates of the reservoirs that feed the dam, the consequence of the raising of the dam will have to be paid by the state.

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PEOPLE IN PRINT.

Mrs. Conradt Klett, of Mexico, is visiting Lowville friends.

Miss M. Edith Henry is spending a few days with Utica friends.

Frederick McCallister is spending a few days at Richfield Springs.

Miss Frances Wheeler, of New York, is the guest of Miss Julia Doig.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Lansing Waters have returned from Manitoba.

William F. Garrett is seriously ill at his home on Cascade avenue.

A. G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, spent Sunday in town with his family.

Mrs. Claude Ruprich and Charles J. Ruprich are visiting friends in Oneida.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tedmon are home from their extended western trip.

Mrs. Cary L. Brown and son Gideon, of Syracuse, are visiting Lowville friends.

Augustus S. White, of Adams, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tennyson Jones are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fowler have with them Miss Blanche Yerdon, of Syracuse.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Fowler have been the guests of relatives in Utica and Little Falls.

James T. and David Galvin arrived yesterday from Jackson, Tenn., to spend the summer.

D. Harold Hall has been spending a few days at the Bald Mountain house, Fulton Chain.

Mr. and Mrs. John Porter and daughter, Louise, are spending ten days at Number Four.

Mrs. Angustus Cook and two children, of Oneida, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morse.

Herbert L. Payne, of New Haven, Conn., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fulton, of Boston, Mass., are visiting Mrs. F. B. Hough and daughter.

Mrs. Morgan S. Palmer and daughter Margaret are guests of Rev. and Mrs. Albert P. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Fulton have been spending a few days with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Elsie Dean Miller, of Mount Vernon, has arrived to spend the summer with Miss Nellie Starnes.

Ross Clark and Miss Florence Hare, of Watertown, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mider.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan N. Roberts, of Westminster, Vt., are the guests of Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Herman Stell.

Mrs. Eli Herrick, of Watertown, has been spending a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Wells and daughter, of Sackets Harbor, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Butts.

Miller G. Sherwood has been spending a few days at the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Charles N. Tyndall at Cape Vincent.

Miss Cora Morris and Miss Lulu Windecker have gone to their camp on Seventh lake, Fulton Chain, to spend the summer.

Miss Frankie Willoughby, Miss Clara Willoughby and Miss Maud Rennie have gone to Big Moose to spend the summer.

Mrs. Florence Manning and Miss Nellie Manning were called to Utica Saturday, by the death of Francis Kernan Manning.

Mrs. E. O. Phillips, of Olean; Mrs. R. P. Talcott, of Boonville; and Miss Lena J. Ebbie, of Oswego, are guests of Miss Hattie Ebbie.

Mrs. Anna Steedman Jones has returned from a two weeks' visit with her son, Arthur, at the Crescent Yacht club, and friends in Rome and Utica.

Mrs. D. J. Dorrance and son, Neil and Henry, of Camden, spent Sunday in town with her father, Hon. Henry E. Turner. They left Monday for Thousand Island Park.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Judd and son, and Mrs. Alva Peersall, of Brooklyn, are in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Puffer.

Dr. Judd is a son of the late George Judd, of Castorland.

Dr. Bush left last evening for Cincinnati, O., where she and Dr. Bush have both been called to assist in the opening exercises of a physical culture institute, recently established there by one of the best physicians of that city.

MacGregor A. Phillips leaves tomorrow morning for Chautauq, where he will join the Crescent Yacht club cruise to Lake Ontario points and the Bay of Quinte.

Mr. Phillips with John Uhllein and Charles Lansing will form the crew of the sloopy yacht Nautilus.

Prof. Henry Ward Pearson, of Boston, Mass., is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Harriet L. Oatman. Mr. Pearson leaves here for Owensboro, Ky., where he has accepted a position as director of the conservatory of music at Owensboro college. Mrs. Oatman also has as her guest her sister, Mrs. D. L. Corwell, of Watertown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sears, of Boonville, Mrs. Thomas H. Allen, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. N. Matly, Evans Mills, and Charles Adams, of Canada, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Sears, Stewart street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears left yesterday to spend two weeks with friends in Watertown and Theresa.

Mrs. Oren F. Edwards, wife of Oren F. Edwards, died Saturday afternoon at the family home in East Rodman, aged 58 years. The daughter of J. A. and Laura Morrison, she was born in Marshburg, June 12, 1847.

In the early days she moved to Rutland, where she resided for about fourteen years, moving to Pinckney, Lewis county, in 1864. In November, 1868, she was married to Oren F. Edwards, and for many years she had lived in East Rodman. Mrs. Edwards was a prominent member of the South Rutland Valley grade and of the M. E. church at East Rodman. The funeral was held from the family home Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery, East Rodman.

Flowers. Cut flowers and plants; funeral designs a specialty, at Keay's; phone 60-F; sold by Snyder.

It's a poor plan to paint a good house with poor paint. Use S. W. P.; sold by Snyder.

TRAGEDY AT BIG MOOSE.

Body of Grace Brown Recovered from the Lake.

Circumstances Pointed to Murder and Chester Gillette, of Cortland, Under Arrest, Charged With the Crime.

Wednesday forenoon of last week a young and respectable-looking couple left the southbound train at Big Moose in the Adirondacks, and going to Glenora hotel registered as Carl Graham, Albany, and Grace Brown, of Otsego. The man carried a small hand bag, the outside of which was strapped a tennis racket. They remained in the hotel about five minutes, and, after stating that they had just stopped over one train, Graham and his companion went to the boat landing, procured a light woods boat and went out upon the lake. They did not return and Thursday morning the boat was found bottomside up near Camp Craig.

One Body Found. Immediate search was taken up and late Thursday afternoon the body of a young woman was taken from the lake near where the boat was found. There were severe marks and abrasions on the head and, as there are no rocks in the lake at that point, suspicion was at once aroused that the girl had been murdered.

The dragging of the lake was continued until dawn, when it was reported that morning, but Graham's body was not discovered during the forenoon, though his hat was picked up on the shore of the lake. The authorities took hold of the case with a firm determination to ferret out the crime, with the result that the man who had been seen in the woods near where the boat was found, was in fact Chester Gillette, of Cortland, and was traced by District Attorney Ward and Under Sheriff Klock, of Herkimer county, to the Arrowhead hotel on Fourth lake, of which A. C. Boshart, of Lowville, is proprietor.

Gillette Confessed. About 7 o'clock Saturday morning Messrs. Ward and Klock saw Gillette sitting on the veranda at the Arrowhead. They recognized him at once as the man whose description they had, and Mr. Klock approached him.

"Have you been in the papers," asked Mr. Klock, "that Grace Brown has been found?"

"Quick as a flash Gillette leaped to his feet and stood confronting the under sheriff.

"No," he shouted, "is that so?"

"Yes," said the officer quietly, laying his hand on Gillette's shoulder, "and you are under arrest for murder."

The man trembled like an aspen leaf, but made no immediate reply. The officer and the district attorney moved away from him where they would not attract notice from the guests who were stirring at that time.

Afterwards, Gillette said that he had known of the drowning of Grace Brown, but he declared that it was an accident. And then, all at once realizing that he might say something which would be against him, he refused to say anything further. Still later in the day, however, he answered some questions put to him by the authorities. He admitted that he and Grace Brown were in Utica Monday night, that they stopped over at the Irvington hotel leading to this end of the bridge, and that he and she went to Tupper Lake and from there to Big Moose on Wednesday.

Of the unwitnessed tragedy on the lake the prisoner has made a statement. He said that when they went out on the lake the boat was headed for the shore, and that he had been sitting in the stern, and she was in the bow. She was leaning over the side of the boat, and he saw her fall. She was holding a tennis racket, and he saw it fall into the water. He saw her head strike the bottom of the lake, and he saw her body rise to the surface. He saw her body rise to the surface, and he saw her body rise to the surface.

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