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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY.

H. MERCER.

District News

Contributed by our able staff of Correspondents.

Traverston

Here's a handgrip and a hearty wish for happy hearts to the editor, fellow scribes and all STANDARD readers, this Xmas, tide.

Mr. Tom Blair and Miss Annabel took the train to Everett last week and spent four days with their cousin, Mr. Will Smith, who is a successful blacksmith there.

Week ago Monday while Mr. John Robson was helping to take out the barn timber for Mr. Jos. Dossett, his axe glanced and went full force into the wound, but John is hobbling around already.

Mr. Bert Cook arrived home from Toronto medical college on Saturday. Miss Elsie Robson came home on Friday after four months' visit with friends in Toronto and Burlington.

Mr. Ben Glenness took a week's holidays and spent the greater part of it pleasantly in Detroit. Tom enjoyed the trip and kept his eyes open, while traveling, hence is able to give a graphic sketch.

Zion Sunday School purpose having a grand time at the Xmas. Tree entertainment on Xmas eve. Admission 15 and 75 cents.

To-day, (Tuesday), the township fathers held their last meeting for the year. They have done their work so well and filled the position so honestly that most ratepayers around here would like to see them returned by acclamation.

By his upright dealing, energy and push, Mr. Will Banks has rapidly risen to be one of the leading farmers in this district of clever mechanics. Already he has taken contracts for barns for the following progressive farmers: Messrs. Joseph Dossett, Thos. Symes, W. Lyness and a big addition for Mr. Nelson Watson.

Will Edwards' new home is nearing completion. The putty coat goes on this week. He and his partner expect to be domiciled in it before Xmas.

Walters Falls

A joy is Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Messrs. Marshall & Quinton have just completed a very successful season threshing.

Do not fail to come to the oyster supper and concert given by the C. O. F. on Christmas night. The committee is sparing no pains to make both supper and concert the bumper occasion of the season. Supper will be served in the Orange Hall from 6 to 8; concert in the C.O.F. Hall. Admission 25 cts. Come all and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Mr. Sam Grier sold his fine team of Prince Arthur's last week for the neat sum of \$300.

Mrs. Wilson Prowd, of Desboro, spent a few days with her son, T. G. Prowd, returning home on Monday with Mr. Wilson Prowd, who drove over after her.

Mr. John Currie, of Markdale, spent a couple of days under the parental roof last week.

Messrs. Olmstead and Bonnell are having the grist mill remodelled by having much of the old machinery replaced by new. It will be an up-to-date mill when completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lichard H. Olmstead and daughter, Cora, arrived home on Saturday from Perry Sound. We extend a hearty welcome, especially to Cora, whose many friends are pleased to see her so far recovered from the painful accident which befell her some weeks ago while deer hunting.

Holland Centre

At 12.30 a.m. last Friday Anderson's shingle mill was discovered to be on fire. The flames had already made such headway that it was impossible to save the building. No cause for the catastrophe can be assigned, and as it is the third time for Mr. Anderson to meet with such a loss much sympathy is felt for him. The insurance is comparatively nothing, being only \$200.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. Wm. Shea on Tuesday, Dec. 10th. Mr. George Vail was a guest at the home of Mr. Boggs on Saturday last. Any person who fails to hear Rev. Mr. Dewy's popular lecture in the Methodist church on Monday, Dec. 20, will miss a treat. The Rev. Gentleman is from Toronto and lectured here last year, his subject on that occasion being "A house without walls." The people are delighted and are anticipating a good time this year.

The young people expect a good time at Miss Galoska's public school entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

Maxwell

The Methodist fowl supper was a grand success. The proceeds amounted to over \$54.00.

The Presbyterian people are going to have their annual tea-meeting on Xmas eve. A good time is expected and everybody is invited.

Mr. Fred Field, accompanied by Mr. Will Wright, visited friends in Thornbury this week.

The Orangemen held their annual fowl supper last Tuesday evening. Council meeting was held here on Monday.

Rev. Mr. Spott is still holding special services at Bethel this week.

Messrs. Bell, O. Long, J. Bemrose, and Geo. Long are busy getting out the timber for David McKaveny's barn.

8th Line, Osprey.

Straw cutting and grain crushing have engaged the attention of the farmers for the past two weeks in this neighborhood.

Mr. Peter Summers has finished taking out his barn timber. G. H. Burk and W. G. Moffat will follow suit in the near future.

Mr. F. Hawton has been hauling sand to build a wall under his barn next summer.

Mr. Lunen, teacher of No. 5, seems to draw a good attendance, no matter what the weather is like.

The recent rain has taken away our sleighing.

Mr. Jas. Inkster wears a broad smile of pride and satisfaction since the arrival of a son and heir some time ago.

Miss Flora Madden, who has been visiting her sister and uncles of the Model, returned to Orr Lake last week.

Mrs. R. Y. Burk leaves for Emsdale Monday morning to visit her son and daughter.

Mr. Taylor, of the woolen mill, is leaving for N. Y. state, there to spend the winter.

Mr. Albert Taylor was successful in finding an abundant supply of water for Wm. Moffat and Wm. Osborne, both of which were badly in need.

Wedhouse

Mr. James Wiley has had a new water wheel put in the mill, which runs the chopper faster than before.

Mr. Wm. Woods and Mr. James Brown, Jr. have bought the farm known as the John Irwin farm from Mr. Jas. Brown, Sr. The old farm is supposed to come out of the 40 acres of bush on the place. W. wish them success in their venture.

Markdale

Miss Emily Lawson is visiting Toronto friends. Miss Ethel Burns accompanied her to the city.

Mr. Geo. McConnell has moved his family onto the place on the 9th line for the winter while he is engaged in the woods there.

There is a large pile of dry cedar posts in front of the church door. If the party who left them there intends to donate the cedar to the church for kindling, we will instruct someone to remove the unsightly debris to the rear of the building, as it is dangerous to people with teams.

In our opinion the fences around the church and burying ground and the adjoining sheds are not the proper places upon which to post bills.

The trustees made a bee and pulled down the old log meeting house last week. Its day was done, its usefulness past.

There were few dry jokes passed on Friday last. The all-day rain moistened up everything out.

Mrs. Burnett, of Paw-paw, Ill., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thompson, of this place.

Many of the pupils passed the promotion examination last week.

The store and post office will be open on the 25th from 9 to 10 a. m.

Goring

(Too late for last week.)

Mr. Will Ellis and Mr. Jas. Moore have the contract of hauling out Mr. Mitchell's timber.

Miss Annabel Morrow took her departure for Owen Sound last week leaving some young men very lonely.

The Ebenezer Sabbath School intends having their Christmas Tree on the 19th of December.

Mr. Christopher Morrow has gone to Anglerst Island where his home is.

Mr. William Greer and Miss Maggie Sparling took a trip to Collingwood last Saturday evening.

Mr. Geo. Ferris is home from Manitoba. He is hale and hearty.

Miss Irene Curry is home from Meaford for a few days.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick and Mr. Alex. Williamson are cutting wood these days.

Mr. Tom Bartley thinks he has finished trading as he has got something now that suits him.

Mr. Richard Woods intends building a barn next summer. Mr. Robert Williamson, we hear, has the contract.

Mr. Robert Sparling and family were the guests of the blacksmith and family on Thanksgiving night.

Mr. John Parker and his two sons, Alfred and Herbert, were up to Owen Sound at his son's wedding last Wednesday, returning home on Thursday.

Mr. Buchanan and wife, of Orangeville, are the guests of Mr. James Burchill.

Mr. Camplin, of Collingwood, is the guest of Mr. James Camplin.

The blacksmith is busy building sleighs for the timber woods.

Mr. Fred Curry and Mr. Alma Walter are cutting wood with their tread power. We expect to get cheap wood this winter.

Mr. W. J. Morrow did not get his new house finished, as the cold weather prevented the plasterer from finishing his job.

Epping.

Mr. Thos. Gilray was visiting in this vicinity last week on his return from Owen Sound.

Messrs. S. J. McKnight and A. Bugas, sr., attended court at Owen Sound last week as witnesses in the Julian vs. Euphrasia suit.

Mr. W. J. Douglas, of Collingwood, has been buying clover and timothy seed in this district.

Mr. Lee and sisters, of Beaverdale, were visiting at Mr. W. Shore's this week.

Mr. Abram Knott had the misfortune of losing a valuable horse last week. Inflammation was the cause.

Ladnor, B. C.

Beautiful weather prevails which the ranchers are taking advantage of by getting their plowing and fall work done.

Wing shooting is the order of the day, but ducks are not as plentiful as last season.

Mr. David Ellis has shown his appreciation of B. C. by purchasing the Wright property.

Mr. Eldon Brodie, who came here about midsummer, intends returning home soon.

The basket social held under the auspices of the True Blue Lodge on the 27th in aid of the Orphans' Home was a decided success, some of the baskets selling as high as \$3.75.

A railway has been surveyed through these flats upon which some work has already been done. It will run as far as the Gulf and will connect Vancouver Island with the mainland by way of ferry. This will greatly assist transportation.

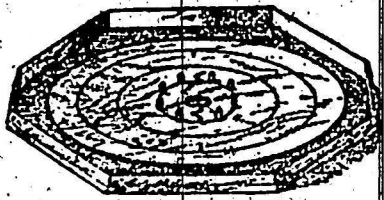
The Methodist S. S. have intended holding a Christmas Tree on Xmas eve. The children are undergoing a preparation under the tuition of Miss Thirlie.

Your correspondent wishes the Ozarkian and readers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ontario

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS are fast approaching—scarcely two weeks. It's the season of good-will and gift-giving. Already thoughtful, far-sighted people are buying presents for relatives and friends, in order that they may get the full advantage of fine, fresh stocks. Shop leisurely and avoid the annoyances and discomforts that inevitably attend shopping if left until a few days before Xmas. NOW is the time. You get the best of everything.



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There could be no more useful gift than a fountain pen. We have them at \$1.00 with gold pen, guaranteed, also with gold and ivory mountings up to \$5 each.



DOLLS. Big variety—big values—one cent up. Dressed dolls from 5c up. Kid dolls, cloth dolls, nigger dolls, rubber dolls, china dolls.

TOYS, all kinds, mechanical toys, automatic toys, magic lanterns, steam engines, hot air motors, guns, pistols, horses, cows, wagons, dogs, tops, banks, solves, soldiers, rattles, trains, cars, iron toys, picture books, etc.

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Here's richness and elegance, something you will look at and long for. It's within the reach of all. No better present for ladies or gentlemen. 5 cents to \$5.00.

Albums, books, Christmas cards, celluloid goods, brushes and mirrors, shaving sets, razor cases, comb and brushes, writing portfolios, and hundreds of other things. Come in and look around—we will not press you to buy.

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Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, Owen Sound, on the 3rd December, and was opened with devotional exercises, Rev. W. Graham, Moderator, in the chair. The question of establishing a mission station at Brooke under the auspices of the Presbytery, was, at the request of the session of Knox church, left in abeyance in the meantime. Mr. McNabb presented the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery to be audited. Messrs. Black and Clark, the auditors, reported that they have found the accounts correct, with vouchers for all disbursements. The report was received, thanks were tendered the treasurer for his valuable services, and he was re-appointed. It was agreed that the rate for next year be six cents per member for the Presbytery.

Dr. Fraser submitted a circular letter on the Centary Fund. The letter was adopted and instructions given that it be sent to all ministers to be read from their pulpits to the congregations.

It was agreed that the Clerk should call the attention of all the sessions to the remit on term service in the Eldership which is found on the third page of Assembly Minutes of 1901, and request that the matter be considered by sessions, and their judgment thereon be sent the clerk of Presbytery not later than Feb. 15, 1902, that the committee on remits may be able to prepare its report for the March meeting.

Dr. Fraser reported for the Sabbath School committee that it had held a conference on Sabbath School work on Nov. 1st, in the Division Street Hall, which was well attended and found to be very helpful and stimulating to those engaged in active Sabbath School work. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk, and was closed with prayer and the benediction.

J. Somerville, Clerk.

Mr. Christopher Furness, M. P., recently returned to England after completing arrangements with the Clergy of Ontario and the Ontario Education Board for the erection of an immense abiding plan to be erected at St. Paul's, near the junction of the "Big" canal and Lake Superior. Here will be erected a school which will cost approximately \$10,000,000, and the school will be one of the best of its kind in Canada.

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We are offering extremely low prices on the following goods: Side boards, in elm, ash and oak. We also have a sideboard made of ash and oak combined for \$15.00, which is a beauty. We are offering specially low prices on Bedroom Suits, we have them at \$8 and up. We also have a good range of upholstery, chairs, odd pieces, broken parlor suits, which we are clearing out at reduced prices. Those who contemplate starting house keeping will save money by buying from us, as we can supply them with everything required and make it a point to give special prices.

J. E. TRELFOED MARKDALE

A. O. U. W.

Markdale lodge, No. 141. A. O. U. W. elected the following officers last Monday evening for 1902:—M. W. Joshua Dods; Foreman, W. B. King; Overseer, R. H. Boyce; Recorder, C. W. Rutledge; Financier, W. N. Haskett; Treasurer, Thomas Matthews; Guide, A. Smith. I. W. J. B. Walden; O. W., F. Sarjeant; Trustees, E. Rutledge, Wm. Douglas and Jarvis Henry; representative to Grand Lodge, W. J. Shortall; alternate, W. Douglas; Medical Examiner, Dr. Ego.

This lodge is in a prosperous condition, has added 3 members in 1901 and has now a membership of 89. Twenty-five meetings were held during the year now closing with an average attendance of a fraction over 14. For many years the meetings open on the minute sharp on time, and business throughout conducted on business methods so that it has been in this way a valuable education to members. The lodge lost a valued member during the year in the death of Bro. J. M. Wilson. The outlook for 1902 is promising.

WINTER TERM begins on Thurs., Jan. 2, at the

NORTHERN BUSINESS COLLEGE, OWEN SOUND, ONT.

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Live Oak

The eldest daughter of Mr. S. C. Greenaway is suffering from a severe case of whooping cough.

Mr. B. Wintlaw has a brother from down east visiting here.

Mr. W. H. Meaford, recently visited his sister, Mrs. W. Labing.

Mr. John Nixon has got himself a brand new 40 cutter, and has the right hand of a horse for speed.

Mr. Robert Wintlaw loaded a car of shingles last week.

FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

(By the Live Oak Correspondent)

On Tuesday evening of last week Ceylon was stirred with a brilliant and happy event which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ceylon when their daughter, Miss Jenni Cairns, was joined in wedlock to Capt. D. D. McLaughlin, of Glenelg. About 125 guests, a number of whom were from Durham, Collingwood, Stayce and other points, witnessed the solemn ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. A. Matheson, B.A., of Priceville, who was assisted by Rev. Isaac Wilson, B.D., of this place. The bride was the cynosure of all eyes in her exquisite wedding gown of white brocade satin mervilleux trimmed with white silk applique and chiffon. She also wore a beautiful bridal veil and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Mr. Bella McLaughlin, sister of the groom discharged the duties of bridesmaid and was prettily attired in pink with cream applique and chiffon trimming. She also carried a bouquet of roses. Mr. Geo. Cairns, brother of the bride and Master Lloyd Beau, of Durham, attended the groom. At the conclusion of the ceremony a beautifully served wedding breakfast was served, at which entertainment by way of music and dancing began and was continued throughout the night, a number of the morning train to honeymoon Toronto. Upon their return they were in Markdale. The large and costly presents bestowed on the bride and groom were in number and value beyond description. The bride was accompanied to the church by her father, Mr. Joseph Ceylon, who was assisted by Rev. J. A. Matheson, B.A., of Priceville, who was assisted by Rev. Isaac Wilson, B.D., of this place. The bride was the cynosure of all eyes in her exquisite wedding gown of white brocade satin mervilleux trimmed with white silk applique and chiffon. She also wore a beautiful bridal veil and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Mr. Bella McLaughlin, sister of the groom discharged the duties of bridesmaid and was prettily attired in pink with cream applique and chiffon trimming. She also carried a bouquet of roses. Mr. Geo. Cairns, brother of the bride and Master Lloyd Beau, of Durham, attended the groom. At the conclusion of the ceremony a beautifully served wedding breakfast was served, at which entertainment by way of music and dancing began and was continued throughout the night, a number of the morning train to honeymoon Toronto. Upon their return they were in Markdale. The large and costly presents bestowed on the bride and groom were in number and value beyond description.

Kevee McTavish and his lieutenant wound up the business of the year on the council board on Monday last. The municipal matters are very quiet. The present council is likely to be returned by acclamation, but for councillors there will likely be a spirited enough to bring on a contest.

A movement is on foot here for the formation of a joint stock company to install an electric light plant at Lake whereby we may have electric light service in this place. Mr. T. W. V. son, who has a fine water power at Exquia, has made a proposition to operate the plant.

Mr. T. Graham, who recently came to town, will run the rink in the shed this winter, and with this excellent ice-making weather expects to be open for lovers of the ringed steel Saturday this week.

In the Methodist church on Sabbath evening last the pastor, Rev. I. Wilson, took for his text Num. 14: 31 and preached a strong and terse sermon in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic which he christened "the devil's best friend." Wilson pointed out the crisis which the children of Israel had reached in their history as indicated in the text and then dealt in a searching manner with the crisis which we as a people have come to in our history with regard to the overcoming of the temptation by prohibition, the five question before the nation. There are those to-day who are ready to adopt the report of the ten who said "we are not able" to throw away a craven spirit and O for a silent voice, cried the speaker, to shout report of faithful Caleb who said, "his go up at once; for we are all able." After portraying vividly of the evils of intemperance, the speaker dealt effectively with the theory, the political party cry and the prohibition does not "pointing out in conclusion the duty of the hour which is urgent and aggressive action, combined with a like-like in God, on the part of all true advocates and victory is sure.

The Manitoba correspondent of Westminister reports great success attending the anniversary services of Elgin Presbyterian church, Gl. Presbytery, in which Rev. L. C. E. a former pastor here, is minister. Emos asked his people for a offering and the response was so that \$700.00 was realized and the needs of the anniversary tea \$104 more; \$300 has also been subscribed to the Century Fund. Services in union, with the Methodist congregation of the place are in progress this month. May a rich harvest of souls be reaped. Rev. John M.A., who succeeded Mr. W. Chalmers Church here, but now at Holland, Glenboro Presbytery is reported by the same correspondent as having on Nov. 24th officiated, opening of a new church at "Carri preaching two very thoughtful and impressive sermons.

The League meeting in the Methodist church on Monday evening was the hands of the Missionary Committee and the programme furnished a service interesting and appropriate to the branch of the Society's work. The Baptist Sabbath School elected Mr. Richard Allan Superintendent to fill the vacancy made by resignation of Mr. Andy Wilson.