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The Standard will be sent to new subscribers the balance of 1902 for 50 cents. Give it a trial.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleanings in brief for busy people.

Waterproof Coat at a bargain. This office.

The South African war is practically ended.

It is said that several June weddings are to be.

\$500 will buy a snug dwelling in town. This office.

There had been considerable weather hereabouts for a week.

Twenty dollars will buy a good Massey-Harris bicycle. This office.

Messrs. R. H. Benson & Co. have sold their Dundalk store to Mr. Parks, late of Williamsford.

During the wool season Mercer is offering specially close cut prices to all cash buyers. Call and see.

Mr. John Gibson, who had one of his legs amputated ten days ago is making most satisfactory progress.

Ramsay's Paints, the right paint to paint right. See new picture ad. on inside page. For sale by F. T. Hill & Co., Markdale.

All accounts against the 24th May celebration committee must be handed in to the Secretary, J. H. Stephenson, on or before Thursday, May 20th.

There's about \$150 of a surplus from Victoria Day celebration. It is likely it will be set aside to aid in the purchase of a public park, which is much needed.

Loss.—Or the agricultural grounds, Markdale, on the 24th May, a silver watch. The finder will oblige by leaving same at this office and be rewarded.

The person that removed a whip from my buggy in the Methodist church shed last Sunday is requested to return same. He was seen taking it. J. H. Dowsett.

The STANDARD will be sent to new subscribers to the 1st January 1903 for half a dollar, nearly eight months. Now is the time to have it sent to friends at a distance.

A copy of the 1902 New Census Edition of Webster's dictionary, 1,000 pages, bound in full sheep, with patent index, for sale at this office. Only \$1.75, worth \$5.00.

Springfield, an incorporated village of 800 inhabitants, in Elgin County, had a \$50,000 fire on Monday, some nine places of business being destroyed and a Methodist church valued at \$15,000.

North and Centre Grey Farmers' Institute will run a cheap excursion over the C. P. R. from Owen Sound, Dundalk and intervening stations on Wednesday the 11th June. See adv. in this paper for full particulars.

On Friday, June 6th, I will be at the Markdale House, Markdale, for consultation in eye, ear, throat and nose cases. Hours, 7.30 till 12 a. m. Remember Friday instead of Wednesday, as formerly. Dr. G. S. Burt.

Just at this present moment Isaac Brock Lucas, M. P. P., is the whole Ontario Legislature, and he might unanimously wipe the Ditches and Watercourses Act off the face of the statute book.—Toronto Telegram.

STRAYED.—From the premises of the undersigned, lot 22, con. 8, Euphrasia, on Wednesday last, three one-year-old colts, black and two bay ones. Information leading to their recovery will be thankfully received. Michael Foy, Rocklyn.

During an electric storm on Thursday last the house of Mr. W. E. Brady, of the 11th line, Euphrasia was struck and slightly damaged. Mr. Wm. Myers barn, in the same vicinity, was struck twice the same day, and though somewhat damaged was not fired.

Centre Grey Farmers' Institute will hold its annual meeting in Haskett's hall, Markdale, on Friday, the 6th June. First meeting at 1 o'clock. Evening session at 7.30. Prof. Lockhead, A. C. G. will be present and deliver an address at each meeting.

An Owen Sound boy was recently in police court for setting off firecrackers. In Markdale every by-law of the village is violated with impunity, and we haven't heard of one information having been laid, and the county constable residing right in our midst.

Warning.

Notice is hereby given that legal proceedings will be taken against any person who in any way encourages, or induces Philip H. Walter, a person of unsound mind, to leave or remain away from his home with the undersigned on lot 10, con. 80, Euphrasia. John T. Walter.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1902.

Eggs for Hatching.

Having added to Mount View Stock Farm a poultry yard second to none in the County of Grey and stocked it with some of the best poultry money can buy—Barred Plymouth Rocks, Golden Wyandottes and White Leghorns—I am offering settings from any of the above birds for \$1.00 per setting. Jacob Lougheed, Wodhouse p.o.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Division street hall on Tuesday, the 20th inst. The call from Holstein to Rev. J. Little, of Chatsworth, was considered. Messrs. Fringie and Cromar represented the session and Messrs. Sutherland and McGill were earned in their pleadings that Mr. Little be allowed to continue with them. Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Dromore, represented the Presbytery of Saugeen. Mr. Little intimated that failing health seemed to indicate to him that he should accept a call to a congregation where the strain would not be so great. It was therefore resolved that he be translated to the Presbytery of Saugeen, and Chatsworth pulpit declared vacant on the first Sabbath in June. Rev. Dr. Somerville was appointed Moderator of the session during the vacancy. The Presbytery agreed to meet on the first Tuesday of June, at 10 a.m., in Chatsworth church, and the meeting was closed with the benediction. J. Somerville, Clerk.

Victoria Day visitors in town.

Misses Cochran and Newman and Mr. Fred Stephenson, Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Douglas, and Mr. H. L. Douglas, Orangeville; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Douglas, and Master Fred Wingham; Messrs. John Benson, Will Buchanan, Geo. Ricketts, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blakely and child, Miss Leah Irwin, Misses M. and R. Buskin, and Edith Miller, Toronto; Mr. Wm. Buskin, Goelph; Mr. Ed. H. Stephens, Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tuck, Midland;—Out of town, Miss Perdue, Miss Stein, Messrs. G. W. Armstrong, J. W. Tucker, W. L. McFarland, Jas. Henry, W. Biggar to Toronto.

District Meeting.

The May meeting of Owen Sound District was held on the 20th and 21st inst. in the Methodist church here, Rev. John Power, Secretary; Rev. A. Langford, D. D., Chairman. The attendance was large, every minister on the district being present and nearly all the lay delegates. The statistics showed a very satisfactory state of affairs throughout the district and the sessions were characterized by the spirit of harmony. The following were elected lay representatives to conference, which will open in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on the 5th June: Owen Sound, J. W. Redfern; Owen Sound 2nd, Thos. Porter; Markdale, C. W. Rutledge; Flushing, N. Richardson, M. P.; Dundalk, C. Johnston; Corbeton, Thos. Nichols; Eugenia, Thos. Plants; Euphrasia, Chas. Morwood; Walters Falls, Jas. Bowen; Chatsworth, E. O. Merrim; Holland Centre, R. H. Minion; Priceville, C. C. James; Woodford, W. B. Thistle; Brookholm, E. Perkins; Missionary Committee, C. W. Rutledge; Sunday School Committee, Rev. J. J. Sparling; Stationing Committee, Rev. Thos. Campbell; Nominating Committee, Rev. T. Campbell. The next May meeting will be held in Owen Sound.

A Successful Effort.

On the 24th the ladies of Christ Church congregation were busy all day winning the silvery smiles of the crowds of people who thronged the streets and show grounds. Lunch tables were provided in the store of Mr. W. J. Stephens, who generously permitted the ladies to have the use of his premises. From 10 a.m. until after the noon hour sandwiches, tea and coffee were served out to the hungry. In the afternoon the ladies moved the necessary effects, such as ice cream, fruits, candies and such like, to the booth which had been erected on the show grounds; and there a busy afternoon was spent catering to the needs of the multitude. Toward tea time they returned to the lunch tables in the store and were kept very busy until 7. The task which they had undertaken was arduous; but they feel that the results have amply repaid them for their labors. The proceeds amounted to \$55.00. This amount could have been much augmented had a larger provision been made; but the weather had been so threatening that it was feared the day would be similar to last year. To the ladies and young men who assisted them, much praise is due for the successful effort and satisfactory manner in which everything proceeded and ended.

Geo. Muxlow Burnt Out Again.

The old saying that "misfortunes never come singly" had an apt illustration on Sunday last when Geo. Muxlow found himself and family again houseless and homeless from the effects of fire. This time fortunately no life was lost, but we are sorry to say that all the furniture and goods which were so kindly provided by neighbors and friends are destroyed. Muxlow has been engaged by C. E. Shaw to work his farm near Nings and had moved down about ten days ago, taking with him all his belongings, and whilst the house was being built was living in the granary and stable, and these buildings took fire on Sunday afternoon about 4 p.m. whilst the family were over at the new house. The horses belonging to Mr. Shaw were saved and some few things besides, but all Muxlow's belongings were burnt as well as some seed grain, harness and implements belonging to Shaw, these latter, however, as well as the buildings, were covered by insurance.—Bolesrain, (Man.) Recorder.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Kate Stephenson of Elora, is in town on a visit.

Miss Nellie Armstrong is on an extended visit in Toronto.

Mr. W. Gay Pickell, Toronto, came home Monday for a day's fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Maher, of Owen Sound, are visiting in town this week.

Miss Vail and Miss Blyth, of Chatsworth, gave The STANDARD a call on the 24th while in town.

Mrs. Newell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bourne, of Jarvis, arrived at the rectory Monday evening.

Mr. Austin Pickell of New York, is spending holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pickell, here.

Mrs. A. J. Walker and son Goldwin left Monday for her home in Millbank, where she intends to remain for some time.

Mr. J. H. Hedley, of Lucknow, visited last week with his son here, Mr. J. H. Hedley. The latter's two children, who have been visiting with their grandfather at Lucknow, for some time, returned home with him.

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Mr. I. B. Lucas, M. P. P.

Mr. I. B. Lucas, of this place had the distinguished honor of being the only candidate in the province elected by acclamation on nomination day. Mr. Davis, his opponent, made a mistake in the hour of nomination, supposing it to take place from 12 to 1, when it was from 11 to 12 o'clock.

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Summer Camps.

It is reported that there are to be no camps at all this year for the infantry, either in the summer or autumn. This has not been officially announced as yet, but it is assumed to be true. The officers of the rural corps are all but unanimous in deprecating such a policy. It is universally admitted that owing to many causes, all of which have been stated previously in this paper, it would be very difficult to have the usual summer camps at Niagara, London and elsewhere. But the causes which would prevent the camps taking place in June will all have disappeared in September, and rural officers say that the corps ought to be trained then rather than not at all. Every officer of a rural regiment knows how difficult it is to get the men in the companies of a regiment together for an annual training, but when the training is only once in two years the difficulty is intensified, while the men who do assemble are nearly all recruits, from whom it is impossible, owing to their lack of training in twelve days, to get even fair results. The officers say it would be better to train the men at headquarters rather than have no training whatever. At the same time the hope is freely expressed that the authorities at Ottawa, even if they do contemplate such proceedings, will abandon the intention and hold the camps both in Ontario and Quebec in the autumn.



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Another Letter from Pte. Bliss Williams in South Africa.

Kitchener's Headquarters Division, April 1902.

MY DEAR MOTHER:— I suppose you have heard by the papers that we have been in some scraps and have not got off without losing some of our boys. Poor Bert Day was killed a day or so after the scarp at Boschfontein. We were surrounded just as we staked down camp and began to unsaddle. Our column was under Col. Cookston and consisted of about 2000 or 2500 men. We had two 15 pounders and a pom pom or so and a maxim. I was digging a trench with a lot of other fellows when the fire shell came whistling over our head. I then got my rifle and bandolier and went with our Lieutenant, (Ryan), to the river bed at the edge of the camp. By this time the shells were coming thick but were not doing much harm. Our guns were replying in good earnest. The rifle fire came in with excellent range, too. We reserved our fire pretty well until we could see the Boers. They were in strong numbers under Delarey, Kemp and some other Boer generals. When they came close enough we lit in with rifles, maxims and pom poms. It was a trying minute at first, when we were not firing, to feel the wind of bullets from front, rear and flanks, and to see fellows wounded on all sides, I felt like you do when you are nerving up to get your teeth pulled. You see it was our first scrap and it was a hot one. I felt all right when I was running around even in the open after ammunition, or when firing. There were four fellows hit within ten feet of me, but the fortunes of war would have it that I was not touched. Bert Day and Charlie Evans were in the rear guard. It was out of and had a lot of casualties. They were nearly all taken prisoners, wounded or killed. Bert and five others were cut off alone. They had two or three skirmishes with five or six Boers and chased them. Their last fight was in a kopje against about fifty Boers. They fought them off for about four hours. One was hit in the body and died of his wounds. Bert was hit in the forehead and killed instantly. A Mr. Bruce, a student for the ministry, a most excellent fellow, was one of the unfortunate six. He saved the boys a somewhat christian burial. The four left were taken, stripped of food and clothes and left walk about fifty miles to join the English. They only had about a half day's ration on Monday. Their last

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scrap was on Wednesday, I think, but I am not sure. The four are in the hospital now.

I am very, very sorry about Bert. He was the best chum I had in the outfit. If he had only died in camp among friends, but away off among Boers who took all his belongings. I sent home everything of his that I could get, but there were only two or three little things. His locket which he asked me two or three weeks ago to send back for him if anything happened, I am afraid the Boers got it. They will get it hard from me if I ever get the chance. I hear that the Australians gave them a hard rub. They are good soldiers.

Now, you must not be alarmed because we had a little fight. The chances are that we shall never have such another. Anyway there is a lot of talk of peace. I don't know what about it. Remember, if I should get hit I will try to take it like a man. I would like to see this army; (the largest cavalry ever in the world I guess,) get up and simply crush those Boers without delay or hesitation. But I suppose the generals know more about it than I do. We have great times rustling for our meals. Of course there is a good regular issue of oranges, but we supplement it by boiling pumpkins, porridge, pea soup, (canned,) roasting corn, frying liver, etc. I am sorry that the country has all been cleared of chickens.

Well, good-bye for now. Your loving son "BLISS." Address C.M.R. in full, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles.

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