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Berkeley

We are having a heavy fall of snow. Appropriate Christmas services will be held next Sunday in 'St. Matthew's' Church.

Mrs. Virtue had the misfortune to slip on the ice a few days ago, receiving injuries which will confine her to the house for some days.

Born—On the 18th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walker, a son.

Mr. Wm. Dodds has been seriously ill the past week. Dr. Sproule has been in attendance and we understand has pronounced him as being in a fair way to recovery.

The box social under the auspices of the O. L. N. 176 in the Orange Hall here on the 15th inst. was a decided success. The chair was occupied by John Lyons, Esq. of Markdale. Excellent addresses were given by Rev. H. Berry and I. H. Lucas, Esq. The musical part of the programme was ably attended to by Miss McKinnon of Berkeley, Miss Ford of Markdale, Miss Boggs of Holland Centre, and Mr. John Cook. Proceeds \$11.50.

We hear that one of the members of the present council is about to retire. Wm. Crawford and Ralph Purvis have been mentioned as likely to run. Any one of them would make a good representative, and both are not likely to be in the field.

FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

(By our own Correspondent.)

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson, near Mt. Zion, Artemesia, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday evening of last week, when their eldest daughter, Martha, became the bride of Mr. George C. Walker, of Holland. The marriage ceremony, of which was witnessed by about fifty guests, many of whom were from Holland, was performed by Rev. J. B. Wass, M. A., of this place, the bride standing beneath a pretty arch of greens. The Wedding March was played by Miss Pearl Pedlar, cousin of the bride. The handsome young bride was becomingly attired in brown pearl cloth skirt and white silk blouse trimmed with medallions, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her attendants were Miss Maggie Walker, sister of the groom, who wore a green broadcloth skirt and white silk blouse trimmed with insertion, and Miss Allie Pedlar, cousin of the bride, who was attired in green broadcloth skirt and pink silk blouse with medallions. The groomsmen were Mr. Sydney Jackson, brother of the bride, and Mr. W. Walker, brother of the groom. The ceremony over and congratulations to the happy couple a sumptuous wedding supper was served, after which pleasurable amusements were indulged in till a late hour. The array of valuable presents to the bride was a token of her popularity in the neighborhood in which she has recently lived, as well as at her former home in Holland whither she returns.

According to the statute, Artemesia council met on Thursday last to wind up the business of the year. There will be some new faces at the council board in 1905, as two of the present councilors, W. Meads and J. Gibson, are resigning. Rev. G. W. Blair will be a candidate again and will be opposed by ex-councilor J. A. Boyd, of this place. Councilors Best and Parvis will be again in the field and will have the company of several aspirants. Mr. J. L. Graham an ex-councilor Meads has announced their candidatures, and others whom we learn are likely to be in the field are H. D. McLoughry, Alex. Carson, J. C. Adams and J. Thornbury.

At the nominations for county council for division No. 6, held here on Monday afternoon, Mr. John Walker, of Pricetown, was nominated by D. McMillan and P. Bulger, and Mr. S. Bell, of Dundalk, was nominated by John Sinclair and J. A. Rosborough. No other nominations being made, the former able representatives of this division were re-elected by acclamation. At 2 p. m. Mr. W. J. Bellamy was elected chairman, and addresses were given by the newly-elected members, who gave an account of the county council work during the past two years. Mr. M. K. Richardson also gave an interesting address.

Sunday School anniversary service will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath next and the usual entertainment on Monday evening. The following Sabbath will be anniversary day in the Methodist church and the usual entertainment will be held the following evening. The Baptist Sabbath school will hold their annual entertainment on Friday evening, the 30th inst.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor Society elected officers last week for the ensuing year as follows: Sunday School—Superintendent, J. A. Felstead; Assistant, Chas. Stewart; Librarian, Mrs. Chas. Stewart; Librarian, Mrs. Thom and Miss Ethel Crossley; Organists, Miss Crossley and Mrs. John Chard; Teachers—A. S. Van Dusen (bible class), John Chard, Frank Chard, Charles Miss Lily Thibault, Mrs. J. Chard, Crossley. The school has had a prosperous year and at the beginning of 1905 will take a distinct step forward by adopting the graded plan and with supplementary lessons teach the International lessons prepared by the Central Sabbath School Committee of the church.

C. E. Officers—President, Mr. Herb Smith; Vice Pres., George Cairns; Secretary, Miss Ida Sullivan; Treas., Mrs. John Black.

According to announcement, Rev. C. W. Watch, of Shelburne, occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sabbath last in behalf of Missions. Mr. Watch, who is a good reasoner, earnest and pleasant speaker, delivered able sermons, wide in range of truth and deep in spiritual tones.

Two more old residents have passed away, namely, Hector Kennedy, who died at his home on the 8th occasion on Saturday last, aged 76 years. In-terment to-day (Tuesday) at Salem cemetery, Rev. Mr. Hurlburt of this place conducted the burial services.

Mrs. Thomas Morrow, who died at her home west of Cayton on Saturday last, aged 84 years. Interment at Markdale to-day (Tuesday).

On Friday last a quiet marriage was celebrated at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. L. Wilson, B.D., who joined in wedlock Mr. Jacob Longueud and Miss Mary Coutts, both of Osprey township.

Mr. W. E. Richardson has been receiving small contributions for the and in the list published in the Globe on Saturday last we notice he is credited with a donation of \$10.25. Prince Arthur Lodge on Friday night has also donated \$5.00 and a like sum was given a month ago to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Miss Piokett, of Lytham, has been engaged for 1905 in the primary department of our public school. Miss Mertin, who has had charge of this department for a few years and has done excellent work, is giving up teaching to reside with her father at Preston. Principal Mansell was on duty on Friday and Monday with tonsillitis. Miss Beattie took charge of his room.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clinton have removed to town from their farm in Osprey. They are accompanied by Mrs. Clinton's residence on Toronto street. One of the young men of this place was before Magistrate Van Dusen last week for using abusive and profane

language in the Munshaw House. It cost the young man over eight dollars, which will doubtless prove a wholesome lesson to himself and others.

Many old friends attended the funeral of the late Mrs. R. Trimble last week. Rev. Mr. Wilson preached an appropriate sermon from Ps. 103: 13-14, and paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased. The choir also rendered appropriate music. The pall bearers were the sons of the deceased, present, James R. and William W. grandson, Percy Trimble; son-in-law, J. C. Crane and old friends R. J. Sproule and A. Munshaw.

Mrs. George Stewart is nursing a sprained wrist received by a severe fall last week.

Mrs. P. Holman leaves this week to visit her son George at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Rev. Ivson Wilson leaves this week to spend Christmas with his parents at Newcastle and will preach Missionary sermons for his father next Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace of Thessalon are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. A. Heard.

Rev. L. W. Thom was at Maxwell on Tuesday presiding at the induction of Rev. G. Ballantyne.

Mr. T. J. Sheppard was in town last week and sold the balance of his boot and shoe stock to Mr. McCabe of Pricetown.

A Merry Christmas to the Editor and Staff.

Kimberley

The Kimberley Football Team are holding a box social on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. A good time is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walter and family are now occupying J. M. Davis' house, recently vacated by J. R. Stafford.

Mr. Taylor Abercrombie has rented the Thurston farm and has settled thereon.

Mr. J. S. Huff, our former school principal, spent Sunday in Kimberley with friends.

Mr. Wm. Stuart has returned to spend the winter in Kimberley. He purposed going north again in the winter of course.

Mr. A. E. Myles disposed of his team of year-old colts to P. McCall of Collingwood for the sum of \$250.00.

We are having a beautiful winter down here.

We wish the editor and readers of THE STANDARD a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Walters Falls

Your correspondent wishes the editor and all readers of THE STANDARD a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. Hugh Wilson returned this week from Red Deer, N.W.T., after an absence of three years.

Miss Minnie Delere visited her sister, Mrs. Jerry, of Hoath Head, on Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Fries, of Whitewood, Assa., former teacher of this place, is spending his Christmas vacation here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hamill, of Chatsworth, visited with their son, E. P. Hamill, last week.

Mr. John Murray, our courtship contractor, anticipates running for the reeveship of Holland at the municipal election this year. We think this position is well served many years as councillor with great ability.

On Monday evening, December 26th, a Christmas Tree tea-meeting and programme will be held in the Methodist church. An excellent program is being prepared, and this promises to be the best of the season. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

Traverston

Hon. Wm. Mulock is good to Glenelgers, having granted a new post-office to the ratepayers on the 6th con. The new office is to be situated in the home of Mr. Thos. Smith, near Zion. Mr. Smith has secured the contract of carrying the mail for another term.

Angie Black dehorned about fifty head of cattle on the 8th con., one day last week. He is quite an expert at the business.

Messrs. E. W. Hunt, Geo. E. Peart, and J. J. Peart each sport dandy new outfits.

Miss May Robson, teacher, of Harriestville, is expected home on Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Mike Quillman, has the finest 2-year-old gelding we've seen in this country, and he's a beauty. It's a beauty and a pointer.

Master Herbie Peters, nephew of Mr. Randall Martin, who has suffered all summer with a very sore leg, was taken to the Owen Sound hospital a fortnight ago, where an operation was performed. Quite a large hole was found in the ankle bone. He arrived home on Monday and is much improved. Everyone hopes to see the bright little chap his hale and hearty self again soon.

If the weather is at all agreeable Saturday evening at the annual Christmas Tree. The programme is a bright one.

Mr. James Staples of Price Hill and Mr. Neil McManell of Pricetown are both aspirants for the County Council. Both are men of known ability and will make excellent representatives if elected.

As Hanover and Buntinck have nearly double the votes of Glenelg, it is essential to the ratepayers of this township to concentrate their votes.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on Mr. E. W. Hunt, urging him to become a candidate for councillor. Mr. H. has been nominated several times before, but has always modestly declined. It is most probable that he will be in the field this year.

Mr. Thos. Sullivan and Mr. Mike Kenny are also in the field. All good men.

TO STANDARD readers and ye editor and corresponding staff we wish a Merry Christmas that will long linger happily in their memories.

Husler.

Strathroy

Most of our men are taking advantage of the good sleighing and getting their work home.

The Strathroy Baptists are holding their annual tea meeting on the 8th January and Xmas. Tre on the 10th. With favorable weather and good roads the event is sure to be a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morrison have brought a son to cheer their home. Our long looked for steel bridge was finished on Dec. 11th.

The Rev. W. L. King, B.A., ably filled the pulpit last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen are about to move away, and it is with a feeling of regret that we are about to lose such estimable neighbors, both Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have espoused themselves to the entire neighborhood.

Mr. Donald Torrie is visiting at the parental home this week.

It is reported that a young man in our neighborhood is soon about to take unto himself that absolute necessity to economical housekeeping and good husbandry. Not a bad idea, John.

Wood and quilting bees are the order of the day.

Mr. W. J. McKesock has been turning his whole house into a store. He is doing a large business.

Mr. Heath and Mr. Miss McAfee were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Torrie last Sunday.

Berkeley League Notes.

A few weeks ago nearly fifty members of this league visited the Holland Centre league and conducted a service to a full house. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent last Wednesday evening in our league, the event being a farewell given to Miss McCaul who leaves our neighborhood this Thursday for her home at Agincourt, where she will preside as pedagogue over her old home school. Short speeches were made by Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Rowe and the President, each expressing their regret of losing such good support to our league as Miss McCaul has proven herself to be. Miss McCaul in a few choice words thanked the league for their kindness to her and hoped their future would be bright.

Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in social chat.

Vandour

Mr. Wm. Pritchard arrived Saturday from the West and is visiting with his mother Mrs. B. Buchanan.

On Sunday afternoon the Sunday School anniversary services were held, when Rev. Mr. W. W. W. gave a very impressive talk to the children.

Mrs. John Warling visited with her son, R. G., at Pricetown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Walker, of Wodehouse, were callers in our burg last week.

Some of the Rooklyn people attended the anniversary services here Sunday.

Harkaway

The people in this locality have been taking advantage of the sleighing and all kinds of produce has been moving freely.

Mr. Will Wiloy is getting brick on the ground for his up-to-date residence which he purposes erecting next spring. We understand Mr. John Martin, of Markdale, is the contractor.

Mr. J. A. Hallbert is getting out timber to enlarge his barn and shed. Mr. Alexander, of Barry Owen, is the contractor in this case, which speaks a first class job.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Roddy, Mr. Harness, Superintendent of the House of Refuge at Markdale, took his work at this appointment on Sunday and delivered an able address to an attentive congregation.

Owing to the resignation of Miss Taylor, the present teacher of Harkaway school, she having decided to return to school, the trustees have secured the services of Miss McManell, of Heathcote, for the year 1905. Miss Taylor has made many friends during her stay here and will be much missed as well as an efficient teacher and a willing worker in Sabbath School and League.

Mrs. J. Williamson had a successful wood bee last Monday afternoon and got her winter's supply of wood delivered at the house.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

OUR LAST WEEK OF BUSINESS IN MARKDALE

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Big bargains for this our last week's business in Markdale. We are giving goods away.

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Pickell vs. Store.

EDITOR, STANDARD.—

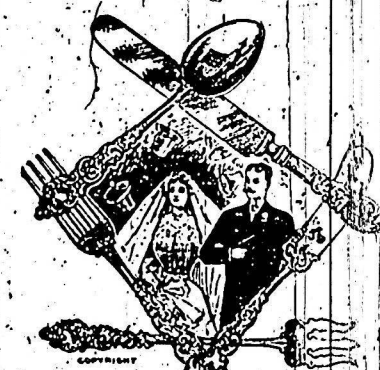
Plaintiff sued for five dollars which he alleged I promised him for non-delivery of sheep. Mr. Pickell and Burnsides came to my place to buy pair steers. I told them I would not sell them as they were to be sold at sale, then advertised. Pickell then wanted me to sell sheep. I told him I would sell them also at the sale. He said I might get worthless paper for them at sale. He left me, at the barn, and went to house to mother. When I saw this I followed to house, and told him in house yard I had selling of the sheep, they being mine. Burnsides told me to go in the house and shut my mouth and told Pickell to go on and buy them from mother, which he did. My mother told him if it stormed she could not get them to Markdale. She gave him back five dollars which had been given her on them. Mr. Pickell came the day of the sale and wanted me to give him five dollars or he would stop sale of my sheep. I told him to try it. Pickell then sued me for five dollars which he said I had promised him that day. Pickell swore in court I promised it to him, which is untrue. His own two witnesses swore I did not promise it to him. Pickell said then his witnesses are one-sided or bribed to do so. Pickell swore my mother was in barnyard with me when he made the bargain, which is not true. He tried to take the sheep from mother for \$55 which I sold for \$70 the day of my sale. Pickell swore in court he bought those sheep in or about the middle of March. These sheep were sold at sale on 28th January. Mr. Pickell will have a higher Judge than Judge Morrison to stand before some day.

Card of Thanks.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ARTEMESIA— Ladies and Gentlemen.—I sincerely thank you for the confidence which you have placed in me, by electing me as your Councillor for the past four years but, owing to my removal from the Township, I will not be a candidate for Municipal honors at the coming election. Wishing you all the complements of the season. I remain, Your obedient servant,

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Markdale.

Liberal Convention.

A convention of Liberals will be held in the village of Flesherton at 3 o'clock on Thursday, December 22nd, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the East riding of Owen Sound.

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STANDARD & Daily Star	1.80
STANDARD & Christian Guardian	2.00
We specially recommend our readers to subscribe to the Farmers' Advocate Home Magazine.	

Baird's Camp

Baird's Camp is situated about two and a half miles west of Markdale. Quite a gang are employed cutting and skidding logs, and several teams will soon begin hauling to saw mill. Alfred Livingston is cooking a good one too. Campbell Livingstone is foreman and no greenhorn at work work. The boss drops in occasionally and beers us up with a few jokes. When anything of a serious nature happens we will let THE STANDARD know.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Brooch found in Markdale. This office.

Chatsworth town hall is a investment and pays a dividend. A respectable girl is acting as helper in a small family at this office.

Wanted to purchase in house and lot of vacant address at this office.

For the nomination of Artemesia see Travelton ton correspondence.

Found, on Tuesday, east of Markdale on log of log chain. This office.

Mrs. Donald Gillies, Clarksburg, Helderberg, is slated as Reform candidate for the Grey.

Don't forget the system in the Marsh Hall on January 2nd, 1905, in the Preby. Church, Smith.

Meatard is still in doubt out prospect of any future as the owners of the place refused to sell at the price.

Mr. John Pickett, license inspector for Owen Sound, has recently pulled up with the Act, and was that they had not been these instructions.

The beautiful overcoat given by the 11th School children, under the supervision of Miss Eva Ford, in the morning of Monday, 1st. First act opens with a mountain children scenes from Fairbank's crowning of the favorite. Don't miss this treat. 7:30. Admission Everybody welcome.

Stephens

Wishes bright New Year best of for 1905.

R.L.S