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The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1890.

LITTLE LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

Which Caught the Eyes or Ears of
Free Press Reporters this Week.

- Christmas trees from today.
- Yesterday was a blizzardy winter day.
- The sleigh bells are again heard on the streets.
- Winter seems to have settled in real earnest.
- Sighting for Christmas is now earnestly expected.
- Read "Our Antenna Holiday" on the first page.
- What do you think of J. B. Pearson's election proclamation in another column?
- Billiard and Sunday School tea-meeting is being arranged for New Year's eve.
- Mr. Gabriel Wells is agent for Acton for the *Canadian Excelsior*, the organ of the Disciples church.
- Mrs. Barwell, widow of the late William Barwell, died at Eden Mills last Thursday in her 56th year.
- Mr. W. L. Worden, Jr., has opened a shop in connection with his bakery next door to Williams' store.
- The boiler at the Acton Tanning Co.'s works has been repaired and the men expect to go to work again to-morrow.
- For - A horse blanked on Main St., Acton. Owner can have same on proof of property. - ALVIN MANN, Boxer.
- Advertising is a gear in the machinery of a well-regulated town. It cannot sell the goods itself; it only delivers the customer, as it were. - E.
- Mr. J. C. Nelson is sending out a unique invitation to every household in town to call and inspect his stock of groceries, dry goods, etc. See it.
- Rev. D. V. Lucas, who recently returned from Australia, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and in the Presbyterian church in the evening.
- The Bank of Hamilton, Georgetown, has moved to its new quarters in Herold Block and Mr. Watson, the Manager, will be pleased to have his customers pay a visit to the new premises.
- Communion services will be held in Knox church next Sabbath morning. Rev. Mr. Drummond, of Georgetown, will preach the sermon at the preparatory service to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.
- During the season of Advent there will be services in St. Alban's church on Wednesday evenings at half past seven, when a course of lectures will be delivered by the incumbent on "Fulfilled and Unfulfilled Prophecy."
- The sidewalk on the west side of Main street between Agnew's Hotel and Mr. J. Johnston's property is in a very dilapidated condition. It is positively dangerous. The street and sidewalk committee should give it their attention.
- The congregation of the Baptist church has been greatly enlarged lately by the parents of disolute children. The platform and entrance have been covered with filth, and warning is hereby given that such conduct in future will be severely punished.
- The special services in the Methodist Church are still in progress but will probably close this week. During the week Mrs. G. B. Terry, Guelph, and Mr. W. P. Pearson, Georgetown, have assisted the pastor. The attendance has been very good throughout.
- The members of Streetville Lodge, O.G.T., will give their next concert and dramatic entertainment on Friday evening, 11th December. The programme will include that "Merry Drama" - "The Last Year" - "Friend Fremont," of the *Review of Mares* of Ceres.
- Last Wednesday a servant girl in the employ of Mr. W. H. Rutledge stock \$12 and was about to take the train for Toronto when Chief Lawson arrested her. The most of the money was recovered and she was allowed to go. She came from the S. A. House Home, Toronto.
- Mr. Chas. Taylor, of Crowsfoot's Corners has purchased from Mr. James Brown the house and lot on Main street recently vacated by him. Mr. Taylor has removed there. Previous to leaving Crowsfoot's Corners the friends of the family gathered at their home had spent a pleasant evening together.

THE NEWS AT HOME.

Mostly of a Local Character, and Every Item Interesting.
A Careless Sportsman.
A. H. Deane, a young man living in Guelph, while out shooting Saturday afternoon nearly lost his life by the accidental discharge of his gun. He placed the gun on the fence while lighting his pipe, when it slipped and went off, the charge striking him on the top of the forehead, carrying away a portion of the skull bone.

Brown's New Mill Runnings.

Mr. James Brown has his new saw mill in operation and it gives complete satisfaction. The arrangements are much more convenient than in the old mill and Mr. Brown expects to have considerably more comfort in doing business there. Mr. John Oliver, machinist, Galt, experienced the removal and setting of the machinery. This is the third time this work has been entrusted to him by Mr. Brown.

An Editor Disagreed.

Last Friday evening a banquet was given in honor of Mr. J. T. Clark, retiring editor of the *Free Press*, and in his departure to become editor of the *Daily Herald* in West Toronto. About 100 persons sat down to the table. Mr. George Kerr, manager of the Ontario Bank, presided, and Hon. John Dryden, M.P., was among those present. Mr. James T. Clark, brother of the retiring editor, takes charge of the *Nova*.

Christmas Entertainment.

A meeting of those interested in the Methodist Sabbath School on Tuesday evening it was decided to hold the usual Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening. Arrangements have been made for an unusually attractive and interesting programme. The Christmas tree will be decorated and everything will be done to ensure the children a happy ending to Christmas day and the public a thoroughly enjoyable time on this festive occasion.

No Deficiency Now.

Acton United Agricultural Society is only \$5 short of being out of debt. - Milton Gazette. No notice of the meeting of the Society was in town on Saturday and the treasurer a few dollars to wipe off the last of it. Since the recent exhibition the friends of the society have rallied round it and paid in some \$61.00 to place it entirely out of debt, and today Acton United Agricultural Society is in a better position than has a larger circle of friends than ever before. The future is assured.

A Serious Charge.

Mrs. Wm. Clark of Guelph, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, has been charged with embezzling \$1,000.00 from the estate. She is now in custody of the law. The charge is a serious one and the public is interested in the result.

A Happy Event.

On Monday afternoon an event was celebrated at the home of Mr. Luther Lyman, which will never be forgotten by the family. We refer to the marriage of Miss Mary, only daughter of Mr. Lyman, to Mr. John Walker, of the G.T.R. The ceremony was consummated at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Gifford officiating. At the conclusion about thirty guests, the relatives and intimate friends of the wedded pair, sat down to the wedding repast. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left again for their home in Stratford. Here they were met by a number of Mr. Walker's friends who escorted them home and spent a pleasant evening with them. The ceremony on Monday was the result of a rather romantic courtship extending over a period of some ten years. The friends in Acton unite in best wishes for abundant blessings upon the happy pair.

Wedding News.

On the evening of the 24th Nov. the home of Mr. Michael Speight, Market St., was astir with a happy company who were present to witness a ceremony which was calculated to blend in joyous union two young lives. Promptly at 6:30 o'clock Mr. C. C. Speight entered the parlor supporting his sister Miss George Speight, the pretty bride, who was attended by her sister Miss Nellie and her cousin Little Miss Dertie Speight of Acton. The groom, Mr. B. R. Brown, Market St., London, accompanied by Mr. H. Boncher, were already in position, and Rev. N. Hill, pastor of the Methodist church, pronounced the words which made them man and wife. Only the immediate friends of the families were present. The bride's presents were very beautiful and appropriate. Miss Speight is a native of Acton and spent her youthful days in our midst. She was engaged to her bridegroom by her many friends and former associates and with the Free Press in hearty congratulations and best wishes for future comfort and happiness.

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THE COUNTRY AROUND.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.
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We are sorry to say that Postmaster John Lloy is confined to his home by illness.
Messrs. W. Robson and Ernest Wilson have leased the skating rink for the coming season.
Rev. Mr. Mattson, incumbent of St. George's church, Lowville, is returning to Port Colborne this week. He preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.
Last Sunday at Dr. A. C. Jones, of Cambridgeville, was returning home by a road cart to a visit to a patient, his horse ran away and in turning a sharp corner threw the doctor out, breaking his collar bone and badly injuring him otherwise, but it is hoped that his injuries will not turn out to be quite as serious as was feared at first. - Milton Gazette.

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OSPREY.

The anniversary meeting of the Presbyterian Sunday School at Osprey was held on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a good attendance and, after a beautiful tea, Mr. Wood, superintendent of the school, took the chair. The programme consisted of songs by Miss Maggie Day, Mr. Wood and Mr. Hodges; duets by Misses Tomblin and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lamb; quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kenney; choruses by a number of members of the Bible study Methodist church, Guelph; readings by Miss Swackhammer and Mr. R. E. Nelson; dialogue by four girls; and speeches by Messrs. Ball, Brechtel and Fowle. Messrs. Black and Tolson. The programme was heartily appreciated, and the proceeds good.

GEORGETOWN.

"Snow, snow beautiful snow." Mr. F. Barclay, of Toronto, who has just recovered from a serious illness, is spending some time recuperating with relative ease.
The Stanley lecture in Toronto on Thursday was patronized by W. McCleod Esq. He gave us a glowing account of the speaker and speech.
Mrs. F. C. Gilchrist and infant daughter are visiting at the parental home in Berlin. Dr. Webster was the unanimous choice of the Conservative convention at Stouartville on Thursday last to contest the Toronto seat in the coming municipal election, leaving the Graham ticket completely in the shade.
Mr. Frank Barber spent last week scoring the walls of Roswood in search of o'clock. He reports a plentiful but very shy.
Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. Sullivan who buried an infant son last week.
Our foot ball club have been successful in two contests lately defeating the Victoria Rangers, of Toronto, a week ago Saturday by a score of 4 to 1, and on Saturday last defeating Agri Grove by 4 goals to 0. The Agri Grove team is the strongest country combination around here and so the boys consider their performance most creditable one.
The Congregationalists held another very successful song service on Sunday evening. Their choir is now under the very able leadership of Mr. W. H. Cross and in our most humble judgment they have the finest choir in town.
Work on the new line of the Northern Div. G. T. R. came to a sudden stop on Friday evening owing to the very heavy frosts we are having. All hands were paid off.
Mr. John Speck, of the Bank of Hamilton, has changed places with Mr. Will McCleod, the former going to Milton and the latter coming here.
The Rev. Dr. Willoughby again occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday evening, the occasion being the service for the expiation of souls.
Last week Mrs. John Higgins received a message from a teacher living in the North West who was having a difficult time in her home. She was in a state of mind to visit with another brother, and while there cut a letter from the first brother saying he was all right. She at once again, upon the word for having been the victim of a miserable practical joke.
The Bank of Hamilton is now located in its new and commodious quarters in the Herold Block. During the moving the Jenkins met with a very severe accident. He was helping to move the great safe, and coming out of the door of the old Bank the safe fell forward on the plank. In endeavoring to save himself Jenkins lost his equilibrium and fell violently back against the corner of the building striking his head on the bricks with enough force to raise his scalp. It required seven sutures from Dr. Anle's needle to make matters right.
Mr. Hugh Matthews is contemplating finely and hopes to be out in the course of a week or so.
Mrs. Jarman, of Toronto, Superintendent of the White Cross department of the Provincial W. C. T. U., addressed a meeting of the church on Wednesday last. It was the evening the ladies served a sumptuous repast free for all in the basement of the Methodist church, and during the evening very fine program was rendered by local talent, and another short address given by Mrs. Jarman. She has a pleasant, forcible way of presenting the best truths of the Gospel and her words go straight to the hearts of her hearers. Success to her efforts.
At a meeting of the High School Board held on Wednesday evening of last week, with all the members present, it was resolved that the salaries of the teachers be fixed as follows: - Mr. Barrett \$1100.00; Mr. Jones \$700.00 and Mr. Weaver \$500.00. The teachers were to notify of their acceptance within a week.
A meeting of the Bible Society was held in the English church on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Drummond, president, occupied the chair. Rev. Thos. Geo. opened with prayer, and then followed the secretary's report showing a better financial standing than last year. The officers of the society for the coming year were then elected. Rev. Mr. Love being made its president. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Mr. Wallace, formerly of Georgetown, the agent of the Society. Revs. Love, Norton and Geo. also gave short addresses and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Joe. Pennell.
Mrs. and Miss McDermid are spending a week with friends in Hamilton.
And now the stars in question question is on deck again. The Council, acting, we submit, in a most unbusiness like manner, entered into a contract with Waterous & Co., of Brantford, for the purchase of one of their steamers. This was done in pursuance of a resolution passed by a majority of our ratepayers asking the Council to purchase a steam boat for the purpose of carrying mail and passengers to the north.
The Council seems to take it into their heads that Waterous & Co., of Brantford, possessed a superior engine and closed the market to all other competitors while entering into negotiations with this firm. Now our people are a more liberal minded class evidently than our town does for they at a public meeting held on Tuesday evening "sat upon" the action of the council in no small manner. John Adkins, Esq., was voted into the chair and Mr. R. E. Harrison as secretary. After considerable discussion a resolution moved by R. L. Crookman and seconded by Thos. Clark was handed up to the chair, the gist of which was that this meeting declares itself against the action of the council in that they entered into a hasty, private contract with Waterous & Co. when the public wants to see a public competition and the best engine bought for the least money, and that the Council be asked to nullify the said contract and open the market to all comers. The resolution met with loud cheers and was carried unanimously by the very large and representative audience present. It now remains to see what the council will do. The elections are close at hand.
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S. B. No. 6 Erin.

The following is the report of those who took the highest standing in the order of merit for the month of November: - Fourth class - A. Leslie, E. Cann, M. Prout, Jr. Third class - L. McMurphy, G. W. Murray, W. Currie, J. S. Johnston. Second class - A. Cahn, F. Murray, W. McKeown, J. T. America, Teacher.

BURLINGTON.

The J.D.G.M., Bro. George A. Matheson and District Secretary, George Ross, accompanied by a delegation from Hamilton to the J.O.O.F., last Friday evening reinstated Wellington Square Lodge, 176, Burlington, and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: N.G., George Robinson; V.G., Wm. Kerne, M.P.P.; R.S., J. H. Deary; J.S., Wm. Cuckoo; treasurer, James Allen; and Wm. Thomsen, Estabrook. After the adjournment the visiting brethren were invited to partake of a sumptuous repast.
About two miles from Burlington a row occurred between the members of two Hall families last Thursday night which might have resulted in murder. Charles Long, an old man living near Burlington, has been shot with a family owned Harrod containing the sons of Harrod and her two sons - James and William. The trouble was the outgrowth of a law suit, in which the Louie obtained a judgement against James Harrod, and on Wednesday when Mrs. Harrod was selling out the Harrod of Harrod seized two horses under an execution against James Harrod. A fight occurred at the time but three persons prevented bloodshed. Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock, while the Harrod's were driving through a piece of bush two miles east of Burlington they were attacked by William, Robert and Melville Long. The Long's were armed with clubs as they pumpeled the Harrod's pretty severely, breaking one of William Harrod's arms in two places, and remaining in their buggy and driving rapidly the Harrod's escaped with their lives. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the Longs and when captured they will be tried before Henry Foster.

ERIN.

Ten years last May the Erin Lodge A.O.U.W. was organized. Its original membership 140. The lodge is reckoned one of the most progressive in the jurisdiction of Ontario.
Tom Wood, son of R. Wood, Esq., postmaster, left for Toronto on Monday morning, where he has secured a position in the Yonge Street establishment of his trade.
The vacancy on the board of Directors of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Co., caused by the death of the late Chas. McMillan, was filled at the last monthly meeting of the board by the appointment of Dr. McLaughlin of this village.
Municipal matters are decidedly quiet, considering that the elections will be on in five weeks from this date. In the township of Erin in addition to present members it is reported that Messrs. Henry Deary, Andrew Coo, John Fletcher and Dr. McKinnon will run. - Advance.

Read the Advertisements.

Readers of the Free Press will profit by carefully reading our advertising columns, especially this season of the year. The live people are advertising, why? because they have something special to offer to the public. As a general rule you can get better suited and get the nearest and latest goods of their kind from the merchants who use the Free Press advertising columns.
- Christmas comes in about four weeks, and already the merchants are preparing for their chief holiday. The stores are being mostly stocked with the usual novelties, and the range and variety of Christmas goods has to surpass anything yet seen. The successful merchant who understands his business is already advertising his attractions, and people are making up their minds where they will buy their holiday presents.
- Felix Devlin, Campbellville, was fined last week for selling liquor to a minor.
- About a week ago as Mr. Wm. Frank of Nassagaweya, was leaving home he got out of his rig to close the gate when his horse became frightened and ran away. It went three miles and a half at a terrific speed, but fortunately no damage of any amount was sustained by either horse or buggy.
- C. A. Livingston, Plattville, says: - I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. Thomas' Colicite Oil, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In my own case it may be for that it is the best preparation I have ever tried for rheumatism."

Mrs. H. H. McCann,

will sell by public auction at the Campbell House, Acton, on SATURDAY, DEC. 6th, 1890, at 1 o'clock, P.M., the following property: - PARCEL - Being lot No. 14, Block 2, of W.L. Street on which is situated a large frame building used as a dwelling and shop; could be adapted to double dwelling. On the premises is a good stable, two wells and a cistern. PARCEL - Being village lot No. 45, in James' PARCEL - Being a corner lot situated on Mill Street. I have 1 bedstead, 1 lot of carpet, 1 stove, 1 box, 1 lot of wood.

TERMS: - For property made known on day of sale. For articles, cash.

Wm. HEMPHREY, Auctioneer.