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The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1910

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—The same to you.

—Merry merry Christmas.

—The Christmas tree forever.

—Sleighing continues to improve.

—Give Santa Claus a cordial welcome.

—Santa (applause) Claus (prolonged cheers.)

—Hon. Santa Claus will Saturday in our midst.

—Dec. 25.—The People's Grand Annual Holiday.

—Two days of Christmas this year—Sunday and Monday.

—Remember Santa Claus—He is coming down the chimney.

—Georgetown has a Santa Claus Committee which is doing good work.

—Good evening—Have you arranged to hang up your stocking Saturday night?

—Spend your Christmas evening at the piano recital at the Methodist Church.

—Jacob Salts, General Merchant, has made an assignment to H. L. Cantelon.

—The prospects are exceedingly bright for carrying the Local Option by-law in Guelph.

—"The FREE PRESS Christmas Number is a gem."—Tom Kennedy, Registrar, Parry Sound.

—Mr. S. Hornby, of the Prudential, has been distributing a very useful desk diary the past week.

—Schools close this afternoon for Christmas holidays, and will re-open on Tuesday, 3rd January.

—"Your Christmas Number is very handsome and we have all enjoyed it."—Henry Reed, Georgetown.

—A copy of the FREE PRESS Christmas number is being presented to all new subscribers. Call to-day.

—It is rumored that the proprietor of the Dominion Hotel has leased his bar to W. Lawson, bartender.

—O Santa Claus is "Canada's new National Anthem" in the room and stead of "O Canada to-day" just now.

—Communion service will be held in Knox Church next Sunday. Preparatory service this evening at 8 o'clock.

—The bricklayers are putting in the front of Mr. G. J. Wallace's fine new clothing store on Mill Street this week.

—Bannockburn School's Christmas entertainment will be held to-morrow evening. It will be an enjoyable event.

—Young Canada's favorite edible next to turkey will be an article of diet known in University circles as "Plum Puddin."

—A Christmas tree entertainment will be held in connection with the Siloam Sunday School on Friday evening, 30th inst.

—The subject next Sunday morning at the Baptist Church is "Light at Evening," and in the evening "Neglected Salvation."

—The Methodist Church anniversary will be held on Sunday, 22nd January. Rev. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, will be the preacher of the day.

—Mr. N. Patterson will commence business in his fine new store, with a complete new equipment in the Patterson Block to-morrow.

—"We are delighted with your Christmas Number. It is highly artistic and attractive."—W. Stone, with Simpson & Co., Toronto.

—If any of our subscribers failed to receive a copy of the FREE PRESS Christmas number a copy will be forwarded upon application.

—The services in all the churches next Sunday will partake of the Christmas spirit, with Christmas sermons and Christmas music.

—"The Christmas Number of the FREE PRESS is worthy of your splendidly equipped office, and a credit to Acton."—F. H. Deacon, Toronto.

—"Your Christmas Number is a rare beauty. We do not usually expect such excellence outside the city offices."—J. S. Deacon, P. S. I., Milton.

—The Sons of England Christmas Social, which was to have been held to-morrow evening, has been postponed on account of other attractions.

—"At Christmas tide the open hand scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, and none are left to grieve alone, for Love is heaven and claims its own."—Margaret E. Sangster.

—Only 3 stoves left and will sell these at less than cost; new lines just in—Royal Purple Stock and Poultry Food, cutters, sleighs, and scales, also Melotte Separators and Dain Hay Loaders, the world's best. Wood wanted. See my large advt. in another column.—G. A. HAUK.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Sidney Smith Has "Struck It" Sure

Mrs. O. S. Smith had just received the news from her son, Mr. W. S. Smith, of San Francisco, Cal., that his oil interests in the west have developed in a most satisfactory degree, and his gushers are netting him $15,000 per day. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their son, Sidney have just returned from trip to Japan and the Philippines.

It is Senator Carson Now

News has just reached friends here of the election of Mr. Jno. A. Carson, of Salem, Ore., as senator for the State of Oregon. Mr. Carson read law in Acton back in the eighties, and after being called to the bar went west. He has had a very successful career at Salem. Mrs. Carson was Miss Ellen Allan, foster sister of Mrs. O. S. Smith, of Fairview Place.

Appointed Public School Inspector

From the Parry Sound Star we learn that Mr. J. L. Moore, B. A., son of the late Wm. Moore, Acton, who has very acceptably filled the position of principal of the Public and Continuation Schools in that town for several years, has been appointed Inspector of the South Parry Sound District. The position carries with it a salary of $1,700 per annum. Mr. Moore succeeds Rev. George Grant, M. A., of Orillia.

Rev. Mr. Wilson at Drayton

The Drayton Advocate says: "Rev. J. O. Wilson, B. A., of Acton, preached morning and evening to large congregations at the Presbyterian anniversary services, and all who heard him were edified and delighted. A free will offering was taken, which amounted to $137.63, a very creditable one indeed. Rev. Mr. Wilson is a son-in-law of Mr. Wm. Duff, of the 8th of Peel, and is always a welcome visitor to the Drayton congregation."

California's Canadian Lieut.-Gov.

Hon. Albert J. Wallace, of Los Angeles, Cal., son of the late Donald Wallace, of Pilkinton Township, near Guelph, has just been elected Lieut.-Governor of California.—Lieut.-Governor Wallace is a cousin of Messrs. Joseph and Oliver Lasby Acton. Mr. Wallace was nominated for Lieut.-Governor by the vote of the Republican electors. He was specially opposed by the Liquor Dealers' Association. Hon. George Wallace, of New York City, is a brother.

The Christmas Piano Recital

The musical recital in the Methodist Church on Christmas night will be an event of most pleasurable character by which to conclude the enjoyments of the festal Christmastide. There will be high-class piano numbers by Miss Lauretta Gray, Acton's most talented pianist; vocal selections by Mrs. J. W. Bows, of Milton, who has always been a favorite as a sweet singer. Mrs. Bows comes at considerable sacrifice to herself, but her love for the old home compelled her to accept the invitation. Misses Bertie Smith and Emma Burt, and Mr. Leonard Worden, all popular local vocalists, will also contribute to the programme. The Sunday School Orchestra will render a number of new selections. The public is cordially invited.

New Sick Benefit Society

At a meeting of a number of workmen in town last week it was proposed that a sick benefit and ton line should be organized and have for its objects, the bringing together of workingmen and their male descendants for mutual benefit and support, the raising of funds by entrance fees, dues, fines, donations and interest on capital for the purpose of rendering assistance to members when sick or unable to follow their employment and that the said club should have a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The organization was effected and the following officers elected: M. Murphy, President; F. Taylor, Vice-President; H. Stock, Secretary; Merchants Bank, Treasurer. Financial Committee; Messrs. Murphy, Taylor and Brindly. Management Committee: Messrs. Fogg, Connor, Tyler, Oborly, Reynolds, Brindly and Large.

Married at Arden, Man.

A very interesting event took place in St. Andrews Church, at Arden Man., on Wednesday, 14th inst., when Joseph Orton and Miss Agnes Mae Henderson, of Acton, Ont., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. L. Manson, B. A. pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Lane, B. A., of the Methodist Church. At the hour appointed, while Miss C. Manson played the wedding march, the bride and bridegroom took their places under an arch of evergreen. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Haggerty, who gave her away. The bride was tastefully gowned in white silk, trimmed with lace and duchess ribbon with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern. Miss L. Hoffman, of Neepawa, made a very pretty bridesmaid and was gowned in pale blue silk organdie with black picture hat and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Donald Orton, of Seeman, Sask., brother of the groom, was groomsman. The ushers were, John Orton, Finley Haggerty, Wilmot Gill and Albert Walker. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. Haggerty. About seventy guests were present. Speeches of congratulation were made by Mr. Manson and Mr. Lane. Many valuable and useful gifts were received by the young couple. The bride's travelling dress was of old rose diagonal, trimmed with plush and applique, with toque to match. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful fur lined coat, to the bridesmaid a pearl crescent, to the groomsman cuff links and to the organist a gold lace pin set with pearls. Guests were present from Kelwood, Seeman, Moore Park, Neepawa and Coldwater. The happy couple left on the east bound train for Orillia, Toronto and Acton, amid showers of rice and good wishes from a host of friends. Mr. Orton is one of the prosperous young men of the community. He and his bride will receive a hearty welcome when they return to their new home in Salisbury. All join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Orton a long, happy and prosperous wedded life.—COM.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. S. Coleman, of Rockwood, visited Acton friends this week.

Mrs. John Chisholm, of Saginaw, Mich., is here for the holidays.

Mrs. Quantic and Miss Quantic, of Toronto, spent Tuesday in town.

Mrs. John McEachern is spending a few weeks with Toronto friends.

Miss Annie L. Hudson, of Georgetown, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Howard Black is home from the School of Practical Science, Toronto.

Mrs. John Weaver, of Hope Bay, is the guest of her son-in-law, ex-Reeve Williams.

Miss Edith McEachern left on Friday to spend the holidays with friends in Toronto.

Misses Florence Holmes and Margaret Bennett are home from Normal School, Toronto.

Miss Winnie McGuire, of Brussels, visited at the home of Mr. Percy Brown this week.

Mrs. W. L. Grindell, of Brampton, has been the guest of her mother the past week or so.

Mrs. Robt. Watson, of Norval, spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. W. H. Danny.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orton, of Arden, Man., are spending their honeymoon with friends here.

Miss Switzer, of Meadowvale, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Mason, Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Haggerty, and children, of Arden, Man., are guests of Mr. James Henderson, Main Street.

Postmaster Matthews has improved so rapidly the past week that he expects to leave the hospital and return home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurney, of Wingham, were here yesterday attending the wedding of Miss Wallace and Mr. Battram.

Mrs. H. Ryder and Miss Margaret leave to-morrow to spend several weeks with her parents in Barrie. Mr. Ryder is on a business trip to the west.

Mr. William and Miss Mabel Edmiston, of Willenx, Sask., arrived here last week to spend a month or so with friends in the old home. They are looking well and are receiving a hearty welcome from the many friends here of a decade ago.

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Rev. J. O. Wilson, B. A., will go to Erin on Sunday evening to speak in favor of the Local Option By-Law there. Rev. R. Fowlie will occupy the pulpit of Knox Church.

—Mr. C. J. Furber, of Elmira, was in town last week introducing the Pullman weather strip. Mr. Furber resided in Acton several years ago. He has appointed Mr. J. Miller his agent.

—The Merchants Bank has been distributing a very attractive wall calendar the past week. It is very artistically executed, bearing an engraving, showing the head office at Montreal, and gives valuable information. Mr. F. A. McLean, manager, is generous in his distribution.

—Knox Church Choir has arranged for a first-class entertainment on New Year's night, Monday, 2nd January. The Canadian Male Quartette, of Toronto, which made such a hit at the garden party last summer, have been engaged. Miss Spencer, of Toronto, elocutionist, will also take part.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER

We are highly gratified with the many compliments and kind words spoken respecting the FREE PRESS Christmas Number. Subscribers generally have expressed their appreciation of the attractive features of this special Christmas issue.

The demand for extra copies has been large, but an increased edition has enabled us to meet all orders, and we can still supply those who desire copies to send their friends.

Esquesing Grange Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Esquesing Grange took place in the Council Chamber at Stewarttown on Monday evening of last week. After the transaction of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., W. J. Little; Overseer, Percy Reed; Secretary, Gordon Appelbe; Treasurer, J. L. Standish; Steward, John Brown; Ass't Steward, Leonard Chisholm; Lecturer, J. R. Lindsay; Chaplain, George Henderson; Gatekeeper, N. Gillies.

Sad Christmas Outlook!

The Toronto Star published the following last Friday:

"A man at Acton gave the following excuses for not leaving a flat in respect of which he owed twenty weeks' rent:

I have been out of work.

I have had two children attending the hospital all the summer.

I have another child at home under the parish doctor.

I am still out of work.

I have tried hard to get a place, but being out of work and having six children it is difficult to find a flat.

Now the frost has set in and I don't see any prospect of getting any work.

The magistrate made an ejectment order, telling the tenant that the landlord was entitled to his premises."

The FREE PRESS has made diligent enquiry respecting the case above reported and is unable to find any such case existing here. Certainly no Acton Magistrate made the ejectment order referred to. The Star has evidently erred in crediting this destitute family to Acton. Acton has no destitute families; has no flats and no parish doctors.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Will Spend Winter in the South

Mrs. P. C. Maddock left Toronto the first of the week for St. Louis, Mo., to join a party of fourteen or fifteen Winnipeg friends, who will spend the winter in the South. Starting from Cairo in Mr. Vincent Maddock's yacht the party will cruise down the Mississippi River, around the Gulf of Mexico, visiting all principal places enroute, thence up the Atlantic Coast to New York, which they expect to reach about the first of March. Mr. Edwin G. Maddock is engineer of the yacht.

AUCTION SALE REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18th—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of J. Kinnard, Esqueesing, four miles south of Acton. R. J. Knox, Auctioneer.

We are simply too busy to write much this week. The Fat Stock Show is over, but I am busy attending to Santa Claus, who is in my window. There will be no doubt about where my store is, because the sidewalk is always crowded watching Santy go down the chimney and into the house after he drives up his sleigh drawn by four reindeer. Bring the children in to see him. Pringle, the Jeweler, Guelph.

—Santa Claus, the hosiery filler, is coming to town this week.

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Santa's Last Message

We have just received the last message we shall have from Santa Claus before Christmas. He says:

"Tell the little girls that I hope the winners will be pleased with the prize Dolls I sent them; and to the ones who were disappointed I would say that in all probability I will have another surprise for them next year, when they will perhaps be more successful. I wish all my little friends and all my grown up friends a Merry Christmas."

WE would also like to wish all the little folk, as well as our older friends and customers—

A Merry Christmas

Extras for Saturday

Sweet Oranges from ..... 15c. per doz.
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Silk Initialed ..... 25c and 50c
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NOT ONLY are the Xmas stocks here superbly complete, but the many conveniences of THE RIGHT HOUSE will make it, this week, the Hamilton headquarters for Acton shoppers. The big Mezzanine, or balcony, with its rest chairs, writing desk, manicurist, magazines, lavatory, etc., is an ideal place to rest or to meet friends. Our new departments—Furniture, Shoes, Candy, Toys, Stationery, Toilet Goods, China, Etc.—added to the half a hundred other departments in THE RIGHT HOUSE—make it possible for you to fill every personal or home need without leaving this big cheerful store.

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