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LOCAL LAOONICS.

Xmas presents worth twice the money at Gilpin's. For choice robes and overcoats go to Ferguson's. Thos. Wilkinson, of Lindsay, was in town last week.

Good chocolates only 25 cents per pound at Mathison's. If you are looking for Xmas bargains read A. H. Allen's adv.

Listen! Don't buy a stove until you see Jake McInerney. The list of convictions for the past three months appears on another page.

Jas Gordon, of Pickering, and Jno Gerow of Brougham, were in town on Tuesday. Miss L. Woodcock, of Brandon, Manitoba, is in town visiting her mother and sisters.

Mrs J. Bandel, of the Whitty House, was with friends in Toronto on Friday and Saturday last. Mr. Jno. Downey of J. H. Downey and Co. is spending the holidays at his home in Ossage, N. Y.

A special meeting of the executive of the South Ontario Conservative association was held here on Saturday. Messrs. W. H. Greenwood and Alex. Smith are home from Toronto University, which resumes operation Jan. 4th.

Miss M. O. Eastwood, Messrs N. H. Mc Gillivray, M. B. H. Thorne, and Alex. Smith, of Toronto colleges, are home for the holidays.

We omitted to mention last week that Miss B. Dartnell contributed to the program in connection with Prof. Clarke's lecture under the auspices of the mechanic's institute.

Great slaughtering of boots and shoes still continue at the new shoe store, east side, 51 and 53 Booths for 50c. Everybody welcome to have a pair—Come early. M. W. Collins.

On Christmas Day, at All Saints' church the hours of service will be 8 and 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. All services there will be special Christmas music. The Christmas Carols will be sung at the evening service. Mr. Brougham will be the preacher at both services.

Mr. W. O. Johnston, Muskegon, Mich., is here this week, visiting his many relatives and friends. He has not been home for four years, and is enjoying a very hearty reception from his many old friends. Four years has made no very noticeable change in Mr. Johnston's physical appearance.

Birth. At Whitty, on Tuesday Dec. 22nd the wife of Mr. Alfred Butt, of a son.

Probable Candidates. For reeve—Messrs. Pringle and Deverell. For deputy—Messrs. Scott, Burns and E. R. Blow. For councilors—north ward, Messrs. Robson, Noble and Henry.

Four Months and \$50 Fine. Joseph D. Thompson, who was convicted of fraud at the county court here, was sentenced on Tuesday by His Honor Judge Dartnell. Thompson was sent to central prison for four months, and fined \$50 besides.

A Horrible Accident. Mr. Arthur Ellis has received a letter from New York stating that his second son, Arthur, who has been in New York for a year or two, was the victim of a very severe accident last week. With five other workmen he was working on a scaffold over forty feet from the ground, when the understructure of the scaffold gave way and the whole six men fell with the debris to the ground.

The others were fortunate enough to find obstacles to the long fall, but Ellis fell the whole distance alighting in such an unfortunate way as to break both arms and both legs. The accident took place last Thursday, and on Sunday when the letter was written appearing his parents of the accident, young Ellis was still unconscious, and it was a difficult matter to form an opinion as to his chances of recovery.

A Splendid Entertainment. The annual concert of the collegiate institute on Tuesday night was patronized to the full capacity of the music hall, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, and proved to be one of the best of the many exhibitions ever given by the institute. Principal Waugh announced at the commencement that the program would be a departure from the usual custom inasmuch as there would be nothing of a literary character offered, the work of winding up the studies of the fall term having been too heavy to permit of getting up a literary programme.

The principal also took occasion to express his satisfaction with the reception he has enjoyed in the town, also with the institute and his associates on the staff. The programme, while not literary, was found to be fully in line with school work, being devoted largely to a working out of the fine physical training now required by regulation to be carried on in gymnasiums. From what was offered to the public at this entertainment it became obvious that not only a grand work is going on in our collegiate institutes from a standpoint of physical culture, but that the work in this line is unlimited. It covers a wonderful scope of development. The opening number was an exercise in club-swinging by the girls of Form I. The third was a dumbbell exercise by the girls of form II. The fifth a fine illustration of an assault at arms on horseback by the boys. The seventh a ring exercise by 16 girls. The ninth physical drill by the boys with rifle in hand. After that the alternate number were marches in the same line of physical culture, but devoted to bringing out loyal and other sentiments. Tableau after tableau with the other exercises, and many of the groups and artistic surroundings were well applauded. The Whitty orchestra furnished excellent music and gave great assistance towards making the show a success.

Scott repairs all kinds of pumps.

The best of cream chocolates only 40c. per pound, at D. Mathison's. Xmas bargains at Mrs. Allen's are wonderful value. Please call and examine.

10 percent discount on dress goods and 20 percent on boots and shoes, at E. R. B. Hayward's, Saturday.

There is first class ice at the rink and skaters and curlers may enjoy themselves there on Xmas afternoon and evening. Nothing nicer than our special gold embossed photos for Xmas presents. O'Brien & Steadham's photo gallery, open every day.

Mr. Henry Carr, a former resident of this town, but lately residing at St. Mary's, died in that town on the 19th inst. Mr Carr was a shoemaker, and worked some time for Mr. Wm. Burns.

The CHRONICLE delivery boy will carry round his annual address on New Year's day. There have been no complaints during the year and we bespeak for him a very friendly reception.

The twenty-five cent shipplaster is becoming rather scarce now. It was a very handy money factor in its day, and its usefulness is now being felt on account of its scarcity. It was suggested that the new government should contribute to the public convenience by making a new issue. These small bills are convenient to send by letter, and would be a source of revenue to the government as their value is not much and a number of them are lost.

Mr. Walter Gibson objects to a reference to him in last week's Port Whitty items, as reading an essay at the "Incombe Club." He wishes us to state clearly that he did not do anything of the sort, and we therefore withdraw his name from all connection with it. We have no knowledge of the club's membership. Mr. Alfred Perry also wishes us to state that he gave no exhibition of tobacco chewing, and we are further informed that no such meeting of the club took place.

Mr. John Spence, Toronto, came down from the city to be present at the collegiate institute entertainment on Tuesday night, and remained over to shake hands with as many of the Whitty people as he could see. By way of bringing old times to memory he assumed his old editorial functions on the staff and dashed off a few thoughts for the benefit of our readers this week. In return for which we feel that it is but courtesy (and indeed truth) to say that Mr. Spence is near the top notch of the profession of public school teaching, and is a very handy fellow to have around an editorial sanctum.

He highly praised the exhibition of physical culture given by the collegiate pupils and said that if the entertainment could be put on the Grand Opera House stage, at Toronto, with electrical effects, it would prove the hit of the season.

Birth. At Whitty, on Thursday, Dec. 24th, the wife of Jno. Baker, of a son.

Home Made Bread. Parties wishing the above can be supplied by calling at the residence of Mr. Henry Gould.

Destroying Line Fences by Fire. Mr. W. H. Wilcox has been annoyed lately by some party who sets fire to the line fence between him and Mr. James Reed at night. The party uses coal oil, and has found no difficulty in burning large sections of the fence whenever he felt disposed to shed his light. Mr. Wilcox has to be ready all times of the evening and night to run and put out the fire, and is bound to have the party convicted.

St. John's Church. There will be divine service on Christmas morning at 11, Mr. McKim officiating. In the evening a magic lantern entertainment and distribution of presents to the Sunday school children will be given in the school room. On Sunday next, the 27th inst., Mr. McKim will be assisted by Rev. L. G. Wood of the church of the Redeemer, Toronto, Holy Communion administered at the morning service. All seats free; everyone welcome.

A Correction. EDITOR CHRONICLE: SIR—If your Uzbridge news last week there is a notice of the Baird vs. Wilcox suit, which requires a word of explanation. In 1889 Mr. Wilcox, as executor, held a mortgage over due, and Mr. Baird made proposals through his solicitor to purchase it. Mr. Wilcox calculated the interest at nine per cent, the rate the mortgage called for, and the amount was voluntarily paid by the plaintiff through his solicitor. Then some years after when taking proceedings in the masters office they discovered that probably too much interest had been paid to Mr. Wilcox, and demanded back the sum of \$153. Mr. Wilcox refused to pay the sum as he had administered the estate in full and paid all the interest he got from the mortgage to the party entitled to it. However suit was brought in the county court of the county of York and the learned judge gave judgment against Mr. Wilcox as executor, not for \$153 but only \$68.33 and division court costs, instead of county court costs. Yours truly, D. ORMISTON, solicitor for Mr. Wilcox.

Hymenial. A very pleasant and happy event took place on Wednesday, 16th inst., at "Hill side," the residence of Leonard Burnett, Esq., M. P., being the marriage of his daughter, Leonora, to Jas. B. Davidson, eldest son of John Davidson, Esq., "Ivanhoe," Ashburn. The important ceremony was performed by the contracting parties and Rev. Dr. Welton, of McMaster College, Toronto. Precisely at 4 o'clock, amid the strains of Mendelson's wedding march, played by Miss Howson, of Toronto, the handsome bride was conducted to the altar, and given away by her father, and the everlasting contract completed. The bride looked particularly pretty, dressed in white cashmere with pearl trimmings, and bore in her hand a bouquet of white roses and ferns. The happy couple were wholly unsupported, being courageous enough to encounter the battle of life alone. The ceremony being ended many congratulations were showered upon them, when the party adjourned to the dining room and enjoyed a sumptuous repast. The presents were numerous and costly, conspicuous among the rest was a handsome cheque to the bride from her father, and a quantity of gold from Mr. Jas. I. Davidson and Jas. Davidson, jr. The newly married couple left at 6.30 amid a shower of congratulations and good wishes, assisted by a plentiful shower of rice and old boots, for a short trip in Western Ontario. The invited guests were as follows:—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McMaster, Tiverton; Hon. John and Mrs. Dryden, Misses Jessie, Nellie, and Willie Dryden, Miss Dryden, Brooklin; Dr. and Mrs. Starr, Toronto; Mr. George and Mrs. Dryden, Mr. Harold Dryden, Miss Adda Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. McCaw, Miss Lizzie McCaw, Mr. and Mrs. James Paxton, Miss Florence and Miss E. M. Paxton, Port Perry; Mr. Chas. and Mrs. Bigelow, Trenton; Sheriff and Mrs. Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin, Whitty; Dr. and Mrs. Eastwood, Miss E. Paxton, Peterboro; Mrs. L. Harrison, Miss Carrie Harrison, Mr. Frank Harrison, Pickering; Mr. and Mrs. McLennan, Port Hope; Rev. Mr. Macle, Miss Howson, Toronto; Mr. Clarke, Conn., U.S.A.; Jas. I. Davidson, ex-M. P.; Jas. Davidson, jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Wm. Mary Davidson, Mr. Geo. Davidson, Mrs. Wm. Miller, Misses Maggie and Barbara Miller, Ashburn; Mr. Robert and Miss Rebecca Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burns, Brooklin; Jas. Spencer, London; Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, Whitty; Miss Helen Burns, Mr. John Burns, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George Davidson, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, Greenbank; Miss Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Joel Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bigelow, Chicago; Mr. James Atkinson, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atkinson, Seaforth; Miss E. Nightingale Woodcock; Mr. Clarke, Rev. Mr. Radford, Ashburn; Mr. and Mrs. Dobson, Epsom.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Reduced prices on all Xmas goods at Mrs. Allen's. Take a look at Gilpin's Xmas silverware and jewelry as you pass by.

If you want a cheap, serviceable overcoat Ferguson's is the place to get it. Mr. John Baker, caretaker of the collegiate institute, is the recipient of a very nice Christmas present, being a boy brought into his household by the doctor from the region of nowhere.

Life Size Photos. Henry & Putney, of Oshawa, made the first and only color sized photographs ever made in this vicinity.

A Denial. EDITOR CHRONICLE: SIR,—In justice to myself as well as to him, I beg leave to state that I did not use, in reference to Mr. Barclay, any such language as is attributed to me in the account that appeared in last week's CHRONICLE, of a school meeting in the south ward. W. W. TAMBLIN, Whitty, Dec. 24th, 1896.

Congratulations to Judge Dartnell. His Honor Judge Dartnell has been appointed County Judge for the county of Ontario. We have no doubt that the honor upon the advancement conferred upon him. His very able and painstaking judicial work for a quarter of a century past is a full guarantee that the law will be properly interpreted in this county, and the rights of its citizens will receive full protection as has been the case heretofore.

Our Cat. THE CHRONICLE has a cat. We have had good luck, and hard luck, and rows, and fights, and wars, and rumors of war, and threats of murder, and, worst of all, libel suits; but a cat of our own we never had until now. Every newspaper office is supposed to sport a cat, which is supposed to carry about in its grave and sleepy cranium the wisdom and prophetic instincts of its place. Many journals are run without a cat for mentor or monitor; but the absence of a feline oracle is always regarded as imperiling all hope of a constant display of wisdom and discretion. We have not in hand sufficient authorities in the matter to enable us to decide whether a newspaper cat should be, tradition being not very clear on that point, but we have sought to meet the difficulty by a cat of many colors, like Joseph's coat. It is of circassian extraction, having a white face, but it speaks no language excepting m-ows and some special caterwauls, and thus we cannot determine its nationality. Nor can we give its breed or pedigree, these matters being clouded in mystery. It is sufficient that we have a cat, and that it has fallen in line with the official duties of its position without giving us any special trouble. In future our views upon public and private matters should be seasoned by startling sagacity.

The Gazette's Carnival. Tuesday's Gazette only had two pages of Toronto print, and devoted the other two to a carnival of town and school politics. It shows clearly that every leading member of the town council is a trickster and most likely a hoodler; that all the members of the school board are dishonest schemers excepting Mr. Fox, who is only wrong in his views; that the teachers of the collegiate institute and male teachers of the public schools have too high salaries, largely the result of scheming; that the CHRONICLE has exercised an evil influence in everything and over everything. It is all poured upon the public in a seven-column arraignment, and in order that there may be no doubt as to the reason why all these frightful things were perpetrated our cotem states emphatically that it was all done in order to bolster up Mr. Henderson's candidature. He laid the schemes of years back, our cotem proceeds to show what the town must do to retrieve itself. It must take a pruni g hook in one hand and a cleaver in the other. The one must be used to lop the fat from the fat, and the other to chop off nearly all the municipal and educational heads in town. The mayor must go, the reeve must go, the deputy-reeve must go, One of the male teachers must go. The constable must go. If the Gazette's a little stronger, the minister of education will have to go for it appears he has also been into this carnival of infamy. Whilst clearing up an awful state of affairs, our cotem finds ways of saving many thousands of dollars yearly. It would advise the town to be saved by calling on each person in the service of the town in any capacity to do more work for the money. For instance, Caretaker John Hopper of the town hall receives a salary of \$500, with free house, rent, fuel and light. He attends to cleaning and lighting the hall up stairs and down, and always attends meetings of every sort in any part of it. He attends to the market and butchers' market, keeps track of the lumber and wood in the yard, keeps their well piled, and helps to haul them out when wanted. He attends the weigh scales and lockup night and day. The Gazette wants him relieved of the weigh scale, and in return for this would have Mr. Hopper act as town constable and save the town \$200 a year. It also wants him to work on the streets every day, and save the town \$200 more. Then he is to be appointed tax collector, and save another \$100. This man of almost seventy years is to undertake additional duties which now cost \$500, in addition to those now performed by him—less the weigh scales. This gives an idea of the practical value of the Gazette's suggestions. On the point of trickery among our leading men our cotem shows that the school board sent a deputation to Toronto to interview the minister of education, and that of four instead of five specialists as sufficient for a collegiate institute. It is difficult to see how, but this was all done in Mr. Henderson's interests, of course. The minister refused, telling the deputation there had to be a commercial specialist added. This the minister of Education catches it for joining to make a job for Mr. H., and the deputation is told that if it had stayed at home and minded its own business the minister of education would have had no excuse to perform favors for Mr. Henderson. Everything that any public man in town has done for years was always a scheme job in the interests of Mr. Henderson, no matter whether the act tended against his interests or not. As regards teachers, we learn from the Gazette that ordinary high school teachers who work their way up are better than specialists, the latter being spoon fed in theories who all seek to commence their career as teachers at high salaries in Whitty, and leave to accept much higher salaries in cities as soon as they have acquired some experience here. How the cities can be so easily so coax these spoon-fed specialists away from us at very high salaries our cotem doth not set forth. On this point we may say that Messrs. Brown, Gale and Henderson, the three teachers whose scalps the Gazette wants, are of the class who have worked their way up. We do not propose to review seven columns of stuff ripping and tearing into everything and everybody, and we wind up this article by calling attention to one more suggestion made by the Gazette. It says if ours were a high school we could keep more or less teachers according to the number of pupils. In another place it says the department that everything taught in a collegiate institute should be taught in high schools. Suppose the average attendance were reduced from 120 to 75 we would keep three masters, but they would have to do all the work at present done by five. We presume that if we kept cutting down the staff and nipping off salaries the attendance would follow suit, and the Gazette man would soon have the satisfaction of seeing the institution peter out to nothing. Two weeks ago the Gazette proposed to save \$1200 per year at the action board. This week it can only save \$500 by paying over \$1300 less salaries. (The town pays less than 40 per cent of salaries.) It wants to save the town council \$750, 500 of which would rest on the shoulders of old John Hopper's duties the work of Chief Constable Carverly, John McCari, and Collector Pringle.

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Silver Sugar Bowl \$2.25

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Being heavily overstocked, we have decided to make very SPECIAL REDUCTIONS IN PRICES until Jan. 1st. You will find a large and varied assortment to select your gifts from, in FANCY GOODS, TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS and NOVELTIES, also a fine selection of Raphael Tuck & Sons' XMAS CARDS and CALENDERS, (the finest in the world.) and the Prices are Right. Come early as the choicest articles are lessening every day.

Bargains will be the order of the day for Holiday Shoppers. We will try to please you, satisfy you, and meet your wants, and wish all our friends and patrons a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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R. W. GRIERSON, President.
JNO. SINCLAIR, Sec. S. O. F. I., Whitty, Dec. 9th, 1896.