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We Wish All Our Readers A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

LOCAL ITEMS

CHRISTMAS confectionery and bon bons.—Mrs. Alex. Beggs.

PEEL'S shoe store is the home of good footwear.

MESSRS. Ayling & Sons have just completed burning a kiln of 300,000 brick.

FOR a good black Galloway robe, see T. Smith. He has some good ones at right prices. 12/7/tf.

SMART boy wanted to learn the dry goods business. Apply at S. F. Morlock's.

THE annual Christmas Tree of Varney Methodist Church will be held on Christmas night. A No. 1 program is being provided. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

THE next concert in the interest of the Public Library will be held about the second week in January. The Dramatic Club is not yet prepared to fix an exact date.

THE Christmas entertainment of Ebenezer Church will be held on Thursday Dec. 21st. An extensive and interesting progrom is being prepared. A very enjoyable time is expected. All welcome. Admission, Adults 15 cents, Children 10 cents.—2c.

DON'T forget the Varney Methodist Church Entertainment on Christmas night, Dec. 25th. Great preparations are being made for an excellent program. You remember the enjoyable time you had last year. Come again. All welcome. Adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.—2pd.

M. SLINGLAND and son, of Queenston, and Alex Muir, of Niagara, Stockmen, who during the past summer have purchased in the neighborhood of one hundred head of cattle in this locality, visited the Scarf family during the past week. While here they went through the Cement Works and were greatly engrossed with the magnitude of the concern, and expressed their admiration at the improved methods used by the N. P. C. Co., compared to the old system of manufacturing cement.

Bunessan School Concert

ON Friday night last the teacher and pupils of S. S. No. 1., Glenelg gave an interesting concert of recitations, dialogues, drills, music, speeches etc. The "Punkin Ridge" dialogue rendered by young people of the section was the most interesting feature of the entertainment. We are are not able to give the names of all who took part in the performance. Chas. Kennedy, Miss Kennedy, Mr. Beaton, Miss Beaton, and Mr. McCormick were the star performers. As a Yankee from "Punkin Ridge" Mr. McCormack performed his part well; in fact they all did well for a bunch of amateurs.

The club swinging exercises and hoop drills given by pupils of the school were exceedingly well given. It was quite a surprise to many of the audience to see Mr. W. J. Young handle the violin in so excellent a manner. From the foot motion of the crowd we may expect soon to hear of Mr. Young being called on to furnish music for the winter parties. A couple of spirited vocal selections were given by the "Binnie family" and Mr. Binnie made a brief address.

John Gray favored the audience with a couple of songs which he rendered without an accompaniment.

Chas. Watson gave a lengthy recetation containing advice to young people about the dangers of courting more than one at a time.

Mr. Alex Firth was present and briefly addressed his former pupils on the importance of studying while young. The little folks gave a host of recitals, but some of them were so weak that the audience heard but little.

The teacher, Miss Stidwell is to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

It was about eleven o'clock when the performance was over though it opened sharp at eight o'clock.

Ye Editor was present and made a few remarks. Inspector Campbell filled the chair very acceptably. The proceeds amounted to $28.95.

SAWS gummed at Durham foundry

BARGAINS in boots and shoes at Mrs. Alex. Begg's.

ON Saturday before Xmas we will sell 100 lbs. Manitoba flour for $2.25.—Mrs. Alex. Beggs.

No time to write ads but you will find lots of useful Christmas boxes at Peel's.

THE Harriston Tribune has installed a typograph, but the Editor says it never works well only when the Presbyterian Minister is looking at it. It may be that the machine served its apprenticeship in the Presbyterian Book Room, and finds it uncongenial to its early surroundings to be given into the hands of the Tribune devil.

MEETINGS of South Grey Farmers' Institute will be held in Durham on Jan 11th and 12th, 1906. The annual Seed Fair will be held on the second day. The Hanover meeting on the 13th. Meetings at Ayton, Holstein and Dromore on Feb. 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, and Elmwood on Feb. 14th. Jno. Campbell, Woodville, Jno. Spence, London, and Mrs. McTavish, North Bruce, will be the delegation to the first series of meetings and W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, Que., and Thos. McMillan, Seaforth, to the second series. Further information will be given later by poster.

MR. S. R. BRUBHCHER, Organizer of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada spent a couple of days in town last week. In a brief interview we were informed somewhat of the nature of the organization part of which consisted in the securing of legislation from the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments for increasing pedlars' licenses, and simplifying the collecting of accounts so as to do the work more cheaply. It also advocates the tabulating of "bad pays," advising other towns regarding same, giving special advantages to the man who pays cash, and in this way abolishing to a large extent the present system of credit. The suspicion of a combine is apt to suggest itself at the inauguration of any such movement, but we can easily see where mutual advantages may arise from the proper enforcement of such a system. We see no evil in any organization that properly protects the seller without injuriously affecting the honest buyer.

THE Presbytery of Saugeen met at Harriston on Tuesday, the Moderator, Rev. W. G. Hanna, in the chair. There was a large attendance of both ministers and laymen though sorrow and regret were felt at the absence of Rev. Mr. Morrison, who has always been regular in his attendance and so much interested in the church's prosperity. It was, however, gratifying to learn that the severity of his illness has somewhat abated and that hope is held out for a recovery. The report on standing orders was presented by Rev. D. L. Campbell and after careful examination was adopted and ordered to be printed. A petition from Drayton, showing a healthy financial position was presented requesting that they get a minister to reside in their own town to supply them with morning and evening services. This being really equivalent to a request for separation from Moorfield, the Presbytery after hearing all the parties, appointed a commission of Presbytery, with Rev. Mr. Aull as convener, to visit both the fields and report to a special meeting of Presbytery. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, being present was asked to correspond and at the request of Presbytery gave a short address on the Cause, Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis which was listened to with interest and appreciation. Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The treasurer's report was presented by Rev. M. C. Cameron and Synod and Presbytery rates for the year were struck. The paper by Rev. Mr. Barber on the Doctrine of the Atonement was crowded out by the pressure of business, but was given a place as the first order for the next meeting of Presbytery. After a general discussion of a number of questions including Home Mission, Augmentation and College support the meeting adjourned to meet at Mount Forest on the first Tuesday of March.

LYING IN AMBUSH

The Cement Bosses are on the Still Hunt and Stockholders Must Stand By Their Guns.

The Mud Chemist at the Cement Works, Mr. Stephen Ludlow, has been saying naughty things about the editor of this paper 'He wonders if the "tack headed editor" will soon be run down, and he otherwise intensified his vindictive feelings by calling us a damn liar and other choice names, of which he carries a complete stock. We wish to inform our readers that the back rooms and hotel corridors are the chief resorts where he indulges in his favorite pastime, but he has never condescended to favor us with a volley of his wisdom. Tho tack headed editor takes this opportunity to inform Mr. Ludlow that he is not run down yet; also that he wears a 7¼ hat, which he firmly believes would give ample room for the chemist's cocoanut, and leave "Rooms to Let" for the man of distilled wisdom. Blackguardism and low profanity are never going to win support, and if Mr. Ludlow had exercised good common sense he would have known better than to play any such game in the town of Durham or for miles around. A few evenings ago, however, the mud chemist was "precipitating" some of his "distilled" wisdom when suddenly there was a collision. Stephen wasn't stoned, but he flew to pieces like a bunch of matches struck by lightening. He went to the dry dock for repairs, and as soon as his chemical mind got into shape he tried a few chemical equations to ascertain whether the result of the experiment should be regarded as a chemical compound or a mechanical mixture. The heat generated by the experiment seemed to indicate a chemical union of some kind, but as Ludlow was found on both sides of the equation he concluded the experiment was a failure and the result was a mere mechanical mixture.

So much for one of the trio, and now for a few items regarding the cement situation in general. It was decided by the town and the board of directors that the investigation of the marl beds should be left to an independent expert, a man from Shallow Lake was decided on and the directors went home. The decision was come to on Monday night and on Wednesday morning Secretary Ehrhardt went over to Hanover and took the train for Shallow Lake to interview the gentleman who was to do the work. In days of intrigue and suspicions one is liable to ask himself what business the Secretary had in making the trip, on whose authority did he go, who pays the bill, and what business he had as an employee of the Company in advising the directors in regard to certain matters? But it wasn't enough for the Secretary to go to Shallow Lake on Wednesday, he was followed on Thursday or Friday by Mr. Ludlow, the chemist, about whom similar enquiries might properly be made. In cases of harmony between the directors and the stockholders these incidents would cause no suspicion, and even in the present instance we believe the gentleman engaged by the Council and board of directors is a man of sterling character and will be uninfluenced by outside opinions. We expect the investigrtion will begin on Wednesday or Thursday of this week, but we can not promise anything regarding results till the expert report is placed in the hands of the proper officers. One thing we do know, there is plenty of clay and marl, both of which have been analysed and pronounced good.

A few days ago we met Mr. Andrew Denholm, of Blenheim, a stockholder of the Ontario Portland Cement Company at Blue Lake, near Brantford. The mill there was capitalized at half a million dollars and the promoters' slice was worse than it was in the case of our mill here where 25% was taken for promotion fees. The mill in question has only three rotaries, and has been in operation only a little better than one season. Mr. Denholm put on a broad smile when he pulled out a seventy dollar cheque which represented a 7% dividend on the stock he holds in the Company. "There's money in it" says Mr. Denholm, if the business is managed properly and he felt surprised that we should have gone in the hole with the best equipped marl mill on the continent. Since then we have learned that the Ontario mill made a profit of 25% but decided to pay only 7% dividend to stockhold-

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CHARLES Vaughan has purchased 100 acres in Glenelg from W. N. McDonald through the agency of McKay & Dunn.

A SPECIAL meeting of L. O. L. No. 632 will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. Business and initiations. All members please attend. Thos, Stinson, W. M.

THE Methodist Church in Markdale was burned on Friday morning last. It is supposed the fire ignited from the furnace. Loss $8,000, insurance $7,000.

C. L. GRANT bought from Mr. A Watson a turkey one and one-half years old which weighed 28½ lbs. He sold it to a Montreal buyer for $4.25. A few like these are the kind that count up.

THERE was a School Concert and Pie Social in Hutton Hill School on Friday night last. We learn that the building was packed to overflowing, and that bidding ran high. The proceeds amounted to something in the neighborhood of fifty-eight dollars.

THE Evangelistic Services in the Methodist Church which have proved a great blessing to those attending will be continued each evening except Thursday and Saturday. On Sabbath next Evangelist Minnis will deliver his farewell discourses to the congregation.

NO ONE so far has come out openly as a candidate for the mayoralty. We believe, however, that Mayor Hunter will stand for re-election, and his careful record of the past two years place him in a good position for re election. During his term of office he has shown a watchfulness over town affairs by which we have steered clear of litigation, and this alone is worthy of commendation. There is a probability that a sufficient number will be in the field when the nominations are being made Friday night, and next week we may be able to give particulars regarding the municipal aspirants. So far everything is quiet, the name of Mr. Calder as a candidate for the Mayoralty being the only one mensioned.

Clear Out

THAT'S What we are going to do on New Year's when we move to our new premises directly opposite to where we are now, and we have also decided to CLEAR OUT our large stock of cigars at greatly reduced prices, rather than move them. Here they are, If you smoke now's your chance.

Old Abe.....4 for 25c.
Chamberlain..... " "
Symbol..... " "
Havana Peerless.. " "
Irving..... " "
Lord Tennyson... " "
All 5c. brands.....7 for 25c.
Box of 10 worth $1 now 75c.

This sale commences on Monday, December 18th, and continues during the holiday week.

Thos. Swallow,
The Middaugh House Barber Shop.

SANTA CLAUS Says Keeler's Is the Place for Genuine Holiday Bargains

THE great rush is now on at KEELER'S. Come with the crowd and save money. We have an extra staff to cater to your wants.

Wishing You, One and All, a Merry Christmas

R. B. KEELER & SONS
THE PRICE SMASHERS

Stylish Overcoats

You will want Your Christmas Overcoat.
Why Not Buy One of our Progress Brand?

We have them in all the newest styles, at special prices for Christmas Shoppers.

Look This Over,

Men's Fancy Striped Raglanette, $7.50 to $15.
Men's Grey Irish Freize, $5 to $12.
Men's Black Beaver Cloth, $8 to $14.
Men's Grey Milton, $7 to $12.
Men's Fine Curl Clothes, $12.50 to $14.
Men's Fur Coats, $15 to $30.
Ladies' Fur Jackets, Special Snaps in Astrachans, $25 to $40.

Then Call and Examine.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR
IN ALL THE NEWEST STYLES.

S. F. MORLOCK
CASH AND ONE PRICE.

Christmas Bells Will Soon Be Ringing

Only a few days till Christmas. Our counters are loaded down with Christmas goods suitable for Christmas gifts for man, woman or child.

A Merry Christmas

See our line of

GLOVES,
MUFFLERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS
MEN'S NECKWEAR

Up-to-date Four-in-Hand Puff and Bow Ties.

Ladies' Silk Collars and Belts, all colors, from 25c up.

Fur Ruffs and Caperines. Nothing more suitable for a Christmas gift.

Ladies' Silk Waists in new styles and shades.

Candies, Nuts and Oranges for Christmas.

A Happy New Year

Highest Prices in Cash or Trade for all Kinds of Produce]

J. & J. HUNTER
THE BUSY STORE ON THE BUSY CORNER.