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A Time to Smile.

Solomon, in Baker and Confectioner.

This is the month when you "limber up." Get on your smile old skin flint. It will do your family and clerks good to see the ice crack. If you will only let the sunshine of Christmas into your old hide it will put the oil of youth into it. Some people hate Christmas because the rest of the year is so unlike it that the contrast is shocking. The Serenades are not all dead yet. Smiling is cheap anyway, and sometimes a bright word will go farther than a dollar bill in making some life happy; but don't forget that the smile backed up by a life given to the man with the load will make Christmas brighter for him and you. There is a good deal of humbug about all this giving, it is true, but don't be one of those who give with a grudge. Do it cheerfully even if you know you are compelled by circumstances. One of the unfortunate developments of Christmas giving is that such expensive tokens are exchanged. People have been known to be too poor to pay their debts after the fusillade was over.

Humphrie's Store Burglarized.

The store of Mr. T. A. Humphries was entered on Saturday night and as a consequence considerable clothing has disappeared. The entrance was effected at the rear of the building a pane of glass being taken out of the back door which enabled the burglars to effect an entrance.

The discovery was not made until Monday morning when Mr. Humphries came to work. Detective Merryweather, of Guelph, is in town endeavoring to locate the criminals. From all the surrounding circumstances, it is thought that local parties committed the robbery—Arthur Enterprise.

With her taking manner and easy grace Miss Horning caught the crowd from the start, and the prolonged applause of the audience after each reading, was indeed a warm, though merited welcome to her on this, her first appearance in this vicinity.—Welland Telegram. At the I. O. F. concert, Thursday Jan. 11th.

FLESHERTON

NOTES OF THAT BURG BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Charles McTavish, of Toronto, visited his home here last week.

Mr. Quinn, of Toronto, visited over New Year at Mr. J. L. McMullen's.

Mrs. (Dr.) Fred Murray, of Toronto, visited relatives over New Year.

Mr. Lew Sanderson, of Toronto, visited over New Years at Mr. W. M. Richardson's.

Mrs. Andrew McGirr, of Meaford, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Mitchell.

Mrs. Harvey Wilkinson and little daughter of Manitoba, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grainger.

Miss Wass and Miss Beattie were at Meaford last week, the former taking part in the High School old boys' entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Blackburn, of Sunnidale, visited the former's brother here and other relatives in the vicinity last week.

Miss Swayze, milliner at Mr. Karstedt's, left a few days to holiday at her home at Welland.

Miss Matheson, milliner at Boyd, Hickling & Co's, is leaving this week to holiday at her home at Acton.

Miss Florrie Richardson, milliner, Toronto, is home for holidays and is being visited by her friend, Miss McDonald, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. P. Quigg attended the usual family gathering at Mr. Mark Stewart's on New Year's day.

Messrs. Jeff Thistlewaite, Wilfrid Whitten and Arthur Wardrobe, of Toronto, were New Year visitors at their respective homes.

Mr. Thos. Fahey, of Galt, is visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jos. Clinton, and gave a well rendered solo in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Roach, of Priceville, conducted Sunday School Anniversary Services in the Methodist church on Sunday.

Mr. Thos. Kells, of Markdale, an old resident of Artemesia, died suddenly on Saturday morning last. The funeral on Sunday under the auspices of the Orange Order was very largely attended. Mr. Kells was for many years a member of Artemesia Council and served his constituency with much ability and zeal. He was 77 years of age, and leaves a widow and grown up family who have many sympathizing friends in their sorrow.

On Monday we were shown some interesting Chinese curiosities which Dr. Anna Henry, of Centre Mission, China, sent to Dr. Murray and family as New Year gifts. The presents are very highly prized by Dr. Murray as coming from one with whom he was associated while attending College in Toronto seven years ago. Dr. Henry is also taking a post graduate course in medicine to enable her to carry on her missionary work better upon returning to China next Summer.

A large vote was cast at the municipal elections in Artemesia on Monday. At the hour of writing the returns are not complete but show the local option candidates all elected. For reeve Mr. Muir's majority is about 14. The councillors elected are Messrs. McKenzie, Best, McLougery and Whyte.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bellamy on Wednesday afternoon of last week when their third daughter Cora L. was united in marriage to Mr. George N. Best, eldest son of Mr. Robert Best. The handsome bride was given away by her father and entered the parlor to the strains of the Wedding March played by Mrs. Wesley Breen. Rev. Dr. Caldwell performed the marriage ceremony which took place beneath an arch of evergreens and roses. The bride, who was attended by her sister, Miss Francis Bellamy, was becomingly gowned in a blue Sicilian cloth skirt and white silk waist, trimmed with all-over lace and rucheing. The bride's brother, Mr. Charles Best, was groomsmen. About ninety guests witnessed the ceremony and afterwards extended congratulations to the happy couple. A choice wedding breakfast was served after which the evening was enjoyably spent with games and music. The bride was the recipient of a large number of beautiful wedding presents. Mr. and Mrs. Best have settled in their new home on the South Line of Artemesia, and we join their numerous friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

Was a Strange Mix up

The steamer Comanic which called here Monday with her last trip down, had amongst the passengers a number of persons who had met with accidents and misfortunes of one kind and another. The list included an insane preacher, a "batty" man, a man with iron teeth, a man with one eye shot out, a man with a poisoned hand, a boy with a broken arm, a girl with a broken leg, three "drunks" and the esteemed Charlie Noble of Collingwood. The minister above referred to was in charge of a doctor, who was taking him to Toronto to be treated by a specialist. How or by what means the other victims were disabled we have been unable to ascertain, barring, of course, the three "coco juice" men.—Mexford Mirror

Mr. and Mrs. D. McTavish were at Mt. Forest on Monday attending the funeral of the former's mother, who died at her home in Buffalo.

Mrs. John Chard, accompanied by her husband, returned from Hamilton hospital on Saturday. Mrs. Chard underwent critical operations and though yet weak, we are pleased to learn, improving.

Mr. Geo. Boyd, of Mt. Forest, visited his sons John A. and Wm. last week. While at the home of the former Mr. Boyd missed his footing in the dark and fell down the stairway receiving a nasty cut in the head and severe shaking up.

At the annual public school meeting last week Mr. Geo. Mitchell was re-elected trustee. Mr. Mitchell has served several terms and being an old teacher is well fitted for the duties of the office.

At the last regular meeting of Flesherton Council No. 314 C. O. Friends the following officers were elected for 1906: Chief Councillor, T. A. Biakely; Vice Councillor, Mrs. Herb Smith; Recorder, W. H. Bunt; Assistant Rec., Emerson Bellamy; Treas., C. H. Munshaw; Prelate, Mrs. LeGard; Marshal, Herb Smith; Warden, Mrs. Crossley; General, J. O. Patton; Sec., W. L. Wright; Organiser, Mrs. Bunt; Medical examiner, Dr. Carter; Rep. to G. Council, W. H. Bunt; Alternate, Herb Smith.

At the monthly meeting of Court Flesherton I. O. F. on Friday evening last officers were elected and installed for 1906 as follows: Court Deputy, C. W. Bellamy; P. C. R., Joseph Cornfield; C. R., Dr. E. C. Murray; V. C. R., F. Cairns; F. S. and Treas., H. A. Willet; Rec. Sec., W. Loucks; S. W., W. J. Blackburn; J. W., John Thistlewaite; S. B., R. Waller; Court Physician, Dr. Carter. The Court has a membership of 58 and over \$100 in the treasury.

A gathering of the officers and teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday School took place at the Manse on Tuesday evening of last week when Mr. J. A. Felstead, who has been for some time Superintendent of the school, was presented with a beautiful gold chain and an appropriate address. In a fitting reply Mr. Felstead thanked the donors for their gift and warm expression of appreciation of his services. Short speeches were made regretting the loss sustained by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Felstead, after which refreshments were served and the evening enjoyably spent. Mr. Felstead has been appointed by the Orangeville Presbytery to Kingscote Mission and moved to his new field of labor on Thursday last.

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THE Hamilton Spectator says:—

"Donald MacGregor, always a favorite with Hamilton music people, sang grandly. His rich, powerful, resonant voice was heard to fine effect." In the Town Hall, Thursday, Jan. 11th.

A BRAVE ACT

In the Boer war a British private made a gallant rescue. He dashed across an open space swept by bullets and lifted a wounded comrade in his arms and carried him to shelter. The Colonel who witnessed the deed praised the soldier and told him he would be recommended for the Victoria Cross. I didn't think anything about the Victoria Cross. What I know is that I wasn't going to leave Robinson lying out there with all the company's tobacco in his haversack.

DEAD HORSE.

On Monday morning last a striking and somewhat pathetic sight met the eyes of early travellers on Clinton St. near the corner of Wraggle. In the ditch lay an overturned buggy in the shafts of which was still hitched a pretty bay horse, stone dead. It appears that a couple of Wingham's "young men about town" had driven over Sunday afternoon, and after spending the evening and part of the night here were hastening home when their driver fell, and died where he lay. The horse belonged to Beattie Bros' livery stable, and Mr. Beattie came over on Monday to investigate the affair, but it seems difficult to fasten the fault of the accident on the driver. The road was hard and slippery and as the horse was not sharp shod it is thought that it slipped and fell striking its head on the hard ground with such force as to cause instant death. It was a good driver, four years old, recently bought from R. Breen, of Turnberry, and is a considerable loss to the owners in these days of dear horse flesh.—Teeswater News

WILL J. WHITE, Canada's leading humorist, was the special feature of the evening. He is a splendid entertainer and can act the simple boy and the old man, the farmer or the Chinese to perfection.—O. S. Times. Town Hall, Thursday Jan. 11th.

THE MEANEST MAN.

The story has gone the rounds of the press, that the meanest man in the world was the one who would take his local paper for four or five years without paying for it, and at the end of that time he would have the postmaster return the paper to the publisher marked, "Refused." Rev. R. Hobbs tells a true story of even a meaner man than the newspaper man's friend. In a certain congregation there was a man who would place a twenty-five cent piece in the church envelope, then press on the coin so as to leave its impression on the envelope, then remove the coin and place the empty envelope on the plate. Truly we have some very mean men in the world, but this individual is entitled to the first place.—Bruce Times.

MISS HORNING has few equals in her profession.—Coburg Sentinel. At the I. O. F. concert in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, Jan. 11th.

HARDWARE

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Varney.

The Varney S. S. Xmas T grand success as we p Shortly after 6 o'clock the began to come and by 7:30 t was packed to the uttermost and scores were turned away believe if the church had be large again it would have be At 8 o'clock sharp, Mr. W was called to the chair an lengthy and excellent prog placed in his hands, consist dresses—singing in a lot o forms, recitations, dialogu swinging, drills, instrument Every number was given in style and was highly appre the audience as could be se splendid order considering comfortable condition that once was in. A lady from was heard to say after it t that you would have to pay to listen to as good a progr city. Proceeds of the event

Walter and Arthur Mc home from the West for a fe with their parents, Mr. d David McCrie. They spea terms of that country and turn in March. We unders boys have bought 320 acre near Indian Head, Success Melvin Hay came home t and New Years from F where he has been learning uring business. He has s apprenticeship but will ret same place again on Tues Redy will be ready to atten one who is ready to have a of barbering done.

Mrs. R. J. Eden has been but at time of writing, we to say he is getting better. Miss Edith Allan leaves a day morning for Georgetown she takes up the duties of teaching. I am sure the Varney wish her every succo believe Edie will make a goo

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