

## Read Our Story, "The Pillar of Light"

### NEWS AROUND TOWN

Farmers' feed boilers for sale at the foundry. 1142tf

Read the ad. of the Central Drug Store this week.

A lot of organs just to hand at W. J. McFadden's.

We have all the gifts men like best.—Macfarlane's Drug Store.

Custom sawing and grain chopping, at the Durham Foundry. 1f

Apprentice wanted.—To learn barbering. Apply to R. Whitmore Durham.

Nowhere will a dollar go as far in buying Christmas presents as at the Central Drug Store.

Our holiday stock is usually complete in gift goods of real usefulness.—Macfarlane & Co.

Every day for the next two weeks new goods will be unpacked at the Central Drug Store.

For sale.—Second hand cutter; also light sleigh and wagon. Nearly new.—F. Lenahan. 2

To rent.—Two houses on George Street, with all modern conveniences.—Mrs. J. W. Crawford, 128tf

New styles in fur and velvet hats. Bring your fur, and we will make you a smart fur hat.—Miss Dick.

A couple of ladies are holding revival meetings in the premises recently vacated by J. A. Glass, as a tailor shop.

Call and select your Christmas presents at the Central Drug Store. Presents put up and laid away carefully for you until Christmas.

A very pleasant "At Home" was given last Thursday night by Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson. About a hundred invited guests were present.

The C. O. F. will meet in their hall on Friday evening at 8 p.m., for election of officers, and other business. A full attendance requested.

Come early and come late for your Christmas presents. The Central Drug Store will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., every week day until New Year's.

The millinery price-cutting bargain sale will continue until Christmas. Dozens of new trimmed hats to choose from, and prices lower than ever.—Miss Dick.

A box social will be held in Hutcheon Hill school house, Friday night, December 23rd, Admission 10c. Ladies bringing boxes, free; without boxes, 25c. A good program is being prepared. Everybody come 1-3

The A. O. U. W. Society at Priceville are advertising a high class concert to be held in Watson's Hall on Thursday, December 15th. Good talent has been secured, and it is highly probable that a large attendance will be present. See bills.

We are advised that a Poultry Show will be held here some time in January. This is the first attempt at anything of that sort here, but the inspiration will likely cause a rapid development of the industry. As we said a few weeks ago, the idea is commendable, and should be supported.

A very successful and profitable meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. McIlraith, who gave an interesting original paper on "Winter Flavors." Mrs. Lee read a paper on "Family Letter Writing." Mrs. Dennett contributed to the program by advising all to quit worrying. A number of others gave short addresses.

When coming down town Monday night from the entertainment in the Presbyterian church, Mrs. David McCrie had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk, near the railway crossing and break her arm. This is a nasty spot, and it is only a few weeks ago since Mrs. Walter Buchan met with a similar mishap. Several others lost their footing about the same place recently, and it seems as though the council should take some action to have it made safer.

A letter to a lady in town bore a Kingston post mark, and she replied at the idea of hearing from friends in the Limestone City. Time hung heavily on her hands as she hastily opened the precious missive, but imagine her disappointment on discovering it was only a "chain prayer" unsigned, and bearing a request to copy it five times, and mail it to nine different friends. By so doing, she would be the subject of some great blessing: if she failed to obey, some great calamity would come to her. The prayer was thrown in the stove: the nine days are up, and nobody's house has yet tumbled down on her. She didn't want to waste the time, the stationery, and the eighteen cents postage on such tomfoolery, and decided to take her chances.

See the new books of fiction at Macfarlane's Drug Store.

Buy your Christmas presents at the Central Drug Store.

The gift you are looking for is here.—Macfarlane's Drug Store.

Methodist Sunday school entertainment. Town hall, Durham, on Tuesday evening, December 13th. Admission 10c. and 15c.

A pair of glasses would make a nice present for father or mother. We can test for suitable lenses after Christmas.—Macfarlane & Co.

Mr. George Morton, of Innisfail, Alta., will accept thanks for a renewal subscription. Mr. Morton is always on time.

Mr. Ezra O'Neill, of Outlook, Saskatchewan, will accept our thanks for a remittance, which makes him "good" on our list till the end of 1913.

Hear the Methodist Sunday school Cantata, "Jack Frost Show-er," town hall, Tuesday evening, December 13th. Admission 10c and 15c.

Mr. Thos. Davis, License Inspector, received word last week that his son, Arthur, was ill at Atikokan of typhoid. We are pleased to know he is recovering.

Technical education.—The cry is for such training as will make positions with good pay a certainty. Mount Forest Business College gives exactly that kind. 128

The second of a series of sermons will be preached in Trinity church next Sunday evening by the rector. The subject will be "What is meant by a day of Judgment."

The members of the Oddfellows' society had a very pleasant social gathering in their hall on Tuesday night, after the close of the Lodge. Games and refreshments formed the program.

A good program of dialogues, recitations, choruses, tableaux and a high-class Cantata, "Jack Frost Show-er" will be presented by the Methodist Sunday school in the town hall, Durham, on Tuesday evening, December 13th. Admission, 10c. and 15c.

Mr. Alex. Aljoe returned from the West where he spent several months. He had plenty of work as farming and carpentering at good wages, but board, he claims, was very high. He says you can feel the cold when it gets down below zero. He may go back, but he did not seem as to be particularly anxious to start right away.

Mr. Benjamin Williams arrived home last week, after spending the past four or five months out West. He likes the country, and has purchased some property, on which he will likely locate. He does not think of settling there for a year or two, but the chances are he will move West in the not distant future. A couple of his sons have been West for the past two or three years.

Mr. Robt. Hughes, who has been engaged as clerk in a leading Owen Sound store for the past two or three years, resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one in Brandon, Manitoba. On the eve of his departure, he was honored by an address and some valuable presents by his companions, clerks, and his associates at the Queen's Hotel, where he boarded him a similar honor. Mr. Hughes leaves this week for Brandon, and as we have always found him an obliging and honorable young man, we wish him every success in his new field of labor.

"The want of money is the only thing that keeps me from doing a land-office business," said a man in our office some time ago. No doubt he thought he was making a dab at telling the truth, but we just smiled at the remark, and told the air castle man we were all in the same boat, so far as want of money was concerned. There are men who could make money if they had enough to get a bit of a start, but to most of the wind jammers, who are always talking what they would do if they had a chance, and never make any use of the chance they have, would never do anything to amount to much, even under the most favorable circumstances. If, by any misfortune, they happened to fall heir to a few thousand dollars, they wouldn't know what to do with it, and an airship, in all probability, would be one of their first purchases. The man who makes a boast of what he can do, isn't very likely to set the world on fire with what he does. The want of money is truly a great handicap, but the having of it in many cases would make fools of the possessors. Our opinion is that a man should look at a dollar twice before he spends it. This mustn't be taken to mean that we want people to be small, but we do think it would be well for them to be careful.

### FIVE DOLLARS GIVEN AWAY

#### GUESS RIGHT AND GET IT

All subscribers, new and old, are eligible. It costs nothing to try. You want the Chronicle, and as an inducement to renew at once, or to become a new subscriber, we have decided to give two small prizes.

Guess how many beans in the bottle,—to be seen at our office. To the one guessing nearest to the exact number, we will give \$3; to the next nearest, we will give \$2. Both prizes will be in Cash, and in the event of two persons guessing the same number, the prize will be divided equally.

Competitors must have their subscriptions paid up to the end of 1911.

Persons already paid up are eligible, and may secure their guessing ticket, and deposit it at any time before the contest closes.

Guessing begins Friday morning December 9th, and closes Saturday evening, December 31st, at 6 p.m.

Four guesses will be given for each and every dollar paying the subscription in advance.

Renew now. Examine the bean jar, deposit your guess, and wait to hear the result, which will be announced in the first issue of January, 1912.

### THE CHRONICLE

#### NO REPEAL BY-LAW.

At the council meeting on Monday night, the petition asking that a repeal vote be taken on the local option By-law was pretty fully discussed, but was not entertained by the council, being voted down, as shown by the yeas and nays recorded elsewhere in the minutes.

As to the advisability of such action, there may be room for considerable difference of opinion. A portion of the council contends that they are not compelled by law to submit a repeal by-law, even though petitioned by 25 per cent. of the electors. All admit, however, that a council is compelled to submit a local option by-law on a similar petition, but the majority was opposed to submitting the repeal by-law, and the matter was shelved for at least another year.

It is not the intention of the Chronicle to condemn the action of either party. That the local option by-law was carried three years ago, on lists in which there were illegal voters, is a contention of those favorable to repeal but the large majority in favor of the by-law, even after the doubtful names were cut off by a scrutiny of the lists, left the matter quite safe against any possible chance of success on the part of the anti-temperance party, unless in the interim, there is a large revulsion of feeling towards going back to the license system. This we can hardly think to be true, and were a vote taken again we believe the temperance sentiment would be quite as strong as it was three years ago.

Whatever our opinion may be, however, we believe the opponents of the local option measure will not be satisfied until they again test their strength at the polls, and even then they will not be willing to admit defeat, unless the temperance sentiment is again shown by a three-fifths vote in its favor. Under these conditions we think that very little harm could have resulted by allowing the repeal motion to have been submitted. For this reason, we do not think that members of the council who voted for a submission of the repeal by-law overstepped their duty in any way, nor was their vote an evidence either for or against a return to the license system. They may claim honestly that all they wanted was to give the people another chance, after a three years' trial, under local option, to show what they thought of it now, and to show by their vote, the popular feeling of the electors who voted on the question three years ago, with a full knowledge of its good or evil.

If the council can be forced to submit a local option by-law when petitioned by 25 per cent. of the qualified voters, we think it is only fair that a similar petition should force the bringing in of a repeal by-law, and we go further in saying that if this is not already the law, that such amendments should be made as to give them the same rights as the temperance people now have.

Miss Grierson, daughter of Mr. Wm. Grierson, of Bentinck, was driving south on Garafraxa Street on Monday, when the horse took fright, and swerving suddenly, upset the cutter. Though thrown out Miss Grierson hung to the lines, and though dragged for some distance, did not let the animal get away, but succeeded in becoming mistress of the situation unassisted. We don't have to go far from Durham to find young ladies with lots of grit in them, though we must confess that women who will stay to their post and conquer an unmanageable horse are getting scarcer every day.

### TOWN COUNCIL.

The council met Monday night in regular session. Mayor Laidlaw, Reeve Calder, and Councillors McLachlan, McCracken, Snell, Sharp and Kinnee were present. A number of accounts was considered as follows:

McGrath & McAuliffe, meal and bed for indigent..... .75  
W.B. Vollet, freight on hose 65  
Telephone account..... 40  
Thos. Daniel, work on streets... 75  
Thos. Daniel, sal. as pound kpr 5.00  
W.B. Vollet, salary for Nov.—30.00  
W.B. Vollet, stamps and post 72  
Can. Fire Eng. Co., hose etc.—107.25  
C. McDougall, glazing twyn. hall 1.00  
Sternall & Glass, pipes, etc for market..... 2.00  
Municipal World, copy of Local Option By-law..... 1.00

Kinnee—McLachlan.—That report of Finance Committee be adopted and cheques issued.—Carried.

Kinnee—McCracken.—That the report of the special committee appointed to enquire into the petition asking that a vote be taken on repeal of local option By-law be accepted.—Carried.

Kinnee—McLachlan.—That request asking for use of town hall on Dec. 20th and 21st, in tubercular exhibit provided by the Ontario Government be granted.—Carried.

McLachlan—McCracken.—By-laws No's 582 and 583 be now read a first time.—Carried.

Sharp—Kinnee.—That By-laws 582 and 583 be read a second time. Carried.

McLachlan—McCracken.—That council go into a committee of the whole on By-laws 582 and 583.—Carried.

McLachlan—McCracken.—That By laws 582 and 583 be read a third time, signed, sealed, and engrossed in By-law book.—Carried.

On motion, By-law No. 582 to take over the Public Library was carried and ordered to be published and submitted to the vote of the electors.

By-law No. 583, providing for a vote on repeal of local option was not carried on a vote by the council. The yeas and nays were as follows: Yeas.—Calder, McCracken, and McLachlan. Nays.—Laidlaw, Sharp, Kinnee and Snell.

### JESSIE ALEXANDER CONCERT

The Jessie Alexander entertainment in the Presbyterian church Monday night was a great success but the attendance, though good, was not so large as the entertainment and its object deserved. This was the first of a series of high class concerts the church intends to give during the winter, and the proceeds are to be applied toward the liquidation of the organ debt, part of which is still unsettled.

Miss Alexander is a star artist in the elocutionary line. Years ago, she had no superiors, and few, if any equals. No name was more widely known to the entertainment-loving public, and no elocutionist was more highly appreciated. She was single then, but "changed her mind," and her name, by entering a state of connubial bliss, the highest ideal of a single woman's happiness. She was Jessie Alexander before she was married. On the platform she is Jessie Alexander still. As a trade mark her maiden name was too valuable an asset to set aside for the more obscure and less euphonious name of Mrs. Roberts.

The titles of her numbers were "I have changed my mind," "In Convalescent Days," "De Highah Cultuah," "A Christmas Story," and the Scottish preacher's introduction of a sermon. All were highly pathetic or highly humorous, as the case required. Every number was good, every number was encored, and nearly every encore responded to.

Mr. D. M. Clark, a teacher in the school here, gave an excellent rendering of a solo, entitled "There's a Land." "The Time of Roses," was well sung by Miss M. E. Gun, and Mrs. A.W.H. Lauder sang "Wind a Wooing," with such effect as to elicit a forced encore.

With very unaffected appearance, Miss McLaren, a Model student, delighted the audience with a clear, sweet rendering of "Mary of Argyle," and the male quartette Dr. Hutton, Barrister Telford, D. Clark, and A.W.H. Lauder, gave a very good number. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

We congratulate the church on the success of the entertainment, and hope that all future efforts in the same direction may meet with large and appreciative audiences.

Wanted.—A good smart boy, to learn printing. Must have a fair public school education. A good chance for the right kind of a boy.—Apply at the Chronicle office.

While skating on the river on Saturday afternoon, Fred Torry broke through the ice, and took an unwelcome plunge. This is the first accident of this kind we have heard of this season.

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We sell the kind of goods that make life long customers, and we sell at right prices.

### INSPECTION SOLICITED No Trouble to Show Goods

### Our Millinery

Department is complete in all lines. Good goods at moderate prices.

## S. F. MORLOCK

## FALL SALE of Men's and Boys' Clothing

These are broken lots in Odd sizes that must be cleared out at once:

Men's Suits, single and double breasted..... **4.00 UP**

Men's Overcoats, heavy Tweed..... **2.75 UP**

Boys' Overcoats from..... **1.00 UP**

MEN'S RAIN COATS from..... **1.50 UP**

Boys' Suits small size..... **1.40**



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## J. & J. HUNTER

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