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The Chronicle Wishes Everyone A Merry Christmas

NEWS AROUND TOWN

A Merry Christmas to all.

The first hockey match of the season was, or will be played here on Christmas night between Hanover and Durham juveniles.

Mrs. Thomas Bell, near Dornoch, died on Saturday last, and the remains were interred on Monday. We have no further particulars.

The Presbyterian Sunday school are holding their annual entertainment on Friday, December 27th. Admission 15c. and 10c. Everybody welcome.

True to our predictions, we expect to see 1913 before we see the completion of the Lambton street bridge. Would it be wise to let the council of 1912 "finish their work?"

The Durham Poultry Show will be held here on January 15th and 16th. This is one of the interesting events of the year and deserves to be encouraged. Last year the local poultry fanciers gave us a first-class show and this year it promises to be better.

Of the fifty-five candidates who wrote at the Model school examination here, fifty-four were successful. We feel like pitying the one who failed, but perhaps it was the best thing that could happen her. Teaching is better now than it was some years ago, and if our educational system is to stand where it should it will continue to improve.

Mr. Wm. Jackson, of the Glen, who has been quite ill for the past few months, disposed of his farm, stock and implements to Mr. Thomas McKeown of the same place. This farm will make a valuable addition to Mr. McKeown's already extensive holdings, and although we have not seen the price, we understand the buyer and seller are both satisfied.

A few days ago, Mrs. J. W. Blyth, of Barney, and Mrs. James Hepburn of town, came to our notice, not as militant suffragettes, but as peace messengers in the name of the South Grey Women's Society. They carried a large parcel, but it wasn't dynamite, any dangerous explosive, but a big fat goose for Ye Editor and family. We tender our thanks to the society for their kindly remembrance at this joyous season. Their prosperity continues to be prosperous.

John McDougall, of Bentinck, was arrested last week on suspicion of having burned a house belonging to his brother-in-law, Edward Boyce, near Crawford. He denied the charge at first when questioned by Inspector Reaburn, but evidence was so strong against him that he subsequently acknowledged his guilt and was sent to Sound jail to await his trial. The house formerly belonged to McDougall, but through some disarrangement he and his wife separated and the property was purchased by his brother-in-law, Edward Boyce. Mrs. McDougall lived in the house for a time, afterwards left and went to elsewhere. When absent a few weeks the house was burned, suspicion pointed towards McDougall and his arrest followed.

John Colbert, of Glenelg, near Hill, was killed by the C. P. train Saturday night when he came home from Markdale. What we are able to learn, however, is that the train, which was turned onto the track at the crossing instead of keeping the road, struck him in a frog, or in the guards, and the horse, which was himself loose, leaving the driver and its occupant standing on the track. Soon the train came and the rest of the story may be imagined. The train was carrying nothing about the accident arriving at Markdale when a robe and some articles were found on the track. After a short search the robe and the dead horse were found beside the track. The horse was uninjured. Mr. Colbert was 57 years of age, and had a wife, but no family.

Live hogs are \$0.

Have you renewed your sub.?

Get your wedding cake boxes at this office. Only few left.

I ten horse-power new wooded, and in good repair for sale at the foundry.

As we go to press this week on Tuesday, we have been forced to hold considerable correspondence and other matter until next week.

The horse fair on Thursday last was another success. Twenty-seven horses were sold, and there would have been many more if in condition. Mayor Blk says he looks for a better fair in January.

Mr. Herbert L. Greenwood, of Antler, N. D., is home on a visit, and was married on Christmas day to Miss Geddes, of Dromore. We congratulate the young couple and hope they may long be spared in the full enjoyment of life.

Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., of South Grey, introduced a resolution from Normanby Township at the Parliament buildings recently asking Government aid to repair damage created by the heavy rains of last summer. The township has about ten bridges across the Saugeen River, some of which were washed away and others badly broken up. The total damage is estimated at \$50,000. Consideration was promised.

A very distressing accident occurred on Thursday last week at the home of Mr. Henry Seim, who lives on the Colin Bly farm near Orchard. He had little boy four or five years of age to whom his uncle, George Sei, was very much attached. Thumbe and child were playing with one another, as men and children often do. While engaged in this innocent amusement, the boy in some manner fell into a kettle of boiling water and was so badly scalded that he died after about three hours of intense agony. Mr. Andrew Seim, of Holstein, and Otto Seim, of the Hepworth Progress are uncles of the deceased child. The parents are almost distracted over the sad misfortune.

The Methodist Sunday school entertainment in the town hall Friday night last was a pleasant little gathering, and the evening was enjoyably spent by old and young. A number of sprightly choruses were sung by the children and an amateur cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Double" was well rendered by a number of the young people, and some of the older ones. Miss Florence Barclay, Messrs E. W. Hunt and A. G. Blair, who were awaiting kindred reciter in her rendering of a selection which pictured the air of a couple of college girls on their return to spend the vacation at the old home. Miss Barclay has more than ordinary talent as an elocutionist and it will be a pity if she can't develop her powers along that line. Amongst the younger actors, the ability shown by little Miss Fluker was decidedly noticeable. She, too, has good ideas of thought interpretation for a child of her years. The little McCrae girls did well also, but we mustn't forget the genuine talent shown by little May Burnett in the spontaneous interruptions she threw in during the cantata. She is only five years old, but she was a star actor amongst those of her own years. There were a lot of other little youngsters who did well too, but we don't know their names, and anyway we haven't time this week to say all the good things we might say about the juvenile performers. The attendance was fair, but not nearly so large as it should have been. We almost forgot to mention the "flower drill" and the "good-night", both of which were very nicely rendered and were highly spectacular in effect. Rev. Mr. Prudham acted as chairman, and Miss Rita Irwin filled in the intervals with a number of piano selections. Candies and nuts were distributed to the children at the close of the entertainment.

TRAVERTON.

A Christmas of sweet content and a New Year of happiness to all Chronicle readers and admirers.

Elmo Edwards arrived from Toronto on Saturday to spend a week in this boisterous homestead.

Miss Dell Walden, of Markdale, is a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Greenwood. She is a most winsome maiden.

Mr. W. L. Falkingham arrived home from his Newfoundland trip on Monday of last week. His arrival was very timely, as his baby boy is seriously ill with pneumonia. At time of writing he seems to have taken a change for the better.

Wednesday afternoon of last week saw a busy crowd of workers in Zion, replacing the old cushions of the choir seats with fine new upholstery.

Mrs. Chas. McClocklin took a header from half way down the cellar steps to the floor on Saturday morning, and didn't feel quite so active for the next two or three days.

From far and near we're pleased to hear the wedding bells ringing. More anon.

Miss Flo. E. Hunt, of Hartney, Man., Mr. Percy Hunt, of McGee, Sask., and Mr. Ira B. Walker, arrived from the west on Saturday evening and the latter is to be a principal in a most interesting event on Christmas day.

Rev. W. W. Prudham's sermons of the past two Sabbaths have been masterful in thought, choice in diction and deeply spiritual.

Over the mirth and joyousness of the season has fallen deep sadness, caused by the tragic death of Mr. John Colbert, who was instantly killed by the C. P. R. passenger train about 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, some short distance south of Markdale. Deceased had one failing and fought valiantly against it, but when in convivial society, and under strong temptation, frail humanity would sometimes yield. This is what led to his untimely death, and there are persons in the village who may well call themselves his murderers. Neighbors put him comfortably in his cutter about seven o'clock in the evening. In some way he got on the railroad track leading south, the cutter runner got fast in the rails and the horse broke loose, leaving him sitting in the cutter. No one seems to have noticed him, though it was bright moonlight, until the engine stopped at the water tank when remnants of cutter, robes, etc. were discovered on the tender. The train was run back, and the body found a short distance back. It was instantly recognized as Blair, who were awaiting kindred reciter in her rendering of a selection which pictured the air of a couple of college girls on their return to spend the vacation at the old home. Miss Barclay has more than ordinary talent as an elocutionist and it will be a pity if she can't develop her powers along that line. Amongst the younger actors, the ability shown by little Miss Fluker was decidedly noticeable. She, too, has good ideas of thought interpretation for a child of her years. The little McCrae girls did well also, but we mustn't forget the genuine talent shown by little May Burnett in the spontaneous interruptions she threw in during the cantata. She is only five years old, but she was a star actor amongst those of her own years. There were a lot of other little youngsters who did well too, but we don't know their names, and anyway we haven't time this week to say all the good things we might say about the juvenile performers. The attendance was fair, but not nearly so large as it should have been. We almost forgot to mention the "flower drill" and the "good-night", both of which were very nicely rendered and were highly spectacular in effect. Rev. Mr. Prudham acted as chairman, and Miss Rita Irwin filled in the intervals with a number of piano selections. Candies and nuts were distributed to the children at the close of the entertainment.

Municipal politics have been fairly quiet, but are beginning to warm up. We understand that Mr. Wm Ritchie is in the field for the deputy-reeveship, and should fill the post with honor, and most efficient, having had considerable municipal experience.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hahn are spending Christmas in Berlin.

Mr. Wm. Buchan, of Lethbridge, is visiting his mother here.

Mrs. Herb. Kearney and children are visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. Cecil Wolfe, of Toronto, is visiting his home here.

Mr. Robt. Laidlaw was home for Christmas.

Mr. Donaldson, of Drew, is spending the holiday with his daughter, Mrs. N. H. Starnall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Morton, sr., are spending the holidays with friends near Detroit.

Mr. Albert Patterson, of Fordwich is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Bean.

Mrs. J. D. Munro, of Eyebrow, Sask., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford, here.

Mr. Adam Brown, Parry Sound, returned to town on Monday, and will spend the winter here.

Mrs. Wm. Crawford is spending a month or so with friends at Chatsworth.

Mr. Arthur Allan, of the Royal Bank, Montreal, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan.

Mrs. W. Caldwell attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Watson, in Guelph, the early part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. W. Reid, of Detroit, are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Reid.

Mr. Duncan MacKenzie, and daughter, Miss Annie C. MacKenzie spent Christmas at Milton with his son, Mr. J. MacKenzie.

Mr. D. H. Firth, of Toronto, was in town Tuesday, gave us a call, and left a couple of dollars to keep The Chronicle going.

Mrs. David Allen, of town, and Mrs. Archie McKechnie, of Hopeville, are spending Christmas with relatives in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Alex. Firth returned to her home in Orangeville last week, after spending a fortnight assisting in the care of her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. Firth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith and three children returned on Saturday from the west, where they spent the last four or five months. They are looking well.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon, of Besswood, Manitoba, is home to spend the winter with friends and relatives in Bentinck, near Crawford. Mr. McKinnon reports prosperity in the west.

Mr. Frank W. Jackson, of Nicola, B.C., who has been visiting in this vicinity for the past six or seven weeks, intends to leave for the west at the end of this week. It is eight or nine years since his former visit.

Mr. Ben. D. Firth, of Three Valley B. C., arrived here Monday to visit his parents, and have a few weeks' re-union with his former friends and relatives in this community. We are pleased to see him a picture of health.

VICKERS.

Mr. Chas. Lawrence, of Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Coultis Sundayed with relatives in Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bailey, of Allan Park, spent one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. David Adlam.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hopkins also Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edmonds, of Saskatchewan, are visiting with their brothers and sisters around here at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith have returned from the west, and are guests of the Vickers family. Miss Campbell, teacher here, is spending the holidays with her parents in Walkerton.

Mrs. James Livingston spent a couple of days with friends in Guelph recently.

The school concert on Thursday night was a grand success. The children performed their parts well, reflecting much credit on themselves and Miss Campbell, who took such pains in training them.

The Christmas Tree entertainment in Ebenezer church was well attended, and the interesting program was appreciated by everybody. The coffers of the Sunday school will be increased by the proceeds from the entertainment.

Wishing Ye Editor and every reader of The Chronicle a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Five more Shopping days only

With Christmas just around the corner, it is none too early to select your gifts. We confidently submit to your most critical inspection the articles now on display in our store.

The Handkerchief an Ideal Christmas Gift

The first and last Mecca of Christmas shoppers is our handkerchief counter, always suitable and acceptable, always dainty and different if selected from our complete stock.

Novelties for the Neck

In Robespierre Collars Dainty Jabots and Ties
Our stock in neckwear is well assorted and includes pretty collars, boxed separately, fancy lace jabots, as well as silk and wollen mufflers.

FURS

A set of furs! what a truly delightful Christmas box this would make, and to make the choosing easy, we have just received a fresh assortment in many of our best selling furs, and by comparison with recent price lists from the raw skin markets, our values are exceptionally low consistent with the best quality.

Is it Gloves?

Each pair carrying a guarantee of wear and a prominent makers name is our idea of the glove question.

The Rouillon are assuredly the best, and why not give the best,
Short Kid Gloves all sizes \$1
Long 24 inch Kid Gloves, black and white \$2.50
Long Silk Gloves 85c and \$1.

What about a Barette or Back Comb?

As necessary to the hair as hairpins and yet worn in a much more prominent place is the barette. An immense range of new shapes, plain or fancy has just arrived, also an assortment of pretty back combs, 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c.

LINENS

Next to the handkerchiefs in popularity come the fancy linens, not only in the new lace edge doilies, and centrepieces, but in linen cloths, napkins or handsome towels.

You will be surprised at the pretty towels 50c or 75c will buy, while the doilies range in price from 20c up. Table napkins and separate cloths to match make a most suitable gift. We have them at all prices.

S. F. MORLOCK

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