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THE TRIBUNE.

STOUFFVILLE, JAN 14, 1897.

LOCAL NOTICES.

All notices for publication in this local column of the Tribune should be placed in the hands of the publisher or sent to the office of advertisement, not later than 10 o'clock on the day previous to that on which they are desired. Advertisements are charged at the rate of seven cents per line each insertion, no charge less than twenty-five cents. When bills are rendered at the office of advertisement, all arrears must be paid. Advertisements are inserted a brief local will be given free.

LOCAL ITEMS.

His many friends will be pleased to know that John LaFrough, our popular produce buyer, is now improving nicely in health.

POSTPONED.—The annual meeting of the Whitechurch Agricultural Society has been postponed till Thursday next, Jan. 21st, 1897, when it will be held at the Maussion House at 2 p. m. A full attendance of all interested is specially requested, as important business will be discussed.

Mr. John Anderson, Grassmere, Ont., writes: "The Vegetable Discovery you sent me is all gone, and I am glad to say that it has greatly benefited those who have used it. One man in particular says it has made him a new man, and he cannot say too much for its cleansing and curative qualities."

Grenville Forsyth, son of VanBuren Forsyth, of Glasgow, started for Chicago on Monday, where he has secured a situation. Quite a number of our boys are now located in the "White City" and are doing well and we are sure that Grenville will fill with satisfaction in his employer and credit to himself any position to which he may be called. The Tribune wishes him good success.

Dr. Hart, of China, is to be the speaker for the occasion at the meeting of the Epworth League on Monday evening the 15th inst. at which addresses will be given by Dr. Hart, of China, and Mrs. Wellington White of York. On Monday evening the Epworth League will hold a monster missionary meeting in the Metropolitan Church. On Tuesday morning a missionary breakfast will be held in the Metropolitan Church, and in the evening a mass meeting will be held in Massey Hall. The chairman for the evening will be Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q.C., and missionary addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Rutherford of the Rev. Dr. Leonard, missionary secretary, of New York and Bishop Galloway.

Mr. Ratney, of Uxbridge spent Sunday in town.

MARKET REPORT.—The day was crisp and lovely, roads solid and the turnout good. Produce was offered in abundance. Prices were: butter 11c to 14c, eggs 18 to 20c, chickens 80 to 40c turkeys 6c, geese 7c, beef 4 to 5 1/2c, Sorrels Cured.

DEAR SIR.—After I had doctored for two years for scrofula all over my body and had no benefit, I tried a bottle of B. B. Pills and they gave me relief very quickly, and I am now well. I was completely cured. E. B. B. very truly yours, Toronto, Ont.

...seven years since I had a severe attack of scrofula. I was advised to take B. B. Pills and they gave me relief very quickly, and I am now well. I was completely cured. E. B. B. very truly yours, Toronto, Ont.

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VICTOR EXTENSION TABLE

The finest Extension Table on the market. It will pay to inspect it.

Best assortment of furniture ever shown in Stouffville. Prices can't be lower.

Good hardwood bedsteads, 44 ft high \$1.95

Woven wire beds at \$1.25

Parlor suites upholstered in plush \$18

Great assortment of fancy rockers, wood, ebbler and upholstered seats, from 50c to \$5

S. Burkholder, Main St., Stouffville



"MIRA, THE WONDERFUL"

She is the Most Freakish of All the Variable Stars.

The principal object of interest to the naked eye star in the month (November), aside from the constellations, which may readily be located with the aid of the planisphere, are the variable star Mira, the Leonid meteor and the planet Mars.

The star Omicron Ceti, better known as Mira, the Wonderful, one of the most freakish of stars in the sky, is particularly interesting because of the great range of its variability—it is now on the point of coming into visibility to the naked eye and will probably reach its maximum of brightness some time in the latter part of this month. No one who is interested in celestial phenomena should miss this opportunity of forming the star's acquaintance and noting its eccentricities.

The period of Mira is the ordinary one of 11 months, but it is so slow to brighten, and after awhile it becomes visible to the naked eye. It continues to brighten for a month or six weeks longer, when it attains a maximum of brilliancy, which is usually that of a star of about the third magnitude. In this condition it remains, sometimes fluctuating in brilliancy, for a fortnight or so, and then begins to lose its lustre, and in about three months it is again beyond the reach of the naked eye.

Mira runs the cycle of its changes in an average period of about 11 months, though there is a considerable irregularity in its period, as well as in its brilliancy when it brightens. Its last maximum occurred some time in January last. Owing, however, to the prevalence of cloudy weather during the preceding months, observations were not able to fix upon the precise date of the occurrence, nor to determine very exactly the star's brilliancy at its maximum. It has now fallen short of the third magnitude. The cause of the singular deportment of this and similar variable stars is among the enigmas which science is still attempting to unravel. Upon Mr. Lockyer's "meteoritic theory" Mira is not strictly speaking, a "star" that is a sun. It is simply a condensing mass of meteors. Its light being due to heat engendered by the collisions of these meteors, which are assumed to be in motion among themselves, owing to their mutual attractions for one another. There are here, according to Mr. Lockyer, two such meteor shoals, circling about each other in orbits of such eccentricity that, while ordinarily the two masses of meteors do not interfere with one another, yet when they are the nearest together one of them strazes or passes partially through the other. As a consequence the collisions become more numerous and more violent, and we see the "star" increase in brilliancy. The spectroscopic shows that the star's increase in splendor is due mainly, if not wholly, to an outburst of glowing gases, a fact which is quite in harmony with Mr. Lockyer's theory. Indeed, this theory was based originally upon experiments made with the spectroscope. When shining only faintly the star is decidedly red; but as it brightens it loses its redness and its spectrum shows bright lines, indicative of luminous gases, among which is the ever-present hydrogen.

Mira is now at 9 p.m. in mid-heavens in the southeast. To find it—its position for it is not now visible to the naked eye. To the right, first find Menkar, the second magnitude star in the snout of Cetus. This star forms with the Pleiades and the pair of stars in the head of Aries a triangle of stars in the head of Aries. The fourth magnitude star is Delta Ceti, as shown on the planisphere. The middle one of these is Gamma Ceti, of the third magnitude. The lowermost of the four magnitudes is Delta Ceti. This star Delta is almost exactly midway between Menkar and Mira. With an opera glass a small triangle of seventh magnitude stars may be seen in the spot here indicated. Mira will make its appearance at the centre of this triangle. Keep a watch upon it.

A very handsome turn out for sale cheap—A pair of thorough bred imported Welsh ponies with Rig Harness and all complete, very cheap if sold this week Spofford & Co.

A Big Week

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Spofford & Co's

Choice Valencia Oranges and Lemons for 5c. dozen.
Real Good Brooms at 5c. each. Our 10c. mixed candies 5c.
Our 10c. boxes of figs 5c. Real good Canned Corn 5c. Our 10c. boxes of Figs 5c.
Our Brown Windsor Soap at 1c. a cake, just imagine.
Comfort Soap, Eclipse Soap, Dingmans Electric, Morses Mottled all for 25c.
Boys' and Men's Caps 10c. each; Good Grey Yac Robes \$5.25 each;
Boys' and Men's Ties 5c. each; Good Horse Blankets 40 and 65c. each.
Boys' and Men's Suits \$3 each; Sealette Collars and Muffs \$1.50 each.
Childrens Suits \$1.50 and \$2 each; Very good Tams at 15 and 25c. each.
Boys' and Men's Tweed Overcoats \$1.75 each. Ladies' good Fur Capes \$10, \$12 and \$15.
Boys' and Men's Friege Overcoats \$4 each; Men's Fur Coats \$12, \$15 and \$20.
A very wide heavy skaker flannel at 5c. a yd.
A big clearing in our dress and mantling department.
Christies' best soda biscuits 20c a box and 25c. a tin box of the cream sodas.
Best Gormley Cheese 10c. Choice Candies 5, 8 and 10c. lb.
Oranges and Lemons 5c doz. Choice Figs, Dates and Prunes.
Choice Figs only 5c. a box. Nuts of all kinds 12c lb assorted.
Eclipse Twin Bars Soap 6 for 25c. New Prunes 5 and 10c per lb.
Very good heavy Brooms only 5c each. Morses White Castle-6 for 25c.
Best Old Brown Windsor Soap 12c a dozen cakes.
Over 300 remnants of cashmeres, serges, silks, plushes and velvets at 25c per yd. worth 50 to 75c

A Big Slashing at the Monkhouse Stock in Our Mammoth Store.

Odd Shirts, Soiled shirts worth \$1.00 and \$1.25 will go at 35c each
Caps for boys and Men worth from 30 to 40c go at 12c each
Braces worth 25 to 30c go at 13c each
Don't forget that this stock must be turned into money, we have about double the Stock we want at Stock-Taking time so away she goes.

Choice of hundreds of ties worth from 20 to 40c. all go at 5c each.
Hundreds of linen collars, odd sizes worth from 15 to 25c all go at 3 for 25c.
Also nearly 400 pieces of tweeds, mantling, suitings, &c. on one counter at 1/2 regular prices
COME ALL TO THIS BIG SALE at 9 a. m every day.

And don't forget our presentation sale closes on March 1st, all tickets run out on that date, so fill up your ticket and get your prize

SPOFFORD & CO.

In wishing You all

A MERRY XMAS

We back it up with extra low prices on Xmas Goods to prove our sincerity

BROOMS to sweep away dull care, only 6c. each. These are not cull or inferior ones and if they do not sweep away all care they are at least worth 12c. but they go for 6c till Xmas.

Our **RAISINS** and **CURRENTS** being purchased from the first shipment, we have avoided the rain damaged goods and offer the public the finest and cleanest goods the market contains at lowest prices

Having bought our **LEMONS** at auction sale and at prices below importer's cost, we can sell you very choice large lemons at 1 1/2c. per doz.

We have a nice assortment of **ORANGES** for Xmas. For those who want extra fine ones, they can have them in the Babama Sweet Oranges at 25c. a doz. or better the Mexican Orange large and very sweet at 3 for 10c. and those who want a cheaper one will find it in the Valencia Orange at 15c. per doz.

CANDIES in large assortment, Bon Bons, Silken, Creams, Chocolates, also mixed candies at 5c. per lb. for Xmas. Walnuts, Almonds, Peanuts, Filberts, Pecans and Raisins, A quantity of fine Holly (well berried) for decorating, very cheap.

PASTRY

To ensure perfect success in your Xmas baking use only "Pantry Brand" Lard and Flour. Just a word about our lard. It is absolutely pure, every ounce guaranteed to be pure leaf lard. By special arrangement we can supply you with the same kind of lard and fresh the year round. Our flour is acknowledged to be the best pastry flour in town.

Brooms each 6c.
28 lbs Light Sugar \$1
21 lbs Best Granulated \$1
Crosse & Blackwells famous pickles 25c.
Kipped Herring 15c.
Salmon per can 10, 12 1/2 and 15c.
Sportsman's Sardines 15c.
Andreux's Sardines 5c.
Mixed Candies per lb 5c.

Lemons very fine 12c doz.
Canned Finnan Haddies 12c.
Sweet Bahama Oranges 25c doz
Sweet Mexican Oranges 3 for 10c
Peanuts per lb 12c.
Walnuts " - 12c.
Filberts " 12c.
Holly " 35c. per lb.
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We draw upon the resources of any country on the face of the earth that can supply anything that will contribute to your enjoyment.

Inspect our stock and buy your goods where the quality is right as well as prices.

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THE TELEPHONE STORE

5 Cases more Boots! Shoes and rubbers just opened up. The Boots that WILL FIT your feet and the Price will fit your Pocket Book. Remember we have no old stock here, all new goods direct from the factory.

Men's, Boys' and youth All Sizes

Ladies, Misses and Children's in Felt Kid, Dongola, and solid leather, Button or lace. Save money by buying here.

Christmas Groceries and Fruits.
Lemons, Oranges Dates, Figs, Canned Apples, all at Bottom Prices.

W. A. CLARK

Telephone Store
opp. the Market, Stouffville

Mr. Bird, of Manning, Man., visited in town this week.

Mrs. W. Palsler, of Church Hill, has been ill for a few days but it is to be hoped she may soon be better.

The residence of Michael Brennan for the murder of John A. Strathy, of Barrie, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Those interested in the success of Markham high school should read the communication to be found in another column.

"Old, yet ever new, and simple and beautiful ever," sings the poet in words which might well apply to Ayer's Sassaaparilla—the most efficient and scientific blood-purifier ever offered to suffering humanity. Nothing but superior merit keeps it so long at the front.

LECTURE.—In Stouffville by Rev. Mr. Eaton, of Toronto, on the "Reign of the Common People," which is fast becoming the burning question of the day. Further announcement will be given later.

NEW LAUNDRY.—Messrs Sypher and Hoard have opened up the Crystal Hand Laundry in the Allan Block opposite the Queen's Hotel. They will endeavor to the best of their ability by first-class work to give good satisfaction and have for that purpose engaged a thoroughly experienced person. We believe in encouraging home enterprise and bespeak for them the support of the town. Encourage them by liberal orders.

We have since Jan 1st been mailing accounts to a number of friends who are indebted to us in small amounts and as the aggregate of such accounts is considerable and we are in need of money, they will oblige us much by kindly settling as soon as possible. Quite a number have already responded and we would like to hear from the others.

This is an age of specialization—there are experts in every branch of business. But it is in craniology that the most interesting product of expert testimony has been found. The expert in this branch of it is called in in murder and robbery cases to say whether the accused has a cranium likely to make him commit the crime in question, or not. In a recent murder trial in an American court one of these invaluable experts was called to read the indications of the shape of the prisoner's cranium. He did it without hesitation, declaring that the position was abnormal and indicative of a disposition that would be apt to lead the person to be a lawbreaker. A lawyer placed, before the expert diagrams of three heads, they were of the kind made when a man is measured for a new hat. "What do you think of these?" asked the judge. "I should say that the possessors of such shaped heads were abnormally morbid," replied the expert. The diagrams represented the heads of W. H. Vanderbilt, Senator David B. Hill and of the judge presiding at that particular trial.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

The January number of the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL, contains many bright things of interest to women. Among them the latest fashions in evening dresses, as worn by the leaders of Society in Toronto; a chapter on Palmistry; notes of pictures and music and books, the stage, and the household, all by well known writers; talks with people meet, by Faith Fenton (the editor), is especially interesting; "Faith that removes mountains," by Clifford Smith, and a number of other stories by favorite authors appear in this number. Subscription price a dollar a year. The TRIBUNE and the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL for 1897 for \$1.50.

DEATH
STAPLETON.—On 8th con. Whitechurch Wednesday Jan. 13th, Rebecca, relict of the late Robert Stapleton, in her 75th year. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) at 10.30 a. m. to the Bloomington Cemetery.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

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Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are cured by Hood's Pills. They do this easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sassaaparilla.

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Having used Hood's D. & L. Menthol Plaster for several years in the back and forehead, I can testify to its wonderful power as a sedative, and its quick relief of all the above mentioned ailments. It is the only plaster of the kind. Price 25c. DAVIS & LAWRENCE CO., Ltd., PROPRIETORS, MONTREAL.