

# Central Hardware Specials

Specials this week in...  
Lamps, Pocket & table cutlery  
Tea, dessert and Table Spoons.

Royal Canadian Kingers, Picture Frames &c  
See our Jewel Triple Heaters

Equal to any furnace at less than half the cost.  
Steel oven cook stoves for coal or wood.

Gurney's Steel Ranges are the Best  
Bakers and take less wood...

Flax Seed, Flax Meal, White Beans,  
Cattle Chains, Meat Cutters, Stuffers.  
A good Fairbank Stock Scale at a Bargain.

ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE SETTLED AT ONCE.

GEORGE CURLE, CENTRAL HARDWARE

## CHURCHES.

**EVANGELICAL.**—Services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 2 p.m. John D. Miller Superintendent. Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Young People's meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Meyer Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN.**—Services 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. J. H. Moore, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Scott, Pastor.

**R.C. CHURCH, Sacred Heart of Jesus.**—Rev. Father Halm. Services every Sunday, alternatively at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Vespers every other Sunday at 3 p.m. Sunday School at 9:30 p.m. every other Sunday.

**GERMAN LUTHERAN.** Pastor, P. Weilmeyer. Services: every 2nd, 4th and 6th Sunday of each month 9:30 p.m. Every 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 1:30 p.m. Every 4th Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

**METHODIST.** Services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School 9:30 p.m. G. Curie, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday 8 p.m. Rev. E. Kieffer, Pastor.

## SOIETIES.

**C. M. S. S.** meets in their hall on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th Thursdays in each month. A. F. H. MANN, Pres.

**C. M. S. S.** meets in their hall on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th Thursdays in each month. John McCallum, C. R. M. F. H. MANN, Secy.

**C. M. S. S.** meets in the Foresters' Hall on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th Thursdays in each month. J. C. JASPER, Rec.

**A. O. U. W.** meets in the Foresters' Hall on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th Thursdays in each month. W. J. N. SCHEFFER, Rec.

**I. O. O. F.** meets in the Foresters' Hall on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th Thursdays in each month. W. WARD, C. R. W. J. N. SCHEFFER, Rec.

**K. O. T. U.** meets in the Foresters' Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. W. WARD, C. R. W. J. N. SCHEFFER, Rec.

## Grand Trunk Time Table.

Trains leave Mildmay station as follows:

| GOING SOUTH      | GOING NORTH             |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Mail..... 10:23  | Mixed..... 1:55 p.m.    |
| Mixed..... 10:23 | Express..... 10:15 p.m. |

## Local Affairs

—Mrs. R. R. Hogate of Toronto is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huck.

—Mr. Ulrich Roswell of Brant visited old friends in this vicinity over Sunday. Mr. Roswell formerly owned a farm on the 4th, where he was well known.

—Be sure to attend the Separate school concert next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There are three splendid plays on the program, as well as drills, tableaux, and vocal and instrumental music.

—The financial statement of the township treasurer's accounts have been printed and are in the hands of the clerk. The expenditure on roads and bridges this year is very small, \$808.05 as against \$1655 of 1897. The estimated balance on hand is \$2104.47.

—Nomination takes place to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock. Great interest is being taken in the municipal election this year, as there are a good number of popular men in the field for the reeveship. We have heard several names of those who intend running for councillor, but to-morrow will decide who will run for the several positions.

—We wish our readers a Merry Christmas.

—Wood and Hay wanted in exchange for Robes, Blankets, Bells, Harness etc. at L. A. Hinsperger's.

—Geo. Beirnes has sold his live stock and implements to E. N. Butchart, and has moved to Clifford. Mr. Beirnes was formerly a resident of that place.

—Robes, blankets and bells at nearly cost price. Large stock, call and see them. L. A. Hinsperger.

—The annual meeting of the Mildmay fire department will be held in the town hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All ratepayers are requested to be present, as matters of importance are to be discussed.

—Call and see my display of light and heavy harness, at very low prices till January 1st. Single harness, \$10 upwards. Wood, hay, hides and furs wanted. L. A. Hinsperger.

—The Separate School concert will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 27 and 28. We learn that an excellent program has been prepared.

—An old man named McLeod, who lives in the southern part of this township, was taken to the House of Refuge on Saturday. He is in very poor health, and unable to support himself.

—The death of Mr. Scheffer, sr. of Nockerville, took place last Saturday at the age of about 90 years. The funeral took place on Monday morning. Deceased has been a resident of Carrick for many years.

—Good prices prevailed at Jos. Kloefer's sale last Thursday. One pair of two year old steers brought \$101, one pair \$95 and another pair \$88 50. Yearlings went from \$40 to \$48 a pair and cows about \$40 each. R. H. Fortune of Ayton was auctioneer.

—The following names have been given to us as probable candidates for office of reeve and councillors: For reeve:—J. D. Kinzie, M. Filsinger, Jno. Lints and And. Zettel. Councillors:—Con. Hill, Martin Schuett, John Schweitzer, Henry Reuber, Fred Weiler, Con. Schmidt, Chris. Waack.

—Jonas Vollick of the 4th lost a valuable horse last Tuesday. He was plowing in sod field, when the horse stopped suddenly, and gave a kick with its hind leg, whereupon the blood gushed out. Upon examination it was found that the leg was broken, and the sharp broken bone had cut the skin. The animal had to be killed.

—The Evangelical Sunday School will give a Christmas Tree entertainment in the church on Monday evening next. A good program is being prepared, consisting of recitations, songs, dialogues, etc, which will be rendered in English and German. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents. Everybody invited.

—Mr. Chas. Yandt Sr. left on Tuesday for St. Paul, Minnesota, to see his son Noah, who it is reported is dangerously ill and not expected to recover. Noah returned from the Philippines about two months ago, and was for a time confined in the hospital at San Francisco with yellow fever. He afterwards removed to St. Paul where he now lies in a precarious condition. It is trust that he will recover.

—Miss Keefe of Flesherton is visiting with her brother, Rev. R. Keefe.

—The schools close to-morrow, and will remain closed until Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1900.

—Urban Schmidt shipped a carload of cattle and one of hogs from this station to-day.

—The Grand Trunk will issue return tickets at single fare, during the Xmas and New Year's holidays.

—The fat stock show at London last week was very poorly attended, but the show was ahead of all former efforts.

—The infant son of Mr. Fred Kempbell died last Wednesday after a short illness. The funeral took place on Friday to the R. C. cemetery.

—The drill shed at Walkerton was put up for sale by auction on Tuesday, and knocked down, to Mr. H. Clark, contractor, for \$110.

—The British loss in killed, wounded and missing since the South African war commenced is over 6,000. It is estimated that the war will cost \$200,000,000.

—At present it looks very much as if we were going to have a green Christmas, and the weather wise, who predicted this, will again shake hands with himself.

—Don't miss the Christmas Tree entertainment in the Evangelical church on Christmas evening. A good program has been prepared, and will be rendered in both German and English.

—At the Christmas Fair at Walkerton on Wednesday, George Reinhart of Carrick carried off half a dozen prizes. Chas. Dickison took first prize for team of carriage horses.

—We are pleased to report that Miss Ada Hugill, David Berry, and Chas. Johnston was successful in passing the Model School examinations last week.

—The Separate school concert next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 27 and 28, promises to eclipse all former efforts, and the program is one that should attract a large audience.

—Bowman Bros., Mount Forest, will offer for sale by public auction, Dec. 29, at 2 p. m. their entire stock of Short Horn, Jersey, and Polled Angus cattle. Also a number of choice Yorkshires of breeding age. All stock registered.

—Pat Moore, dry goods pedlar, was up before P. M. Robb of Walkerton on Friday last, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. Several farmers were present and their evidence is pretty hard on Moore. The case was adjourned until to-day.

—A young farmer from near town took a drive out into the country last week, accompanied by two girls. One of the ladies had charge of the lines, but while trying to turn around, one runner was broken off and the three unfortunates had to walk back to town.

—Mildmay is not without patriots, although we have many who sympathize with the Boers. Art Land has announced his willingness to go to Africa to fight the Boers. If razors were the weapons used we have no doubt that Art would put up a good scrap.

The human voice can, in a few cases, utter 297 words a minute.

Don't waste your time in regretting the time you have wasted.

Men and women who are odd might get even by marrying.

A petition has been forwarded to the Governor-General, praying for clemency in the case of Robert Mackie, under going sentence for ten years for complicity in the robbery of the Dominion Bank at Napanee. There are over ten thousand signatures, including members of Parliament, clergymen, doctors, lawyers, bankers of Ontario, and the mayors of Toronto, Kingston, Napanee, Belleville, Cobourg and many other towns in Central Ontario. The petition is fortified by new evidence just brought to light, and favorable to the prisoner.

Here is a late swindle, one that may profit our farmers to keep an eye open for: A "farmer-looking" fellow may call, having samples of corn. The ear will be from five to eight times the size of ordinary ears of corn, which he alleges he raised from seed sent him by his brother who lives in a foreign land. He offers to sell 100-grains for twenty-five cents or the whole ear for two dollars. The victim buys, only to find, later on, it is nothing but ordinary corn. A number of ears are dexterously cut and put together to form a single ear. The swindler comes

# EVERY DAY . . .

IS

# Bargain Day

AT

# J. J. Stiegler's

## Looking to Xmas



You will want to buy a present for someone, then remember that The Central Shoe Store can show you some nice, useful presents.

For instance a pair of Skating Shoes for the boys would be a most acceptable present. A nice pair of fancy slippers for the young miss would be very much appreciated. The baby we can please with dainty Footwear. Father would enjoy a pair of comfortable slippers. Mother could be made glad with a pair of nice felt slippers.

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Repairing promptly done for everybody.

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Central Shoe Store  
**J. V. BERSCHT.**

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Christmas Confectionery as we have the largest Stock to select from at right prices. Trustees of Schools and Churches requiring anything in our line would do well to get our prices before purchasing elsewhere. . . .

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Butter, Wood, Want  
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