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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. J. J. Montgomery, of the Banner staff, spent his Christmas holidays with friends in Toronto.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Merchants wishing to have their ads changed should have the copy in not later than 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. F. Collins, of Rossland, B. C., is visiting friends in town and will spend the next couple of months renewing old acquaintances.

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This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.

The Methodist Church will hold its usual watch night service on New Year's Eve, beginning at 10 o'clock and closing at midnight. It being the last watch service of the century, there will likely be addresses appropriate to the occassion, from Messrs W. A. Phillips B. A. J. E. Carson, and Benj. Rothwell, and the pastor.

The general reading public have unanimously decided in favor of The Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star with the two famous premium pictures 'Christ in the Temple' and 'Home from the War.' It is simply head and shoulders above anything in the newspaper line. No other newspaper pretends to issue such beatiful pictures or such a paper.

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REVIVAL SERVICES.

The Methodist Church officials decided unanimously to hold special services for three weeks, beginning Jan. 7. All members of the congregation are being asked to so arrange their social and other duties, so as to keep three weeks entirely free for the revival work. The services will begin each night at 8 o'clock sharp.

CHRITSMAS WEDDING.

Stewart—Campbell. On Christmas evening, 1900, at the bride's house, Victoria St., by the Rev. Henry Irvine, Mr. Wellington Stewart, Elma, was married to Miss Eliza Campbell. After the wedding dinner, the large company of relatives and friends spent an enjoyable evening in music and conversation. We extend to the young couple our best wishes for a long, and happy married life.

PLEASANTLY REMEMBERED

A very pleasant occurrence took place on Saturday at the home of Mr. N. Vernon, it being a presentation to Miss Lillian Vernon of a beautiful toilet case with best wishes from her Sunday School Class from Trowbridge, and for which their teacher could scarcely find words to express her appreciation of this very unexpected mark of esteem. After spending a very pleasant time with music and games, the boys returned to their homes followed by the kindest wishes of the home they had so gladdened.

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Mrs. Symonds of London, spent Christmas with Mrs. Lee, Main St.

The annual meeting of the Elma reform association will be held in Brandonberger's Hall, Atwood, on Saturday, Dec. 29 at 2 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman, sr. on Monday entertained at dinner their entire family in an unbroken circle with a number of sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren and great grandchildren. The old couple are still hale and hearty and if they live till March intend celebrating their diamond jubilee wedding in commemoration of their sixty years of wedded life. They are aged 86 and 82 years respectfully and rarely if ever, miss a service in the Evangelical church, of which they are esteemed members. The dinner party was a happy reunion of members of one family who had not dined together for over twenty-five years. We hope that the old couple may yet live many years to enjoy the honors which their descendants are always willing to showed upon them.—Milverton Sun.

A CORDIAL WELCOME

Beacon—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ballantyne of Montreal, arrived home on Saturday night. They were met at the station by several friends, but the surprise of the greeting was when they arrived at their fine residence on Erie St. which, furnished as they left it some months ago, was reopened for their reception. It was like that of the homecoming of a High land laird. Piper Jolly, who was in charge, met them at the entrance of the grounds and piped a welcome to the front door. It is needless to say Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne were glad to be home again, and the welcome they received from the citizens was so cordial as to increase their happiness. Mr. Ballantyne who is now a member of the great firm of Lovell and Christmas Limited, of London, Eng., stationed at Montreal says that Montreal is all right for business, but Stratford is to his mind the ideal place to live in, and in this opinion, Mrs. Ballantyne most cordially joins. Mrs. Ballantyne will remain until spring, but Mr. Ballantyne will return after New Years.

TO LECTURE IN CANADA.

Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, who, for a young man of 26, has had his name in men's mouths pretty often of late. It does not fall to the lot of many men to have crowded so much hard work and so many exciting experiences into a career so brief. He has seen four wars, two of them as combatant and two of them as war correspondent. He was the hero of the most sensational excape from Pretoria during the war; he has secured a position among the best war correspondents, who are highly-priced men in journalism; he is a successful orator, novelist and maker of books and he is a member of the Imperial Parliament. Not a bad record for one who was a school boy ten years ago. Much curiosity is shown as to what he will do in Parliamant. Many expect him to repeat the early successes of the public career of his father, the late Randolph Churchill. Meanwhile Mr. Churchill has taken to the platform as a lecturer on the Boer and is making a tour of the United States and Canada. He will lecture in Massey Hall, Toronto, on Saturday December 29th., 1900.

Don't forget the Canadian Jubilee singers next Friday.

Dr. H. L. Large of Owossa, Mich is at home for holiday time.

Jubilee singers in McDonald's Music Hall on Friday, Jan. 4, 1901

Some interesting locals will be found on pages four and five.

Mr. Harry G. Hess is the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. B. Morphy, Victoria West.

Miss L. Cockville of Toronto is spending her Xmas holidays in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Gray.

Mrs (Dr.) Rutherford gives an At Home to a large list of guests in McDonald's Music Hall tonight.

Mr. Harry Male, of Brockville, and Miss Lizzie and Tillie Male, of Toronto, spent Christmas under the parental roof.

Miss Maggie Montgomery, of Toronto, is spending a couple of weeks in town the guest of her mother.

Miss Minnie Tremain and Miss Violet Moore, of Toronto, were the guests of Mr. C. Newman for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Duncan Munroe, of 3rd line Wallace, is the proud possessor of a cow that gave birth to three calves last week.

Mr. A. B. Farrell, of London, travelling agent for Mason & Risch Piano Co. was in town on Wednesday.

Don't forget the Jubilee singers and musicians, (a photograph of whom will be found in another column) in McDonald's Music Hall on Friday evening Jan. 4.

Christmas day was wintry though there was not snow enough for sleighing. The day was passed very quietly. The rink was open in the evening and was well patronized.

The Anniversary of the Baptist church will be held on the second Sunday in the New Year Jan. 13th. Services will be conducted by the Rev. B. W. Merrell B. A. of Guelph.

The nominations for county councillors was held in Gowanstown on Monday of this week. Messrs G. V. Poole, T. E. Hay and R. T. Kemp were nominated and will each put up a strong fight. Mr. Alex. Kennedy was also nominated but retired.

The members of The Listowel Club gave a reception to their friends in the club rooms on Friday night last week. There was a large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent with music, whist and billiards.

"Mr. J. J. Montgomery was in town on Friday last and called in to see us. He announces his intentions of being in the field for Councilman. His card will be found in another column."

We clip the above from the Gorrie Viddette. We wish to inform our readers that it is not the J. J. Montgomery, foremen of this office, that is meant, as he is not in the field for political honors. He says that nothing short of a senatorship or a seat in Parliament will suit him.

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Mr. C. L. Hartt,
Principal, L. B. C. Listowel,
Dear Sir.—

Having taken a six months' course at the Central Business College, Stratford, and a two months' course at the Listowel Business College and Short-hand Institute, I take pleasure in stating that I found the character of instruction imparted by your self in connection with practical Correspondence and Reporting, the very best I know of, and I would recommend all young people who desire a thorough training in that branch, to attend your institution.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. L. BLODGET
20 Clarence Square,
Toronto, Ont.

The winter term of the Listowel Business College opens on Jan. 2nd. The following passed their intermediate Commercial examinations: W. Reid, Varna; W. B. Howes, Harriston; H. Krotz, Listowel; W. Birthman, Listowel.

Don't forget Wildfang's great removal sale. The goods must be cleared out at once.

Wild Bears in Elma.

A BIG BLACK BEAR SHOT THERE LAST WEEK

Elma is one of the wealthiest and best cultivated townships in Western Ontario and was first settled in about half a century ago. In the early days it was the natural home of large herds of deer and many bear, and throughout all the fifty years of the township's history, settled as it was by mighty hunters, a few specimens, both of deer and bear, have maintained a foothold in the swamp land of the back end of the township. During a dry summer when fire got into the swamps, these lone remnants of a once numerous family would be driven out to the bits of bush remaining on the well tilled farms in the front and more than once have astonished and terrified sportsmen, who were out in quest of small game and with charges of bird shot in their guns were not quite at ease at encountering bear. During the past five years bear have been started two or three times within two miles of town, and the "bear hunt" that was forthwith organized, resulted successfully every time—for the bear. At the hunt last week, however, bruin fell to the deadly aim of one of the Struthers, than whom there is not a more deadly shot in Ontario. Traces of the bear were found in the snow and he was followed for three days before he showed himself, during which time he covered a great deal of country and led his pursuers a merry trot indeed.

He was shot on the 17th concession and weighed, dressed 150 pounds. The carcass was disposed of in Stratford and the Beacon of Monday has the following item

A finely proportioned black bear hanging on one of the iron bars in front of Messrs. Wingefelder Bros butchershop on Saturday afternoon was the subject of considerable wonderment. The animal was a real, genuine black bear, with a pelt so glossy and handsome looking as to gather a crowd who were not backward in examining what was left of poor bruin sufficiently as to dispel all doubts as to its identity.

His bearship was shot in the township of Elma, not far from Donegal by Messrs Struthers. For some time past farmers in that neighborhood have missed sheep, pigs, and other barn yard animals and were at a loss to know how they had been made away with. Some surveyors working in the woods drove the animal out and he was despatched, it is said, by a marble shot out of a gun. Bruin was brought to town on Saturday and purchased by Wingefelder Bros. He weighs about 200 pounds. It is said there are still a few bears in the neighborhood in which this one was shot.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williamson of Newbridge, Ont., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding day on the 17th inst.

The guests arrived at 3 p.m. The children present were William Williamson of Bothmeon N.D.; Mr. and Mrs John Williamson of Newbridge Ont., Joseph Williamson, wife and two children of Newbridge, David Williamson of Bothney, N. D., Mary Hargrave, her husband, Geo. Hargrave and five children of Orillia, Ont. Sarah Jacques, her husband and four children of Howick; Lottie Harrison her husband, George Harrison, and two children of Adlen N. D.; Etta Johnson her husband R. A. Johnson and two children of Fordwich Ont; Only one of the family was absent, viz Geo. H. Williamson of Alexander Manitoba. The house was nicely decorated with appropriate colors. The Rev. Mr. Hamilton addressed the aged parents who were dressed in appropriate colors, after which the children made a presentation of a gold ring to their mother and read an address as follows—

Newbridge, Dec. 17 1900.

To our Dear Father and Mother

We your children and a company of your friends here assembled here this evening for the purpose of joining in the celebration of this your fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In the first place we all join in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father who has spared you this great number of years not only sparing your lives but blessing you and yours both spiritually and temporally and that he has permitted all of us except one to assemble around your fireside on this joyous occasion.

But we express regret that the absent one could not find his way open to enable him to participate in this celebration of your golden wedding. We present this gold ring to mother as a token of the deathless love and gratitude of everyone of your children and also as a minder of that happy marriage of which this is the golden anniversary.

The other tokens are presented to you by your family and friends not on account of their intrinsic value but as emblems of our esteem and love for you and for your untiring zeal, for both our temporal and spiritual welfare; for which we shall never be able to repay you, except in a very small degree.

We now conclude by wishing that you may be spared for many years to enjoy each other's smiles, as you have done during the fifty years of your wedded life.

Signed Your Children.

Then a sumptous supper was served in the dinning room after which there was a social time, speeches and music until 2 a.m. when after hearty congratulations the guests departed.

There was a large assortment of valuable presents, 30 friends of the family sent

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