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Enthusiastic Meeting of its Promoters Held Last Evening.

Tajor Rankin Addressed the County Council and Obtained Their Hearty Endo sation and Assistance.

A large number interested in the roduction of the patriotic concert assembled in the parlors of the Hotel Garner last evening. There were present, J. B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., who presided, Mrs. John Cooper, Miss Nellie Rhody, Miss Adele McLean, Miss Clara Rlight, Miss Gertrude Mae wan, James Scott Gray, Harry Horstead, E. J. Forsythe, Gus Sauerman, J. W. Humphrey, I. E. Brock, Morton Sheldon and others, while Miss Elda Idle, Wm. H. Brackin, Miss Maud M. McCosh, Miss Lillian Pratt and others sent messages expressing regret at

being unable to attend. Major Rankin briefly outlined the proposal to present a patriotic concert in the interests of the Canadian lads who had left the city and county to serve in the South African war. The movement was most heartily en-

The routine work of preparation of the concert was then very fully gone into and the nature of the entertainment outlined. A committee, consisting of Major Rankin, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Idle, Miss Blight, E. J. Forsythe and J. S. Gray, was appointed to formally take charge of the arrangement and management of the program, and will report fully to a general meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next at eight o'clock.

In addition to the presentation of the veterans' medals, which will be made by Major Rankin, at the request of the Militia Dept. one of the finest patriotic programs ever provided in

of the Militia Dept., one of the finest patriotic programs ever provided in this county will be presented. It will be composed of two parts to be presented respectively by those interested in the city and the county. Among those who will be asked to assist in the preparation of the city's part of the program will be:—

The Excelsior Band, Conductor G. Sauerman; the City Band, Conductor H. C. Philp, and the McKeough School Band, Conductor Wm. H. Brackin.

Patriotic Choruses under the direction of E. J. Forsythe, Harry Horstead and S. H. Marshall.

Ladies Quartette under the direction

Ladies' Quartette under the direction of Mrs. John Cooper.
Male Quartette under the direction Patriotic addresses by the Mayor of the city and the Warden of the county.

Patriotic Becitations, Miss Gertrude

Mae Swan and Miss Maud M. McCosh.

Among the soloists will be, Miss Clara Blight, Miss Elda Idle, Miss L.

Smith, Mrs. John Cooper, H. Horstead, E. J. Forsythe and S. H. Marshall.

The Ladies' Mandolin Club will also contribute.

An exceedingly unique and pleasing feature will be the firing of a "Lyddite" shell from a miniature cannon by midget gunners. The shell will explode in the dome of the Grand and scatter flowers over the audience. This morning J. B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., was invited to address the county sense; it went the matter and in doing contribute. Q. C., was invited to address the county council upon the matter and in doing so solicited their co-operation in the undertaking. He suggested that the commissioners themselves take hold of that part of the program in their corporate capacity. On motion of Mr. B. W. Willson, seconded by Mr. Jonas Gosnell, Major Rankin was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and assured of the energetic co-operation of the of the energetic co-operation of the members of the county conneil, both in their private and official capacity.

Relative to the disposition of the proceeds Major Rankin told the council that the present proposal was to leave it to a vote of the audience. The date of the executive in the five data the

leave it to a vote of the audience. The date of the concert will be fixed at the meeting on Tuesday evening, when the county will be represented.

Among those mentioned by the members of the council who will probably take part are, Mayor P. Haggart, of Blenheim; Dr. Oliver, of Merlin; Miss Duffuss, of Thamesville; Wm. Holmes, of Tupperville; D. Shaw, of Wallaceburg; Walter Mills, of Ridgetowa, the Tupperville band and orchestral and

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BLENHEIM

Jan. 26.—Mrs. J. N. Babcock enter-tained a number of friends Wednes-

Mr. Pierson, general merchant, will once more take possession of the store now occupied by Mr. Miland, the latter being forced to give up business on account of the ill-health of his mo-

James Sterling is daily shipping large quantities of dressed hogs to Hamilton.

T. G. Sullivan, St. Thomas, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday. Mr. Sullivan is buying walnut timber and shipping it to England. He says there is still a large quantity of walnut timber in Ontario.

On the event of his leaving Blenheim, W. F. Titus, of the firm of Learoyd Bros., was presented with a gold pen and address Monday evening.

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The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered to any part of the town.

A young lad, Fred Vandusen by name, fell from the top of a moving bus, Wednesday, and sustained serious injury, his right leg being broken in two places, near the hip and below the knee. Dr. Storey dressed the fractured member. The boy is doing well.

Learoyd Bros., dry goods merchants,

Learoyd Bros., dry goods merchants, contemplate moving their entire stock to Galt.

wall.
Seeking for an aperture in which to hide, it found none.
The taunting Robin, who had been doing the driving, laughed.
Then the Worm, as indicated by the proverb, turned.
"Rubber neck!" said the Robin.

There is a clerk in one of the big offices in this town who is check full of lore and learning. He is a college graduate, and he knows enough about the pronunciation of Spanish to say Don Quixote in the proper way—that is Don Kee-ho-ty Other names also fall trippingly from his tongue. All this wisdom, however, got him into trouble a few days ago, when he wanted to show off before the boss.

One of his side partners spoke of that well-known port. Don Juan, and he

One of his side partners spoke of that well-known port, Don Juan, and he pronounced it just as it is spelied.

"Ho, ha," snorted Smarty, "don't you know what that place is? It's Don Wan. That's the way they prozounce it in Spanish."

"I don't know," said the other in a meek and humble tone, rather thankful that he had been posted, "but I never studied Spanish."

"No per you don't want to" said

never studied Spanish."

"No, nor you don't want to," said the boss. "Spanish don't go around this office in any shape or form. And look here," he said to Smarty, "don't you work off any of them Spanish lingors around here. When you speak of San Juan you call it that. And when you say Porty Rico you call it Ryeco and not Reeco. See? Why, if some of my country customers come in here and hear you getting off that Spanish brogue they would leave the shop and rever come back until the war was over. You wrap all that knowledge you have and put it away with camphor balls until we get to Cuba, Porty Ryeco and all them other islands. Then you can spring your knowledge, but in the meantime don't forget that this is America, the home of the free and the land of the brave, where nothing goes that tastes, or looks, or ing goes that tastes, or looks, or sounds, or smells like Spanish. That'il do for the present. You can resume

your work if you please." Then the young man who had most meekly received his first lesson in Spanish pronunciation took a long breath, laughed to himself, and became real chesty for the rest of the day.

"The most interesting levy I ever heard of," said Sguire Bell, "was one that I made some time in 1868 or 1869, when I was marshal of the Memphia Municipal court. I had a judgment against old Col. Cockerill, who used to run a hotel. I had tried to collect it until four days of the time I was al-

"I went to see the colonel again. I told him that he would have to do something. He said that if I would just wait til Tuesday, which was the last day of the term, he would settle up.

"'Suppose you make it Monday, colonel.' I said, for I knew that if I failed to make the levy on Tuesday my execution was dead, and I wanted a day of grace. Well, the colonel agreed to settle on Monday.

"When Monday came the colonel was awfully sick, and his three boys, who were in the office, would let nobody see him. There were in those days just as there are now, a lot of men lying around and waiting to get on the jury. I had counted the doors of the hotel dining room, and I picked out a man for each door and gave them \$1.50 apiece and took them down to the hotel. When the gong sounded for dinner I had a man stand at each door with orders to let no one go in. There was a great deal of travel in those days, and the hotel was crowded. Pretty soon the people began to fill up the halls and wonder what was the matter. The doors of the dining room were glass, and the people could see the tables set and the waiters standing round, but they couldn't get in.

"This didn't last very long before the old colonel sent for me. 'I this a low trick, Mr. Ball,' he said.

"'No low trick at all, colonel, said

I. I have done a thing never done be fore in the world. I have levied on a hot dinner, and I am going to hold it till that money's paid.

"The colonel waxed wroth and swore that he would beat the attorney in the case just as soon as he got well. But, finding that his getting hot didn't keep the dinner from getting cold, he finally sent for his bookkeeper, who brought up about \$500, which lacked just \$150 of satisfying the judgment. The colonel wanted to get off with this, but I demanded security. He was lying in bed, and reached under his pillow and handed me a watch and chain worth twice as much as was still due."

She Thought He Was Crying.
"Over in Illinois, when I was a boy," said a Congressman from the State to a Star reported, "there was a lawyer ramed Hathaway, who lived in my native town, and who had something the matter with his eyes. I think the doctors said his lachrymal glands were

"Any way, he was always wiping his syes. Sometimes it was amusing in court to see him bring out his pig red bandana and wipe his eyes when he was talking to the court upon some dry

was talking to the court upon some dry legal proposition. You know you rather expect a lawyer to do it before a jury in criminal practice.

"Well, they used to tell this story on Hathaaway: One day a woman came into his office to consult with him regaring the beginning of a suft for divorce from her husband. She related how she had been abused, and told a story of suffering. Just at this point Hathaway: One day a woman came and wiped his eyes.

and wiped his eyes.

"His client, who was of a sympathetic nature, sought to stay his arm, and said: "'Don't -cry, Mr. Hathaway, don't

"Hathaway was sensitive regarding his infirmity, but he always laughed heartily when the story was told in his presence."

The Worm had been driven to the

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The Elgin county council voted \$200 to the patriotic fund.

Miss Rose Murray, a leading soprat of Winnipeg, will contribute two voca solos at the C. C. I to night. The children of McKeough school are contributing to a patriotic fund. They have raised over \$20 so far.

R. C. Burt, the local official weather man, reports that the lowest point touched by the mercury last evening was six below zero.

A well-heated, well-seated, well-light ed hall, and an excellent and varied program at the C. C. I. to-night. George Blonde had the misfortune yesterdey afternoon to run a ten penny spike into the thumb joint of his right

Ridgetown Dominien: Mr. Dickey, inspector of legal offices, was in town Friday. He is puzzled over the destruction of the papers and documents of the division court here in the re-cent fire, and thinks a special act of the Legislature to cover the case will have to be passed. The records from 1895 to 1897 were saved.

Prof. Coleman invests his subjet with such interest that the audience are charmed into a close and sympathetic attention. Thoroughly conversant with his subject he is so clear in his exposition that the youngest can understand him. A humorous hit now and then keeps him en rapport with his audience. At the C. C. L. to-night.

BALDOON.

Word has been received here that William Glover, who enlisted for service in South Africa in the second Canadian contingent, passed a very satisfactory examination as a cavalry recruit in the trials at Stanley Bar; racks, Toronto, prior to leaving for the long voyage from Halifax to Cape Town. We hope the young man may live to return covered with giory.

Unless the roads greatly improve before Friday evening, the outlook for a big Baldoon representation at the Oldfield Foresters' concert is not very promising. Word has been received here that

promising.
Service on Sunday evening next in Grace church. As the choir have been replenishing their stock of music with some of the latest compositions, we may expect something from them un

may expect something from them un usually good.

With the new organ in the Sunday school the orchestra is helping to make the musical part of the service very enjoyable indeed.

The next 'bee' we would like to see is one to draw enough sand to fill in and around the church lot, and if someone would take the initiative, there are plenty we think willing to. Who will move in the matter?

The enlarging and completion of the Bear Line ditch is proving a decided improvement. Already, instead of a stagnant foul pond, the water has a clear run to the creek.

Miss Jane Campbell is still very low, and no one but the immediate friends, we bear, are allowed to see her.

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FUNERAL NOTICE -A. O. U. W.

No. 2, A.O.U.W., are requested to meet at their lodge room on Sunday, 18th inst., at 1 o'clock, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Thomas Waniers. The members of Peninsular Lodge JOHN R. SNELL, Recorder, t & e

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THE BY-ELECTIONS

Conservatives Hold Sherbrooke by a Reduced Majority.

Independents Capture Two Seats One Government and a Labor Candidate Defeated.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 26.—The Sherbrooke county election was carried on with the most extraordinary eagerness by both parties, neither of whom were any too confident. So far as incomplete figures enable us to see the majority for the Conservative candidate is about 98. The seat was made vacant by the death of Hon. W. B. Ives, Conservative, whose majority was 247. The Liberals willingly concede that the Conservative majority is at least 76. The Sherbrooke city vote was approximately:—Lebaron (Lib). 797, and McIntosh (Con), 764. This, however, may not be quite correct, as at one poll no attempt seemed to have been made to mark off the distinctive votes. Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 26.-The

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Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 26.—The election to fill the vacancy in the Commons caused by the death of Mr. Jameson (Lib) passed off very quietly, there being no excitement whatever.

No signs of illegal practices have come to light as yet, and the contest appears to have been a remarkably clean one in every way. Martin (Independent Liberal) was elected by 49 majority over Puttee (Labor).

A GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

A GOVERNMENT DEFEAT. Quebec, Jan. 26.—The by-election in Loibiniere county, rendered necessary by the appointment of Mr. Rinfret, late Liberal member to a custome inspectorship, resulted in the election of Edmond Fortier, Independent Liberal, by 170 majority, over Mr. Boisvert, the Government candidate.

WALLACEBURG.

Jan. 26.—Alf. Young, who has been in St. Thomas for some time, has returned home.

D. A. Gordon is on a business trip to Detroit.

Over 250 invitations are out for the bachelors ball on the 2nd of February. The London Harpers will furnish the rough.

FILBURY.

Tilbury, Jan. 26.-Dr. Milligan in-Tilbury, Jan. 26.—Dr. Milligan intends moving his office to more commodious quarters in the Wilson block.

J. A. McVean left yesterday for Artonish, Miss., to engage in the timber business with Coutts & Gurd.

Miss Gilpin is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Crawford.

The Poole Comedy Co. will appear in the Anderson Hall to-night.

M. Kelly, late grocer here, is said to be taking a medical course in Detroit.

A subscription list for the Canadian patriotic fund has been opened in the Merchants' Bank here. The names of subscribers will be forwarded to Ottawa to be printed in book form. Wheat is down to 61 cents. The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

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