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HEAD OF YOUNG & BROOK COUNCIL

The council met at the town hall on Friday, Dec. 15th, at 10 o'clock. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

By-law for appointment of deputy returning officers, polling places, and place for holding nominations, received their readings and passed. Mr. Redmond was appointed as commissioner to sell wood on road allowance in rear of lot 15, con. 9, Yonge.

Mr. Witte was appointed to procure cedar to repair bridge in 11th con., opposite Chas. Barber's farm. Time for collection of taxes was extended to Dec. 30th.

Orders were given on the treasurer as follows: Geo. P. Wight and Albert Moulton, auditors, \$4 each; H. C. Phillips, care of town hall, \$15; Recorder Printing Co., advertising court of appeals, \$2; Mott & Robeson, for provision furnished Mrs. Thos. Compo, \$4.00; Wm. Simpson, \$1 per week during pleasure of council to be expended by Mr. Witte; H. H. Arnold, for boots for Baptiste Pocket, \$2.75; B. Loverin, for printing, \$40; councillors, \$12 each, salary; clerk, receiver and assessor, \$5.00 each for selecting jury; clerk, salary and postage, \$76.80.

Council adjourned until morning of nomination at 10 o'clock.

Council met, pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

R. D. Judson was given an order on treasurer for 90 cts. for stationery, and H. H. Arnold, for salary as treasurer, \$80.

Statute labor tax of W. W. Rowsam was remitted on account of work done in road div. 8 since collector's roll was sent out.

Collector was given until Jan. 20th, 1894, to return roll to treasurer.

Council adjourned.

RICHARD E. CORNELL, Clerk.

Athens Model School.

—Honorary roll for the fall term, 1893, in order of merit:

Sen. IV. Class.—George Holmes, Lela DeWolfe, Evelyn Wiltzie, Cora Wiltzie, Maud Crawford, Elma Wiltzie.

Jun. IV. Class.—Daisy Fowler, Maggie Barr, Winnabell Elliott, Lauri Bullis, Henry McLaughlin, Clara Stevens.

Sen. III. Class.—Mary Stinson, Mabel Barber, Ethel DeWolfe, and Oscar Kincaid, Ketha Gilroy, Helen Fowler.

Intermediate III. Class.—Minnie Rowsam, Harold Blanchard, Ernest Rowsam, Albert Hull, Morton Lewis, Jr., III. Class.—Edith Wiltzie, Beatrice Collinson, Jennie Wiltzie, Harry Berny, Fannie Cadwell.

Sen. II. Class.—May Farmer, Grace Curtis, Carrie Richmond, Edith Stinson, Annie Kravay, Georgina Ductee, John H. Class.—Cassie Knapp, Martha Hall, Maudie Wiltzie, Ketha Compo, Alma Lee.

Sen. Pt. II. Class.—Mary McLaughlin, Lucila Brown, May Wiltzie.

Jr. Part II. Class.—Kenneth Berny, Mabel Allingham, Gracie Wing, Evelyn Sanford, Lucien Hawkins, Anna Barber.

Sen. I. Class.—Minnie Cadwell, Omer Ductee, Mamie Lee, Arthur Parish, Katie Johnston, Arthur Fowler.

Jr. Part I. Class.—Claud Gordon, Arthur Hull, Lucie Hawkins, Jessie Middleton, Harry Cawley, Nellie Bullis.

Colored chamber-sets—pink, brown, blue and grey—only \$2, and full dinner sets in all the new colors for \$5.50, at China Hall, Brockville—T. W. DENNIS.

A school matron in a certain district who having an inordinate dread of contagious diseases, sent a little girl home because her mother was sick and showed symptoms of something alarming. The next day the little girl presented herself at school and with her finger in her mouth and her little bonnet swinging by the string timidly said: "We got a new baby at our house, but mamma told me to tell you that it wasn't catching." The school teacher blushed slightly, and asked her to go and told the pupil to take her seat.

Ontario's High Schools.

A consideration of Gananogue high school in particular and Ontario's high schools generally, formed an element in the municipal contest in that town, and the Journal puts in the following able defence:

We are speaking well within the mark when we say that 60 per cent of the members of the learned professions in Ontario are the sons of fathers who could not have given their sons the education necessary to start them on their life journey, had it not been that High Schools were planted as they are all over the province. Let us suppose two men, the one wealthy and the other possessed of narrow means, who the rich man's son goes to the University, the latter to the Public School course and he stops. He cannot enter on the study of a profession and his father cannot send him away to finish his preparatory course. So he drops into another line of life. It would be a fine thing for the rich man's sons if they thus had a monopoly of the professions, and they would have nearly a monopoly if High Schools were abolished. But how many heavy boys and girls too, would suffer for want of a chance. And the loss would not be theirs merely, for the education of a boy of talent is to the public productive of benefit to the community in which he lives. Many of the foremost men in the professions and in politics to-day in Ontario would not have been able to reach the positions that they occupy, would not be able to do the work for their native province and for Canada that they are doing, had it not been for aid given them in their younger days by the free dissemination of secondary education. The High School is for the benefit of the poor man's son primarily, and it is not to be condemned if it helps also to educate the sons of

AS OTHERS SEE US.

What Our Exchanges Think of the Xmas Number of the Reporter.

The Athens Reporter issued last week a highly creditable Christmas number.—Prescott Journal.

The Athens Reporter spent itself as a real Christmas number.—Winchester Press.

Mr. Rich. Harvey, of Lyndhurst, says:—"Allow me to congratulate you on Xmas number of Reporter. It is well done for Athens."

The Athens "Reporter" publisher has a real Christmas number. It is well gotten up and profusely illustrated.—Kingston Whig.

Mr. Frank Cornell, of Wellington, writes:—"Congratulations—I think your Christmas number of Reporter superb. Am much pleased with it. The Christmas number of the Athens Reporter, a handsome 24 page paper profusely illustrated, is a credit to the publisher and to the village in which it is published.—Gananogue Journal.

We received a copy of the Athens Reporter Christmas number. It is printed on high-toned paper and contains sketches and views from nearly every town in Leeds Co. It cannot be excelled.—Westport Mirror.

In sending for ten copies of the Xmas number of the Reporter, Rev. M. J. Bates, of Napanee, says: "I certainly think you deserve much credit for the success of your paper. It was much beyond my expectations—very fine, indeed."

We have received the special Christmas number of the Athens Reporter. It consists of 24 pages of interesting matter freely illustrated with half-tone cuts, and printed on heavy toned paper. It is a credit to the village and to the publisher.—Gananogue Reporter.

The long-promised special number of the Athens Reporter is to hand, and serves as a Christmas number and a glorification of Athens combined.

It is twenty-four pages in size (each page five columns wide), and the paper used is a superior cream-tint, with calendar surface. The illustrations which may be regarded as original—either prepared for this number, or procured from various sources because of their local or semi-local character—number no fewer than 105. Most of these are half-tone engravings, directly from photographs, and others are woodcuts, of varying degrees of excellence. Every business place and dwelling which is at all creditable to the place is perhaps here mirrored, and the gallery of portraits seems endless. Quite a number of the notable features of Brockville are also given. The history of the village of Athens is given in detail, and among the portraits are those of several individuals who leaving the neighborhood, have achieved distinction abroad. Altogether the Christmas Reporter is perhaps the most remarkable performance in typography ever attempted in a village as small as Athens, and it could only be undertaken in one of the most progressive communities to be found anywhere in Ontario—or for that matter in the world.—Kingston News.

Last week's issue of the Gananogue Reporter contained cuts of the candidates for municipal honors in that town.

Quite a number of Athenians received invitations to attend a private party given by the host and hostess of Harbor View, Charleston, on Friday evening. They pronounce the affair to have been in every respect highly successful and enjoyable. Good music, good company, and a splendid supper combined to make the evening one that will be recalled with pleasure.

From the Gananogue Reporter we learn that, on resigning his position as teacher of S. No. 10, Mr. W. A. Blanchard was presented by the pupils with a gold chain and that his wife was also made the recipient of several articles. The address that accompanied the gifts highly eulogized Mr. Blanchard as a teacher, and contained the significant statement that never since the door of the school had been first opened had a pupil passed to the high school until he took charge, since which time seven pupils had passed the entrance exams.

A very large audience listened to the lecture delivered by Rev. C. O. Johnson, of Kingston, in the Methodist church on Thursday evening last. The subject, "Temperance," was timely, in view of the near approach of the public vote, and the discourse was listened to with pleasure and profit by all. His points were clearly made and fixed in the memory by well-told stories, aptly illustrative. He declared himself in favor of the enfranchisement of women, believing that the introduction of such a strong moral element into our political life would purify and elevate it.

A pleasing social event took place at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boye, Elgin st., on Wednesday evening last, being the marriage of their daughter Laura to Mr. John Kerfoot, of Forest, Ont., formerly of Athens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Grenfell in the presence of a large number of friends of the contracting parties, among whom, from a distance, were Mr. Kerfoot and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milligan and Miss Milligan, of Smith's Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gardner, of Lyn. The bride was richly and tastefully attired and looked charming. The bridal party entered the room to the music of a wedding march played by Mr. W. Kerfoot.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly wedded pair received the congratulations of their friends, which will be echoed by our villagers generally, as both were deservedly popular in Athens. Among the large and rich display of wedding presents were two fancy crocks, silver spoons, silver knives and forks, silver tea set, pillows and woolen blankets, a bible from the grandfather of the groom, etc. After the assembled guests had partaken of a sumptuous repast, the happy couple drove to Brockville and took the midnight train for Toronto, where they intended remaining a few days before proceeding to their home in Forest. The Reporter extends congratulations.

TALES OF TALISMANS.

THEY ARE A POWER EVEN TODAY ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Persons of Fame Who Have Trusted in Them—Philosophers Recognized Them, and Physicians Believed They Could Keep Off Disease—Virgil's Brass Ring.

Despite our boasted civilization, there are few of us who in our innermost hearts do not retain a belief in a certain kind of fetishism or magic to ward off disasters. The man who carries about with him the common or garden potato as a preventive against rheumatism little guesses the antiquity of this talisman. Most ancient writers agree in naming the great Zoroaster as the originator of talismans, and there is little doubt as to the popularity of these magic amulets at a very early period of the world's history.

It has indeed been asserted that the images of Ishtar and the terephim of Mesopotamia were nothing less than talismans, though whether used for purposes of divination or the foretelling of events is doubtful. The learned Jew, Aben Ezra, declares they were in the form of statuettes in order to forecast the right time of divination, while another authority states these images were in the shape of men made under certain constellations, the influence whereof caused them to speak at certain hours. The same writer, Rabbi Eiler, gives this as the reason why Rachel stole her father's images, because she feared if left behind they might divulge the route taken by Jacob. Of the construction of these terephim a terrible description is given by a Jewish authority. A firstborn son was seized and killed, his head torn off, embalmed and placed on a gold plate whereon was inscribed the name of the demon whose services were requisitioned. The plate was then hung up in the midst of lamps, to be adored on particular occasions.

Talismans were of two kinds—natural and artificial. Some were supposed to cure evil, others to prevent it. A natural talisman was the bloodstone, warranted to staunch the blood from a wound, while a certain cure for the bite of the reptile might be found in a fossilized serpent. In proportion as the knowledge of Arabic literature spread among men of light and learning, increased the belief in talismans. Boyle, the eminent philosopher, subject to a violent bleeding at the nose, expressed his belief in the magic cure of pressing a piece of moose taken from a dead man's skull against the skin till it became warm.

A celebrated Moravian physician told Zweller of his faith in toad lozenges worn as talismans as a preventive against plague and its accompanying evils. Even Bacon narrates seriously that his own wards were cured in Paris by rubbing them with a piece of rind of bacon and afterward nailing the said rind to a post with the fat side toward the patient. For centuries, the belief in talismans, the influence of special constellations was called in aid. From the nothing of talismans to the something of help of the stars is always required, for, as says an old writer, "We see by experience that talismans move at one time will keep them, whereas others, made before or after, though of the same floor and in all respects like them, will speedily become fall magnets."

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Constantine seems to have been a city well provided with talismans. An image of brass set up in the midst thereof prevented the incursion of serpents, but when this was broken on the entry of Mohammed II a striking increase of these reptiles took place. Scarcely like this, the figure of a city by the same talisman, and on the destruction of this magic image these birds suddenly multiplied greatly. The figure of a brazen horse and horseman preserved the city from contagion during the pestilence, but disastrous were the consequences entailed by the loss of this talisman, for we are assured that 150,000 people perished through the plague immediately on the removal of the equestrian statue. The City of Naples, it is said, was kept free from flies by a brass city set upon the gates by Virgil.

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