

Kris Kringle

—ALIAS—

SANTA CLAUS

Has taken up his quarters in the

ATWOOD

Drug

---AND---

Book

STORE,

Where he can be seen at all times and purchases made to supply both Young and Old with

--PRESENTS--

Useful,

Ornamental,

Entertaining,

Instructive.

The stock is the Largest of its kind ever offered in Atwood, and you are invited to make an EARLY CALL and inspect the Stock. It is impossible to give a full list in the space at our disposal, but below is a few of the many lines to be seen:—

Poets,
Books,
Razors,
Purses,

Jews Harps,
Metalaphones,
Shaving Setts,
Mouth Organs,
Dressing Cases,

Toy Trains in full order,
Building Blocks, A B C
Blocks, Booklets, Fringe
Cards,

Xmas Cards!

Card Games, Parlor Games,
Toy Brooms, Toy wash-
boards, Toy Pails and Tubs,
toy kitchen stoves, toy wash
setts, toy clothes pins, toy
pistols, toy books, &c.

Remember the Place,

Atwood Drug and
Book Store.

M. E. NEADS.

Town Talk.

TRY Loree's for cheap groceries. JAMES BELL, of Brussels, Sundayed in town.

20 LBS. of good raisins for \$1 at Loree's grocery.

SCHOOLS will close for vacation next Tuesday.

FRESH oysters kept constantly on hand at Hamilton's grocery.

MINERAL water for sale at Loree's grocery. 30c. per gallon.

J. H. GUNTHER, of Listowel, called on THE BEE Monday evening. Call again.

CALL and see Loree's stock of crockery. 30 per cent. cheaper than any place in town.

THE first number of the Milverton Sun will appear this week. A Mr. Whaley is the publisher.

THE flax mill has been "took." The fine building and the employees present quite an imposing appearance.

JOHN PELTON spent Sunday in Brussels. We regret to learn that Mrs. Pelton, who is staying with her mother in Brussels, is quite poorly.

THE young man reported to have mowed away the big bill of fare in Holmes' store, Newry, last week, begs us to state that the item is incorrect.

THE committee of the Rankin Family concert have arranged comfortable seats for all. Secure your reserved seat tickets early; price, 35c. Remember the date, Xmas night.

A VERY significant advertisement appeared in the Want column of a Toronto paper recently, viz.—A lady type writer, must be over 40 years of age. There is no need of pointing the moral.

From all parts of the country come reports of dulness in the horse market, it being impossible to sell horses at present. Many have good animals for sale for which they cannot get a single bid! A great many horses have been raised in the country during recent years, and many of the farmers are overstocked.

CHARLES PELTON, of Burford, is authority for the statement that "three of a kind," a man, woman and a fall grown pig, sleep in the same room in their hotel. When spoken to respecting the matter, the woman stated that she saw nothing improper in the presence of his porkship, but complained that the animal bit her feet.

WE have received, through the generosity of M. E. Neads, a copy of that valuable hand-book, the Canadian Almanac and Miscellaneous Directory. It is a valuable book, and should be in the home of every family. Price, 50c. The display of Xmas goods at the Atwood drug store is fine. Almost anything and everything for holiday presents can be had.

WE MAY EXPECT municipal matters to hum.—The youngsters to begin to speculate on what they will get for Christmas presents.—Several readings in this locality ere long.—School entertainments Xmas trees, curling, skating, etc., etc., to take their fillings.—People to spend a portion of their surplus cash for holiday gifts for their distant friends; a custom we hope will last as long as time itself.—Business to continue to boom in Atwood.—Renewals for THE BEE for 1892 to come in rapidly, and thereby make the editor's heart glad.

THE G. T. R. will issue tickets at reduced fares during the Xmas holidays. Return tickets at single first-class fares on December 24th and 25th valid to return until Dec. 26th. On December 31st and January the 1st, good to return until Jan. 2nd. First-class fare and one-third on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st valid to return on January 4th. Children between five and twelve years of age half the reduced fares. First class single fare and one-third from and to all stations in Canada only, from 9th to 31st December inclusive, valid for return until 31st January, 1892. The St. Clair tunnel is now open for traffic. Passengers from all points to Port Huron, Detroit and west have the privilege of passing through the tunnel.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.—Until Jan. 8th, the regular weekly Epworth League meetings will be withdrawn. The next meeting will be held on the evening of Jan. 8th, 1892.—Don't forget the Upper Canada Bible Society meeting in the Baptist church this (Friday) evening. Rev. J. M. Smith, agent of the Society, and the resident clergymen will address the meeting. All interested in giving the Bible to the world should make it their business to attend.—Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Berlin, instead of a sermon, gave a very able exposition of the "Parable of the Virgins" in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and in the evening preached an inspiring sermon to young people from Hebrews 12:1. The rev. gentleman and others spoke on missions to a fairly large congregation on Monday night. We are not exaggerating when we say that he is one of the most gifted divines an Atwood congregation has had the pleasure of listening to for some years. His rich, modulated voice, originality of thought, beautiful diction and lofty conception of man's privileges and duties in the Christian life, could not fail to produce a lasting impression for good on the minds and hearts of his hearers.—Rev. D. Rogers preached Sunday in Stratford. His pulpit here was filled by Mr. Perry, teacher, of Wallace township. He took for the basis of his morning's discourse Romans 8:1, and in the evening preached an excellent sermon on the power of prayer. Mr. Perry is a young man of considerable ability and force of character.—Joseph Ward preached in the Jubilee Methodist church, Elma, on Sunday evening.—The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, of the Presbyterian church, will meet in the future after the Bible class Sunday evening, from 8 to 9 o'clock, instead of Friday evening. The Society is flourishing very favorably.

FRESH salt water herring for sale at Loree's.

HAY Bros.' flour for sale at Mrs. Zeran's grocery.

WE had a pleasant call from James Irwin, of Brussels, Wednesday.

SERVICE will be held in St. Alban's church on Christmas day, at 11 a.m.

JOHN HAWKSHAW and sister have returned from a visit to friends in Lucan.

S. SHANNON, who has been attending Albert College, Belleville, has come home for his holidays.

THE social announced to come off in the Methodist church, Donegal, last Tuesday night, has been postponed till Monday evening next, Dec. 21st.

THE assortment of weather we have had for the past week has been anything but conducive to business. We are anxiously hoping for a big Xmas trade for all lines of business.

A YEARLING colt, sired by imported Dandie Dinmont, owned by W. H. Millman, Woodstock, Ont., sold for \$10,000 in New York last Monday. This is the highest price ever paid for a Canadian-bred yearling.

At the regular annual meeting of the Elma Conservative Association all the old officers were elected, namely:—Dr. J. R. Hamilton, President; S. S. Rothwell, Vice-President; Young Conlter, Sec.-Treas. Another meeting will be held on Dec. 21st, at Loerger's hotel, Atwood, at 2 p.m.

GEO. KORT, the proprietor of the daily stage between Atwood and Mitchell, entered an action against Will Merryfield, of Monkton, for alleged wilful obstruction of the progress of Her Majesty's mails. The suit came up before P. M. Flagg, of Mitchell, on Friday last, and was dismissed with costs to plaintiff.

THE Toronto University conversation is to be held on Feb. 19th, 1892. R. H. Knox, well known here, is one of a committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the brilliant affair. R. H. has also been honored by the appointment of editor-in-chief of the college paper, The "Varsity." Bob is deservedly popular with his fellow students.

THE Toronto Telegram gives the following wise advice to ratepayers:—Do not pledge a vote too long in advance of polling day. It is not well to deprive yourself of an absolute freedom of choice. Give no vote to the most active canvasser. Your vote should not be the reward of the candidate who can walk farthest or beg hardest for it, but it is the only weapon with which the citizen can protect his own pocket from excessive taxation.

RUNAWAY.—While driving along the 16th con. of Elma last Friday, John Pelton's horse took fright at a pile of cedar posts and shyed into the ditch, with the result the buggy was completely demolished, but Jack miraculously escaped unhurt. There are some frightfully deep ditches in both Logan and Elma townships, and it is a wonder to us there are so few accidents. Some of them, particularly along the Mitchell road in Logan, are over six feet deep—regular canals.

THE LADY TEACHER.—The following composition was recently written by an Orillia school boy, after receiving a whipping from one of the lady teachers:—"A school-ma'am is a verb because she denotes action when you throw paper wads at the girls. Switch is a conjunction and is used to connect the verb school-ma'am to the noun boys. This is a compound sentence; boy is the subject and switch the object. First person, plural number. A school-ma'am is different from a boy; a boy wears pants and a school-ma'am wears her hair all banged on her forehead. Ma says a school-ma'am never gets married. It takes two school-ma'ams all day to cook dinner.

SOME people fall discouraged on the highway of life because they cannot be this or that great or eminent person. Why should they not be willing to be themselves? No person is without influence. Why not make the most of what you have? Since you cannot grasp that which you wish, why let what you have slip through your fingers? No person in the world is exactly like you. You have your own faults but you have also your own excellencies, individual to yourself. Give them air. Because you are not a poet, should you not be a good merchant? Because you cannot go to college, should you therefore forswear the alphabet? Because you cannot build a palace, should you not rejoice in your own humble roof, and that because it is your own? Will not the sun also shine into your windows if you do not obstinately persist in shutting it out? If you cannot have a whole house full of flowers, may you not have one sweet rose? Accept thankfully whatever blessings you have and try to make the most of them.

FROM OREGON.—We received Tuesday a letter from our old friend and former townsman, John Allan, who has pitched his tent in North Yamhill, Oregon; and we are pleased to add, he is doing exceedingly well. In his letter he says:—"I receive your valuable paper regularly every week, and I observe in your issue of Nov. 29th that you have winter in dead earnest. I can well imagine how cold it now is in Ontario, and to show you how mild our climate is compared with yours, I enclose some wild strawberry blossoms picked from the roadside on Dec. 4th. I could pluck for Christmas in some of the gardens here, but by the time it reached you its beauty and fragrance would be gone. Hoping that you may enjoy your Xmas turkey, I remain, yours respectfully, JOHN W. ALLAN." We would like very much to live on the sunny slopes of the Pacific coast, where we could hear the sweet love songs of the meadow-lark and nightingale, and enjoy the blessings of perpetual summer, but cruel fate hath decreed otherwise.

3 LBS. of royal mixed candies for 25c. at Mrs. Zeran's grocery.

THE I.O.F. have made arrangements with the Rankin Family to appear here on Christmas night in the Town Hall. This Co. are celebrated for their fine Scotch singing and dancing. They will be accompanied by the noted comic singer, Sim Fax. A rare treat may be expected. See posters for further particulars.

CRADLE.

SMITH.—In Elma, on the 5th inst. the wife of Mr. Thomas Smith, 14th con. of a son.

TOMB.

PAWSON.—In Grey, on Dec. 7th, William Pawson, aged 88 years, 7 months and 15 days.

HOLMES.—In Grey, on Nov. 30th, Margaret, relict of the late John Holmes, of Minto township, and mother of Jas. Holmes, of Grey township, aged 69 years and 4 days.

Auction Sales.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18.—Farm stock and implements, on lot 16, con 6, Elma, at 12:30 p. m. Fhos. E. Hay, auctioneer; Fred Switzer, proprietor.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23RD.—Postponed auction sale of farm stock and implements, on lot 29, con. 8, Elma, at 1 p. m. T. E. Hay, auctioneer; F. R. Curtis, proprietor.

Notice to Creditors.

In the goods of Thomas Ward, of the township of Elma, in the County of Perth, deceased, notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, Chapter 110, Section 38, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Thomas Ward, late of the township of Elma, in the County of Perth, deceased, who died on or about the 17th day of September, A. D. 1891, are requested to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned executors (Kennedyville P. O., Ontario) of the last will and testament of Thomas Ward, deceased, on or before the 31st of January, A. D. 1892, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims and demands and the value of their securities (if any) held by them. And notice is further given that after the said last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been given as above required and the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received as aforesaid.

Dated at Kennedyville, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1891.

JOHN WARD, } Executors.
ROBERT WARD, }

WAIT

Why Wait until the last moment and run the great chance of Missing the

GREAT BARGAINS!

This Week we Offer

27 lbs. good	Brown Sugar for	\$1
24 "	Light "	
22 "	Bright "	\$1
18 "	Granulated "	
14 "	New Raisins "	\$1
14 "	New Currants "	
12 "	New Candy "	
12 "	Natural Figs "	

The above figures are for CASH ONLY; if charged one pound less will be given.

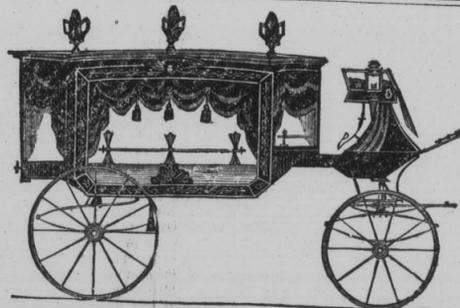
I have equally as good values throughout every department.

Don't fail to see our Overcoats, with capes, at \$3.25 and upwards.

In Men's, Boys' and Youths' Suits we keep a fine range at **Bottom Prices.**

Our 75c. Shoes Has had a great run; we claim them to be at least 33 per cent. lower than they can be had elsewhere.

J. L. MADER.



WM. FORREST, Furniture Dealer, Atwood,

Has on hand a large assortment of all kinds of Furniture, plain and fancy Picture Frame Moulding, Cabinet Photo Frames, Boy's Wagons, Baby Carriages, different prices, different kinds. Parties purchasing \$10 and over worth may have goods delivered to any part of Elma township free of cost.

Freight or Baggage taken to and from Station at Reasonable Rates. Dray always on hand. Undertaking attended to at any time. First-class Hearse in connection. Furniture Rooms opposite P. O.