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Elma.
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Strayed cattle are advertised in this issue.
The schools closed Tuesday for the Christmas vacation.
H. Y. Smith is spending his Xmas with friends at Uxbridge.
John McIntyre is able out of the house we are glad to say.
Eccles Vallance, teacher of Hesson, is home for his Xmas vacation.
Rev. W. H. Harvey, B. A., of Guelph, is spending Xmas with his parents on the 10th con.
Louis Duncan left Thursday for Forest, where he has secured a lucrative position at the cheesemaking. Louis a good man in his business.
Mein Golightly, of Monkton, was visiting friends on the 12th con. last week. The old gentleman is quite spry notwithstanding his advanced years.
John Hanna shot a wild cat Tuesday evening between the 6th and 8th cons, of Elma. It is a whopper. Mr. Hanna handles the carbine to perfection.

J. H. Lamont, student of Toronto University, was a visitor at Treasurer Harvey's several days this week. Mr. Lamont is taking an Arts course and will graduate next spring.
A. W. Boyd, brother of J. Boyd, 6th con., arrived here from Mendocino City, California, this week. He will remain here for the winter. Mr. Boyd has crossed the North American continent ten times, a fact which not many can boast of.
Miss Mamie Harvey's school entertainment on Tuesday drew a large number of the teaching fraternity and visitors generally. Impromptu addresses were delivered by Rev. Henderson (chairman), J. H. Lamont, of Toronto University, and others. Altogether an excellent time was enjoyed. The school, under Miss Harvey's principalship, is progressing splendidly. She is an efficient and pains-taking teacher.

The following is the standing of the pupils in S. S. No. 4, at the examinations held during the month of December.—5th class—John Smith, Earnest Smith, Fred Collins. Senior 4th class—John Adams, Junior 4th class—Bert Turnbull, Ida Shannon, Maud Harris. Senior 3rd class—Thos. Hamilton, Etta Shannon, W. Welsh, Thos. Peebles, Ed. Gaynor, Edith Harris, John Fogal, R. Hamilton. Junior 3rd class—Rachel Laidlaw, Allie Hunter, John Edgar, Lottie Adams, Aggie Hunter, Bella Laidlaw, Eliza Wilson, John Gaynor, Annie Welsh. The names are in order of merit.

J. W. WARD, Teacher.
An enjoyable time was spent at the social held at Jubilee on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th. There was a very good attendance. After refreshments were served readings were given by Master Houze, Miss Richmond and S. Wherry; a recitation entitled "The last hymn" by Bella Forrest, and a half-hour's address to children and adults by Rev. D. Rogers. Hugh Richmond occupied the chair in an efficient manner. The pastor called S. Wherry forward and on behalf of the members and friends presented him with some books and a purse as a tangible expression of their confidence in and appreciation of his efforts to do good in the neighborhood. He made a suitable reply. The music was furnished by Miss Richmond, A. Cruden and Mrs. S. Love, the latter presiding at the organ.

On Sunday night the barn, contents and live stock of Mr. Curtis, who lives on the boundary between Elma and Wallace, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire was noticed by a neighbor about midnight, but before the building could be reached the flames had completely enveloped it, making it impossible to save anything. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Insured in the Howick Mutual Co. Since writing the above report fixes on A. Weiber, a youth of seventeen years of age, who lived with his father, a neighbor of Mr. Curtis'. The lad left home that night and the next day a boy answering to his description was arrested in Preston while trying to dispose of a horse and rig. He was placed in the lock-up and while there cut his throat. Last report stated he was in an unconscious state, but the doctor held out hopes of his recovery.

Ethel.
Albert Sanders, who has been on the sick list, is able to be around again.
Steven Hamilton, of Elma, is visiting in Ethel and vicinity this week. He looks improved.
Mr. Simpson is suffering from a bad cold which has settled on his lungs. He is very low and not improving.
The annual meeting of the patrons and shareholders of the Ethel cheese factory was held on Saturday, and was a great success. Mr. Cleland, of Elma, and Mr. Hannah, of Seaforth, were present and addressed the gathering.

Donegal.
School meeting Wednesday, December 30.
A wood be was held on the farm of B. Balls last week followed by a dance at night. The boys report a huge pile of wood cut on the afternoon and a splendid evening's amusement.

The social held in the Methodist church Monday evening was all that could be expected; it was a success. Short, crisp addresses were delivered by Revs. Henderson, of Atwood, and Smith, of Henfryn. Rev. Henderson spoke on "Work," and Rev. Smith on "Giving." Recitations were given in good style by the Sabbath school scholars, and the Atwood Methodist choir contributed the music, assisted by Misses Dunn and Harvey. Rev. Mr. Rogers discharged the duties of chairman very acceptably. A vote of thanks was tendered the contributors to the evening's enjoyment by S. Vipond, seconded by James Dickson, jr.

The following is the school report for the month of December. Names in order of merit.—5th class—Mary E. McCourt, Duncan McKenzie, R. G. Irvine. Senior 4th class—Thomas McFarlane, John Foulston, Elizabeth McFarlane. Junior 4th class—Nellie McFarlane, Elizabeth McCourt, Emerson Vipond. Senior 3rd class—Sarah McNichol, Arnold Williams, Frank Wilson. Junior 3rd class—Fena Petrie, Robt. McCourt, Willie A. Buchanan. 2nd class—Maud McCourt, Edith McCourt, Geo. McCracken. 1st Part, Senior—John Buchanan, Albert Hammond, Mary Hemphill. 1st Part Intermediate—Maggie McKenzie, Fred Candler, Joe, Burke. 1st Part, Junior—Stanley Buchanan, Isaac Henry, Lily Smith. 1st Part, Senior—Annie Hemphill, Maud McClelan, Herbert McClelan. 1st Part, Intermediate—John Johnston, Willie Anderson, Joseph McNichol. 1st Part, Junior—Sam Barton, Jake Culhoff.

Monkton.
Will Sneek, of Cranbrook, was in the village last week.
S. Wherry, of Elma, held forth in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.
Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Berlin, gave an interesting talk on missions in the Presbyterian church last week.

Mr. Clarkson, formerly a resident of this place, and later a hotelkeeper in St. Marys, has opened a shoe shop in the village of Brownville.
Henry Wieben, of con. 16, Elma, was driving into town last week when his team ran away. They were stopped before much damage was done.

At the meeting of the shareholders of the Mankton cheese factory last week the old board of directors was re-elected, with T. Moffat in the chair.
Notices are out for a lecture on "Electricity," to be delivered by Wm. Lochhead, B. A., Science Master of Galt Collegiate Institute, in the Town Hall, Atwood, on the evening of Jan. 1st. The lecture will be illustrated by a practical electrician, of Galt. The lecture should attract a crowd from this locality.

The Methodist Sunday school entertainment is assuming more definite proportions. The children have been carefully drilled in the rendition of a choice cantata, and their voices blend well in the numerous choruses. The church has been beautifully decorated, and the appearance of Santa Claus will be highly realistic.

HYMEN'S ALTAR.—Miss Kate Eskine was married on Wednesday evening, 23rd inst., to John R. Inglis, of Georgetown. Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., of Atwood, made the contract binding. The young couple were the recipients of many valuable presents. A goodly number of the youth and beauty of the village assembled to see the knot tied and spent the evening in the usual festivities. The bridal party left next morning for Georgetown, where Mr. and Mrs. Inglis will make their home. The BEE adds its congratulations.

This is the record of the pupils of the Monkton school in the fall examinations:—5th class—James Erskine, H. Porterfield. Senior 4th class—Lizzie Huggins, Annie Wassman, Rachel Holman, Addie Stewart, Richard Near, Emma Bettger, Will Adair, Jno. Knipe. Junior 4th class—Emma Scott, Kate McCarthy, Lena Scott, Mary McCarthy, Will Holmes, Senior 3rd class—Idella Stewart, Lavina Porterfield, Etta Stewart, Sara Inglis, Annie Sherwin, Geo. Manton. Junior 3rd class—Thomas Knipe and Geo. Golightly (equal), Wesley Holman, Jas. Holman, Fanny Scott, Ella McCarthy, Ida Jury, Henry Bettger, Will Bettger, Annie Smith. Senior 2nd class—Edith Adair, Bessie Adair, Will Sherwin, Geo. Adair, Mary Bannerman. Junior 2nd class—Ella Golightly, Gregory Kuhry, Bessie Sherwin, Will Robertson, Jas. Golightly, Edith Erskine, Geo. Near. Class I, Pt. Senior 2nd—Clara Year, Will Featherstone, Melissa Stewart. Junior Pt. 2nd—Sylvie Kuhry, Eldie Wilson, Annie Holman. Class I, Pt. Senior 1st—Frederick Porterfield, Clara Matthews, Ralph Robertson, Jessie Huggins, Lena Holman, Mary Matthews, Roy Golightly, Alice Adair, Maggie Bettger, Lizzie Bronlinton, Fanny Featherstone, Lizzie McCarthy, Dan McCarthy. Junior Pt. 1—Melvyn Matthews, Ollie Wilson, Jennie Featherstone, Edith Angler, J. Ritz. Average attendance 58.
J. W. WARD, Teacher.

Henfryn.
Report says there is to be a wedding shortly. Particulars later.
Bawtinheimer & Hefferman shipped a carload of fat stock to Toronto on Monday of last week.

Municipal politics are again looming up, the general feeling is that Reeve Milne will again be elected.
J. L. McCrae has completed the bridge on the 8th con., near here, and it appears to be a very substantial structure.

Between tea meetings, surprise parties and raffles we are reminded that we are in the midst of the long winter evenings once more.
Alex. Fraser has bought the old saw mill frame and intends rebuilding it on his farm on the 14th con., Grey, to be used as a barn.

Brown & Cooper have just completed a long season's threshing and are now arranging to run a cutting box by steam to accommodate the farmers. Success.

Grey.
Mrs. Henry Ball is home from an extended visit to relatives in the East.
Alex. Stewart, 8th con., was laid up for a few days with a lame knee occasioned by one of Job's comforters.

Township nominations at Cranbrook on Monday, 28th inst. There is a strong probability that the old Council will not have opposition.
Samuel Yuill came home from Van derbilt, Mich., for a visit with relatives and friends. He has resided in Michigan for the past 9 years.

We are sorry to hear that Jno. J. Ball is somewhat bothered with his former trouble—rheumatics or sciatica—but we hope the remedies being used will prove efficacious.

The Whitfield church, 12th con., is undergoing a renovation and will be much improved when the work is complete. A stone foundation has been built, new chimneys added and ceiling and walls renewed with ash lumber. Wellington Fogal, of Ethel, and Mr. Campbell, of the 16th con., have the job in hand.

OBIT.—On Tuesday of last week the spirit of Mrs. Thomas Whitfield took its flight. About two years ago she had an attack of la grippe which soon developed into consumption. Owing to her vigorous constitution and strong will she did not take to her bed until three months ago. She was cheerful through her illness and never lost faith in the promises of God, which she had consistently followed for many years.

NOTICE!
THE Corporation of the Township of Elma will apply to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an Act to ratify and validate By-law No. 288, of said Township, and the Debentures issued or to be issued thereunder.
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Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, lots 4 and 5, con. 18, Grey, on or about Sept. 1st, 1891, five yearling cattle—3 steers and 2 heifers. The steers are red in color, and the heifers are spotted. All have rings in their right ears. \$5 will be given for any information leading to their recovery.
ROBT. BLAIR,
Walton P.O.
48-4in*

NOTICE.
The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Elma Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Co. will be held in the cheese factory on Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1892, for receiving the Auditors' report, appointing Directors, &c., for the ensuing year, considering questions of importance, such as "How to deal with the whey, testing milk, and on what principle the milk is to be paid for." Also any other matter that may be considered in the interests of the Company to consider.
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Secretary.
48-2in

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MRS. M. HARVEY.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up till Tuesday, Dec. 29th, for the old Maunse frame building and the land attached to it, lying west of the large entrance gate to the manse. Tenders may either include both or separately. Committee not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. WM. LOCHHEAD,
Sec'y Presbyterian church.
Atwood, Dec. 8, 1891. 46-3in

SHEEP LOST.

LOST, on or about June 15, 1891, three ewes and four lambs from lot 16, con. 5, Elma. One ewe had two lambs; the ewes have pig rings in their left ears, also two lambs have pig rings in their ears. Any person giving information as to their whereabouts will be liberally rewarded.
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