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The best variety of Seeded, Seedless and finest selected Cooking Raisins and a very fine range of New Nuts, Peels, Figs, Dates, etc.

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We are headquarters in Athens for Santa Claus.

Our stock of mechanical toys, dolls, picture books, etc., was never more complete.

See our line of fancy china and glassware, toilet sets, glove and handkerchief boxes, and souvenirs.

We have a very large assortment of linen, lawn and silk handkerchiefs in prices ranging from 3c up.

Have just received a line of fancy belts in individual boxes, very suitable for mailing to distant friends, at 50c each.

Our new styles of men's neckwear and suspenders in individual boxes are very nobby and suitable for friends at home or for mailing.

See our fancy linens—napkins, table and tray cloths, and doilies. Special values.

We have a few ladies' fur neckerchiefs which would make very acceptable Xmas gifts, on which we will give very close prices to clear.

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Deposits of \$1.00 and over will be received and interest allowed from date of deposit at highest current rates.  
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This Bank is prepared to advance money at reasonable rates and terms. Blank notes furnished for auction sales and sale notes cashed.  
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We offer exceptional facilities to factory accounts. Cheque cheques cashed without charge at any of our branches, or at Brockville if desired. Interest allowed on daily balance.  
**ATHENS BRANCH E. S. CLOW, Manager.**

While Christmas chimes are ringing, we come to day, And Christmas songs we're singing along our way. Our banners raising with hymns of praising, We come this Christmas Day.

Local and General

Select Oysters at Wilson's. Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Dried fruits—a full range at McClary's. Try Athens Grain Warehouse for flour.

Now, watch the days grow longer and—the cold grow stronger. Santa Claus candy—bulk goods, containing all the mixtures—at McClary's. Miss Wilhelmina Sly of Elgin spent the week end visiting friends in Athens.

When you want a toy of any kind, see what you can get at McClary's. Messrs E. and J. McLean and Geo. Holmes, students at Queen's, are home for vacation.

G. A. McClary has a line of high grade confectionery in gift boxes that cannot be excelled. Mr and Mrs A. Freeman of Gouverneur, N. Y., are visiting friends in Athens.

Toys to no end at McClary's. Bring the children—let them enjoy the sight. Mr Eric Jones has been very ill for several days in Toronto, but, we are pleased to learn, is now improving.

The Japanese China goods at McClary's delight all who visit the store. Not high priced. The regular meeting of the I. O. F. will be held on Saturday evening in stead of Friday, this week.

Mr J. Spicer of Newboro spent Tuesday the guest of his daughter, Mrs A. W. Parib. Presents in china ware, from 10c to 25c—a whole table full—at McClary's.

Mr Harry Hamilton, a former student at the A. H. S., is now in the Merchants Bank, Athens. The parlor lamps at McClary's combine more beauty and utility than any article for a present. Call and inspect.

Hockey meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in Pierce's sample room. A full attendance requested. The great Local Option meeting of the campaign takes place this (Wednesday) evening in the town hall.

Mr and Mrs J. A. Whipple of Brockport, N. Y., are spending Xmas vacation in Athens, guests of Miss Maggie Kelly. Mr J. H. Mulvena, Reeve of Rear Yonge and Escott, attended the tax sale at Brockville on Tuesday. The municipality obtained \$280 back taxes for the land in the Temperance Lake district.

The annual entertainment in connection with St. Luke's S. S., Lyndhurst, is to be held on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 29. The programme will include a Christmas tree, a concert and two dramatic performances. An evening of thorough enjoyment is assured to all.

A very satisfactory statement has just been issued by Mr R. Henderson for Farmersville cheese factory. During the past season the 70 patrons of the factory received a total of \$28172.59. Total butter made, 5325 lbs.; total cheese, 209567 lbs. Average price of milk per ton for cheese, \$19.58; average for butter and cheese, \$20.16.

A modern business education will make a young man or woman independent for life. We attribute our success to the thorough and practical training given in all departments, and to the high standard set for examination. Our enrollment for the present term surpasses anything in our past history. We assist all graduates to situations as soon as they complete their courses, as we are in affiliation with the employment bureaus of large cities, and our graduates are placed free of charge to the student. Catalogue and beautiful 1909 calendar sent free on request. Frontenac Business College, Kingston. T. N. Stockdale, Principal.

—Extra quality fine spices, flavoring extracts, etc., at McClary's. The Shamrock Medicine Company are booked for the town hall, Athens, Jan. 14th, for one week.

Mr B. J. Saunders of Edmonton, Alberta, is visiting friends in Brockville.

Mr I. C. Alquire attended the funeral of the late Mrs Betts in Brockville on Wednesday last.

Call in and see my fancy Catters before they are all gone—D. Fisher. 49—50

The local branch of the Farmers Bank is presenting its patrons with a handsome calendar.

Mr H. W. Kincaid called on friends in Athens last week. We regret to note that he is not fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr Frank Dier, a popular member of the Merchants Bank staff here, has been transferred to the Westport branch.

Nothing more beautiful, nothing more acceptable as a gift than a piece of red from the great Art China at McClary's.

A Withrow memorial service will be conducted in the Methodist church on Sunday next by the pastor, Rev F. A. Read.

A public meeting in the interests of Local Option will be held at Mort Topping's cheese factory, Union Valley, on the evening of Tuesday next, 29th.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Hudgins and children of Napanee are spending Christmas vacation at the home of Mr and Mrs T. G. Stevens.

Master Willie Freeman of Gouverneur, N. Y., is spending Xmas vacation at the home of his grandmother in Athens.

The person that took, in mistake, a parcel from the counter of Phil Wiltse's store on Tuesday will please return it as soon as possible.

Mr Percy Wiltse, son of A. E. Wiltse of Pleasant, N. D. is visiting old friends in Athens. He left here when a little boy, ten years ago.

The Christmas Day services in the Anglican churches will be held at Trinity church, Oak Leaf, at 8.30 a.m. and at Christ church, here, at 11 a.m. on Friday.

Call at the woollen mill and see our special lot of Pure Wool Blankets, size 72x90, for holiday trade; also we have a large stock of Tweeds, Flannels and yarps of all kinds. 46-50

The salad and fruit dishes at McClary's are unsurpassable in beauty, quality value. You are particularly invited to see these new and handsome goods.

All arrangements are completed for the Methodist S. S. entertainment Xmas night. There will be a Christmas tree and first class entertainment. Doors open at 6.45; programme at 7.30.

The rink has been as far advanced as the weather would allow, and if Jack Frost would stay with us for a few days a good sheet of ice would be formed. It will be open and free to all on Thursday evening.

After twenty seven years faithful and efficient service as cheesemaker, Mr Ormond Gibson of Caintown is retiring from the business, and on Wednesday last he was honored with a banquet at which he was presented with an address and pipe.

The Shamrock Concert Co., the big fun show, will open a weeks engagement in the town hall, Athens, commencing Thursday, Jan. 14th. Since their last visit here, two years ago, the Shamrock Concert Co. has played from the Atlantic to the Pacific, advertising their splendid new discoveries—The Shamrock Remedies—to phenomenal success, invariably having to turn people away nightly in even the big city theatres. The company is all new this season and the best show Mr Kelly has ever carried. There is a big weeks fun in store for the people of Athens and surrounding country, with many novel attractions, including the handsome baby contest, best looking lady and gentleman contest, big load contest, amateur contest, door vote for gold watch. Three hours of genuine fun every night. Admission free to every one. Don't miss the opening night, Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Rev Manly Bundage was heard with pleasure and profit by large congregations in the Methodist church on Sunday last. The special Xmas music by the choir was also greatly enjoyed.

After a brief illness, William Lang died at his home, Glen Elbe, on Sunday night. Deceased was a young man of thirty years and a native of England. He came to this country a few years ago and was a lessee of the the Richard Cornell farm which he was successfully working at the time illness manifested itself. He is survived by his wife and three small children, who have the hearty sympathy of the entire community.

The municipal pot is more than simmering just now. The Liberals and Conservatives of the township meet in the township hall on Saturday evening to make amicable arrangements for nomination day. The political parties of the village, too are moving in the same direction. Of course, there may be an election in both municipalities, but it doesn't look that way just now.

The entertainment given by the school children of Washburne's school on Friday night last was a very good one. The little performers did credit to themselves as well as to their teacher, Miss Webster. Several dialogues were also well presented. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to the teacher of a handsome silver cake dish, Mrs Oscar Webster reading the address, and Mr Wm. Whaley making the presentation. Rev R. B. Patterson acted as chairman.

ANGLICAN S. S. CONCERT

The concert given by the S. S. of Christ Church on Monday night was voted a complete success. The chorus work of the children, under the leadership of Miss Patterson, in the cantata, as well as the various characterizations Autumn, Winter, Storm King, Jack Frost, Long Ago, St. Nicholas, etc.—were very effectively rendered by the persons concerned.

The dialogue, "Punkin Ridge," was a good one and was cleverly done and elicited much applause from time to time. The parts were so uniformly taken that it is difficult to discriminate.

The Christmas tree well laden and distributed by St. Nicholas himself, was the closing event of interest for the children.

Model Graduates

In the list of successful students at Kingston Model School appear the names of the following students:—Ella Byington, Athens. J. P. Fahey, Elgin. Mabel Forester, Westport. Oscar R. Harvey, Lyndhurst. Maggie McCann, Westport. Julia E. McCann, Westport. Anna U. Nolan, Athens. Irene Palmer, Westport. Grace E. Stewart, Lyn.

High Class Concert

Arrangements are being made for the appearance here on New Year's eve of the following high class artists at a concert to be held in the town hall:—Donald McGregor, the famous baritone.

Harry M. Bennett, humorous entertainer. Clara Bigwood, the great Soprano. Grace Merry, elocutionist. These artists have a continental reputation, and their coming to Athens is due to the enterprise of Mr E. S. Clow who, with the endorsement of many Athenians, has consented to manage the entertainment. Advertising matter will be posted at once.



Mitts & Gloves

The best in town. See our 25c horsehide unlined mitts. Our Comfort Mitts with horsehide cordovan palms for 50c have no equal.

Our Bells are all made from the best bell-metal. Do not rust. A good string to go all around the horse for \$1.00.

We have a nice stock of saddle and shaft Gongs in brass and nickel. See our Swedish chimes.

Robes, the kind you have been looking for. The Saskatchewan, which is wind and water proof, we have in all sizes. Get one of our chest protectors for your horse for 10c, worth 35c. Protect him from the cold breezes. Everything for the horse and cutter.

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PRICES REDUCED



H. H. Arnold will sell during December his entire stock of

Men's, Boys' & Children's Clothing

at greatly reduced prices. This is the largest and most up-to-date stock in Athens, and this is the

Greatest Opportunity Ever Offered

to get High-grade Clothing at less than the cost of production.

**H. H. ARNOLD**

The People's Column

Yorkshire Boar  
The undersigned has for service at his farm, Temperance Lake, a thoroughbred Yorkshire Boar 48-51 YATES AVERY, Athens P.O.

Farm for Sale  
The Taplin farm, adjoining the village of Athens, consisting of about 25 acres. Farm and residence will be sold separately if desired. Apply to T. R. BEALE, Solicitor for Executors. 28-31

Roomers Wanted  
The undersigned has comfortable accommodations for two lady students. Apply to MRS. N. SHOOK.

Mare for Sale  
The undersigned has for sale a buckskin mare, well built, good roaster. Apply to 50-51 J. R. DOWSLEY, Athens.

Special Offering for December

For the approaching holiday season we are placing in stock a line of individual pieces of Furniture, handsome in design, elegant in finish—suitable for a gift, and not too high priced for your own home.

See our Parlor Suits, Dining Room and Bedroom Suits—all of the latest design and finish. We can meet your views as to both beauty and value.

When you are preparing for Xmas, give sensibly—call and see what we can do for you in the line of Rockers, Easy Chairs, Couches, etc.

**T. G. Stevens**

PHYSICIAN GIVES ADVICE

Tells Why So Many Suffer from Catarrh and Rheumatism.

A distinguished physician, famous for his successful treatment of catarrh and rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles, states as follows:—"Our climate bears more or less damp and changeable, is bad for catarrh and rheumatism, and care must be taken not to let these troubles gain headway. In addition, he states that a great many Canadians are careless in their habits, and to this as much as climatic conditions is due a great deal of the trouble. Insufficient clothing and improper eating will cause rheumatic and catarrhal troubles in any climate.

This eminent authority gives the following as the simplest and best treatment known to science, and to it he gives credit largely for his success:— Fluid Extract Cascara..... 1/2 oz. Carriana Compound ..... 1 oz. Syrup Sarsaparilla ..... 6 oz. Directions: One teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime. The ingredients are all vegetable, and have a direct and specific action on the liver, kidneys, and bowels, eliminating all poisonous matter from the system. Any druggist can dispense this, or you can buy the ingredients separately and mix at home by shaking in a bottle.

Many of our readers should benefit by this article. Save the recipe.



It is sometimes hard to persuade people that they are missing many opportunities by not taking advantage of what we offer. Here's a chance that requires little or no persuasion to induce you to buy your holiday delicacies from us.

Blue Point Oysters, 60c Sweet Juicy Oranges—20c, 25c, 40c, 60c per dozen. New Nuts, all varieties, 20c per lb. The finest selection of Bon Bons. Xmas Candies at prices to meet the pocket book. Ingersoll Cream Cheese, 15c per block. Malaga Grapes, 18c per lb.

**E. C. TRIBUTE**

Xmas Greeting

We have lines specially suited for the great Xmas and New Year festival.

Spices, Extracts Icing Sugars Pure Chocolate, etc.

and in Dried Fruit we have a fine line of Raisins, Currants, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Peels, etc.

In short, you will find here everything you require for pudding or pastry.

In wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we invite you to call and see the beautiful line of gift goods we are offering.

**G. A. McClary**

HARDWARE

The attention of Farmers - and - Builders

Is directed to my stock Shelf and Heavy Hardware Paints and Oils Glass and Putty Gardening Tools Spades, Shovels, Forks etc.

All my goods are of the latest design, the product of reliable manufacturers, and will give good satisfaction. Choice line of cutlery and many articles for the household. We ask only a fair price and invite inspection of the values offered. **OPEN EVERY EVENING.**

**W. G. JOHNSON**

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