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LOCAL ITEMS

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 Miss Ida Bates, Elbe Mills, is visiting relatives at Ogdensburg, N.Y.
 "Esmeralda"—H. S. hall, Athens, Friday, Dec 16.
 Mr. W. S. Banta of New York arrived in Brockville on Monday.
 —Market your poultry in Athens on Monday next.
 Miss Lenna Brown will teach Temperance Lake school during 1905.
 The Reformers of South Leeds meet in convention at Delta on Thursday, Dec. 8.
 Rev. Prof. Elliott of Montreal will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday next.
 The council of Rear Yonge & Escott will meet on Thursday, 15th inst., at 1 p.m.
 On December 15, the annual Christmas festival and entertainment of Christ Church S. S. will be held.
 Mr. Adam Ducolon has returned to Athens after a successful season in the cheese factory at Winchester.
 The village council will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, to wind up the business of the year.
 Mr. J. W. Russell, bailiff of the 6th division court, was a visitor in Athens yesterday.
 The Christian Guardian, the official organ of the Methodists in Canada, celebrated its 75th birthday a few days ago.
 Mr. Massey is improving in health, but it is not likely that he will be able to resume personal direction of H. S. affairs until after the Xmas vacation.
 Rev. I. N. Beckstedt went to Guelph this week to spend a few days, in connection with the Provincial Winter Fair.
 The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Everetts on Thursday afternoon.
 Miss Ethel Imerson, a '04 graduate and medalist of the A. H. S., was compelled by illness last week to abandon her training course at the model school.
 Mrs. M. H. Eyre and little daughter, Geraldine, are visiting friends in Plum Hollow. Geraldine is taking advantage of the holiday to have her share of the measles.
 Rev. W. H. Rowsom, B.A. of Burlington, was instantly killed a few days ago while crossing the railway track at Boston. The deceased was born near Addison and was the son of the late Wm. Rowsom of Lyn.

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 The municipal smile is beginning to appear on the surface of the prospective candidates for a municipal honors, says an exchange. In this town nothing is heard as yet about the approaching elections.
 There were four applicants for the position of principal of the Arnprior High School. The successful one was J. H. Mills, of Waterford, Ont. a graduate of Queen's and a specialist in classics. He will enter upon his duties at the beginning of next school term. Mr. Mills before going to Waterford, filled the position of principal of the Athens high school, and was one of the very best of the many good principals this school has had.

The New York dramatic success—"Esmeralda"—H.S. ball, Athens, on Dec. 16. Don't miss it.
 The rule dispensing with mixed choirs in the Roman Catholic churches has been adopted in Toronto.
 The electors of Iroquois will vote on a local option liquor by-law on Saturday, Dec. 17.
 Excellent ice covers the flats and ponds, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the skating.
 Mr. M. C. Lee has his business now thoroughly installed in the Wm. Parish block.
 The Athens Baptist Sabbath school intends having its Christmas entertainment on the evening of the 21st inst.
 The Methodist Ministerial Association of this district will hold sessions here on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.
 Messes of the old-fashioned kind are having a great run in this district, and the attendance at school is greatly lessened in consequence.
 The children, grandchildren and friends of Mr. E. C. Sitter celebrated his seventieth birthday at Delta on Saturday last.
 Miss Bessie Taylor of Auburn, N.Y., has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with relatives at Elbe Mills and Lyn.
 Teachers wishing to renew their certificates are permitted to take up the preparatory work at home and write on the Model exam.
 Mr. G. F. Reynolds of Westport caught cold while visiting friends at Iroquois last week and is again an inmate of Brockville General Hospital.
 Mr. W. G. Johnston is opening out in the Green block a stock of seasonable hardware, and later will add a full line of builders' supplies. See adv't next week.
 Following will be the location of some of Athens teachers during 1905: Miss A. Hagerman, the Soper school, Kitley; Miss Edna McLaughlin, Daytown; Miss Maud Wiltsie, Hart Island.
 The grocery of G. A. McClary is being neatly decorated for the holiday trade. The first consignment of Christmas goods has arrived and is now being displayed. A first choice counts for something—call early.
 At the poultry fair held at Bellamy's last week, the ruling price for turkeys was 14c, a few choice birds bringing 14½c. The buyers were Messrs. Lynch & Moffatt, who will buy here on Friday next.
 —On Monday next, Dec. 12, poultry sellers will have the advantage of offering their birds in Athens to both American and Canadian buyers. The indications are that a good price will be paid.
 The members of the Church of England of Addison intend holding their annual Sunday-school entertainment in Ashwood Hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 17. Mr. Cookin of Toronto is to take part in the programme and an excellent time is expected.
 On next Sabbath Rev. B. W. Merrill, B.A., of Ottawa, will occupy the Plum Hollow Baptist pulpit at 11 o'clock, and the Athens Baptist pulpit at 7. Mr. Merrill is regarded as a fine speaker, and it is expected that he will be greeted by large audiences.
 Mr. James McIntosh of Harrison has been in Athens for a few days, and has visited the scene of desolation wrought by the fire that destroyed the McIntosh mill. He sympathises with Mr. O'Brien, speaks very highly of him, and is desirous that the mill and business should be re-established.
 St. Thomas, Ont., council has passed a resolution instructing the clerk to prepare a by-law for regulating the sale of cigarettes in that city by imposing a license of not less than \$100 per year for the privilege of selling them. The by-law is to become effective on Jan. 1st, 1905.
 The ballot box investigation is still going on at Belleville, and the more that is told in court the worse the matter appears, and the more people are implicated. The villainy of the scheme is hardly greater than the idiocy of the men who expected to work it successfully and without being exposed.
 A meeting of the Reform electors of Counties Council District No. 8 will be held in Lamb's Hall, Athens, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m., to select a candidate for the office of commissioner, and to transact general business. Meetings for appointment of delegates will be held at Addison on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 10, and at Athens on Friday, Dec. 9.
 Horace J. Robinson, proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hall, Brockville, has received from the Imperial War Office, a very handsome medal presented in recognition of his services in the British Boer war throughout which he served with distinction with Brabant's Horse. The medal, suitably inscribed, has four bars attached, representing different sections of the country. One bar is marked Cape Colony, another Wepener, representing the siege of Wepener, and two others bear the names of Belfast and Wittenberger, indicative of engagements in the upper part of the Transvaal.

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