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The traveler was bound to cross, but refused to pay three times as much as the man who passed before him or the one who was to come next. The ferryman would not wet an ear unless payment for his services was assured. Here was ample foundation for an argument, and presumably the opportunity was not neglected. But a satisfactory arrangement was finally reached, the traveler getting value received for his coonskin by being waded three times across the stream. This of course would leave him on the right side, and neither party to the trade would have cause for complaint. Such was the generous spirit of accommodation which obtained in these earlier days, such—

but hold on a bit. On the second trip the ferryman chanced to inspect the coonskin closely and found that it was by no means up to the recognized standard. Maybe it had been killed too early in the season or was not properly stretched. Anyway, he decided that four bits was all it was worth, and the traveler frankly admitted the soundness of his judgment, acknowledged that he had received its value in the double ferryage and forthwith started on his fifty mile ride up the river to the nearest point where it was fordable—Field and Stream.

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DISTRICT DOINGS DRESDEN

Dec. 27.—Mrs. E. Miller and the Messrs May and Grace Miller, of Port Huron, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharpe.

Frank Sharpe, of Chatham, spent Christmas at his home in town.

Harold Hughes, of Chatham, was home for Christmas day and yesterday. He was accompanied by his cousin, Ralph Ingalls, Chatham.

The municipal nominations were held yesterday and prospects are bright for a better council than usual for 1905. Mayor Ribble is out for another term and will probably be opposed by J. C. Tassie, Captain Ribble has made an enterprising chief magistrate, and has done much for Dresden in the last four years. Many are of the opinion, however, that five consecutive years as Mayor is too much to ask, and it is to be hoped Mr. Tassie will remain in the field, so that the voice of the people may decide, either in his favor, or in favor of a fifth term for Captain Ribble. Among the would-be councillors are many new names, some of them being: E. H. Dever, Dr. W. D. Wiley, A. Marquise, R. Brewster, John Slater and W. N. Taylor. The old council, N. Caracullen, Wm. Ward, L. Houston and R. P. Wright will probably remain in the field, so that a contest is assured, and with such a good field to choose from, an excellent council should be secured.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gordon and family spent Christmas with relatives in Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tassie and family were the guests of Toronto relatives for Christmas and yesterday.

Some of the visitors in town for Christmas-tide festival were Sandy Burnie, of Sarnia; Roy Turner, of Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Moorhouse, of London, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wade, Toronto, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Osquode McLean; Mrs. Wells, Toronto, who was the guest of her son, T. Wells; Karl Kimmerey, Chatham, and many others.

H. A. Colville and family spent the holiday here with relatives.

F. K. Hughes, of Huron College, London, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Walter Jeffs, of the Ontario College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, is home for the holiday season.

Dr. Owen Watson, who is taking a special course of dental study in Chicago, is spending the holidays at his home in town.

Miss Maud Watterworth and Miss E. Aikin, of Toronto, are holiday visitors at the home of the latter.

The entertainment given by the scholars of the Methodist Sunday school in the Grand Opera House last night was most successful. It was a night of the musical cantata, "A Merry Christmas War," and was much enjoyed by the large audience present.

CON. 8, RALEIGH.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, who will hold a series of "Lectures" revival meetings, will be assisted by Mr. Hill, of Chatham.

Bert Stover's shooting match was a decided success, the local miradors enjoying themselves immensely.

Mr. James Rhodes, Jr., left last Monday for Chatsworth, near Owen Sound, where he intends to move his family next January. He has purchased a saw mill and sash and door factory.

It is almost as dry here now as it was wet last spring and many of the farmers have to haul water for their stock.

Mr. Duncan Ritchie has two gas wells now. Having lifted the casing of his old one a few feet the pressure greatly increased, but not enough, it was feared, to supply the stores, so a new well was drilled, which proved much stronger than the old one ever was.

FLORENCE.

Rev. Mr. George visited friends here yesterday.

Miss Richardson, Union School, Dawn and Camden, wrote on her examination last week at Chatham.

D. M. Healy visited Chatham last Tuesday.

Mr. and Miss Lang visited Chatham friends last Saturday.

R. Buchanan is clerking in L. R. Miller's store.

Misses Edna and Verna Sweet, of Detroit, are visiting their parents here.

Mr. Peters, Dresden, has purchased the McLevy shop and will do a general business in blacksmithing.

The bazaar in connection with St. Matthew's Church was a decided success. About 930 a delicious lunch was served, such as our St. Matthew ladies always give. The proceeds amounted to \$60; the autograph quilts brought \$100; total, \$160.

Joseph Lynden, Waldenburg, visited friends here last week.

Our merchants are all doing a fair trade.

L. H. Cragg has moved into his new store.

DOVER CENTRE.

An excellent concert was given in the Dover Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The choir was ably filled by Mr. James Bennie, who is second to none in that capacity, and who, we are proud to say, is one of our own residents.

E. Duggs, of Chatham, sang two excellent solos, which were heartily appreciated by the audience. She will always be welcome in our midst.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, B. A., of Chatham, gave a splendid speech. He has spoken in our church before and has won for himself a high place in our esteem. Miss Myrtle Kennedy, one of our own



WORN OUT

A woman worn-out, who never has to lift a hand for herself, who does not know the meaning of the word "worry"! How can it be possible? That it is possible is proved by the experience of many a woman who, because of sleeplessness, nervousness, backache and other womanly ills, becomes an utter physical wreck.

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It suffered for five years with inflammation which caused violent pain and often torture so bad at times that I could not get to bed. I was in favor of a fifth term for Captain Ribble. Among the would-be councillors are many new names, some of them being: E. H. Dever, Dr. W. D. Wiley, A. Marquise, R. Brewster, John Slater and W. N. Taylor.

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young ladies, and who, during the past year has been attending Alma College, gave the recitation, "The Whistling Regiment," in which she proved herself an elocutionist of no mean order. We congratulate her on her talent in this work.

The leading feature of the evening was a lecture given by the Rev. J. C. Tolmie, B. A., of Windsor, on his trip to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Mr. Tolmie has at the artist of an actor, and by the drollest humor and sublimest pathos, he kept the audience spell-bound for one and one-half hours. In his lecture Mr. Tolmie clearly sustained his reputation as being "the Talmage of Western Ontario."

The accompanist of the evening was Mrs. A. E. Neilly, an accomplished musician, who performed her part in an able and pleasing manner. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Hugh Porter and seconded by Mr. R. Williams, was extended to all who so kindly assisted in making this concert such a decided success.

The proceeds of the evening, amounting to the handsome sum of \$37, will be expended in purchasing gasoline lamps for the church. This will add greatly to the convenience and profit of the church.

Our pastor, Mr. E. Neilly, B. A., was complimented by the speakers on the continual success of his work in Dover field.

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CZAR ISSUES HIS UKASE.

Leaves Question of the Constitutional Assembly Untouched, and Jewish Religion Is Without Specific Mention.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Nicholas' long expected ukase was issued last night. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of zemstvos' presidents held here last month, and while not specially pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, promised that each shall be referred to the council of ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, the freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

Among those competent to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document, the ultimate value of which depended largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. It has not met the full wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms.

MAKES LIBERAL PROMISES.

Student Situation Acute in Moscow—Kurapatkin Favors Broader Zemstvos.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—An Imperial Ukase issued last night makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads:

It promises a full and equal enforcement of existing laws.

Assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self government, and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf.

Promulgates a scheme of workman's insurance.

Extends the liberty of the press.

And promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

M. Witte seems again to be high in the favor of the Emperor, and is almost a daily visitor at the Tsar'skoe-Selo.

There seems to be no evidence of a cessation of the agitation in different parts of the country in favor of liberal reforms. The situation is most acute in Moscow, where the university is closed and other societies are in constant state of ferment.

It develops that the social revolution party in Moscow before the demonstrations of Dec. 18 and 19, practically issued a warning commending to death Grand Duke Sergei and Police Master Trepoft, if, during these demonstrations, there should be a recurrence of their police brutality, which was witnessed in St. Petersburg. Subsequently the students decided not only to cease attending lectures, but to demonstrate on the occasion of the burial of the victims of the rioting of Dec. 18 and 19, to ally themselves with the labor movement and to take up arms in their own defence.

Gen. Kurapatkin, according to an interview with Prince Dolgorouky, head of the Moscow Red Cross detachment at the front, has added his voice in favor of broader activity of the Zemstvos. This may be fraught with immense significance later.

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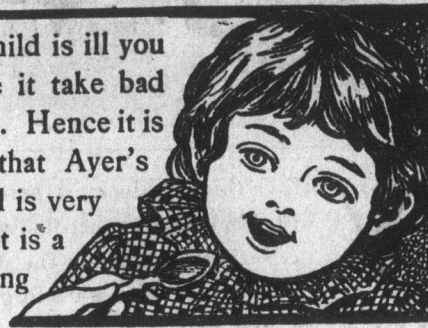
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Asked if such an instrument could be made a reliable timekeeper which a business man could keep his appointments, Sir William answered, "Yes, so far as the principle is concerned. You have the energy, and unless the thing stuck at some time or other it would go on on, and could be regulated to move the hands on a clock face to a mechanical nicety."

Sir William did not think such a clock would be a very expensive luxury. It would be possible to make one for about \$200, he thought.

Land of Much Promise.

Argentina has an area of 1,120,000 square miles. This area, except a very small portion, is located in the south temperate zone, and in it are 245,000,000 acres of arable and 235,000,000 acres of pastoral land, and yet only 21,000,000 acres are under cultivation. Hundreds of individual men in every state or province own each from 75 to 100 square miles of land. It is strictly suited to white labor. In this vast extent, however, there are as yet only 5,000,000 inhabitants, while it can easily support 75,000,000 people.

100,000,000 cattle and 300,000,000 sheep. Buenos Ayres, the capital, is one of the most prosperous and beautiful cities in the world, and has a population of nearly 1,000,000. Neither in this city nor in the interior is there any considerable Indian or negro element, such as is found in other South American countries. The population is 99 per cent. of white extraction.

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