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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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VALENTINES and Valentine Post Cards

REGULAR meeting of Court Lorne, C. D. F., next Monday evening. Several initiations.

MONDAY's storm was the worst this winter, and the roads in many cases are badly drifted. THE new corset models, \$1.00 to \$2 50.

S. SAUNDERS & SON are getting in a fine lot of logs at their saw-mill on Gold St. this winter.

Don'r put salt on your icy pavements.
Use sand or ashes. The salt disintegrates
the cement and ruins the walk.

FASHION dictates scantier suits for men, but there is no assurance that the tailor's bills will be made to match.

HEAR Mr. Eaton in "The New Church Organ," at the Firemen's concert in the Lyceum to-night.

THE elected members of the Board of Education who serve two years are J. B. Wynne, Jno. White, Dr. Hicks, and Col. Kenward. 6 pozen bleached linen table cloths,

56 by 84, special \$1.25, cash.—Swift's.
The next regular meeting of the A. Y.
F. A. will be held at the home of Miss
Annie Tanner, Ontario street, on Tuesday evening, 14th inst.

THERE is nothing in the tariff negotiations that will make it necessary for our women to go over to Port Huron and smuggle their spring suits across the line.

THE Junior Hockey Club went to Petsolea Friday for a friendly game with the Juniors of that town and succeeded in defeating their opponents by a score

PLAN of hall at the Drug Stores for the Firemen's concert to night. Reserv-ed seats 35 cents. Admission 25 cents.

CHIRF SHAW had the tip of one of his fingers taken off by the door of the Roger House on Thursday. He was coming out of the hotel and had his hand on the post when the door slammed to with the above result.

Two doctors, three druggists, one hotel keeper and one bartender contributed \$925.00 in fines and costs for violations the Liquor Act in Strathroy. The cases were heard before Magistrate Noble on Monday last. oo in fines and costs for violations of

OUR new suitings are very choice and we are showing a large range of patterns. We have a lot of spring orders on our books already.—Swifr's Tailoring De-

11.2 PER CENT. of all the failures in not were traceable to fraud, while lack of capital heads the list with 33.9 per cent., and incompetence a good second with 29.6 per cent. THE annual meeting of the the Daugh-

ters of the Empire wos held at the home of Mrs. N. Bennett, Erie strreet, on Tuesday last. The Secretary will furnish a report of the meeting and the names of the new officers next week.

S. STAPLEFORD & SON, produce mer-chants, have fitted up their new building, chants, have fitted up their new building, on the corner opposite the Wagon Works. They now have an up to-date building for the handling of farm produce. Note their advertisement on the fourth page.

Miss Mazie Jackson, the charming so-prano, will sing at the Firemen's concert to-night, Thursday. W. Francis Firth, the noted baritone, will also sing.

THE many friends of Mr. Geo. M. Willoughby, B.A., will be pleased to learn that his name appears in the list of those who passed the first year Christmas examinations of the law school. He is studying law with a firm in Toronto.

The reputation of Lambton's popular chairman has followed him on to the high seas. At the concert on the steamer Corsican, on which Mr. John Farrell sailed, that gentleman was asked to pre-side, and did so in his usual happy man-

FRANK RESTORICK shipped a load of choice cattle to Toronto on the mixed Friday afternoon, but they did not arrive there until Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Through the long delay on the road the cattle were reduced in weight and the loss to Mr. Restorick was considerable.

DON'T ask for credit if you can't pay in a month or so. Our balance sheet shows a lot of unpaid bills, which must be set-tled at once.—E. D. Swift.

The East Lambton Farmer's Institute meeting will be held in the Lyceum, on Monday, Feb. 20th. Mr. Grob, of Preston, will address the meeting. Sessions at 2 and 8 o'clock. The Women's Instimiss Campbell, of Brampton, will address the ladies. Everybody welcome.

SUBSCRIBERS in the United States should always keep paid in advance, as we must pay the postage to send them The Guide-Advocate. It is very unfair to expect the publisher uot only to send the paper but put up the postage as well. Look at the label on your paper and remits at the rate of \$1.50 per year. it at the rate of \$1.50 per year.

TO-NIGHT, (Thursday).

Go and hear something good.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS .- SWIFT'S. WM. LAMB captured a large black coon on Saturday last. The entirely black coon is now almost extinct and the pelt is valuable.

THE annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association is announced for Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th at Ottawa. An especially attractive program has been prepared and all who are interested in crop improvement, whether members of the Association or not, should make an effort to attend at least some of the escriptor. tend at least some of the sessions.

A WELLAND farmer who wanted a wife sent \$20 to a Toronto "girl" whom he had never seen, and who turned out to be a man. And doubtless he was overlooking some sensible girl near home in favor of the fuss and feathers which he associated with the "city girl" with whom he was corresponding. whom he was corresponding.

NEW SPRING TWEEDS .- SWIFT'S Tailoring Department.

AT a meeting of the Saskatchewan Cricketers' Association held at Regina last week, Dr. R. Gibson, of Moose Jaw, was elected a member of the committee to select teams to compete in the West-ern Cricket Association finals. The doc-tor's long experience at cricket should make him a valuable man for the posit-

A SUMMONS has been taken out, charg ing Alexander Sim, the publisher of the Rodney Mercury with corrupt practices in the active interests taken by him in the passage of the local option by-law. Mr. Sim, it is alleged, hired conveyances on election day. The penalty for this offense is \$20 fine and disfranchisement for two years. for two years.

If you have a fire the Firemen turn out promptly and willingly to help you. In return turn out to their concert to-night. It is going to be a good one.

IT is announced in the February num-ber of the Busy Man's magazine that it will be published hereafter under the title of Maclean's Magazine, taking the name of the publisher instead of its original title. The Busy Man's "made good" in the literary field and the publishers state that under its new name it will keep up its previous reputation and will keep up its previous reputation and they hope to improve upon it.

BEFORE leaving town Madam Hughes-Thomas, Directress of the Royal Welsh Choir, presented Mr. R. F. Fairbrother with a choir emblem brooch, and con-ferred on him honorary membership in the choir, as an acknowledgement of his kindness to her, and her, young ledies kindness to her and her young ladies while in town, Mr. Fairbrother appreciates the honor very much.

THREE rinks of Watford curlers went to Petrolea this week to take part in the big bonspiel, which will last the best part of bonspiel, which will last the best part of the week. The Watford men are F. R. Luckham, W. B. Stewart, J. Jack, P. E. Fuller, skip; J. E. Fowler, J. H. Eume, J. Livingstone, J. McKercher, skip; P. McKaig, —— S. Stableford, D. G. Parker, skip. St. Thomas won the Bank of Toronto trophy on Tuesday. P. E. Fuller's rink got into the second round, but was defeated by a Petrolea rink. was defeated by a Petrolea rink.

LARGE shipment of floor rugs, direct from Glasgow.—Swift's.

A FASHIONABLY dressed young woman entered the postoffice in a large Western city, hesitated a moment and stepped up city, hesitated a moment and stepped up to the stamp window. The stamp clerk looked up expectantly and she asked: "Do you sell stamps here?" The clerk politely answered, "Yes," "I would like to see some, please," was the unusual request. The clerk dazedly handed out a large sheet of the two-cent variety, which the young woman carefully examined. Pointing to one near the centre, she said, "I will take this one, please."

AT the initial meeting of the Board of Education held on Thursday evening last, Lieut-Col. Kenward was elected chairman. As the Colonel is now serving his twentieth consecutive year as Trustee, and has always taken a promin-ent part and deep interest in educational matters the selection seems to be a popular one, and we join with his many friends in congratulating him on being chosen as the first chairman of the Board of Education.

REMEMBER the Firemen's concert in the Lyceum this (Thursday) evening. Don't miss this treat but come, and you will have pleasant memories of an evening well speut.

Wh have received from the publishers a copy of a book entitled, "What the Farmer can do with Concrete." It is issued by the Canada Cement Co., of Montreal, and contains a vast amount of useful and practical information regarding the uses cement can be put to on the farm. It is neatly gotten up and profusely illustrated, and will prove a valuable addition to any farmer's library, as it tells how to construct anything from a fence post to a fire place. The price is only 50 cents.

IF promoters of local concerts wish to If promoters of local concerts wish to keep the good-will of the public, the practice of allowing people to enter the hall before the time for opening the doors arrives, should be discontinued. When there is but one price of admission and seats are not reserved, all should have an equal chance to secure the seats they may desire. Some of those who stood on the sidewalk in the cold Saturday night, waiting for the doors to open, were not waiting for the doors to open, were not pleased to find several rows of the centre teats filled when they entered the hall. SPRING GOODS all over the store.-

Buy home made goods. Ask your merchants tor them. Wesr home made garments, eat homemade articles of food, sleep on homemade beds, read homemade newspapers. In this way the money you spend is only loaned. It will come back to you again with interest. Praise up your town don't let it run down. Stand by your merchant and manufacturer — they are the bone and sinew of your municipal structure. manufacturer — they are the bone and sinew of your municipal structure. Stand by your churches and your schools for they are the hopes of your future. Stand by your press, it is the tireless sentinel that guards your interests.

P. H. Bowyer, member for East Kent, has a bill before the Legislature to ex-tend the midsummer holidays in rural schools two weeks, making them uni-form with the urban school holidays. Rural schools now open after the summer holidays two weeks earlier than do the urban schools. We could never understand the reason for this. If any difference the reason for this. If any difference the reverse should be the case. Farmers require the assistance of their boys and girls in the harvest season more than any other time of the year, while many town parents would doubtless be pleased if their children had fewer idle hours on their hands.

OUR new spring clothing show swagger style. See the new plate. - Swift's.

THE town council will meet Monday evening to receive propositions from Mr. Chambers for lighting the streets for the year. It is the general opinion that at present the cost to the ratepayers is greater than the town can afford and a change to the tungsten system will be considered. Several plans have been suggested, the councillors have visited other towns and investigated the systems used in these places, and we understand that Mr. Chambers is preparing several schemes and will give the council full information regarding them on Monday night. Whatever plan is adopted, a more even distribution of the lights should be made.

THE special train Monday night was well patronized, and notwithstanding the storm a happy crowd embarked for Sar-nia to see the much-talked-of hockey match between Chatham and Watford, a report of which appears elsewhere. The return train arrived here about I a. m and although the rooters were not as jubilant as when they started out, they were nevertheless happy and satisfied that they had seen a good clean game. The losing of this game puts the Watford team out of the running. They made an excellent showing throughout the season, having wan five out of the season. excellent showing throughout the season, having won five out of the seven games played, the only team that beat them being Chatham, our boys going down to defeat in two of the three games played with that club. They have played clean hockey throughout, and showed good combination in their work. No penalties of any account have been handed out to them and they are to be congratulated. them and they are to be congratulated on keeping up the reputation of the town for good, wholesome, sportsmanlike playing.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Percy Mitchell, Toronto, is visiting at his home here. Mrs. J. B. Dale, Wyoming, is a at Dr. Newell's this week.

Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Logan, Petrolea are visiting at S. J. Saunders'.

The Bishop of Huron was the guest of Rev. S. P. Irwin Tuesday last. Mrs. E. Lamont is visiting her daugh ter, Mrs. Muxworthy, Detroit.

Mr. Earl S. Guest, London, spent the week end at Mr. J. G. Johnston's. Mr. D. McIutyre and Miss Estella Mc Intyre, London, were the guests of Mr. D, Roche last week.

Lambton Medical Society.

The annual meeting of the Lambton County Medical Society was held in the public library, Sarnia, on Wednesday,

There was a good attendance of the members. Dr. McDonald, of Sarnia, was elected president, Dr. Relly, Watford, was re-elected sec.-treas. Dr. Kidd, of Wroming, was made a member of the Wyoming, was made a member of the

A very interesting paper on Immunity was given by Dr. Reid of Wyoming, and an interesting case in practice given by Dr. Ferguson, of Courtright. The next meeting of the Society will be held in Watford in May.

Won an Automobile.

In a contest arranged by the Saturday Sunset, of Vancouver, B. C., in which a number of prizes were given for obtaining subscriptions and advertisements for that paper, Miss Carrie B. Barnes, daughter of the late S. D. Barnes, of Watford, was successful in capturing the capital prize of a \$1215.00 Hupmobile. She was also awarded eight other prizes, as follows:—A \$50 tailored suit; \$5 brass vase; \$100 town lot; two \$100 diamond rings; \$5 camera; \$35 gold locket; and a \$375 piano. Miss Barnes began soliciting on Oct. 28th, and the contest closed on Jan 21st, the total number of votes obtained. 21st, the total number of votes obtained. by her being 1,130,276, the next highest candidate having only 851,000. Miss Barnes is to be congratulated on her suc-cess in gaining such a valuable lot of prizes.

The Welsh Choir Concert.

The visit of Madam Hughes-Thomas and her Welsh Choir to Watford on Saturday night will be long remembered by all music-loving people who attended the concert. The tickets sold quickly and the hall was comtortably filled halt an hour before the entertainment com-

The program was one of rare merit from start to finish. Wales is prolific in vocal ability, and its reputation for harmony's enchantments did not suffer in the performance of Saturday night. Wanders of the performance of walls and the performance of the performance of walls and the performance of the performance of walls. derers from the Druids' land were carried in fancy to the soft breezes and echoing hills of Wales, and many a pleasant mem-ory was awakened on hearing once again

the songs of the homeland.

The choir have a splendid ensemble.
The sections are blended well, the power and verve are continually manifest, and the parts are beautifully balanced. It is a powerful aggregation of sopranos, and a powerful aggregation of sopranos, and yet the altos are never outdone, and wherever there is a tracing of counterpoint or response, the parts are heard like a silver thread, always faithfully portrayed. The choir is particularly well drilled as to accent and precision. Of the chorus work perhaps the charm of the evening lay in their delightful diminuendos and cresendos in such old favorities as "Killary in their delightful diminuendos and cresendos in such old favorites as "Killarney" and "Home Sweet Home," and the humming accompaniments were pleasant to listen to, and "sounded like muted strings" There were twelve numbers on the program and not one but compelled an encore. Now it was the rare compass of Miss Nansi Langdon's voice that appealed and now the clear voice that appealed, and now the clear, bell-like soprano of Miss Jennie Emman-uel or the marvellous executive ability of Miss Ida Owen. Perhaps the most striking feature was the rendering of Verdi's "Missrere" by Miss Emmanuel, Miss Langdon and choir. Miss Langdon's rich contralto voice gave a rare quality to this familiar piece. Every member of the choir possesses a strong, sweet and effec-tive voice, and the musical critics who can usually discover a flaw whether any exists or not were speechless with delight. The conducting of Madam Thomas is remarkable in its superb exactness of time and effect. Should the ladies ever return to Watford they will be sure of a royal

COMMENTS HEARD AFTER THE CONCERT.

"It was just grand." "It was a rare treat."

"It was a decided success." "I don't want anything better."

"Strong, clear refreshing voices."

"The best concert I was ever at." "Those Welsh hats are real cute."

" 'Needles and Pins' suited me best." "It was the perfection of chorus sing-

"I am proud of my Welsh blood."-R. F. F.

"The "Miserere" was worth the price "The excellence of the work simply de-

"The greatest treat in chorus and solo

singing I ever heard.

"No musical organization that has ever visited Watford equalled the choir."

"I can now understand why the choir was privileged to sing before Royalty. "Either singing, humming or laughing they are musical in the highest sense of

HOCKEY.

Chatham 5, Watford 3. (From the Sarnia Observer.)

Standing room was at a premium at St. Andrew's rink last night, the oc-casion of the championship hockey match

casion of the championship hockey match between teams representing Chatham and Watford, to decide the winners for district No. 9 of the O.H.A.

Special trains were run over the G. T. R. from Watford and the Pere Marquette from Chatham. Nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen came on the Watford special, including a number from Strathroy and Wyoming. On the Chatham special there was said to be between three and four hundred ladies and gentlemen.

The game was called about nine o'clock, but long before that hour the large rink was crowded to its capacity. Chatham was the first to score making a goal in less than ten minutes after play started. Following close on this Wat-ford tied the score when Roche put the puck between the posts by a very clever shot. Shortly before half time Chatham again got the lead, scoring a goal. This made the score at half time 2 to 1 in

favor of Chatham, favor of Chatham,

The second half opened fast and furious
with Chatham playing a strong, hard
game at every position, so much so that
Watford almost seemed dazed for a few minutes, and Meyers, of the Chatham team, scored two goals in rapid succes-For the next fifteen or twenty minutes play proceeded at a rapid pace, both teams playing hockey for all that was in them. Watford seemed to revive as the plap proceeded, and a few minutes before time was called let out a wonderful spurt and scored two goals in less than a like number of minutes. The Chatham team played a goal defensive game and team played a good defensive game and scored in a scrimmage just before time was called making the score 5 to 3 in their favor. Theoff sides were numerous and several Chatham men decorated the boards at different times. Chatham play-

ed a rather rough game and checked and tripped opposing players in a manner that should have drawn more penalties than they were awarded by the referee. However the best team won. The teams lined up as follows:

Watford. Chatham.

Brown ... goal ... Briscoe
C. Dodds ... point ... Higginbotham
Elliot ... cover ... Livingston
Thorner ... rover ... Gilmore
Stapleford ... centre ... Meyers Roche....leftDennis L. Dodds....right...Higginbotham Referee-Moxon, of Toronto.

HELP the Fire Laddies along by going to the concert to-night, (Thursday). The Firth-Eaton company they have engaged is far in advance of most concert companies, Hear them.

WARWICK.

Mr. T. A. Woods, 6th line, lost a valuable H. D. Yearling colt last week.

James Macklin, Sarnia, formerly of Warwick, celebrated his 85th birthday on Sunday leet.

Mr, George Moore, of Warwick, who went west about a year ago, has just re-cently been appointed postmaster at Goldburg, Sask.

There died in Albie, South Dakota, on Friday last, Feb. 3rd, Daniel O'Leary, youngest son of the late Mrs. James O'Leary, a former well-known and highly respected resident of this township who lived for many years on the second line south.

A public meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at the home of Mrs. Cox. Mrs. S. Campbell, of Brampton, will address the meeting. A joint meeting with the Farmer's Institute will be held in the Orange Hall in the evening at 7.30. A good program. Everybody welcome.

Stewart Smith, of Warwick village, has just purchased a magnificent four year old heavy draft stallion from Colin Mc-Kiegan, of Strathroy. This horse has just been imported from Scotland and is one of the best to be had. Farmers should make a point of seeing this horse before making any arrangements for the coming season.

The friends and neighbors of Mrs. L. The friends and neighbors of Mrs. L, Buchner and family, Kingscourt, met at their home to bid them farewell before leaving for their new home in the west and presented them with a carving set and a handsome case of silver. The evening was spent in dancing, etc., after which a dainty lunch was served and the following address read in the silvering read in t

following address read:—
To Mrs. L. Buchner and family,
We, the friends and neighbors of the community, have gathered together to bid you farewell before leaving for your new home in the west, which we hope will bring as many good friends as you have left behind, and that our loss will have left behind, and that our loss will be their gain. And the residents of the fourth line join together in presenting you this small present as a token of their love and esteem of your friendship. And we all join together in hoping your new home will bring a success to you and your family.

your family.
Signed on behalf of the community, R. GARSIDE, R. COLLINS, E. ARNOLD.

The Warwick Women's Institute has sent the following letter of condolence to Mrs. Andrew Auld :— To Mrs. Andrew Auld, Warwick.

To Mrs. Andrew Auld, Warwick.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly
Father, in His infinite wisdom, to so suddenly remove from you your dear daughter, we, the members of the Warwick
branch of the Women's Institute, desire
to express our deep sympathy with you
in your affliction. And may God in His
mercy comfort and sustain you, and fill
the vacant place in your heart with His
love, and joy and gladness in the hope of
a glorious reunion in our Heavenly a glorious reunion in our Heavenly a giorious reunion in our reaventy
Home, where parting is unknown.
Signed on behalf of the Warwick Women's Institute,
MRS. W. A. MINIELLY,
MRS. A. N. COX.

BROOKE.

The members of Court Pearl and their wives will indulge in an oyster supper after their meeting Friday night.

The Lord Bishop of Huron visited St, James' church, Brooke, on Tuesday afternoon last and confirmed thir-tien persons, which were presented by the Rector, the Rev. S. P. Irwin. A very powerful sermon was delivered by the Bishop on "The Seven Branched Golden Candlestick.

Golden Candlestick.

The Alvinston Free Press makes the following reference to the Treasurer of the Township of Brooke;—W. A. McDonald was born in Middlesex County West, Township of Ektrid, Aug. 2, 1854, son of Alexander and Mary (Campbell) McDonald. He was educated in the public schools of Ekfrid and after coming to Brooke engaged in farming. Politically, Mr. McDonald has always supported the Reform party and has filled the position of returning officer at provincial elections. He has been trustee, secretary and treasurer of the schools of Brooke for a number of years. In 1896 he was elected treasurer of Brooke Township, a position he still holds, and which he has filled with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the entire community.

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