

## OF GENERAL INTEREST

### LOCAL NEWSLETS

Boys, look out—Leap year begins tomorrow.

Tomorrow there will be no issue of the News Record.

50c. kid dolls at 30c. 25c. doll at 17c. W. H. Becker & Co.

Hagen, the shoe man, is selling off his entire stock of footwear.

The board of audit will meet on Saturday.

The Berlin High School will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4.

Berlin Business College re-opens on Monday, Jan. 4, for the winter term.

Christmas pictures or any other at 10c. while they last, at Becker's bookstore.

A few one and two pound Christmas plum puddings at cost at Hagen's.

An open meeting will be held to-night in the T. & L. hall. Everybody welcome.

The Junior Alliance, of Zion church, entertained the inmates of the Berlin orphanage in a pleasing and table manner last night.

Everybody come tonight to the mass meeting in the T. & L. hall and hear the various candidates.

Berlin juniors vs. Berlin inter-collegiate play in Berlin New Year's afternoon at 2 p.m. Admission 10c.

A happy New Year to all. Make it very happy by smoking Wm. Schlemmer's cigars. They are happiness bringers.

Mr. Conrad Reutiger, organist at St. Peter's church, was presented with a very fine reclining chair on Friday evening by the members of the choir of the church.

You want something else in cut give us a call. A fine selection of shoes from Nelson Boehm's Bank of Commerce.

You can talk to thousands of people about your wants if you use the News Record columns. Only a cent a word. Try it.

Hagen, the shoe man, has a big stock of hockey shoes left, boys and men's, you can buy them at your own price, as he doesn't want to keep them for spring.

Mr. J. L. Schiele had just opened a new grocery on the corner of Water and Weber streets. His stock of groceries and confectionery is fresh and well assorted. Give him a call.

The Tower of London will be the interesting subject for New Year's night at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. E. O. White, who speaks, has visited the Tower a great many times. He will also have a great many of the instruments of torture, and illustrations. Everyone invited.

The Hope Mission Workers wish to extend their thanks to those who have sent in parcels for the poor and would invite all such to be at the mission tomorrow between 2 and 4 p.m., when some of the things will be distributed. The mission will be open this evening, after 7 o'clock to receive any contribution that may be made.

Mr. B. Lyles, president, and H. C. Doehner, secretary of the local barbers' union, No. 310, notified the union barber shops that at a recent meeting it was decided to keep open shop on New Year's Eve. No shop is to be open on New Year's day. Infractions of the rule means a fine.

### Special Notice

REGARDING NEW YEAR'S DAY

By special indent of His Holiness Pius X. to the Catholic world, next Friday, New Year's day, is not a day of abstinence. Our Catholic community will take note that the use of meats is allowed on New Year's day.

Lord Tennyson  
AND  
Wilson's Bachelor

Two leading 10c Cigars.

4 for 25c.

AT  
MaeCallum's

Left Over Holiday Goods will now be sold cheap.

### Night School

Re-opens Monday, January 4. In session Monday and Thursday evenings. Three teachers. Personal attention given each student. Penmanship, arithmetic, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting taught. Select your subjects. Tuition, \$5 per month, \$5 for three months. Berlin Business College in the new block, corner King and Foundry streets. Entrance on Foundry at 51.

### ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

The boarders at Mr. Jacob J. Wiegand's King street, presented Mrs. Wiegand a few days ago with a fine chamber set and the following address:

Berlin, December 21st, 1903.

Mrs. Wiegand:—We, your boarders feel that we cannot let this season of the year pass without expressing to you our thanks for your kindness and the attention which we receive at your hands. The interest which you take in us partakes more of the nature of a mother than of a total stranger, and we think we do not give you some token of our appreciation of the same.

We therefore ask you to accept of this chamber set.

Hoping that, in accepting it, you will not look upon it for its cost, but as a token of our esteem and good wishes to you. Wishing you the compliments of the season, and prosperity and happiness in the future.

We remain your friends,  
CLAIR JOHNSON,  
CLARA KUNZER.

### Christmas Donations

To the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital

NUISES AND PATIENTS REMEMBERED.

The lady superintendent of the Berlin and Waterloo hospital acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

J. B. Fischer, two large turkeys; Mrs. L. J. Brethaupt, one dozen cups and saucers, one dozen tea plates; two large plates; one cream and sugar; Mrs. H. Kraus, box of fancy biscuits; Mrs. L. D. Merriek, box of soda biscuits; Mr. John Lewis, goose; Geo. Rangel, one turkey; Mrs. Catherine Brethaupt, turkey; Mrs. J. C. Brethaupt, pair of old gloves for nurse's friends; Henseler, roast of beef; Mrs. J. Taylor, turkey; Dr. J. H. Webb, candies, oranges, nuts and green beans; Mrs. Annie Doerr, fancy cake; W. Hendry, egg, turkey, candies, fruit and box of raisins; Dr. K. K. K. Seagram, two turkeys, two cakes, three dozen oranges, biscuits, nuts, and a gift for each nurse.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are cured by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO.,  
Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

George Summers, a Toronto comedian, who, with his company, has been at the Majestic theatre in Toronto last week, entertained a fairly large audience Wednesday at the Berlin play house. He was here some seasons ago in "The Hot Scotch Major," but he appears to better advantage in Rip Van Winkle, Joseph Jefferson's evergreen. As the blundering, shifty man of house and home, he is strong, and his twenty years of sleep improve him. His visit to the village and the taking up of friendships severed twenty years before, and his reunion with his wife and child, were all strongly pictured. Summers' support was uniformly fair.

100 More Births Than Deaths  
In Berlin During This Year

THE FIGURES FOR THE MONTH.

December has seen a larger than usual number of births registered at the Town Clerk's office. There were 25 births; 2 marriages, and 10 deaths.

For the year that closes at 12 o'clock to-night, there were 122 deaths in Berlin. The births exceed that number by exactly 100. Of marriages there were 119.

### Letter to the Record

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

To the Editor News-Record:

As there was no opportunity at the nomination meeting to give a report of the waterworks, I wish to give in brief a report of the past year's work of the Water Commissioners, which I feel certain is of interest to most of the ratepayers.

As stated in previous reports, the actual flow of our artesian wells was barely sufficient for our requirements, that is, taken as it flows naturally, and as the matter of building a reservoir would be a very expensive one, it was necessary to find out whether we had sufficient supply of water at our wells, if they were forced to supply requirements of our town for some time in future, considering the steady increase that has been made in the consumption during the past year. The commissioners therefore decided to ascertain definitely whether the wells would supply ample water, if forced, and after negotiations with several companies and after careful investigation of various systems, concluded a contract to supply a flow of a million gallons in 24 hours by the so-called air lift system. The air compressor was installed and the contractors found it necessary to connect only with seven of the artesian wells in order to supply the flow guaranteed, viz., 1,000,000 gallons in 24 hours, and they would be pleased to take the contract to supply 2,000,000 gallons in 24 hours out of our wells if we found it necessary. This system of forcing the wells has given splendid satisfaction since it has been installed and there is now no difficulty in supplying the town's requirements with water direct from the wells. It has proved beyond a years necessary, there need now be no fear of a water shortage, and it appears as necessary, there need now be no hesitation in building a new pumping plant. This, however, is no actual requirement for the present, as the old plant is in as good or better repair than it has been and may answer requirements for several years yet. The quantity of water pumped during the past year averaged about 550,000 gallons per day, the minimum being 388,500 gallons and the maximum 678,000 gallons.

The system of mains through various parts of the town has again been extended during the past year by 5,886 feet, being over 11-10 miles. The number of consumers has also been increased by 125. This steady increase of consumers is no doubt accounted for by the good service and the good quality of water supplied for household purposes. The total number of consumers is at present 1,402, as against 1,277 in 1899, when the plant was taken over by the town.

Complying with the request of a number of ratepayers, the commissioners considered it advisable to make a further reduction in water rates and decided to allow an additional discount of 10 per cent. to household consumers. The total reduction of these rates shows a considerable reduction from the original rates. In 1899 the discount allowed was 5 per cent. on flat rates only. In 1900 it was increased to 10 per cent. on flat rates and also 30c meter rates. In 1902 a further discount was made on 30c meter rates of 10 per cent. and as above stated in 1903 a further discount of 10 per cent. on flat and 30c meter rates was made, so that at present the discount is 20 per cent. off on flat rates and 30 per cent. off on 30c meter rates, which means that these discounts are allowed to household consumers the reduction in rates to larger consumers who receive a reduction according to quantity used, have not been allowed any discount or any reduction during past years.

The financial result of the year has been very satisfactory, as although the reduction in rates has been a big item in the receipts, the additional consumption has largely counterbalanced this reduction, and the year shows a net profit of \$7,550.43, after paying for the annual waterworks disbursements. As against this, the above named mains, service connections, meters, etc., amount to \$8,020.00, and the air compressors and connections cost \$5,294.19 making a total of new construction \$13,314.19, consequently showing an overdraft in the bank of \$4,264.45. This overdraft should easily be paid by the profits of next year as the necessary expenditure should not be large and new construction required will probably be less than it has been during the last few years.

A full detailed statement will again be published as heretofore in pamphlet form for distribution.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHN C. BRETHAUP,  
Chairman Board of Water Commissioners.  
Berlin, Dec. 30th, 1903.

The News Record  
wishes all its  
readers  
and friends a  
Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year

### THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

(Tennyson)

Full knee-deep lies the winter snow,  
And the winter winds are weary sighing;

Tell ye the church-bell, sad and slow,  
And tread softly and speak low,  
For the old year lies a-dying.

Old year, you must not die;  
You came to us so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily;  
Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still; he doth not move;  
He will not see the dawn of day,  
He hath no other life above,  
He gave me a friend, and a true true-love;

And the New Year will take 'em away.  
Old year, you must not go,  
So long as you have been with us,  
Such joy as you have given with us,  
Old Year, you shall not go.

His face is growing sharp and thin,  
Alack, our friend is gone;  
Close up his eyes; tie up his chin;  
Step from the corpse, and let him in.

That standeth there alone,  
And waiteth at the door,  
There's a new foot on the floor,  
And a new face at the door,

A new face at the door,  
A new face at the door.

Mr. L. R. Clark was in church on Wednesday attending the funeral of the late Miss Canfield.

ATHLETICS

SENIOR HOCKEY TOMORROW.

The return game between Berlin and Waterloo clubs will take place tomorrow evening in the Berlin rink. The locals will play their usual team and it is understood that the Waterloo club will be exceedingly strong. The band will be in attendance.

HOCKEY DAYS HAVE COME AGAIN

The hockey days have come again, the gladiators of the rink.

One side of Willie's nose is gone, and Tom has lost an ear.

Heard on the ice, the players jab, and slide and rush and tear.

They knock the feet from under you— you fall down on your hair.

They break each other's arms and legs, and pull joints out of place.

And here and there is one who gets the teeth knocked from his face.

The freshman and the player old, who rush down like a flood, go gallantly to get the puck, and quit all bathed in blood.

The senior knocks the junior down, or sends him "Jelly West."

The feeble one is carried home, and gently laid at rest.

While here and there a rusher finds he has a frozen toe.

And thaws it out with turpentine, or else a little snow.

O, happy, brave, and careless days! How deep the mother's joy.

What time she thinks of all the things they're doing to her boy.

How proud she is to know that he is on the team—how sweet.

His face appears to her since it is only bloody mud!

With honest pride she lays away his amputated ear.

And puts his eye in alcohol to be a souvenir.

BASKETBALL

The intermediate and senior Y. M. C. A. teams had a fine practice last night, the intermediates holding their own.

The Hamilton and Berlin teams play in the local Association this evening. The Hamilton team is a very fast one and expect to win, while our own team feels equally confident. The admission will be 10c.

Joe Stephens, of last year's Portage Lakes, who was expected to take a place on the American Soo, wires that he will be unable to do so. He broke a finger in practice at Fenlie, B. C., and will be out of the game for six weeks. —Soo, Mich. News.

## WATERLOO

SPECKER-FROELICH.

At two o'clock on Wednesday there was solemnized at St. John's Lutheran church, a marriage of more than usual interest to the public in the Twin City. The contracting parties were Dr. O. J. Specker, of Reading, Pa., formerly of Berlin, and Miss Dolphine Froehlich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Froehlich, Waterloo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. A. Schulz, assisted by Rev. W. A. Snyder, of Reading, Pa., a brother-in-law of the groom. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Froehlich. Mr. Albert Jansen, of Berlin, was groomsmen. The ushers were Will Kress, of Berlin, and Edw. N. Room, Waterloo. Mrs. Spady, the church organist, played Tannhauser's Wedding March as the party left the church. On the bride's entrance, before the ceremony, the church choir sang the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin.

The bride's costume was of white silk voile, over white tulle, and was trimmed with Chantilly lace. Her bridal veil was fastened with sprigs of myrtle, and she carried white roses. Her sister wore champagne shaded silk voile over tulle. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the forty guests were entertained most hospitably. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful pearl flour-de-lin, and to the maid a pin of pearl and rubies. A large number of beautiful and valuable gifts were bestowed upon the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Specker left in the evening for their home in Reading, Pa.

The municipal contest on here at the present time promises to be the most interesting in years. The contest this year is confined to the Mayoralty race, the contestants being Ald. Byron Bechtel and J. Uffelman. Ald. Bechtel has been on the Council board for eight years, five of which he was chairman of the finance committee. Ald. Uffelman has many friends and has two years' experience in municipal politics. Both candidates are canvassing hard, and it is as keen a contest as we have had in years.

The annual meeting of the Waterloo Horticultural Society will be held on Jan. 13th.

Two scheduled games of curling in the Moore cup series were played here last night, the result being: J. Henseler defeated J. B. Sailer, 11-10; H. M. Snyder defeated C. Moogk, 20-8.

Berlin senior hockeyists will play the local seven New Year's evening in Berlin.

Services will be held in St. John's Lutheran church, Waterloo, this evening at 7:30 p.m., and to-morrow, New Year's morning at 10:30 o'clock.

There will be skating in the rink this evening and on New Year's afternoon and evening.

Messrs. Schierholtz & Co., are completing their moving from King street to the new factory on corner Willow and Alton streets today. They are now a most up-to-date factory.

The newly elected aldermen will each celebrate the New Year tomorrow. They wear a smile that won't come off.

The News Record wishes all its readers a happy and prosperous new year.

The will of the late Chas. T. Noecker, of Waterloo, filed for probate, disposes of an estate worth \$18,837.50.

WANTED—A GRADUATE of a southern business college wants a position as stenographer and shorthand writer. Apply at the News Record office, Berlin, or the Bauernfreund Office, Waterloo.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

### For The Mayoralty

I beg to submit my name to the electors of Berlin as a candidate for the Mayor's chair.

In doing so I would call your attention to the fact that I have had six years' experience in municipal life, and that if elected, I will devote my undivided time to the office, as I have retired from business.

I solicit your votes and influence.

AARON BRICKER.

### For the Mayoralty

FOR THE MAYORALTY.

To the Public of Berlin:

In response to the wishes of many of my friends, I am before you as a candidate for the mayoralty.

As councillor in the past years I have endeavored to do my duty to the ratepayers, and if elected I shall do my best to conserve your interests and to advance those of our town.

I respectfully ask your support in the present campaign.

Yours, to serve,

CARL KRANZ.

### For Councillor

To the Electors of Berlin:

Having allowed my name to go before you as a candidate for Council, I ask for your influence and votes.

I shall endeavor to devote my energy to the upbuilding of Bury Berlin, and to discharge all the duties to the best of my ability.

Wishing you all a happy New Year.

A. B. CAMPBELL.

### WOODMEN'S SOCIAL TIME.

The Woodmen of the World held a pleasant two-fold function on Wednesday evening in the Saengerbund hall. It was the public installation of the officers and also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rampin.

Mr. Rampin has been here for some weeks, during which time over sixty new members have joined the order, which now has a membership here of over 220.

Mr. D. Forsyth, one of the veterans of the camp, presided, and after the work a program was given. Among those who contributed were the Mandolin club, Dr. A. E. Roddel, Miss H. Collard, Dr. Arnot, Dr. Hett, E. R. Bieser and others. The accompaniments were played by Miss A. Mueller.

An able address was given by Organizer Rampin on the work and growth of the order, and all in all, a profitable and pleasant time was spent.

ORPHANS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. J. Kaufman, very thoughtfully entertained the inmates of the Berlin orphanage to a tea on Tuesday afternoon. Needless to say the recipients enjoyed her hospitality and wish to return their small thanks to this lady for her generosity.

The Haaspeffer at the Brunswick last evening was enjoyed by a large number of Mine Host Moser's friends. There was an abundance of the toothsome dish and a welcome for all. George was voted a capital entertainer.

## A Rubber Tale

(Continued)

"Tapping" Rubber Trees

Rubber trees are "tapped" by making a deep horizontal cut near the ground—and from this, vertical and oblique incisions up the trunk. Small, shallow, clay cups are placed below the cuts to receive the sap. The cups are attached to the trees in a very primitive way—by sticking soft clay to the bark and pressing in the cups. Each tree yields only about 6 ounces of gum a day.

## Granby Rubbers

are made of pure Para rubber. It takes longer to gather it and costs more to prepare it. But, when made into Granby Rubbers, it wears longer and better than any other rubber in the world. It is easy to see why Granby Rubbers "have the call"—why they are "so hard to wear out"—why everybody buys "Granbys" in preference to the ordinary kind.

Granby Rubbers wear like iron.



## Three Times and Out

House on Albert Street Destroyed

BY FIRE THIS MORNING.

At 6.15 this morning the firemen were called out to a blaze on Albert street. It was in the storey and a half brick house where the railway workmen have been lodging and this was the third time within a year that there has been a fire there. The roof was blazing fiercely and the firemen did not make any great effort to save the place. It is a complete ruin. The house was owned by Mr. R. Roschman, of Waterloo, and was insured.

One of the lodgers lost a suit of clothes and \$10.

### SPECIAL SERVICES.

Special services (German) will be held in St. Peter's church at 7.30 this evening at 10.30 a.m. on Friday.