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MAIL SERVICE

FOR BLENHEIM

H. S. Clements Actively
Taking up the Matter
With P. M. and G.
T. R.

Supt. Pyeatt Places Responsibility on
Grand Trunk—Matter Must be
Dealt With

The unsatisfactory condition of the mail service to Blenheim will in all probability shortly receive the undivided attention of the authorities. Herbert S. Clements, West Kent's energetic parliamentary representative, is earnestly interesting himself in the matter and purposes carrying his work on till the present grievance is remedied.

"The matter must be dealt with," said Mr. Clements. "It is an outrage that the people of Blenheim and vicinity have had to put up with such a service."

Mr. Clements received the following reply from Supt. Pyeatt, to whom he wrote in the matter:

Detroit, Dec. 2, 1905.

Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P.,
Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—I have your favor of Nov. 22nd with reference to complaint from the post office at Blenheim and will give you the facts, which will show that we are not at all to blame for any of this trouble. In arranging our train service out of Chatham to Blenheim, we allowed thirteen minutes within which to make the Grand Trunk No. 11 connection at Chatham Junction. In other words, Grand Trunk No. 11 is due there at 4.11 p. m. and our train No. 24 is due to leave there at 4.24 p. m. The reason mail from Grand Trunk No. 11 is not always obtained is on account of their train being late, and the people of Chatham and Blenheim should take up their grievance with the Grand Trunk instead of the Pere Marquette.

Yours truly,

J. S. PYEATT,
Superintendent.

Following this Mr. Clements has taken the matter up with the Grand Trunk and also written Mr. Pyeatt further. He is also bringing the matter definitely before the postal authorities.

NOBLE ACT

The Bijou Comedy Co. Will Give a
Benefit Show Thursday Night
for Children of the Late
J. Alger

During the performance of the Bijou Comedy Company, at the Grand last evening, Mr. Young announced the fact that on Thursday evening the company will put on a benefit show for the two little children of the late J. Alger, who was drowned in the great storm on Lake Superior a few days ago.

The announcement was greeted with round upon round of applause and there is no doubt the house will be packed next Thursday evening.

Mr. Young should be bigly commended for the noble spirit which has prompted him in this action. It has shown that he is a man of exceptional character, and the movement he has started should be picked up by others and carried along with enthusiasm. He also announced that he would give personally \$15 towards the benefit fund for these two children.

The bill Thursday night will be "Under Two Flags," and 20 per cent. of the proceeds of the house will be handed over to Mrs. Alger.

AMATEUR CONTESTS

Talk about side-splitting, astonishing novelties in the vaudeville line. To-night at the Grand, after the regular performance, there will be a pie-eating contest. Several boys will take part. Each will be provided with a huckleberry pie. The pie will be eaten in full view of the audience on the front of the stage. The boy who gets outside his pie the soonest will get a fine pair of skates and hockey shoes. Will it be funny? Well, well.

The play to-night is "Chick," a comedy drama in four acts. The prices are only 10, 15 and 25 cents. Special matinee to-morrow, prices 5 and 15 cents.

The trouble with the egotist is that he seldom judges other people by himself.

COUNTY COUNCIL

December Session Opened This Afternoon—Delegation from Public Schools

The December session of the County Council of Kent opened this afternoon shortly after two o'clock. Warden Vester, of Blenheim, in a few appropriate words of welcome greeted the commissioners.

Only introductory routine work was accomplished this afternoon, the Council adjourning till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The session promises to be a busy one. Among other matters of interest, to come before the Council, will be the delegation from the public schools of the county asking for additional compensation for the schools taking up the continuation class work. A good deal of public improvement work has been completed this year and will also be reported upon.

HONORED THEM

Willing Workers of Holy Trinity Church Bid Farewell to Esteemed Members

There was a large attendance of the Willing Workers of Holy Trinity Church last night, when they met to bid farewell to Mrs. Watson Walker and her mother, Mrs. D'Albois.

The room had been tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, and there were between thirty-five and forty members present.

The following program was rendered:—

Trio, Mandolin, Guitar, and Piano, by Mrs. Ross Walker and the Misses McLaren and Hodgins.

Vocal solo by Miss Dagge.

Rev. W. J. Hodgins then, in a few words, expressed the sorrow he and Mrs. Hodgins felt personally in the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. D'Albois from the congregation. They had always been willing and active helpers in any church work.

Mrs. Walker had been a most regular Sunday school assistant and had ever been willing to help with any church work or decorations, in addition to being one of the most earnest of the "Willing Workers." He then asked the ladies to come forward, when he called on Miss Eberts to read an address from the Willing Workers, when, on behalf of the society, they were presented by Mrs. Green with a handsome hand-painted nut bowl to Mrs. Walker and a piece of Belleek China to Mrs. D'Albois. Both ladies replied very feelingly.

The program was then continued with a piano solo by Miss Bruncker, a vocal duet by Mrs. and Miss Hodgins and a reading by Mrs. John Ross Walker. Chocolate and cake was then served and, after some pleasant conversation, the evening closed with the singing of "God be with us all we meet again" and the benediction, which was pronounced by Mr. Hodgins.

ONE CASE

High Court Concluded Last Evening—\$350 for Plaintiff in Willey vs. Serson

It was an exceptionally short sitting of the High Court which was brought to a close before Mr. Justice Magee last evening, only one case coming before the court.

In Willey vs. Serson, John J. and D. C. Willey sued Jas. R. Serson, executor of the estate of the late John Serson, for services, care of decedent, etc.

After hearing the evidence and argument, his lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs for \$350 and costs. A. H. Clarke and H. D. Smith for plaintiffs, L. J. Rycroft and O. K. Watson for defendant.

Court adjourned at six o'clock.

AFTER 'EM

Enterprising Educationist in New Provinces Seek Maple City Teachers—Three Offers

An estimate of the high position held by Maple City teachers abroad has been furnished during the past week, when two of the Central school staff received largely increased offers from the Deputy Minister of Education in Alberta.

Yesterday a third followed. H. J. Richards, secretary-treasurer of the Public School district of Canmore, Alberta, on the C. P. R. near Banff, wrote a valued member of the Central school staff offering her a position at \$720 per annum, transportation paid, with the request to wire answer at his expense.

It speaks volumes for the good work of the teachers that they are thus singled out by enterprising and progressive educationists.

This morning another Central school teacher received two offers from Colorado, one at a salary of \$900 per annum, the other at \$1,200 per annum.

Some men are eternally striving to prove that they are descended from monkeys.

LOOKING FOR

GOOD THINGS

Chairman of the C. C. I.
Board Becomes Popular
With His Colleagues

Businesslike Session of the Trustees—Commercial Master is Complimented

"While this is our last regular meeting in the calendar year, yet I understand that the life of the present Board extends until February, 1906. I shall therefore postpone the delivery of the elaborate valedictory I had been preparing until a later date," said Chairman W. G. Richards smilingly at the conclusion of yesterday's meeting of the C. C. I. Board.

"I think I'll cut out that meeting," said the caustic S. B. Arnold with a Foxy Quiller-like, sardonic, scathing smile. "You'll let us know when the agony is coming on?"

"Not so," quoth the far-seeing Dr. Thornton, "I have known genial and generous chairmen, such as our own, to conclude their perorations with a whole-hearted invitation to a sumptuous oyster supper."

Then did the members of the Board, all and several, become imbued with happy thoughts of the future, and delayed the usual prosing officer with eulogy and encomium. Even the sedate and aesthetic Principal entered into the spirit of the occasion and bestowed approving and emphatic nods, his nervous probrandi.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Richards, Rev. Dr. Battisby, Col. J. B. Rankin, Dr. A. W. Thornton, John Liddy, Peter Robert, S. B. Arnold, Principal W. J. Twohey and Secretary T. R. Harris.

Rev. Dr. Battisby presented the customary accounts for the past month, which were duly approved and passed.

Dr. Thornton, for the Property committee, moved the acceptance of offer of J. W. Couse for the purchase of a new typewriter for \$10, the old one of eight years' service being exchanged. This action, said the doctor, was taken upon the recommendation of the commercial master, Harry Collins, in whom this Board has great confidence. The action was unanimously approved.

The chairman and secretary were authorized to receive and require a promissory note on the part of Commerce to cover payments until the county grant was received.

Dr. Thornton, for the Property committee, reported that an inspection by Architect Piper showed that the roof was leaking. It was decided to tar the same over the winter months.

Principal Twohey's report for October and November was submitted and approved. The attendance was as follows:—October, enrolled 337, average 322; November, enrolled 336, average 322.

GOOD SHOW

The Bijou Comedy Co. Open A week's Engagement Here Before a Packed House

The popular opinion of those who attended the production of "Idaho" at the Grand last evening, was that the Bijou Comedy Company have the best repertoire company that has been seen in years. The show was a good one, the acting excellent, and the specialties clever and amusing. It was attended by the largest audience that has greeted a repertoire company in Chatham this year. This present season Mr. H. W. Young has gathered around him the best company he ever had. It is very seldom the theatre-going public have the opportunity to see such good acting in a repertoire company as is provided this year by the Bijou people.

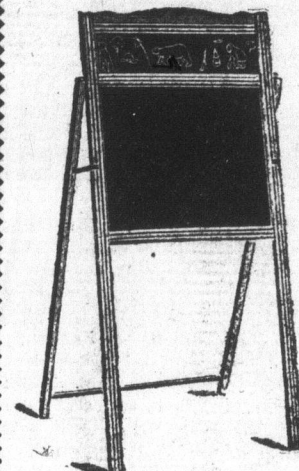
Mr. Rowland, the comedian of the company, was very funny in his role last evening and kept the audience in peals of laughter whenever he was on. Mr. Young, who played the stellar role, was quite equal to the occasion. He is an actor of more than ordinary ability and speaks his lines with excellent spirit and expression. Miss Marie Adams is always a favorite in Chatham, and her role last evening was well adapted to her. The many evidences of appreciation from the audience showed that she will ever be a welcome visitor to Chatham. The other members of the company are good in their several parts and no doubt the company will receive the patronage they deserve during their stay in Chatham. The bill to-night is "Chick," one of the company's funniest productions.

CALLED AT 96

A telegraphic message to-day gives the sad intelligence of the death of John Kitchen, at Morpeth, in his 97th year. The aged and respected pioneer was the father of Mrs. Scott, of Park Ave., and John B. Kitchen, formerly of this city.

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