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MIDDLESEX NEWS

Johnston-Gibson Nuptials at Delaware—Anniversary Services at Birr—Orchestra Organized in Glenoe.

Mrs. M. Jackson, Harrietsville, is suffering from an attack of la grippe. The young people of Belmont held an assembly in the I. O. O. F. hall recently.

Mr. D. Lamont, of the 8th con., Caradoc, had his arm broken by a kick from a horse.

Next Sunday morning Rev. J. McKinnon, M.A., will preach in Shiloh Methodist Church, Adelaide.

A very successful shooting match was held in Appin, thirteen turkeys being almost evenly divided among the winners.

Miss Kate McDougall, sister of Malcolm McDougall, Komoka, has returned home from the States, where she has been for the past six months.

Rev. Mr. Livingstone, of Sarnia, delivered an interesting lecture in the Methodist Church, Harrietsville, on Tuesday evening last, in the interests of the Bible Society.

Mr. J. A. Swales, of Komoka, poultry man, has disposed of some of his fancy thoroughbred chickens, Silver Wyandottes, to a buyer in London, for a fancy price.

The bridge across the Thames at Kilworth is nearing completion. The unfortunate accident to its contractor, Mr. Pierson, along with the extreme weather of late, renders progress slow.

The Melrose Rifle Club are a set of indefatigable workers, and intend to keep up to the standard. Mr. Ben Harrison has about completed a club house at the range, from which long-range shooting is done from perfect shelter from all kinds of weather.

The Foresters' concert, under the auspices of Court Delaware valley, No. 672, I. O. F., will be held on the 22nd inst., at the Delaware Town Hall. The very best of talent has been engaged, and an enjoyable evening will be given.

A very bad thing happened recently, when Miss Elsie Tooley, of Belmont, while in Harrietsville, was stricken with paralysis. She was removed to the house of her uncle, Mr. Wm. York, jun., but at last reports was very low.

The wedding of Dr. Frank Johnston, of Detroit, and Miss Margaret Gibson, daughter of Mr. Richard Gibson, of Delaware, was celebrated on Tuesday, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. Mr. Brown, of Christ Church. The edifice was crowded with the many friends of the bride and groom.

After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to Belvoir, the residence of the bride's father, and received the hearty congratulations of their friends. After partaking of refreshments, Dr. and Mrs. Johnston left for Montreal. Among the guests were Col. Burch, of Chicago; Dr. McTaggart, of Montreal; C. J. Fox, of London.

Mr. George A. Patrick, Delaware, is busy moving his saw mill from the second concession to the village, where the sound of the saw will be heard in the future. The mill is situated on the Fitzalan property.

Sabbath school anniversary services will be held in the Wesley Church, Birr circuit, next Sunday and Monday, Dec. 18 and 19. The Rev. S. Salton, of Centralia, who addressed the conference in Chatham last summer on the Sabbath School question, has been engaged to conduct all the services.

A number of enthusiastic young musicians in Glenoe have organized a new orchestra in that town. The instrumentation will be as follows: First violin, A. Adria and A. McNabb; second violin, Bert Hurdle; cello, John Cameron; cornet, M. A. Leitch; first clarinet, C. Dean; second clarinet, F. Toon; trombone, G. R. Westland; pianist, Roy Columbus.

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FAIR AND COLD-RISING TEMPERATURE.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14-11 p.m.—Cold weather continues throughout the lakes and eastern districts, with generally high pressure. The tendency is to a slowly increasing temperature. In the Northwest, whilst cold in Manitoba and Assiniboia, it is comparatively mild in Alberta, and on the Pacific coast it is mild. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38-44; Kamloops, 20-25; Calgary, 12-35; Battleford, 14 below-6; Qu'Appelle, 6 below-14; Winnipeg, 10 below-2; Port Arthur, 8 below-10; Parry Sound, 4 below-20; Toronto, 6-20; Ottawa, 24 below-10; Montreal, 2 below-14; Quebec, 16 below-2 below; Halifax, 6-11.

Probabilities.—Toronto, Dec. 15-1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Fair and cold, with rising temperatures; light local snow-falls by night.

Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here yesterday were 17 and 45 above.

Astronomical: Sun rises today at 7:45 a.m.; sets, 4:42 p.m. Moon rises, 9:51 a.m.; sets, 7:28 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. Fred Rutherford, G. T. R. operator, is visiting his home at Aylmer.

The snow during the past few days more or less delayed all incoming trains on the G. T. R.

—Mr. John Milner, of Ingersoll, was brought to the asylum here on Monday by Chief Crawford.

—Miss Connor, of 289 Grey street, city, is the guest of Mrs. Edward Horsman, Iroquois Hotel, Toronto.

—Mrs. L. Buchanan, of 599 Maitland street, is reported very ill. Mrs. C. W. Connor, of Chatham (her mother), is attending her.

—Col. Buchan, of Wolseley Barracks, will visit Galt tomorrow and inspect the armories of the Twenty-ninth Battalion and perform other duties.

—Mr. John W. Bowen, Chicago, formerly of this city, is here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Bowen recently arrived from Porto Rico and Cuba, where he was with the Seventh United States Volunteer Signal Corps. He assisted in several engagements.

—The entertainment to be given in Somerset Hall on Friday evening in aid of the Y. W. C. A. library promises to be very enjoyable. Christmas choruses will be rendered by 30 children. Miss Violet Winnett and Miss Constance Fraser will sing, and Mr. Dave Murray will give violin solos.

—Miss Jennie Vaders, of this city, will leave for Philadelphia about the first of the month to prepare herself for the dramatic stage in Shakespearean and other tragedies, such as "Deborah," "Mary Stuart," etc., after which she expects to travel with her aunt, Henrietta Vaders, who has often appeared in London as leading lady with Keene, Jefferson and a number of first-class companies.

—Windsor Record: Rev. C. C. Purton, of Ascension Chapel, will go to London tomorrow, to complete the examination on which his ordination depends. At that examination four young men will be candidates for the priesthood and three for the office of deacon. One of the first four is O. Howard, rector of a late curate of All Saints, Mr.

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NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

No. 3 committee of the city council held a brief session last night. Market Clerk Wilson asked to have the petition for his dismissal considered at once, rather than leave it over for next year's council. The petition has not yet reached the committee. Mr. Jas. Dean's request to have the weigh scales office repaired was referred to the chairman with power. A number of accounts were passed. Those present were Ald. Taylor (in the chair), Stevely, Hunt, Wilkey, Jolly and Gerry, the mayor and officials.

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

The Children's Aid Society have completed arrangements for the receiving of toys and clothing for distribution to the poor children of the aid. A committee has been selected and is now in charge of the work at the city hall. Citizens having either clothing or toys available for such purposes are asked to send the same to Secretary Sanders' office at the city hall. Persons who have no means of forwarding same, can send name and address and their donations will be called for. Mrs. Graham will be at the city hall to receive the donations.

THE W. M. M. C.

There was a large attendance at the Woman's Morning Music Club concert given yesterday, when the following programme of "old time" music was admirably rendered:

Musical Items.....
Mrs. M. A. Lilley.....
Sonata I, op. 1, No. 5.....
Ladies' Orchestra.....
Corelli.....
"Auld Robin Gray"
Mozart.....Concerto in A major
Mrs. S. N. Sterling.....
(Orchestral accompaniment on a second piano by Miss M. Raymond.)
Knight....."She Wore a Wreath of Roses"
Miss Hayward.....
"Last Rose of Summer"
(Variations.)
Miss Emma Walsh.....
Chappel.....
Mrs. F. A. Laithe.....
Sonata (1678)....."Jock o' Hazeldean"
Miss E. Wildern.....
Searlatti-Tansig....."Pastorale"
Miss Morphy.....
F. Marshall-Ward....."Minuetto"
Ladies' Orchestra.....
"Auld Lang Syne"

SEASONABLE HINTS

How to Choose Appropriate and Satisfactory Christmas Presents.

Who has escaped the epidemic, December madness, that comes from grasping wildly and blindly after ideas for presents suitable for a dozen or more persons of widely different tastes and needs? Most people wait till the holiday season is upon them, and thus buy at random, usually making the most unsatisfactory selection possible, and often spending several times as much as they can afford. Such experiences rob giving of half its pleasure; and yet they are easily avoided.

Christmas buying can be made a positive pleasure. It is not necessary to lie awake nights vainly trying to think of something suitable for this person or that. The prettiest novelties that the skill and art of manufacturers the world over have produced, can be seen on the counters of the Runians, Gray, Carrie Company's big store. Here are a few suggestions:

The latest things in enameled dressing cases, manicure sets, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, collar and cuff boxes in an endless variety of design and color, brushes and toilet mirrors with solid ebony backs. These are shown at prices to suit any pocket-book.

Among the fads none is more in evidence than the turtle and lizard designs in silver and gold for lapel, collar and hat pins. They will even be found crawling over the purses and reticules, which latter, by the way, have had a revival. Another new and pretty thing is the muff guard. Dainty packages of fancy note paper are shown in all correct styles, and, like flowers, are always acceptable.

If something more expensive is wanted, there are rich Oriental silk head drapes for ball and theater wear, imported from Japan, and beautifully hand embroidered. They are very popular with the smart set.

Then there are dainty evening fans of shimmering gauze, glistening pearl, inlaid ivory, exquisite in design and finish; dainty Battenberg lace, with linen centers or solid lace, dollies, tray covers, center pieces, five o'clock tea covers and carving cloths.

Is it something for the children? In Runians, Gray, Carrie Company's doll-doll the children of all nations are represented, from the fur-clad Esquimaux to the black fuzzy-wuzzy of the Soudan.

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Question of the Askin Street Methodist Church Pastorate Again Discussed and Voted On—Three-Fourths Vote Needed.

The question of calling a pastor for the Askin Street Methodist Church, South London, was again brought up and voted on at a meeting of the quarterly official board of that body last night. The outcome was practically a deadlock, apparently with no prospects of being broken, as both sides say they are prepared to hold out. The chair was occupied by Rev. Richard Hobbs, with 25 other members in attendance. The vote stood sixteen in favor of asking Mr. Hobbs to remain for a fourth year, and nine for a call to Rev. Alex. Langford, of Orangeville, to become pastor of the church at the close of Mr. Hobbs' three-year term in June next.

To secure Mr. Hobbs for another year his supporters would have to total 19 votes, or three-fourths of the 25 votes cast. After some two hours of lively discussion and voting no conclusion was reached.

The names of Rev. J. G. Falls, of the Hamilton Road Church, and Rev. Mr. Irvine, of St. Thomas, were also voted on, and at times received more or less applause. A motion to invite Rev. Dr. Williams, of Listowel, to the pastorate was not voted on.

The quarterly board will meet in February next, and if the matter is not settled then it will have to go before the conference in June.

John D. Hayes, who served as a Red Cross nurse at Santiago, is under arrest in New York, charged with the murder of his brother. Hayes says the brother accused him of stealing, and after several quarrels attacked him with an ice pick. He claims he shot in self-defense.

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