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—ON—

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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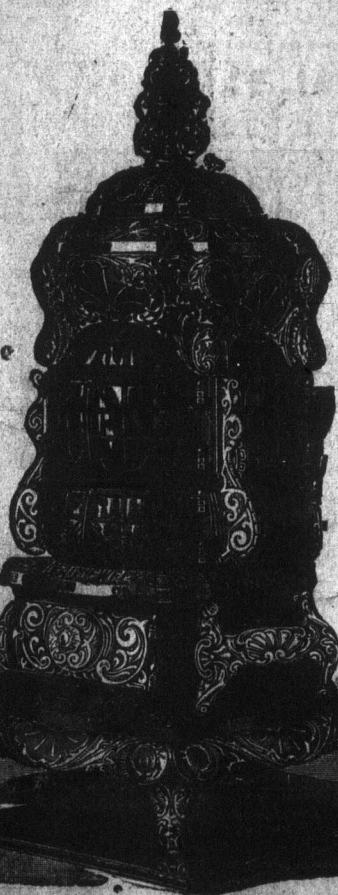
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IT WAS A RARE TREAT

Bonnie Brier Bush Captivated A Large Audience Saturday Night

WILL PLAY TONIGHT

Probably never before—and seldom to say the least—has a Chatham audience been so deeply affected, and so utterly carried away by the theme of a play, as they so plainly evidenced at the production of Ian MacLaren's immortal Bonnie Brier Bush at the Briscoe theatre Saturday evening.

This great moral play, which has gained renown, and caught and held public favor wherever it has been produced, not only stirs the very heart-strings of its audiences, with its intense pathos, but drives home a lesson that few sermons could begin to equal.

There is so much realism about the plot of the Bonnie Brier Bush, so much of the genuine traits of human nature with its failings and weaknesses, passions and sufferings, joys and sorrows that he must indeed be an unsympathetic individual who can witness its portrayal without being deeply touched with the realistic and pathetic story it embraces.

Gallery, pit and balcony were packed Saturday, when Shipman & Calvin's company put on the production, and all went away well pleased, and feeling the richer, intellectually, for having witnessed it.

The Bonnie Brier Bush is as bright as ever. To offset the intensity of the tragic plot, the dry, irresistible humor of "Posty" has a charm and a delight that never fails to work on the risibilities of the audience. "Posty's" role is most unusually well taken by Mr. Charles E. Bloomer. Mr. Bloomer as the reckless, tipsy, but kind-hearted postman takes all by storm. There is never even a suggestion apparent that he is acting his part. One feels while watching him that he is really living it. In fact this is a feature which characterizes the acting of every role on the cast.

David Davies, as Lachlan Campbell, played, his interpretation of the grim old Scot, who lived steadfastly by the word of the "Scriptures," was true to life. Slow of step, with white and bowed-down head, he portrays in truly magnificent style the suffering of a strong man, whose soul is in the throes of a great sorrow. During the presentation of the pathetic scenes in the second act, there was hardly a dry eye in the lower portion of the house. When the lights came on again there was a hurried putting away of handkerchiefs.

Miss Reynolds as Flora Campbell unites beauty with great dramatic ability. She has genius and adaptability. Miss O'Meara as Kate Carnegie was charming, and winsome, while Miss Warren as "Annie" takes her part with equal grace and ease. Miss Cairns as Margaret and Kenneth McKenzie as "Annie" were typical "old kentry folk." Mr. Maurice Lavigne, as Rev. John Carmichael takes the part of the spiritual adviser of the glen folk with proper dignity. Mr. Leonard Howe as Lord Hay, the hero, gave a very finished portrayal of his role. The two Bennett children are very clever in their parts.

One other feature which must not be overlooked is the singing of the male quartette, which, to judge by the applause, met with a great deal of popular favor.

The piece is well staged, and the scenery is as realistic as the acting. Altogether, the Bonnie Brier Bush, as put on by the company at the Briscoe, is one which no Chathamite should miss seeing. The attraction will hold forth again at the Opera House this evening.

SILVER WEDDING

On Friday evening, Nov. 30, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Malvern, Patterson Ave., celebrated their silver wedding. About 75 of their friends and relatives from the city and outside points were present and spent a very pleasant evening. Those from a distance were, Mr. Shenton Holmes and Master George Holmes, of Chicago; Mr. John Read, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hales, Mr. and Mrs. D. Curtis, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holmes and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, of Darrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Malvern were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

ST. ANDREW'S SUPPER

From Our Own Correspondent.
Blenheim, Dec. 3.—The annual St. Andrew's supper and entertainment, given by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening, has not in any way lost its prestige. The table was well supplied with all the delicacies of the season. The entertainment, held in the Opera House, was pronounced one of the best concerts held here for some time, every number given being highly appreciated. The proceeds amounted to over \$200.

FIGHT FOR MAYOR WILL BE WAGED BY THREE

Candidates Will Be Alds. Scullard, Stone And Bensen

MUNICIPAL OUT-LOOK

P. S. And C. C. I. Board Members Will Stand For Education Board

The fight for the Mayoralty for 1907 will be of the three-cornered variety. At least that seems to be the way the municipal wind is blowing at the present time.

The candidates for the highest honors which the city can bestow on them will be Ald. Thomas Scullard, Ald. William Stone and Ald. W. H. Bensen.

The two first mentioned of the trio have already announced themselves to the public through the columns of the G. H. J., and it is probable that Ald. Bensen will do likewise in the course of a few days. Ald. Bensen has been urged to stand, and it is very likely that he will come out.

A Planet reporter met Ald. Bensen on King street this morning, and asked him what truth there was in the reports that he would be out for Mayor.

"Well," he replied, "I am just a little undecided about the matter yet. It is true that my friends have been pressing me to run, and all that is holding me back, is that I feel that it might be a little presumptuous on my part to come out for Mayor this year, as I have only served one year at the Council Board, although I have really given the city six years service all told, having served five years previously on the Public School Board."

"Would you care to make any definite statement this morning?" pressed the reporter.

"No, I wouldn't care to say anything definite just yet," he replied, "but it is a possibility that I will be in the running."

Ald. Bensen during his term as alderman was chairman of the Railway committee, and he has a good record. Moreover, he has always been quite a favorite with the electorate, and the returns from the polls have always shown.

Claims Agent Archie Skirving, of the P. M. R., was walking down King street this morning, and in stooping against the gate he almost ran into Ald. Scullard, who was returning from the post office.

"Hello, Mayor Scullard," yelled the big railway man.

"I take off my hat to you," returned the genial candidate, "despite the biting nor'wester, he doffed his hat in a mock courtesy. The incident caused quite a ripple of merriment among those who witnessed it.

Ald. Scullard is receiving the assurance of his friends right and left that he is a winner. On the other hand, Ald. Stone and his friends feel just as confident of success. There was some talk of G. W. Cowan taking part in the contest, but Mr. Cowan emphatically states that there is no truth in the rumors.

It is understood that nearly all of the present aldermen will stand for re-election with the exception of Ald. Austin, who some time ago announced that he would not be in the running. He has since been pressed by his friends to reconsider the matter, but when interviewed by The Planet this morning, he said that he could not spare the time during the coming year.

Among the new men who have been mentioned as possible candidates for aldermanic honors are Messrs. W. G. Richards, J. C. Wanless, A. C. Trudell, Sam. Bullis and Geo. A. Thompson.

What about the new Board of Education?

This is a question that is becoming quite a trite saying on the streets lately. Everyone is of the opinion that the majority or at least a number of the members of the Public School Board and the C. C. I. Board should come out as candidates for this body. The Planet understands that nearly all the members of the former body will be candidates. Mr. E. A. Mounteer, of the High School Board, it is currently rumored, will also be in the field.

The Water Commissioners for 1907 will undoubtedly be the present members, Chairman W. D. Sheldon, and Dr. G. W. Cornell, whose record at this Board speaks for itself. They wish to extend their sincere thanks. It is very likely that this worthy attraction will be liberally patronized again to-night, and it certainly deserves to be.

ENJOYED THE SHOW

The entire staff of The Planet were present at the production of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" at the Briscoe Theatre on Saturday evening. By the special invitation of the management of the attraction and Manager Briscoe. The sixty-three employees of this Great Home Journal thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and to the above named persons they wish to extend their sincere thanks. It is very likely that this worthy attraction will be liberally patronized again to-night, and it certainly deserves to be.

A GRATE DEBATE

The Makollay Klub Saturday night came to the conclusion that a spelling reform is needed and should be inaugurated along fonetik lines. They thought it should be carried out by these public.

We agree with the klub, and believe they have decided wisely and well. We are using it in the present reference to that learned body in view of, and out of courtesy for their decision.

The debate was a spirited won and the meeting was most successful. These apozing sides were: Affirmativ—Messrs. Jackson, Forman, Makorve, Stone, Dokter Bray, Wilyum Angus and Skulard. Negativ—Messrs. Chalk, Wilsan, Kid, Tiurb Smith, Dokter Mussin, and Bel.

Edwin Bel also gave a good address on Argument and Proof. Mr. Lays presided and Dok Bhold was critic. It was a grate nite.

COAL STRIKE IS ENDED

Many Farmers Have Had To Burn Lumber From Buildings

HELD UP A COAL TRAIN

Regina, Sask., Dec. 3.—So desperate has the fuel famine grown, and the farmers are in such terrible straits now that zero weather has set in, that at Drinkwater, Sask., on Saturday a train on the siding was held up by a band of farmers, who turned the switch and stood guard until their wagons were loaded from a car of coal bound for Weyburn.

Many of these farmers were burning lumber from their buildings for fuel. Farmers living thirty and forty miles from town often remain through four days to obtain a supply of coal and then return home with a few hundred pounds. At many points on the arrival of a car there are sixty and seventy teams awaiting their supply.

Coal Strike Ends.
The following telegram has been received by Commissioner of Agriculture Hon. W. R. Motherwell: "Lethbridge strike ended, and am assured that men will resume work on Monday."

"I am convinced the men yielded beyond what they would yield, except for consideration for the suffering of Saskatchewan people. Walter Scott."

CAST UP BY WAVES

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The body found floating in the bay at Sunnyside Saturday night was identified yesterday as that of Frederick Gordon Bastedo, manager of the Avenue road branch of the Dominion Bank.

Not In Good Health.
It is presumed that Mr. Bastedo, who was not in very good health, was subjected to needless worry in his management of the bank. Naturally anxious to make a good showing with the newly-opened branch, he was inclined to be weighed down by comparatively trivial matters. It is stated that an overdraft on the account of one of his customers, amounting to \$300, proved a source of uneasiness, though there was nothing whatever in the situation to justify apprehension, since small overdrafts of the kind are of by no means uncommon occurrence, and, in this case, the account would have speedily been re-adjusted.

Fears Inspectors Criticism.
Mr. Bastedo's friends believe that the notice given him by the inspector to attend a meeting at 3.30 Friday afternoon, was thought by him to imply dissatisfaction with the business methods of the Avenue road branch, and that he shrank from the possibility of being criticized. As a matter of fact the meeting called was merely the regular monthly one to take account of securities carried, and the general business of all the local branches. Suffering from ill-health, and worn down with a sense of responsibility, Mr. Bastedo was morbidly sensitive, and, ardently dreaded to face the meeting.

Widow and Three Children.
Mr. Bastedo, who was 37 years of age, was a son of John Bastedo, of the firm of Holt, Renfrew & Co. Two brothers, Melville and Henry, live in Toronto. A widow and three children also survive him.

Entering the services of the bank about 19 years ago he was promoted among a number of the outside branches for some years, but a few weeks ago he was made manager of the new Avenue road branch.

The deceased manager was highly esteemed by Dominion Bank officials, and the news of his tragic end, which became generally known to his friends yesterday, caused many expressions of surprise and regret.

Special Christmas Offer...

As the great holiday season approaches, you will no doubt recollect the puzzling and perplexing problem, a former years of "What to give?"

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Best Select Raisins, 12c. per lb.
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Extra good Pork Sausage, 10c. per lb.
Matthew's extra fine Old Cheese, 10c. per lb.
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