

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

BUSY COURT.

The Court of Revision to-morrow will consider 566 petitions sent in by both the local option and anti-local option parties on the coming fight.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

The high school club will again hold one of its weekly interesting meetings in the Y. M. to-night, shortly after 8 o'clock.

ROUTINE MATTERS

The manufacturers committee held a short business session in the Y. M. yesterday. Only routine matters were discussed.

THANKS RETURNED

Supt. and Matron, House of Refuge, wish to thank Supt. and members of Park Road S. S. for kind donation of \$50 for Xmas tree for the old people of the home.

MEANT BUSINESS.

One of the men who recently enlisted in the Brant battalion, walked from the farm on which he was employed, eighteen miles away, in order to offer his services for the Empire.

KOLTS ENTERTAINED

The Dormitory Kolts indoor baseball teams were entertained at the Artemis last evening by the Brant Theatre team. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed himself, and a splendid time was spent.

WARDEN'S DINNER

Mr. George E. Cooke, Warden of Brant County, has issued invitations for the annual dinner. The event will take place in the Kerby House on Thursday night, Dec. 23rd, commencing at 8 p. m.

THE MAYORALTY

A rumor was current to-day that Mr. J. W. Bowly might run for mayor. Phoned by the Courier, he remarked, "I can't go a block without having that query put to me. I never authorized any such talk; I don't want any office."

JANUARY POLLING

W. F. Thompson having declined to act as polling clerk in Div. 14, (Court House) J. Hutchinson has been appointed in his stead. Polling sub-division 19, at 145 Peel St., will have to be changed, as the family there do not find it convenient to have the premises so used.

Ever Thought of Glasses as an Xmas Gift?

Jarvis' Glasses Cost \$2.00 and Upwards

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Both phones for appointments
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is apparent, and the zest of those busily selecting gifts from our bountiful stocks seems to fill the air with a merry contagion. A few hints:

TRUNKS
VALISES
CLUB BAGS
SUIT CASES
MOCCASINS
HOUSE SLIPPERS
HOCKEY SKATES
HOCKEY SHOES

And many more equally practical gifts.

Purchases will be held and delivered later, if desired.

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P. S. A. ANNUAL

Activities at the Congregational church are becoming numerous. This evening the P. S. A. concert will be held. Next Sunday the members will celebrate the jubilee of the dedication of the church.

STORY HOUR

The story hour subject for this afternoon will be one written by Miss Middlemiss herself. It is a pleasing story about Christmas customs in many lands. The subject for Thursday's story will be the "Birds Xmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

SOLDIER'S CONCERT

Another concert will be given this evening for the soldiers in their club rooms, at the Y. M. There will be some interesting moving pictures of the war, and of the battle of Marne. Miss Hilda Hurley will again entertain the soldiers, this time with the song, "Blistered Toes."

COUNTY COURT.

The first case to be tried by the County Court jury sittings, will be that of Merrill vs. Grady. It will come up this afternoon in the Court House before His Honor Judge Hardy. The plaintiff will be represented by E. R. Read, while W. A. Hollinrake, K.C. will appear for the defendant. The action is over a lease.

INTERESTING TALK.

A very interesting and well-attended meeting of the Alexandra Young People's Society was held last evening. Mr. John Howison gave an interesting talk on the topic "Golden Fruit of the Prayer Life." Mr. Howison's talk was very interesting and should be of benefit to those who were present. A special collection was taken during the evening to defray the expense in connection with Christmas boxes for the soldiers from the Society at the front.

PRESENTATION.

An interesting presentation was made to Albert Ballinger, late section foreman of the T. H. and B. Railway now of the 84th overseas Battalion, on Saturday evening. An aluminum silver watch had been subscribed for by the section foremen and their men between Waterford and Welland and in the presence of many employees of the Maintenance Department of all grades and sections. Mr. Edward Clark of Scotland, read an address and presented the watch. Albert Ballinger was taken by surprise and in a few well chosen words thanked one and all, and said the watch would always remind him of the kindness of his railway friends. Three cheers were given for Albert and a safe return wished him. Mr. Ballinger has already one son serving in the 84th.

COURT SUCCESS OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of Court Success, No. 6827, A. O. F., took place last evening. D. C. R. Bro. Wm. Bailey conducted the election which resulted as follows:—C. R. Harold Jarvis: S. C. R., Herbert W. Inch, Treasurer, R. T. Whitlock; Secretary, Ira D. Scruton; S. W., John Moore; J. W., B. Kester; S. E., Alf. Downing; J. B., John Horning; trustees Geo. M. Crooks, John Moore, Blake Kester; auditors, E. E. Reynolds, Alf. Pinkham. Grant Jarvis: suspension committee, M. Jarvis, H. W. Inch, I. D. Scruton; trustee and juvenile auditor, E. E. Reynolds. Court Success has fifteen members serving under the colors, whose dues are kept in good standing from the time they leave Canada until their return. Several members of the 84th were present at the meeting. The Court is in good condition financially and the new officers promise to make this term the best in the history of the court.

FROM SECTION 16.

Township Clerk J. A. Smith has received, through Miss Gertrude King, from the pupils of Section No. 16, the sum of \$3.50 to be contributed to the Red Cross Fund.

BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

The appeal of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway against the revised award in favor of the Golf and Country club was argued last night before the Supreme Court at Ottawa. Mr. W. S. Brewster appeared for the railway. Judgment was reserved.

GET PASSPORTS.

Travelers leaving Canada for any point abroad from Brantford and district should apply on the usual form which can be secured at ticket offices for passports in order to avoid trouble either at the port of embarkation or disembarking.

WITH THE POLICE

There were no cases of great interest in the police court this morning. A man charged with non-support, was adjourned for a week so that he may arrange a settlement out of court. Thomas Gould was charged with non-payment of wages. All the witnesses were not present so the case was adjourned until Thursday.

RECRUITING

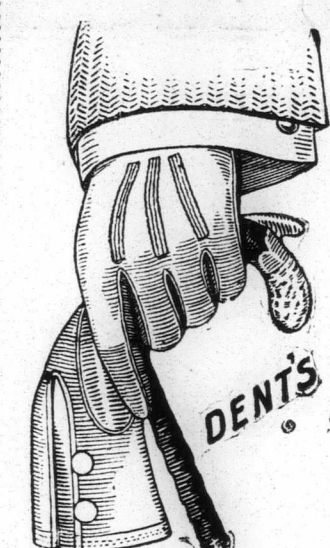
The meeting at King Edward school to-night will be addressed by Rev. Mr. McKegney, Mr. W. H. Lane and others. Mr. George Ward will occupy the chair. To-morrow (Wednesday night) one meeting will be at Simonsview school house, with Mr. Armstrong in the chair. Speakers, Mayor Spence, W. N. Andrews and others, and on the same night (Wednesday) the meeting at King George School, Rawdon St., will be addressed by W. S. Brewster, K. C., J. J. Hurley and others. Mr. W. Lane will be in the chair.

INSTRUCTIVE ADDRESS

At St. Andrew's Guild last evening Mr. G. S. Lloyd, M.A., of Knox College, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the student missionary work in British Columbia. Mr. Lloyd pointed out what a great work the students do in the construction of camps, mines and among the scattered settlements in our far west. A quartette by Messrs W. Millard, A. Johnson, H. Banner and A. McWhirter, and a piano duet by Misses B. Simons and E. Lamb were greatly appreciated. The membership campaign is still keen. The Guild hope to make this a record year.

HOCKEY.

A meeting of the executive of the hockey team was held last night in the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Wylt in the chair. A full attendance of the executive was present, as well as a number of players. Representatives were also present from the 84th, who assured the executive of that Battalion's hearty co-operation, and Lt. Duff Slemin also promised to get out what



Xmas Gifts For Men

Silk-lined
Gloves 1.50 to \$3.00
Fur Lined
Gloves .83 to \$4.00
Wool Lined
Gloves .81 to \$2.50
Silk Mufflers .75c to \$6.00
Initial Handkerchiefs, 1/2 dozen \$1.50 to \$2.00
Military Shirts \$1.50 to \$4.00
Military Mirrors .25c to 75c
Collar Bags .75c to \$1.50
Walking Canes .50c to \$3.00
Khaki Silk Hdkfs. 50c to \$1.00

Hughes & Howie
10 MARKET ST.

material he could from the 125th. Mr. Gould announced that London was added to the local junior group.

ARRIVED SAFELY.

Mr. W. H. Lane received word to-day that his son Sergt. W. A. Lane had arrived safely in the Old Land after an uneventful trip across the briny.

FIRST PARTY.

The first snow-shoe party of the season was seen last night, trending its way across the fields in single file, near the O. I. B. grounds. The evening was very good for a long walk.

SOON BE SKATING.

Enthusiastic skaters have already visited the Grand River, near Wilkes dam, to test the ice. It is not quite thick enough as yet, but before many days, figures will be seen gliding over the smooth surface.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a meeting of the Holmedale Hockey Club held Monday night, for the purpose of entering a team in the Senior City Hockey League the following officers were elected—President, Andy Vasey, vice-president, William Bailey, secretary-treasurer, Harry Shaw; manager, T. J. Slattery. Any hockey aspirants desiring a try-out with the team kindly leave their names with the manager.

CONGREGATIONAL Y.P.S.

The regular weekly meeting of the Congregational Young People's Society was held last evening in the basement of the church. A patriotic solo was rendered by Miss Nellie Taylor, after which an interesting debate was held on the subject of whe- capacity of the United States is justified in remaining neutral in this war. Messrs. Fred Alway, B. Maynard and Robt. Collyer upheld the affirmative, while Mr. Frank Sterne and Rev. M. Kelly supported the negative. After much deliberation the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

MISSIONARY EVENING.

At the Syncham St. Epworth League last evening, Miss Preston, of this city who has served as a missionary in Japan for quite a number of years, and latterly was serving in the same capacity to the Orientals of British Columbia, gave a most interesting address. Much information was given and a stimulus given the work of the Jackson Mission Circle and the League which had met in joint session. Miss Alma Battye sang a very pleasing solo and Miss Dora Arnold contributed an artistic piano selection. Miss Ursula Willis acted as leader of the meeting.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

The girls of the Junior Chapter of the W. C. T. U., took charge of the young people's League at Brant Ave. reading, and a short paper on the topic, Mrs. S. G. Read gave a very pleasing and interesting talk on "Personal Influence," along Temperance lines. Miss Hilda Hurley rendered a solo in her usual good style, and Mrs. Chrysler, in a few words, outlined the field of work covered by the Y girls. The meeting was closed by singing God Save the King.

AUSTRALIAN BOYS.

The Australian Cadets, now on a tour of Canada, will arrive in the city on their special car on January 4th and will remain here for two days.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon, it was decided that they should be entertained by the City Council. Board of Trade and Daughters of the Empire, as guests of the city. The latter will billet them among various families.

GOOD MEETINGS.

A good meeting was held last night at Harley in the interests of recruiting. Reeve Burtis occupied the chair. The speakers were Mr. W. N. Andrews and Rev. A. E. Lavell. Capt. Shultis appealed for recruits. There was one response and prospects of more.

At Echo Place school house, Mr. M. Myers occupied the chair and the speakers were Mayor Spence and Mr. J. J. Hurley. The Elm Ave church orchestra assisted and a couple of young ladies sang enjoyable solos. There are prospects of recruits as the outcome.

SECOND WEEK

Of the Daughters of the Empire Teas at Crompton's Store.

The second week at Crompton's of the teas given under the auspices of Brant Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, started off yesterday with sustained success. The room was very prettily decorated and there was a large attendance. Mrs. Joseph Stratford and Mrs. R. S. Schell poured tea and coffee.

The convenors for yesterday and to-day are Mrs. Joseph Stratford and Mrs. E. Cameron, assisted by Mesdames A. T. Duncan, E. L. Gould, E. G. Scott, C. C. Fissette, F. D. Reville, R. H. Reville, R. Schell, E. B. Collins, S. Passmore, M. E. B. Cutcliffe, C. J. Mitchell, Miss Heath.

The waitresses yesterday were Misses Lillian Wisniewski, Ben- nett, Emily Bunnell, Kathleen Buck, Margaret Cockshutt, Helen Cock- shutt, Marion Watts and Jean Pater- son.

There is no more delightful spot in which to send a pleasant half hour or so and the double cause is excellent, the Brant Sanatorium and Patriotic fund.

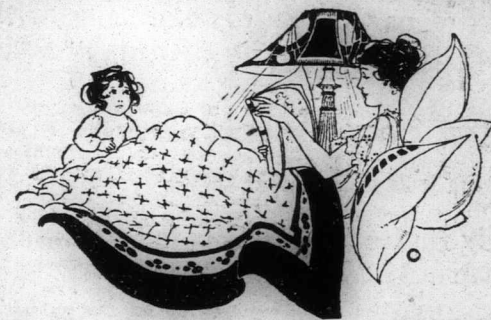
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White Flannelette Blankets, extra good quality, size 3/4 bed, pretty colored borders. Special at 98c

Grey Union Blankets, weighing 5 lbs., for single beds, very warm. Reg. \$3.50. Special at \$2.00.

White Wool Blankets, weighing 7 lbs., ends nicely whipped, single or double, with pink or blue borders, made from wool that could not be bought for less than 90c a pound, size 64x84. Regular \$5.50. Special at \$3.39

Large Size Blanket, weighing 8 lbs., size 70 x 90, beautiful quality, no skimping, exact size. Regular \$7.00. Special at \$4.75

Our Leader, an all wool blanket, weighing nearly 9 lbs., beautifully combed and whipped, size 70x90, single or double blankets. Regular \$7.50. Special at \$5.00

Comforters

Cotton Comforters in great variety, all sizes, plain and fancy coverings, well filled. Regular \$2.50. Special at \$1.50

Large Size Comforters, covered with best quality Silkoline, pretty centres, floral designs and plain panel border. Regular \$5.00. Special at \$3.85

Beautiful Down Comforters, filled with the best down, covered with high quality sateen, with plain outside and inside borders, perfectly ventilated. Special prices \$6.00, \$8.50 and \$10.00

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GROCERY SAVINGS

"The Pure Food Store" WEDNESDAY MORNING

From 9 to 11 o'clock

(No Phone Orders)

10 lbs. Redpath Granulated Sugar for .68c
7 lbs. Yellow Sugar for 50c
Shelled Almonds, per lb. 45c
Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 45c
Ammonia, 4 large packages for 25c
Matches, 3 boxes for 10c
Flour, choice, 24-lb. sack for 72c
Raisins, California, per lb. 10c

—Basement Selling Floor.

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WON TWO GAMES.

In the Y. M. C. A. Bowling League last night the Expositors won two out of three games after some very close and exciting finishes. The teams were very evenly matched, but there were no big scores registered, there was some good bowling which is hardly indicated by the scores. Will Lister was high man of the evening with a nice single of 201, and a high triple of 300. Dave Hepton "skipping" for the Keystones was high for his team with 493. The following are the scores—

EXPOSITORS.
Lister 155 144 201—500
Hearns 165 176 136—477
Pitman 178 128 131—437
Matthews 138 124 186—448

636 572 654—1865
KEYSTONES.
Fairfax 156 156 150—462
Hope 130 145 304—379
Henson 142 152 154—448
Hepton 176 170 147—493

604 523 555—1782
"SPLITS."
The Keystones win three straight games from the Verity Plov Co. team as they defaulted on Friday evening.

George Matthews was away below form last night.
The first series finishes this week.

with the Dormitory Kolts in first place.

Important Evidence.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Possession of evidence by the government in the alleged German bomb plots which federal officers declare to be "the most vital to the case of any yet discovered," became known to-day through the detailed report of testimony alleged to have been given by Johannes Henrikus Van Koolbergen, now in Canada.

To the Victorious Army.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Rome, Dec. 14.—The chamber of deputies adjourned to-day until March 1. Adjournment was taken after an imposing demonstration in tribute to the king and army. The greetings of the deputies were sent to "The victorious army at the front."

Cotton regulations will shortly be issued by the government providing that every yard of cotton cloth leaving the United Kingdom for destinations other than the Colonies and Dependencies will have to be covered by a certificate guaranteeing that it shall not reach the enemy's hands. The wide scope of the regulations will be realized when it is stated that the average export of cloth annually is over five hundred millions of dollars.

Too Late for Classification

FOR RENT—Six rooms, clean, warm; near Silk works or factories. Apply morning or evening, 45 Sarah street. 126

FOUND—Fox collie, six months old. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for Ad. Box 14, Courier. 129

STRAYED—On the premises of Thos. Handsfield, on Mt. Pleasant road, black and white steer. Owner prove property and pay expenses. 125tf

FOR SALE—Grocery stock, attractive stand; good paying business; investigation invited; good reasons for selling. Box 11, Courier. a35

FOUND—Carriage robe. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Apply A. Wright, county constable, 178 Wilham St.

Carleton County Council yesterday voted \$50,000 to the Canadian Red Cross society and Patriotic fund, the amount to be divided by a committee given charge of the disbursing. John Nolan, the last of three Welland Canal dynamiters to leave the Kingston penitentiary, has sailed for Ireland to join his wife. After working on the prison stone pile for eight years he became quite deaf.