

GRIMSBY AND BEAMSVILLE.

Three-Cornered Fight for Beamsville Reeve'ship Looks Probable.

Need of Better Postoffice Accommodation at Grimsby.

Local Option Fight Promises to be a Hot One.

Beamsville, Dec. 11.—Mr. Geo. Slingerland spent a few days in Guelph this week.

Mrs. F. Sussex is visiting in Bothwell. Mr. Tice Konkle, accompanied by his daughter and nephew, have gone down to old Virginia for a trip.

Mrs. J. A. Hewitt and Miss Ethel Hewitt were in Hamilton on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Jennings Toronto, spent the week end at Inverlue.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Thompson, Hamilton, were guests at the Couse House on Sunday.

Senator Gibson has been confined to his home for a couple of days with a cold.

Mr. Lang is opening a home-made candy kitchen in a store formerly occupied by Geo. Ryckman.

St. Alban's Church Sunday school will have their Christmas entertainment in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, December 30.

Hall Book was visiting friends in Niagara Falls over the week end.

Mr. Wm. Lang has purchased the Dressell property on King street. The new basket factory may locate in these premises, it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cowell have taken up their residence in North Grimsby.

Services in the churches to-morrow: Presbyterian—Morning, communion of the Lord's supper, subject, "The Highest." Methodist, morning, "A Rare Human Experience; evening, "The Vision That Makes Life."

The two-year term for school trustees, Montgomery, Buck, Macintyre and W. E. Tufford, expires at the close of this year.

Miss Mary Robertson is spending the week with Guelph friends.

Mrs. Crown has rented Mrs. Brine's house and moved into it.

Mr. Chas. Wilson is here from the west and is staying with his brother, Sidney J., for a short time.

An old favorite Christmas tree and entertainment takes place in the mountain Presbyterian Church on Christmas eve.

Mr. W. Lounsbury is wrothy on account of some arrears in taxes that he thinks shouldn't have been paid by him.

The treasurer, however, thought otherwise, and the bailiff was sent down to Lounsbury's to look into the whys and wherefores of and incidentally to take possession of a horse until the smithy whacked up. Bill's ire is now at a white heat, and the whole bloomin' outfit from reeve down will be put out of business within the next three weeks if the wrothy smith knows anything about elections.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Education no decision was arrived at as regards the acceptance of any application for a high school principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Binkley, Dundas, were the guests of J. H. and Mrs. Henry during the past week at the lake.

"Santa Claus," a cantata, will be given at the Victoria school, Vineland, on the night of December 22. The children are putting in daily rehearsals, and the affair will be both musical and entertaining.

The trustees of Grob's, Clinton, have been made in connection with the High School.

Mrs. Cole, Hamilton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Fairfield.

The trustees of Grob, Clinton, have decided to have a school garden next year.

Miss M. Dressell, Queenstown, was in town on Wednesday.

It looks like Councilor Heaslip, Daniel Meyer and Thomas R. Gilmore for the reeve'ship of Clinton Township if Reeve Fawell drops out. What does Dan Meyer want again in municipal politics? Surely he has had his turn these many years.

It would only be doing the kind thing for Mr. Meyer to leave the race to Mr. Heaslip and T. R. Gilmore, even if he is seriously considering it. The former has sat in council and served well the division he represents for a long time. Mr. Gilmore is not anxious to take the chief chair in the township, and would, without a doubt, concede that privilege to Mr. Heaslip by acclamation. But Mr. Meyer enters the arena and Gilmore's election is assured. It would be extremely gratifying to Mr. Heaslip's friends to see him occupy the reeve's position after his honorable career in the council.

Charlie Albright has been taken to the County Hospital for treatment.

A writ has been issued against the Jordan Station Canning and Packing Co., Ltd., by the Niagara Falls Canning Co., Ltd., claiming \$2,430, part being balance for fruit supplied and the rest for damages for non-delivery of 2,100 cases of tomatoes.

St. Alban's Church Guild held their Christmas sale of work in the town hall yesterday afternoon and last night. There was a gratifying attendance and the ladies realized a tidy sum.

The village treasurer still has Mr. Lounsbury's horse in seizure for arrears of tax money, and he will be sold to satisfy the village claims next week unless the money is paid.

The following is the public school report for the month of November, giving the first eight pupils in each case where there are more than that number in the form:

Senior fourth honors—Frank Sussex, Harry Reid, James Lister, Laura Noble, Douglas Kendall, Isabel Reid.

Pass—Hazel Ready, Douglas Stewart. Junior second honors—Bella Bartlett, Lela Anderson, Ellen Allan, Pearl McTaggart, Flossie Culp.

Pass—Josie Fibby, Marjorie Henry, Lizzie Robertson.

Senior third honors—Rena McKilgarey, Harry Lewis, Clarence Huntman, Remus Hobden, Andrew Myers, Charlie Trevelyan, Eric Lawerson, Delbert Keith.

Junior third, honors—Margery Bell, Norman Southward, Violet Tufford, Nellie McPherson.

Pass—Margaret McGree, Mina Culp, Annie Barker, Myrtle Stirling.

Senior room I, honors—Harding Jones, Jane Bentley, James McGree, Della Davey, Dolly Allan, Howard Boughner, Robbie Bartlett, Alice McPherson.

Junior honors—Vera Albright, Grace Southward, Gladys Lounsbury.

Pass—Myrtle Kelter, Chester Hunder-shott, Russell McArthur.

First class (b)—Vance Tufford, Geo.

Seymour, Willie Noble, Willie Misner, Reggie Sturge, Nora Huntsman, Liza Katz, Winnie Anderson.

First class (a)—Lena Adams, Tennie Allan, Howard Bentley, Charlie Lounsbury, Grace Kendal, Margaret Fairfield, Barbara McGree, Ronald Russ.

Room II, class I, pass—Percy Anderson, Eddie Noble, Vera Tufford, Harold Gibson, Fern Furler, Verna Russ, Joe Macintosh, Alex. Fairfield.

Class I, pass—Reta Hewitt, Kathleen Tufford, Myra Huntsman, Albert Hillier, Ed. Ryckman, Blanche Huntsman, Clifford Bartlett, Paul Jones.

Miss Pearl Hendershott, teacher, No. 3, Clinton, gives her school report for November, as below:

Fourth class—Gordon Honsberger, Vio. Wills, Winnie Moore, Earl Spiece, Harry Reed, Wray Rubel, Dan Wismer.

Third class—Hazel Rubel, Myrtle Wismer.

Second class—Jack Moore, Garnet Rubel, Ida Wills, Irvine Ballantyne, Geo. Ballantyne.

Senior second class—Florence Fritz-shaw, Gladys North, Mearl Peacock, Nellie Wills, Winnie Law.

Junior part second—Clive Reid, Willie Roephe, Mabel Wismer.

Senior first class—John Novack.

Junior first class—Lylla Ballantyne, Doris Laugher, Willie Ballantyne.

GRIMSBY.

Mrs. Walter Nelles is critically ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

C. W. F. Carpenter was in St. John, N. B., during the past week.

The county grant of \$225 has been made to the Grimsby High School.

That the semi-monthly band concerts are going to be popular, was evinced by the Thursday night attendance. The band is deserving of the citizens' patronage.

The local option campaign started off in red-hot style on Wednesday night, in the Town Hall. That the feeling is growing quite intense was shown by the packed hall and the big overflow down on the street, that didn't hear a word of the fun. Several more meetings are scheduled in the campaign. The fight will probably be the hardest and most earnest one of any being carried on throughout the Province.

The following merchants have signed an agreement to close their respective places of business every evening at 8 during the winter, to begin on 5, 1910. This will not apply to Saturday evenings or nights before holidays: G. E. Miller, A. R. Henry, Rogers, Wray & Greenaway, N. M. Walker, N. E. Culp, A. B. Bourne, E. S. Johnson, H. V. Robins, D. W. Dodge, J. H. Wells, W. H. Eaton, C. J. H. Updehl, H. Bull, J. T. Lane, John C. Farrell, K. M. Stephen, A. F. Hawke, Jas. Aitchison.

Polling division No. 1, W. J. Drope; No. 2, J. B. Marshall; No. 3, Geo. E. Alexander, will be the order for the coming municipal elections and local option vote.

The Methodist Church Sunday school entertainment will be held next Friday night.

A petition is being circulated, and is getting a large number of names, both in township and town, for better Post Office accommodation here. It will be sent to Ottawa for consideration. Truly there is need for something better in the Post Office line in Grimsby. The revenue is a good one, and business during the fruit season always brisk. So much so, that the two-by-four space intended for the public to transact its affairs is generally the scene, after mails, of a jostling, laughing, good-natured crowd of citizens, who often stand around outside the door waiting patiently to get to the wickets. There is a real, crying need for immediate improvement in the Grimsby Post Office, and it is a matter so vital to the best interests of the community.

The ladies of St. John's Church, Winona, presented to Mrs. MacNamara on Saturday last a purse of money, a clock, and a silver tea set. In the evening the members of the congregation gave Rev. Mr. MacNamara a furnished coat. Both presentations were accompanied by addresses. Mr. and Mrs. MacNamara are leaving for the Anglican charge in Colingwood.

THE JEW.

Rev. Frank S. Weston Spoke to the Jewish Society.

Yesterday the Jewish Society had a rally in the Y. M. C. A. parlors for the purpose of opening a winter season in earnest, and the result was fully up to the expectations of the officers of the Society.

Rev. Frank S. Weston, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toronto, was the speaker at both services and at the 4 o'clock service selected as his subject, "The Restoration of the Jews." To illustrate it he outlined the course the Jewish nation had taken right down to the present time. He said the division that existed between the Jews at the present time and the Christians should not be, but that they should be an existing friendliness. The Jews were God's chosen people, and the Bible stated that they would return to the land of their fathers. The course so far had been as the Scripture had said, and there yet remained for the prophecy to be fulfilled that the Jews would return.

In the evening he selected as his subject "The Destiny of the Jews." He said the Jews could show many characteristics during their wanderings which were designated by the words sacred, persecuted, preserved. What did such things mean if it was not that they were God's people. That the Jews had been 4,000 years on earth was not disputed, and yet they remain. The word of God answered the question in his promise to Abraham. The promise was wholly conditional and made Israel the world's benefactor and light. The light of the Jews at the present time is put out and the church is the world's light, but Israel still stands, and all await the return of the Jew. The Jewish Mission Society was not aiming at the conversion of the Jew. People might ask where were the converts, but although there were not many the object was to reach the remnant. In closing he said in such a work the co-operation of all was needed, and he expressed his wish that they would be diligent workers for the Jewish Mission which aimed at placing the Jewish and Christian Churches on a friendly basis.

"Cork metal" has been shown as a substitute for aluminum in the construction of airplanes. It is said to be 40 per cent lighter than aluminum, and to have numerous other properties which should make it a rival of the latter. Its appearance hite metal resembles very strongly the alloys known as magnalium. The surface presents a lustreless whitish gray color, both sheets and bars showing the scoring and scratches on a frequently found on badly rolled or drawn aluminum. It is composed very largely of magnesium with small quantities of aluminum, iron, zinc and sodium.

Only Medicine That Did Any Good

After Suffering Tortures for Years, This Lady Found Happy Relief in "Fruit-a-tives."

Frankville, Ont., June 11th, 1908.

"I have received most wonderful benefit from taking 'Fruit-a-tives.' I suffered for years from headaches and pain in the back, and I consulted doctors and took every remedy obtainable without any relief. Then I began taking 'Fruit-a-tives' and this was the only medicine that ever did me any real good. I took several boxes altogether, and now I am entirely well of all my dreadful headaches and backaches."



MRS. FRANK EATON.

"I take 'Fruit-a-tives' occasionally still, but I am quite cured of a trouble that was said to be incurable. I give this testimony voluntarily, in order that others who suffer as I suffered may try this wonderful medicine and be cured."

HARVESTERS HAD A TIME.

International A. A. A. Spent a Jolly Evening.

"There was a sound of revelry by night" when the members of the International Harvester Athletic Association assembled last evening in the Arcade Hall, James street north, to hold their first smoker. A. E. McKinstry occupied the first smoker, and in a few well chosen words gave an outline of the association since its inception, October, 1908. He thought the outlook for the coming year was even better than that of the past.

The object of the association was, he said, to establish an "esprit de corps" among the members. The report of the secretary, J. H. C. Thompson, showed the financial standing of the association. The receipts for the period from December, 1908, to September, 1909, were \$1,057.70, and the expenditures were \$929.64, leaving a balance of \$128.06 to their credit.

The committee in charge had provided an enjoyable programme of song, bag punning and other exhibitions, all of which kept everyone in the best of humor throughout the evening.

The programme was as follows: Secretary's report, J. H. C. Thompson; song, W. C. Herald; bag punning exhibition, H. W. Newport; baggage selection, G. Ducklin; boxing, three rounds, 145 lbs., W. M. McFadden vs. Andrew Kehoe; wrestling, 15-minute limit, J. Carte vs. J. Sheridan; song, J. Manix; recitation, selected, E. H. Farley; piano selection, Mr. Carroll; boxing, three rounds, 125 lbs., Rice vs. Allan; song, S. Berry; boxing, three rounds, F. Becker vs. G. Brandon; unique orchestra, E. S. Vancle; song, E. Greenall; wrestling, 145 lbs., J. Bentley vs. J. C. Stout. Mr. C. A. Herald, accompanied.

The Mayor was present and made a few remarks.

It is the intention of the officers to the association to make this an annual affair.

ACACIA.

Election of Officers and Masonic Banquet Last Night.

The annual meeting of Acacia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., was held last night in the Masonic Hall, James street north.

Following are the officers for the coming year:

Geo. M. Wilson, W. M. William Ostler, S. W. E. M. Long, J. W. R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, Treasurer. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Secretary. C. P. Rason, Chaplain.

After the meeting members of the lodge and visitors totaling 150, adjourned to the banquet hall, where they did justice to a sumptuous repast, after which the following toasts were proposed:

"King and Craft"—Responded to by singing "God Save the King."

"Grand Lodge of Canada"—Proposed by W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and responded to by Right Worshipful Bro. W. M. Logan, D. D. G. M.

"The Newly Elected Officers"—Proposed by W. Bro. W. W. Barlow.

"Our Visitors"—Proposed by Dr. Morgan and responded to by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, W. H. Goodwin and Dr. McIlwraith.

Songs were sung by Bro. W. S. Smyth, J. C. Springstead, John McCoy, and Hugh Bailie.

W. Bro. Hugh Murray presided at the banquet.

ORATORS WILL SPEAK.

At the citizens' mass meeting to be held in Erskine Church to-morrow night at 8.30 o'clock, by the Hamilton School for Oratory, the chairman will be Mr. Wm. Brown, and the chief speakers, Walter W. Lee, subject "The Appeal of the Rising Generation"; Frank A. Parlington, subject, "License Reduction"; Robt. J. Menary, subject, "A Fallacy of the 20th Century." All three are prize winners of the recent championship oratorical contest.

An excellent musical programme, with special orchestra, has been arranged for.

The State Railroad Commission of Massachusetts has a knotty problem to solve—just what are the rights of a drunken man on a public conveyance.

found on badly rolled or drawn aluminum. It is composed very largely of magnesium with small quantities of aluminum, iron, zinc and sodium.

It has more than its share of troubles and suits over ejected "lunks."

OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT

The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT

Our Great Xmas Sale of All Wool Blankets

The best blankets in our big stock to be sold all next week at special reduced prices.

Xmas Curtain Sale

Quite a number of our patrons who want to get out of "the beaten path" of Xmas gifts have been selecting gifts of late from our exquisite curtain stock. Why not you? We are announcing hereby a special offering for the Xmas trade. This offering includes some of the finest of Swiss Points and Duchesses in our well assorted display.

There are exactly 10 beautiful designs which we are going to offer on Monday and for every day of the following week at prices which have been reduced as follows:

The \$8.50 and \$8.65 qualities for \$7.79

The fine \$10.00 qualities for \$8.98

The \$12.00 and \$12.50 qualities at \$10.98

The \$21.00 qualities at \$16.00

THIRD FLOOR.

And now for our great Xmas sale of Blankets, a special offering of our choicest all wool beauties, which opens sharp at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning. This is an all-week sale.

We want every woman—the men, too—in Hamilton to see our Blanket display. We want you, yourself, to see these fine lofty goods and to examine their make. These are cut and finished at both ends and each blanket is put up in a great separate envelope.

Remember this special Xmas offering opens on Monday morning and continues all week. Those who are on hand at 8.30 o'clock, of course, will have the finest assortment to choose from.

Here are some of the exceptionally fine values which will confront you on our Third Floor all next week starting on Monday morning

Our \$5.75 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$5.18

Our \$6.38 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$5.69

Our \$6.50 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$5.95

For Monday Only

Here is our very best Third Floor Christmas special for Monday. Our Cotton Blankets, 12x4 the best quality of the regular \$1.60 value, for Monday only \$1.29.

THIRD FLOOR.

Our \$7.00 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$6.29

Our \$7.38 qualities for the special Xmas price of \$6.39

THIRD FLOOR.

Our Window Shades

We make to order and also hang window shades of the best quality opaque and Scotch Hollands in plain and self stripes. Materials are of superior wearing qualities specially made for The Right House in a range of good colors.

Each shade is mounted on a Hartshorn spring roller and is finished with a tassels. These values are the very best obtainable and a 'phone call or postal card order will bring a man to your home to measure the windows. Let the next be Right House shades.

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NORTH POLE.

Prof. Stewart Explains Some Things About It.

Another intensely interesting lecture of high educational value was given last night in the museum in the Public Library building by Professor Louis R. Stewart, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto University, under the auspices of the Royal Astronomical Society. It was entitled: "How to tell when you are at the north pole."

The professor first described the various methods adopted in determining the latitude and longitude of the north pole, and specially referred to the latitudes near there. The many difficulties explorers have to contend with were lucidly described, such as low altitudes and haze on the horizon. Professor Stewart explained the mathematical difficulties explorers were forced to face, and in touching on the Peary-Cook controversy maintained that there was no other alternative but to believe their words until proved otherwise.

Many interesting instruments used by explorers were shown and the subject of the lecture was further made doubly clear by blackboard illustrations. Mr. G. Parry Jenkins was chairman.

SELKIRK SHOW.

Grant Asked Either Too Small or Too Large.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to the deputation asking for a grant to Selkirk Centennial, said he recognized that the Exposition proposed would be of great advantage to the whole of Canada, and if such an Exhibition was to be held, probably Winnipeg was the place to hold it, but he was disappointed with the figures placed before them. If it was to be a great International Exhibition, then the sum of \$5,000,000 seemed rather small. The Government were asked to contribute \$2,500,000, and outside sources were expected to contribute the balance. That seemed a small sum in proportion to what was asked from the Government. On the other hand, if it was to be merely a Provincial Exhibition, then the sum asked was too large. The Government were sympathetic towards the project, and would give the delegation's request due consideration.

CARRIES SALESMEN FREE.

Long Voyage Without Cost to Bona Fide Commercial Travellers.

A Canadian transportation company is extending to manufacturers of that country a novel inducement to further the Dominion's foreign trade. The Elder Dempster line of steamships, subsidized by the Government and running between Montreal and South Africa, offers free passage to South Africa exports to bona fide salesmen representing Canadian firms.

A corresponding privilege is afforded to people of the colonies, says System, in that the line offers to carry and market South African produce in Canada without commission fees, deducting freight charges only from the proceeds.

This plan is affording Canadian manufacturers an unusual opportunity to establish trade relations with a constantly growing market and incidentally is giving the Government good return for money spent on subsidies.

PURE AIR.

School Principal of Chicago Believes in Strenuous Methods.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Pupils in the Graham School are undergoing a cold-air treatment for their health. The experiment has been in progress for three months. A room containing 90 first-grade pupils has windows wide open and children studying with their wraps on.

"The children are delighted," said Principal Watt, "to breathe pure air all day, in school and out. They are not compelled to sit in the room under such conditions, but there are many more clamoring to get in. It has been a most successful experiment."

"Pupils have been cured of catarrh, swollen glands have been reduced to normal size, and tubercular symptoms have disappeared. Their resistance to disease has been raised and they are much more healthy."

GAVE PARTY

And Then Prepared For Operation and Death Followed.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 11.—Something of the stoicism and philosophy of the ancient Greeks, who made death was near, was illustrated in the calm preparations of Mrs. Alma Dodson, whose funeral was held to-day.

Mrs. Dodson was the only woman lawyer in Greene county. Social and club work also occupied much of her time. A few days ago Mrs. Dodson was informed by her physicians that she must submit to an operation. No secret was made of the fact that the chances of recovery were slight.

Mrs. Dodson remembered she had a large number of social obligations which she had not paid. She resolved upon a card party and reception, to which all her friends were invited. The invitations were issued for the day preceding that set for the operation, and the attendance was large.

When the last caller had said goodbye she went to her room and arranged her personal effects in order. (Clothing in which she wished to be

attired in case of her death she laid carefully to one side.

Brief funeral services were held here. Members of the Bar Association of Springfield attended, as did representatives of various musical and social organizations.

KILLED IN STREET.

Union Sailor Slashed With Razor During an Argument.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Scotty Taylor, a union sailor out of work on account of the strike on the great lakes, was killed last night during a quarrel with Joseph F. Stuart at the foot of Michigan street.

The assailant used a razor, and during the quarrel Bernard Sullivan, a friend of Taylor, was badly cut about the face and hands.

The police learned that Taylor and Sullivan accosted Stuart as he was walking in Michigan street and asked him where he was going. After replying that it was not any of his business the three men clinched, and during the struggle Stuart cut his adversary with a razor. Taylor was dead when the police arrived and Sullivan was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

The latter was not hale to make a statement, but several men who were on the opposite side of the street say that Stuart was walking alone when he was accosted by the two men.

A One-Legged Soldier.

A soldier with only one leg would seem to be an anomaly, but the French town of Ranbaix can boast of one in the person of Alexandre Murth, a Reservist of the 161st Infantry Regiment.

Murth broke his leg some months ago owing to an accident while digging a well. The limb was amputated and replaced by a wooden substitute.

Recently Murth was called upon to undergo the usual seventeen days of training at St. Mihiel. He duly presented himself, expecting to be discharged, but to his surprise was detained at the barracks and set to mending shoes, despite his ignorance of the craft. The Colonel