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A FAMILY REUNION

eday, Dec. 25th was the oc n of a large and interesting fam-maion as the home of Mr and Mrs compson, of Athens. Mr and have been married 56 day had the privilege eir Christmas din children together ner with te dren, their whole with several gra excepting Wm. family being pre Thompson of Ba n, Sask. The Mrs Hessie daughters present were: Mrs Hessie Mooney, Toronto, Mrs W H Irwin, Soperton, Mrs H Rowsom, Lyn, Mrs John Morrison and Mrs Frank Latimer, of Brockville The sons present were John Thompson of Carthage, N Y., James Thompson, M.P.P., East Peterboro, Joseph Thompson, Athens, T. D. Thompson, Winnipeg, Man, and Gordon Thompson, London, Ont. The party, 28 in all, sat down

dinner in a room tastefully decorated with evergreens, and after the meal Santa Claus distributed presents from a real old fashioned Christmas tree Short speeches were made by severa members of the family of a reasining cent nature, regarding the beneficial character of their early training and environment.

Mr David Thompson who is now 76 years and Mrs Thompson van is now to years and Mrs Thompson 72, are both hale and hearty. They came out from the north of Ireland in the year 1856 settling in Leeds County. Mr Thomp-son in replying to the speeches of his sons stated that this was the happiest Christmas anniversary of their lives.

RETROSPECTIVE

As you turn the corner into the new year look back a minute over the old year, look back a minute over the road you have been travelling the past year. It seemed a long way when you started out, but it has been traversed at last. See the line of that road ever winding on, while twisting here and there. Do remember that boggy place into which you strayed? Have you promised vourself, in your better moments, "I will turn over a new leaf." Have you been true to vourself? If not, once more before you step out into the pure New Year, renew your promises to your better natures. Don't stray. but linger near the pleasant outlooks, keep near the bits of high ground where you breathe purer air and can see afar off Heaven's high hills of blue, make the motive pure, work for the object. Be diligent in seeking better ways, and in twelve more short months take another retrospective glance and see how much pleased you will be with yourself, how much more of goodness and genuine worth this world will seem to possess-Exchange.

PRESENTATION AT ELOIDA

Eloida Dec. 26, 1912 A very enjoyable afternoou was spent by parents and pupils at the closing of the school house here on Friday last year. The teacher, Miss B. G. Leverette, and pupils tried to make everything pleasant for their visitors. The school room was nicely decorated for the occasion and with readings, recitation and choruses, by the pupils, everything passed off nicely. Mr Colon Kilborn occupied the chair. The teacher had provided tokens of the festive season for each of her pupils, and they in turn presented their teacher with a beautiful music case, accompanied by the following address, read by little Miss Pur-

Dear Miss Leverette :--Kindly accept this token of love and esteem from the publis of Eloida School. It is a small proof of the attection and appreciation which words are not needed to express.

We thank you for the kindly interest you have taken in our education and social welfare during the past year, and for the encouragement you have given to all our efforts

We all join in wishing you very Merry Chistmas and A Happy New Year. Signed on behalf of Eloida School

by the pupils. Wiltsetown Honor Roll

Sen. IV-Charlie Johnson, Leslie Earl, Jun. IV-Maggie Gibson, Mary Alguire, Rav Rowsome Jasper Par

III Cecil Earl, Jonas Steacy. Maria Alguire, Elmer Parish Alfred structed in Athens this year will be II-Morris Earl, Bessie Parish, Wilfred Heffernan.

Primary-Marion Earl. Frankville Honor Roll Sr. IV-Archibald Donaldson,

Lloyd Hewitt Jr. IV -- Harold Leverette, Vernon Snell. Belle Hewitt.

Sr. III -- Abert Connor. Jr. III -Oiga Hanton, Courtney Snell, Mary Edwards. Jr II-Arnold Smith.

Jr I-Grace Dillabough. Primer-Oscar Smith, Lawrence V L. Brigginshaw, Teacher.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

BARL-HEWITT

Greenbush, Dec 35—A very gretty wedding took place at the home of Mr and Mrs James Hewitt, on Tuesday evening Dec. 24th, when their only daughter, Dora Merl, was united in marriage to Foster Ford Earl, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Earl of Lyndhurst At five o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssonn's Wedding March, played by Miss Ethel Smith, the bridal party entered the parlor, the bride leaning on the arm of her father. They stood under a floral arch in the centre of which hung a beautiful white bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr Meredith. The bride looked charming and was beautifully gowned in white messaline satin with imported pattern overdress of silver spangled ninon with pearl and crystal trimming and carried a bouquet of white carna-tions and maiden hair fern. Her tulle veil was arranged in cap effect and caught up with a coroner of apple blossoms. Miss Annie Earl, sister of blossoms. the groom looked pretty in a gown of white silk taffets with overdress of silver spangled ninon and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and maiden hair fern. The groom was supported by his friend Rossien Heasplin of Lans downe.

HANCHARD-CARSON

The home of Mr and Mrs Andrew Carson, Burritt's Rapids, was the scene of a very quiet but pretty house wedding on Christmas after noon, when the only daughter of the home, Clara Elma, was united in marriage to Rey, James Theron Elwood Blanch ard, of Ottawa. The ceremony we performed by Rev. R. Stillwell, Merrickville, in the presence the most intimate friends of tracting parties. The bride, w given away by her father, wordly costume of cream silk and bouquet of white carnations

en hair fern and wore the gift, a necklace of pearls. a dainty wedding supper, Mr and Mrs. Blanchard left on the local train for Merrickville, thence to New York. The many beautiful and costly gifts received by the bride testify to the high esteem she is held in by a large circle of friends. Her genial and sympathetic manner won for her many many friends and she will be much missed in the Methodist church where she has been organist for many years. The congregation showed their appreciation of her valued ser vices by presenting her with a hand

some anniversary clock. On their return Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard will reside in Ottawa, where Mr Blanchard is pastor of the Wesley Methodist church

Eloida Honor Roll DECEMBER

Sr. 4-Augusta Purcell, Thelms Sr. 3-Edna Henderson, Bryce Kilborn. Jr 3-Hubert Craig, Francis Mack

Jr. 2-Warren Henderson, Part 2-Ida Fenlong. Primer Sr-Alvah Flossie Fenlong.
Primer Jr.—Ethel Fenlong.

Average attendance 10.

Miss B. G Leverette

CHARLESTON

Mr and Mrs W. Amell and son, Cardinal, spent a few days here last week, the guests of Mr and Mrs E. Foster and also attended the assembly on Thursday evening.

Mrs Mary Burns and son John of Jasper spent Christmas at E. Foster's and M. Hudson's

One hundred and fifteen couples danced to the strains of beautiful music in the town hall, Athens, at the grand assembly held there on Thursday evening

H. H. Foster is spending a part of his holidays at Smith's Falle, Chas. L. Slack is holidaying Trevelyan.

Court of Revision

A Court of Revision in connection with the granolithic sidewalks conheld in the Town Hall, Athens, on Monday, January 13, at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the engineer's reports and hearing complaints against the proposed assess-

G. F. DONNELLEY, Village Clerk

Charleston School Report DECEMBER

Jr IV -(Gertrude Wood, Hibbert Spence) equal, Jennie Palmer. Sr. III-Marjorie Godkin, Bella Johnston, James Heffernan. Jr. III-Irene Wood, Amy Spence, Eva Palmer.

II-Elva Spence, John Johnston, Éva Palmer. Sr. I—Wartha Johnston, Walter Wood, Albert Kelsey.

Jr. I—(Claude Botsford, Jim Bots-

> Evelyn Latimer. J. Eyre, Teacher.

qui, Geo Golkin, Hubert Heff-

MAGIC WATER TOYS.

Wenderful Play Toys That Amuse the Children of the Orient. Europe and America turn out for the edification of their children many ingenious toys, but the occidental young sters have nothing to compare with the strange expanding water toys with which the children of the far east These are placed in small wooder so often seen in our own country. They have the appearance of soiled shavings broken matches and dilapidated tooth picks, but when thrown into the water

the ingenious toys at once exhibit properties that show them to be considera bly more than mere bits of stick.

The wood of these toys has been kiln dried, and immediately it touches the water it begins to absorb the water and to expand almost indefinitely. As it increases in size it separates and suddenly opens, becoming a very pret ty toy. One stick will change into a flowerpot containing, it may be, a rose bush in full bloom. Another becomes an obese mandarin carrying an um-brella. Still another will take the form of a sea serpent, very ferocious in its

Then, too, there are toys which show as whales, tigers, crocodiles, etc. The figures are colored and present a be-wildering variety in design and treat-ment. Their manufacture is a trade secret, kept inviolate by the guild that turns them out by the thousan

For older children there are provide ed larger and even more artistic fig-ures, consisting of historical characters—rulers, poets and soldiers—and dwarfed trees and tiny houses, whose doors and windows are full of inmates, are also among this class. The more ordinary kind cost a mere song, but the finer toys are quite expensive.— New York Press.

FAR DISTANT URANUS.

Oddities a Visit to This Giganti Planet Would Disclose, Uranus, which is a star of about magnitude, were a planet little ones called asteroids, being discovered by the year, it could not have much claim spon popular attention, but Uranus is really a gigantic world, more than sixty times at large as ouralits vast distance, about 1,700,000,000 miles from the earth, is what causes the leaves as the large as the large

it to look so small. Uranus has four moons, which volve backward in their orbits-that is to say, they revolve from east to west around Uranus, while Uranus goes, like all the other planets, from west to east around the sun. It is believed that Uranus rotates backward on its arts also Moreovan the arts also hereovan the arts are the arts also hereovan the arts also hereovan the arts also hereovan the arts are the axis also. Moreover, the axis of that great, strange globe lies in such a direction that in the course of its year, which is equal to eighty-four of our years, the sun shines almost perpendicularly first upon one pole and then

upon the other. Measured by our time standard. there are forty years of constant day-light, followed by forty years of unbroken night, around the poles of Uranus, and the sun rises in the west and sets in the east there, but the sun looks very small when viewed from Uranus-only one four-hundredth as large as it appears to us. Still it sheds upon that planet 1,500 times as much light as the full moon sends to the earth, so that daylight upon Uranus, while faint compared with the blaze of a terrestrial noonday, is nevertheless a very respectable kind of illumina-

The Game of Life. The game we are all playing is a losing game at best. Yet we must cannot get up and leave the table knowing the dice are cogged and the cards marked against us. must play on, losing our principal stake little by little or in splendid rouleaux, as chance or our disposition may urge, but knowing well that in the end, soon or late, whatever remains of it will be swept from the board. Lucky the man who is tempted to play but the one stake. Happy the man who in death loses only his life.-F. P. Dunne in American Maga-

Bluejacket's Black Neckerchief. It is not generally known that the bluejacket's black neckerchief, a survival of the service mourning for Neison, is the best British silk obtainable and that the admiralty is a very fastidious customer. Two to each are issued annually, and many sands of these discarded scarf been subsequently worn by Jac' ininity A pair of them make cellent blouse .- Pail Mall Gaze

Spoiled Her Enthusiasm "Harry proposed last night!

"I knew he would "What?" "I told him you w tune when you came Post

Matrimo Three Germans wer eon recently and wer cussing the second n tual friend when one ed: "I'll tell you whe marries de second th

Mr. Dubb-My brain is Keen-I hardly think we the fire department.-B script

A lazy man is as usele man and takes up more

BUSY CELL TOILERS.

The Marvelous Work They Co Perform in the Blood.

The blood cells are important me ers of the cell community and are exceedingly numerous, there being over 75,000,000,000 of the red blood cells the blood currents, carrying through the arteries each its little load of oxygen, which it transports to the dis-tant tissues that they may be invigorated and vitalized anew, and, returning, carrying through the veins the debris and waste products of the sys-tem to the great crematory of the thrown off from the body.

Like the ships that sail the sea, each

cell carries its outgoing cargo and re-turns with another one. Some of these cells perform the office of special re-pairers, forcing their way through the walls of the blood vessels and pene-trating the tissues in order to perform their special tasks.

There are several other kinds of cells

in the blood besides the carriers just pentioned. There are the wo soldier and police cells, which maintain rder and fight battles when necessary. The police cells are on the constant lookout for germs, bacteria and other microscopic disturbers of the peace of

When these tiny policemen discover vagrant germs or criminal bacteria they rush upon the intruder and, tying him up in a mesh, proceed to de-your him. If the intruder be too large or vigorous a call for assistance is sent out, and the reserve police rush to the assistance of their b everpower the disturber of the peace. Sometimes when the vagrants are too numerous the policemen throw them out from the body by means of pimples, boils and similar eruptions. In case of infectious diseases an army corps is ordered out in full strength, and a royal fight is waged between the invading army and the defenders of home and country.—William Walker Atkinson in Nautilus.

CHINESE SIGNBOARDS.

Poetic Gems to Attract Susiness to

W. Simpson in "Meeting the Sun" vrites: "I saw in Peking a list of signboards, and a few samples of them vill illustrate their general character 'Shop of Heaven Sent Luck, 'Shop of Celestial Principles,' 'The Nine Felicities Prolonged, Mutton Shop of Morning Twilight, 'The Ten Virtues. All Complete,' 'Flowers Rise to the Milky

"In these signs we can see that the Chinese can combine the soul of a poet with the pocket of a shopman. trast such efforts with "The Noted Relpie House' of the London street and one must feel that we are outer barbarians. Carlyle quotes a Chinese signboard, 'No Cheating Here,' but I could not find anything like it in the list. 'Good and Just According to Heav-en' ought to satisfy the ideal notions

of the author of Sartor Re "The Honest Pen Shop of Li" implies that other pen shops are not honest. The "Steel Shop of the Pockmarked Wang" suggests that any peculiarity of a shopman may be used to impress the memory of customers, Snub no squint eyes, lame legs and hump backs might all be used in this way.

A charcoal shop calls itself the Tountain of Beauty," and a place for the sale of coal indulges in the title of "Heavenly Embroidery." An oil and wine establishment is the "Neighborhood of Chief Beauty," a description the realization of which it is hard to conceive anywhere in Peking. "The Thrice Righteous" one would scarcely expect from an oplum shop.-London Globe

Blocked by an Iceberg. Discussing the iceberg question, Prothat the year he visited Newfoundland one of these ice mountains had stuck in the Narrows, which is the entrance to St. John's harbor. The capital of Newfoundland fort por time

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