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SQUIBOGRAPHS.

The finish of 1906 is in sight.
New Years is a red letter day on all the leading calendars.
Prophet Hicks' Christmas storm was unavoidably postponed on account of other weather.
A Good Resolution Guarantee Co. could take any number of risks during the next thirty days.
"We are having great slaying weather now," remarked the fat gobbler as he was escorted to the block.
No matter how wealthy a man may be he cannot be considered well heeled if afflicted with chilblains.
The dark bay vapor floating in the atmosphere the last day or two is attributed to the cremation of Christmas cigars.
If you should observe an office chasing a man around a sharp corner these days do not put a banana peel in his way.
On the morn after Christmas
Was heard a great roar
It was little Johnny
His 'tummick was sore.
The pressure brought to bear inducing candidates to run is only exceeded by the tight squeeze they experience getting elected.
A school trustee down east strongly favored engaging Minnie Mum as a teacher her salary always being the lowest.
The proposal to remove the Central Prison to the country meets with the approval of the prisoners who complain that their present quarters are altogether too confined.
Some wag sent President Roosevelt a Christmas turkey labelled "Dear Maria." The way Teddy jolted the stuffing out of that bird was a shame.
The most expensive bed in the world was sold at Cobalt last week. It cost a million dollars and lies at the bottom of Cobalt Lake.
A candidate with a laugh and glad hand can get more votes than a big brass band.
Every time he smiles out goes his right hand and he lands on top at the end of the fight.
There is some talk of dispensing with the heating apparatus in the Ontario parliament buildings. It is figured that the members can generate enough hot air during the session to keep the atmosphere comfortable.
Little Willie
In the dark
Licked the paint
Off Noah's Ark
Mamma carried him to bed
Few and short were the prayers
she said.
The Christmas shoot of the Watford Gun Club was well attended, and some good sport was enjoyed.
1ST EVENT.—10 BLUE ROCKS.
F. Roche.....8
Dr. Kenward.....8
T. Stewart.....8
W. Anderson.....6
F. P. McDonnell.....6
H. W. W. Taylor.....6
E. A. Brown.....5
Dr. Abbott.....5
J. W. McLaren.....5
D. G. Parker.....4
A. Auld.....4
S. Birchall.....4
L. H. Cook.....3
F. Rogers.....3
J. McKecher.....2
Dr. Gibson.....1
LIVE EVENT, 8 BIRDS.
McDonnell.....5
Birchall.....5
Cook.....5
Taylor.....4
Stewart.....4
Rogers.....3
Gibson.....3
Abbott.....2
Wordsworth.....2
Auld.....1
In the shoot off McDonnell won out. There are three ties for President Gibson's second special prize, Dr. Kenward leading the score for first.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

RENEW your subscription.
NOMINATIONS Monday next.
The sleighing is a little thin in the country.
THERE will be service in Christ Church, Sutorville, on Sunday at 3 p. m.
The financial statements for the municipalities of Watford and Warwick have been issued.
MISSISS and childrens cardigans to clear out at 75c a pair, all sizes.—McDONNELL & SON.
The Watford Reading Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, in the school room of the Presbyterian church.
The Christmas music given in Trinity Church will be repeated at the service on Sunday. Mrs. R. G. Kelly will sing a solo.
The annual meeting of the Western District Fairs Association will be held in Watford, on the first Wednesday in February.
The Rev. E. B. Horne is confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis. Mr. Horne was unable to take the usual services on Sunday last.
At many of the annual public school meetings held on Wednesday the salary clause of the new School Act came in for sharp censure.
SPECIAL evangelistic services in the Methodist Church next Sabbath, and each evening during the week, conducted by Rev. A. H. Ranton. Everybody welcome.
PRINCIPAL SERRAPPELL has received an acknowledgment of the sum of \$7.75 contributed by the pupils of the Watford Public School to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.
ALEXANDER McLAREN, the millionaire lumber man, and five special policemen concerned in the Buckingham labor riots have been committed for trial by Judge Choquette.
E. A. DOWDING wishes to return hearty thanks for the generous patronage extended to him during the holiday trade, and wishes all his customers and friends a very happy and prosperous New Year.
THE government has decided to publish a new set of readers for all grades in the public schools, which will be modern in every particular, the subject matter to be chosen by the advisory council of education.
DID you ever notice how people will race at the top of their speed to get across the track at the head of an approaching train, and then if they are not killed will stand and watch the train out of sight?
JOHN A. CUMMINGS, of Alvinston, has been appointed by the Ontario Government to succeed Wm. Irving, resigned, as bailiff in Lambton, and W. E. Moloy succeeds H. H. Mosure, also resigned, in the same county.
THE Sarnia Post has it on good authority that the Sarnia Bay mill property has been sold to the C. P. R. The mill is to be moved and the bay filled in for tracks and dockage, the line to enter at the north of the town.
THE new medical health act will mean considerably more work for the local medical health officer. Every certificate of death must now be signed by the attending physician and then vided by the medical health officer.
CHRISTMAS was an ideal day for a holiday. The weather was not too cold, good sleighing and skating, and outdoor sport could be enjoyed in comfort. The travel on the railway was a record breaker, and nearly every home entertained relatives or friends from a distance.
LOCAL merchants express themselves as well pleased with the holiday trade. It was the best in years, and the bulk of it was done without the usual rush at the end. Customers are beginning to appreciate the fact that it is to their advantage to do their holiday buying early in the season.
SMITH & FERGUSON, of Regina, have disposed of their extensive hardware business in that city to the Western Hardware Co for \$125,000. Mr. J. W. Smith, the senior member of the firm, is an old Watford boy and Mayor of the city. The old firm will continue their coal business.
IN the township of Brant there are 110 persons bearing the name of Monk. Grandpa Monk lives at a family gathering inside of one hour. The Monks own 1,250 acres of land in Brant township, 210 head of cattle, 100 sheep, 45 horses, 100 pigs and pay \$400 taxes. The name of 17 Monks appear on Brant voters' lists for the current year.
A WESTERN farmer, who has bought his share of gold bricks in his time, says he has never been bitten except when he bought an article that was not advertised in a first class paper. Now when an agent approaches him on any kind of a proposition and cannot show him an advertisement in a paper of good standing, he sets the dogs on him.
A Woodstock dispatch says: "The Watford Junior Hockey team have defaulted to Woodstock. The game was to have been played here next Friday night, but Watford sent word Tuesday that they would not be here and thus the game goes to Woodstock. The first game to be played by Woodstock will be with Brantford at the latter city next Monday night."

PERSONAL.

Rev. S. P. Irwin spent Christmas with London relatives.
Geo. L. Hagle, Ingersoll, was home for the holidays.
Miss Clara Morgan, Strathroy, was home for Christmas.
C. Sauerman, Hamilton, called on Watford friends Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Cook spent Christmas with relatives near Gtenceo.
Mr. Graham, Burlington, spent the holiday with Watford friends.
Cal Johnston, Paris, is spending his vacation at his home here.
Miss Pearl Restorick is visiting her friend, Miss Richards, Petrolia.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hunter, Pt. Edward, spent Christmas with R. Auld.
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mitchell spent Christmas with relatives in Strathroy.
Mrs. Harrower and Miss Mary Harrower are visiting relatives in Sarnia.
Miss Eva Coghill, Wyoming, is visiting her friend, Miss Teresa McDonnell.
Miss Carrie McTavish, Hamilton, is spending the holidays at her home here.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Wichman, Forest, were the guests of Dr. Auld Christmas.
Rev. S. W. Muxworthy and family spent Christmas with relatives in Guelph.
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lawrence, Echo Bay, are the guests of Mrs. M. A. Lawrence.
Charles and Arthur Lewis, Chicago, are spending the holidays at their home here.
Mr. Ambrose O'Meara, Ottawa, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. A. McDonnell, Christmas.
Mrs. Hunt, Alvinston, and Mrs. Coghill, Wyoming, were the guests of Dr. Newell, Christmas.
G. A. Mair, Cookstown, is spending the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Anderson.
Jas. Doherty, Sarnia, has been appointed general manager of a big stove factory at Deatuar, Indiana.
Mr. Ernest Hoskins, formerly of Sheldon, Iowa, called on his cousin, J. Lowry, 6th line, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, Melvin, Mich., were the guests of Watford relatives during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Saunders and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Saunders.
Miss E. E. Nash, Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash.
Wm. Hunter, steward on the Monarch, the steamer that went on the rocks at Isle Royal, visited at Mrs. McCormick's this week.
Miss Ray McCormick returned home last week, none the worse for her exciting experience on the wreck of the Monarch.
Mrs. Lowry left for Teeswater last week to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Hunter, which took place on Christmas day.
Miss May Reid is spending her holidays in Hamilton and was present at the wedding of Miss J. White at her home on Christmas day.
Mrs. Coupland returned last week from Muskoka after visiting her mother, who was buried on Sunday. Mrs. Coupland could not stay to the end on account of her own illness.
T. M. Morrow, teller in the Merchants Bank, left Wednesday for his new appointment in the New York City branch. Mr. Morrow is a talented vocalist and his services will be missed in musical circles.
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stewart, London, are visiting at the Taylor House. Mr. Stewart purposes leaving for the West early in the year where he will represent one of London's leading wholesale cigar houses.
CHRISTMAS VISITORS.
Dr. C. W. McLeay, G. W. Nash, A. Nash, Miss Mand Roche, Miss Verna Lambart, Miss Livey Kadey, Miss Kate McDonnell, O. W. Fuller, J. H. Fowler, London; Miss Edith Tye, C. Haskett, St. Thomas; Miss Isabelle Harris, Welland; C. S. Wynne, Tilbury; R. J. Fuller, Paisley; Dr. and Mrs. E. Kenward, Toluca, Ills.; Dr. V. L. Newell, West Branch, Mich.; Dr. C. F. Kenward, Hobart, Lake Co., Indiana; Dr. F. Elliot, Dr. R. Saunders, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Alcona, Mich.; G. Mains, H. Willoughby, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cook, Owasso; Dr. and Mrs. A. Saunders, Shiloh, Ohio; Dr. D. Saunders, Carleton, Mich.; Miss Marion Minnelly, Detroit; N. Fowler, Dundas; W. C. Walker, Toronto; Jno. W. Gault, Girvin, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stoddart, A. and W. Mathers, Seaford; D. McTavish, R. Fowler, Miss Lucy Fowler, W. McWaters, Hamilton; J. E. Brent and wife and H. Howden, Berlin; L. McWaters, Yale; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, Oil Springs; Dr. H. V. Abbott, Shepherd, Mich.; Dr. and Mrs. Jas. McGillicuddy, Sheppardsville, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Purdy, Stratford; C. M. Roche, Owen Sound; R. B. Caldwell, Petrolia; H. Lambert, Oil Springs.
500 ANIMALS CREMATED.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Five hundred horses and mules were burned in Harper Bros' livery stable this morning. The loss is about \$100,000.
The fire was started by safe blowers, who exploded the safe in the office, the shock overturning the lamp.

A Busy Preacher.

Probably all records in the marrying line as far as Sarnia is concerned, was broken by the Rev. W. T. Graham, of the Central Baptist church. People living in the neighborhood wondered to see the number of cabs drive up to his door and to see the constant stir about his residence part of the day. He had four Christmas weddings. The first was that of Mr. Leonard Langford to Miss Elizabeth Cornish, both of Sarnia. Then came the marriage of Mr. Frederick D. Child to Miss Hulda Muma, both of Sarnia. Following that was the marriage of Mr. Arthur Bohanna to Miss Mary Reincke, both of Battle Creek, Mich. Then there came the wedding of Mr. Alfred John Carter to Miss Margaret May Corcoran, a popular young couple of this town. The above is certainly a big record and the Rev. gentlemen feels that he spent a very happy Christmas in helping to make so many bright young people happy.

The Late Joshua Adams.

One of the oldest citizens of Sarnia passed away on Sunday morning last, in the person of Mr. Joshua Adams barrister and Indian Lands Agent, who died at the home of his nephew, Mr. J. Fourth Adams North Brock street, in the eighty-second year of his age. The late Mr. Adams came to Sarnia in 1855, and established himself in the profession of law. Mr. Adams took an active part in public affairs, and had held many public offices. He was one of the first mayors of Sarnia, and served three terms in that office. The late Judge Lister and the late Hon. T. B. Pardee, both studied law in Mr. Adams' office, the latter having been his law partner for three years. Deceased was a liberal in politics. In religion he was a Methodist, and had held many offices in the church. He was married twice, both wives predeceasing him several years ago.

EXAMINERS FOR 1907.

Advisory Council for 1907 Has Appointed Them.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—The advisory council of education has appointed examiners for 1907 as follows:
For high school entrance—D. D. Moshier, B. Paed, Sarnia; S. J. Radcliffe, B. A., London; D. M. Walker, Peterboro.
For district examiners—J. B. McDougall, North Bay; N. W. Campbell, B. A., Durham; L. Day, Orillia; J. E. Thom, Goderich.
For junior and senior teachers and university pass and honor matriculation, English and history—Mr. Bain, W. S. W. McLay, Dr. M. W. Wallace, Toronto.
Mathematics—W. H. Ballard, M. A., Hamilton; J. Matheson, M. A., Kingston; W. Prendergrast, B. A., Toronto.
Science—Dr. F. B. Kenny, W. H. Piersol, B. A., and Dr. C. A. Hant, Toronto.
Classics—Dr. W. H. Alexander, B. A., London; Dr. G. W. Johnston, Ph.D., Toronto; MacNaughton, M. A., Kingston.
French and German—Dr. J. W. G. Andras, Dr. P. Edgar, J. Juair, M. A., Toronto.
Farm Help for Ontario.
Toronto, Dec. 25.—An influx of sixty thousand immigrants, chiefly of the farm laborer class, is what the department of interior has in store for Ontario for the coming year. "We expect to put in that number," was the statement made to-day by W. D. Scott, superintendent of immigration. Mr. Scott is at the Rossin House on his way back to Ottawa from a Christmas visit to relatives.
"What about the immigration for the year?" he was asked.
"The total for the calendar year will be two hundred and twenty-five thousand, an increase of about forty-five per cent. over the figure for the previous year. They come in about equal proportions from the United States, Great Britain and the continent."
Strange Animal Killed.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 20.—A strange animal which puzzles local people was killed to-day on the homestead of a settler named Hill, on Sugar Island. Nobody knows what it is, although every natural history available has been searched. It has a body something like a deer with a ferocious looking head short, stubby horns with eyes set under the base. The head looks like a wolf, only more vicious. The animal had been living on the island for two years, according to Hill, who tried to kill it before, but it was so fleet he could never hit it. The head is to be mounted and preserved.
Bad Storms in England.
London, Dec. 26.—The British metropolis is covered with two inches of snow, and advices from country districts announce that deep drifts are interfering with the distribution of the mails and railway traffic. Several schooners have been wrecked on the coast during blinding snow storms. The steamer Hazel-dene struck a rock and sank off Clugey. Lifeboat men succeeded in rescuing the crew after a terrible experience. The crew of the Schooner Ringleader were rescued off Sunngness.

I. O. F.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, Court Watford I. O. F. elected the following officers for the year 1907, viz:—
Court Deputy—Mark Moore.
C. R.—Chas. T. Nelson.
V. C. R.—Jno. Bryson.
R. S.—W. E. Fitzgerald.
F. S.—D. A. Maxwell.
Sustains—Samuel H. Mitchell.
Chaplain—G. Pike.
S. W.—W. A. Chatterton.
J. W.—Manford Thompson.
S. B.—J. A. Dobbin.
J. B.—A. W. Westgate.
Organist—S. W. Louks.
Auditors—S. W. Louks and W. E. Fitzgerald.
Trustees—Joseph Miller and S. W. Louks in addition to C. R., V. C. R. and R. S.
Physicians—Drs. Jas. Newell and R. C. Kelly.
Gets Six Months.
On Friday afternoon word was sent to the Sarnia police that a sum of \$100 in ten-dollar bills had been stolen from the pursers' office on the steamer Haronic. Suspicion was directed against George Williams, one of the men employed on the boat, who had been cleaning out the office a short time before the money was missed. The money was in a desk, and it was thought that Williams had secured a key and taken the roll. Officers met the suspected young man on the street opposite Goodson's foundry at 7.30 in the evening. A brother of the prisoner who is highly respected, recovered the money for the police and turned it over to the Northern Navigation Company.
Williams pleaded guilty to a charge of theft on Saturday and was remanded for sentence.
Williams appeared in police court on Monday and was found guilty of theft. He was sentenced to 6 months at Central Prison. Keys to the pursers' office and to several of the staterooms were found in his possession.