

Of Interest to Women-- --Social and Personal Notes and Other Items

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To-day's Social Calendar

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To-day's Social Calendar.

Afternoon Bridge — Mrs. Charles Fleming, Dufferin Avenue.
Afternoon Bridge — Miss Leone Park, Brant Avenue.
Dragon Dance—Burford, this evening.

Receiving on Friday.

Mrs. Robert Ashton.
Mrs. Clifford Batty.
Miss Simpson and Miss Bell.
Mrs. Wm. Lahey.
Mrs. H. Miller.
The Misses Minchin.
Mrs. D. T. McIntosh.
Mrs. S. Tapscott.

Mrs. Julius E. Waterous. "Bonny-bonny" will receive on Friday, Jan. 31st, and not again until after Lent.
Mrs. H. H. Suydam is giving an informal dance at her home, 34 Chestnut Park, Toronto, on Thursday evening, Jan. 30, for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Suydam, who is well known to many Brantfordites.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Pitcher returned to the city Tuesday evening after spending a nice holiday in Ohio and other points.

R. J. Campbell, of Hughes and Howie, left yesterday afternoon, to attend the Custom Cutters' convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. H. Lindsey is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Hone, 87 Darling Street, She leaves for her home in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Friday.

Miss Eva McGregor of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. Luther Holten in Hamilton.

Mr. Roy Secord is in Ottawa.

Mr. Thomas Darwen, organist of Wellington Street church, was in Toronto yesterday attending the Tertius Noble Organ Recital in Convention Hall, in the afternoon, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra in Massey Hall in the evening.

A largely attended, a most enjoyable and decidedly successful talent tea was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Balfour, Northumberland street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Alexandra Church. Readings were pleasingly given by Miss Irene Church and Mrs. Wm. Mulligan. The affair was in charge of the members residing south of Colborne street, who with the hostess are to be congratulated on the splendid result. More than \$30 was realized.

At Wesley Church last evening at the close of the prayer meeting a very pleasant event took place when Mrs. W. Donaldson, who has been President of the Ladies Aid Society for several years, and has filled that office with great efficiency, was called to the platform and presented with a very complimentary address, accompanied by a beautiful sunburst of pearls. Mr. George Wedlake spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Donaldson's faithfulness and loyalty in all the departments of the Church and especially in the morning class, where she has long officiated as pianist. After a few words by Rev. Mr. Liddy, the recipient made a heartfelt reply. Then a social hour was spent and refreshments served.

Capt. H. K. Jordan, of the 33rd Regt., is in Clinton to-day attending the annual meeting of the officers. War games, extending over two days, will be played under the direction of Major Gordon Hall, of the permanent staff.

Mr. John Herbert of this city received word of the death of his brother-in-law, the Hon. James Young of Galt. The only relatives in this

city are Mr. John Herbert and a niece, Mrs. Norman S. Maynard.

Mrs. A. McFarland will not receive on Friday, January thirty-first.

Julia Gifford (the Balkan Princess).

Wardrobe of English Prima Donna totals \$3,400. All are imported. Furs worth \$1,500.

Bird of Paradise hat \$250.00

Velvet crown hat 75.00

White satin gown 600.00

Irish lace gown 600.00

White satin gown with mus-kin 275.00

White point d'spiage lace gown 275.00

Gown from Mandel's cloth, brocade and satin 900.00

Shippers and miscellaneous costumes 325.00

Total \$3,400.00

The above is the wardrobe of Julia Gifford, now appearing as "Princess Stephanie" in the musical success, "The Balkan Princess," which comes to the Grand Opera House on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Perhaps the most beautiful gown of Miss Gifford's collection is that which she received a few days ago from Mandel Bros., Chicago, which was imported from Paris by special order. This gown, which cost \$900, and which is cloth brocade satin, embroidered with pearl band and brilliants, is one of the latest fashioned gowns and the regular society model.

The Irish lace gown is something rarely seen in this country and is exceptionally expensive. This lace was purchased by Miss Gifford when she recently visited Ireland, and was recently purchased by Miss Gifford's dress-maker in New York City. The lace of which this gown is made cost \$600.

The favorite gown of Miss Gifford is one of white satin foundation, with a tunic of champagne brie-lette net and embroidered peacock feather designs and colors with borders of renaissance gold lace, which cost \$500.

A less expensive gown, but one which is quite as attractive, is the white satin gown with white muslin d'oir with pink rose buds, frosted beads and silver girdle. This gown, which was imported, cost \$275.

The white point d'spiage lace gown which completes the collection which will be used during her engagement here, is one of the latest styles in a fashionable world. It is trimmed with blue chiffon and bands of crystal blue braid.

The two hats, which are worn on the stage only, cost \$25. The bird of paradise hat is exceptionally beautiful, and was purchased in the East a short time ago. The blue velvet crown hat is trimmed with point d'spiage lace with French flowers and heron aigrette.

Miss Gifford declares that at no time does her wardrobe consist of less than \$3,000 worth of costumes.

Dr. Minerva E. Reid of Tillsonburg, who has been taking post-graduate work in London, England, has been successful in obtaining the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. When she returns to Canada in the spring she intends to practice with her sister, Dr. Hanna E. Reid, at 334 Davenport road.

Ibsen's great historical drama, "The Pretenders," will be produced for the first time in England. Mr. Frederick Harrison, at the Haymarket Theatre, on Thursday evening, Feb. 13.

South American Women.

Mrs. Sherrill, the wife of the American Minister to Argentina, says that the Argentine women dress better, look better and have finer manners than any other women in the world. They are charming creatures, and even now Europe is learning of their great charm and beauty.

They are fond of home life and make ideal mothers. They are as fond of society as the women of the United States. They are wonderfully well informed and well bred, and strangely enough their social obligations are never such as to interfere with their home life. The women are good mothers and devoted to their large families, some having as many as eighteen children. There is no divorce because the country is Roman Catholic.

The European noblemen are now turning to the South American heiress and beauty. They find that these women are not only as wealthy and beautiful as the far-famed Northern American, but they have more grace of manner. They are vivacious and sparkling and love gaiety and movement. They are what is commonly called good company, and they are the most notorious flirts in the world.

The wealthy South American woman makes Paris her playground. One rarely finds her in London. She does not like England or the English, but Paris and the French people just suit her. And already there are some belles that are being sought by titled Frenchmen who are looking for beautiful wives.

One of the most famous of these belles is Senorita Anita de Vellejos. She is a great beauty and very, very wealthy, her father having immense ranches in Argentina. She is descended from a noble Spanish family, but her people have lived in the New World for a hundred years.

The Senorita Marcella Estudillos is another well known Spanish beauty in Paris. She was educated there and is a great friend of the Princess Murat, who was Mlle. de Rohan daughter of the Duchess de Rohan.

One can often gain by a pleasant smile many things that would be denied to a grumpy demand.

Wedding Customs.

A correspondent who signs himself "Bachelor" has sent the following to the society column of "The Journal."

"I had to go to a wedding the other day in one of our big churches a thing every man mortally hates to do, just because it is a function—and I found that modern notions had made a change in the order of things which I did not like. As the bride party came in the organist played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. He played it as it should be played—to suggest joy, and love and bright hopes. I see good music has a meaning, and the sprightly ringing Wedding March means smiles and happiness and bubbling sweetness and faith in things that are grand and true. If the people for whom it is played responded to its real call, they would come dancing up to the altar with hands clasped and faces radiating the gladness of their hearts. Did they do anything like that on this occasion? Not at all. They followed the fashion of our day. They came in with their heads down, and passed up the aisle at a pace which suggested a funeral rather than a wedding. In fact, I never saw a funeral march carried out with such slowness. The whole proceeding suggested sadness. It was depressing. The Dead March in Saul would have been a more appropriate accompaniment than Mendelssohn's inspiring march, written for the wedding of Queen Victoria. Of course, have never been married; but if I ever do get caught in Hymen's meshes, you may bet I'm not going to let the bride party crawl up to the altar as if they had come to attend my obsequies. Even if they don't feel it, I'm going to be shining, and birds warbling and they were happy."

LAUGHTER LINES.

A certain prosy preacher recently gave an endless discourse on the prophets. First he dwelt at length on the minor prophets. At last he finished them and the congregation gave a sigh of relief. He took a long breath and continued: "Now I shall proceed to the major prophets."

After the major prophets had received more than ample attention the congregation gave another sigh of relief.

"Now that I have finished with the minor prophets and the major prophets, what about Jeremiah? Where is Jeremiah's place?"

At this point a tall man arose in the back of the church. "Jeremiah can have my place," he said, "I'm going home."—Newark Star.

An Irishman was going along the road when an angry bull rushed at him and tossed him over a fence.

The Irishman recovering from his fall, upon looking up, saw the bull pawing and tearing up the ground. As is the custom of the animal when irritated, whereupon he smiled at the animal and said:

"If it was not for your bowing and scraping, and your humble apologies you brute, fax, I should think you'd thrown me over this fence on purpose."—Tit-Bits.

A large, husky negro and a small

Frenchman were sawing a large piece of timber for the Boston way with a heavy crosscut saw, each in their turn pulling it back and forth. A pugilistic Irishman stopped to watch the operation. After a few moments he went up to the negro and dealt him a blow, saying: "Give the saw to the little fellow if he wants it."—Harper's.

A minister, after his sermon on "The Goodness of God," asked his congregation to tell him what they had to be thankful for. An old woman arose and said: "I have only two teeth, but, thank God, they hit."

TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES.

Liniments and ointments should always be applied to the patient with the hand; if applied with cotton or a cloth, the good effect obtained from the friction would be lost.

It is impossible to make a naturally dark complexion light without injuring the skin. Face bleaches will gradually lighten the skin, but they also destroy the texture of it.

The skin of a boiled egg, moistened and applied to a boil, will cause suppuration and relieve soreness in a few hours. It is also an excellent application for a sty or sore eyelids.

It is said that dry bran is an excellent cleanser for dainty velvet flowers and woolen fabrics. Rub the soiled spots harder than the rest; then brush it all off.

To keep heavy granite ware in good condition boil it in soda water for five or ten minutes twice a week.

To harden the gums try a wash made of hot water, one pint, borax 1 oz., and a teaspoonful each of spirits of camphor and myrrh. Dissolve the borax in the hot water and let cool before adding the other ingredients.

When the eyes ache they can be relieved by closing the lids for five minutes. If they have a burning sensation bathe them with hot water, to which a dash of witch hazel has been added; if the whites are yellow and the pupils dull strict attention should be paid to the diet.

In basting work for stitching, do not hide away the knot, but put them on the right side of the sewing, so that basting threads may be easily removed. For the same reason never place machine stitching directly on top of a basting, but just outside of it.

To give an ordinary chest, closet or bureau drawers the virtues of a cedar chest, soak pieces of wood in cedar oil and lay them in the drawers, clean or closet.

To clean jet, use the softest brush that can be procured, remove the dust gently, and then touch the jet with a little good oil on a bit of cotton wool and polish very carefully with soft chamois. Carved jet is brittle and care should be exercised in cleaning it.

A glass of pure cream or a glass of fresh milk with a salt cracker or a crust of fresh bread, is a good lunch between meals for a hungry convalescent.

Rub scars nightly with cocoa butter or almond oil and they will gradually decrease.

Cranberry Frappe.

Cook one quart of cranberries in two cups of water for eight minutes; then force through a sieve. Add two cups of sugar and the juice of two lemons and freeze to a mush, using equal parts of ice and salt.

Spice Cake.

One cup sugar, one cup sour milk, one cup raisins cut coarsely, two cups flour, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoon each of cassia, nutmeg and allspice, pinch of salt, three tablespoons butter, melted. Mix spices with flour and sift. Dissolve soda in sour milk. This makes a nice, moist cake, that is better second day after baking.

Banana Pie.

Banana filling for pie: One cup of sugar, yolks of three eggs, one and one-half tablespoons of cornstarch; cream this together and add it to one quart of milk with a pinch of salt in it; cook in a pan set in a pan of water until thick; let cool for about five minutes; then add one teaspoon of vanilla and six bananas, peeled and sliced; make frosting of the whites of eggs and put on top of pies; bake crust first.

Codfish in Potato Case.

Cook and mash 6 good sized potatoes, add egg, a gill of milk, salt and pepper to taste and beat until light. Pick and scald pound of boneless salt cod, drain and scald again. Now press fish until dry. Put large table-

spoonful of butter in frying pan and add two tablespoonfuls of flour. Mix and add 1 pint of milk. Stir till it thickens and add pepper to taste. Grease a pudding dish mold and line bottom and sides with the potato. Add the cod to the cream and fill the centre. Cover the top with potato and bake a nice brown. It may be served in the dish or turn out.

HARTFORD

(From our own Correspondent.)

We have some more rough roads since the freeze up.

Mr. and Mrs. George Munn entertained a large number of their friends to a dancing party Friday evening.

The people of the Sixteenth will hold their annual oyster supper this Friday evening.

George Sloat, jr., has been busy for a few days tearing down his house at Little Buffalo, preparatory to erecting a new one.

Clarence Lewis, who has been engaged at the corner store for the past three years, has severed his connection and is going West about the first of March. Creighton Mulligan has taken his place with R. J. Thomas.

Duncan Fair has been erecting a new silo.

R. J. Thomas made a business trip to London Thursday.

The young people met at the L. O. L. hall Friday night for their usual practice, and are progressing fine.

Before breaking up for home, Clarence Lewis was called to the front, and after a few remarks by G. Lutes, he was presented with a fine leather club bag, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the people of the neighborhood. Everyone is sorry to see Clarence go, as he has made many friends, and was one of our most popular young men.

The next meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Howarth, Valley Farm, on Thursday, February 6th. The Springfield branch has accepted an invitation to be present, and will furnish the program. A lunch will be served. All ladies welcome. The meeting will be at 2.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday at Mrs. H. Renner's.

The Hartford Church have accepted an invitation to visit the Round Plains Circle next Friday. It will be an at home given at the residence of Mrs. Louis Beemer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Lutes, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. VanLoon were the guests of S. Osborne Friday evening.

Hiram Barber has returned to Forester, Sask.

J. C. Lutes and wife were at G. Lutes' Sunday.

W. VanLoons, A. Simingtons and H. McKeens were at W. H. Howarth's for tea Friday evening.

Mr. W. H. Howarth has gone to Burlington for a week to visit his sister.

Geo. Townsend entertained Mr. and Mrs. Simintion and Mr. and Mrs. VanLoon Wednesday evening.

Miss Walker of Watford is spending a few days with Mrs. A. Simington.

KELVIN

(From our own correspondent.)

All are pleased indeed to see such delightful weather for the time of year and hope it may continue for sometime to come.

Mr. A. Bloomfield was calling on his aunt one day last week.

Mr. C. G. Hulet of Norwich was in this vicinity on business on Saturday last.

We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Bella Almas and hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. E. Messecar and son Ernest were calling on some of their friends last Sunday.

Mary N. Robertson was in Brantford on business on Friday last.

Quite a number from here attended the oyster supper on the evening of Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Savage of Northfield.

Mrs. N. R. Thornton has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mr. W. Welsh of Brantford.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mr. Miles Wood of Norwich, a former resident of this place, and hope for his early and complete recovery.

Rev. Mr. Hackett reached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation on Sunday.

BURFORD.

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. Horace Benedict had the misfortune to lose his fine driver last Wednesday. He was sitting in his rig at Mr. A. Fowler's chopping mill, Mr. Vernon when the horse became frightened and started to run away. In attempting to rein it in the bit broke. Mr. Benedict then had to jump. The horse ran home a distance of about two miles, where it dropped dead. The horse was a valuable one.

The Board of Trade met in Kneale's Hall last Monday and re-organized for the coming winter's work. The village has to thank the Board of Trade for different improvements in the past and should be well supported.

Miss Neff was visiting in St. Thomas last week.

Mr. Henderson, harnessmaker, was

in Springfield last week, attending the funeral of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrason of Cathcart spent their 61st anniversary of their wedding day, last Tuesday, with their daughter, Mrs. George Ausleybrooke.

Mr. Roberts, Oakland, visited his son-in-law, Mr. A. W. Eddy, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Woodin returned last Thursday from visiting their son in Witt, Ill.

Mr. Geo. Ausleybrooke received a shipment of 12 full grown live foxes last week.

Miss B. McWebb, of Hamilton, visited at her parental home last week.

Mrs. Burgis, Sr., has returned home after being away on an extended visit.

LANGFORD.

(From our own correspondent.)

The regular quarterly service will be held at Cainsville, Feb. 2nd. No service in the evening.

Mrs. E. Haviland has returned to her home at Oakland after spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Cornwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaver, Ancaster, were Sunday guests at Mr. David Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Vanderlip and Mr. Geo. Day, city, Mr. and Mrs. Trueman Westbrook spent Tuesday at H. M. Vanderlip's.

Mrs. J. R. Hamilton and Miss Sills, city, spent Tuesday at Mr. Jas. W. Westbrook's.

Mrs. Armstrong, Oakland, was a Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Cornwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ireland spent Tuesday at Alberton.

Misses Dolly Westbrook and Elva Vanderlip spent Friday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lang and family spent Friday afternoon and evening in the city with Mrs. Lang's parents.

CAINSVILLE

(From our own correspondent.)

There were large attendances at both services last Sunday. In the morning Rev. Mr. Morrow preached a sermon, taking for his subject "Good-Bye! Good-day! All Hail!"

Rev. Mr. Cook had charge of the evening service, his subject being "The Price of Perfection." The choir rendered excellent music at both services.

League was held Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Morrow occupying the chair. An excellent reading, dealing with slum life and its degrading environments was read by Mrs. John Norrie. Special reference was made to the slums of Toronto and Winnipeg, and some startling facts were revealed concerning the wretched conditions under which the poor eke out a living.

Quarterly meeting will be held next Sabbath at 10.30.

Among those who enjoyed the Tea-meeting at Jerseyville last Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Mr. Ira and Miss Irene Shaver.

Mrs. Russell gave a bridge-whist party last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Book made a business trip to Watford one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren, of Brantford, were the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tottle, last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Langs spent last week in Hamilton, visiting at the home of her son, Dr. Langs.

Dr. Laidlaw left on Saturday evening for Hamilton, where he will spend a short time previous to taking a special course in one of the New York hospitals, before he finally locates in Ottawa.

Anniversary services will be held in the Methodist Church on Sunday Feb. 16th.

Mr. Will Dawdy, of Pine Grove and Mr. Norman Holden, of North Battleford, Sask., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson last Saturday afternoon.

Miss King, of Brantford, is spending this week at the home of Mrs. Herb. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillan and little Mrs. Jean, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fair, last Sunday.

Miss Libby Vanderlip has returned after having spent a week at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Sumler.

We are glad to welcome Dr. Raphael, who has been practising recently in Jerseyville, to our village. As Dr. Raphael comes to us very highly recommended, and a personal friend of Dr. Laidlaw's, we have no hesitancy in saying that he is a thoroughly competent and efficient physician and that the same success, which has attended his efforts previously will continue to follow him in his professional work here.

Miss Mandy Jerome, of Hamilton, and Mr. J. Norrie, of Outlook, Sask., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Greenwood last Sunday.

Mrs. Hanley spent Sunday visiting her daughter, Miss Kate Hanley, at Loretta Convent, Hamilton.

We regret to report the serious illness of Mr. Sumler.

Mr. Wm. McIrvine has gone to the home of his nephew, Mr. James McIrvine, where he will remain for the winter.

The funeral of the late Mr. George

Hawley of Burlington, took place last Friday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Morrow officiating. The service was held at the Brant Church, where the deceased was well and favorably known. The remains were interred in the Brant Cemetery.

Mrs. P. Knight went to Brantford on Tuesday where she will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. R. Smithson.

Mrs. M. A. Broughton of Gravenhurst, is spending this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Simpson.

Mr. Clyne, of Stoney Creek, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. John Norrie this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Slat, Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Iia Day and Mrs. N. Shaver were the guests of Mrs. Carmody on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norrie and Mr. Clyne, visited at the home of Mr. J. D. Norrie, Burford Road, last Sunday.

Mr. Lew Smith spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dark, Hamilton.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. C. Foulger last Wednesday evening, when her only daughter, Lena Hattie, was united in marriage to Mr. Claude Sherk, Rev. Mr. Morrow officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of immediate relatives. The bride looked very pretty in a beautiful gown of white embroidery, and wore orange blossoms; her only ornament being a sunburst of pearls, the gift of the groom. The bride's going-away costume was navy blue with black beaver hat. Mr. and Mrs. Sherk left Thursday morning for a couple of weeks honeymoon at Buffalo. Upon their return the happy couple will reside at Hamilton, where they will be at home to their friends at 11 Melbourne St. March 1st.

The best wishes of this community are extended to the young