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VONGUNTEN BROS.

Vonguntens Bros., as usual, at this season of the year are at the height of business. The store, though small, contains a heap of the goods, everything the people want and wish for. Their trade in watches this year surpasses all previous years by a good margin. They have not had the usual number of sales, in fact have not had time to put them on. The special engraver was never busier than at present on novelties of all kinds. The special detective employed by this firm during the holidays did good work on Saturday.

WESTMAN BROS.

The firm of Westman Bros. are making some very special efforts in their Christmas trade this year. They have installed a very fine stock in the way of Christmas presents, including cutlery, silverware, etc. These enterprising gentlemen are the sole agents for the famous Taylor's Eye Witness cutlery goods, of Sheffield, England. They have handled these goods for over 23 years and have yet to receive the first complaint. They have always given the very best of satisfaction. In the implement line also the trade of this firm is increasing right along. They have taken the sole agency for the Walter Wood mowers, binders, corn harvesters and hay tedders, for Western Ontario. These implements are found to be very popular with the farmers who purchase them.

They have also handled the Jewell stores for over seven years and many are the housekeepers who are experiencing the pleasure of having their stores in their homes. They make a specialty of builders hardware.

A. D. Westman reports that the business this year has been far better than any other year in the firm's history. This speaks well for Chatham, as it is one of the many evidences of the growth of our city.

G. J. PEACE.

This is the season for Christmas shopping and, as a result, the merchants of the city are over-run with buyers, who are anxious to procure the very best possible articles in the line of Christmas gifts. To these, it

THE DISTRICT

RUTHERFORD.

Will Christen—Croton, visited friends here last week. The Methodist people are getting a new stove for their church. Mrs. Harrison and Miss Ruth Prescott, were on the sick list last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Healy visited Croton friends on Sunday last. Council met here on the 15th. Mrs. O'Neil passed away after a short illness, and was buried on the 11th. Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Ross. Auction sales are numerous this fall. Municipal matters are beginning to warm up. A number of new men are reported to be in the field.

HIGHGATE.

Miss G. G. Logan, of Detroit, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Kittie Schlie sang, of West Lorne, was the guest of Miss Addie Scott last week. Mrs. George Manson, of Exeter, and Mrs. J. Buchanan, of Aylmer, called on friends in town on Friday. P. B. Fetterley, of Chatham, was in town this week. Mrs. Hugh McCutcheon, of Glenora, has returned to her home after visiting friends in the vicinity.

Miss Bertha Walker, of Chiro, was the guest of friends in town on Friday last. Rev. E. J. Powell, of Dutton, preached in the Methodist church on Sunday last. Miss Mattie Stone has returned from a visit with friends in St. Thomas.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Miss Mary Stewart, of Tilbury, was a guest of Mrs. Kontze on Tuesday. The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist S. S. will be held this Monday evening, Dec. 22nd. Miss Jean Forbes is visiting in Chatham this week.

Thirty-nine boxes of fish were shipped to New York on Tuesday. Mrs. Joseph Bellier died on Thursday night, Dec. 11th. The deceased had been sick for two years with consumption. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Saturday at St. Peter's Church and the remains were interred in the cemetery at the church.

The Public school closes on Monday, 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Larose are visiting in Wyandotte, Mich., this week. Two cars of shell corn, one car of sugar beets and one of stock were shipped on Wednesday.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

A grand concert is to be held at Louisville on Christmas eve. All are invited to attend. John and Edward Oliver have returned home from Toronto, where they have been attending school. John at the School of Science and Edward at University.

Last Friday afternoon a number of the ladies of S. S. No. 7 visited the school house to bid farewell to Miss Wilson, who has taught our school for two years. After a nice little program Miss Wilson treated the pupils to taffy, candy and popcorn. Miss Lillie Taylor came forward and presented Miss Wilson with a lovely opal ring, accompanied by an address, which she read very nicely. The address read as follows: Dear Miss Wilson, I am appointed by the pupils of this school to present you in their name this ring. We chose a ring as a symbol of our never ending remembrance of you. In presenting this testimonial I assure you on behalf of your pupils that as an excellent instructor and a wise and patient teacher you will be remembered by the students of the school with feelings of the highest regard and esteem.

CHATHAM CENTRE.

A Merry Christmas to all. Rev. Mr. Neilly preached a special Christmas sermon to a large congregation in Chamber's church Sunday.

The regular prayer meeting which has been so successful the past year, has organized as a Young People's Society and will meet every Tuesday evening. These meetings will be made more instructive and interesting. Both old and young are invited to attend.

Owing to Christmastide prayer meeting will be held on Monday evening in Knox church this week.

Our young people spent a very enjoyable evening at Mr. Mackness' on Wednesday last. About 35 were present, and after the conclusion of games and music dispersed, feeling that they had had a jolly good time. Will Cotton lost a valuable cow last week.

The scholars at singing school are progressing nicely and intend having a concert at the close of the term. Our school teacher, Miss McArthur, has returned to her home at Tupperville.

Miss Hattie French will spend her vacation at Adrian, Mich. Miss Lilly Nesbitt has returned to her home for a few weeks. John and Edmund Oliver, of Toronto, are visiting at their home here. A large number from here went to Chatham Saturday to see the football match, but were disappointed.

DOVER.

The good roads and fine weather have made things lively in these parts.

Those who are seeking municipal honors are beginning to make their appearance. Those mentioned are Frankie Rankin and John Grant for



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county councillor, and C. Purser and Timothy O'Neill for reeve; Peter Crawford, Regie Trudell, L. Sloan, Geo. Kime, F. King, John Williams, John Hooper, James Rankin, Joseph Lewis and Joseph Rankin for councillors.

The Richmond's Sunday school gave a Christmas tree and concert in the school house on Friday evening. It was a decided success. The tree was loaded and Santa Claus had a big evening's work. The program was excellent. The children's Christmas drill, the singing, instrumental and dialogues deserve special praise. Rev. Mr. Neilly acted as chairman in his usual cheerful manner. The proceeds were \$25.

Mrs. Doolittle and her son John contemplate a trip east to spend Christmas with relatives. The school children presented Miss Lawrence with a beautiful toilet set and a well worded address on her departure for her field of labor. We are sorry to lose Miss Lawrence, as she was a great help in the neighborhood as well as a good teacher. Archie Ritchie is visiting R. McKenzie.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., was operated on for appendicitis at Durham.

Rev. George Burns, a retired Baptist minister, died at Woodstock.

W. E. Milner was nominated for the Commons by the Liberals of Peel.

Negotiations are proceeding for changes in the staff of Trinity College School, Port Hope.

Railway officials reported about 80 per cent more passenger traffic than last year.

The Russian Government is spending immense sums in relief work among famine sufferers.

Pains In The Small Of The Back.

Bad Digestion and Racking Head-
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"Pains in the small of the back" is the way hosts of people describe their sufferings, not knowing that the pains are in reality in the kidneys. Pains in the back, weak back, lame back, backache—these are the first indications of kidney trouble. They are the warning which nature gives you. If you heed at once you can be cured. Neglect will soon put you at the mercy of the most painful and fatal of diseases.

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Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edman, Bates & Co., Toronto.

HUMOR

MRS. DRESSER'S NEW GOWNS

Her Feminine Neighbors Did Not
Care, Yet They Talked.

"Did you know that Mrs. Dresser had another new gown?" asked Mrs. Knowall of Mrs. Eager.

"You don't mean it?"

"Indeed she has, and it never cost a penny less than \$45, and it wouldn't surprise me a bit to know that it cost \$50."

"Well, upon my soul! Of course it's nothing to me how many new gowns Mrs. Dresser has, but I do hate to see a woman given over so completely to dress."

"So do I. Of course I don't care how many dresses she has. As you say, it's nothing to me. I don't have them to pay for. The wonder to me is how Mr. Dresser ever pays for them. You know that it hasn't been six weeks since she came out in that elegant silk crepon that, to my certain knowledge, cost her \$48. But, then, I don't care."

"Nor I. She can come out in a new dress every week as far as I'm concerned. You know that it was just after Christmas that she had that expensive Dresden china silk with all that costly lace on it. But, dear me, I don't care!"

"Care? Why, I wouldn't care if she wore real Lyons velvet every day of her life. And that reminds me—that cape she came out in is real Lyons velvet. I just took the trouble to find out—not that I cared whether it was Lyons velvet or cotton velvet, but, then—and you remember that elegant black silk she wore in the winter?"

"I guess I do! The jet on that dress was \$4.50 a yard. I know, for I saw a piece just like it at Brown & Smith's, and I priced it just to find out. Of course it was nothing to me, and I didn't really care how much she paid for it. I didn't have it to pay for."

"So do I. It's nothing to me, but I happen to know that her last bonnet cost \$19!"

"No!"

"It did!"

"My soul!"

"Did you ever?"

"Well—it's nothing to me!"

"No, not to me."

"I don't care."

"Nor I!"—Detroit Free Press.

That Wise Discoverer.

Columbus had been on his voyage several weeks when the sailors became frightened by the variation of the compass.

"How can you tell which way the needle points?" inquired the chief engineer, suggesting retreat.

"Sit on it!" roared the angry navigator.

Satisfied by the logic of the answer, the dissenters withdrew, while Christopher savagely boxed the compass.—New York Times.

Apprehensive.

"I don't know what there is about betting on horse races that should be so deleterious to health," said young Mrs. Torkins pensively.

"I never heard of such a thing," answered a visitor.

"Neither did I until I heard Charlie talking about it. Every time he makes a bet he comes home and says there is something wrong with his system."

Washington Star.

His Experience.

His—Every time I pick up a hairpin on the street I get a letter. I never knew it to fail.

Dix—I did. I picked up one the other day and put it in my pocket, but I didn't get a letter.

His—You didn't?

Dix—No; but my wife found it, and I got a lecture.—Chicago News.

A Rare Chance.

Wanted at Once.—A competent surgeon to set limbs of seven citizens, the said limbs having been dislocated by Johnson's mule. We do not know what injuries the eighth man sustained, as he went through a shingle roof and hasn't come down yet. In another column Johnson advertises his mule for sale.—Atlanta Constitution.

An Atavistic Joke.

Mrs. Dearborn—You say she's been married three times within a year. Does she inherit that trait?

Mrs. Wabash—Oh, yes! Her father was married four times and her mother six, I believe.—Yonkers Statesman.

Magnified.

"Why do you look at me through a telescope?"

"Why, yer see, lady, I seen in yer eye dat yer wuz goin' ter give me a dime, an' I wuz tryin' ter bring it close enough so it 'd look like a dollar."

New York Evening Journal.

Constancy In Deed.

The Fiancee—Were there many girls where you were staying?

"I should say so. Why, I didn't dare leave my room after dark."—New York Life.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES.

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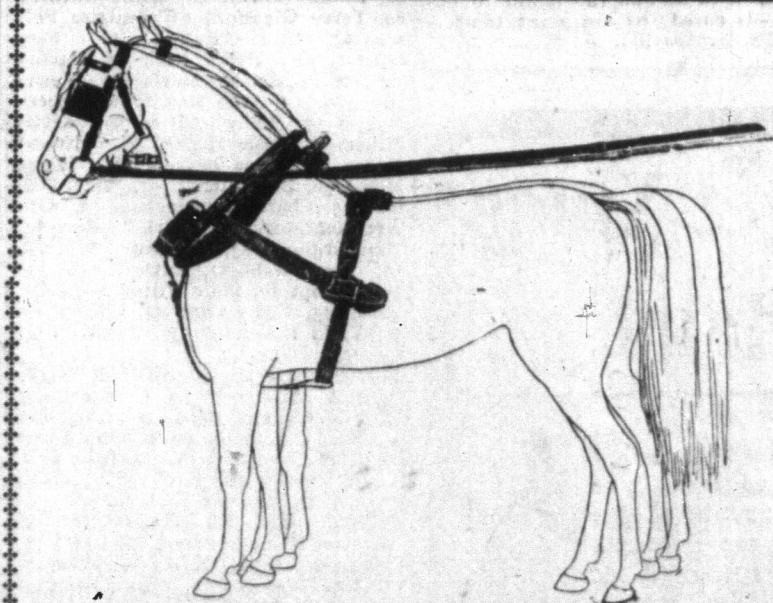
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