

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of the County Council has been called for Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at the Court House.

INTERIOR ECONOMY

Captain E. Trump, D.O.S., and Lieutenant Wilkes visited the headquarters of the 125th Brant Battalion this morning for the purpose of adjusting the administration and interior economy of the Battalion. Under their supervision, difficulties were soon straightened out.

LAST SHIPMENT

The Women's Patriotic League wishes to notify those of their workers having work out to kindly return it if possible by Saturday as the last shipment for 1915 goes forward early next week.

ENJOYABLE TIME

The Women's Institute of Grandview entertained their husbands and friends right royally in the Grandview School last evening when very tasty refreshments were served. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Mrs. Bayless, the vice-president Mrs. A. McWebb took the chair. Mrs. W. H. Hammond and Mrs. S. G. Read gave very interesting addresses and solos were given by Mrs. Savage, Mrs. C. McWebb, Miss E. Bailey, Miss Marjorie Hammond and Mrs. Laing (instrumental). At the close a hearty vote of thanks to those who had taken part was moved by Mrs. Kenney.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

Great interest has been taken in the boxing and wrestling bouts which will take place in the Opera House tomorrow (Thursday) night. Col. Stewart has extended the time of lights out for the men of the 84th battalion in order to enable the men to attend. Lt. R. T. Hall of the Mounted Rifles of Hamilton telephoned to-day asking for a block of one hundred seats to be reserved. There will also be a large attendance from Paris, and indications are excellent for a large house.

MISSIONARY MEETING

At the monthly missionary meeting in Colborne St. League, Miss Grace Struthers acted as chairlady while Miss Nellie Bedford gave an interesting address on the Methodist Mission work among the Italians in Toronto. There are about twelve thousand Italians in Toronto at the present time and the Methodist Union with its three Italian Missions, is doing much toward the uplifting of these people.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. J. Graydon and family wish to thank their many friends for kindnesses and sympathy expressed in their recent sad bereavement.

MENTIONED.

The name of Mr. A. Hollinrake is mentioned as another candidate for Municipal Railway Commissioner.

VERY BUSY.

The Court of Revision is indeed busy to-day in the Court House with the five hundred and sixty-six voters' appeals sent in by the Local Option and Anti-Local Option parties.

SKATING PARTY

The High School Club and Fossils club members have decided to hold a large skating party at the rink on Thursday, December 23rd. It will no doubt be a big success as every member is enthusiastic.

OAKLAND MEETING.

A splendid recruiting meeting was held last night at Oakland and, judging from the large number of recruits issued to-day, was not fruitless. A large number of able-bodied men were present and heard stirring addresses given by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, Mr. A. E. Watts, Mr. J. I. Hurley, Mr. C. C. Cluffe and other 125th officers. After the meeting the delegation was hospitably entertained by Warden Cook.

LIBERAL ONE WINS.

A schedule game of carpeball was played off last evening on the Liberal Club floor between the W. O. W. team and the Liberal No. 1 team. The game during the first half was rather one sided, the Liberals obtaining a good lead in the second half the W. O. W. played a much better game, but were unable to reduce their opponents' lead to any extent. The final was Liberal No. 1, 115; Woodmen of the World, 73. Harvey Cole captained the Woodmen and A. Ellison the Liberals. Frank Armitage was referee.

LAST SESSION

The last meeting of the year of the Township Council was held this morning in the Township offices. Only a few communications and accounts were dealt with and only a very short session was necessary. In reply to the solicitors of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, the large manufacturers of the city will be solicited. The following communications were filed: Canadian Suffrage Association; Globe Furniture Company, Toronto; Hospital for Incurables, Matthews-Blackwell, Limited, Brantford General Hospital and Mrs. Smith.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Is Held at the Congregational Church Tuesday Evening.

Under the auspices of the men's "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" Association of the Congregational Church, a most enjoyable concert was given last evening. Rev. Mr. Kelly occupied the chair in a happy manner. The following was the program: Orchestra, 7:45 to 8 o'clock; chairman's address, Rev. Mr. Kelly; orchestra; reading, Miss Moyer; trombone solo, Mr. G. Bygraves; song, Mr. George Crooker; overture, orchestra; song, Miss Wood; cornet solo, Mr. A. Williams; reading, Miss Edmondson; song, Mr. G. Crooker; march, orchestra; reading, Miss Moyer; song, Mr. F. Farnsworth; reading, Miss Berry; song, Miss Wood; God Save the King.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved to the performers by Mr. J. L. Dixon, seconded by Mr. W. J. Hill. Refreshments were later served to those who had provided such a delightful evening.

DISMISSED

Wheeler Gets Off on Charge of Assault, Which Ended Fatally.

Clarence Wheeler faced a charge of assault, causing bodily harm, in the police court this morning. After Crown Attorney Wilkes and W. S. Brewster, K.C., had examined the witnesses, and after the Crown Attorney had given his version of the case, Magistrate Livingston made his decision. He said that the death had resulted from Wheeler's push, although not done intentionally. Since his drinking had caused one death, Wheeler must "put the lid on," so to speak, and keep it there. But because it was entirely unintentional, the charge was dismissed.

Much evidence was given. Summed up, it amounted to the following: On the day of the occurrence, Saturday, December 4th, David Cowell came along and met Clarence Wheeler at the latter's meat stall on the market at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Both were more or less under the influence of liquor, and the conversation was at first rough but friendly. Cowell, however, started to swear and use abusive language, which roused up Wheeler's temper. It developed into a quarrel and Wheeler wanted to fight, but the other was content to use his tongue only. He used it too much and was given a push by the other. The push wouldn't have caused any accident, Cowell had not been dizzy, and it was just strong enough to overbalance him. He fell backwards like a log of wood, and hit his head on the pavement. Then Wheeler disappeared and the police patrol was summoned. After being kept two or three hours in the police station the injured man was sent up to the hospital, and there died at 4:30 in the morning.

FARMERS MEET

In Connection with Formation of a Co-Operative Society.

A meeting of farmers was held in the Court House, Brantford, on Saturday afternoon last, in the interests of the Brant Farmers' Co-operative Society. There was a good attendance and approval of the proposed organization was manifested. The provisional board of directors reported progress to date. The prospectus issued last August, was read and explained, and future plans and prospects were discussed.

Mr. H. B. Cowan of Peterboro, Managing Director of the Rural Publishing Co., then addressed the meeting. He spoke of the need of organization among farmers, and outlined the great success of the Western farmers' co-operative efforts. Finally he spoke of the situation in Ontario, showing what had already been accomplished by the United Farmers' Co-operative Co., and urged the necessity of local organization to supplement the provincial.

Discussion was participated in by local farmers, and the meeting resolved unanimously to carry the project through to completion. A number of those present subscribed for stock, others expressing their intention of doing so.

About 25 per cent of the capital that is required before the Society is incorporated, has been secured, and farmers who wish for the success of the enterprise are invited to come forward and subscribe voluntarily, and to assist in other ways in their power.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

What good is a bar-room anyway? Blind Pigs.—Ontario Government Statistics show that there are more blind pigs in license towns than in Local Option towns.

The reason for this is that you can easily find a blind pig in a Local Option town. The drunk MUST be obtained at liquor illegally and the presence of the blind pig is immediately revealed.

In a license town no one knows where he got his liquor. Everyone supposes he got it in a bar-room. Thus the bar-room is the best means of producing and concealing blind pigs. They hide behind its filthy shadow. When this protection is removed the blind pigs are easily hunted down.

For keeping a blind pig—first offence, a fine; second offence, jail without option of a fine.

Your daughter may be the wife of a drunkard. Do you want that? Vote against the maker of drunkards—the bar-room.

He stumbled sick and stupid up Market Street. He wandered out on to the car track. Monday at 11:45 a.m. He made his way back to the pavement. He turned the corner at Wellington. At last his great splendid body, made brutish by whiskey and useless by the poison in the booze he had taken—at last his great splendid body rolled in the snow. His face, white with a great wound on his cheek from which now a stream of blood flowed. It was a sickening, a maddening sight. That man came out of one of Brantford's bar-rooms. He stumbled, a great filthy beast, into one of Brantford's homes.

Vote against the bar-room which emptied this man into the street.

At the quarterly meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society this afternoon at St. Mary's Lyceum, satisfactory reports on finance were presented, and an appeal was made for more workers. Mr. Foster, for 49 years President of St. Patrick Conference, announced his retirement. He was tendered a vote of thanks for his loyal and efficient service, and in reply stated that during all those years he had found only four charity cases which were not attributable to alcohol. He implored young men to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors—Hamilton, Dec. 13th.

Do you like the bar-room? vote them out on January 3rd.—Advertisement.

Concert.

Another splendid concert was given for the soldiers' club rooms at the Y. M. The auditorium was filled and every man certainly enjoyed the programme, which was the best yet offered.

Miss Hilda Hurley took a very important part and was so popular that she had to respond to several encores. She sang the "Knit, Knit, Knit, Knit" which has made such a hit with the boys, also the "Call of the Motherland" and several others.

Rev. G. A. Woodside gave a most interesting and instructive address. Miss Jean Paterson and Mr. E. Herge-roader offered an amusing Indian sketch, both entertainers wearing full Indian costumes and "liveries."

Little Miss Fern Thompson danced several interpretations which were well received. She also sang a catchy little number. Misses Hanna, Matthews and VanSover also gave a pleasing dance in their pretty costumes.

Interspersed through this varied program, were interesting motion pictures of the war and nature study productions.

On Friday night the usual amateur evening will be held, when the soldiers will be given a chance to display their talent. This will be followed by another entertainment on Tuesday night.

WANTS FLOOR.

Mr. Warren E. Smith of Port Colborne has sent in an application to the city clerk for permission to rent the first floor of Mr. J. F. Schultz's building on Dalhousie street for roller skating purposes. The matter will be brought before the next council meeting.

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3 x 3 yards.	Worth \$12.00.	For \$10.00
3 x 3 1/2 yards.	Worth \$13.50.	For \$11.75
3 x 3 1/2 yards.	Worth \$15.00.	For \$13.50
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3 x 3 yards.	Worth \$18.50.	For \$15.00
3 x 3 1/2 yards.	Worth \$20.50.	For \$17.75
3 x 4 yards.	Worth \$23.50.	For \$20.50

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Mahogany Smoking Stand, 27 inches high, glass lining \$2.25
Brass Smoking Stand, 27 inches high, glass lining \$3.00

Karnak Brass Smoking Sets, ash tray, cigar holder, match holder, and round or oblong tray, neat ornament on each piece. \$3.50 to \$4.50

Athenic Bronze Smoking Set, ash tray, match holder, cigar holder, and round tray; in centre of each piece is handsome pink cameo heads. \$5.50

Karnak Brass Smoking Sets, containing ash tray, cigar holder, match holder on tray, applied green brass border; each piece has a fancy green brass scarabeus on it; very handsome. Price \$6.50

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Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, who was in command of the second British Army Corps in France until a few months ago, when he returned to England for some mysterious reason, is about to be given a high command. Smith-Dorrien has a particularly warm place in the affections of the Canadian people, as it was in his brigade that the Canadians fought during the South African war. The general is 57 years old, but has been fighting pretty continuously for the past thirty-six years, having seen service in Egypt, the Sudan, India and the South Af-

rican war. Smith-Dorrien and General Sir Douglas Haig particularly distinguished themselves in the retreat from Mons and were both repeatedly mentioned in despatches by Sir John French. Smith-Dorrien is a "bonny feller" and is the type of man needed at the front.

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