THE REPORTER

COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS

A Budget of News and Gossip, Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Every-thing Well Mixed Up.

ADDISON.

TUESDAY, Dec. 17.—We are sorry to announce the serious illness of Mr. Geo. Langdon, but at latest reports she was some better.

Mr. Ezra Wiltse, jr., who cut his foot one day last week, is again able to attend to business.

Palmer Creamery is doing a good business yet. The output is about 1000 lbs. of butter per week.

The Addison Council No. 126 C. O. C. F., who attended divine service in Frankville recently, wish to tender the choir and pastor (Rev. Mr. Stilwell) of the Methodist church a vote of thanks for their services. This Council is making rapid strides in its membership and is the leading society of the place.

Mr. Wellington Lewis is quite smart this winter, more so than during the past six months, which no doubt many of his old acquaintances will be pleased to hear.

WASHBURN'S CORNERS.

FRIDAY, Dec. 13.—Mr. L. H. Washburn, of this place, harvested 400 bushels of very fine potatoes this season—100 Rural New Yorker and 300 of a variety he calls Red Deer, having obtained the seed in that place when in Alberta on his trip to the N.W. They are large, fine potatoes, mostly the long-eared yellow flint.

His oats are a marvel—a new variety—are beautiful in appearance and do really astonish all who see them weighed.

In the matter of valuable seeds, Mr. Washburn does nothing of cost to eye his neighbors, and in this way, like every other such man, is a benefit to those around him.

Last November he purchased the apiary owned by John Williams at Soperton. It is a venture for one who had never given a thought to bee culture, as bees have proved to be a very uncertain property for the past few years. One of his boys, though young, is very much attached to bees, and it was to gratify his wish mostly that he bought the bees. He also hoped that with a moderate outlay, study, and attention, they might be made to be fairly paying to the boy in time, and his chance is certainly as good as the best in the country.

His frank, off-hand manner, his genial ways and honorable dealing have won for him the confidence and respect of his many friends and acquaintances and they will evidently wish that this adventure may prove pleas-

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LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement Rolled Right Down.

Good stove-wood for sale cheap at Thompson's.

Best stock of candies in Athens at S. Moore's.

His Honor Judge Reynolds was in Athens on Tuesday.

Santa Claus takes off his cap to G. W. Beach's holiday stock.

The Brockville Business College will re-open after the holidays on Jan. 6th.

Mr. John Cawley, reported sick last week, is recovering but is not yet able to leave his bed.

Go to S. Moore's for your 'Xmas candies—Cheaper than the cheapest home-made candies.

Nervous women will find relief in Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it enriches the blood and thus strengthens the nerves.

Should there be good ice on Christmas the hockey team will probably arrange for a match with an outside team or with another home team.

Christmas one week from to-day. Let the cup of your joy flow over, but remember the homes of the poor that all may rejoice because of the birth of the Saviour.

On Sunday evening next, as previously announced, Rev. J. M. Hagar will give his congregation an address on the subject of "Dancing."

Christmas presents for old and young. Make as many happy as you can. To look through G. W. Beach's splendid assortment is a pastime.

The Smith's Falls council at its last meeting decided to consolidate their debt and extend the payment over a period of forty years. The debt amounts to $73,000.

The Industrial Home had last week five inmates. The first good sleighing will probably largely increase the number. Three more arrived per B. & W. from the vicinity of Kemptville on Tuesday morning.

A large congregation assembled in the Baptist church on Sunday evening to hear the pastor, Rev. J. A. Kennedy, discourse on the subject of "Dancing." His points were clearly made, aptly illustrated, and left no doubt in his hearers' minds as to his attitude towards this form of amusement.

Mr. Geo. Smith, who is now employed by the manufacturers of the Brantford wind-mills in erecting their powers, was home last week, but left after a brief stay on a trip that will include Madoc in Hastings county and a point below Quebec, which he expects to complete before Christmas.

Good cooking raisins, five lbs. for 25c this week.

Fresh roasted peanuts and all kinds of nuts at S. Moore's.

Fresh bulk oysters daily—direct from beds—at Wilson & Son's.

New walnuts, filberts, almonds, and fresh pools of all kinds at Thompson's.

Give your orders early for turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens at Thompson's.

Every table delicacy you want can be found at Thompson's. Pickled walnuts, Spanish olives, blue cluster raisins.

A revised course of book-keeping will be introduced at the Brockville Business College at the beginning of the New Year.

Nothing too good for Christmas. Make your kin-folks and friends happy from G. W. Beach's beautiful display of Christmas presents. It will suggest to you the proper present.

The list of successful graduates of the Brockville Business College would be interesting reading for those who contemplate a commercial course. Send for copy.

Mr. Wm. Gibson, who was so seriously ill a few weeks ago, can be seen on the streets again daily. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he is steadily gaining strength.

CASH.—$8000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices Sale continues for a short time only —T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

The proprietors of the rival skating rinks have been trying for some days to get a good foundation of ice for the season's amusement. A little more snow is required before either rink can be put in first class shape. In all probability, however, good ice will be made this week.

The Poultry Fair on Friday last was somewhat better attended than a year ago, though it is still nothing like the old time fairs of a few years ago. About three tons of poultry were purchased by buyers who keenly competed for every pound offered. Turkeys sold from 9 to 10 cts. per lb.

On Wednesday last Mr. R. D. Judson was standing in a wagon assisting to unload furniture when the horse started, throwing him backwards out of the rig. He fell on his side and was so seriously injured that he has since been confined to his bed, though he is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

One result of the recent shuffle of mail routes in this county will be viewed by the citizens of Athens with a very decided feeling of dissatisfaction. Whoever is the person responsible for changing the old, long-established route from Athens to Plum Hollow, and establishing a new route from Delta via Phillipsville, Chantry and Harlem to Plum Hollow, may rest assured that the people of Athens do not feel thankful towards the person or persons who perpetrated this deal.

Last week a practical miner was prospecting among the rocks on the north shore of Charleston Lake with a view to the discovery of mica. On the property owned by Messrs. Hicks & Webster appearances are promising enough to warrant the further prospecting and development of the mine. Accordingly, an arrangement has been made with the owners of the property giving to the miner authority to continue his search sixty days longer, and then if mineral of sufficient value can be found a permanent arrangement will be made between the owners of the property and the persons desirous of working the mine. The people of this section of the County will all be pleased if eventually our old friends Hicks and John Webster become

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The Citizens' Band Concert.

The Citizens' Brass Band of Athens is an organization of which the town should and does justly feel proud, as was evident from the large number who turned out to the concert given by them in the High School hall last Friday night. The Band mustered in full strength in their rooms in the Dowsley block and intoned serenade the town previous to the opening of the concert, but the extreme cold soon froze up their instruments and they were unable to carry out that part of the programme. On the rise of the curtain, Reeve Lamb stepped forward and on behalf of the Band thanked the large audience for their kindly feelings towards the band boys as manifested by turning out in such large numbers and by their many little acts of appreciation of their efforts to provide entertainment for the people of the village. The programme, which was a lengthy one, was carried out to the satisfaction of all. The Band played a couple of very fine selections and Crawf C. Slack sang a couple of original songs, which met with such hearty appreciation from the audience that he was recalled several times, responding as only the inimitable Crawf can. The Misses Harrison and Arnold gave an instrumental duet, and Miss Jennie Davison gave a recitation and song which was encored. W. A. Lewis gave a humorous reading from Grip, and the orchestra gave a number of pleasing and catchy selections. Miss Bertha Pierce made her debut in a charming little song entitled "My Country Sweet heart," which received a rapturous encore. A quartette by Mrs. Gallagher, Miss Wylie, and Messrs. Kincaid and Clow was charmingly rendered. The programme concluded with a laughable farce entitled "Sammie," the parts being taken by C. C. Slack as "The Old Man" and Geo. Hughes as his lazy son, with Herb Kincaid as the Ghost. The

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of a large tumor from the breast of the animal, and great skill and caution were required to successfully remove the tumor without endangering life as it was situated on about three in. of a large blood vessel. At the conclusion of the operation, which necessitated good, careful work, the operators had the satisfaction of knowing that their work was done, and well done. The mare is at the Gamble House stable and is doing as well as could be expected after the severe cutting it was necessary to do with her.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear.

Divine service will be held in the churches of this parish on Christmas day as follows: Christ church, Athens, celebration of Holy Eucharist, at 9 o'clock, a.m. Evensong and sermon at 7 o'clock, p.m.

Trinity Church, Lansdowne Rear, celebration of Holy Eucharist, with sermon, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

St. Paul's church, Delta, Evensong and sermon, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

The offertories at all services during the day will be for the rector.

Village Council.

The municipal council of Athens met in the council room, Central Block, on Monday evening last. All the members of council present. After reading and confirming the minutes of previous meeting, the clerk read a bill for supplies purchased by him for the fire department during the year, amounting to $21.72. On motion an order was given him on the Treasurer for the amount. On motion, the collector of taxes was given until the 15th inst. to make a final return of his roll. On motion, the commitment of Arza Parish to the House of Industry by the reeve and councillors Karley and Blanchard was endorsed by the council, and the clerk instructed to transmit the necessary papers to the superintendent. A by-law to fix a place for holding the nominations and polling places and appoint deputy returning officers for holding municipal elections for 1896 was passed. [The usual notice as to place of nomination holding elections and names of deputy returning officers appears in another column]. The reeve and clerk signed the orders on treasurer for salaries and expenses of council for year, after which council adjourned to the evening of 28th inst., when they will meet to wind up the business of the year.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk.

On account of funds accumulating quickly, will lend money on real estate at the very lowest rate—$12,000 on and now. Mortgages also purchased. —JOHN CAWLEY, Athens, Ont.

Mr. S. Washburn of Soperton has a good wind-mill that has been at liberty to run at its own sweet will for six months, or until the first of November. It has pumped from an inexhaustible well many hundred tanks of water. Neither mill, well nor pump seem a bit the worse of their ceaseless service. What a prize this would have been in some of the dry places last summer!

A Bear Fact.

The biggest bear that has been shot for years on the Madawaska was captured the other day by a party of hunters from Lammermoor. It weighed 360lbs. when dressed. Mr. Stewart Currie, who had the hide in his possession, brought it in to town Tuesday. We had it on exhibition for a while in ERA office, and in measuring the hide accross the forearms it was found to be 8½ feet. From nose to tail it was found to be 6 feet. Mr. Currie was asking $25 for the skin and no doubt he obtained it.

A Great Production.

A marvellously great paper is the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It is a newspaper, a magazine, a stockbreeders' journal, a farmers' encyclopaedia, a dairyman's guide, and a household companion. Too much cannot be said in praise of the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It is a a great paper, a great national enterprise, creditable to the newspaper business, creditable to the Dominion and highly satisfactory to the subscribers, who find it one of the few investments that returns immense dividends to the subscriber.

Reminder.

Subscribers to the Reporter are not paying up with their usal promptitude this fall, and we regret to have to again remind those in arrears that we need the money due us. The date to which each subscriber is paid up to will be found on the label of the paper, having been changed this week to correspond with our books. Any subscriber claiming any error on the label will please notify us at once. There is no excuse for the non-payment of the amount due us on subscription for the amount from each is small while with us the aggregate runs up to a good many hundred dollars. Please remit if in arrears.

The Liquor Traffic And Impurity.

Clippings from the Addresses at the Baltimore Purity Congress:—

"I could give abundant testimony that the use of alcoholic drink is one of the strongholds of unchastity."—Dr. M. L. Holbrook.

"You cannot limit a pestilence, physical or moral. Why should we attempt to license, or localize or district any evil or vice?"—Aaron M. Powell.

"Sweep out liquor, and you will sweep out humanity's curse, and the foundation of every crime which turns our hearts sick with suffering, and wrecks thousands of homes in every land."—Mrs. Charlton Edholm.

"Why license that which is a sin? If it is wrong to give license to murder or theft, then it is wrong to license the sale of intoxicating liquor."—Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell.

REAR YONGE & ESCOTT COUNCIL.

Council met at the town hall, Athens, on Monday, 16th inst. at one o'clock. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A by-law to provide polling places and appoint deputy returning officers was passed.

Robert Moulton's taxes were reduced $1.41 on account of error in assessment.

Orders were g[illegible] on the treasurer as follows: B[illegible] butchers, township [illegible] for [illegible] The Mills creek [illegible] $35.85, and re Gershom [illegible]tch, $14.70; Jas. B. Saun[illegible]ary and selecting jury, $15; [illegible]s. K. Redmond, Jas. W. Wiltse, W. H. Osborne, and Thos. Moulton, salary as councillors, each, $12; A. W. Kelly, selecting jury, $3; R. E. Cornell, salary as clerk, selecting jury, fees under Ditches and Watercourses Act, and postage, $82.57. Jas. Wiltse, expended for Sarah Wiltse, $1.58; H. C. Phillips, bal. due as caretaker of town hall, $13.50; H. H. Arnold, salary as treasurer, $30; Jas. B. Saunders, as commissioner repairing Kincaid bridge, $9.47; W. H. Osborne, part of grant for repairing town line road between Yonge and Elizabethtown, $35; B. Loverin, printing, $35.

The clerk was authorized to sign the commital papers for receiving Mr. and Mrs Sech Wescomb and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Simpson into the House of Industry.

Council adjourned until Monday, 30th inst., at ten o'clock.

RICHARD E. CORNELL, Clerk.

Sir William Hingston, in reply to a deputation from the Dominion Alliance which asked him, if elected, whether he would support prohibition, independent of party interests, said that was too big a question to answer off-hand. He was in favor of temperance, he was in favor of educating the people, but he preferred committing his exact reply to the question put in writing.

The Manitoba Government issued its last crop bulletin on Saturday. The total wheat acreage is shown to have been 1,140,976, from which 31,775,038 bushels were raised, an average of nearly 28 bushels per acre. The total grain crop was 61,866,479 bushels, nearly four million bushels in excess of the Government's estimate. The total crop of roots and potatoes was 6,397,645 bushels. Five thousand hands from Ontario assisted in garnering the crop, and were paid $400,000 by the farmers in wages.

UNITED STATES.

Navigation on the upper Hudson has closed

The Republican National Convention has been fixed for St. Louis in June.

United States Government locks at Sault Ste. Marie were closed Friday.

Business failures in the United States this week number 338, against 349 last year.

Col. W. O. Bradley, the first Republican Governor of Kentucky, was inaugurated at Frankfort Friday.

Work will shortly be commenced in the construction of six battleships for the United States navy.

Mrs. Emeline Westinghouse, mother of George Westinghouse, jr., the inventor, died at New York Friday.

Thirty-five indictments for forgery have been returned against A. K. Ward, a citizen of Memphis, Tenn.

Arizona pays the women teachers in her public schools the highest average monthly wages of any State in the Union—$74.75. Massachusetts, on the other hand pays her men teachers an average of $116.17 monthly.

TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words For Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Welland canal closed Friday.

Voting in West Huron by-election takes place January 14.

Mr G. J. Chauncey, postmaster of Markham, Ont., died on Saturday, aged 47.

Action is to be taken against 47 Hamilton cigar dealers for selling cigarettes to minors.

Mr. A. M. Brown, a pioneer citizen of Winnipeg, died on Saturday night after a long illness.

M. C. Cameron has definitely accepted the Liberal nomination for the Commons in West Huron.

Mr. Claude V. Currie, a farmer, of Neepawa was fatally wounded on Saturday while cleaning his rifle.

Mr. Gavin Ross has been chosen Patron candidate for Emerson, Man., for the Manitoba Legislature.

The warden and keeper of the Rockford, Ill., insane asylum are charged with brutality towards inmates.

Samuel Gompers was elected president of the American Federation of Labor on Saturday over John McBride.

The order-in-council promoting Capt. T. B. D. Evans to be major in the Royal Canadian Dragoons has been passed.

Lord Aberdeen has declined his patronage to the ball to be held on New Year's eve in aid of the Children's hospital in Ottawa.

The strike of Italian laborers at Hamilton was ended Friday by the contractors agreeing to give the advance asked for by the men.

The application made recently by the State of Washington for salmon fry from the British Columbia hatcheries will not be acted upon.

The first step towards the re-erection of the Grand Trunk car shops are being taken in London, and tenders for construction will soon be called for.

Mr. Albert Hudson has announced himself the Labor candidate for Ottawa, whether or not he receives the nomination of the Labor Convention.

Mr. E. G. Prior, M. P. for Victoria, B. C., has been offered and accepted a seat in the Cabinet at Ottawa. It is not known yet what his portfolio will be.

A Canadian girl named Ella Bennett, 16 years of age, asserts that while posing for William Patterson, a Buffalo artist, he assaulted her. Patterson is under arrest.

The Inland Revenue for the Dominion of Canada accrued during the month of November amounted to $736,311, as against $746,202 for the same month last year.

At the meeting Thursday morning in Montreal of the directors of the City and District Savings Bank, Sir William Hingston was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Murphy.

Mr. N. Clarke Wallace, the Controller of Customs in the Dominion Government, has resigned, not being in accord with the Cabinet on the question of remedial legislation for the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba.

An approximate statement of the liabilities and assets in the estate of Samson, Kennedy and Co., of Toronto, wholesale dry goods merchants, has been prepared by the receiver, and shows a deficit of about $200,000.

Mrs. Shortis, the mother of the condemned Valleyfield murderer, who is now awating execution at Beauharnois, had a private interview with Lady Aberdeen in Ottawa, and, it is understood, made an appeal for her son's life.

The local militiamen in Ottawa who contributed to the Hayhurst testimonial fund, inaugurated with permission of the Militia Department, have received from Lieut.-Col. Prior, M. P., treasurer of the fund, notice that their subscriptions will be returned, as the idea has been abandoned, owing to the lack of support experienced.

A lumber camp in Hardy township, on the French river, is suffering from an outbreak of diphtheria. The care of the sick men has been forced upon the municipality of Powassan, and a supply of antitoxine has been sent, with instructions to take every possible precaution to see that the men are not dispersed and keep the disease central.

A. A. Dicks, arraigned at the Toronto Assizes on the charge of having murdered his wife by setting fire to his house in St. Helen's avenue on March 2nd last, was discharged at the suggestion of Mr. B. B. Osler, the Crown counsel, by the judge, on the ground that the evidence did not establish murder. He is still held on the charge of arson.

FOREIGN.

The Spanish Ministry has resigned.

Prime Minister Crispi is ill at Rome.

M. Adrian Lacheval has been elected president of the Swiss republic.

The Governor-General of Puerto Rico cabled to Spain for more troops.

The Victoria, Australia, Legislative Council has rejected the Women's Suffrage bill.

All Europeans in Madagascar have been ordered to the capital as a measure of safety.

The British steamer Sydenham, reported ashore in the Wesser river, has been floated.

Dr. Herbert Taylor Reade, a Canadian, has been appointed surgeon general to the Queen.

The Queen has engaged the Hotel Cimiez at Nice, where she will visit in the spring.

King Humbert has signed a decree calling into active service the soldiers of the 1875 class.

The British steamer Angerton, previously reported ashore near Gibraltar, has been floated.

Vessels of the Russian Pacific fleet will pass the winter in Iao Chan Bay, in the Shantung peninsula.

British agriculturists are agitating the formation of a party in parliament to look after their interests.

Two hundred trains enter and leave Moorgate street station, London, every hour throughout the day.

A small electric lamp in lieu of a bell is now being used in some of the telephone exchanges in England.

The funeral of George Augustus Sala the English journalist and author took place Friday at Brighton.

The Imperial Guards, decimated by disease in Formosa, and by casualties in the field have returned to Tokio.

Sir Julian Goldsmid, M.P., for South St. Pancras, one of the wealthiest Hebrews in England, is dying at Brighton.

The High Court of Madrid has refused the demand for prosecution of Senor Bosch, Minister of Public Works, for alleged bribery.

The Italian Chamber has voted the additional war credit, and preparations for the Abyssinian campaign are rapidly going forward.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales made a lot of money when the South African market was at its height in London a few months ago.

The shipbuilding strikers of Belfast and the Clyde have refused to accept the terms agreed upon by their representatives and the unfortunate strike still continues.

The English weekly papers devote considerable space to the unfriendly attitude of the United States respecting the Venezuela and the Behring Sea questions.

The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal family were present on Saturday at the memorial services held at Frogmore, on the 34th anniversary of the Prince Consort's death.

While admitting the indiscretion of Ambassador Bayard in the speeches which he recently delivered, the London press generally condemns the pettiness of party politics in the United States, which has led to a resolution in the House of Representatives in Washington seeking his impeachment.

A despatch signed by a number of Armenians is at her last gasp. The work of extermination continues. The number of people massacred reaches one hundred thousand, and half a million of survivors have fa[illegible] countains and forests on herbs and roots.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Eggs—Some small pickled eggs are offered from western shippers at from 10c to 11c. There seems to be a fair amount of held eggs in the country, which are being held for an improvement in the price. Pickled eggs are steady at 14c in market. Pickled eggs are steady at 14c to 14½c, held eggs 16c to 17c, late gathered 17c to 17½c and 20c to 21c for strictly new laid. There are very few lots of the latter coming in.

Potatoes—Car lots on the track here sell at 20c to 22c. Potatoes out of store sell at 25c to 30c.

Poultry—The receipts of poultry have been very light during the past few days. Prices are firmer at 6½c to 7c for turkeys, 5½c to 6c for geese, 40c to 70c for ducks, and 25c to 40c for chickens.

Baled Hay—There is very little change in the market. Prices are steady. The best No. 1 timothy in small lots sells at $15 here. No. 1 timothy in small lots sells at $14.50. Cars on the track here are quoted at $13 to $14.75 for No. 1, and $12.25 to $13.75 for No. 2.

Baled Straw—The deliveries of straw are good and it is in fair demand. Prices are firm. Cars on the track here sold at $9.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Offerings of grain were light again this morning. White wheat was a little easier, selling at 70c to 71c for white, 67c for red and 53c for goose.

Barley—Steady, 1,500 bushels selling at 35c to 44c.

Oats—Steady, 800 bushels selling at 27c to 28c.

Dressed Hogs—Hogs were not delivered in large quantities, lots of good quality selling at $4.50 to $4.60. Small lots of old sows and culls were bought at $4 to $4.25, but they are not much wanted, even at lower figures.

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do goose	53	to	00
Peas	57	to	00
Buckwheat	33	to	34
Barley	27	to	28
Oats	26	to	00
Rye	40	to	00
Hay	10 00	to	17 00
Straw, bundled	11 00	to	13 00
do loose	8 00	to	00 00
Eggs, new laid	20	to	22
Chickens	20	to	30
Butter, lb rolls	16	to	19
do tubs, dairy	15	to	16
Ducks	40	to	65
Turkeys	7	to	8
Geese	5½	to	6
Potatoes	25	to	30
Dressed Hogs	4 00	to	4 60
Beef, hindquarters	5 00	to	7 00
do fore	2 00	to	3 50
Lamb	4 00	to	5 50
Veal	5 00	to	6 00
Mutton	4 40	to	6 00

PICKED UP ONE FACT.

Though It Is Probable That He Did Not Find Much Consolation.

"I want to get some information," said the brisk, business-like man who had dropped in, and I don't know any better place to hunt it in than a newspaper office."

"What do you want to know?" asked the man temporarily at the city editor's desk.

"Why, it's like this," rejoined the caller, sitting down and drawing his chair up for a confidential interview. "In our town over in Iowa we're trying to knock the gas company's price down from $1.25 to $1. We claim there's a big profit in it at ninety cents. The company contends it would lose money at a dollar. My business here—I'm the attorney of our town—is to hunt up an expert who knows exactly what it costs to make gas and get him to come over and testify or send his deposition. There's to be a conference between the gas company and the authorities next week and the question's going to be settled. The gas company has an attorney that will swear to anything. If the company wants him to swear that it costs $40 a thousand feet to make gas he'll do it. He hasn't any more conscience than an old setting hen. The man I want must be able to prove him a liar—"

"Yes, yes," interrupted the man at the desk. "I may be able to put you on the track of an expert. What's the name of your town?"

"Skowtyville. Acquainted there?"

"Yes. What's the name of that attorney for the gas company?"

"Shanklinberg. Know him?"

"Yes. He's my brother?"

"Good afternoon."

A Testimonial.

Dr. Findesikkle:—

Dear Sir—I feel it my duty to inform a suffering public that my wife was in good fair health when she took a bottle of your remedy and immediately declared that she felt a new woman. She's now running for constable on the independent ticket.

What are the Wild Waves Saying?

They sat upon the silent beach silently. A big silver crested wave and the sweet, serene silence broke simultaneously upon the beach. The young man shuddered as this execution suggested to his fevered mind his own pecuniary condition, and as the big wave receded and lost itself in the deep, dark depths of the ocean, his silvery voice burst out upon the stilly morn in riotous oceans of flowery eloquence. But, like the wave, he could not move her rocks.

A sweet, sad smile emerged from his full, sensitive mouth, played fitful about his handsome face for a moment and was lost in the lovely yellow of his bilious beard, and a look of pain sat rigidly upon his marble brow.

His lips moved convulsively in an effort to speak again, but as his full, free-silvery voice ventured out upon the golden-standard silence there was a shock, and he drew it hurriedly back.

As length with a supreme effort he drew himself tightly together and stuck. He was pleading for a lock of hair—a token of love. How earnestly, how eloquently he pleaded! What plaintive pathos and perspiration attended his burning words! Who could resist him? A lock of hair! It was but a small thing, she ruminated, supposing that the whole suit cost $50. She gave it to him. He pressed it joyfully to his heart. She loved him! O bliss! Oh, my! Oh, yes. "Darling!" he murmured, in a softly modulated, melodramatic voice; "I love you. I worship you! Tell me, dearest, that you love me in return. I never loved another," he added, as the thirty-ninth vision of unrequited love strode hurriedly through his mind.

A heavy black mantled her brow for a moment, and then slid slowly down her hair and fell sloshily into the sand.

"I do love you, George," she answered fervently. "I adore you."

"And I knew it, Sweetheart," he gurgled; and under the influence of that Elysian joy and his unpaid board bill, combined with an effort to press her to his bosom despite the sleeves she wore, seven large beads of perspiration stood out upon his classic brow, and then ran consecutively down upon his subjacent features.

"Know it?" she repeated interrogatively; and a shade of disappointment swept horizontally across her mobile face, removing large clusters of snowy whiteness where it swept. She had entertained a certain clandestine joy in the thought that she had played her part well and kept him in the Republican party without reference to what the true sentiments she entertained for him were. Now she had prima-facie evidence that she was mistaken, and that she has been kept in the dark herself, and she was aggrieved. "And how," she questioned poutingly, "did you know it?"

"I knew it," he rejoined, pressing the bit of hair to his lips. "I knew that you adored me by your locks," he breathed ecstatically, and all at once.

And as he folded her to his palpitating breast the tide chased itself hurriedly out and the silent crab buried its blushing face in the sand and spake not.—New York World.

An Acquired Gift.

"I'm a victim of kleptomania, your honor," pleaded the prisoner. "I can't help stealing."

"Indeed, said the justice with interest. "I've heard of such cases. Is your kleptomania a natural or acquired gift?"

"Acquired, your honor, replied the prisoner thoughtlessly.

"I thought so. Ten dollars and costs. Call the next case.—Chicago Evening Post.

Precious Ink Bottles.

Four ink bottles, from which genius is said to have drawn its inspiration, are found, or to be on view, says our Paris correspondent, at an exposition of relics. They were respectively used by Victor Hugo, Lamartine, the elder Dumas and George Sand. Mme. Victor Hugo collected them to sell at a charity bazar in Guernsey. To this end she had them set in a frame of oak that could be used as a table. With each is a letter attesting its authenticity. Victor Hugo said: "I did not buy or choose this ink bottle, but fell on it by chance and used it for months. It was asked of me for a work of charity, and here it is.—Hauteville House, June, 1860." Lamartine wrote: "Presented by Lamartine to a master of the pen." Dumas the elder thus certified: "I certify that this is the ink bottle I used in writing my last fifteen works.—A. Dumas, 10 April, 1860." George Sand, in a letter of three pages, begs Mme. Hugo to excuse the ugliness of her box ink bottle, which she state with a spring. She used it in all her tours and wanderings, and could only part with it for the sake of Mme. Hugo's charity.—London News.

Neither Actor nor Gentleman.

There had been a caller at the boarding house of the ingenue of a season while she was doing the theatrical exchanges, and she was catechising the maid.

"Did you ask him to leave his name, Marie?"

"Yes, mum; but he said you would'nt know him by it."

"Maybe he's changed it."

"Yes, mum."

"Did he look like an actor, or just a gentleman?"

"Neither, mum; he was very nice; he said he was a newspaper man."

"Oh, pshaw! That's too bad! I'm almost sure he wanted my picture for the paper."

DEATH.

CURTIS.—In Athens on Friday, Dec. 13, Mrs. Allan Curtis (nee Alcester Cameron), aged 46 years, 4 months and 23 days.

Weak, Ti[illegible]

Women, who [illegible] out, will find [illegible] rich and healt[illegible] rills, permane[illegible] The following [illegible] nurse:

"I have suffe[illegible] complaints a[illegible] have had a [illegible] during that t[illegible] or no benefit. [illegible] Hood's Sarsa[illegible] together wit[illegible] ized more [illegible] than from a[illegible] From my [illegible] Hood's Sar[illegible] blood pur[illegible] Cumberlan[illegible]

Hood[illegible]

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Municipal Notice.

A meet[illegible] municipa[illegible] Central [illegible] p.m. for [illegible] and coun[illegible] the notli[illegible] trustees [illegible] poll is d[illegible] will be [illegible] Pollin[illegible] Central Sc[illegible] Polling Su[illegible] Dowsley Block [illegible] The polls w[illegible]

Athens D[illegible]

Court of Revision.

Rear Yonge & Escott.

Notice is hereby given that a court will be held pursuant to the Ontario Voters' List Act, 1889, by His Honor the Junior Judge of County Court of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, at the office of I. C. Alguire, Main St., Athens, on Friday, Dec. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. to hear and determine the several complaints of errors and omissions in the Voters' list of the municipality of the Township of Rear Yonge & Escott for 1895.

All persons having business at said court are required to attend at the same time and place.

RICH. E. CORNELL,
Clerk of Municipality.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1895.

Tax Collector's Notice.

Township of Rear of Yonge and Escott.

Ratepayers delinquent with their taxes for 1895 must take notice that the time for payment of taxes has this day expired.

All persons in arrears must pay up at once or costs of seizure will be incurred.

Dated Dec. 16th 1895.

ALBERT MOULTON, Collector.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Wright Patrick Davison, deceased. Pursuant to R. S. O. Chapter 110, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Wright Patrick Davison late of the Township of Bastard in the County of Leeds, Yeoman, deceased, are required on or before the tenth day of January A.D. 1896 to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator of the estate of the said Wright Patrick Davison their names, addresses and occupations and full particulars of their claims verified by Statutory Declaration and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And further notice is hereby given that after such last mentioned date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been received as above required and the Administrator will not be liable for such distribution or any part thereof to any person whose claim he shall not have received at the time of such distribution.

W. A. LEWIS,
Solicitor for the Administrator.

Dated at Athens this 2nd day of December A.D. 1895.

Miss E. M. Richards

Apprentice wanted to learn the trade. Apply at Mrs. Hall Willett's Store.

D. McAlpine, D.V.

Graduate of McGill Veterinary College, Dunca and stables, Duff st., Brockville. Telephone No. 18. Calls day or night promptly attended to.

Removal

The Athens Laundry has been removed from over Thompson's grocery to my residence on Isaac street.

W. G. McLAUGHLIN.

D. G. PEAT, V.S.,

ATHENS ONTARIO

Honor Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto. Office in the Greene block over tailor shop. Calls for the treatment of all domestic animals promptly attended. Enquire at Gamble House or communicate by telephone or telegraph.

Notice to Customers.

Having had my blacksmith shop destroyed by fire on Sunday, Nov. 24, I have been forced to move in a hurry to new quarters.

All my old customers will in future find me at the shop of Mr. S. McBratney, where I will be pleased to meet them and do first-class work in general blacksmithing, ladder, butcher knife and other manufacturing business.

Remember the stand—S. McBratney's shop, formerly the Wm. Layng manufactory.

Nov. 25, 1895. WM. HICKEY.

Municipal Elections

Township Rear Yonge & Escott

A meeting of the municipal electors of Rear Yonge & Escott will be held in the Township Hall, Central street, Athens, on Monday, Dec. 30th, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of nominating persons to fill the offices of Reeve and Councillors for A.D. 1896, and in case a poll be demanded by any elector the election will be held as follows:

Polling Sub-division No. 1 at Elbe school house, T. C. Brown, D.R.O.

Polling Sub-division No. 2 at Fortune's school house, John Fortune, D.R.O.

Polling Sub-division No. 3 at Geo. P. Wight's residence, Geo. P. Wight, D.R.O.

And elections will be held on Jan. 6th, commencing at 9 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m.

RICH. E. CORNELL, Tp. Clerk.

For Sale Cheap

Six young Berkshire Pigs, three young Berkshire Sows, three young Berkshire Boars. Registered pedigree with all of them. The young sows and boars were first, second and third prize-winners at Unionville Fair. One of the young Boars was given sweep-stakes prize over all Boars on the ground.

C. J. GILROY & SON, Glen Buell
Maple Glen Stock Farm, Oct., 1895.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Thomas Davis, deceased, are notified to send them to the undersigned Executor on or before the 1st day of December, 1895, when he will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have received notice. And he will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person whose claim he shall not have received at the time of such distribution.

W. A. LEWIS,
Solicitor for the Executor.

Dated at Athens this 30th day of November A.D. 1895.

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Athens, Dec. 16, 1895. J. W. ROBINSON

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