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SQUIBOGRAPHS.

Many people can carve their destiny, but only a few can gracefully dissect a turkey.

The Christmas tree now boughs its wilted head.

The police had to be called in to quell a fight in the Jewish Synagogue in Toronto the other evening. The row started over one of the congregation hanging three balls on the Christmas tree.

The call of the wild—boisterous New Year's rounders.

The Japs give their word that they will not overload Canada with immigrants, but what we want is a certified cheque.

New Year's resolutions
Are good while they last,
But you can never quench your thirst
With the water that has passed.

The chaplain of the Oklahoma Legislature prayed that Bryan would be elected president, but many Republicans are of the opinion that W. J. is past praying for.

Mr. Santa Claus has returned to the north after a flying visit to friends in Kidland.

Ring out the old
Ring in the new
Some like them raw
Give me a stew.

During 1908 the accident insurance companies are placing bachelors in the hazardous class.

The glad hand of the municipal aspirant is a finger post that points to office.

The G. T. R. has provided a pension fund for its employees, but we regret to notice that no provision has been made for replacing the missing thumbs and fingers of the brakemen.

On account of 1908 being leap year the January thaw was transferred to December.

He ate half a turkey
Two pies and some plum duff
The undertaker called for him
He thought he'd had enough.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

HAY is down.

TURKEYS are up.

MUNICIPAL nominations next week.

ASK to see our prices in fur coats.—SWIFT BROS.

THE wire works are closed down until after the holidays.

RENEW your club subscriptions promptly and avoid missing any numbers.

THE local post office staff report a record heavy mail during the holidays.

THE financial statement for Watford is out and copies can be had from the clerk.

EVANGELIST RANTON commences a series of special services in Strathroy on Jan. 5th.

ON January 1st the Provincial government will discontinue the distribution of immigrants in Ontario.

JNO. HUNTER has purchased from the late Joseph Osborne's estate the back 40 acres of the Osborne farm in Plympton adjoining Mr. Hunter's farm.

THE home comers for Christmas were not quite as numerous as former years. So many were home during the Reunion that the interval was too short to repeat the trip.

A FARMER on the Pelee Marsh this year made over \$300 off an acre of beans, another man had over 1200 bu. for his crop. These were mostly marketed in Nova Scotia.

USA printed stationery. It is much nicer than the common bare looking sheet. We will give you nicely printed letter heads, note heads and envelopes at lowest prices.

A GOOD stock of ladies' coats, about half price, rather lose money than carry the lot over.—SWIFT BROS.

BEST Lorne and Rodney will be incorporated as villages, and thus escape operation of the local option law, which will be voted upon by Aldborough township next month.

"PLEASE, mum," began the aged hero, in appealing tones, as he stood at the kitchen door on wash day, "I've lost my leg!"—"Well, I ain't got it!" snapped the woman, slamming the door.

THE holiday trade is reported a fair average by local business men. In some lines it was ahead, but on the whole was somewhat lighter. Buyers were more conservative in their purchasing and the cheaper class of goods had the preference.

REV. DR. SUTHERLAND has received a request from the board of management on the ground to send out 107 more men into the Chinese western mission field, entailing an extra charge of \$148,000.

THE final dividend to the depositors of the Atlas Loan Company, of St. Thomas, has just been paid. Depositors have now received 47 cents on the dollar, much more than was anticipated at the beginning.

THE toboggan slide on Ontario street is a popular resort for the young people evenings. It opened for the season on Christmas Eve. The chute is lighted up with colored lights and makes quite a show.

NEXT Monday is municipal nomination day. It is hoped that the silly custom of nominating a whole lot of candidates without their consent will be omitted as it is a source of annoyance to the nominee and a waste of time. Cut it out.

AFTER Xmas mid-week left overs, linen department, Swift Bros, special prices.

CHRISTMAS was quietly observed in town. A blustering snow storm in the morning made it unpleasant, but it faded up in the afternoon. The sleighing is fine and many availed themselves of an opportunity for a spin on the speedway.

THE last of the beets grown in the Alvinston section for the Mt. Clemens sugar factory were shipped from the Alvinston G. T. R. station last Wednesday. The crop required twenty-three cars averaging thirty tons to the car.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE carrier boy will present his annual address to town subscribers on New Year's and hopes the so called stringency in the money market will not interfere with the customary liberal donations.

THE dedication of the new Lodge room of Havelock Lodge No. 238, A.F. & A.M., announced for New Year's Eve has been postponed on account of the Grand Lodge officers being unable to attend on that date.

PAY up your account, don't let the new year find your name on our books.—SWIFT BROS.

A PRESENT that your relatives or friends away from home will appreciate as much as anything is a year's subscription to the GUIDE-ADVOCATE. It will remind them of the old home and associations every week.

"THEY say when you proposed your best girl gave you a short answer," remarked the bosom friend. "That's what she did," laughed the ardent suitor. "But you don't seem much worried?" "I should say not. The short answer was 'Yes.'"

THE second section of the International Limited, of the G. T. R., was delayed on Saturday at Oakville owing to the engine 437 getting out of steam. Engine 810 was sent out from the east and brought the train on to London.

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE takes this opportunity of extending the season's greetings and expresses the wish that the incoming year will be one of abounding prosperity, peace and contentment among the large family of readers, who peruse its columns weekly.

It is reported in Toronto that Elliot G. Stevenson, of Detroit, supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, has resigned, and that Harry A. Collins, supreme treasurer of the order, has been appointed to the office of supreme chief ranger.

All single maids
Do not despair;
Your chances now
Are more than fair;
And happy days
Are drawing near;
For nineteen-eight
Is a leap year!

THE Children's Aid Society, of Sarnia, would like a home for a baby boy one month old, also for a little boy two years old. This boy is now in the Shelter. He is fair, strong limbed, healthy and of a good disposition. Address John Wilkinson, Box 185, Sarnia. Office at Court House.

Two elections were held Monday for the Commons—in Ottawa and in Centre York—both vacancies being caused by the Government. The hottest kind of a fight was waged in the last named constituency and a government supporter was elected, the majority being only 23. Messrs. Coron at Ottawa, and McLean, Centre York, are the new members.

SIX PIECES of our new overcoatings made to order. This is a good time to have a coat made.—SWIFT BROS.

A FARMER from Lambton county, charged with having in his possession muskrat skins, trapped out of season, was summoned to appear before Police Magistrate Noble, Strathroy, for Monday last. The matter was settled out of court, accused paying costs. The party who trapped the muskrats cleared out, his whereabouts being unknown.

THE Grand Trunk officials do not appear willing to bear all the responsibility for the shortage of refrigerator cars for the shipment of apples. They claim that the shippers are making store houses of their cars. One prominent shipper is accused of holding 25 cars of apples for a week to ten days. Another is said to have several refrigerator cars in Toronto siding tied up with potatoes for twenty-four days. Of course the company gets \$1 per day, but this does not pay them. "These cars," say the officials "could just as well be making several trips each during this time and thus greatly facilitate the handling of the apple crop.

WATFORD drovers who shipped lambs to the Buffalo market were stung.

THE Christmas entertainments by the local Sunday Schools were all well attended and the programs pleasing and entertaining. Space will not permit us to enumerate the many attractions presented.

ONE of the novelties produced this year for the assistance of the wrapping up of Christmas packages in red and green paper ribbon. It comes in rolls of twenty-five yards for ten cents; it is gummed on one side, easily dampened, and is put on and sealed with a Santa Claus and holly seal. It is much less expensive than the silk ribbon, and is quite gitty-gay looking.

It will probably be learned with some surprise that at the present moment there are engaged in railway construction work in Western Canada 28,000 men, and the work according to Bradstreet's report, is going forward rapidly. About 18,000 men are engaged on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction between Winnipeg and Moncton, and on the section west of Winnipeg there are about 20,000 men at work.

THE Montreal Gazette says: Mr. W. F. Maclean has before parliament bills to provide for railways paying demurrage to a shipper when he is not promptly provided with cars, also providing that the passenger tolls on railways shall not exceed two cents a mile. Neither is likely to pass this session, nor is either likely to be killed for that reason. Mr. Maclean has learned to be persistent.

This is said to be, so far, the healthiest winter in this end of the province in twenty-five years. There is very little typhoid, little or no pneumonia and though there have been here and there outbreaks of smallpox, it has been of a mild kind and easily controlled. The London Free Press says that there are twenty trained nurses at present out of employment in London on account of the scarcity of cases; an occurrence hitherto unknown.

THE elements of success in mercantile life seems to be these: First, have something that people want; second, stand ready to sell your goods at reasonable prices; and third, and most important of all, let the general public know what you have for sale and the price. A merchant may have the best goods in the world and stand ready to sell at prices actually below cost, and if no one knows about it his goods may grow fast to the counters. Newspaper advertising is the best method of communication between merchant and customer.

A QUESTION that is of immediate concern to the ratepayers of Watford is the matter of better fire protection. It is well known that our present fire fighting apparatus is somewhat antiquated and is liable to collapse at a critical moment, possibly entailing a loss largely in excess of the cost of a new engine. This is a question that might well be discussed by candidates for municipal office as it is of much more importance to the business interests of the town than the installation of a few loads of gravel or the construction of a culvert.

FARMERS attending the Winter Fair at Guelph who have gone extensively into the raising of high-class live stock, all agreed that there is much more money in raising the best stock than in raising the common class, whether it be cattle, hogs or sheep. They all state that they get better return for the feed and care given to the stock and that there is a great deal more pleasure in raising a first class animal of any kind than the ordinary kind, and that prevents the work from being a drudgery. This has been the experience of Essex county farmers also.

A MAN who is on the "Indian list" cannot loiter around a hotel. This was established in a conviction at London recently. A policeman noticed a man who was "on the list" loitering around the Grand Central hotel. He asked the bartender if he did not know this was against the law, and the bartender stated that he had warned the man to keep away several times. Finally the proprietor came along and ordered the "Indian" to keep away from the place. The latter was summoned, and he was fined ten dollars by Magistrate Love. This was the first conviction registered against a man for loitering about a barroom when he is "on the list."

W. O. W. OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of Watford Camp No. 21 Woodmen of the World, held on Dec. 17th the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Consul Commander—G. W. Hull.
Adv. Lieut.—A. Harrower.
Banker—Dr. Hicks.
Clerk—S. W. Louks,
Physician—R. Gibson, M.D.
Escort—Alex. Johnston.
Watchman—M. Moore.
Sentry—T. W. Higgins.
Managers—R. J. Lucas, W. E. Fitzgerald, Wm. Williamson.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.

A Liberal Convention for the East Riding of Lambton will be held in the Music Hall, Watford, on Friday, January 10th at 1:30 p.m., when candidates to contest the riding for the Ontario and Dominion Legislatures will be selected. Meetings to select delegates will be held in the different sub-polling divisions on the evening before the Convention or such other date as may be convenient. It is expected that several prominent members of the party will be present and deliver addresses.

PERSONAL.

Miss Mary Glenn is visiting her cousin, Miss Edith Brush, Forest.

Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles, London, was the guest of W. McLeay, Friday.

Rev. S. P. Irwin and Mrs. Irwin spent Christmas with relatives in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson spent Christmas with relatives in Preston.

Roy J. Fuller, of the Markham H. S. staff, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Harry K. Laird, of the Toronto Star staff, spent a few days at home this week.

Dr. V. L. Newell, West Branch, Mich., arrived home on Sunday to spend Christmas.

Dr. B. C. H. Harvey, Chicago, spent Sunday with Dr. Newell en route to St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Murch, Parkhill, called on Watford friends Friday on their way to Glencoe.

Miss Margaret Robertson left for Toronto last week where she purposes making her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fitzgerald, London.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Neil and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Wardsville and Bothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Saunders, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Saunders, London, for Christmas.

Thos. Fortune and family are spending the Christmas holidays with G. T. R. Conductor Moore, of Sarnia.

Miss Isabel Harris, Kindergarten Directress, Welland, is spending the vacation at her home in town.

Levi Smith and Roy Smith, Carleton Place, returned from the West last week and will spend the winter at their home here.

Misses Annie and Florence Lovell left for Chesley Thursday to spend New Year's with their brother, Mr. Frank Lovell.

S. D. Barnes returned Tuesday from an extended trip through the Canadian West in the interests of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends.

Miss Kate Willoughby, who has been in charge of a millinery store in Trenton for the season, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. J. A. Rice, Wyoming, was a Watford visitor last Saturday. Her little granddaughter, Marta McLaughlan, accompanied her home to spend her Christmas holidays.

Miss Laura McPhedran has returned from Ingersoll where she was successful in passing the Model School examination. Miss McPhedran has been engaged as teacher in the fourth line east school for 1908.

L. J. Williams, B. A., of the Sault Ste. Marie, High School staff, is spending the holidays at his home here. The Soo High School Board gave Mr. Williams a substantial increase in salary for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stewart, Moose Jaw, arrived home last week, and are guests at the Taylor House. Mrs. Stewart will remain at her old home for the winter, but Mr. Stewart expects to return in a few weeks.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

R. Fowler, Hamilton; G. Mains, C. Johnston, Paris; Dr. R. Saunders, Chicago; Florence, John and Fred Williams, Geo. Morgan, Detroit; Fred Seaman, Alpena; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. King, Soo; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, Oil Springs; Mr. and Mrs. W. Orr, H. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, London; Ed. Greer, Toledo; Fred Walker, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Cook, W. Thom, C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thom, Miss H. A. McCaw, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Purdy, Stratford; Dr. J. T. Woods, Chelsea, Mich.

A POPULAR EMPLOYER.

Presentations to Mr. P. J. Dodds.

A pleasing incident, evidencing the cordial relations that exist between employer and employe, took place at the store of Mr. P. J. Dodds on Christmas Eve, when the proprietor was called to the front and presented with the following address accompanied by a handsome umbrella:

Ma. P. J. Dodds:

Dear Sir—Another year has rolled around bringing with it all the joys, sorrows and perplexities of a business life. So withstanding all of these we have always found you patient, courteous and obliging with us, your employees. No doubt we might have done more in assisting you in various ways, and while we feel we have not done what we might have done even then you have overlooked our shortcomings and ever used us as brothers and friends instead of employes.

Now, as a slight token of our esteem and respect, we ask you to accept this umbrella, praying the One who rules and reigns over all may ever keep you and yours through the storms of life as well as the sunshine.

We all join in wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

DAVID WATT,
JOHN JOHNSTON,
ED. NOEL,
S. W. LOUKS,
KITTY LOUKS,
GROVER McLEAY.

SIGNED

Dated at Watford, this 24th day of Dec., 1907.

Mr. Dodds was quite taken by surprise, but made an apt reply expressing his appreciation of the faithful services of his staff, and the good feeling that had always existed between them.

Councillor D. S. Campbell, of Adelaide, is out for the reeve ship of that township against all comers.

U. O. F. OFFICERS.

The annual election of the officers for Court Lorne, No. 17, U. O. F., was held on Monday evening. The list for 1908 is as below:

C. R.—J. D. Williamson.

V. C. R.—P. Spence.

Rec. Sec.—J. H. Hume.

Fin. Sec.—J. E. Collier.

Treas.—F. Kenward.

Chap.—P. J. Dodds.

S. W.—H. Hume.

J. W.—A. D. Hone.

S. B.—John McKenzie.

J. B.—Walter Scott.

Physicians—Drs. Gibson and Kelly.

Artificers—W. P. McLaren, Dr. Gibson.

Trustees—Wm. McLeay, T. Harris, T. B. Taylor.

Court Deputy—T. Harris.

WARWICK.

Mrs. L. Kenzie is spending a week with friends in Forest.

Mr. Enoch Thomas spent a few days last week with friends in Inwood.

Mr. Kenzie, Forest, spent last week with his son, Mr. L. Kenzie, Birnam.

Miss Ethel Anderson is spending Christmas with her friend Miss Mabel Brock, Petrolia.

Will Thomas, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home here on the 4th line.

Mrs. Snell and daughter, Mrs. Dinies, of Toronto, are visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Mrs. George Smith, 2nd line, left last Saturday on an extended visit to her sons in Caseville, Mich.

Miss Pearl McCormick, Alma College, St. Thomas, is spending the holidays at her home on the 2nd line.

Mrs. Amasa Hagie, who has been ill with inflammation of the lungs, is recovering and hopes soon to be out again.

Ebenezer Church purposes holding an old fashioned tea meeting just after the holidays. Particulars will be given later.

Bert Anderson, of the Woodstock Collegiate staff, is holidaying at the home of his father, Mr. Peter Anderson 18 S. R.

Scott Luckham, who was laid up a couple of weeks in Watford with the mumps, was able to return to his home here last week.

Mrs. Eilene O'Neil and her brother, Herman, attended the wedding of their cousin, Miss Addie O'Neil, in Parkhill, on Christmas day.

Mrs. James Harper and little son, Blake 4th line, left on Monday of this week for a two weeks visit with friends in Bad Axe, Capac and other points in Michigan.

Bethel S. S. raised funds for their school by means of a collection and on Monday night of this week gave a free social instead of having their annual Christmas tree and entertainment.

James Duncan, Ogilvie, Man., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Duncan, 4th line, after an absence of twenty years. Mrs. Duncan is one of the oldest surviving settlers in the township, and is still quite bright for her advanced years.

Mr. Thomas McPherson, 18 S. R., had a sale of all his stock on Monday of this week. Mr. McPherson's many friends regret to hear that he is leaving the old home and that he purposes moving his family to California, where he has accepted a lucrative position.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Wisbeach, sent to the Rectory, Warwick Village, by the Wardens, Messrs. George Brunson and Oliver Tanner, a bountiful supply of oats, potatoes, and other vegetables. For these and similar favors Mr. Shore wishes to extend his hearty and sincere thanks.

The annual S. S. Entertainment in connection with Zion Methodist Church, 2nd line, was held on Friday evening. There was a good attendance present, and the program gave good satisfaction. The pastor, Rev. S. N. Muxworthy presided. The readings by Miss Norsworthy of St. Thomas, were exceptionally well given showing eloquent ability to a high order. Solos by Miss Aggie Williams and Margaret Muxworthy and a quartette composed of Messrs. Prentis, Mitchell, Luckham and Stewart made an excellent musical program. The distribution of presents delighted the young people. The proceeds amounted to nearly forty dollars.

INWOOD.

The contractors are now completing the addition to the hall.

Robt. Lidden left Friday night to spend a few days in Port Huron.

James McTaggart shipped a carload of live stock to Ingersoll yesterday.

Miss Ethel Clements returned to her home in Detroit after a short visit.

Mrs. C. R. Rogers, of Embro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'rrange.

Miss Edith Holmes left Friday to accept a position in the hospital, New Bedford, Mass.

W. A. Turner, passenger brakeman, of Detroit, spent Thursday with friends in the village.

Mrs. Winters left Friday to spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Turner, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Farr, of Newport, Kentucky, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.