

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or drop them in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letterbox.

SANTA CLAUS is just around the corner. YOUR King and country need you this minute.

SURELY Greece might as well come in as be dragged in.

HERE'S hoping the Kaiser's Christmas punch is one in the eye.

DISPERSE the war, Turkey will be as popular as ever this Yuletide.

WE wish you one and all a very Happy Christmas—Swift Sons & Co.

BEFORE eating your Christmas dinner offer up a silent prayer for the boys at the front.

REV. ARTHUR CARLILE writing from the front denies the reports that soldiers on the firing line have to pay for comforts.

DOAN & Co. have an excellent display of Christmas meats and poultry. One two-year-old heifer shown dressed 770 lbs.

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Karakule Persian Lamb—the kind that produces the Persian Fur.—REID BROS., Bothwell, Ont.

THE REV. J. A. SNELL's horse dropped dead on the road last Sunday while Mr. Snell was driving to one of his appointments.

BERLIN now has six million men under arms. Germany has over two million men underground. The war in a phrase.

If we would resolve to be as good as our children think we are, the community would see a vast improvement the coming year.

A SPECIAL train will leave London on Friday, Dec. 24th, at 8.10 p. m. for Komoko, Strathroy, Kerwood, Watford and stations west, to accommodate Christmas travellers.

A SHIPMENT of furs for to-day's selling.—Swift's.

WHEN soldiers are billeted out, as a number of them will be in Watford this winter, single men are allowed 60 cents per day in addition to their regular pay for living allowance.

At the Strathroy municipal elections a by-law will be submitted to grant free light and water and exemption from taxes to Mr. Geo. Rivers, formerly of Watford, who plans to establish a basket factory there.

MR. and MRS. J. E. ARMSTRONG, of Petrolia, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Phipps, to Frederic E. Bronson, only son of Hon. E. H. and Mrs. Bronson, of Ottawa.

CONVINE to increased cost of necessities war tax, etc., the price of several papers in our clubbing list has been slightly increased. If you wish to club with outside papers do so now as clubbing rates may be withdrawn early in the new year.

THE home newspaper is your friend in spite of criticism. It helps build up the community that supports you. When the day comes that the newspapers are dead, the people are on the edge of the grave with nobody to write up the epitaph.

WE OPEN new goods Thursday and Friday.—Swift's

All advance notices for entertainments of any kind published in the Guide-Advocate, whether an admission fee is charged or a collection taken up, are charged for at the rate of five cents per line. Six words make a line. Committees sending in such notices will kindly state who is responsible for payment.

THE High School Commencement will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 6th, in the Lyceum. On this occasion Dr. Braithwaite, of the Western University of London, will give an address on education. The public is cordially invited to assist in making the evening a high success.

"S. O. S." "S. O. S." Everybody knows what that danger signal means at sea. "To the rescue." "No time to lose." But on land—so far as the Red Cross Society is concerned—at present it means in addition: "Socks! O Socks!" and "Shirts! O Shirts!" It's a hurry call, just the same.

THE bazaar held by the Willing Workers of the Epworth League of the Methodist church on Friday and Saturday last was well patronized and a good sum of money was realized. At the home-made cooking sale in connection on Saturday the goods were quickly disposed of. Meals were also served during the evening of Saturday.

AUTHORITY has been granted that 50 per cent. of each Canadian expeditionary force unit be granted Christmas leave from the night of the 23rd inst. to the night of the twenty-seventh and 50 per cent. from the night of the 30th to the 3rd of January. This will give four days to each officer and man at his own home.

OUR readers are invited to send in the names of their holiday visitors for our personal column. Many people come and go whom we have no means of knowing about. A note containing the necessary information sent direct to this office or through the post office, with the name of the sender, is all that is necessary.

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Trains leave Watford Station as follows
going WEST
Accommodation, 78 8 44 a.m.
Chicago Express, 3,7 12 13 p.m.
Accommodation, 83 6 44 p.m.
going EAST
Accommodation, 80 7 43 a.m.
New York Express, 9 11 16 a.m.
New York Express, 2 3 05 p.m.
Accommodation, 112 5 16 p.m.
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Scientific Farming

BLASTING TREE STUMPS.

Government Expert Gives Some Practical Advice to Amateurs.

To amateurs wishing to do their own blasting, here is some good advice from a government expert: While there is an element of danger in their use, any one who is ordinarily careful can safely handle the low grade powders used in stump blasting.

All powders should be used when fresh. Never use or try to use powder that has been on hand for a considerable time or that shows by the wrappers that it has been subjected to varying degrees of heat.

Powder that has been frozen should not be thawed unless for immediate use. Large amounts of explosives should not be purchased unless adequate means of storing them are provided.

Stumps can be blasted most economically when the soil is filled with



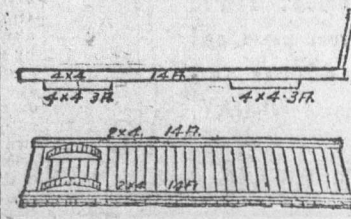
GETTING READY FOR A BLAST.

moisture, as the water fills the air spaces and the stumps leave the earth more easily. Stumps in sandy soil should never be blasted when the soil is dry.

All stumps, except those having a taproot, are blasted by placing the explosive in the earth beneath the stump. For small sized stumps that require not more than one stick of powder the hole may be made with a crowbar. For larger stumps use an earth auger two or three inches in diameter, or if the stumps are very large dig out a hole with a bar and shovel. Usually the force of the charge is directed more toward the side from which it is loaded. So it is best to place the charge slightly beyond the centre of the stump.

No man should attempt to use powder without first thoroughly learning the best methods of handling the explosive he intends using. This can be done by observing others at work and by reading directions furnished by the manufacturer.

Floor for Hayrack.
A floor for a hayrack that may be handy at this time of year and on through the winter months of hauling and feeding is the design of a western man. The bottom boards in this rack



are laid crosswise instead of the length of the frame. The 4 by 4's for the bottom sills, use a 2 by 4 at each end, and the frame may be completed. It does not make much difference what kind of brace you use.

Safe Silage Rations.
Silage is an excellent feed when given with judgment, but in some cases too much is fed and the stock bloats, says the Farm and Fireside. The table below gives the average quantity of silage per day that can be safely fed to different animals. It has the approval of P. G. Holden, the corn expert:

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Beef cattle	"	25 to 40
Young stock cattle	"	10 to 20
Horses and mules	"	10 to 15

she later are every way in their power to placate the Belgians. No official notice was taken of the incident. None the less, it is by effective ridicule such as this that Belgians are making the position of their temporary conquerors almost as untenable as if they were being expelled by force of arms.

Relieves Asthma at Little Expense. Thousands of dollars have been vainly spent upon remedies for asthma and seldom, if ever, with any relief. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, despite its assurance of benefit, costs so little that it is within reach of all. It is the national remedy for asthma, far removed from the class of doubtful and experimental preparations. Your dealer can supply it.

Shaking With Fright

Tommy was at tea with his mother, when she suddenly noticed that he was eating his apple jelly with his teaspoon. "Tommy dear," she reproved him, "you shouldn't eat your jelly with a spoon."

"But, mummy, I must!" replied the youngster firmly.

"No, dear, you must not. Put it on your bread."

"I did put it on my bread, mummy," explained Tommy, promptly. "But it won't stay there, it's too nervous."

Health cannot be looked for in the child that is subject to worms, because worms destroy health by creating internal disturbances that retard development and cause serious weakness. Miller's Worm Powders expel worms and are so beneficial in their action that the systems of the little sufferers are restored to healthfulness, all the discomforts and dangers of worm infection are removed, and satisfactory growth is assured.

Only Missed Watch

An old negro was taken ill, and called in a doctor of his own color. As he did not get better, he asked for a white doctor.

Dr. White accordingly turned up, and asked the patient:

"Did your other doctor take your temperature?"

"I do 'know, sah," answered the patient, "I hasn't missed nothin' but my watch as yet."

A patent has been granted for a woman's fan with mirrors on the sticks.

The Chinese government has employed a Texas cotton growing expert to instruct the farmers of that country for the next three years.

A machine has been invented to brush bugs from potato vines as it is driven over a field and crush them to death between steel plates.

Paper of exceptional strength is being made in India from pulp obtained from a species of ginger plant that grows in all parts of that country.

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