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SQUIBOGRAPHS.

Since the snow storm the express trains are running on rubber time.

Emperor William changed his clothes seven and his mind fourteen times a day during his visit to Great Britain.

Canadian sheep won all the prizes at the Chicago stock show. Like everything else over here they were all wool and a yard wide.

Somebody must have been Russian the vodka when Secretary Taft compared the Canadian West to Siberia.

The Kaiser having left England King Edward, who had the Magna Charta hid under his bed for safe keeping, has returned it to its vault in the tower.

The rice crop is reported a failure and some less expensive article will have to be substituted for filling the groom's collar and the bride's coiffure.

Little Johnnie Jumps was laid up with the mumps, Johnnie cried and told his maw He really couldn't wag his jaw

It may be necessary for the U. S. government to place an export duty on greenbacks to prevent citizens from depositing them in Canadian banks.

Europe is reporting the largest influx of immigrants on record. If it continues at its present rate all the free grant lands in Great Britain and Italy will soon be taken up.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

BUTTER is up a cent.

OATS are down three cents.

TAYLOR'S for manicure sets.

FRESH headcheese at R. Haskett's.

SHOP early and often.—SWIFT BROS.

Miss Nicol, Pt. Perry, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. Dodds.

Reeve Parker is attending County Council in Sarnia this week.

CARL A. CLASS, jeweller, issuer of marriage licenses.

MAPLE sugar was made at Lucan during the warm spell last week.

SARNIA was the first town in Western Ontario to pull off a curling game.

LADIES' and gent's umbrellas, \$2.00 to \$5.00.—SWIFT'S.

Each one of the new electric locomotives for use in the St. Clair tunnel weighs 132,180 pounds.

ALL interested in curling are requested to meet at the Fire Hall at 8 p. m. this Friday evening.

CHRISTMAS tree supplies, special rates for large quantities.—PEARCE BROS.

Mrs. S. Laughlin was called to Sarnia last week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Dan Ross.

THE Baptist S. S. will hold their Christmas entertainment in the Oddfellows' Hall on Christmas night.

50 SILK waists in black and cream, specially priced for Xmas.—SWIFT'S.

A. E. Doan is attending the Ontario Foultry Show at Guelph this week where he has a number of birds entered.

THE pupils of the Watford Public School contributed \$11.25 to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

CHRISTMAS neckwear for men and women.—A. BROWN & CO.

METHODIST S. S. entertainment in the church, Thursday evening 19th. Good program by the members of the school.

"THE Child of Promise," "The Birth of Christ," in song and story. Methodist Church, Thursday evening 19th.

10 DOZ. cushion tops, regular 25c., for 15 cents.—SWIFT'S.

JOHN BROS. have sold their laundry business to Wong Tong. John is about as smooth a Chin as ever singed a collar.

ON account of the small attendance there was no business transacted at the Curling Club meeting on Thursday evening.

P. DODDS & SON offer special prices to Sabbath schools for candies, nuts and oranges.

Miss Sherwood, who was engaged with Miss Williams during the fall millinery season, returned to her home in Fergus, Wednesday.

LADIES', when in town don't forget to call and see Miss Williams' Christmas selections and also a chance for a new hat at half price.

ONLY ten or eleven shopping days before Xmas, that's all, come to Swift's now.

PARTIES sending in notices of entertainments at which an admission fee is charged are reminded that a charge is made for the same.

ABOUT fifty of the High School students have been victims of the mumps within the past two weeks seriously affecting the work of the school.

P. DODDS & SON have received a large assortment of trunks and suit cases.

STRATHROY citizens will be given an opportunity, at the coming municipal elections, to say whether they want to pay their taxes in two installments each year, or one, as they are at present doing.

Archie McLachlin, Secretary of the Watford Milling Co., returned Tuesday from a business trip to Brandon. Mr. McLachlin reports business very quiet, and ready money scarce in the Manitoba towns.

WE have a fine stock of ladies' coats in navy, black and tweeds and the price much in your favor.—SWIFT BROS.

NEWEST Xmas stationery at Taylor's.

ABOUT thirty couples enjoyed a pleasant evening at the social assembly given by the Young Bachelors in the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday evening of last week. Tony Corteses' London Harpers furnished the music.

In these days of high fashion the household edress might fall asleep at the switch and tell us that the Christmas turkey smeared with applique over white bengaline, with chiffon and gold trimming, goes pretty good.

NASBITT'S bon bons, finest in the land at Pearce Bros.

ALL schools in the Province, this year, close for Christmas vacation on Friday, December 20th, and re-open on Friday, January 3rd. It is likely, however, that most schools will not re-open until the 6th of January.

MEN'S mufflers, correct in shade and shape an acceptable gift for "him."—A. BROWN & CO.

THE firemen have received the sum of five dollars from Mrs. Thomas Woods, accompanied by a note expressing appreciation of the services of the brigade in saving her house on Front St. from being burnt during the recent fire.

SPECIAL—Ladies gold filled watch, fully guaranteed, only \$7.50.—CARL A. CLASS, Jeweler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lawrence, Echo Bay, arrived Sunday and are visiting at Mrs. Lawrence's, Huron St. Owing to the mild winter and tightness in the money market, Mr. Lawrence reports lumbering operations quiet in the Algoma district.

MOTHER'S Christmas gift, a black dress from Swift's.

SPECIAL rates to committees at Taylor's.

AFTER an interval of eleven years a new state was officially brought into the American Union, Nov. 16th, by President Roosevelt, when Oklahoma assumed the dignity as the 46th state and the stars and bars of the American flag were increased accordingly.

CREAM lace and fancy silk waists for Xmas, \$3.00 to \$5.00, very special.—SWIFT'S.

ABANQUET will be given to the members of the county council at the Hotel Northern Sarnia, on Friday evening. The speakers will be F. F. Pardee, M. P., Hon. W. J. Hanna, Robt. I. Towers, Warden Donnelly, Mayor Proctor, R. E. LeSueur and others.

CANDIES and confectionery in any quantity, cheap and good.—PEARCE BROS.

THE advertising columns of the GUIDE-ADVOCATE contain valuable information with regard to Christmas presents. There is no need to consult the departmental store catalogues or visit the city to select presents, as the Watford stores are overflowing with goods suitable for this purpose.

FUR caps, the largest assortment in the west, for men, women and children.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE December regular meeting of Court Watford, I.O.F., will be held in the usual place on Wednesday next, Dec. 18th at 8 p.m. Election of officers and other important business. Every member is kindly requested to be present. Visiting brethren welcome.

P. DODDS & SON are offering dinner sets, parlor and hanging lamps suitable for wedding or Xmas presents at special prices.

ONE day the office boy went to the editor of the "Soaring Eagle" and said—"There's a tramp at the door and he says he has had nothing to eat for six days." "Fetch him in," says the editor; "if we can find out how he does it we can run the paper for another week."

FOR spare ribs, shanks, heads, and kettle rendered lard go to R. Haskett.

ON Dec. 1, the hotel rates in all the cities and large towns of Western Ontario were increased fifty cents a day. The increase will effect commercial travellers as well as the general public. The hotelmen say that they are forced to take this step on account of the increased cost of everything.

SANTA CLAUS has left a big stock of toys and fancy goods at Dowling's. You cannot fail to find something to please the little folks in his extensive stock. Have a look through.

ARE you going home for Christmas? Take advantage of the rates offered by the Grand Trunk Railway System. Single fare between all stations in Canada, good going Dec. 24th, and 25th, 1907. Valid for return until Jan. 3rd, 1908. For further information and tickets apply to any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

A XMAS BOX, 15 yds. black pean de soie silk, best value in Ontario, will not cut.—SWIFT'S.

Roy McMacken returned from the West Sunday.

FROZEN snow and mud compose the roads at present.

Mrs. Robertson is quite ill at present, the result of a paralytic stroke.

CANDIES and confectionery by the pound or barrel at S. E. Thompson's. We make a specialty of supplying Christmas and Sunday school entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Willoughby, Paris, are visiting at C. Willoughby's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Finch, Sarnia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Carl A. Class.

GET your Christmas tree supplies at S. E. Thompson's. Everything you want at right prices.

TRAMPS are on the move. Keep your doors locked at nights.

OWING to the condition of the roads there is a scarcity of wood in town.

Miss Margaret Willoughby is spending her Christmas holidays at her home here.

3 DOZEN girls tams, regular 25 and 35c, marked 15 cents.—SWIFT'S.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Germain, Alvinston, spent Sunday with Watford relatives.

POULTRY is coming in to town by the ton. There will be no scarcity of birds for Christmas.

A BOX of choice cigars makes a very acceptable present to a gentleman friend. S. E. Thompson carries all the popular brands.

HIGHEST prices paid for dressed goods at Haskett's.

MRS. MUGGERY (a habitual brawler) "Shure, Mrs. O'Fudge, it's meself that hates to trouble ye, but could ye loan me the yolk of an egg?"

ALL accounts against the corporation should be handed in at once. The final meeting of the council for 1907 will be held on Monday evening next.

NOTHING more appropriate for a present than a nice watch. Dowling has them at prices within the reach of all.

THE big belt at the electric light plant slipped a cog Wednesday night, and the town was in darkness after 9:30.

MISS NESBITT'S OPENING, Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m. Would be pleased to have all call and see my display of holiday goods.

It is rumored around town that Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald will be a candidate for the Reevship. Mr. Fitzgerald has not yet announced his decision in the matter.

WEBB'S bon-bons for Xmas, fancy packages, 10c. to \$2.50.—MCLAREN'S.

THE death occurred in Pasadena, California, recently, of Mr. Roberts, husband of Jessie Alexander, the well-known elocutionist, who has appeared in Watford on several occasions.

TROPICAL fruits of all kinds, choice bon-bons, fancy confectionery, nuts, etc. We have them in any quantity. Call and see.—S. E. THOMPSON.

ADVERTISERS are in control of our news columns this week. They have some interesting information for holiday shoppers.

THE best half dollar lined mule mitt in Ontario.—SWIFT'S.

WATCHES are ideal Christmas gifts. Have a look at our stock.—CLASS, the jeweler.

T. FORTUNE Jr. entertained a number of his young friends at a squirrel supper the other evening. There will be no more squirrels this season.

LEAVE your order for Christmas oysters with Pearce Bros.

LEATHER goods are fashionable this season. Dowling has some handsome lines which he is selling at bargain prices.

ANNUAL meeting of Watford Camp, Woodmen of the World, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. Election of officers and other business. A full attendance requested.

GOODHAND & MILLER have a specially seasoned old cheese for Christmas. Try a pound or two it will please you.

A NUMBER of the Ladies of the town held a sewing bee on Monday and made up a quantity of garments and bedding for the family who lost all their effects in the fire last week.

A LARGE well assorted stock of skates, carpet sweepers and cutlery. If you want something better than ordinary buy your pocket knives at Howden's.

Rev. Canon Downie, B. D., Pt. Stanley, was the guest of Mr. E. D. Swift during his stay in Watford, and also visited a number of his old parishioners in Warwick and Brooke.

At the annual seed fair of the Davidsons (Sask.) Ag'l Society, we note that Lloyd McLean was awarded 2nd prize on white oats and 2nd on Red Fife wheat. Warwick boys have not forgotten how to farm in the West.

HEADQUARTERS for Christmas groceries, fruits and peels of all kinds, candies and confectionery and everything required for the holiday trade. Fresh reliable goods at reasonable prices. Leave us your order, we will satisfy your every requirements.—J. MATHEWS.

MR. CHARLES VAIL has been appointed G. T. R. operator at Watford to succeed D. O'Neil, resigned. Mr. Vail was operator at the Watford station some years ago, and is well known here. He has recently been acting as relieving agent. The new agent entered upon his duties this week.

TAYLOR'S for bibles and hymnals.

NOTHING was done at the hockey club meeting called for Monday evening. An effort is being made to arrange a local league, but the towns interested have not yet taken action in the matter.

WHEN you are out looking for Christmas oranges, nuts and candies, we have the choicest stock that money can buy.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

THE G.T.R. will issue single fare and one-third round trip tickets, good going Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, December 21st to 25th, between all stations in Canada, valid returning until Friday, January 3rd. Single fare return tickets will also be issued on the 24th and 25th, valid to return until the 26th.

XMAS GLOBES now on sale at McLaren's.

ONE hotelkeeper in Corunna and another in Courtright were on Thursday last on complaint of R. C. Paimor, convicted by magistrates Fleck and Hamilton, of keeping liquor for sale without a license. The Corunna defendant was fined \$20 and \$3.70 costs. The Courtright offender was fined \$40 and \$6.75 costs, both paid.

NEW HAVILAND CHINA, just arrived at Howden's. Many odd pieces of novel design especially adapted for Christmas gifts.

A CHANGE has been made in the personnel of the firm of Grant, Whillans & Co. Amherstburg, by which W. S. Whillans formerly of Forest, drops out. The dry goods department has been taken over by John Grant, and the grocery business by Geo. Jamieson, each of whom will run their stores independent of the other.

SLAUGHTER sale of gent's furnishings of A. E. Anderson's estate begins Saturday morning.

THE police authorities throughout Ontario have been requested to make public the fact that John Organ, a barber, has been missing from Hamilton since Nov. 12th. He left that city to look for work and nothing has since been heard of him. His wife is distracted over his disappearance. No cause can be assigned for his silence, and it is feared some harm has befallen him.

WHEN you want a pair of felt boots or rubbers and socks, we have the good goods.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

D. Roche received a photo the other day of his nephew, Joe Shaw, in naval uniform. Joe, who is well known in Watford, has been in the U. S. Navy for the past three years, at present attached to the first class battleship, Rhode Island, as expert gunner. He wears the three stripes for efficiency and good conduct, and left last week with the fleet for the Pacific cruise that has caused so much talk in naval circles.

WE will take cost price for boys' fancy overcoats for lads from 6, to 10 years.—SWIFT BROS.

In orange, olive, jelly, berry, and Bouillon Rodger spoons, BROS. 1847. Full stock.—CARL A. CLASS, Jeweler.

LOOK over our stock before you buy Christmas gifts. A large up-to-date stock of dinnerware, toilet sets, fancy china, lamps, silverware, etc. New goods from reliable makers.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST.

SIDNEY BROWN, eldest son of Mr. J. D. D. Brown, met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday evening of last week. In descending a ladder from the stable loft he lost his hold and fell to the floor breaking both bones of his left arm between the elbow and the wrist. Dr. Kelly set the fracture, but it will be several weeks before he will be able to resume his duties in the barber shop.

SAMPLE SKIRTS, special Xmas lot, regular \$5.00 to \$6.50, your choice, \$3.75.—SWIFT'S.

ORANGES, lemons, bananas and fruits of all kinds for the holidays at Pearce Bros.

MCLAREN'S annual display of holiday goods attracted a large crowd of sight-seers Wednesday evening. The spacious stores were specially illuminated for the occasion and the handsome and varied display of everything that is new and attractive for the holiday season was the subject of admiring comment. The display would do credit to many of the large city establishments.

CUSHION tops in 50 different designs, very attractive, and worth while as a gift.—A. BROWN & CO.

10% DISCOUNT on all boots, shoes and rubbers for the next 30 days at Haskett's.

UNDER a penalty of \$50 the hunters' licenses are to be returned to the Superintendent of Game and Fisheries, within two weeks after the close of the open season. A declaration form is on the back of each license, to be filled out, showing how many deer, and what kind, were killed, and solemn declaration must be made before a J. P. or commissioner, stating that the hunting was done during the legal open season only.

ALL Xmas ordered clothing wants should be in on hand this week.—SWIFT BROS.

JOE HUME, of the 6th line, had a rather exciting experience on Saturday evening. He was walking up the railway track to town when he was halted by a stalwart looking hobo who demanded to know if he had any money. Joe gave an unsatisfactory reply, and the highwayman made a move for his hip pocket stating he would mighty soon find out. Joseph thought this would be a good time to

duck, and started to town at a Longboat gait. The tramp continued east.

FINEST ebony hair brushes, 75c. to \$3.00.—MCLAREN'S.

NOTICE—All parties indebted to R. Haskett are requested to call and settle their accounts on or before Dec. 20th.

WORD was received in Sarnia Monday evening by Wm. Morrison, G. T. R. dispatcher at the tunnel, that his sister, Miss Margaret Morrison, had died at her home in New York after an illness of about ten days. Deceased was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrison, former residents of this town, and was well known to many Sarnians who will learn of her early demise with sincere feelings of regret.—Observer. Miss Morrison was well known to many in Watford, the family having resided here some years ago when her father was G. T. R. agent.

10 DOZEN men's Xmas gloves, Mocha lined, \$1.00 per pair, easily worth \$1.35.—SWIFT'S.

SILVER and cut glassware make an elegant and appropriate present. Dowling is showing the new designs and the price is easy. Call and see.

As a result of the organization of the Ontario Apple Shippers' Association the first step has been taken by the G. T. Railway Company to ascertain what refrigerator car and steamer accommodation is required for their export trade. Mr. J. W. Loud, freight traffic manager, has issued a circular stating that the company is giving consideration to the kind of equipment best adapted to the handling of apples and other fruit during the winter season. The company wishes to know what is the extent of the shipments to Europe, the United States, the North-west, and other points, and what type of car would give the best results.

IN GROCERIES, a trial order means that we have your trade. Teas and coffee a specialty.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

THE stock of gent's furnishings of the A. E. Anderson estate are to be sold regardless of cost. Store open Saturday morning for business.

MIDDLESEX county council is up against clause 617 A of the Municipal Act, the same clause that has been making Essex county councillors lose sleep. The Middlesex council did the same as Essex did, accept the judge's decision to renew and maintain the bridge. They also resolved that "in view of recent judgments that have been given against certain municipalities, in the opinion of this council, the statute relative to the repairs of township roads be modified and that the different local members of Parliament from Middlesex be asked to co-operate with this council to have the same changed; and that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to these members of Parliament."

21 coats for little girls from 4 to 8 years, prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$4.00, mostly about \$2.50 and \$3.00, your choice for \$1.75.—SWIFT BROS.

In dinner sets we will show for the holiday trade the largest variety ever shown in Watford at prices ranging from \$7.00 to \$38.00. Ask to see our \$15.00 special 97 piece china set.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST.

"MOTORING," a Toronto Journal has the following: "A Watford motorist calling himself 'Quoros Rover,' and writing to the 'Nation' takes up the starting handle of the ready writer, and, fearless of backfire, gives it four brisk turns. His complaints are: (1) danger, (2) dust, (3) dazzling lights, and (4) smell. Anent trouble No. 4 perhaps he would be amused to hear the story of the anti-baconist who inadvertently entered a very third class 'smoker.' "What an extremely unpleasant odor!" he sniffed. "Well, sir," said the navy in the corner. "Nothing unpleasant was noticed till you came in."

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

One dollar is a small sum to invest when it is considered what wonderful value can be had if properly placed. A dollar sent now to the Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, will mean that every week during 1908 you will receive the best family and farmer's paper in America. The Family Herald and Weekly Star is really well worth the price without it. Send a dollar now to the Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, and you will never regret it.

CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Watford Council, No. 255, C. O. C. F., at their regular meeting held on Wednesday evening last, elected the following officers for the ensuing year, viz:—C. C., Dr. George Hicks; V. C., Mrs. T. B. Taylor; Recorder, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald; Ass't Recorder, Miss S. C. McKenzie; Treas., Col. Frank Kenward; Prelate, Mrs. (Rev.) T. B. Coupland; Marshal, J. I. Spackman; Warden, Miss Fannie Shannon; Guard, J. Sidney Brown; Sentry, Donald Sharp; Organist, Miss Bella Doar; Trustees, Angus Mitchell 3 years, Chas. Joynt 2 years, and Mrs. A. G. Brown 1 year more; Auditors, Rev. T. B. Coupland and T. B. Taylor. Grand Council Representative, Dr. Hicks, Alternate, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald.