

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
and a prosperous one to all.

CHINA HALL

Walk in and Look Around

OLD FATHER TIME

Old Father Time is about to reverse his glass and start in on 1903. "So runs the time away." With a promise to do all and more for our friends and patrons during the coming year than we have done in the past, we extend a

New Year's Greeting

Trusting and hoping we may all be here hale, happy and hearty, when it's time to reverse the glass again

Ziegler's THE SHUERS

The Yellow Front, Berlin, Ont.

A DROP HEAD SEWING MACHINE

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BERLIN MARKETS.

Flour, per cwt	21 1/2
Wheat, per bushel	4 1/2
Screening, ton	20 1/2
Brass, ton	18.00 to 14.00
Middlings, ton	21.00 to 22.00
Barley, bushel	45 to 4
Oats, bushel	30 to 3
Eggs, bushel	84 to 6
Hay, ton	9.50 to 10.50
Mix, load	4.00 to 5.00
Wood, cord	7.00 to 8.00
Eggs, doz.	20 to 22
Butter, per lb.	18 to 20
Cheese, dairy	10 to 11

Decorative Plants and Flowers

We have a large stock of Palms, Boston Ferns, Disceanae, etc., to loan for Church and House decoration.

Our large stock of Smilax is the finest we have ever offered. Smilax, without a doubt is the peer of decorative greens. Its employment is always and every where in good taste. Its presence promises good cheer.

A choice selection of potted plants. In cut flowers we offer roses, carnations, violets, Roman Hyacinths, narcissus, etc.

Phone 88

H. L. Janzen Round the Tea Table

Alderman Colliard is indisposed. Attorney and Mrs. A. A. Chase are spending a few days in Hamilton.

Mr. H. Reid is suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. L. B. Duff of Galt was in town on business Tuesday.

Police Constable German of Galt was an attendant at the trial of Bullock and Stevens on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Werner of Hamilton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiegand, Berlin street.

Mr. Geo. Schickler of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting Mr. J. Wildfong and other Berlin friends.

Messrs Paul and Albert Seiss, Toronto, are visiting their sister, Wildfong.

ILLS PROBATED.

The wills of recent date for probate at Mr. McCall's office are the following:

Kuhn, Berlin, estate \$145.

Dippel, Montreal, estate.

Bennett, Preston, estate.

Schmidt, Elmira, \$100.00.

Schlagen, Waterloo, Tp.

Martin, Woodwich Tp.

28 St. Street, Waterloo, \$1,765.

MARRIED.

ER. VAN CAMP—At Ottawa, Christmas Day, 1902, by Rev. Ridge, at the residence of Miss Workman, brother-in-law, Newton John Lander, and Vernon, youngest daughter, the late Lewis Van Camp.

MARRIED.

Waterloo on Dec. 30th, by Rev. Mr. John Hintz of Ganouke, Miss Priscilla Moser of Waterloo. The newly wedded couple will leave for their new home on the 5:26 train for their new home.

IS NOT A PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Mr. Whitney, Leader of Ontario Opposition, on Prohibition.

Given an Enthusiastic Welcome at Owen Sound—Addressed 2,000 Electors at Two Meetings—His Position on the Prohibition Question Clearly Stated in Answer to a Question by Rev. Mr. Hewitt.

Owen Sound, Dec. 31.—J. P. Whitney, M.P.P., Leader of the Conservative party in Ontario, met with a flattering reception at the hands of the people of North Grey here yesterday. His arrival was not the occasion of a spectacular demonstration, as on his previous visit, but it was none the less warm and enthusiastic.

Farmers Out in Force.

Mr. Whitney made two telling speeches, one at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, which terminated in a sensation, and the other in the evening. The afternoon meeting was especially arranged to accommodate the farmers, who crowded the hall to the doors. The evening gathering was quite in contrast, the hall being jammed with a mass of good-natured humanity, divided about equally by ladies and gentlemen. If outward signs were accepted as a criterion of the future, Mr. Boyd will be elected to represent North Grey by a large majority. Over 3,000 electors attended the two meetings.

A Mild Sensation.

At the conclusion of Mr. Whitney's afternoon speech, a mild sensation was created. Rev. G. W. Hewitt, pastor of Brooks Methodist Church, rose and said "Mr. Whitney, you have not said anything about the referendum; will you kindly state your position?"

Mr. Whitney promptly returned to the front of the platform and said that it was a question on which he was not prepared to take any position. He said that he was a question of the responsibility of a public man. It was not a fair question. What did the gentleman who asked the question mean? Did he mean the halting consultations between Hon. J. W. Ross and Mr. Boyd? There were any of twenty things he might mean. No one had given more thought to the temperance question than he had. He would do more to minimize the drink evil; but when he did deal with it, he would deal with it in his own way, as every Tom, Dick and Harry told him to do. This statement created tremendous applause.

Provincial Prohibition Impossible.

Mr. Whitney continued that his position was well known. He did not wish to ascribe political motives to the gentleman who asked the question. He was curious to know if he would ask Mr. Ross the same question on Thursday night. He believed that the leading men of the county would get together and seriously discuss the question. He did not wish to be considered from behind, and he reiterated that provincial prohibition was impossible. The possible effect of it should be carefully considered before any legislative body took any action. He would not make any statement, and when he finally came, he would make his announcement in twenty-four hours.

Temperance Issue Not Paramount.

One stage of a single question could not be made paramount to the general welfare of the province. If governed for the prohibitionist or liquor interests alone, it would fall far short of the mark. The general welfare predominates. The only way to bring about a better condition respecting the drink evil was to have legislative sentiment in favor of it in the majority, and then, and not till then, was it possible or constitutional.

FORGIVE AND FORGET.

Gen. Schalk-Burgers Appeals For Mercy to the Deceased Boer.

Orange Town, Dec. 31.—Gen. Schalk-Burgers, acting president of the Orange Free State, in a letter published in Ontario, appeals to the Government to be merciful to the Boers who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Boer cause and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, "Forgive and forget." In conclusion Gen. Schalk-Burgers expresses hope that the people will show that the power of rule in South Africa lies in the Afrikaner, who will remain loyal while righteousness reigns and while his rightful portion is allotted him.

Gayboone Minister Found Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Rev. John R. K. Sellers, Methodist minister of Gayboone, N. S., who was visiting his brother in this city, was found dead yesterday in the headquarters of the Reading Railway. Young Men's Christian Association. He had blown out the gas through ignorance, and was asphyxiated. Mr. Sellers was spending the Christmas holidays here, and stopped at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

China Boomer Play the Game.

Yokohama, Dec. 31.—Confirmation was obtained here yesterday in dispatches from the consuls at Shanghai to the Foreign Minister of the report that the Viceroy at Shanghai had refused to pay the January installment of the indemnity on a gold basis, owing to the recent great fall in the price of silver.

Run Over by a Freight.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31.—Gordon Price, aged 28 years, an I. C. R. fireman, was run over by a freight train at Richmond yesterday and received injuries from which he died two hours later. He leaves a widow and one child.

For County Councillor.

To The Electors of Berlin:

At the urgent solicitation of a large number of ratepayers, I have consented to become a candidate for the honor of representing you, during the next two years, on the County Council Board.

The majority of the ratepayers of Berlin are aware that I have had a long experience in municipal affairs, having served eight years in the Town Council and for five years as a County Councillor.

I shall therefore only add that it will be impossible for me to see all my friends personally but that if given your support and elected, I shall serve your interests and those of the municipality faithfully and to the best of my ability.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Daniel Hibner,
Berlin Dec. 26th 1902.

FOR ALDERMAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF BERLIN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of many of the Electors I have decided to offer myself for re-election as Alderman for the year 1903. Having been intimately associated with Dr. Amvot in his experiments on sewage disposal I have reason to believe that the information I have gained would be useful in completing the Town's Sewer System. If my record during the past year should commend itself to you I would ask for your vote and influence.

FAITHFULLY YOURS,
J. F. HONSBARGER

AS COUNCILLOR

TOTHE ELECTORS OF BERLIN LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. Having accepted the nomination for the position of Town Councillor for 1903, I hereby beg to solicit your votes and influence for the position. The encouragement given me last year, leads me to believe that I would be able to fill the office satisfactorily. If elected I shall serve the electors of Berlin faithfully and well.

Thanking you for past support and wishing you and Berlin all prosperity, I remain,

YOURS TRULY,
JOHN LEWIS.

SPECIAL MEETING.

"A special meeting of the Shareholders of the Ontario Sugar Company Limited, will be held on Thursday the 18th day of Jan. 1903 at 10 a. m. at the Office of the Company, Number 22 Victoria Street Toronto.

JAMES FOWLER,
Secretary.

Toronto Dec. 30, 1902.
12-31-02

KING ST. MISSION.

About \$15 in money, several parcels of clothing and some provisions were sent in to the King St. Mission this past week to be donated to the poorer people in town, a small portion of this has been sent aside for children, and at 2 o'clock on New Years day about 50 children will be made happy.

To this meeting an invitation is extended to all that can come. Mr. Hallman on behalf of the mission workers, wishes to thank the friends that so kindly contributed for this good cause.

K. O. T. M. NOTICE.

A special meeting of Berlin Tent, No. 21, K. O. T. M., will be held this evening at 8 p. m. in the hall above, the Bank of Hamilton, to make arrangements for the funeral of our late Brother, F. Keminski. By Order
R. Hartmann, Com.

Mr. H. Hymann went to Mount Forest on Tuesday and at 4.30 tomorrow afternoon he will be married to Mrs. Miller until now of the South Ward teaching staff.

PICK UPS

Look at Hallman's ad. before going out to buy to-night.

Calendars and Dolls at cost at Becker's Bookstore.

You can get choice Pineapples at the Market Grocery.

Remember the New Year's Eve benefit ball for Local Unions 112 & 129, in the Saengerbund Hall. Music by Starnaman's Orchestra.

We wish to thank all our customers for their support and patronage during 1902. We hope to have the same continued during the coming year and shall put forth every effort to deserve your confidence. We wish one and all a happy New Year. Nelson Boehmer. 27 tr

Fresh Baltimore oysters at the Market Grocery.

The Ladies' Auxiliary and Reception Committee will be at Home to the young men of Berlin and Waterloo New Years afternoon. Luncheon will be served from 5.30 to 7. All young men invited.

Mr. W. R. Howitt, Inspector of the Great West Life Assurance Co. is at the Waterloo Hotel. He has appointed Messrs I. S. K. Weber & Co. General Agents for the County of Waterloo and we congratulate the Company on having secured the services of Messrs Weber & Co. and wish them and the Company every success.

Mr. R. Reid's last load of sugar beets went into the refinery today. The officers of Grand River Lodge No. 151, were installed last evening. Election supplies were sent out today by the County Clerk.

The weekly dancing school at the Saengerbund will re-commence on Friday of this week.

The Municipal Fuel Committee will meet on Tuesday evening. An account of the business appears on page 3.

Mr. E. P. Clement is moving into his new office on Queen St. Mr. F. Reibler will go into the office with Mr. Bowley.

"We take orders for Gobe." Mail World, N. W., "dar aples" other daily Weekly by mail or by messenger called for. W. H. Baker and Co.

Miss Lizzie Woodcock of the Berlin Board of College becomes a geographer for the W. G. and R. Co. Mr. Geo. Decker, also of the B. H. C. takes a position as bookkeeper for G. E. Johnson & Co. Results talk.

The many friends of Mr. Percy Patisman formerly of Berlin, but lately away from Berlin, strike oil in his death which took place in the latter city on Dec. 26th last. Death was due to heart disease. Deceased was a professional man. He had a look place on Monday in Cleveland from the residence of his uncle, Mr. D. E. Darling.

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Chas. F. Niehaus
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Special Announcements

On Thursday, Jan. 8th, a notable revival of T. W. Robertson's sparkling comedy "Gaste" will be given at the Berlin Opera House by a distinguished company headed by Mary Scott the beautiful Californian actress. America's greatest character comedian, Robert V. Ferguson; the famous grand niece of Napoleon Bonaparte, who won her dramatic spurs in Sir Henry Irving's company and William Hazeltine who occupied a leading position in the late August in Daly's company; the most important theatrical event of the season. Sale of seats will commence at Nicholson & Murphy's punctually at 9 o'clock on Saturday, Jan. 3. Prices 25 cents to \$1.00. On account of the interest already manifested in this engagement and the large number of inquiries made at the box office it has been decided that applications for seats sent in before the opening of the sale will be filled in the order of their receipt. Free list positively and entirely suspended.

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Men's overcoats made of heavy, fine grey cheviot cloth, length, box back style, velvet collars, Italian.

Men's raglanette overcoats, heavy cheviot cloth, velvet collars, good linings.

MEN'S FURNITURE

Stylish, seasonable and up to date at substantial reductions. We have given this department prominence. Can you afford to clear?

Men's fine silk and satene hand made up in medium shades, neck lined, our regular 35c to 40c.

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Don't let the headline mislead you. It's not a two dollar but a two dollar bargain in boots. These are real. You can have them to-morrow, 100 pair men's date footwear in dongola kid leather, with wear box calf skin boots, Goodyear welted, sizes 6 to 3.00 to 3.50, special to clear.

S. R. Ernst & Co.

After the Holiday Rush

In order to make room for regular goods, lines must be cleared. There never was a better time to buy furniture and thrifty people can get articles at prices utterly impossible elsewhere.

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All the latest fashionable, stylish staple furnishings from

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