

Were Given Rocking Chair By Choir

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Richmond Street North Methodist Sabbath School was held last evening, and the children acquitted themselves well.

In the absence of the superintendent, Mr. W. J. Underwood, who was confined to his home through illness, Mr. Fred Matthews presided.

Mr. Matthews is endowed with a natural love for the children. The needy, and this, along with his other gifts, makes him an ideal chairman on

occasions of this kind. The programme was characterized by the usual numbers of drills, marches, etc., and the distribution of gifts.

A pleasing feature in connection with the exercises was the presentation to Rev. and Mrs. Freeman of a beautiful and costly rocking chair by the choir of the church. The presentation was made by Miss Pearl Prebble and Miss Grace Holt in a neat and pleasing address, to which Rev. Mr. Freeman replied in a feeling and fitting manner.

Local Items

—Superintendent Gillen of the Grand Trunk is in the city today.

—Miss Hunt, of this city, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Havers, at Court-right.

—Miss Winnie Campbell, of this city, is spending a few days at her home in Cowan.

—Mr. Walter Brown, of Ridgeway, is seriously ill at his home, and is not expected to recover.

—Mr. D. Morrison has purchased the residence on Main street, Court-right, owned by Mr. T. Carter, of this city.

—Miss Maymie Ross, of this city, trained nurse, is spending a couple of weeks at her home on Carnegie street, Ingersoll.

—Miss Alma Mines and Miss Ella MacConnell, of the Pipe Line road, are visiting the former's parents at Elva, Mich.

—Mr. Russell Spry, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, is home for the holidays, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Spry, John street.

—Mr. Robert E. Bourry, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city with his bride, a charming young lady of Mount City, Mo. Mrs. and Mrs. Bonny are the guests of Mr. Bonny's parents on Gieble street.

—The Phoenix (Saskatoon), says: "Mr. W. C. Lee, of Wurtzburg, will be leaving on Tuesday for London, Ont., on a visit to his mother. Rev. Erik Forbes is planning to go east to Ayr, Ont., at the same time."

—The first installment of the Provincial Government's grant to county schools was received this morning by County Treasurer McEvey. The total grant for the year from the Government to the county of Middlesex amounts to \$15,845.08.

A Bowling Prize.
A valuable prize will be given for the bowler making the highest individual score during the next week on the Hyman 21 alleys. There should be some great bowling for this.

Motion Refused.
Judge Macbeth this morning refused to grant the motion to stay proceedings in the Electrical Construction Company vs. George Kelly case, which was mentioned in yesterday's Advertiser.

Fractured Her Limb.
Mrs. Macarthur, matron of the Infants' Home, slipped and fell on the floor at the home last evening, and fractured her leg at the ankle. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Stevenson. Mrs. Macarthur will be laid up for some time.

Committed for Trial.
Mark Ellwood, who was arrested a day or so ago on a charge of having stolen an overcoat from a hotel at Bly, appeared before Squire Chittick and Hodgins this morning and was committed for trial. Ellwood was allowed bail in the sum of \$200, half of which he provided himself.

Call and Get One.
Mr. W. T. Strong, the well-known druggist, will give to each purchaser of one pound of his celebrated baking powder on Monday a choice sample bottle of perfume and one of his handsome calendars. The demand is sure to be large for the souvenirs, because they are both very useful at this time of the year.

Card of Thanks.
Mrs. Earl Gaze wishes to return her sincere thanks to the members of Court Forest Queen, No. 5563, Ancient Order of Foresters, also friends and others, for the kindness and sympathy shown to her and her family in her sad bereavement in the loss of her husband, and during his long siege of illness.

Death of Mrs. Roe.
The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Ann Roe, a well-known and highly-respected resident of London Township. Mrs. Roe was in her 70th year, and is survived by one brother, Mr. Patrick Roe, of lot 9, concession 3, London Township, from whose home the funeral will take place on Monday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Cathedral. The funeral will be held at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Police Court.
At this morning's police court Joseph Tait, charged with being a vagrant, was bailed for a week. Tait promised to do better in future, and his worship decided to give him a chance. Alfred Milligan, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5. John Brown, another vag, was remanded for a week. In the juvenile court a boy charged with being disorderly was let go with a warning.

Former Order Made.
At the weekly high court this morning, Mr. Justice Magee made a formal order for winding up the Waggoner Ladder Company, Limited, of this city. The Canada Trust Company is appointed provisional liquidator and it is referred to Judge Macbeth, as local judge of the high court, to appoint a permanent liquidator and otherwise to exercise the functions of the court.

Praise for a Londoner.
The following item is taken from the Hamilton Times of Saturday last, in that paper's Beamsville correspondence. Mr. Phil Murphy is well known in the city, and his friends will be pleased to learn of his success as an amateur performer. "Murphy's Amateur Minstrels played a record-breaking house in the town hall on Thursday night. Though mainly local talent took part, its excellence was much commented on. Phil Murphy was a host in himself, and he got off some good hits on the crowd. His song

"Ignoramus Coon," was well rendered, and the applause well deserved. Chas. Brine, the interactor, filled his difficult position satisfactorily, and, next to Mr. Murphy, kept the company moving all the time."

Westminster Lodge Officers.
Westminster Lodge, No. 404, A. O. U. W., met on the 18th inst., and elected the following staff of officers for the incoming year: Master, Wm. McCoy; foreman, Bro. S. Morris; recorder, Bro. F. W. McMillan; treasurer, Bro. J. A. Irwin; guide, Bro. C. W. Few; inside watch, Bro. A. E. Yeo; outside watch, Bro. Thos. May; representative to Grand Lodge, F. W. McMillan; alternate, R. A. Lyons; auditors, Bros. E. B. Smith, and Geo. N. Weeks; trustees, Bros. R. A. Lyons, C. McGeary; medical examiner, Bro. D. H. Hogg; D. D. G. M. Bro. James MacConnell; Bro. P. M. D. Tripp, of Star Lodge, acted as scrutineers. This lodge is the banner lodge of Workmen for the past year in point of increase of members in the city.

STREET RAILWAY IS MAKING READY

For the Paving of Dundas Street Early in the Spring.

The street railway intend beginning early next spring in getting the Dundas street line in shape for paving, and have ordered the "T" rails to be used on that street. The matter came up at the meeting of the board of directors last week, and Manager King was instructed to order the rails.

It is expected that they will be delivered early in March, and the work of constructing the pavement on Dundas street will be pushed to a rapid conclusion in the spring.

COURT OF APPEAL

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1908, made in the year 1907, amounted to \$24,953.715, and was subject to the following reductions by the court of revision:

Buildings pulled down—Reid's, Smallman's and Jeffrey's... \$35,974

Business assessments on subject property of buildings being destroyed... 25,275

By business change, business assessments... 35,225

Income, parties leaving the city... 7,160

Electrical Construction Company, machinery... 6,000

Exemptions on charitable institutions... 2,510

London Club assessments... 7,500

By direct appeal, real estate... 4,565

By direct appeal, business assessment... 1,010

By direct appeal, income... 10,397

Total... \$135,918

New assessment, under direction of the court of revision on account of business changes... \$35,971

Total loss... \$89,945

The court of revision complimented the assessment department on the manner the business was conducted, which is shown by the small amount of reduction by direct appeal, considering the total amount of the assessment, and an increase for next year of \$1,800,000.

ANNUAL CLOSING AT EMPRESS AVE. SCHOOL

Grades VII and VIII, united in inviting parents and members of the board of education to their closing entertainment.

There was a good programme of songs, recitations, etc., and the Boyle memorial medal was presented by Dr. Tillmann to Miss Amy Smale. The doctor made a very interesting speech, recalling early days at West London school.

The Rev. G. B. Sage presented the McClary prizes to the winners of the essay competition. Miss Marie Horn, by and William Wallwin, Dr. Sage complimented the principal and staff of West London school on the excellent showing made by the pupils of that school.

The Rev. I. B. Wallwin gave a very interesting address to the children. Dr. Teasdale and Mr. Westervelt, members of the board of education, were also present, and both had many nice things to say about Empress avenue school. Mr. Westervelt announced his intention of standing for election to another term on the board.

The janitor of the school was remembered in a generous way, being made the recipient of several presents, and to cap them all a huge turkey. Mr. Crummer's services are highly appreciated by the staff of the school, and he is a general favorite with the pupils.

Christmas Services in Empress Avenue Church.

Interesting Christmas services will be held in Empress Avenue Methodist Church tomorrow. The Rev. Principal Warner, D. D., of St. Thomas, will preach a Christmas sermon in the morning, when, also, a welcome will be extended to those who will unite with the church. The fine choir of the church, under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Bowie, has prepared, with much time and labor, the Christmas music, and will give a beautiful song service at night. The choir will also give a short address in the evening.

Special luncheon served from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at Tecumseh Grill. 26g ywt

SKULL FRACTURED CHOPPING TREES

A Serious Accident To William Dean, of Kitchener Avenue.

Mr. William Dean, of Kitchener avenue, was badly injured while chopping trees on his farm, near Appleton, yesterday afternoon.

A tree which Mr. Dean and his men were cutting down, struck the top of another tree, and in so doing, broke off a large branch. The latter struck Mr. Dean on the head, fracturing his skull.

The patient was brought to London, and Dr. John D. Wilson had him at once sent to Victoria Hospital.

This morning he was conscious, and Dr. Wilson says his chances of recovery are good.

SIMCOE STREET CLOSING

Programme Carried Out by the Children and the Kindergarten.

The annual kindergarten closing took place Thursday morning, there being a large attendance of parents and friends.

The regular school closing was observed in the usual way Friday afternoon.

The various rooms were suitably decorated with bunting, flags and Christmas blackboard drawings. Programmes consisting of songs, recitations, speeches, and dialogues were successfully rendered.

The eighth grade programme was as follows: Recitations, Masters H. Graves, Irwin Jones, Misses L. Boyce, and Gladys Webb; speeches, Rev. Mr. Howard and Rev. James Livingston; instrumental, Misses Winnie Hicks, Carrothers and Daniels; dialogue, Masters Graves and Jones; songs, Miss Sadie McGregor and the school chorus.

Presentations—Boyle memorial to Miss M. Tolhurst, by Trustee Westervelt; Boyle memorial to Miss E. Hedley, by Trustee Teasdale.

McClary prizes for best essays to Miss Agnes Booth and Master Willie Pawlitzky, by Rev. W. Moffat.

WILL APPEAR MONDAY

Man Charged With Stealing Pigeons, a Watch and Other Things.

Edward H. Davies, the young Englishman held at the county jail on a charge of stealing a watch, some jewelry and some pigeons from his employer, James Taylor, a farmer residing near Tempo, appeared before Squire Chittick on Monday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Davies has not pleaded yet, but, it is alleged, he admitted his guilt to the officials. He returned the watch before being arrested. Davies states that he was tempted to steal the watch, then the pigeons, and after he had stolen the latter he had to steal some wheat to feed them with. He has been over from England five months.

MARK TWAIN CAUGHT

Induced to Buy Half Stock of Concern Now Insolvent.

New York, Dec. 20. — When a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court this afternoon against the Plasman Company of America, it was learned that Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was vice-president of the concern.

The Plasman Company was organized five or six years ago for the manufacture of a patent breakfast food. After its organization the American humorist was induced to purchase almost half the stock of the company, and was made its president. It was not long afterward that his venture wore anything but a humorous view.

He found that an effort was being made to squeeze him out, which he fought vigorously. Just how much money he invested in the concern his agent refuses to say.

The suit in bankruptcy, which was begun as quietly as possible, was instituted by former officers of the company with the intention of winding up its affairs.

POOR OLD BILL

Squires Knocked Out in Six Rounds, by Flynn, of Pueblo.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 21.—William Squires, of Australia, was knocked out in the sixth round last night by James Flynn, of Pueblo, Col. The bout was scheduled to go 20 rounds.

Flynn used a right upper cut to the jaw to end the fight.

In the fourth round Squires landed a hard right to the jaw, but the Australian did not have the speed to follow up the advantage. Squires' unprotected jaw was Flynn's mark, and he landed there repeatedly having the visitor groggy in three of the six rounds.

The end came after Squires had been forced across the ring. He was coming out of a clinch, when Flynn caught him with his right.

Mr. F. Voaden, the retiring master of the Kingsville Masonic Lodge, was presented with a solid gold past master's jewel by his brethren last evening. The presentation was made by Dr. Allworth on behalf of the lodge. Company is seeking incorporation.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DEATHS.

ROE—On Dec. 21, 1907, Ann Roe, widow of the late Charles Roe, aged 86 years.

Funeral from the residence of her brother, Mr. Patrick Fallon, No. 3, Concession 3, London Township, on Monday, Dec. 23, at 9 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral; Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SELL \$60,000 WORTH OF FARM PROPERTY

Wonderful Two Months' Record in District of London Made in a Year.

Mr. Burrows, the manager of the Western Real Estate Exchange, of this city, says that the company has sold over \$60,000 worth of farm property within a distance of ten miles of London during the last two months.

As these farms varied in size from 50 to 200 acres each, and totaled about 900 acres, the average price of the farms was about \$70 an acre. This is considered a very good showing, especially when the stringency of the money market is considered.

Mr. Burrows says that in nearly every county in Ontario, west and north of Toronto, where the company has its business well established, there has been a good demand this fall and winter for good farms with up-to-date buildings, close to schools, churches and markets, and a great many farms have been sold and exchanged in these counties by the company and its agents.

Although the company handles a great amount of farm property, Ontario it has been equally successful in handling city, town and business property.

Wherever it has its business properly established the company claims that business property is no longer a drug on the market, nor difficult to dispose of.

The facilities which the company has for making exchanges of one kind of property for another, even when they are in different parts of the Province, is a marked and successful feature of its business. At the present time Mr. Burrows says the company has a number of farms to exchange for city, town or business properties, and vice-versa. As the ready sale and exchange of real estate and business property is an indication of the prosperity of the country, every-where, it is believed that the success of this company, and its method of doing business.

RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN

Crew of Dismasted Schooner Picked Up on the Atlantic.

Liverpool, Dec. 21. — The British steamer Miguel de Larrinaga, Captain Thompson, arrived here today with the captain and crew, seven men, of the American schooner, Garmer B. Reynolds, who had been rescued from their sinking vessel in mid-Atlantic. The schooner was dismasted in a gale and became waterlogged. The crew worked the pumps for several days, but could not give up hope, when they were taken off by the Miguel de Larrinaga.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

New York, Dec. 21.—Bank statement with its deficit of now a little over \$31,000,000 and still big difference between deposits and loans is gradually working up and back to normal proportions.

There is nothing extreme about the process. It is quite orderly, and should continue. There has undoubtedly been a great deal of short covering recently and though this, to some minds, places the market in a less technically strong position, there are better reasons why this market does not go down in the better class of railroads.

An extended short interest may be, and often is, a steady influence or a good basis to start with for an upward movement, but the extreme short matters are really not going to be bad as the discount in prices would lead one to believe, and that the prospective conditions, granting a curtailment in general business, have been made in the price of good rail securities.

The copper stocks are doing better both here and in London, yet some enthusiasts maintain that a large proportion of our copper mines are not going to be operated in the next generation if they can't do better than the present price. This, of course, represents the extreme point, but almost everybody is running to over-optimism in just the same way that they ran a year and a half ago in the opposite direction. The steel industry is not cutting prices so much, as it is curtailing production, though, of course, prices will be cut in a great many products, but there is a new ingredient that is under test in large industrial concerns that take the ore out of the ground, turn it into the finished product ready for the buyer, and that is in easier done by copper, and not by a host of semi-experts, more or less weak financially.

The political future from a business standpoint is not quite as dark as it is painted. It is not a paying proposition for the politician to have a radical extreme, when the commercial community is running downhill, and he won't do it. He will qualify his views—that is the reason various state and federal commissions are going to be more quiescent in the future when they take up railroad affairs. There is undoubtedly going to be violent breaks from time to time in certain stocks, but the effect will be local. Dividend deferrals and retentions simply show that a good many well-informed men in directorates think that they again can easily earn their full dividend, but they may be wrong, or right—but it will not affect their own stock and not the market generally.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A private wire to H. C. Becker, stock broker, says: Wheat—After a sharp early advance, the market reacted somewhat, but held firm to the close, which was about at last night's prices. Foreign news came strong and it is evident the unfavor-

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able developments in the Argentine are causing increased anxiety abroad. The recent low point in European markets was made solely on the bumper production and exports from South America, now after several days of unfavorable weather, crop estimates are far less optimistic. Export bids were higher and inquiries for wheat more general today, coming from the United Kingdom and continent. Two hundred thousand bushels of durum were sold and considerable Manitobas. Europe must still buy largely from this country, and in so doing will force prices higher here to protect home producers. The factor of immediate importance is weather in the Argentine. Should Monday's cables show continued unfavorable conditions a sharp advance is probable. Cars—Monday, 24.

Corr.—This market is rather dull, and a little lower. Farmers showing great independence, selling only when prices are satisfactory. Recent break in low grades here has reduced bids to the country, and it looks as though demand, both domestic and export, is increasing. Current arrivals are not sufficiently large to cause any accumulation, and it will be necessary to get larger receipts if any material reduction is to occur. The eastern demand promises to improve materially after first of the year, stocks there being light. Weather is unsettled now and weather conditions have an important bearing upon movement. Cars—Monday, 24.

Winnipeg—Closed, Dec. 106; May, 114½.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—Close.

Bel Telephone... 120

Canadian Pacific... 119½

Detroit Electric Railway... 34

Domestic Steel, com. ind. 39½

Domestic Steel, pfd. 42

Lake of the Woods, com. 71

Lake of the Woods, pfd. 70

Mackay, com. 53

Mackay, pfd. 52½

Minneapolis & St. Paul, com. 81

Montreal Power... 86

Montreal Street Railway... 180

Montreal Telegraph... 133

N. & O. Navigation... 60

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The transfer books will be closed from the 16th day of December, instant, to the 2nd day of January, 1908, both days inclusive.

NATHANIEL MILLS, Manager.

London, Dec. 12, 1907.