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Local Noets

The public school will close on the 21st inst. for the Christmas holidays to re-open on Jan. 3.

Although wages are higher than usual, lumbermen find a difficulty in getting a sufficient number of men for the woods.

A coincidence which none will ever again experience, is that of a municipal nomination meeting on the last day of the month of the last month of the last year of a century.

The bishop of Kingston has appointed Rev. H. H. Bedford Jones, son of the archdeacon, associate rector of St. Peter's, Brockville, with the right of succession to the rectorship.

Four very handsome paintings from the brush of Miss Ethel Reynolds, Westport, adorn the window of Orme & Son's warehouses. They reflect much credit on the artistic talents of Miss Reynolds.—Recorder.

A Kinmount girl ate a large portion of a wedding cake and tried to dream of her future husband. Next morning she declared that she would rather live and die an old maid than marry the man she saw in her dreams.

The Oshawa town council has decided to substitute the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine for the regular ballot at the approaching municipal elections. Voting thus has proved a success in many of the towns and cities of New York, but Oshawa is believed to be the first municipality in Canada to adopt this method of voting.

A peculiar strike is in progress in Kingston. Corporation laborers refuse to work with non-union men, and will put the council in the embarrassing position of either saying that unionism must be retained or antagonizing the labor element. The man who is non-union, is a Free Methodist, and his church laws will not allow him to join any organization of a secret character. The city engineer says he cannot refuse any taxpayer the right to work for the corporation, and the council must decide the issue.

Mrs. Arthur Niblock, one of the oldest pioneers of Leeds county, died recently at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Brown, of Phillipsville. Mrs. Niblock had attained about the 90th year of her age. Her maiden name was Miss Phoebe Fulford and she was born near Cole's Ferry, above Brockville. The deceased spent most of her life near Lyndhurst and a few years ago went to make her home with her daughter. Of a large family four children survive. They are Hiram Niblock, of St. Lewis, Edgar and Christopher, of Lyndhurst, and Mrs. Brown, of Phillipsville. Mrs. Niblock was an aunt of Hon. Senator Fulford, John H. and James Fulford of Brockville. She was buried in the family plot near Lyndhurst.—Times.

Rev. Dr. Stewart of Prescott conducted the anniversary services in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath last. His discourses were full of hope and encouragement to all identified with St. Paul's, and he assured the members that the commendable spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice they were manifesting in upholding and strengthening the church in Athens was fully understood and fully appreciated by the Presbytery of Brockville. At the evening service he took for his text II. Cor. 4: 18, and exalted the importance of eternal over temporal things in a fine, logical address. The choir rendered special music and at the evening service sang a fine anthem, solos in which were taken by Mrs. (Dr.) Lillie and Mrs. W. A. Lewis.

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The District School.

The idea of aiding the public library by giving an entertainment, of which "The District School at Blueberry Corners" would form the greater part was very successfully carried out by a number of Athenians, aided and inspired by their friends, on Friday evening last.

The first part of the program consisted of a number of songs on the gramophone of Mr. Jas. Clow and vocal solos by Mrs. Milton Everts of Smith's Falls. To say that the very large audience were pleased with Mrs. Everts' singing but faintly expresses the delight with which her contributions were received. The sweet, full tones of her highly cultivated voice, her perfect articulation and modest, pleasing deportment won the favor of all on her first appearance and she was called upon to respond to a tumultuous encore. Mrs. Everts sings with ease and grace and with an entire absence of such affectations as the very much overworked French tremolo, and is assured of a warm welcome should she again favor Athens with a visit.

The District School may be described as a light comedy, but such an air of realism was given the drama under the direction of Mr. William H. Leavitt (a one-time teacher) that it aroused many pleasant trains of thought and carried the minds of the older ones in the audience back to the happy hours of the long ago when they "toed the mark" under the old pedagogic regime. The play opened with the district trustees (Messrs. Ross, Arnold and Parish) engaged in hiring a teacher.

Miss Dashaway (represented by Miss May Berney), Miss Belinda Sharp (Mrs. C. C. Slack), and Miss Simple (Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb) appeared as applicants and were all turned down for good and sufficient reason and Mr. Pendergrass (Mr. Leavitt) was engaged. He made a model teacher, much of the success attending the comedy being due to his careful training and ready wit. The work of the pupils was good, and while we do not wish to appear invidious we cannot help mentioning the excellent performance of H. W. Kincaid as Sim Dipse, the bad boy of the school, Ed. Taylor as Bobby O'Lea, the stutterer; Miss Ethel Arnold as Sally Brown, and her brother (E. S. Clow); Miss Miriam Green as Mable Jones, the teacher's favorite pupil; but here the names of a dozen other pupils occur to us as being worthy of special mention, and we must stop as time and space alike forbid the enumeration.

From start to finish, the impersonations were all good, and the costumes—well—they must be seen to be appreciated. There were no sartorial extravaganzas—the plain, neat habiliments of early youth and the olden time were worn by all. The high collars and flaming vests of the trustees, the Micawber costume of the teacher, the varied dress of the pupils were all appropriate and worn with the unstudied awkwardness that is supposed to have characterized some of us in the sweet summer time long ago. The receipts of the evening, \$71.50, proved a pleasant surprise to the entertainers, and this amount, less a small expense account, will be added to the public library fund.

Dairying in New York State.

Mr. Fred Mansell returned to his home at Temperance Lake on Dec. 5th from Dekalb Junction, N. Y., where he has been making cheese. He averaged about ten cheese a day—14 a day through the flush.

Mr. Mansell has evidently had a good and profitable time. He knows how to take charge of his dollars for future investment, and has an excellent opening before him for two three years.

He says that in Canton they completed a milk condensing establishment of a daily capacity of 100,000 pounds of milk. This will at one stroke sweep out of existence ten or twelve cheese factories. Proprietors feel bitter and threats have been made that this mammoth concern will suddenly come to its end. Two or three hundred such immense factories would relieve the cheese market.

Two or three years ago, as some of your readers will remember, a very large number of buildings were built at stations on the Black River Railway in which milk in great quantities has been bottled, canned, and transported to New York city market; so that in some localities cheese are fast disappearing before a superior force. Thus the world goes on. I am sure that all his young friends will be glad to hear of Mr. Mansell's prosperity.—W. S. H.

Toronto Star:—"Rev. Mr. Weeks, a Baptist clergyman of this city, has refused a five times larger salary, and the Jarvis street Baptist church has just handed over \$850 annual taxes. These people who practice 'what they preach'."

On Monday last, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Merrick, Wilts street, Mrs. Jane Johnson, relict of the late Jonathan Johnson, departed this life, aged 78 years. Deceased was widely known and highly respected throughout Leeds county, where she had spent the most of her life, and her death causes general regret. The funeral takes place to-day, service being conducted in Christ Church by the Rev. Rural Dean Wright, and interment at Lansdowne.

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Rear Yonge and Escott Council.

A special meeting of the council called by the reeve, was held in the town hall, Athens, on Wednesday night 5th inst., at 7 o'clock. Members all present. The minutes of the regular meeting and two special meetings were read and signed by the reeve and clerk.

A petition signed by 40 township electors, asking the council to submit a by-law to a vote of the electors of the township, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within the limits of the municipality was laid before the council.

A by-law granting the prayer of the petition was introduced and received two readings, and the clerk instructed to publish and advertise the same as required by the statutes.

The account of James Walker for crushing stone in road division 18 and expense in connection therewith, amounting in all to \$90.75, was ordered to be paid.

The expenses of the rebuilding of the Beale's Mills bridge and grading the approaches, amounting to \$197, was ordered to be paid.

R. E. CORNELL, Clerk.

SEELEY'S BAY

SATURDAY, Dec. 8.—Last Monday, Geo. Gardiner got two fingers badly jammed while prying up a big log which he was sawing up for firewood. A. Neil finished burning a large kiln of brick and tile this week, the tenth and last for the season.

Mrs. M. Moulton is very ill.

Mrs. Wm. Chapman has returned home from an extended visit with friends at Perth and Havelock.

Myles Young and family of Cataraqui has removed here, Mr. Young having secured employment as blacksmith in Gilbert Bros. Carriage Works.

The Sons of Temperance will give a concert and oyster supper in the Select Knights' hall on Dec. 12th.

The Methodist Sunday school is practising for a Christmas tree entertainment, to be held in the Select Knights' hall on Christmas night.

At the meeting of L.O.L. No. 13, the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

W.M.—J. A. Steacy
D.M.—Geo. Moore
Chap.—G. H. Chapman
Rec. Sec.—A. Likely
Fin. Sec.—Wm. Chapman
Treas.—A. Neal
D. of C.—J. McAlonan
Lecturer—E. Smith

Committee—Geo. Chapman, J. F. Campbell, J. Cooper, J. Stevenson, Wm. Campbell.

N. A. Johnson is having a cheap cash sale of furniture during this month.

A large number from the district attended the poultry fair at Lyndhurst last Friday.

Mr. S. Metcalfe is negotiating for the sale of his hotel to a party at Westport.

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