

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Years is about on us again, with all its difficulties of shopping, etc., which we have made very easy for you this season, both in prices and variety of the goods we are showing. The following lines are all new and up to date goods, and we would advise you to make your selection early and secure the choice. The following are some lines we are showing.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No other paper published, no matter how large, or how well illustrated, can take the place of your home paper no matter how small it is. The who does not make his home paper pay him several times over, what it costs, during the year, does not get the good out of it that he might. Watch the ads each week, and see if it does not pay.

We took a walk up town on Wednesday evening of last week and it took us some time to make up our minds we were not in Tilsonburg. Coal oil lamps and wax candles were greatly in evidence in all places of business, owing to the fact of there being no electric lights that night. The general, almost universal use of the electric light in Aylmer, was never before made so apparent. Merchants and business men were scouring the town for lamps, and when the limited supply was all taken up wax candles were used by the hundreds. What a difference between the past and present, and the change is just as marked in all other departments of our every day life, but we do not stop to consider the fact. We live in an age far in advance of any that has preceded it, and who can tell what advancement will be made during the next century, except by a glance over THE EXPRESS Calendar. Possibly Will Caron may get married towards the end of the century, the old gossips may all have gone to their reward, politicians may all be dead, the knowledge of how to live without work, may become more general than it is now, or there may be some means of making the lazy beggars all do their share of work, etc. We will soon be the old fogies, if we are not now, in the eyes of the rising generation.

His Honor Judge Hughes, in his remarks to the grand jury, at the recent general sessions, paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Richard Locker. He said that he had known Mr. Locker for many years, that he had always maintained the highest respect for him, both as a man and as a citizen—that he was a man whose influence for good in this county was always manifest. He had been long a painstaking and honest public servant in municipal affairs, and it was a reflection upon those who had voted against him at the last election, in which he was defeated, that they were unable to appreciate so useful and farseeing a councillor as he had been, simply because he had seen the necessity for rebuilding and rendering efficient the county court house, which had met with his own and the approval of every enlightened taxpayer, excepting none. The remarks of His Honor regarding the value of Mr. Locker as a citizen will be endorsed by everyone, but we are of the opinion that Mr. Locker did not lose enough votes over his action in regard to the court house building to cause his defeat. He lost a few on this account, no doubt, but very few. His peculiar location, with a strong candidate on either side, pulled votes from him and was, in our opinion, the main cause of his defeat.

Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates rheumatism. Don't delay with it a minute. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and cure it.

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Christmas Wedding.

The home of Mrs. Jane Hughes, Kingshill, was the scene of a very pretty wedding when her granddaughter, Mabel Gordon, was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. E. Strong, a prosperous young farmer of Malahide. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. Cross, of Aylmer, under an arch of evergreen and holly. They entered the room to the strains of the wedding march, ably played by Miss Gertrude Black, of Toronto, in the presence of about forty invited guests, the bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Claudia, while Mr. Harry Hubbard, of Tilsonburg, acted as best man. The bride looked very pretty dressed in a travelling suit of fawn with blue satin bodice and carriage, while the bridesmaid wore pink satin and pink carnations. Myrtle Hughes and Olive Cross were little maids of honor. After the ceremony they sat down to a sumptuous repast Mr. and Mrs. Strong left on the 2:40 train for Hamilton and eastern points amidst showers of rice and good wishes of all. The presents were both numerous and costly, a token of esteem in which the bride was held. Those from a distance were Dr. Hughes, Milwaukee; Miss Gertrude Black, Toronto; Mr. Frank Hughes, brother of the bride, Buffalo; Mrs. and Miss Herron, Courtland; Ambrose Hughes, Inlay City, Mich.

Sneeze and Blow.

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MARRIED.

HARRET—HIT. On the 25th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents by the Rev. Geo. Mason, Mr. W. W., son of Mr. Wm. H. Harret, of Centreville, to Miss Frances, daughter of Mr. Wm. Hite, of Calton.

LEVITT—MILLS. By Pastor Geo. Cross, at the Baptist parsonage, Aylmer, Ont., on Dec. 26th, 1900, Mr. Thomas S. Levitt, of South Dorchester, to Miss May Mills, of Aylmer.

STRONG—HUGHES. By Pastor Geo. Cross, on Dec. 25th, 1900, at the residence of Marcellus Hughes, uncle of the bride, Mr. Chas. E. Strong, to Miss Mabel S. Hughes, all of Malahide.

E. H. Green

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

Card of Thanks.

I find it utterly impossible at the present time to express my feelings of gratitude to the many kind friends who, during the long and trying illness of my beloved wife, were so untiring in their efforts to alleviate her sufferings and render all possible aid and assistance to myself and family. I can only say that while it is a physical impossibility for me to see each one and thank you personally, I fully appreciate your kindness and shall never forget it so long as I live.

Yours truly,
W. WARNOCK.

JOINT NOTE IS NOW SIGNED.

What the Foreign Powers Demand of the Chinese Envoys.

In Addition to the Indemnities Demanded, China Will Have to Destroy Her Forts and Cease Importing Arms—Membership in Anti-Foreign Societies Is to Be Punishable by Death—An Answer Expected by Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The text of the joint note of the powers demanding certain conditions from China was issued on Saturday. It has been signed by all the foreign ministers at Peking. Reparation for the murder of Baron von Ketteler and Chancellor Sujiyama is demanded. The Boxers must be punished and official examination of towns suspended. The importation of arms is forbidden, indemnities are demanded, the destruction of forts is ordered and foreign legations will hereafter be guarded by their own troops.

An Imperial Decree.

Perhaps the most important clause is Clause 10, which reads as follows: The Chinese Government to cause to be published during two years in all the newspapers an Imperial decree, (a) Embodying a perpetual prohibition, under penalty of death, of membership in any anti-foreign society. (b) Enumerating the punishments that shall have been inflicted on the guilty with regard to the suspension of official examinations in the cities where foreigners have been murdered or have been subject to cruel treatment; and (c) Furthermore, an Imperial decree to be issued and published through the Empire, ordering that the Governor-General (vice-regent) and all provincial or local officials shall be held responsible for the maintenance of order within their respective jurisdiction, and that, in the event of renewed anti-foreign disturbances, or any other infractions of treaty occurring and which shall not forthwith be suppressed and the guilty persons punished, they, the said officials, shall be removed and forever disqualified from holding any office or honor.

An Answer Expected by Thursday.

Peking, Dec. 23.—Li Hung Chang, answering an enquiry from the foreign envoys regarding his health, said he believed he would be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, and, in order to accept, with Prince Ching, the preliminary joint note. The note will be presented by the Spanish Minister, Senor de Cologan, of the diplomatic corps, with a few words expressive of a hope of as prompt a reply as possible to a note which has been carefully prepared, with every desire to continue the dynasty, and not to be hard toward the nation, and of a further hope that the Chinese plenipotentiaries will urge upon Emperor Kwang Su the necessity of immediate compliance. An answer is expected about Thursday.

Without "Losing Her Face."

London, Dec. 24.—Dr. Morrison, writing to The Times from Peking, Saturday, says that official Chinese declare that China will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

Wu Chang To Be Opened.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The semi-official Temps announces, in confirmation of the Press despatches that the Viceroy of the Provinces of Huh Pei and Hu Nan, declares that Wu Chang will be made an open port.

Despatch From Waiderssee.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The following despatch from Field Marshal Count von Waiderssee, dated Peking, Friday, Dec. 21, has been received here: "A column despatched from Pao Ting Fu, commanded by Major Haine, engaged a force of Chinese regulars Dec. 15, at Yang Tsing Sien, 90 kilometres north-east of Pao Ting Fu. Our losses were one officer and two non-commissioned officers wounded. The Chinese losses were considerable."

A column was sent Dec. 10 from Tien Tsin, commanded by Colonel Gruber, to Yu Tien Hsien, 100 kilometres north-west of Tien Tsin."

Hoshi Torn Quits Office.

Yokohama, Dec. 24.—Hoshi Torn, Minister of Communications, and formerly Japanese Minister to the United States, has resigned his portfolio in consequence of the persistent allegations of his implication in financial scandals. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hara, formerly Minister to Korea. It is possible that the stability of the Ito Cabinet will be affected.

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January 10 and 11, 1901.

Sessions will be held on the 10th at 1:30 p.m., and on the 11th at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The following speakers will be present:
D. DRUMMOND, of Myrtle,
—AND—
J. E. ORR, of Fruitland.

Mr. Drummond's subjects will be: 1. "The Summer Care of Dairy Cows." 2. "Cultivation of Manure." 3. "Conservation of Soil Moisture." 4. "The Dairy Cow, How to Find Her."

Mr. Orr's subjects will be: 1. "Common Insects Attacking Fruit and Foliage and How to Destroy Them." 2. "Spraying an Apple Orchard." 3. "Care of Fruit Trees." 4. "Plum Growing for Profit."

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