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BAND CONCERT.

The concert given in the high school hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Citizens' Band, was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The programme was well balanced, the requisite amount of humor being a welcome feature of the entertainment.

Excellent orchestral music was supplied by Messrs Patterson and Barber, violinists; H. W. Kincaid, cornet; A. J. Slack, banjo; S. Manhardt, trombone; and Miss Ross, piano. Mr. Patterson, besides rendering invaluable service in the orchestra as first violinist, also, in company with Mr. A. J. Slack, gave a fine exhibition of banjo "picking," and their duet was encored by a delighted audience.

Miss Elma Wiltse was in good voice and her vocal solo, "Where the Sweet Magnolias Bloom," was received with marked favor.

Miss Ross gave a piano solo, "Racing Down the Rapids," a piece requiring rapid execution and precise treatment, and her performance was warmly applauded.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lillie appeared in both parts of the programme and each of her numbers was encored and re-encored. She graciously responded to the re-calls and her fine stage presence, clear articulation, and the appropriate, natural gestures with which she accompanied her topical songs delighted the audience.

"A Night with Music," a piece written for the occasion, was rendered in an inimitable manner by Miss Mabel Slack. Her inflections and posings in relating the story, which was full of satire and amusing situations, were such as to add all that was necessary to make the number thoroughly enjoyable.

A recitation by Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb clearly pointed out the necessity for a good understanding existing between little and big sisters, and the manner in which she, as the little sister, took her big sister's beau into her confidence was highly entertaining.

Mr. C. C. Slack's composition, "My Old Canadian Home," was well rendered by a quartette, consisting of Mrs. Lamb, Miss Boyce, Messrs. H. W. Kincaid and E. S. Clow. The harmony in the chorus was very sweet and this latest addition to the national songs Canada was warmly applauded.

Master Maurice Foley, who is the possessor of a good voice, sang with pleasing effect "The Messenger Boy," and was rewarded with an encore.

Mr. C. C. Slack received the welcome of an old favorite, and was rapturously applauded upon each appearance. His first song was an original composition, "Under the Rafters Grey" and his second, "O'Dooley's 5 o'clock Tea." Though widely dissimilar in character, his rendering of both was such as to fully merit the encores he received. He was not less happy in his responses, and they were among the most popular features of the evening.

For the difierent vocal numbers, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Lillie very efficiently performed the duties of accompanist.

The national anthem, heartily sung by all, brought this very pleasant evening to a close.

THE BIG WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Wiltse of North Dakota were lately the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Harper of Elbe.

We often hear accounts from our local young gentlemen who occasionally visit "the distant" with a view to exploring the wonders there developed in farming, the magnitude of which is so immence as to almost confound and baffle as we contemplate them.

Mr. Wiltse began pioneer life eighteen years ago and has been successful in farming on the prairie bottom land. He says there is no timber in sight, except a 400-acre block of woods seven or eight miles away—an island in an ocean of flowers and grasses. Eight years ago he planted eight acres with box-elder and ash seed (a variety of fast growing ash not known to us), and the trees in the grove are about four to five inches in diameter and fifteen to twenty feet high.

The yield of wheat is all the way from ten to thirty-five bushels per acre. A man with two hundred acres of wheat and under is called a small farmer (the class he claims that he is in), as many sow 600 or 700 acres of wheat. There is a farm fifteen miles from his place where they harvest 25,000 to 30,000 bushels annually.

Some of the binders cut a swath 12 feet wide. The binder is pushed ahead by six horses, and steered by a rudder accurately. Threshing machines are set twice on an eighty-acre lot of wheat. The wheat is threshed from the shock in the field, as it would entail useless, endless labor to draw this mass to a barn and then carry the straw all out again; therefore they have no grain barns, nor do they need any, but they have large stables for stock, usually 30 ft wide and 70 ft long, affording storage for abundance of hay. The threshing machine has no one to feed as ours do. The sheaves are carried in an elevator in a continuous double row, and near the concave and above it are a set of knives adjusted to cut the bands and plunge the sheaves into the great throat of the machine, which separates from 2,000 to 2,500 bushels of wheat daily. Four men are required to pitch the sheaves into this elevator. No bags are used, but large wagon boxes holding 100 to 150 bushels are filled by an elevator attached to the thresher; these are driven to the great storage elevator where they pass in turn on to the scales. Weighing a wagon load occupies but a minute, then the wagon passes on and by the touch of a lever the hind end of the wagon drops until the bottom of the box is so low that when the tail-board is unfastened the load slides instantly into a pit, from which it is rapidly elevated 70 feet and deposited in the bin of your choice to await pleasure in selling. The load is weighed, unloaded, wagon weighed, and on the road back again in five minutes. And so the farmer handles thousands of bushels of grain all his life and never lifts a pound.

A granary is used only to store grain for seed, which is greater in quantity than most of our farmers grow altogether. Blue-stem and Fife are the favorites. Soft wheat gets hard in two years' sowing.

One man harrows 40 acres in a day. The stroke is two rods wide and generally half a mile long. Plowing on a similar scale. They do summer plowing for the next year's crop.

Mr. Wiltse's son put in 150 acres on one place and 95 on another last spring without help.

Each farmer buys all the land next his lot, if he can. Therefore, roads and neighbors are far apart. Mr. Wiltse's nearest neighbor is a mile and a half distant.

Mr. Wiltse also sowed 30 acres of flax, which yielded 550 bushels of seed, which he sold at $1.50 per bushel. It is no more trouble or expense to cultivate flax than wheat.

He says that there has been no rain or snow in North Dakota up to a week ago last Friday.

Cattle up to date have subsisted upon the luxuriant natural meadows.

How limited our circle of knowledge! How little we know of this little world! With constantly accelerating motion, the Car of Progress moves. The people are in a dizzy whirl—the nations are waltzing to the fascinating strains of the syrens, Fame and Glory.

W. S. H.

ATHENS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Following is the honor roll of Athens public school for the month of January:

Inter. I.—Keitha Purcell, Rae Kincaid, May Price.

Sr. I.—Keneth Blancher, Martha King, Hattie Wiltse, Nellie Earl.

Jr. Pt. II.—Carrie Covey, Elmer Scott, Merrick O'Laughlin.

Sr. Pt. II.—Mabel Jacob, Laura Blancher, Geo. Foley, Esther Kincaid.

Jr. II.—Vera Gainford, Gertrude Cross, Blake Cross, Jean Karley, Carson McNamee and Caroline LaRose.

Sr. II.—Effie Blancher, Lloyd Wilson, Glenn Earl, Stevie Stinson, Roy Parish.

Jr. III.—Alberta Weart, Leita Arnold, Lily Asseltine, Manliff Berney, Jimmie McLean.

Sr. III.—Raymond Greene, Edna Fair, Chrystal Rappell, Hazel Rappell, George Hawkins.

Jr. IV.—Berta Abernethy, Winnie Wiltse, Mary McLaughlin, Claude Gordon, Pearl Crawford.

Sr. IV.—Jessie Taplin 406, Wilfred Greene 285, Roberta Ross 283, Gordon Barber 280, Mamie Lee 259, Arthur Merrick 259, Oph. Brown 242, Pearl Fair 237, Arlissa Hagerman 230, Harry Cawley 223, Budd Covey 215, Claude Patterson 180, Lena Fair 162, Kenneth McCallum 127.

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THE LATEST WAR NEWS

London, Tuesday, Feb. 6.—The report of the advance of Gen. Buller is still unconfirmed. It was announced at the War Office last night that no news of his having recrossed the Tugela had been received, and nothing has come from the correspondents.

A Ladysmith correspondent, in a heliogram, dated Jan. 31, reports, that the situation there is unchanged. He says that the garrison's chief occupation is "sitting on the koptjes." The Boer artillery is silent, except for an occasional half dozen rounds.

In the absence of anything important from Natal, attention is fixed on Colesberg and that neighbourhood, where, according to a report which reached Cape Town Monday, there is great activity. It is stated that Gen. French is engaged in an important movement with the object of seizing the railway bridge across the Orange river. The despatch adds that an overwhelming force of infantry has been sent to capture Norval's pont. The cavalry having completed their reconnaissance, are being retired to recoup their losses.

Another Cape Town telegram asserts that the Boers at Colesberg are virtually surrounded, but nothing whatever is elucidated.

Strathbona's Force.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Recruiting for the Strathcona contingent began to-day in the West, and reports from Col. Steele show that the only difficulty of the situation will be one of selection.

Dr. McEachren, who is in the West for the purchase of the horses to accompany the regiment, reports that the prospects are splendid for securing the sort of mounts that are called for.

Making a Wide Detour.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 6.—Military opinion in London continues to assume from very slender materials that Gen. Buller is again throwing his army against the Boer works. A retired general, Sir Wm Henry Green, whose distinguished career gives weight to his opinion, thinks that Gen. Buller with 25,000 men is making a wide detour to the west and north, in order to avoid the roughest parts of the country. As General Buller must have some thousands of wagons, Sir Wm Green points out that the advance would necessarily be slow.

No authentic word is at hand save that the war office reaffirmed orally to newspaper enquirers at a late hour that it could not confirm the reported advance. There the Natal situation rests.

THE LATE HERBERT HULL.

On Saturday last, 3rd inst., B. Loverin, treasurer, on behalf of Court Athens No. 784 Independent Order of Foresters, presented the widow of the late Herbert J. B. Hull, who was killed at the recent fire in Athens, with a cheque for $1,000, being the amount for which he was insured in that order. At the same time, Mr T. S. Kendrick, chairman of a committee appointed by the Court to prepare and present to Mrs. Hull an address from the Court, accompanied by Mr. E. D. Price, read and presented the following address on behalf of the members of Court Athens No. 784:—

Mrs. J. H. B. Hull

DEAR MADAM,—We extend to you in behalf of Court Athens No. 784 heartfelt condolences upon the peculiarly sad death of your husband and our fraternal brother.

As a member of the I. O. F., we had every reason to esteem our departed brother. His regular attendance at our meetings, the zeal he at all times manifested in aiding every project having for its object the promotion of Liberty, Benevolence and Concord, and his many admirable personal qualities, endeared him to to all, and we deeply sympathise with you in the great loss that you have sustained.

We trust that from the depths of this deep experience you may look to Him who has promised to give special care and protection to the widow and orphan, and be thereby strengthened and comforted.

Signed in behalf of the Court.

T. S. KENDRICK.
B. LOVERIN.
E. D. PRICE.

Mrs. Hull was deeply affected by the tokens of regard expressed in the address, as well as the personal expressions of sympathy and condolence tendered her by the individual members of the delegation. She was assured of the wish of the members of the Court to further assist her by words of counsel and advice as to the management of her affairs, and that she had only to call on any member of the Court for assistance, which they knew would be freely and cheerfully given.

ADDISON

The English church Sunday school, which is held in Ashwood Hall, and has been closed since the death of the superintendent, Mr. Abel Scott, was re-opened on Jan. 14th and Mr. J. L. Latimer was appointed superintendent. When the Sunday school started, over six years oge, Mr. Scott was appointed superintendent, which position he held until his sudden death on Dec. 22, and here, by his kind acts, cheerful words, and unselfishness, he was beloved by every member of the Sunday school, and by his death each one feels that he has lost a true friend and a wise adviser.

Mr. Scott was always ready to help in all good works, and not only will he be missed in his Sunday school, but also in his lodge room, where for 34 years he has been a member of L. O. L. No, 14 of Addison, where he has always held office, being master for the past eight years. In his lodge he was an exemplary member and was never absent except in the case of sickness. He has held the position of District and County Master, so that the Protestant cause has lost a strong supporter. Mr. Scott was also a member of C. O. C. F. in Addison and was esteemed by all the members. He was a warm supporter of the English church and in politics a staunch Conservative and his loss as a friend and a neighbor is deeply felt in the community. In his home, he was a loving husband and a kind father, and great sympathy is felt for the bereaved family in this severe trial. Yet, amidst their sorrow, may there come that comforting thought that he has done his Master's work well and has only been called home where he awaits the arrival of his loved ones.

The most important astronomical event of 1900 will be the eclipse of the sun on May 28th, total in the Southern States, and about ninety per cent. in this section.

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