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Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

NOMINATIONS

There was a large attendance of ratepayers at the nomination meeting for Rear Yonge & Escott, which opened at the town hall at 1 p.m. on Monday. The following were nominated:—

For Reeve—Thos. Moulton and John Mulvena.

For Councillors—Joseph Clow, Fred Hayes, Morley Earl, John Cowan, Wallace C. Brown, Jas. W. Wiltsie.

At the conclusion of the nomination, the clerk, Mr. R. E. Cornell, was voted to the chair, and the members of the council for 1904 were invited to speak.

Mr. Thos. Moulton, reeve, gave a very clear and satisfactory account of his stewardship, dealing concisely with the various problems of municipal government that had come up for solution. A year ago, in retiring from the reeveship, Mr. Erasmus Rowsome praised very highly the faithfulness and ability of Mr. Moulton, and his record this year fully justifies the words then spoken. The announcement of his resignation therefore was received with regret.

Mr. John Cowan dealt in an interesting way with two live subjects—the toll gates and the stone-crusher. He favored freeing the road by purchase providing the company would not set a fair price upon it. The crusher he still thought would prove a good investment, though for various reasons the cost of running it this year had been greater than it should have been. Mr. Cowan resigned his nomination.

In responding to his nomination, Mr. Jas. W. Wiltsie said that the whole council had unanimously agreed upon the purchase of the crusher, and that those who criticized the results of the past season should remember that they represented two or three years' road-work.

Mr. Fred Hayes gave a succinct account of the purchase of the crusher and its work during the season, praising Mr. Mulvena's management of its operation. He also made a suggestion respecting the toll-gates purchase to which we shall refer later.

Mr. Mulvena, reeve elect, returned thanks for the honor conferred.

Messrs. Clow, Earl and Brown also spoke briefly in acknowledgement of the honor that had been conferred upon them.

The council for 1905 will be constituted as follows:—

Reeve—John Mulvena.
Councillors—Joseph Clow, Morley Earl, Wallace C. Brown, Jas. W. Wiltsie.

Geo. P. Wight, Esq., presented figures in support of his view that the crusher was a good investment. In the division of which he is overseer 202 yards of stone had been put on the road at a cost of \$42.00.

Mr. Donavan was invited to speak and in response he delivered a congratulatory, peace-and-good-will, congratulatory address, flavored with politics. Messrs. S. A. Taplin and John Cowan responded, and while complimenting Mr. Donavan on his eloquence and tact they assured him that the party fence would be maintained as of old, so that he need expect no Liberal lambs would stray into his pasture.

Mr. Wiltsie is the only veteran member of the council, but the new members are all young, energetic, enterprising men, and the ratepayers of Rear Yonge & Escott may confidently expect good results to follow their year in office.

ATHENS

A large representation of the ratepayers of the village attended the nomination at the town hall in the evening. At the expiry of the statutory hour, Mr. Loverin, returning officer, read the following list of nominations:—

For Reeve—Fred Pierce, C. H. Smith, A. M. Eaton, H. R. Knowlton, Wm. Karley, A. E. Donoyau, W. H. Jacob, S. A. Taplin, A. M. Chasless.

For Councillors—Robt. Irwin, W. H. Jacob, Alex. Green, C. L. Lamb, Jacob Morris, Alex. Taylor, Alden Slack, Geo. A. Lee, T. S. Kendrick, Benson Towriss, I. M. Kelly, A. M. Eaton.

For Trustee—Jos. Thompson, Jas. Ross, Wallace Connerty, G. F. Donnelly.

It was expected that the discussion of village affairs might become just a little warm in spots, but those who were looking for oratorical fireworks were disappointed. The reeve, Mr. H. R. Knowlton, delivered a clear, moderate, modest address in which the work of the year was clearly set forth, and

the tone of his speech was maintained by the speakers following. Respecting the town hall, he thought that its cost, which would be \$10,000, which would be \$1,000 less than if the same received from Brockville had been accepted. He then briefly reviewed the financial statement and showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. In respect to the early closing litigation, he read from the Ontario statutes to prove that the council had no option in the matter of passing the law, and from the local by-laws to prove that Chief Hillis was acting in accordance with his duty as defined by the by-law appointing him to office when he took action to enforce early closing. He did not know the extent of the village's liability in connection with the litigation.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Jacob endorsed the reeve's address in neat speeches.

Messrs. Alex. Taylor and C. L. Lamb, other members of this year's council, were absent.

The Returning Officer explained the new law relating to nominations, under which it was unnecessary for candidates to resign in order to avoid having their names placed on the ballot paper.

Several of those nominated responded briefly when their names were called but only Messrs. Smith, Jacob, Earl, Erick and Slack intimated their willingness to accept office.

Mr. Karlo questioned certain figures on the financial statement and received satisfactory explanations from the reeve. Then he, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Taplin expressed themselves very strongly on the subject of the early closing litigation, holding that it was the duty of the merchants, in whose private interest it was carried on, to pay the costs of the suit.

Mr. Donvan delivered a capital address, discussing timely topics in a pleasing way. While complimenting the villagers on the erection of the new town hall, he made a pathetic reference to the old substantial hall in which they were assembled, and said that so far as the village was concerned this was probably a farewell nomination meeting. Mr. Taplin followed in a neat speech along the same line, and recalled the fact that he had sat in council in that hall forty years ago.

Mr. Joseph Thompson spoke briefly regarding the work of the trustees board, and explained the conditions that had rendered necessary the employment of a fifth teacher.

It was thought that notwithstanding the large number nominated there would be no difficulty in avoiding a poll being held, and with that end in view a conference of the candidates was held at the clerk's office on Tuesday evening. All were present except Mr. Eaton and Mr. Irwin. Mr. Connerty resigned his nomination for trustee, which made Messrs. Thompson, Ross and Donnelly members of the board. No results followed a careful consideration of how the council difficulty could be settled, and so the matter is referred to the ratepayers with the following candidates in the field:—

For Reeve—C. H. Smith, A. M. Eaton.

For Councillor—A. J. Slack, R. Irwin, C. L. Lamb, T. S. Kendrick, W. H. Jacob, Benson Towriss.

A Big Surprise

Another big surprise is announced in the Family Herald and Weekly Star of this week. No person who knows anything of the value of such a story as Ralph Connor's latest success, "The Prospector," could ever imagine any Canadian newspaper strong enough to pay the price demanded for the exclusive rights to such a story. Nevertheless the Family Herald by way of a Christmas present to its readers has actually secured it. "Nothing too good for the Family Herald readers" seems to be the motto of the publishers of that great Weekly. We predict a greater demand than ever for the Family Herald, and few present readers will now want to have their paper stopped. It will be remembered that the Family Herald had exclusive use of "The Man from Glenary," now it has the new and great story by the same author.

Elbe Honor Roll

Sen. 3rd—Edna Foxton.
Sen. 2nd—Carrie Green.
Jun. 2nd—Lucy Green, Ella Holingsworth, Wilford Green.
Sen. Pt. 2nd—Reggie Brown, Stanley Green, Jay McMullen.
Jun. Pt. 2nd—Aggie Green, Mary McMullen.
L. GODDALL, Teacher.

Farewell, Old Year, farewell!—but Hark!

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Ring out the false, ring in the true."*

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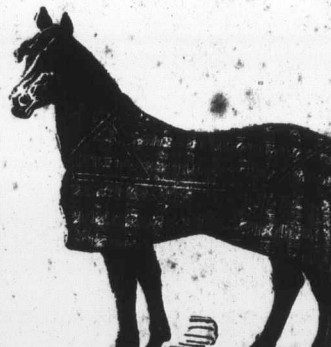
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Your orders will receive prompt and careful attention.

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UNDERTAKING

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FAMOUS BACHELORS IN HISTORY

Best Known Unmarried Man of To-day is Undoubtedly Henry James.

Literature has furnished a long string of names to the list of eminent bachelors. Possibly the best known unmarried man of letters to-day is Henry James, the novelist.

He maintains stoutly that the artist, no matter what the medium of his expression, should remain single, on the ground that the petty cares and anxieties of domestic life tend to wear out delicately adjusted nerves and exhaust the mental fibre of genius.

SAYS HE WAS A TOTAL WRECK

But Dodd's Kidney Pills Made Him a New Man of Life

Geo. Robertson Had Rheumatism and Dropsy—Had to be Tapped—Doesn't Know What it is to be Sick Now

Montreal, Que., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Mr. George Robertson, well known in Montreal living at 392 St. James street, Montreal, is one of the many people in this city who are never without Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house.

In several mining counties of Pennsylvania the local authorities are attempting to secure legislation that will fasten the expense of paupers and criminals upon the coal companies which brought them to the neighborhood.

FLORIDA AND THE SUNNY SOUTH

Winter excursion tickets now on sale by the Lehigh Valley Railroad

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Some fellows can borrow you a favor. To treat her with the ungrudging courtesy

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MATERNAL INSTINCT OF A POLAR COW.

Polar cows are not very difficult to shoot, but they are highly valued game by the Arctic explorer. In pursuing a small herd, Otto Svendrup, author of 'New Land: Four Years in the Arctic Regions,' noticed the following evidence of maternal affection in a cow for its calf:

"As the herd started I noticed that one of them had a newly born calf. The herd went up a steep snow drift, eight or ten feet in height, and the calf made a brave attempt to follow, but when it had almost reached the top, lost its footing and rolled down to the bottom.

Barring the Door.

Thousands of people in this city and its suburbs are spending money for Christmas gifts. Most of them look to the advertisements in the newspapers for hints as to what to buy and where to buy it.

Minard's Lintment Cures Diphtheria.

Thus far British East India has not discriminated in favor of English goods. A German trade paper explains this by saying that India recognizes the importance of other European countries as buyers.

SULPHUR FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Sulphur is one of the most efficacious and simple cures for diphtheria. All that is needed is flour of sulphur and a quill, and with these, it is said, one celebrated physician cured every patient without exception.

Minard's Lintment Cures Distemper.

The Fort Worth & Denver Railroad is doing a good many good things for the Panhandle country. Not the least promising of these is its effort to promote the growth of trees upon the plains.

Pictures of Mrs. Chadwick. Judging from her published photographs, Mrs. Chadwick is a handsome, young brunette, with an ugly face and flaxen hair.

INDURATED FIBRE WARE EDDY'S There is nothing in the market approaching the quality of. make of this ware. See that EDDY'S name is on the bottom of each pail and tub.

NAME OF MARY UNPOPULAR.

Disliked in England, but Still Common in Catholic Countries. Fashion in names is a curious study. There is a good reason for most changes and crazes and the folk who have recently been lamenting that Mr. Barrie has made the name of Mary unpopular, are quite correct in supposing that this change of fashion will have its way.

In the royal world of Paris the names of Dorothee and Amelie were almost as popular as Marie for some time after the marriage of the Duke of Orleans, but for certain well known reasons this fashion did not last long.

Bald-Headed Men Want Many Hair Cures.

The secretive, taciturn barber was finally induced to talk. He remarked: "I have noticed one peculiarity about my customers that I could never quite explain. The less hair a man has the more attention he pays to it."

Driving Long Distance to a Dance.

"People out West think nothing of a drive of thirty or forty miles a day," said J. A. German, trade paper editor, in this city.

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LOCAL ITEMS

—Select Oysters, Wilson's Meat Market
 —Best Manitoba Flour at Athens Grain Warehouse.
 Miss Ethel DeWolfe of Junctown is home for vacation.
 Mr. A. H. Jones, medical student, of Toronto, is home for vacation.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson of Brockville visited friends in Athens on Monday.
 Mr. Abner Freeman of Gouverneur, N.Y., spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Prince street.
 Mr. Walter Landers of Toronto spent Christmas at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Stone.
 Mr. N. L. Massey was able to take part in the closing ceremonies of the A.H.S. on Thursday last.
 Mr. Harry Blanchard of Mallorytown, a student at McGill University, visited friends in Athens this week.
 Mr. W. M. Stevens and daughter, Miss Mary, of Ottawa, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kincaid.
 Dr. E. Moles of Norwich, Ont., spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Moles, Reid street.
 At the Christmas service in the Baptist Church Miss Culbert, a pupil of Miss Weeks, sang a highly appreciated solo—"The Choir Celestial."
 Mr. William Jones, late a popular and successful teacher at Lyndhurst, left this week for Wetskiwan, Assa., where he takes a good position in the school of that town.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Richards of Frankville were guests of Mrs. S. Stone on Monday. Mrs. Stone, we are pleased to learn, was able to enjoy the day with her guests.
 On Sunday next both services in the Methodist church will be taken by the Rev. Wm. Pearson of Newboro. Rev. Mr. Hughes will conduct anniversary services at Newboro.
 —Our stock of Perfume is too large and we want to reduce it; for a few days, will make a big discount—25% off marked price. Call and let us show you.—J. P. Lamb & Son.
 Rev. S. J. Hughes, afflicted with grippe, was unable to conduct the service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, and his work was taken very acceptably by the Rev. Wm. Rilance.
 Mr. Charles Shook has returned home after spending the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Shook. Mr. Delbert Shook is spending a couple of weeks with his uncle, J. Townsend of Long Point.
 Mr. and Mrs. Theron McCrady and son Allan of Winnipeg, Manitoba, arrived in Athens Friday night on a visit to Miss Caroline L. Wilcox street. Mr. McCrady is also visiting his father at Lyn, whom he has not seen for 25 years.
 After an absence of twenty eight years, Samuel Scott, an old resident of Elizabethtown, is visiting the home of his boyhood days. He was last week a visitor of his brother, Benjamin, of this place, and spent Christmas here. He is also visiting his brother Stephen of Lyn. He finds many changes since he left, a good many of his old friends and neighbours having passed away. He resides in Vandewater, Michigan.

—At the regular meeting of the I.O.F. on Friday evening, officers for 1905 were elected. A full attendance of members is requested.
 —Notice—Farmers who want Shingles for next spring or summer. Try Athens Lumber Yard now. Large stock and good values.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rose of Mountain, Ont., are spending their holidays at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. L. Niblock.
 After a serious illness of two weeks, during the latter portion of which there was no hope of recovery, Mrs. (Dr.) Bourne, Frankville, died on Wednesday (28th).
 Mr. A. N. Sherman left Athens on Friday last for Brockville. He had a very busy time while here, treating patients all day long and sometimes to a late hour at night.
 Mr. S. H. McBratney returned home on Monday from his horse and cattle ranch at Olds, Alberta. He is well satisfied with the prospects of that country of magnificent distances.
 At the close of the term in the A.M.S., the teachers in training presented Principal McIntosh with a handsome gold ring as a token of their appreciation of his faithful and efficient work.
 Miss Wright of Ottawa, who spent Xmas with her mother, returned to the city on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary, who will spend a week visiting friends in the city.
 —Chamois Vests and Cheat Protectors—large assortment just received, in various sizes. Call and see them, even if you don't buy just now. No trouble to show them—prices low and goods first class.—J. P. Lamb & Son.
 The difficulty and expense of heating the new town hall so as to make it safe to put on plaster at this season would be great and the result probably unsatisfactory, so the contractor has consented to defer this part of the work until spring opens.
 Of the school entertainment held at Washburn's on Wednesday last a correspondent says: "Our popular teacher, Miss Jennie Davison, deserves great credit for the manner in which she had the pupils trained, all doing their parts well. Under the able chairmanship of Rev. Mr. Garrett of 'Delia', the entertainment was a great success."
 Recorder: On Monday evening, at the Presbytery, Very Rev. Dean Murray united in wedlock Mr. James Anderson a former young resident of Athens, and Miss Katie Allan. . . . On Tuesday evening Rev. L. A. Beths united in marriage Mr. Hebron A. Pierce of the township of Yonge and Miss Minnie Henderson of Elizabethtown.
 An enjoyable evening was spent by the children and friends of the Methodist Sunday-school, on Monday last, at the annual S. S. entertainment. The children had been carefully trained and acquitted themselves most admirably. The veteran superintendent, Mr. Fisher, presided. The report read by the secretary showed that both the attendance and finances of the school were in a healthy condition.
Election of Officers
 The members of Loy's Orange Lodge No. 2 Pine Hill, had a very pleasant time on the evening of Dec. 16th, it being their annual meeting for the election of officers.
 The newly elected officers, after being duly installed by the Past Master, made short addresses, which were much enjoyed by all. Officers for the coming year are as follows:—
 W.M.—Bro. Bismarck Green.
 Deputy M.—Bro. Wm. Jaquet.
 Chaplain—Bro. A. W. Johnston.
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E. S. RESULTS
 The following teachers in training at the Athens Model School won certificates as indicated:—
 Third Class—C. L. Avery, Gordon Hamilton, J. N. Ireland, C. Myers, C. Ross, O. Ningleton, Bernice Alford, Alma Brown, Lena Brown, Lily Caldwell, Jennie Davison, Annie E. Davis, Adeline Hagerman, Edythe Hagerman, Gladys Johnson, Edna McLaughlin, Myrtle McKinley, E. McAndrew, Ursula McNiel, Pearl E. Payne, Mae Pinkerton, Lillian Robertson, Luella Smith, Inez G. Stafford, Rita Willis and Maudie E. Wilcox.
 Renewals—Annie E. Anglin, Minnie Burns, Lucy Casley, May Green, Annie Hall, Mercy Smith and Lillian Stevens.
 District Certificate—Jean Bilton, Justine Davis, Blanche Eaton, and Clifford Kelly.

WILTSE—STEVENS
 A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, Glen Morris, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday last, when their daughter, Miss Myrtle, was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. John Wiltse of Addison. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Wing of Lyndhurst in the presence of about thirty invited guests. The bride looked charming in a suit of grey ladies cloth with red silk waist trimmed with white over-lace and hat to match. Miss Carrie Stevens, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and was attired in a suit of blue. The groomsmen were Mr. Nicholas Stevens of Watertown, cousin of the bride. The house was decorated with evergreens and Japanese lanterns. After the ceremony and congratulations, all adjourned to the dining room where a dainty wedding feast was partaken of by all. After tea the guests were entertained with both vocal and instrumental music and also with selections on a gramophone. The bride was the recipient of many valuable and useful presents.
 The bridal party left that evening for Brockville and Smith's Falls for a short honeymoon, amid showers of rice and good wishes from all. When they return, they will take up their residence at Addison.

BRESEE—STEACY
 Pretty indeed was the house wedding, which was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas H. Steacy on Thursday, Dec. 22nd, when their second daughter, Miss Victoria, was united in marriage to Mr. R. M. Breesee. To the strains of the wedding march, played by the orchestra, through a passage formed by the bride's youngest sister Lottie of white ribbon leading up to an altar banked with evergreens, over which was suspended a beautiful arch of evergreens and flowers, came the bridal company, consisting of Mr. Breesee, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father, and little Myrtle Taber who admirably filled her position as flower girl, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. Hughes in the presence of about forty assembled guests.
 The bride looked beautiful in her dainty white silver gown and pretty bridal veil, with lilies of the valley in her hair, and carrying a large bouquet of bridal roses.
 After the ceremony, which was performed at 11 a.m., and the usual congratulations, Miss Irma Culbert sang beautifully the "Choir Celestial." The company then repaired to the dining room, which was trimmed with evergreens, flowers and sunlax, where refreshments were served in a highly pleasing way by the bride's brother and sister; meanwhile the orchestra discoursed sweet music.
 The presents were numerous and costly. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch and to the flower girl a ring.
 The bride's going away gown was of black broad cloth, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Breesee left that afternoon for Montreal and other points, followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

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CARD OF THANKS
 The relatives of the late William Beach desire the Reporter to express their gratitude to the people of Athens for their many kindnesses.
 Mr. Beach left to mourn his loss 7 children, 26 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

An Ancient Foe
 To health and happiness is Scrofula—so ugly as ever since time immemorial. It causes blemishes in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, weakens the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.
 "Two of my children had scrofula sores which kept growing deeper and kept them from going to school for three months. Ointments and medicines did no good until I began giving them Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine cured the sores to heal, and the children have shown no signs of scrofula since." J. W. McGinn, Woodstock, Ont.
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 To clear out the balance of our Xmas stock, we offer 20 per cent off all such goods.
 This is an opportunity for you to secure some nice New Year's gifts at small cost.

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But they found nothing more after the tide went out, and though the remainder of the day was spent in dragging the shore, as far out as practicable, they met with nothing to throw any light upon the fate of the lad. It was thought that the repeated incoming and outgoing tides had doubtless carried him far out to sea and beyond their reach forever.

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Worms may be removed by the fumes of sulphur or coal tar, or by dropping one or two drops of kerosene or turpentine or kerosene on a saucer into the windpipe. A fumigator can be made from an old barrel.

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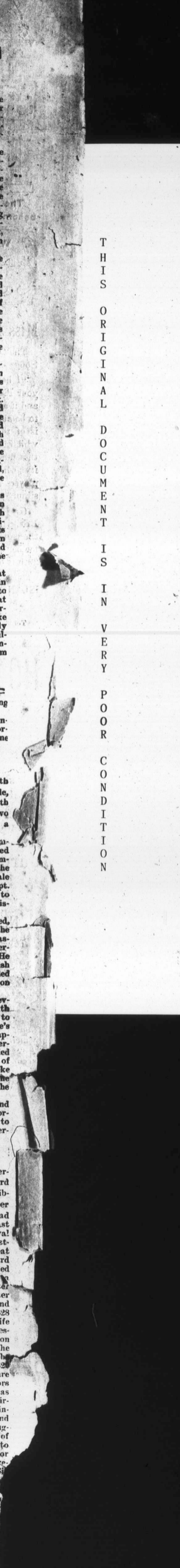
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CHAPTER XXVI.

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Commentary.—I. The testimony of John the Baptist (vs. 19-24). 19, This is the witness (R. V.). The sentence means...

III. How John knew Jesus (vs. 32-34). 32, Bare record—John the Baptist...

26. Not the Christ—The form of speech in this verse implies a very positive and unmistakable assertion. We have in this and the following verses an instructive example of true humility...

27. The voice—He was not the word, but merely a "voice." He was called a voice because, 1. He was uttering God's thought...

24. Pharisees—The Pharisees held most strenuously that no prophet, after Moses, had a right to introduce any new sacred usage, rite or ceremony among the people...

27. See R. V. After me Jesus is coming. Not worthy of a proverbial expression. The work of unloading and removing the sandals belonged to the humblest servant...

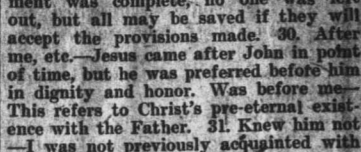
28. Bethabara. The R. V. has Bethany. (This was not the Bethany on the Mount of Olives.) Both names have nearly the same meaning, Bethany sometimes signifying "house."

29. The next day—After the testimony of John to the deputation from Jerusalem. See Jesus—The fact that John knew Jesus shows that the baptism and temptation (Matt. 12: 18 to 15: 11) preceded the events of this lesson...

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CHINA BACKING JAPAN.

WILL PREVENT A NEW INVASION OF MANCHURIA BY RUSSIA.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The American Board of Foreign Missions made public to-day a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Rev. D. C. Greene, D. D., of Tokio, in which Dr. Greene states that there are now 1,000 Chinese students, including 500 military cadets, in Tokio under the auspices of the Chinese Government...

There is no evidence, according to Dr. Greene, that Japan is becoming exhausted. The rice harvest of this year is estimated to be worth 130,000,000 yen more than the average, and is the best for twenty years.

60 Specialists on the Case.—In the ordinary run of medical practice a greater number than this have treated cases of chronic dyspepsia and have failed to cure them.

ERITREA'S NEW CAPITAL.

Italians Establish a Fine City in Their Colony on the Red Sea.

The Italian colony of Eritrea in Africa, fronting on the Red Sea, has a new capital. The distinction has been taken from Massawa, which is centrally situated on the coast, but is one of the hottest towns in the world and has a very unhealthy climate.

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A WOMAN AT THE PUMPS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The Austrian steamship Lucia, Captain Zaevich, arrived here to-day with nine men and one woman, rescued five hundred miles off the Spanish coast from the sinking three-masted schooner Stewiacke. For five days those aboard the schooner had been expected to be engulfed at any moment, and when the Lucia was in sight half of the Stewiacke was beneath the waves.

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More than 40,000 reservists have just been mobilized and sent to the front in spite of their protests that Russia is not their fatherland, and that they prefer to die in Poland, fighting for liberty and independence, to becoming food for Japanese cannon.

Contrary to the alleged orders of the Czar, fathers of families and widowers with families are taken without discrimination. One man, on receiving marching orders, hanged himself three times and then gave himself up to the military authorities with the remark: "I have no one with whom to leave them."

Another man was sent for on the day of his wife's death. He thereupon killed both his children, a girl of two years, and a new-born boy, with a hatchet, and placed them in their mother's coffin.

In another case a man killed his wife, his children and himself.

FIVE FIREMEN HURT

IN A DASTROUS FIRE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, TO-DAY.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Fire to-day on High street, near Broad, destroyed \$225,000 worth of property in the business district, and in an explosion during the fire five firemen were injured. The flames started in the Mithoff building in the rear of the First National Bank. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied as flats, and fifteen families resided there, but all were rescued.

The fire spread to the stores of the Krauss, Butler and Benning Company, one of the largest carpet and rug dealers in Central Ohio, and the Wheeler Grocery adjoining.

While the firemen were at work on the second floor of the Mithoff building there was an explosion of gas. Five firemen were injured, but none seriously. Of the total loss, \$50,000 is on the Mithoff building and \$100,000 on the stock owned by Krauss and Benning.

METHODIST CASES.

Appeals Heard Yesterday—One of Them a Hamilton Case.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Court of Appeal of the Methodist Church of Canada, presided over by Rev. Dr. Carman, after two sessions in the Wesley Building, on Tuesday and Wednesday, gave decision in four cases submitted for argument, last night.

The Methodist general conference imposed a tax of 2 1/2 per cent. of the superannuation fund on the Maritime provinces. They questioned the legality of conference in imposing the tax, and entered an appeal, which the court dismissed.

A minister in New Brunswick was given leave of absence by his congregation for a year. Shortly afterwards he resumed pastoral work. The appeal questioned his ministerial standing, and was sustained.

Another case was from the Hamilton conference, in which the college fund was discontinued an allowance for supply in case of death along with other supplies. The appeal was against this action and was dismissed.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Grand Trunk Shareholders Formally Guarantee Issue of Gold Bonds.

London, Dec. 26.—A special general meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway shareholders was held to-day for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming the resolution in relation to the Grand Trunk Pacific passed by the directors at the November meeting. After some discussion the resolution was carried.

London, Dec. 21.—(Associated Press Despatch.)—At a special meeting to-day of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk Railway, presided over by Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, it was agreed to guarantee the issue of \$7,500,000 four per cent. gold bonds for the construction of the Lake Superior branch of the road.

BOG SLIDE IN IRELAND.

Farm Houses Inundated by Moving Marsh-Inhabitants Flee.

Dublin, Dec. 26.—A bog calamity is reported from Castlereagh, Rosemoon County, west of Grand, in which much property has been destroyed and many lives were placed in danger. The bog at Cloonshevier suddenly began to move during the night.

All the farm houses in the path of the slide were submerged and the occupants had to flee for their lives, leaving all their belongings behind them.

TO CHECK FAMINE IN IRELAND. Government Believes Distress Will Not Be Acute for Weeks.

London, Dec. 26.—With reference to the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Irish Parliamentary party in Dublin on Dec. 15, calling upon the Government to extend aid and institute works to afford employment for those in the west of Ireland, who have been rendered destitute by the failure of the potato crop, the Irish office here states that there has been a partial failure of the potato crop in Ireland, Government reports show that the distress, if it occurs, will be acute before the end of January. The Government is taking steps to avert a famine.

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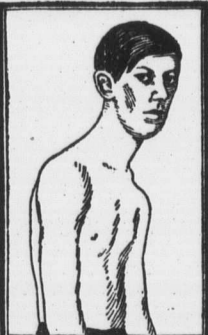
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Another A.M.S. term has passed into oblivion and only a memory remains of what was so pleasing an experience. Foremost among the pleasant happenings of the season, to at least a part of the class, might be mentioned the tour of the A.M.S. Theatrical Co.

The company presented the play, "Emeralda," four times, and on each occasion the undivided attention of the audience was retained throughout the play.

Nor can we overlook the strong and forceful acting of the "high spirited" Mrs. Rodgers; the forbearing mildness of the loving Emeralda and her hen-pecked father, Mr. Rodgers. The Marquis de Montessin, although unsuccessful in his suit for Emeralda's hand, played his part gracefully and well. The solitude of the Desmonds—Nora, Kate and Jack—for the reunion of Emeralda and her lover was nicely balanced and was brought to a happy culmination in spite of obstacles. Mr. Esterbrook's discovery of the transfer of the regard, he had previously borne Jack, to Nora and the consequent love scene was quite refreshing. Nor can we forget the constancy of the true, noble hearted Dave Hardy, who is finally rewarded by the love of his heart's desire.

On the Lyn trip, the party was very hospitably entertained at the beautiful home of Miss McNish.

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Baptist S. S. Entertainment

Last Wednesday evening the Baptist Sabbath-school had its annual concert in the main audience room of the church. The programme was good, the audience large, and Christmas trees well stocked with presents for the members of the Sabbath school, who seemed greatly to enjoy the appearance of Santa Claus and the nimble way in which he and his assistants undressed the tree. In the distribution, the pastor and his family were kindly remembered.

Since coming to Athens Miss Marie Weeks has very ably and faithfully performed the duties of organist in the Baptist church, besides assisting very materially in the choral service of the church. On Wednesday evening last she was presented with a token of appreciation in the form of a well-filled purse. The following address was read by Mr. Eric Jones:

Dear Miss Weeks,—It is with feelings of profound gratitude and esteem that we, as a church, look back upon the past few months and view with respect the many instances of love and sincere devotion which you have manifested since you first came into our midst. We have all admired, and justly so, your close application to duty and ready sacrifice of your own pleasure for the benefit of others and for the accomplishment of that great work in which we are all fellow laborers. From the first, you have worked as one amongst us and, with untiring efforts, have endeavored to make this work interesting and prosperous. It is thus that the members of the church take this opportunity of thanking you and presenting you with this slight token of their sincere gratitude. Along with it goes the wish that you may long be spared to continue your work and to prove in the future as you have in the past, a loving help and benefit to all.

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Canada Likes U. S. Raisins.

Raisins are becoming an important feature of the United States export trade in fruit, the total number of pounds of raisins exported in 1903 being 4,250,000, while for the year just ended the total will be about 4,000,000 pounds. Canada is the largest foreign customer for this product, the total quantity exported to Canada last year being over 3,000,000 pounds. The principal port of shipment was San Francisco, from which about 1,500,000 pounds were sent; from Detroit, 750,000 pounds; from the district of North and South Dakota, 500,000 pounds, and from New York 250,000 pounds. These shipments from the eastern ports originate, of course, on the Pacific Coast. Of apricots, the total exports of which amounted last year to over 9,000,000 pounds, 6,750,000 pounds were exported from New York and about 2,000,000 from San Francisco.

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JAPS CAPTURE IMPORTANT POSITION ON PIGEON BAY.

Togo's Fleet Again Torpedo the Sevastopol With Disastrous Results.

With the Exception of the Siberians, the Russian Troops Have No Hatred of the Japs.

Japanese Soldiers Commit Suicide Rather Than Surrender to the Russians.

London cable: According to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph it is reported that the flank of the Russian army is being forced to evacuate Ileshan fort, to the northward of 203-Metre Hill, with losses. It is stated that General Kikwanshan, the Japanese commander at Port Arthur, has asked for 60,000 reinforcements. Many have already arrived from the front.

Currently with the blowing up of the Sevastopol fort a Russian shell struck the Japanese position, exploding a large quantity of shells and grenades the Japanese suffered there. Great damage was done and there were many casualties.

Another cable from the same source says that the Japanese are crowding the Russian fort. After the Japanese captured the position, the Russian soldiers were ordered to surrender. Many of them refused, and committed suicide rather than fall into the hands of the Japanese.

rendered unconscious by the shock, but both were brought around all right. The letter was consumed. Two farm hands engaged in plowing a 160 acre plot in South Dakota were killed by lightning within three minutes. Three young kittens playing in a back yard in Indianapolis, Mo., were struck by lightning. One of them was killed, the other two being only slightly singed. The shop of a bird fancier in this city was struck by a bolt. Of two parrots in one cage one was killed and the other permanently blinded, besides being rendered deaf and dumb.

A gang of circus hands was trying to round up an escaped tiger in a Missouri town, when the tiger was struck dead by lightning. During a running race at an Illinois county fair, in which eleven horses were competing for the purse, the winning horse was struck dead instantly after having won the race by a head at the wire. None of the other horses, most of which were close up at the finish, was hurt at all.

An Indian fiddler was playing at a country dance, having a seat on the porch for the sake of the coolness there. His violin was knocked into kindling wood by a bolt of lightning, while he himself was only mildly shocked. A chicken hawk was struck dead while just in the act of swooping upon a flock of hens on an Iowa farm. None of the hens was hurt.

A locomotive engineer was struck dead while seated in his cab making a short freight run in Colorado, his fireman not even being shocked. A dozen girls in an Ohio seminary were shocked by a bolt of lightning while seated in the parlor. The same bolt killed one of the teachers at the other end of the building. A Tennessee farmer was feeding his hogs, standing in the middle of the pen, when he was hit by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. The hogs were not injured at all.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Bad Railway Wreck West of Fort William.

Fort William, Dec. 26.—A train of empty passenger coaches westbound collided with a freight near Tamarac 100 miles west of here. Conductor Patrick Savage, in charge of the passenger train, was killed; and his engineer, Sheridan, Fireman Reid and Mr. Southwick, of Sudbury Union Bank, a clerk, en route to Winnipeg, were injured.

The wreck, which occurred at 3.45 a. m., was a bad one, both locomotive and freight almost entirely demolished. A number of coaches and cars were smashed. Fire added horror to the scene, consuming two passenger cars; and in the debris the body of Sheridan was found. The engine of the freight had "died" on the train owing to a defective throttle, and Conductor Bell walked to Bonheur for assistance. A flagman was sent ahead to warn the approaching passenger train, but Engineer Sheridan for some unknown reason failed to see him and crashed into the standing freight at full speed. An investigation will be held to fix the blame. The crew of the freight saw the impending danger in time to escape.

SHOT THE WIDOW

Because She Would Not Accept His Attention.

Newfane, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Fred Jones, a clerk in Pettit's grocery store at Charlotteville, this afternoon shot and killed Constable Wm. Gray and Mrs. Abbie Goodrich, a widow, he then turned the revolver upon himself and fired a bullet into his brain. He is still alive, but surgeons say he cannot recover.

Jones was a suitor for Mrs. Goodrich's hand, and the shooting was the result of her refusal to accept his attentions. Jones is twenty-eight years old, and Mrs. Goodrich was fifty-four, and the mother of several children.

So persistent had Jones become that Mrs. Goodrich went before a Justice of the Peace at noon and made a complaint, claiming that he had threatened to kill her and set her buildings on fire. A warrant was issued and given to Constable Gray to serve. Gray went to the store where Jones was working.

STREET RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

Managers of the Roads Organize for Mutual Improvement.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The Canadian Street Railway Association was formed at a meeting held in the Windsor Hotel this morning when a constitution was adopted. According to the constitution, "the object of this association shall be the acquisition of experience, statistical and scientific knowledge, relating to the construction, equipment and operation of street railways, and the diffusion of this knowledge among the members of this association, with the view of increasing the accommodation of passengers, improving the service and reducing its cost, and the encouragement of cordial and friendly relations between the roads and the public."

GRAND TRUNK CHANGES.

Mr. Gullen's Appointment—Duties of Trainmasters Increased.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Mr. U. E. Gullen of the G. T. R. has been appointed assistant superintendent at London in succession to Mr. J. W. Viggins, who retired to accept service with another company. Mr. H. F. Coyle, train master at Belleville, will hereafter have charge of all matters pertaining to transportation in the sixth and seventh districts. The jurisdiction of Mr. L. G. Coleman, train master in the fourth district, is extended over the fifth district, with office in this city. As a consequence of these changes the office of assistant superintendent of the fifth, sixth and seventh districts is abolished.

Mr. Fred W. White has been appointed assistant purchasing agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and will assume his new duties next week.

Swept by Tidal Wave.

New York, Dec. 26.—After a tempestuous voyage, in which she was struck by a tidal wave, the Bol Star (ship) steaming from New York and arrived today from Antwerp. When the tidal wave struck the ship, one of her engines was thrown across the deck and had a leg broken, and a sailor from the crew's nest, but suffered serious injury. On the second day a storm-tossed insane and was put under restraint.

NAN PATTERSON BELIEVES SHE WILL BE ACQUITTED.

Closing Arguments of Counsel To-day and Then the Case Goes to the Jury.

New York despatch: Before another day Nan Patterson probably will know whether her long cherished desire to spend the Christmas holidays with her invalid mother in Washington, will be realized, or whether she will be doomed to return to her cell a convicted murderer. After more than six months of waiting she has seen the whole story of her life with Caesar Young, with its tragic ending, laid bare before a jury and to-day she waited for the word from them which will mean life or death to her. That she was supremely confident of the outcome there seemed no doubt; as was apparent from her own words: "I feel sure that the jury believes my story," she said, "and no matter what Mr. Rand says in regard to it, it will still be convinced of my innocence. I know of course, that such things are awfully uncertain, but I feel that I will be acquitted within a brief time after the jury adjourns to deliberate." To-day there remained only the closing scenes in the trial. The last word of testimony was heard at yesterday's short afternoon session, and when the court adjourned it was agreed that the closing arguments of counsel would be made to-day. Justice Davis had expressed a wish to give the case finally into the hands of the jury before adjournment to-night, and to that end agreement was made to continue the closing arguments to six hours. Half of that time was assigned to Abraham Levy, leading counsel for Miss Patterson, to sum up the case for the defendant. The remaining three hours was to be used by assistant district attorney Rand in marshaling the chain of circumstances forged by the prosecution. With the charge of Justice Davis instructing the jurors upon the various points of law, which have arisen during the long trial, the case will be complete. It will then be for the jurors themselves to determine when the end shall be known.

The appearance of the court room when Justice Davis took his seat on the bench to-day was in marked contrast to that of yesterday and the day before. Not more than half the seats were occupied to-day. Mr. Ungor, of counsel for the defense, renewed his motion for Justice Davis to order the acquittal of Miss Patterson without further proceedings, but the court denied the motion and directed counsel to proceed with the arguments. Mr. Levy then began the closing address to the jury for the defense.

Mr. Levy impressed upon the jury the fact that Miss Patterson was not being tried for immorality. If a man takes his life because of love for her why punish her?

Mr. Levy declared that every effort of the prosecution had failed to sustain the charge that Miss Patterson pursued and threatened to separate Young from his wife. All the evidence offered to prove that just the contrary was true, showing at all times Young's persistent and unflinching admiration.

He argued that the whole case of the prosecution was constructed of the most flimsy material and that this, if nothing more, should raise a doubt in the minds of the jurors.

A New York despatch: Judge Vernon M. Davis did not deliver his charge to the jury in the trial of Nan Patterson, the former actress, last night, but sent the jurymen home to rest after a day spent listening to the arguments of counsel.

Abraham Levy, chief counsel for the defendant, occupied the time of the morning session with his argument, while Assistant District Attorney Rand took up the afternoon with his speech. Both addresses were impassioned and eloquent. Mr. Levy swayed his listeners to tears at times by his reference to his client and the home coming in Washington which he anticipated.

Placing a Bible on the railing in front of the jurors, Mr. Levy read the eighth chapter of the Gospel of St. John. He laid particular emphasis on the sentence, "he that is without sin among you let him cast the first stone," and then he said to the jurors: "Will you say to her who sits before you here, in the words of Him who spoke at that time, 'Woman, go and sin no more?'"

"With the happiness of your own home before you and with joy of Christmas festival in anticipation are you going to condemn this young woman?"

"Do not send her to her doom now when the entire world is rejoicing. See how she sits abandoned by all except that old man, her aged father. I leave her in your hands, confident that you will acquit her and restore her to her devoted old father at a time when everything proclaims 'peace on earth, good will to men.' I ask that you allow her to take him home to the aged wife and mother who awaits them and give her a chance to live a new life with them in their home."

Mr. Rand's argument was a severe arraignment of Miss Patterson and when the prosecutor pitilessly condemned the woman as the murderer of "Caesar" Young, she quailed under his ravings.

"Attracted, stony-hearted, cold-mouthed avenger that she is, the story she told, the manner of her telling it, ought not to be convincing to a child," said Mr. Rand.

"Every action proclaims her guilt. I have never seen a real murderer. Her lies, her cunning, her untruthfulness, her selfishness, never yet in a murderer's who was not convicted, do not prove convincing to a child," said Mr. Rand.

In detail he told the jury that she had never seen a real murderer.

THE PASSING OF THE HOME. One of the Saddest Phenomena of Modern City Life.

A home is a tract of ground, big or little, partly occupied by some kind of a dwelling and otherwise filled with flowers, trees, vegetable gardens, the bric-a-brac of a back yard, or anything else, so only that some space of another earth may remain whereon the children of the family may disport themselves, where the illusions of childhood may transfer woodlands into great ships, clotheslines into masts, and washlines into rigging, and in which, as the twilight comes on and the shadows deepen, living forms, to fit in the gloom from one dark corner to another. Above all, for all purposes of enjoyment or occupation it is one's very own, the one spot where none else may come uninvited, but which to him stands ever open, the scene of his happiest hours, his refuge in time of trouble. Within the memory of a few years ago, in the city, the poorest of the poorest districts in large cities, was without a home of that kind. The dwelling upon its lot was a cabin, a cottage or a mansion, but such as it was it was the owned or rented possession of one family, held sacred to the use of its members from the centre of the earth to the clouds above. It was the home.

The passing of the home is the saddest phenomena of modern city life. The tenement house, which we seek to disguise under the name of "flat"—is a most wretched substitute for the home. It is an indication, unquestionably, of a more advanced stage of civilization. It is an indication of the fact that the race has advanced to the point where it is no longer content with the simple life, but has sought for the luxuries of civilization. It is a sign of the progress of the human race, but it is also a sign of the loss of the home. The tenement house is a place where the family life is lost, and where the children of the family are born and raised in a state of poverty and degradation. It is a place where the human spirit is crushed, and where the soul is lost. The passing of the home is a tragedy of the first magnitude, and it is one of the saddest phenomena of modern city life.

flit from flat to flat, seldom remaining long enough anywhere for home associations to be formed. There can perhaps be no home associations worthy of the name, which are not connected with a piece of open ground in the sole possession of the family. It would seem that in our largest cities this privilege can no longer be enjoyed except by the rich. A recent editorial on the subject in the New York Times states that during the year 1903 but fifty-six single houses were erected in that city, "estimated to cost less than \$3,000,000." This indicates that the average cost of a real home in that city is over \$50,000, and, of course, out of reach of any but the really well-to-do. Land has become too "valuable" to be devoted to such purposes. To secure an income from the land its rental must be divided among such a number of families as can carry the load by united effort, and they are packed in, over and under each other and side by side until the requisite force is assembled. In this city until recently the "three-flat" abomination has been the usual limit for "general" people. Now regular tenements are being erected in the pleasure-parts of the city, in which childless couples huddle in four-room apartments. It is not good.

This is not yet necessary in San Francisco. There are wide expanses of territory within an hour's ride from the business sections, where real homes may be established at moderate cost by those willing to live in unadorned and primitive ways for the sake of reasonable and sane conditions of life. It is better off in a four-room cottage in the sand hills than in a tenement flat on Pacific heights. If they are not happier in such a location it is because their normal human instincts have been warped and impaired by the artificial life of the city, and they have lost the art of drawing comfort from the soil and the living things which can be made to grow about it.—San Francisco Chronicle.

TO CARRY DEMANDS TO KING.

Boers' Discontent Regarding Payment of Compensation.

Johannesburg, Dec. 26.—The delegates to the representative congress of Boers of Orange River Colony, at Brandfort, bitterly attack the Government regarding the payment of compensation, alleging a breach of faith under the peace terms. The only proclamation carried out was declared to be that regarding the annexation of the colony.

The consensus of opinion was that a deputation should be sent to the King, but some of the delegates said that they ought not to go cap in hand for what had been voted.

After two days' discussion, resolutions were passed which practically amount to an ultimatum for the immediate payment of officers' receipts in full, which was promised by Mr. Chamberlain. Unless the Government complied with the demand, it was stated the Boers would be unable to co-operate in their own free will with the administration. The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir H. Good-Adams, will be asked to forward the resolutions to the King.

LABOR TEMPLE OPENED.

Formal Inauguration was a Great Success.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The formal opening of the new Labor Temple took place last evening in the presence of about 1,500 trade unionists, among whom were representatives who have been the backbone of organized labor in Toronto for many years. The speaker of the evening was Prof. Goldwin Smith, who was introduced by Mr. D. A. Carey, president of the Toronto Labor Temple Company.

The North Sea Tragedy.

A Paris cable says: The International Commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident met in the foreign office at 10 o'clock this morning. The commission completed the preliminary organization and adjourned until January 9. The opening session was held in a suite of sumptuous salons of the D'Orsay palace (foreign office). Admiral Fournier, the French member of the commission, in behalf of Foreign Minister Delcasse, who was absent from the city, received Admiral Davis, U. S. N., and extended him a cordial greeting. Admiral Fournier then presented Admiral Davis to Admiral Kaznakoff, the Russian member of the commission, and Rear Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont, Great Britain's representative, the group of admirals joining in an informal chat, partly in English and partly in French. The admirals and their aides did not wear uniforms, thus detracting somewhat from the expected brilliancy of the opening session.

Admiral Kaznakoff, as senior in rank and age, invited his colleagues to a private salon where he proposed that Admiral Fournier should preside pending the arrival of the fifth member of the commission. Admiral Fournier was unanimously chosen, accepting the presidency in a felicitous speech in which he spoke of the friendly presence of the representatives of many navies.

M. Andre Soulanges-Bodine, a Minister plenipotentiary of France, was selected as secretary, and William Martin and the Vicomte De Greguil were appointed assistants with a large corps of attaches.

Admiral Baron von Spain was then unanimously elected the fifth member of the commission and the commissioners were asked to inform their respective governments of the fact.

Worried to Death.

A Chicago despatch: Fred John son, 32 years old, is dead of hydrophobia, although it is declared, he never had been bitten by a mad dog. He became ill last Sunday and sometimes before his death attacked his wife and two small children. Then he was fastened to save the family from injury during his attacks of frenzy. Johnson owned a dog which last July was bitten by a rabid dog and the man constantly worried over the matter. Finally a policeman killed the pet. A physician diagnosed Johnson's case and declared the man contracted rabies because he constantly was fearing hydrophobia.

Derrick Runs Amuck.

New York, Dec. 26.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, used to the side of the new battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the mud basin in Wallabout Bay, and crashed into the stern of the battleship, smashing several masts and so injuring the war vessel that it is unable to go into the dry dock.

Reform.

Prince Stuart-Cecil has been elected by the

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DISTRICT NEWS

PHILIPPSVILLE

On Saturday last a very hard and exciting game of hockey took place between Delta seniors and the seniors of this place on the Philippsville rink. Both teams, being equal in weight, kept up a continual fight until after half time was called. The score then stood 2 to 2. A Philippsville man broke the tie and scored. Delta lost courage and the score ended in 6 to 2 in favor of the home team.

DAYTOWN

Mrs. Ed. Nicholson was called to Singleton's corner by the sudden death of her uncle, Mr. Harry Garrett.

Mr. Arden Huffman is quite sick. Miss Jennie Percival had a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house on Thursday for her scholars.

Miss Estella Irwin was visiting Miss Maria Wood one day last week. The Misses Maud and Ella Huffman are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. H. Metcalfe of Morton, formerly of this place, nee Miss Alta Johnston, passed away after a few months illness.

WASHBURN'S

Our school has been conducted very satisfactorily by Miss Davison of Delta. The term wound up with a Christmas tree and entertainment, which was a decided success. Miss Davison is engaged for another year with a raise of a salary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spence and children arrived at her father's house, Mr. W. H. Moulton, for Christmas and intend to make a short winter visit.

George I Bulford arrived home from Calgary on Dec. 26 to see his mother, who is somewhat improved.

CHARLESTON

Our school closed on Thursday for the Christmas holidays. The teacher and pupils gave a concert in the afternoon, which was much appreciated by those who attended. At the close the teacher treated the pupils to candy and popcorn, neatly arranged in little pink net bags, after which the pupils presented her with a gold watch chain, accompanied by an address. We are pleased to know that Miss Rabb is to remain with us for another year.

The crossing on the lake is now said to be good.

G. Bradley is making fair progress with his mill.

Mr. Benjamin Beale, sr., is quite poorly.

GLÖSSVILLE

Miss Eva Brown, who has had an attack of appendicitis, is improving.

Mr. Mills Church is a happy man—it's a girl.

Mrs. Clyde Hawkins of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting friends here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mills Church.

Mrs. Madden Hewitt, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving.

The children of our school spent a very enjoyable time on Thursday afternoon last. They gave an entertainment, and the teacher, Miss Anna Hall, treated them to candy and nuts, after which Miss Jennie Johnston read her appropriate address and Miss Ester Brown presented her, in behalf of the school, with a handsome eight-day clock. Miss Hall has taught here for four years and she will be missed very much by all.

Farmers here are all busy getting up their wood.

GLEN BUELL

The well known Eckardt family of Swiss Bell Ringers will give a first-class entertainment in the Methodist church on Saturday, Dec. 31st.

Miss Ella Davis, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Leech of Smith's Falls, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Billings occupied the pulpit on Christmas day.

On Thursday evening a number from this vicinity drove to the residence of Mrs. Wm. Howe, Addison, a former resident of this place, to spend the evening. Before returning to their homes, Mrs. Howe was presented with a purse and an appropriate address as a remembrance of the festive season.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dack and Miss Marian Trickey were guests at the home of Mr. D. Dack on Sunday.

Miss Edith and Russell Stevenson attended the meeting of the

services as teacher, and the sincere regret that all felt at her removal.

GREENBUSH

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiting, of Brockville, are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. L. B. Kerr.

Miss Ethel Olds and Miss Ethel and Master Roy Kerr of the Athens high school have returned home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Miss Lolo Olds of Brockville has arrived to spend a few days with old friends in Greenbush.

We are pleased to report that the public school trustees have secured the services of our much respected present teacher, Miss Davis, to conduct our school for the year 1905.

On the 23rd inst the annual Christmas entertainment took place in our church. The programme showed that there had been a great amount of very careful training, especially in a drill performed by 16 young ladies. Great credit is due to the young ladies and gentlemen, also to the officers and children that contributed to the pleasure of the entertainment. Last but not least, old Santa Claus appeared on the scene to make the little folks happy.

JUNETOWN

Mrs. Clow has returned home after visiting friends in Athens.

The annual oyster supper held in the Foresters' hall on Wednesday night last was, as usual, a success, a goodly number being present. With songs and music the evening passed away very pleasantly.

Our teacher, Miss E. DeWolfe, has been re-engaged for the coming year.

Misses Lnetta Herbison and Maud Avery, who are attending the A.H.S., are home for their Christmas holidays.

The marriage of Mr. Harry Franklin to Miss Emma Kincaid took place on Monday last in the Methodist church. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to the home of the bride where all—with about seventy invited guests—partook of a sumptuous wedding feast, after which the happy couple left on an extended wedding tour. We extend our hearty congratulations.

On Thursday afternoon, the last day of the school term, the pupils held a concert in their school room (which had been nicely decorated by them with flags and evergreens) to which the people of the section were invited. The most pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation of a beautiful toilet box and suitable address, as a Christmas gift from the pupils to the teacher.

SOPERTON

Mr. Charlie Frye and sister, Miss Jennie, attended the Breese Steacy wedding, near Athens, on Thursday last.

A number from here attended the Xmas entertainment given by Miss Jennie Davison, teacher, Washburn's Corners, and report the evening a grand success.

W. Gallagher, Harlem, is a guest at E. J. Saffell's.

The entertainment given by the Soperton Sabbath school on Friday night was well attended, and much credit is due the young ladies who had charge of it.

After four years diligent work in our school, Miss L. Kelley bade her pupils farewell on Thursday, 22nd inst., to take charge of Glen Buell school next year.

On this occasion she was waited upon by a number of young girls of the section who, on behalf of her friends and pupils, presented her with a handsome ruby tea service and beautiful calendar, accompanied by the following address:

"To Miss Kelly,—It devolves upon me to offer you, in the name of the boys and girls of this school, a slight token of our esteem and regard.

"I am not now addressing you as our teacher, but as our friend, our dear trusted and very much tried friend; how often have we not tried your temper and forbearance!

"Dear Teacher, we will always remember you, and shall look back to the school not as an abode of penance but rather of pleasure, since your kindness and helpfulness have so rendered it.

"The little gift we offer you is of no intrinsic value, but it is rich in love, gratitude and respect. Please accept it and wish it our united hopes that your life may ever be full of happiness and prosperity."

Miss Kelley, although taken entirely by surprise, made a few suitable remarks.

Misses Maysie and Zella Frye, of Miss Weeks, Athens, are visiting favorably both in vocal and instrumental music.

Miss Saffell, pupil of A.H.S., is home for the holidays at home.

Edward is still confined in hospital and is improving.

NEWBORO

Messrs. E. Barker and W. Pinkerton of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending their holidays here.

Mr. R. Grennon has gone to Smith's Falls, where he will work in the foundry.

A meeting of the council was held on Dec. 14th and Mr. H. S. Foster reported that all the taxes were collected. This is the third time in succession that the taxes have been collected before Dec. 14th, and Mr. Foster is certainly to be congratulated.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Parish returned to town last week, and the Palace Rink will soon be in running order.

Mr. G. Ewing and E. J. Adams, Westport, and T. R. Whaley, Soperton, were the guests of lady friends last week.

At a meeting of the League on Friday evening Miss Hannah was presented with an address and a gold watch. Miss Hannah has been connected with the League for the past three years and her loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. D. R. Rogers of Portland passed through here on Friday evening.

The funeral of the late Henry Garrett of Crosby took place to the St. Mary's Church on Tuesday. Services were conducted by Rev. E. M. Rowland.

A special meeting of the council was held on Friday evening to consider the protest of Mr. Jos. Abramson against paying a transient traders license. After careful consideration, it was decided to compel Mr. Abramson to pay a license of \$50 before opening his mercantile business.

Sec. Treas. A. H. Tett attended a meeting of the Leeds County Hockey Executive at Portland on Friday evening. A schedule was arranged with the Smith's Falls, Newboro and Portland teams.

A meeting of the Conservatives was held in the town hall here on Saturday for the purpose of appointing a commissioner to represent the Sixth Division in the County Council. Over two hundred delegates were in attendance. Mr. John McCumish has been unanimously chosen by Conservatives as their representative of the sixth division in the counties council.

DELTA

Christmas day was apparently very much enjoyed here. There were many family gatherings, at which turkeys geese and chickens were in great demand.

Edga Horton, the cabinetmaker, has been appointed agent for the Cyclone Woven Wire Co. of Toronto.

Miss Victoria Bell, of the Normal School of Ottawa, and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mott of Toronto are at present visiting at James Bell's.

John Stewart has finished his work as tax collector.

The Sabbath-school of the Baptist Church held their annual Christmas tree in town hall on the 22nd. A very interesting and enjoyable programme was rendered. After the con-

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