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The average salary paid to Methodist ministers in this country last year was \$473.35. After all, the \$16-a-week clerk at the ribbon counter might know his Bible better and fare worse.

GEN. BELLER is reported to have boasted that he will eat his Christmas dinner at Pretoria. And so he may, but William Schroeder of this city thinks that it will be as Oom Paul's prisoner.

ROBERTS, of Utah will have to carry home three Christmas trees, and if they are not exactly the same size it is not difficult to imagine what will happen. Polygamy seems to have some sort of a drawback at nearly every angle.

"Muddy roads are the go now. How we would appreciate macadamized roads. They would do us Pittsfield people very much more good than the Lorain bridge does. Could our share of taxes have gone for the roads we would be better satisfied," writes the Pittsfield correspondent of the Elyria Republican. And yet another enterprise, more important to our northern neighbors than even stone roads, met with its only opposition in this same township of Pittsfield, and there were no taxes to pay either. But never mind, neighbor, the Oberlin-Wellington electric line will be built; so will macadamized roads, and our friends up along the lake, who were so anxious for the bridge at Lorain, will help pay for them.

**The Week's Attractions.**  
 The Booth & Collier Stock Co., which is playing a week's engagement at the Opera house, presented the western drama, "The Danites," to a large audience Monday night. While the play itself is somewhat heavy, the acting of the company was more than merely good. Geo. Warren as the Judge, M. J. Kennedy as Sandy, Miss Sullivan as Billy Piper, Miss Mamie De Barr as the Widder, Frank Garvin as the Parson and Fannie Burleigh as Capt. Tommy were especially good in their parts. Last night East Lynn was presented, to a fair sized house, introducing Miss Alice Byno in the leading role of Lady Isabel and Madam Vine dressing the parts handsomely and carried the audience with her graceful acting. She was ably assisted by Percy Warren and Frank Gavin. Miss Burleigh as Corney, and Miss Debar fully sustained the good impression made during the play. Miss Sullivan rendered a selection of beautiful songs, also little Lawrence. The company plays "Ten Nights in a Barroom" tonight. The company plays here the rest of the week.

**THE MESSIAH**  
 It will be given in Wellington Thursday, January 9.  
 Handel's masterpiece, "The Messiah," is to be given by the Musical Union in the Opera house on the evening of Jan. 9, with 80 voices taking part. The Union will be assisted by twelve or more singers from Oberlin. Miss Burr, the leader of the Union, has secured the services of the following persons as soloists: soprano, either Miss Lillian French of Chicago or Mrs. Wanamaker of Cleveland; contralto, Frances Oldfield of Oberlin; tenor, H. Augustine Smith of Chicago; basso, William J. Horner, Jr., of Oberlin.

**New E. A. Officers.**  
 The Royal Arcanum has elected the following officers for 1900:  
 Regent, E. W. Adams; Vice-Regent, W. Bischer; Collector, T. F. Rodhouse; Treasurer, W. M. Vischer; Jury, E. N. Goodwin; Chaplain, W. H. Fisher; Guide, E. F. Webster; Orator, F. W. Bennett; Warden, J. C. Artz; Sentinel, W. R. Wean; Representative to Grand Council, Geo. L. Couch; Alternate, M. W. Lang.  
 Trustees—F. W. Bennett, S. K. Landon, T. Doland.

**More Popular Than Ever**  
 Is the Elyria Business College. Postmaster Griswold secured another position for one of its graduates last week. This is the second position secured through him. It pays to attend a school having the highest endorsements from business and professional men. A number of the new oak tables have been bought; also a new typewriter. Increased attendance demanded it. They now have seven machines. Winter term begins Jan. 2.

**ARCH. WILLARD.**  
 The Plain Dealer speaks of a Former Wellingtonian.  
 Last Sunday's Plain Dealer gave the following sketch of A. M. Willard, who called Wellington his home a number of years ago and who is a brother of Chas. Willard of this place:  
 Among the Cleveland artists no man is better known or more universally beloved than Mr. A. M. Willard, the father, or "uncle" of the local art fraternity. He was a charter member of the old Cleveland Art club, that gathering of kindred artist natures which has put forth names known far and wide as painters, sculptors and illustrators, artists of the first degree of merit. Mr. Willard made a national reputation on his patriotic painting "Yankee Doodle," now hanging in the Corcoran art gallery. Through exhibition, reproduction and caricature, this picture is familiar to almost everybody, although it is doubtful if all know its name and origin. Two other canvases, which for their humor were chromolithographed and went throughout the country, were "Pluck No. 1" and "No. 2." Mr. Willard has been known extensively by his whimsical drawings and cartoons, which have been lithographed and used widely. No man has been more influential than he in raising art interests in this city and keeping them up to a good standard, and all over the world are men who remember him with respect and affection as the one whose kindness and sympathy encouraged them in their early efforts with their crude sketches and struggling aspirations.

**The Cleveland Colour of Oberlin Business College Graduates.**  
 The first annual reunion of the Cleveland colony of Oberlin Business college graduates was held Friday evening of last week, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Geddes, 73 Hough Avenue. For many years a large percentage of the graduates of this school have secured positions as bookkeepers and stenographers with the best firms in Cleveland, and the organization just formed will be of great profit to them. President Henderson, Secretary Yocum and Miss Allen were present and responded to toasts.  
 The fall term at the Oberlin Business college which closed last Friday was by far the most largely attended in the history of the college. While students were in attendance from twelve different states, yet the largest increase was from Lorain county. Lorain furnished twelve students and Elyria eight.  
 The Eclectic system of shorthand which is so rapidly displacing the old system, is now used exclusively in three of the largest business colleges in Cleveland and in seven schools in Buffalo. Mr. Hull, manager of the Modern School of Correspondence, has adopted this system in his school. Mr. Hull is himself a Graham writer but finds that much better results can be secured and in a shorter time with the Eclectic system, which has been used in the O. B. C. for a number of years. A new class will be formed at the beginning of the winter term, Jan. 2, 1900.

**A New Vapor Lamp.**  
 A new vapor gas lamp, called the "All Right," the invention of B. H. Colver, of Cleveland, has been tried in this city during the past week with marked success. The light is white, very intense, and comparatively inexpensive. J. J. Thomas, general agent for the lamp, says that by an actual test at his home of nearly three months he has found that the light cost about one-fourth of a cent per hour. The lamp resembles an ordinary gas lamp very closely, but burns gasoline. The inventor, Mr. Colver, lived here a few years ago, and is the father of W. B. Colver, now of New York city. It has been suggested to Mr. Colver that he manufacture his lamp in Wellington, possibly in the vacant rooms at the electric light plant, and he has the matter under advisement.

**AUCTION SALE.**  
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 Henry White, Horr & Haskell, Auctioneer. 31-32

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 Dr. Houghton's Lecture.  
 Dr. James W. Houghton, President of G. W. U., Delaware Ohio, delivered the third number of the lecture course at the Opera house last Thursday night to a large, appreciative audience. His lecture, "The Twentieth Century," was an historical review of important current events and personal experiences as a traveler as well as a prophet. Thoughtful throughout, it abounded in striking illustrations, and showed the unmistakable trend of events toward the making of these great world powers—The United States, England and Russia.  
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