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LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Kyle arrived here on Thursday. Cattle & Porter for cheap lap dusters. Fryer the Gloucester forger was sent to Kingston for two years. Chatham has about \$17,000 of last years taxes still to collect. Mr. James returned Monday from a trip to Oakville and Toronto. Mr. A. S. Vogler is again in his dental rooms after a months' serious illness. Although the people of Kent voted in favor of Crooks they are now Scott free. Cattle and Porter have a full line of ladies' and gent's riding saddles. 459-3 Mr. J. Alexander late of the Royal, Hamilton, is now clerk at the Benton House. You can safely bet your loose Coyne that the Boys will Harris the Aylmerites to-morrow. Town Treasurer Rushton who has been under the weather for some time is around again. We expect a great many to be mashed on our new shape, especially as we have an improved press. The Queen's Hotel, Dodge Block, is now open for guests. Rates \$1 per day, meals 25 cents. 454 Mr. Hartley Robinson and Miss Lizzie Longhara were married on Thursday. We extend congratulations. Lou Ruth left on Thursday for Niagara to take a situation at his trade. He is a good workman and is sure to succeed. The Ridgetown firemen have been invited to attend a tournament at Mount Clemens, Mich., on July 4th. \$700 offered in prizes. The STANDARD is in receipt of a couple of boxes of strawberries from Mr. S. Elliott, of Amherstburg for which we return thanks. Sam does not forget his old friends. An awful weight of anxiety was taken off the minds of an ex-mayor and a councillor known as the leader of the opposition by a telegram received Thursday night. The repeal of the Scott Act in Kent was gazetted last Saturday and the Crooks Act is now in force, although practically the hotel men have kept it strictly for the past five weeks. Chatham's Mechanics' Institute last year received \$790.91 from all sources, and the membership numbered 192. 4191 books were taken out, of which 3,000 were works of fiction. Mr. J. R. Craig left this week for the far west, expecting to bring up in Montana. The many friends of genial J. R. will join the STANDARD in wishing him long life and large fortune. Mr. J. S. Gadd of the Dresden Times and secretary of the Bothwell branch of the Third Party was in town last week. Country people must visit the city once in a while. The majority of our town council will not be able to attend our favorite church until next fall. In the meantime their repentance can be thoroughly sincere. "While the lamp holds out to burn-etc." Among the "long felt wants" recently added to the Mechanics' Institute rooms is a handsome glass water pitcher, goblets and silver tray. Messrs. T. & W. Craig generously throwing off half the cost. The board unanimously voted their thanks for a gift that readers will appreciate during the summer season. The Benton House now use a printed daily bill of fare, something thoroughly appreciated by the guests and patrons of the popular house. The menu is strictly first-class and a credit to the management. The wender is to many how such a table can be set at the rate of \$1 per day, in a town of this size. The Benton was the first to supply its table with green corn from the South which it did on Sunday last.

The Essex Centre Council has been asked to donate \$1,000 towards the proper celebration of Dominion Day. The Operetta "Breaking the Spell" will be produced by Miss McKeon and Messrs Jennings and Willson at the opera house on Friday evening May 31st. The event of the season—Grand concert under the auspices of the Church of England, will be held in the opera house on the evening of May 31st. 461 The contract for the construction of the new iron bridge at Dresden has been awarded to E. Smith of Dresden, and Wm. Whitebread, of Wallaceburg. The contract price is about \$17,000. The streets were watered last week for the first time this season, and promenade as well as merchants appreciate the absence of dust and the cooler atmosphere prevailing. There is no unbeliever in street sprinkling. Robert Pearce, of St. Thomas, who nursed the Fingal small-pox patients, has received \$40 from the Southwold Board of Health, a present of \$50 from the residents, and, it is stated, a collection will be taken up in the churches in Fingal for his benefit. Under the new management of Mr. Matthews the Grand Central is making rapid stride in popularity. Many improvements have been made which will greatly add to the comfort of guests. The table is one of the best in the west, the adding of a daily printed bill of fare being a pleasing innovation to its patrons. Charles Bell, late bookkeeper at the Harvester Company, Chatham, died at the residence of his parents at Morpeth, last week. Deceased was a graduate of the Chatham Business College, and his short business career there and with the Massey Manufacturing Company, showed that he was a clever accountant, and a man of unimpeachable character. No little excitement has been caused in Teeswater by the finding of a quantity of gold by one of the workmen while digging a ditch for the pipes for the new waterworks. The gold was found in a loose, gravelly deposit, mixed with sand. Experts have made analysis and pronounce it gold. The stone taken from the same place, compared with gold quartz from Colorado, bear a great resemblance. Bawdens Drug Store, Livingstone Block, Ridgetown. Our Paris Green, Hellebore and Insect powder is guaranteed pure and fresh at reasonable prices. Our stock of patent medicines and drugs can always be found complete. Open on Sundays. Night calls answered by using our night bell at front door. Bawden's Drug Store, Livingstone block, Ridgetown. 461 Mr. Chas. S. Burt, of Detroit, is making a tour through Ontario to find a profitable location for smelting works for charcoal, pig iron, car wheel and malleable purposes. He has visited Picton, Belleville, Coe, Smith's Falls, Toronto and other places. If he decides to start operations he will form a company with a capital of \$200,000. A public school examination was held in S. S. No. 2, Howard on Tuesday May 21st. About forty visitors were present. The examination began at 9 o'clock a. m. and several classes were examined in the various subjects in which they acquitted themselves very creditably. Each of the sixties brought a well filled basket of eatables, and at 12 o'clock tables were set in the upper department of the building, and a very sumptuous dinner partaken of. The examination of the classes was then continued till about 5 p. m. when some very nice presents were distributed among the children of the school. The teacher Mr. R. Watson was also presented with Dickens' works, consisting of 15 volumes accompanied with a very suitable address, to which Mr. Watson made a very suitable reply. The visitors and pupils then retired to the Grange Hall near by where a very entertaining program, consisting of recitations, music and dialogues was gone over by the pupils. The day's proceedings were then closed all going home apparently well pleased.

Windsor's tax rate is 20 mills. The majority against the Scott Act in Lambton was 2,538. Col. Aylmer was in town last Friday inspecting the Army. The population of Chatham has increased 17 during the past year. The severe frost on Tuesday night did considerable damage. T. G. Guest is to the front this week with a new ad. in which he offers some first-class bargains to buyers of groceries. Leamington is a town without a tie post. The other night a gang of youths sawed off every post in the town. The Ridgetown company of Volunteers went to Tilbury Centre to take part in the celebration on May 24. Davidson is selling boy's suits for what the cloth and trimmings cost. Read what he has to say in this issue. St. John and Portland, New Brunswick have been united. They now form the fourth city as to population in the Dominion. Jas. Henderson, colored, who was extradited from Detroit for cutting Constable Nichols of London, and who escaped from the officers while being brought back, was shot and mortally wounded by Officer Griffin at East Saginaw, Mich., while resisting arrest yesterday. At the meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly, in session in New York, Rev. Dr. Thompson announced yesterday that he had received overtures from fifteen Presbyteries asking that revisions be made in the Westminster Confession. I understand that a man by the name of Cavers is travelling through the country soliciting orders for clothing &c., and is making use of my name in an improper way by saying that he has a letter of recommendation from me endorsing his character and goods. No caring to receive such a position. I am, Sir, your obedient servant. Wm. W. 501-117 George Fryer, the Gloucester express thief, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary by Judge Street at the recent Middlesex assizes, will be removed to that institution today. Fryer has been led to entertain strong hopes that he will be given his freedom at the expiration of six months if he conforms strictly to the rules during that time. Messrs. Mallory, McMahon, Leitch, McKellar, Rockledge and Rhodes, our celebrated team of Whist players visited Detroit last Saturday and played the same number of the Detroit Whist Club. The result was a victory for the Ridgetown men by 11 points. While there they were dined at the Detroit Club rooms in good style, and returned home much pleased with the trip. A return match will be played here in about 10 days. Quite a commotion was caused in town last Friday by the report that two young men from here had been drowned in the lake by the un-setting of Mr. W. Watters' yacht, while removing her from the Eau to Hills deck. The report, we are glad to say, was not true, although the boys had a narrow escape. The yacht was blown ashore and with the help of some fishermen they reached the land safely, and returned home Saturday. The question of the petition against granting licenses at Highgate, and the counter petition in favor of license, were referred by the commission to Mr. H. Watson, clerk of Orford, under S. Sec. 11 Sec. 14, chapter 194, R. S. O., to ascertain whether there was a majority of petitioners in favor of license. He made a scrutiny, called several before him, and heard the objections. He has made his report to the commission, accepting 100 of the petitioners as against license; 197 names on the list (dead voters not deducted, were referred) which leaves a majority, he reports, in favor of the petitioners. He also reports that some of the petitioners had signed the petitions under a misconception, and without thinking of the mere shutting out all licenses. Highgate is final, and Highgate will have prohibition under the Crooks Act.

The volunteers go into camp on June 18th. The members for Ridgetown company are requested to report for duty immediately. George Webb, hotelkeeper at Maidstone Caos, is under arrest in Windsor on a charge of robbing L. Herbeck of \$180 in cash while the latter was staying at the former's hotel. Messrs. Walker and Marlatt, of the Elgin Pork Factory, Aylmer, have made an amicable settlement with the insurance companies in connection with the damage done by the late fire, but announce that they will not rebuild. On Thursday evening last about 30 representatives of the I. O. F. visited their brethren in Blenheim. While there two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of "Riding the Goat," the visitors afterwards being entertained by the brethren in grand style, and all report a most enjoyable time. The news comes from Petrolia that by an improved process of refining Canadian coal oil will be made fully equal to the imported article. The elements in it which cause the chimneys to smoke and the wick to become encrusted are to be removed. If these objectionable features can be removed there will be a great boom in the Canadian oil industry. A number of members of the Ridgetown Masonic lodge attended a meeting of the same order in Rodney on Monday evening. The organization of the local board of relief for Highgate, West Lorne, Rodney and Ridgetown was completed. After the business was done the brethren were entertained at a banquet, by their Rodney friends. Mr. W. H. Petrie, of London, is, as it were, carrying the war into Africa. The other day he shipped to a large Detroit iron works, a large quantity of Canadian machinery in Detroit, but it shows the extent of Mr. Petrie's business, and the reputation which he has attained in his line. Wednesday morning as Wm. Roulston, driver of a milk wagon, was proceeding along Hiawatha street, St. Thomas, the horse became unmanageable owing to a shaft breaking, and plunged down the embankment at the east side of the street, and a little distance south of the bridge. Horse and wagon rolled down a distance of fifteen feet, and landed at the bottom in a heap. The driver miraculously escaped unhurt, and the horse, after the shafts had been sawed off and the animal was raised by prying him up with a plank, was found to be all right. The wagon was but little damaged. Fifty quarts of milk were spilled. Try our 25 cent tea, best value in Ridgetown. M. Grass. 459 A Progressive Establishment. That is fast becoming one of the most noted in this western country, the head of the firm, Mr. W. G. Cumming, being at all times on the alert for cheap goods; he attends the markets personally every month and by doing so secures some rare values, many lines of goods he is able to sell at heavy discounts. He carries dry goods, boots and shoes, millinery and clothing. The last mentioned line he makes a specialty of, doing an immense trade in men's boys' and youths' suits, which are got up to equal ordered clothing. The millinery business of this firm is something enormous; at all times of the day you will find ladies selecting goods of some kind and very rarely will you see them go without making a purchase. He marks his goods at so close a margin that the closest and most fastidious buyers are able to find what they want. Mr. Cumming is also an extensive dealer in bankrupt stocks which further enables him to place before the people cheap goods. We bespeak for this firm a prosperous future. 4611 Cochrane & Willson is the place to buy pure field and garden seeds, Main street. 453 Ladies, clean your kid gloves with the Mather's Glove Cleaner. For sale only at Clark's Corner Drug Store. 459

Ridgetown Policeman Fires a Crowd. Stand to one side, gentlemen, said Chief Tompkins to a crowd standing in front of the Lozar House talking base ball; now look here, we've got to have this sidewalk clear, as a stylish and well-dressed lady walked by with a new trimmed hat and a glove-fitting dress she had just received from Cummings; the great bankrupt man. 461-1 Thrown Out and Injured. While Mr. F. Atkinson and his mother were returning home to Palmyra on Sunday night their horse became frightened and started to run away. The occupants were upset in the ditch. Mrs. Atkinson got her arm broken and was otherwise injured. Fred received some severe bruises, but succeeded in keeping the horse from getting away from him. The buggy was demolished. Accident to a Minister. Our Wallacetown correspondent writes As the Rev. John McLarty, of this village was proceeding down the Tryconell hill Saturday morning his horse became unmanageable and commenced kicking, breaking the dash board of the rig to pieces; also kicking the reverend gentleman on his hand, breaking and dislocating two of the metacarpal bones, also kicking him on the leg. Mr. McLarty with admirable pluck, got into his rig and drove to the office of Dr. Ling, where his fractures were reduced; and his wounds attended to. Our Man in Toronto. St. Thomas, May 17.—On Thursday Chief Fewings visited Buffalo and brought over the young man Wells, held there on the charge of stealing a suit of clothes and an overcoat from the store of Mr. S. E. Fine, merchant of that city, on Tuesday night. He was arraigned before P. M. White the following day, when Mr. Fine discovered that he was wearing a suit of clothes made by Mr. Fine for Mr. John Farley, barrister of this city, which Mr. Fine had not missed at all. The other missing suits were also found in his possession. He stated he arrived in this city from Cincinnati on the day he committed the theft, and that he had made his living by taking subscriptions for American newspapers. It is now thought by the police that he is the party guilty of fraudulently obtaining money from a number of residents of Ridgetown, by representing himself as agent for the Chicago Horseman. Wells pleaded guilty of the theft of the clothes and was sentenced to twelve months in the Central Prison. Legal Items of Local Interest. YOUNG VS. RIDGETOWN.—The motion to continue the injunction in the matter restraining the town of Ridgetown from proceeding with the purchase of the Albert Street church was argued on Tuesday 14th inst before Mr. Justice McMahon at Osgoode Hall, Toronto. A large number of affidavits were read on both sides and photographs of the different buildings were displayed. Mr. Lount, Q.-C. and Mr. Macdonald appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Aylsworth and Mr. Mills for the town. After lengthy and able arguments, decision was reserved and on Thursday judgment was delivered continuing the injunction till the trial. As we have not seen a copy of the judgment we are unable to state on what grounds the injunction was granted. POULIN VS. LANE.—At Osgoode Hall before Mr. Justice Ferguson. Mr. Macdonald for the defendant, moved for an injunction restraining the plaintiff from interfering with defendant's possession of the lands in question and for a change of venue. Injunction granted as asked. Motion for change of venue not pressed Mr. Shoebottom for plaintiff. PATTERSON VS. SCHOOL SECTION No. 4, HOWARD. On Monday last M. Wilson before Sir Thos. Galt, moved *ex parte* for an injunction restraining the trustees from procuring a site for a new school, granted till the 28th inst., when the motion will be argued. Mr. Macdonald for defendants. For seed oats, peas and barley, go to Cochrane & Willson. 453