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We are sorry to inform our readers that owing to an unlucky accident we had the misfortune to "pi" one of our forms just as we were about to go to press, and consequently we are enabled to present but half a sheet this week. Several first-class, brilliant and interesting articles are thus unavoidably left out, but we will make amends next week by producing one of the most lively, interesting and spicy papers which has yet left the office.

#### PAVING THE STREETS.

The principal subject now under disssion in the city of London the little. is the advisability of building Cedar block avement on the principal streets. Our wn fathers should see that Talbot street e paved as soon as possible. Various speriments have demonstrated the utter possibility of procuring a substantial idded by throwing a few loads of gravel on the streets, in the spring and fall of the year, it would answer the purpose very well for a country town or village, but for a lively town like St. Thomas, where such an immense amount of traffic stantly passing and repassing over the public streets, the condition of the roads in inclement weather are a disgrace to, and a blot on the fair name of the town; the mud being in some places about a foot or more in thickness, and wee to the unfortunate horse that stumbles, it is irretievably lost. The citizens of Detroit have tried almost every kind of pavement and have come to the conclusion that the cedar block is the most substantial, long lasting and cheapest. The cost of building the (pavement in Detroit is not defrayed by the corporation, but every ratepayer along the street paved, is taxed extra, and allowed four years in which to pay it, while the council pay for the contion of the pavement only at intersections of streets. This plan is found to work admirably. We have been ahead of London in Waterworks and almost every modern improvement for benefiting the town, and no doubt the council will awake from the legarthy into which they appear to have fallen, and take active measures towards improving, at least the principal street, by having it paved in a substantial manner, the sooner the better for the future growth and prosperity of the town.

Tuesday night a colored boy attempted to jump on to a locomotive of the Canada Southern at Amherstburg, but falling under the engine had both legs crushed, which were amputated, the one above and the other below the knee. It is thought the youth cannot recover.

Two girls, about fifteen years of age, named Annie Rupert and Hattie Graham, went into the basement of Wardlow's woolen factory, in Galt, and got on the top of a flange that is connected with a large revolving shaft moved by water power. They stood on this flange, with their arms around the shaft, in order to have a swing around with every revolution. Their dresses became caught, and they were in great danger of being drawn into the machinery. Miss Graham managed to extricate herself, sustaining alight injuries to her feet, but Miss Rupert, before the machinery could be stopd, had both her legs broken below the

#### POEM.

The Deacon smiled a ghastly smole, And thus she law laid down If there's aught besides the flowing bowl, I love, its known as Brown.

But Mack, he cast his eye askant, And then did darkly frown, He said I love to, but then I can't Shoot yallow dogs in town.

The law has drove my love away, The Deacon did reply,
Twenty and costs, it's hard to pay, Said Mack, and rolled up his eye. -Longfellow.

CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED

Should every barber be made to pay

Large strings of fish are caught near Reisers's dam.

- The Rifle Club meet for practice at the butts to-day, (Friday).

Sir John A. Macdonald never picks his teeth with a coal scuttle. Thus do we nail another lie.

The regular lecture at the Collegiate Institute was this afternoon delivered by A. McLachlin, Esq.

The man lives in St. Thomas who has shaken hands with Beaconsfield, but still he has to eat hash on washdays.

It is announced that Bob Ingersoll will not visit this town, consequently the stale egg market has resumed its former inact-

By special telegraph we leart that no hopes are entertained for the recovery of Hon. George Brown, he appears to be dying, but suffers no pain.

The dog-tax by-law is to be strictly enforced this year, and unless your dog is provided with a brass tag after the 1st June he is liable to be made dogs' meat of. Mr. Wm. McBride, (East End) at a match game of corporal pool, in Springfield, made a full game in one run, and had three balls remaining.

"Yer going to get some cotton to strain yer maple syrup through, are ye?" observmarket. Why, I allers uses my petticoat.

A young lad named Phil Holman, who is employed in Green's Mill, had his hand cut very badly, and a finger taken off by a buzz saw, on Saturday last.

Alma College was inspected by the members of the Springfield Conference of M. E. ministers on Monday last. They expressed themselves highly pleased with the magnificent structure.

Thomas Simmons, the furniture man, whose case of auctioneering without a license and remanded, was again brought before the P. M. on Menday last, and judgment reserved.

Mr. O. Coleman, landlord of the Widdifield House, Port Stanley road, was fined \$20 by Mr. J. McKenzie, J. P., for liquor selling on Sunday. The offence was admitted and the tax paid.

A man inMontreal dropped dead a short time ago, after drinking a hot whiskey and water. And still St. Thomas people will not give up the dan-gerous practice of mixing water with their whiskey.

The wheel of a wagon containing a load of hav broke near the Elgin House on Tuesday last, by the side of the street car track. The cars were detained for some time till another wheel was put on the

On Saturday last a horse fell into a mud puddle on a Toronto street, and was drowned. Another warning to those persons who recklessly drive up Talbot street on a rainy day.

Mr. G. T. Claris announces his intention of prosecuting any persons destroying property in the Opera House, or causing any disturbance in the building or neighborhood. This is a move in the right direction.

In chancery at Toronto on Monday last, the case of Lindop vs Pavey was argued, when it was decided to change the venue from St. Thomas to London. Mr. Harcourt moved to amend the bill and change the venue. Hoyles centra.

## POCOCK BROS.

The new Boot and Shoe Store, lately opened in St. Thomas, by the above named firm, has found favor with the people in every quarter. They are undoubtedly selling boots and shoes very cheap, and we would advise all to examine their goods before buying elsewhere.

194 Talbot Street, 133 Dundas Street, ST. THOMAS. 120 LONDON.

If any action be taken this year towards procuring a suitable celebration of the Queen's Birthday, it is high time that the matter was taken hold off, and funds collected for that purpose.

The freight business on the railroads is very dull at present, owing to the opening of navigation, and the fact that the boats are carrying freight at very low rates. It is to be hoped that business will pick up.

There has only been one attempt to set place on fire, three or four fights, and not a single murder, around Lucan for a whole week, and some of the old inhabitauta are getting disgusted with the quietness of the place.

Mr. H. Ponsford was entertained to a on Wednesday evening.

A namesake of the late senator Zack, of Michigan, is a great advocate of shirt. making and plain sewing as an occupation for the fair ones of his acquaintance-He always gets through before he commences, and consequently remains stationery still.

Mr. Daniel Mahoney, of the Canada Southern freight office, was the recepient of a diamond ring, presented by his friends on the occasion of his departure for Milwaukee on Saturday last, where he has obtained a situation in the auditor's office of the Wisconsin Central R. R.

Notwithstanding that there are street cars, cabs, and other vehicles to convey sight seers around town, some of the country wedding parties prefer the old and time honored style of walking up the principal streets, hand in hand and chewing gum.

The present population of St. Thomas, is 8063, an increase of about 850, over that of last year. This town will soon be a city, and the east end girls say that they're willing to do their share towards increasing the population, if the young men will only brace up and get the marriage license.

In the Conference which was held at Springfield, we were grieved to notice that no reporter was appointed to take down the proceedings for publication in the REPORTER. Why is this thus? Harry Flowers says that when his church holds a conference he won't forget us in that

Three copper colored individuals, otherwise Indians, got fooling around a couple of bottles of old rye on Saturday last, and in a short time the red men got very salubrious, and were treating the citizens to an exhibition of wild scalp dances, and

A young Sparta maiden, considerably on the off side of forty years, without any money, and with a face like a sick tomato, vowed the other day that she would never, never marry, and the young men around Sparta are said to feel awfully bad about

Our Hinglish friend, who glories in the ognomen of John Rags, has for a while laid aside from the arduous duties of his calling and gone in for a big time every day during the past week. His beery phis might be seen at a prominent bar in town, partaking of 'op juice. He has had a 'ell of a time, he says.

In the shooting match for the Dier Goblet on Monday, that trophy was won supper by the members of the Forest Fire by D. M. Barnes, who tied with A. J. Co'y, on Tuesday evening, prior to the Comfort, and won in the shoot-off, after occasion of his departure for the "great which a match was shot between sides. lone land." He departed for Manitoba captained by Messrs. J. Robinson and I H. Clapp, Robinson's side winning by three glass balls.

> Some of the machinists, boiler makers and other mechanics, who left the Canada Southern a short time ago to obtain situations on the other side, where such brilliant inducements were held out to them, are now returning, convinced that after all there is no better country than

> Edward Chalmers was brought before His Worship on Tuesday last. Ed. had been "bowling up" and had fallen into the dangerous habit of drinking between drinks, which demoralized him. Edward was discharged upon announcing his intention of departing from town forthwith. He is to proceed to Cameron County, Penn., where he has obtained a situation. We wish him success.

> The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this town will hold their 61st Anniwersary in their Hall, by a concert on Monday evening next, 27th inst. Dr. C. Campbell, of London, will deliver an oration on the occasion. The proceeds, after paying expenses, will be devoted towards the erection of a Home for the poor of the tewn. The concert ought to be well patronised, particularly when it is for such a laudable purpose.

> A series of accidents occured on the Canada Southern on Tuesday evening, a tramp was killed at Fort Erie, a negro had both legs taken off below the knee, by being run over by the yard engine at Amherstburgh, and a man was run into by the engine on the other side of the river, knocking him into the river and killing

A prominent hotel keeper and a retired merchant at the East End have recently returned from Amherstburg, whither they have been inspecting the fisheries. They yelling, and having a little pic-nic, when report suckers plentiful, and Black Bass the police ran them in. Two of them, are also to be had by careful angling. Summers, and Nicholas, have sought the They got some fine specimens in spite of seclusion of Castle Rich for a month, the fact that Kit and other C. S. R. gents while the other, Doxtater, paid \$5 for his enjoy an almost exclusive monopoly of the same. Is dot you? &c.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

RICHARD NICHOL FATALLY KICKED BY

On Thursday evening a lam ceident and one that will probably be attended with fatal consequences, occur in Kettle Creek, near Bromell's Susp Bridge, the victim being Mr. Richard Nichol, a teamster who resides north of this town and is more familiarly known by the appelation of "Farmer Dick." The injured man was in town during the day and shortly before seven o'clock he entered his wagon and departed homewards. Some time afterwards the horses arrived home without a driver whereupon the family became alarmed and a search was instituted, which resulted in finding the object of the quest lying upon the bank of Kettle Creek, partially immersed in the cold water. The sufferer was unconscious, ane was as once conveyed to his residence; when Drs. D. and C. Mc-Larty and J. Wilson were quickly summoned and after an examination the wounds were dressed. The injured man still lies in a comatose condition and his medical attendants entertain but slight hopes of his recovery.

From the position in which the body was discovered and the fact that his lungs appeared much clogged up, it is believed that he must have been immersed in the water, and although the cause of the accident is unknown, still it is conjectured that he must have stepped upon the tongue or been thrown out of the vehicle in crossing the creek and been kicked by one of the animals. There was a deep gash upon the left side of his forehead and several deep cots upon the cheek, but the total extent of his injuries is unknown. The injured man was a very quiet and pleasant man, and much regret is expressed for the lamentable occurance.

Tuesday afternoon a man whose name was not ascertained, while fishing on the bridge on Stony Island, was struck by an engine and knocked into the river. The man was an employee of the Canada Southern Railway Company.

A certain German contractor (as he styles himself) has lately had such success that it has impaired his intellect somewhat. He has been blamed for talking several of the St. David's ward people to death. We humbly protest against being murdered by any such means. Corks!

A house of ill-fame on St. George St., kept by a damsel who travels under the name of Lucy Fewings, but formerly occupied by that well known member of the the demi monde, Josie Bain, was pulled by the police Tuesday evening, and the inmates taken into custody and brought before the P. M. on Wednesday morning. The fair but frail Lucy contributed \$20 and costs towards the town treasury, and departed to reflect upon the mean, horrid manner in which she had been treated, while the "guests" were fined \$5 and costs each, which was paid, one only not possessng a supply of the needfull, and he was allowed till to-day to pay up.

Mr. Alex. Henderson Jr., the well known and long established Soda water and Ginger Ale manufacturer has now secured commodious premises and improved machinery, and will this year be enabled to turn out an immense quantity of these popular drinks, of a very superior quality. He has secured the services of Mr. Bryden, who has the reputation of being one of the best manufacturers of soda water &c. in western Cauada, and spared no expense otherwise in procuring all the necessary materials required by a first-class manufactory. Undoubtedly Mr. Henderson with the advantages which he now possesses, will secure the bulk of the trade for the coming summer.

Two prominent East End hotel keepers, one engineer and a well-known night hawk, merrily went a fishing on Tuesday last, leaving instructions behind to prepare for a large number of the finny tribe on their return. All day long the noble votaries of the piscatorial art were fishing, but alas, the fish would not bite. They hauled the seine and tried rets, but all to no purpose. At night four mud covered and disgusted fishermen returned to the East End with the spoils of their day's sport-one sickly looking fish and an old tin pan, which they had captured after dragging the mill race, and the boys all took sugar in theirs.