TOWN AND DISTRICT.

Mr. W. R. Noxon, manager of Chautauqua Mountain Institute, New York city, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

Oscar Hendry & Co's 5c Organdy Muslins, 25c Shirt Waists and 75c Wrappers beats them all. That's truth not fiction.

Mr. E. B. Morrey has purchased from Mr. C. R. Patience the dwelling house on Wellington street at present occupied by Mr. J. L. Paterson, to which place he will remove with his family about the first of October.

The Grand Trunk fish car went through to Strathroy Thursday with a large consignment of fish, some of which were over 12 inches long. The fish are to be deposited in the river there.

Work in the deep well at Beachville has stopped for a few days, for want of casings. The drill is down 6330 feet.

Mr. John Christopher has erected something new and very special in the awning line in front of his store for the occasion of the old boys' reunion on Monday next.

Rev. J. E. Hunter, the well-known evangelist of this city, underwent an operation in Toronto on Friday last and had a film removed from his eyes. The rev. gentleman found his sight affected, and it became necessary to have the operation performed. A letter received by a relative here on Monday said the ordeal was undergone successfully, and Mr. Hunter expected to return to Muskoka on Tuesday.—St. Thomas Times.

INGERSOLL OLD BOYS.

An enthusiastic meeting of the committee representing the Ingersoll Old Boys, Sons of England and Ancient Order of Foresters was held at the Fraser House the other evening. Mr. W. A. Eastwood occupied the chair. It was decided that these participating should line up on the Market Square on Monday morning next at 8.30, and thence proceed to the station. The order of march will be rag-time band, Old Boys, Sons of England and A. O. F. This was decided upon to avoid the crush at the station. A special excursion train will leave here at 9.20 o'clock. On the arrival of the train at Ingersoll a ten-mile bicycle race will be run. Other sports will take place during the day. An open air concert will be given in the evening by the Sons of England band, of Hamilton, and the "rube" band from London. The train for home will leave immediately after the concert is concluded. Present prospects point to a large attendance of the combined organization and their friends.—London Free Press.

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INGERSOLL.

WOODSTOCK ITEMS.

It is expected that Harry Lane and V. Odlum, of the C.M.R., will arrive home from South Africa on Saturday.

Dr. Jones, who has resided in Woodstock for the last two years, prescribing Indian herbs, has decided to return to Hagersville in a few days.

A couple of suspicious characters visited the city on Wednesday night, and as it was thought they were here for no good, they were shadowed until Thursday morning.

Several young men from the city got a bath in the Thames near Beachville by their canoe upsetting. It is said they did not present a very good appearance when they arrived home on the trolley.

D. D. Yule, formerly principal of the public school at Lucknow, is in the city in the interests of Court Beaconsfield, Canadian Order of Foresters.

The funeral of the late Gladstone Green, the young man who was drowned in the Thames river, took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended. Interment was made in the English church cemetery here.

Donald Guthrie, K.C., inspector of registry offices, made his usual inspection of the office here on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Alberhart, recently appointed on the teaching staff of the Collegiate Institute, was married in North Dumfries on Wednesday to Miss Jessie Flatt, daughter of Mr. Geo. Flatt of that township.

Sheriff Brady handed Wm. Barker over to Bailiff Simester, of the asylum staff, Wednesday morning. Barker has been awaiting removal for three months.

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FAIR WARNING.

Chief Wright informs The Chronicle that he intends to vigorously enforce the following section of the law in relation to games of chance, on the park on Monday next:

"No person shall expose in the said park or grounds any table or device of any kind whatsoever, upon or by which any game of hazard or chance can be played, and no person shall play at any such table or device, or at cards or any unlawful game, in any part of the said park or grounds."

BASEBALL

The Colts are all requested to be at Victoria park this evening. Practice from 6 to 7.15 o'clock. As this will be the final practice before the Hamilton game on the 4th, all the players are requested to be on time.

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The printers, after taking a rest for the past five years, have come to the conclusion to buckle on their armor once more for the purpose of taking revenge out of their old rivals—the tailors. The printers hereby accept the challenge of Joe Hardy on behalf of the "stitchers" for a game to its finish, on a date to be arranged by the "managers" of the respective teams.

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The pork factory and belt works teams played a game at Victoria park on Thursday night, the former winning by a score of 8-5.

He is not a thorough wise man who cannot play fool on occasions.

The fruit division department of agriculture, Ottawa, has sent out communications to the principal peach growers in Canada, urging them to ship their fruit to England. The department is anxious that the experiment be tried this year, and as an inducement it offers to furnish the grower with shipping room and to care for the fruit. This opened up unlimited possibilities. Peaches are shipped from California to England, and why not from Canada.

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Seats in Pavilion 10c
Cars will leave for the Park every Half Hour.

GEEN WAS POISONED.

Ragg, Ex-Manager for Evans, Toronto, Talks of Tragedy.

THINKS IT IS A CASE OF MURDER

But Says He Knows Nothing That Will Cast Any Light on the Front Street Mystery—What His Evidence Will Be—Hurriedly Put—Came Back From Dundas to Testify.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—A. E. Ragg, former manager of the Evans & Hodgson branch in Toronto, is in the city today. He will remain here until night. Mr. Ragg is supposed to throw considerable light on the mystery surrounding the warehouse cremation. He came to the city last night as a result of some rather animated correspondence between himself and the Crown Attorney Dewart and the head of the local detective force. Mr. Ragg expects to be permitted to give his testimony to-day and be in a position to leave for Chicago on the evening train, where he is engaged in business.

Coroner Young says that Mr. Ragg might be permitted to give his testimony to-day if the situation was urgent enough. In that event the evidence would probably be taken in the office of the Crown Attorney, and that as far as he knew it could be public. That would, however, be determined wholly by the representative of the Crown. A coroner's investigation was supposed to be public, but, if in the estimation of the Crown, it was in the interest of justice to withhold any phase of the evidence, it would undoubtedly be proper.

The Crown Attorney refused to be interviewed on the case, and refused to admit that he knew Mr. Ragg was in Toronto last night and would remain here during Friday.

In the course of a long interview last night, ex-manager Ragg said:

Geen took a drop per day of prussic acid for heart disease.

A short time before he was found dead while he was apparently well, Geen said: "By Jove! I'm afraid I've been poisoned." This Geen said to Arnott White.

Geen's expression was that of a poisoned man.

I think there were three men engaged in the burglary.

In addition to our own employes, the watchman and certain employes of Northrop & Lyman had access to the basement.

There was no document in the safe which could be an incentive to burglary.

The key to the Geen mystery will be the key to the Whalley mystery. Geen's body should be exhumed.

I think that Geen and Whalley were poisoned, because one of the burglars suspected that they knew his secret.

The burglary was a genuine attempt because $3 worth of postage stamps were missing, and partition had been demolished to give free play to axe.

For anything that was known there might have been $5,000 worth of money in safe.

Arnott White was seen last night. He seemed much surprised when the matter of Geen's statement that he was poisoned was brought to his attention.

"Yes, I did tell Foreman Scott that Geen said 'By George! I believe I'm poisoned.'"

"Why did you not mention the fact on the witness stand?"

"Because I was not asked. I did not think it so important."

"When did Geen make this remark to you?"

"Oh, about 9 o'clock the morning he died."

"Under what circumstances?"

"Well, I was talking with him about having been sick. I knew he had been feeling rather bad for some time, and he said in rather a joking way: 'I believe I've been poisoned.' He laughed and so did I, and we went on about our business. I never thought of it again until Monday morning, when I found he was dead. then I said to Scott that it was singular that Geen had remarked that he believed he had been poisoned, and then die a few hours later. I don't believe he meant that he thought he had been poisoned that morning, but that he had been poisoned some time before, and that he was sick as a result of it, but really I did not think he meant anything by the remark at the time."

Coroner Young said last night that the inquest had been formally adjourned until Aug. 5. He could not therefore convene the jury to-day, even to take Mr. Ragg's testimony. It could be taken specially and then read to the jury. As far as he was concerned, if Mr. Ragg's evidence was given today the press would be permitted to be present and hear. Still, that matter was in the discretion of the Crown attorney, and he would be governed wholly by his advice.

Mr. Ragg asserts that he has been placed in a false light largely by accident. He says one important telegram from Crown Attorney Dewart failed to reach him, and that he would have come to Toronto immediately had he received that message. He declares emphatically that he knows nothing that will cast light on the mystery of the Front street warehouse, and for that reason could not anticipate the interest the authorities took in his testimony.

At the same time Mr. Ragg expresses the opinion that murder has been done, and that the robbery at least if not the graver crimes have been committed by persons thoroughly familiar with the interior of Evans & Sons' warehouse and stock.

A Can-Can Under Arrest.

New York, Aug. 1.—George G. Gorey of St. John, N.B., held yesterday in $2,500 bail for grand jury, charged with using the mails to defraud, is believed, by the authorities to know much concerning the mysterious murder of old Solomon S. Dugan, in New York, in 1895.

NO MARTIAL LAW.

Troops, 1,500 in Number, However, Overawe Strikers in the Town of Shenandoah—Foreigners Are Blamed.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 1.—Twelve hundred state troops were camped last night on a hill overlooking Shenandoah. Down in the town, where raiders and policemen fought the bloody battle Wednesday night, all is quiet, and the indications are that so long as the militia remains, the peace of the community will not again be broken. Ten thousands of idle men and boys in this vicinity who had been gathering in large numbers and marching from place to place, did not repeat their demonstrations yesterday, and the authorities consequently had little or nothing to do.

The major portion of the population here is made up of foreigners, and, as a rule, they kept close to their homes during the day. It is claimed by the citizens of the town that the foreign element were colefs responsible for the trouble. Contrary to popular belief Shenandoah is not under martial law.

The mine workers are greatly incensed over the calling out of the troops. They assert that the action was entirely unwarranted and is an unjustifiable expense on the state.

Of the twenty or thirty persons who were beaten with clubs or struck by bullets during Wednesday night's rioting, one man, Joseph Beddall, died last night at 10 o'clock. Most of the wounded strikers claim that they were merely onlookers.

The district attorney and the sheriff are prosecuting an investigation, with a view of placing under arrest all those who participated in the riot.

President Mitchell Enjoined.

Charleston, Aug. 1.—President John Mitchell has been enjoined by a coal company that blames the strike for its inability to fill contracts. Coercive measures on part of strikers is prohibited.

MISS AMY WILSON.

Has Not Yet Been Found—Local Constable Asks Provincial Assistance.

Hamilton, Aug. 1.—High Constable Twiss has asked the Attorney-General's Department to send a provincial detective here to work on the case of Miss Amy Wilson, the 19-year-old girl who mysteriously disappeared from here. The girl disappeared while her mother was on a visit to a neighbor less than 100 yards away. In her room was found a rather strange document, to the effect that she expected to be kidnapped, and which was published at the time.

Frank Collins and John Davis of Dundas state that they saw her in Dundas between 5.30 and 6 o'clock of Tuesday of last week. One asked the other who the little girl was with. Amy Wilson. Both persons knew Miss Wilson well.

It has been learned that Miss Wilson has been ambitious to become a manager of some large poultry farm in the United States, and she went so far as to ask her mother if they would allow her to go away if she secured a good position. In the last issue of The Breeders' Advocate, a poultry and dog paper, there is an article on poultry and eggs, signed by Miss Wilson. In the same paper was Miss Wilson's advertisement in which she offered her fancy stock at cut prices, yet her father says she had only recentered the chicken business in May. This advertisement might go to show that Miss Wilson contemplated leaving there parts.

A number of doctors think she became insane and went to the woods.

SPARKS FLY 440 YARDS.

Fire at Newstadt Made a Wide Sweep on Thursday Morning.

Newstadt, Aug. 1.—At 11 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out at Binkley Bros.' foundry. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the fire soon reached the adjoining buildings. A sawmill, shingle-mill, foundry and dwelling house belonging to Binkley Bros. were completely destroyed. About 1 o'clock p.m. flying embers set fire to a stable and a dwelling house of Paul Miller about a quarter of a mile from the first fire, destroying both, two hogs being burned to death. Binkley Bros.' loss will be $8,000, insured for $1,600. Mr. Miller's loss is about $800, with insurance. The firemen from Mildmay brought over their fire engine and did good work in protecting surrounding buildings.

AUSTRALIA MINE DISASTER.

149 Miners Rescued, 100 Still Entombed, 27 Bodies Recovered.

Sydney, N.S.W., Aug. 1.—An explosion, resulting in heavy loss of life, has occurred at the Mt. Kembla colliery at Wollongong, a port forty miles from here. Twenty-seven bodies have been recovered. The buildings at the mouth of the pit were wrecked. One hundred and forty-nine miners were rescued, but a hundred are still entombed. It is feared their release is hopeless. A portion of the colliery is on fire.

Woman Suffrage in Australia.

London, Aug. 1.—Edmund Barton, Premier of Australia, replying to a deputation of woman suffragists, headed by Lady Henry Somerset, said the outlook for woman suffrage was excellent throughout the Australian Commonwealth. The success the movement had already met with in four out of the six States presaged the ultimate adoption of the system throughout the whole Federation, he said.

Electricity for Steam.

New York, Aug. 1.—Mayor Low has issued a statement in which he says he has been authorized by the New York Central Railway to say that if the city will approve the changes which the company wishes to make at the Grand Central depot, it will undertake to substitute electricity for steam, not only for its suburban, but also for its through traffic.

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A LESSON IN TILLAGE.

How to Keep Moisture in the Soil—The Time to Plow.

The texture or physical condition of the soil is nearly always more important than its mere richness in plant food. Every farmer knows, or should know, that a hard and lumpy soil will not grow good crops, no matter how much plant food it may contain. A clay soil which has been producing crops for any number of years, may be so seriously injured by one injudicious ploughing in a wet time, as to ruin it for the growing of any crops for two or three years. The injury lies in the modification of its physical texture, not in the lessening of its fertility. A sandy soil may, also, be seriously impaired for the growing of any crop if the humus, or decaying organic matter, be allowed to burn out of it. It becomes leachy, it quickly loses its moisture, and it becomes excessively hot in bright sunny weather.

A finely divided, mellow, friable soil is more productive than a hard lumpy soil of the same chemical composition. Why? Because it holds and retains the moisture; it holds more air; it presents greater surface to the roots; it promotes fertility; it hastens the decomposition of the mineral elements. It has less variable extremes of temperature; and it allows a better root hold to the plant. In all these and other ways the mellowness of the soil renders the plant food more available, and affords a congenial and comfortable place in which the plant may grow.

It is useless to apply commercial fertilizers to lands which are not in proper physical condition for the very best growth of crops. How, then, can the texture of lands be improved? By judicious ploughing and tillage, and mulches, by the incorporation of humus, by the use of underdrains, windbreaks, applications of lime, salt, and adaptation of crop to soil.

A number of experiments have been carried out at our own Experimental Farms as well as at Ithaca, N.Y., and elsewhere the results point generally to the necessity of preserving moisture in the soil, the first step towards which is to put the soil in such physical condition that it will be pervious to water; that is, that it will afford a reservoir for it.

Free water within eighteen inches of the surface of the soil is injurious to the growth of cultivated plants. Capillary water, that is, water retained in the minute hair-like empty spaces or tubes existing throughout well-worked soil, is the direct source of their supply and should by all means be conserved. Capillary action will be weak, while in finely compacted soils it will be strong. But should the capillary pores in the soil remain continuous from the moist under-soil to the surface, and pass off into the atmosphere by evaporation. By making these pores very much larger near the surface the moisture is arrested in its upward movement, and this result can be accomplished by light surface cultivation which produces a "soil mulch." This mulch of loose soil answers about the same purpose as a board would, in cutting off the direct connection of the capillary soil with the atmosphere. As soon as the soil becomes baked or encrusted, the capillary connection with the atmosphere is renewed, and another tillage is required to re-establish the "soil mulch."

It should always be remembered that a large amount of water is necessary for a plant, because its food is in a very dilute solution, and that water is also used in building plant tissue.

Moisture is necessary in the soil, for without it the action by which the roots are able to corrode the solid particles of mineral matter and set free plant food cannot take place.

As the distribution of rainfall is beyond any known control the farmer must place his dependence under ordinary conditions on the conservation of soil moisture.

Surface tillage should commence early in the spring so as to conserve moisture for every day's delay after the soil is in a fit condition means the loss of tons of valuable water.

As an implement with which to establish and maintain a surface "mulch" the harrow is valuable; frequent harrowing of an orchard will greatly lessen the evaporation from the surface. Where cultivators are used as conservers of moisture many fine teeth are preferable to a few coarse teeth.

Ridge culture undoubtedly promotes evaporation; therefore practise level culture except in cases where soil suffers from an excess of free water.

The roller, by compressing the soil, brings moisture to the surface. On loose sandy soils it is very useful, because it compacts the particles; but avoid it on clay, for it will prove disastrous if succeeded by heavy rains. When possible follow the roller with a smoothing harrow to restore the mulch.

The use of underdrains renders soils porous above them, and, in removing the free water, allows access of air, which is as essential as moisture.

Lime has a beneficial effect on heavy clay and on light sand, and acts favorably on marshy, sour lands. Lime, gypsum and salt are good conservers of moisture.

Grasses and grains do best on clay and loamy soils, leaving sandy and gravelly lands for cultivated crops. The humus of tilled lands can be kept up by barn manures and by green manuring.

The soil will respond in a large measure according to the treatment it receives. If neglected, it will fail to yield a liberal increase; but if cultivated intelligently and thoroughly it will well reward the owner for his diligence.

Department of Agriculture,
July 22, 1902.

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EAST NISSOURI.

The funeral of Mrs. W. W. Day, wife of Township Councillor Day, which took place Wednesday afternoon, was very largely attended. Besides the large number of sorrowing friends and relatives who were present, there were in attendance, Reeve Jno. Murray and the three other township councillors—Messrs. B. B. McCarty, James McWilliams and J. G. Richardson. After a short prayer at the family home, on the eighth concession, the cortege proceeded to the seventh line Methodist church, where the impressive funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Moyer, of Belmont, assisted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Thamesford. Interment was made at the seventh line cemetery, across the road from the church. The pallbearers were Messrs. Alex. Henderson, John Henderson, Eli Boughton, H. Tomlinson, Angus Morrison and E. McLeod. Besides her sorrow-stricken husband, Mrs. Day leaves a young family of three girls and a boy.

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