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TIMELY TOWN TOPICS.

SAVINGS AND DOINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

In the course of a week many occurrences transpire in our midst—both sayings and doings—which, while worthy of record, drop into oblivion, and we would solicit correspondence of an interesting nature. Any defects in spelling or language will be corrected, provided the article is deemed worthy of insertion in the columns of the REPORTER. So send in items and lots of them.

Aylmer is to have another newspaper.

The R. C. bazaar last week netted over \$300.

Mrs. Crawford, of Dunwich, relict of the late Archibald Crawford, died on Sunday last.

Bridgen is progressing rapidly, and a number of new buildings are to be erected there during the coming summer.

The St. Thomas Gun Club will have their regular glass ball shoot for the Bier challenge goblet on Monday next.

The Beaver Lacrosse Club, of Waterford, has been reorganised. Is it not time for our clubs to take a similar step.

Oh, Charley, wasn't it cruel of you to desert the little blonde at the church door last Sunday night to seek another ward!

This new Canada Southern ferry has been named the "Transport." A description of the boat recently appeared in our columns.

A fund to aid in the relief of the distress in Ireland is being raised by the working-men here, and subscriptions are flowing in liberally.

It may be vulgar to keep time to the orchestra music with your foot, but several of our young men say they become so interested as to forget going out to get a liquid clove.

None but the brave deserve the fair, and none but a cute auctioneer understands the science of securing free advertising by the insertion of a long-winded communication in a local newspaper.

To-morrow is St. Valentine's day and already the handsome clerks at the post office are inwardly abjuring the event owing to the increased amount of postal matter passing through their hands.

Mr. Angus Campbell has entered an action for damages and non payment of special rent got in lease against Baker and brother, of Aldborough, and the case will be heard before Judge Hughes at Dutton on the 18th inst. Mr. Campbell has retained James M. Glen, of this town, in his behalf.

Meetings are being held at Leamington in furtherance of the Harbor improvements. The estimated cost of material for the proposed improvements will be about \$30,000 and petitions will probably be presented to the Dominion Government during the present session from several ports on both sides of the lines.

Mr. Duncan Zavitz, lot No. 10, 4th Concession of Yarmouth, having decided to remove to Michigan has instructed Mr. J. G. Nunn to sell by public auction on Monday, 23rd inst., his valuable farm comprising 75 acres, with good buildings, fall wheat in ground and facilities for forming a trout pond; also will be sold a quantity of stock and farming implements.

The Globe hotel was the scene of an amusing incident a few days ago. A portly ex-music dealer who was pretty well filled with the spirit—not of Grace, but rather of bad whiskey—entered the hostelry, and when mine host Elijah brought up a quantity of benzine to replenish the bottles, the bummer demanded what he would charge to allow him to sprinkle the floor with the liquor. "Fifty Cents" was the reply, whereupon the liquor was dashed upon the floor and the slick Alex wished to repeat the trick but could not raise the sugar.

DOTS AND DASHES.

A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF LOCAL HAPPENINGS—ALL AROUND TOWN.

MRS. SCOTT SIDDONS.

Mrs. Scott Siddons, the great elocutionist, will appear in one of her popular entertainments at the Opera House next Wednesday evening, when our citizens may anticipate the richest treat of the season. The New York Herald thus speaks of this talented lady:

"Mrs. Scott Siddons is now beyond question the most distinguished and attractive lady reader before the public in any country. In personal charms and absolute purity of character and reputation she has never stood second to any lady in public life, and since the death of Charlotte Cushman she has had no rival in fame as a reader."

Texas Bill and troupe from the Rocky Mountains, arrived in town on Tuesday evening last and were met at the Criterion by Roary O'Moore and his gang. Now, the peaceful Roary, in order to have things on the quiet and make the peace more binding ordered the curly headed rye bruiser behind the bar to 'set 'em up again,' although both parties were pretty well elevated then. Of course there was nothing mean about that order, but Texas Bill evidently became imbued with the idea that the gang was going to get the start of him and therefore he coolly appropriated the pot, including Roary's hot whiskey. However this did not suit the pugnacious Roary who instantly doffed his coat, rolled up his sleeves and with a dramatic flourish declared his ability to pound the gallant butcher boy into mince meat or sausage, and to break him all up. There was blood in his eye, and the terrified Texas Bill, to avoid a good thrashing invited the crowd to smile at his expense. And they all took sugar in their'n, and when the boys left Sam, the general host was talking the outrageous Roary to death.

One man waltzes with his head in the air and with the expression worn by a dog when he is howling at the sound of music. Another has a bend in the middle which looks as uncomfortable as it is ungraceful. One genuflects at every turn, and slides out one of his feet as if to trip up rival dancers. An even more dangerous performer works his left hand up and down as if it were a pump handle. A tall man, with a topheavy kind of stoop, leans over his partner like a great hen taking a chicken under her wings. One man holds his partner as if he were afraid she would slip from his grasp, while another looks as if he wished he were rid of his bargain.

Considerable discussion was caused in town last week by the announcement in our contemporaries that charges of a serious nature had been preferred against a member of the police force, and that evidence would be taken before Judge Hughes on Saturday, but no evidence in any degree implicating any member of the force was offered.

The very inferior quality of much of the coal oil offered for sale in this town is becoming a source of remark by many citizens. The danger attendant thereon has been illustrated by a number of explosions which have occurred within a few days.

The Ontario grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will assemble at the Oddfellows' Hall in this town on Tuesday night, and a grand banquet will take place at the C. S. R. Dining Hall in the evening.

Mr. David Marshall, who is largely known among horsemen as the driver of the famous trotter "Proteine," was in town a few days ago. He is purchasing a few good animals throughout this section.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that a large stock of books are now being offered for sale by public auction in the premises lately occupied by J. J. Hanratty. The assortment is large and varied, comprising standard works in every department of literature, fiction, history, romance, travels, &c. The sales are daily at 3 and 7 p. m.

CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

Mrs. Currie, wife of Mr. James Currie, of this town, is the only daughter and youngest child of the ill-starred Donnelly family.

Dr. Thomas B. Drake, brother of Mr. D. Drake, of this town, died in Monroe, Wisconsin, on the 5th instant, aged 43.

The Ice crop, so far as this County is concerned, is a failure, owing to the open winter we have had.

There was a smash up on the Canada Southern early this morning, near Brownsville, by two freight trains coming in collision, breaking up the locomotives and smashing a number of cars. No lives were lost.

The poll tax collector still lurks round and occasionally a delinquent is brought before the police magistrate and ordered to pay the repugnant sum with costs.

Mr. J. Murray, Chief of the Provincial Detective Department, visited Sandystown last week and instituted inquiries regarding the lawlessness so prevalent there, but the result of his visit is not yet known.

The public meeting held in the town hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of taking some action towards aiding in the relief of the Irish distress was slimly attended. After addresses by Rev. G. G. Ballard, Father Flannery and Mr. Barrett a resolution was passed recommending the town council to grant the sum of \$500.

Last week a young man named Hotchki's hailing from the renowned village of Sandystown came to this town with a load of produce for market. He attended the R. C. promenade concert in the evening and during the night managed to abstract a fine whip from a vehicle, substituting his own, which was much shorter. Not content with this theft he perpetrated another crime in the hall, where he took a cap belonging to Mr. Robert McLachlin, leaving his own hat, but the whip was subsequently recovered. On Saturday morning Mr. McLachlin observed Hotchki's with the missing article, and the worthy was promptly arrested, and brought before the P. M. when he was sentenced to ten days imprisonment in the county gaol.

On Saturday last Mr. W. P. Taylor, general superintendent of the Canada Southern Railway, sustained severe injuries at Buffalo. He was driving along Delaware Avenue with several friends who were speeding their fast nags, when the horse attached to the vehicle preceding that occupied by Mr. Taylor slipped and fell. Mr. Taylor's horse was so close upon the other that it could not turn aside and endeavored to leap over the other vehicle, hurrying the occupants out, and Mr. Taylor would have fallen under the animal's feet but for the interference of a friend. He was taken up insensible and conveyed to his residence, medical aid being procured at once. We are glad to learn that the Mr. Taylor is fast recovering from the bruises and the shock sustained by him.

DIED.

In Dunwich, on the 10th instant, Mr. John Bobier, in the 80th year of his age.
In Wallaceburg, on the 22nd January, Jane, beloved wife of Charles Fraser, Esq., Collector of Customs, Wallaceburg, after a short illness, aged 56 years.
In this town, the infant child of Wm. Reynolds, aged 11 days.

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

St. Thomas, Feb. 12, 1880.	
Fall Wheat, white, per bus.	\$1 25 to 1 28
Spring Wheat, red.	1 25 to 1 28
Barley	1 00 to 1 10
Oats	0 62 to 0 65
Pease	0 45 to 0 62
Indian Corn, shelled	0 09 to 0 09
Corn, cob	0 55 to 0 56
White Beans	1 00 to 1 25
Flour	3 25 to 3 50
Eggs	0 12 to 0 15
Butter, per pound	0 15 to 0 20
Cheese	0 07 to 0 08
Potatoes, per bag	0 65 to 0 70
Apples, per bag	0 45 to 0 50
Beef	0 04 to 0 06
Mutton	0 05 to 0 06
Lamb	0 07 to 0 08
Dressed Hogs	5 50 to 6 00
Chickens, per pair	0 25 to 0 40

Try a pair of those new patent braces at W. F. Martin's.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

LISCAR HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 6—H. Gleankue, R. S. T. Davidson, R. J. Orr, Geo. T. Robinson, Toronto; W. Kennedy, Windsor; J. Stansfield, London; G. Mortimer, Montreal; F. J. Fenwick, Hamilton. Saturday, 7—J. R. Minnick, J. M. Macfarlane, J. R. Macdonald, W. L. Simpson, Chas. Reid, Chas. Gordon, Wm. T. Laing, J. H. Gordon, Jas. Gordon, London; Wm. Wood, Sparta; Jno. Risden, Fingal; Phil. J. Henry, Wallaceburg. Sunday, 8—J. M. Hale, S. C. Cronk, D. H. Price, W. Halahand, Beecher Bingham, P. A. Charlton, P. Brown, Chas. C. Campbell, Madison Davis, Aylmer. Monday, Feb. 9—C. Brown, William Agnew, Emil, Polunka, Montreal; A. N. C. Black, Dutton; W. J. Rutherford, London; Harry Goodman, Toronto; C. E. Henning, Paris. Wednesday, 11—W. McDonald, Guelph; J. F. Egan, Toronto; Geo. Miller, Windsor; John Goss, Draper, Sarnia; John Anderson and wife, Victoria, and 12 members of the Popular Dime Co'y. Thursday, 12—Jas. Baglis, E. Rowland, Jno. Cozens, T. H. Marsh, London; W. G. Potter, agent Mrs. Scott Siddons, R. Brown, D. L. Cavin, James B. Wertz, Toronto; Joseph Murphy, T. M. Davis, J. H. Quarry, W. Bremner, Hamilton; S. D. Holmes, Lyons, N. Y. S. B. Morris, Rodney; A. A. Harris, Montreal; J. B. Terryberry, Grimsby.

HUTCHINSON HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 6—J. T. Woltz, Toronto; W. Y. Nugent, Belmont; Amos Warren, E. Burwell, Thos. Kildea, Wm. Gainsbeck; Fingal; D. L. Beemer, Vittoria; Geo. Jones, Wm. Wells, Wm. J. Carling, C. S. Switzer, London; Jno. Cameron, Glencoe; Wm. H. McCracken, Hamilton; J. W. Henry, Toronto; D. L. Buelow, Montreal; H. Vansickle, Windham; T. W. Bain, Buffalo; D. M. Black, Iona; F. Foreman, Geo. Wilcox, Fort Erie; H. Adams, Galt; Jas. Gunshaw, do. Saturday 7—John K. Leortzer, Mitohi; G. H. Walker, D. E. Moulton, A. T. W. Johnston, London; Dan's Black, Iona; B. Kess, do; Geo. E. Joyce, Spats; A. H. McCulloch, Shedden, D. McTaggart, Belmont; F. Ferguson, Port Stanley; Dr. T. W. Thomas, Toronto; J. W. Simpson, Hamilton; Joon Johnston, Muskegan; Wm. M. Davis, Galt; John Ashley, and wife, Glencoe; T. Colson, Port Stanley; James Forshee, do; H. Nortrup, Cobourg. Sunday, 8—W. T. Stansbury, W. E. Martin, London; J. W. Pigott, Manchester, Eng.; H. Cummings, L. S. Saunders, Edward Knight, W. S. Galbraith, W. M. Cooper, Jas. McNish, London; Dr. McLay, Aylmer. Monday, 9—John Macmillan, Alf Robinson, E. S. K. Barclay, J. G. W. Martin, W. T. R. Rutherford; G. Rowat, London; D. S. Munstan, New York; G. W. Bost, Bayham; S. M. Sterling, Toronto; M. Belcher, do; A. Macpherson, Stratford; Thos. Sweetdown, Oil City; A. Ansley, Toronto; J. L. Dawson, Jas. D. Macpherson, Fingal; A. M. Grey, Eden; D. Baird, Biswarch; Geo. Dayton, London; H. L. Branton, Bowmanville; Tuesday, 10—F. W. Byron, A. Gillespie, H. C. Stoett, A. Ansley, Toronto; H. W. Cook, Ingersoll; W. C. Hoag, Stratford; W. B. Niclow, Napanee; H. D. Bake, Port Stanley, C. Tinslip, Strathroy; D. McLaren, Rodney, W. E. Speigle, Bloomsbury. Wednesday and Thursday's arrivals were handed in too late for this issue.

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FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED Rooms to rent, over Reynold's East End Tin Shop, near the C. S. R. depot. Apply to J. Reynolds. 4-tf

REWARD.

WHEREAS, no tidings have ever been received of the missing girl, Maggie McVey, who suddenly disappeared from her father's residence in Yarmouth about a year ago, a

Reward of \$250

is hereby offered by the County Council of the County of Elgin, for her recovery, either dead or alive.

JAMES MARTIN, Warden Co. of Elgin.

LOOK OUT

FOR THE

REPORTER

NEXT WEEK.

MARKET FEES

of the Town of St. Thomas will be sold by

PUBLIC AUCTION

—AT THE—
Market Square, Town Hall

ON
Monday, 23rd February, 1880,

at 12 o'clock noon.

The Market Fees, Butcher Stalls, Cellar and front rooms in hall, will be sold for one year from the 1st of March, 1880, and ending 28th February, 1881.

TERMS: payments to be made monthly. By order of the Market Committee.
JOSEPH LAING, J. P. MARTYN,
Auctioneer. Chairman.

OPERA HOUSE!

ST. THOMAS.

Wednesday Evening

FEBRUARY 18.

FAREWELL TOUR

MR. A. PITOU,

Manager Grand Opera House, Toronto, has the honor to announce the appearance of the Distinguished Favourite

Mrs. Scott Siddons,

in an entirely new and attractive programme comprising the choicest gems of her

BRILLIANT REPERTOIRE.

Reserved seats, \$1.00. Admission, 50 cts: Plan of the Opera House and seats for sale at Webb's, China Hall.

ATTENTION!

THE GREAT

AUCTION SALE

BOOKS

JEWELRY!

on Talbot street,

Opposite Merchants Bank

is being largely patronized.

Sale Each Day!

at 3 p. m. and 7.30 p. m., until the whole stock is disposed of.

No Reserve Whatever!

Private sales during the day at auction prices.

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