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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

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The Opera House is being repaired.

It is time those unsightly market-sheds

All applications for shop and tavern licenses must be sent in by the 1st of April.

Mr. Thomas White, of British Columbia, a son of Mr. W. J. White, P. M., is in town visiting his friends.

The Gass Committee have decided to erect several more lamps, to throw more light on the 'ways that are dark.'

Our agricultural editor says that it will soon be time to plant your pork and beans, to raise a good crop for the summer.

Mr. W. F. Martin, the popular dry-goods man, has secured the contract for making the uniforms for the bold school-boy cadets.

The St. Thomas Curling Club again defeated the Forest City Club, of London, at that hamlet, on Wednesday.

Attention is directed to the entire new stock of wall paper imported by W. H. Murch, at the Central Book Store, Mc-Larty block.

Wm. Murray, an antiquated looking rye wrestler, was run in by a policeman, and sent down for thirty days, on Tuesday last.

It is whispered around town that a well known conductor and the celebrated Kit have engaged a cottage at the seaside,

months. The new addition to the Kaoka factory, being 18 x 44 and two stories in height, wrs completed by Messrs. Miller & Reath

in the short time of seven days.

Messrs. Vyse & Bros., of St. Thomas, have applied to the Aylmer Council to grant them a bonus of \$1000, for the purpose of erecting a manufactory in the Village, to produce a new beverage, called Kanna, evidently a twin sister to Kaoka.

J. Orr was charged at the police court with having thumped James Joly. It appear from the evidence, that Orr impounded Joly's horse, and the latter, meeting him shortly afterwards, 'took it out of his hide.' Orr was assessed \$4.00.

The bargain of the season. McPherson & Armstrong are shewing genuine Scotch Tweed Suitings at from \$15 to \$17. A suit made in first-class style, perfect fit or

Providence helps those who help themselves,' was the motto of James Muir, but, unfortunately for James, it was ascertained that he had helped himself to a number of articles belonging to Conductor Tramalling, of the C. S. R. He was up before His Honor on Tuesday last, but, the complainant not appearing, the case was dismissed.

Sunday evening seems to be the popular time for fires in this city, there being more fires take place on that night, on an average, than on all the rest of the week put together. Last Sunday evening a fire was discovered in Mr. H. Thornton's livery stables, which might have resulted disastrously, but for the activity displayed by the Fire Laddies.' who succeeded in quenching the flames.

Wm. Noble appeared at the police court on Tuesday, on a charge of having shot a dog, valued at \$30, (by the owner,) belonging to John James. Mr. Noble acquitted himself of the charge. Several persons stated that the celebrated pugilist, Brodie, had been seen around the neighborhood with a rifle. Evidently the dog ran against a bullet from that useful article. Brodie paid \$20 to get rid of the

The decision in the case of C. L. Hovey has not been given yet, the case having been further remanded.

An East End man is going to get a 'green country aunt to come and reside with his rather quarrelsome family, for he says that he heard the preacher say that 'a soft auntsir turneth away wrath.'

A Ross street romance :-

Two souls with but a single thought. Two hearts that heat as one Four lips, together tightly pressed -One old man with a gun.

The Canada Southern Company contemplate putting a gang of men to work levelling the ground near the bridge, for the purpose of driving spiles, preparatory to the erect on of the magnificent iron structure which is to take the place of the wooden bridge.

What about this Dramatic Club, which was said to have been organized in town a short time ago? Is it not time that they were favoring the citizens with a drama We suppose they will try an easy one at first, such as 'Hamlet.'

London women appear to take things hard 'Goodness, Gracious! exclaimed one of those amiable creatures, when the news had been gently broken to her, that her husband had been badly hurt in a railway smash-up-Goodness, gracious ! but I'll bet that new undershirt's spoiled, too.

A wrestling contest, took place at the West End, last week, between a gallant captain and a 'red man of the forest;' which resulted in the captain being thrown several times, although, in the end, the ancient mariner proved victorious. Whoop! big Ingun.

Have some butter, John? said a Wellington street boarding-house woman, to one of her hoarders. No, thank you, replied John-I promised my widowed mother never to take anything stronger than brandy. There is now a vacancy for a boarder on Wellington street.

It does not speak very well for the originality of the writers on some of our local papers, when they copy the account of a local event from a paper published at a distance. And so say we all.

Sproule, the Vienna Division Court defaulter, who was taken, here, by detective Murray, appears to be in very illhealth. The Aylmer barber's wife, who was his companion, is supposed to be in New Brunswick.

Mary E. O'Strander, is the name of an-Alymer girl who had loved not wisely but too well; the result of Mary's guilty love being a child, which died the other day under what was considered suspisionable circumstances. An inquest was held on the body at Aylmer on Friday last. The jury returned the verdict that 'the child came to its death from causes to them un-

The Sarnia Observer states that a Sarnia man packed up his furniture preparatory to removing to St. Thomas, and sending his wife, children and a boarder to this town, he remained behind to transact some business, in the meantime the wife and boarder skipped out for parts unknown, taking the children with them. Moral: Never trust your wife with a boarder.

Mr. L. E. Clair, the cigar manufacture r is now manufacturing some choice brands of cigars, importing the very best of tobaccos. His well-known brands, "Calls-Midgets" and "Emeralds," are without exception the best five cent cigar on the market, and hotel keepers and other cigar dealers would look well to their interests by patronizing Mr. Clair. Ask for Clair's "Calls-Midgets" and "Emeralds" and you will be sure to get a good cigar.

The Tragedy. Great slaughter of goods at the St. Thomas 99 ct. Store and Notion House. Our towels and crash are a marvel of cheapness, (from 5 to 10 cts. a yard;) our 99 ct. gent's white shirt, warranted pure linen front, is just what every man wants; our white spreads for 99 cts. are unparalleled; our hats are positively best value in town. C! C!! C!!! what 10 cts. will buy,-splendid dressing comb, good purse, 3 pie tins, large bake pan, shoe brush, splendid whisk broom, beautiful curry comb, bottle of mucilage with brush, large oil can, etc., etc. We solicit the farmers' trade and will give the best value for the money's worth. L. Palmer.

Vennor predicts a heavy fall of snow between the 21st and 28th inst. Now get your dusters and straw hats ready.

The Grangers met in their mighty wisdom at the Town Hall yesterday. no doubt to discuss the threshing of pumpkins, the culture of the tomato tree, and other items of agricultural interest.

Ne persons need go to Manitoba to take up land, just let them wade through to the sidewalk, a short distance west of the toll gate, and they will surely take up, on their feet, enough to satisfy them.

People around town thought an army of tramps had struck this place vesterday. seeing the crowds of sorry-looking strangers standing around, until it was ascertained that the grangers were going to hold a meeting in the Town Hall.

For 25 years had Philip Hodgkinson been Township Clerk of Malabide; twenty-five years, almost a lifetime, and upon the old man retiring, the other day, he was presented with a vote of thanks and an annuity of \$75.

Dr. Forbes, on his way home last night, to Irishtown, encountered a man near Wilcox corner, who gave him some jaw about his corn medicines. The doctor hauled off his coat and let him have one which sent his victim into the ditch. When the fellow got up, both ran different directions.

A pugilistic encounter took place this morning between H. Thornton and Geo. Nunn. The former accused the latter of losing a whip, which he refused to pay for, words ensued, and Harry, who is considered a bruiser, let go his left bower on to George's nose, keeling him over.

Post-office clerks are hard pushed sometimes. A tall, red-headed stranger, with feet like cookstoves, entered the Post-office here, the other day, and stepping up to the wicket, enquired if there was anything for John Henry Winterbottom. Tes, there's letter,' replied the clerk, after he had looked over a pile. 'Thank you,' the stranger then said, 'I merely asked for the sake of curiosity. By the time the indignant clerk had got around to the front with a club, the man with the red head and mammoth feet had gone forever.

In last week's issue we informed our readers of an infant being found at the house of Mr. Brent. The police took the case in hand and in a short time ascertained that one Catherine Currie, of Glencoe, had given birth to a child at the house of her brother in this town, and a short time afterwards the child had disappeared, and subsequently the mother, of whom no trace could be found. Jane Currie, a sister to the accused, was charged at the police court yesterday with being a party to the abandonment of the child, but no evidence being forthcoming she was discharged.

Three young bloods, fresh from the farm, evidently out on a jambofee, to see the amount of 'elephant' which this town contains, stepped up to the police station, the other day, and finding the door locked, commenced thumping it at a rate which would have soon demolished the entire structure. but for the timely appearance of the Chief on the scene, who demanded their business. 'Why, you be a nice man, ter keep a tavern and keep yer door locked,' replied one of the hay wallopers, 'we want to get a" drink. The Chief quietly informed them that it was the 'Cage of Justice,' and the next moment, three remarkably quiet farmers had departed for that neighborhood.

A large and select audience assembled at the magnificent Masonic Hall, in the McLarty Block, last evening, on the occasion of the dedication of the Hall by Grand Master Henderson. The Hall is, we may safely say, unsurpassed by anything of the kind in Canada, being furnished throughout in an elegant manner, while the painting, decorations, &c., are executed in the highest degree of the art, and the most critical examination will fail to reveal the slighest particle wanting to make it a superior hall in every respect. The singing and playing was greatly appreciated by the audience, many of the performers being repeatedly encored. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the party proceeded by special train, which was in waiting at the Metcalfe street crossing, to the C. S. R. Dining Rooms, where a magnificent banquet awaited them. Want of space prevents us from giving a more detailed account of the proceedings.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Correspondents are requested to write plain, so as not to give the compositor much trouble. If not it will be rejected. Do not write with pencil.

To the Editor of the REPORTER. A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT.

THE "TIMES" IN MOURNING FOR THE LOSS

OP THEIR DEAR FRIEND, PAP !

THAT PUT-UP PRINTING JOB.

CHARLIE AND JIM TO THE PRONT-WINT ON THE TRACK.

SIR, -In Thursday's Times there is a report of a special meeting of the Council, the greater portion of which was taken up in censuring the Printing Committee, particularly the chairman, Mr. Drake, for not giving the so-called "job" to the lowest tenderer-that is the printing of the Auditor's Report. In my opinion, and I will prove my assertion, the committee have not only given it to the cheapest but the best. The Times put in 691 cents per page for 500 copies; P. Burke put in 70 cents per page for 200 copies, and \$1.50 for each subsequent 100, making a difference of half a cent per page all round in favor of the Times, or \$4.62 between the two tenders. The Times, trying to play a little dodge, did not state the amount they would charge for each subsequent 100 copies. Had they got the put-up joh, as the Finance Minister styles it, each subsequent 100 copies would be charged at whatever price the man of the Times might put on-which might make a difference of at least \$6 per 100 copies. The Committee in their wiadom, saw through the dodge, and swarded the contract to the undersigned, knowing that his tender was the only legitimate one handed in.

The Lion, Charlie, backed up the Eagle, to the utmost of his ability, under all circumstances, as if afraid of his talons. upholding the slanderous allegations put forth to injure Mr. Drake. Charlie when you reflect, your remarks come with a very bad grace under circumstances best known to yourself. However, I will reserve my powder and ball for a future occasion in case they might be needed. I have not lived in St. Thomas since 1852 without knowing the ins and outs and workings of its inhabitants during time

Poor Hunt, he is not only a burthen to himself, but to his hearers; all he cares about is the Ladies Aid Society, in which he takes a great interest. He is a good advocate. .

It seems very strange to me, having lived and paid taxes here for the past thirty years, that I should be ignored from getting a living for my family, and give way to strangers who has not, or ever will, expend the same amount of money in the town as I have. For the past five years I have only received two dollars from our generous municipal Corporation. I would ask why did they not tender during that time when they might have saved the ratepayers hundreds of dollars -but no, their blinded bigotry would not allow them to pursue such a course. There has been accounts as long as the moral law sent into that board and passed without a murmor; contracts, innumerable, have been let without a tender ever been asked for, the pets, of course got them. It is time, and I am pleased to see, that there are men in the Corporation, who will endeavor to put down such rascality as has been going on for years. Everything connected with municipal affairs ought to be tendered for not that the lowest, in all cases, should receive the contract. After the debate the Yeas and Nays were taken, as to who should have the "job" which resulted as follows:-

YEAS-Hunt. Still. Morse, Roe, Mann.

NAYS-Ermatinger, Coyne, Drake, Vanbuskirk, Martyn, Fraser, Wright. I am sir, yours respectfully,

P. BURKE.

MR. EDITOR.—Our fair town is troubled with a nuisance, which at times is very annoying to the respectable portion of our female community, and which could be made to cease, was the law properly enforced by those whose duty it is to enforce law and order. I refer to our 'street loafer,' a being whom it would be a mis-nomer to speak of as a gentleman, having lost all sense of decency and self respect, or regard for the feelings of others, more particularly ladies. You will find him leaning against a store or pillar on the street corner, or perchance in

some doorway, as though his presence and support were necessary to the safety of the structure. Did he remain silent in his rendezvous, the matter would not be so intolerable, but let a female pass, in company or alone, and this degraded anatomy will open his vocabulary of slang vulgarity and blackguardism such as would be disgusting to the ears of any respectable man, much less the sensative ear of a woman.

Of late he has found a new field wherein to exercise his loafing proclivities, and that is in the vicinity of our churches on the Sabbath, even daring to enter the precincts of God's house, remaining in the vestibule a portion of the time during service, concocting some deviltry until he hears the benediction being pronounced, when the pack (for they, like wolves, are too cowardly to act singly) make a rush for the walk and file themselves on either side, as if their presence was required as a body guard for those returning from service, and frequently (if sufficiently strong in numbers) blockade the sidewalk, to the disgust and annoyance of everyone. This state of things would not exist, if our police would exercise the powers vested in them, by either compelling them to 'move on' when grouped, or arrest them in default, when one or two introductions to our respected Police Magistrate would have the salutary effect so much needed.

TELEPHONE OUTDONE.

THE LATEST AND MOST WONDERFUL OF ELEC-TRICAL DISCOVERIES.

A Pittsburg despatch says-Connolly and McTighe, of this city, patent attorneys, sent their application for a patent on a new invention to Washington to night. This has not been christened as yet by the inventors, but may be called telephote-telicon, or telopticon. The claim made is the ability to transmit the physical wave force of light electricity, similar to transmission by the telephone. It baving been demonstrated that electricity is a creation of solar light, the principal basing this invention is that of the convertibility of electricity back again into light, and in the process undergone the reproduction at the point of reception of the object anometted to the action of the solar or powerful electric rays at the point of transmission.

It is claimed by Mr. McTighe, with whom your correspondent conversed last evening, that when the new invention is sufficiently perfected for practical use it will be possible for one of the two persons conversing by telephone to perceive distinctly at the same time the image of the person with whom he is engaged. The practical utility of the invention will, however, be more thoroughly apparent when it is stated that the inventors believe they will be able to transmit instantaneously, from point to point, any written or printed document, as, for instancr, one entire side of a newspaper. The reproduction of the image is the result of chemical changes, which are now utilized in the science of photography, and are per fectly familiar to all operators in that branch of science and art

The inventors began their investigation of the subject several years ago, the idea being ebtaized from the first attempts made at the telephone. In order to be able to work understandingly, Mr. McTighe and Mr. T. A Connolly, the Washington member of the firm, took up the subject of photography and mastered it completely. From time to time, as they made new plans and discoveries, drawings and papers relating to the same were fyled away at Washington, with proof of the same, so that they are fully prepared to prove the priority of all their claims should any effort be made to dispute the same. The comparative impracticability of Dr. Lick's diaphote is made apparent from the fact that it requires 72 wires to transmit the image. The telephote, like the telephone, requires but a single wire. It will transmit the image of any object, however large, which, while sent in diminished size, is magnified at the receiving point, before its production, to the required size.

Mr. McTighe states that by his experine has been able to produce clearly and faithfully, in a dark room, at his resithe images of persons at 'the other end' of the line, extending from another part of the house, and that, while the telephote of the house, and that, while the telephote is yet in its infancy, of its ultimate perfection and utility there can be no doubt what-

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach proposes that the \$100,000 voted by the Canadian Government for relief of the distresses in Ireland be placed in the hands of three members each of the Dublin Mansion House and the Duchess of Marlbough's Relief Committees, and he suggests that he money be applied in reproductive works, such as providing boats, nets, etc., for fishing purposer.

Winslow, the sanctimonious Boston forger, has turned up under an assumed name in Buchas Ayres, where he has married again, is publishing a newspaper, and, making addresses to Sunday Schools.