Independent.

East Middlesex Patrons and Mc-Carthyites Nominate a Candidate

To Contest the Riding at the General Election.

Saturday's Convention Was Not of a Most Harmonious Nature.

By the Nomination was Made Unanious-A West Nissouri Reeve Carries the Convention -The Nominees and What They Said

A joint meeting of the Patron and McCarthyite electors of East Middlesex was held at the court house on Saturday afternoon to select a candidate to contest the riding on the independent ficket at the approaching general election. There were about 75 electors present from the various townships in the riding. A week previously a meeting was held, at which several were named for the candidature, but as the meeting was rather hurriedly called, the closing of the nominations was postponed for a week.

Mr. W. H. Bartram, of London West, occupied the chair. "If we mean business," he said, in calling the meeting to order, "let us select a candidate who is able to direct the fight." The spectacle at Ottawa, Mr. Bartram continued, was enough to make any Canadian blush. If both parties were agreeable to coercive legislation in the Manitopa school matter, why didn't they join hands and pass it? Mr. Laurier wanted it delayed, however, simply because he might have the honor of passing it himself. The speaker took the position that there should be no coercive legislation, and that there should not be State aid to a secuno rights, and when the facts became known Canadians would blush to think that they had lived in a country where the government was so rotten. There should be no humbugging about the selection of a candidate, concluded Mr. Bartram. If business was meant, the maependent electors would have an opportunity of making themselves felt in the riding. Candidates had been put up before only to be knocked down, but such a course should be shunned in the coming contest. He asked for further nominations.

Squire Patrick, of London township, next secured the floor. He found fault with some statements made by the chairman. Next he criticised the manner in which licenses were granted by the commissioners.

He was called to order by Mr. Bartram, who said the meeting had not been called to discuss the prohibition question, but to select a candidate.

'Exactly," said Mr. Patrick. Mr. Bartram—We do not want to tariff?
be converted. We are all converted Mr.

"Yes," continued Mr. Patrick. "The question today is whether we are to be ruled by the clergy or by the farmers. I want an independent candi-What have we ever got from party in East Middlesex? We have got the law made so that professional or any other class of men cannot under-I want the rights for the farmers, and every man who dares to usurp them thrown out. Let us go like

Mr. H. B. Ashplant, leader of the Socialist labor party in the city, arose to a question of privilege. He wanted the objects of the meeting fully explained, and asked if it had been properly called, and upon what platform the independents intended to work; or, if they had no platform, did they intend to formulate one?

Mr. Bartram replied that the meeting was called by advertisement to select a candidate. The independents were not going to tie themselves down to any platform. They were going to corrupt government.

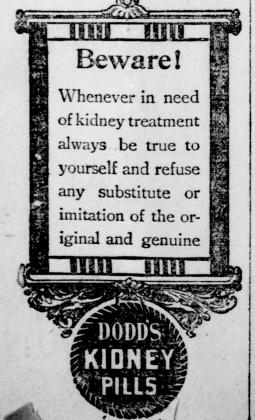
"It is not your place," replied Mr. Ashplant, to the chairman, "to say whether or not we shall lay down a platform, and I would like to know where you got your authority to speak We are the electors of East Middlesex, and we have the right to lay down a platform if we choose. Before we make a nomination we want to know upon what platform our canmidate is to stand. Both the Liberal and Conservative parties have platforms, and they make them known through the press. I think the independents should have one, too."

A little squabble followed, in which several took a hand, and showed that the meeting was properly called, and that Mr. Bartram was duly chosen chairman.

"That gentleman," said Mr. Bartram meaning Mr. Ashplant), "has evidently come here for a purpose. Before the meeting opened he was distributing some circulars on the Socialist party. Mr. Ashplant again arose, and holdng a printed hand-bill above his head. he asked if it was the official plat-

'No, it is not," replied the chairman. "Well, where in the diggings is it?" asked Mr. Ashplant. "I rise to a

The chairman again called a halt on



Mr. Ashplant. "See here," said Mr. Bartram, with some show of impa-tience, "I am chairman of this meeting, or else you are I was chosen chairman last Saturda; and am acting again today because this is only an adjourned meeting. Several candidates were nominated a week ago. and we are not going to go through the farce of renominating them again to-

day to satisfy you." Thus the cross-firing was concluded, and as there were no further nominations, the chairman called on the nominees to declare themselves.

The nominees were Joseph Ferguson of London township, a brother of Mr. Justice Ferguson; Wm. Scatcherd, of Wyton; Dr. Towle, of Kintore; Wm. McCready, of Dorchester, who was once named as the Patron candidate; W. H. Bartram, of London West, and Samuel Pardy, reeve of West Nissouri. Messrs. Scatcherd and Ferguson briefly declined to allow their names to

go to the meeting.
Dr. Towle consented. He dealt chiefly with the Manitoba school question, and expressed strong opposition to the Dominion Government's interference. He contended that the Roman Catholic people of the Prairie Province did not want separate schools, but that the agitation was set on foot by the clergy of Quebec and Archbishop Langevin of Winnipeg. "I do not think," said the doctor, "that the Dominion Govthe doctor, "that the Dominion Gov-ernment should try to crush such a rising young Province under its feet, as it is endeavoring to do. I think we should issue a protest in this great Province of Ontario, because it would be a gross injustice to try and enforce a coercive law upon our sister Province." Dr. Towle said he was in favor of allowing Manitoba to settle the question herself. He did not believe in absolute free trade, but just as he desired to see Manitoba protected, so he desired to see Canadian industries protected. He was opposed to mon-

opolies and combines. "How do you and D'Alton McCarthy agree?" asked an elector.

"On everything but the trade ques-tion," answered Dr. Towle. "But say whether or not you can support him," continued the elector.
"Well," said the doctor, after deliberating for a moment, "I should say that I can support Mr. McCarthy, because the trade question is not a vital

plank in his platform." Patron McCready was given a good hearing, and appeared to have the meeting. He believed the time had come in the history of Canada when something could be done for the wealth producers in the way of redress for lar school in the country. The country had been misgoverned, the masses had had suffered for a long time. He was the many wrongs under which they opposed to interference by the Dominion Government with the educational systems of any of the provinces. He favored the provinces maintaining (by provincial aid or taxation) efficient public schools, collegiate institutes and universities. This would give every citizen an opportunity of being edu-cated for all walks of life, and compel persons who wanted their children educated along religious lines to send them to a college conducted by the religious body to which they belonged.
Mr. McCready approved of what he called "godless schools." "Keep the Bible out of the schools," he said; keep on the line of equal rights to all classes of citizens, and Canada will become one of the nations of the

> "You will stay by the McCarthy platform?" was asked by a man in the rear of the room.
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> Mr. McCready—Yes, I will.

> Dr. Towle-You believe in a revenue Mr. McCready-For revenue only; ed so as to fall as heavily as possible upon the luxuries of life, and as lightly as possible upon the

necessaries. "How do you stand on the eighthour day for workingmen?" asked Mr. Ashplant.

"Before you answer that question," said a workingman from East Lon-don. "I would like to say that hundreds of workingmen in the city al-ready have too short hours of labor they have none at all. We are sick of hearing about this eight-hour trash."

ar. McCready-If this country had not been damned by over-government, by bad legislation, you (turning to the vorkingman) would have had your labor, and you (Mr. Ashplant) would have had your eight-hour day. Eight hours is a long enough workday for

Mr. Bartram spoke along the same lines as he did in his opening address, and was followed by Mr. Pardy, who dwelt on the necessity of having independent men in the House of Commons. He also spoke against separate schools.

This closed the speech-making, and balloting was begun on the four nom-inees who decided to allow their names to go to the convention-Dr Towle, Messrs. Pardy, Bartram and McCready. On the first ballot Towle and Mr. Bartram dropped out, and on the second Mr. Pardy received

27 votes and Mr. McCready 19. Mr. Pardy's nomination was made unanimous, and the independents went on their way.

WARNED OF DEATH.

An Engineer's Wife Says She Had a Premonition of Her Husband's Death.

Seneca Falls, March 9.-Mrs. Alice Baker, whose husband was killed in a railroad accident at Salida, Col., a short time ago, and was brought to Miss Nelie Marshall assisted the bride, this county for burial, expects to leave for her home this week. She says that she was warned in a dream several days in advance that her husband, who was an engineer, would be killed at a certain time at what was known as Matta Pass, and on this warning begged him not to go, but he laughed at her fears and started, telling her that he would return next day as During that morning, as she was about the house, occupied with her work, she says that she plainly saw Matta Pass, which was some twenty miles from her home, just as she saw it in her dream, with the cars husband lying dead, and an hour later a. dispatch was received telling her that her husband was dead.

BIG MINING FAILURE.

of the Butte and Boston Copper and Silver Mining Company, have filed an at once t attachment on its property for \$415,000. Sandwich. Seven hundred men are thrown out of employment.

SHOT HIMSELF. Coboconk, Ont., March 9 .- Samuel Swanton, a well-known buyer of forest products, was found dead in his room in Patties' Hotel here yesterday afternoon, with a bullet hole through his heart. Deceased had for years been a heavy drinker, and is supposed to have

KILLED AT A CROSSING. Ayr, Ont. March 9 .- At the C. P. R. crossing in Ayr, Saturday afternoon, a lad named Jones, who works for C. H. Gerbig, attempted to cross over the track with a rig in front of a through freight train, when the train struck the rig, and both the boy and horse were instantly killed.

Happenings in Western Ontario Sections.

Death of a Prominent Goderich Man-Farm Tranfers-A Number of Weddings.

A large number of Chatham township farmers are dehorning their cattle.

The annual spring horse show at Elora will be held on Tuesday, April 21. The river at Elora is still locked up by the frost. The ice broke up on March 6 last year.

Henry Lypps sold his 70-acre farm on the Lake road, Kingsville, to Horatio Wigle for \$3,500. The Ontario Natural Gas Company offered to heat all schools in Windsor

at the rate of \$150 per month. Mr. Thomas Lannan, near Brunner, about disposing of his farm to Mr. J. Stickley, having been offered \$2,750. Rev. I. B. Wallwin has been unanimously invited back to Lucknow Methodist Church for another year, and

has accepted. Rev. Mr. Corkery has accepted the pastorate of the Bruce Avenue Baptist Church, Windsor, and will take charge about April 1.

John Paxton has sold 100 acres of his home farm in Dover, to Richard Steen, of Mitchell's Bay. The price paid was \$6,000. Turnbull, the Paris hockyist will be tried before Judge Finkle at the sit-

tings of the quarter sessions, which takes place June 9 in Woodstock. A happy event took place on Wednesday at Wm. Stirling's, Goderich township, when his eldest daughter, Mary, was married to Donald McKenzie, of Goderich road.

The first team to come from the Islands to Wiarton this winter, came over on Wednesday, March 4, when a number of men working for Mr. Kidd drove over. The Moncrieff postoffice has been

moved from the residence of John Mc-Taggart, con. 16, where it has been for past 15 years or more, to George McKay's, 1 1-2 miles farther east. The Thomas Organ Company property, at Woodstock, which has idle for some time, will shortly be started up again, Mr. Wm. Coventry

having taken over the estate, which paid 40 cents on the dollar. Rev. F. C. O'Meara, formerly rector of St. Mary's Church, St. Marys, has left Killarney to take charge of the Anglican Church in Deloraine, Man. Mrs. O'Meara was Miss Lizzie Crozier,

and is the youngest daughter of James Crozier, St. Marys. The farm of the late James Kippan, at Brocksden, has been sold by public auction to Duncan McMillan for \$6,800. The farm stock and implements brought about \$600. The farm consists of 140 acres, and is one of the

best in North Easthope. At Osgoode Hall, the three Seventh Day Adventists, Rev. A. C. Burrill, P. M. Howe and Wm. Simpson, obtained an order with a view to having their conviction for repairing their church on Sunday quashed. The three at the time were each fined \$10 and costs, with the option of going to jail for ten

Collector of Customs Gott, of Amherstburg, visited Kingsville and Leamington on business last week, and at the former place imposed a fine of \$270 on Geo. T. Jones, of Ruthven, the value of a lot of peach trees imported from the United States at an undervaluation, together with the duty thereon.

The death occurred on Wednesday night of Benjamin Carn, at the residence of Wm. Ireland, Charles street, Ingersoll. Deceased was unmarried, and has no relatives here. He was a member of Pride of Oxford Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 743, under whose direction he was buried.

The following are the customs returns for February at the port of Stratford: Imports—free, goods value, \$22,729; dutiable goods value, \$17,472; duty collected, \$3,571 07; export, value, \$30,038. The Inland Revenue Depart-Stratford division, shows revenue for February of \$3,715 55.

The March monthly cattle fair at Guelph was poorly attended. The animals offered were few and of rather inferior quality. The good cattle are being held back. Cows sold from \$28 to \$35. There were no shippers. Butchers' cattle sold from 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 cents. They were also few, and by no means superior.

One night last week at Clinton, Mr. J. Chapple, aged 91, got out of bed and fell, striking his head against the window with such force as to break cut a pane and cut the top off his nose and a couple of cuts in his head. He got back into bed and did not alarm the other inmates of the house. When he got up in the morning he was a sorry looking spectacle, but was not seriously hurt. A pleasant time was spent at the

residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barry, Culloden, on Wednesday, at noon, it being the occasion of the marriage of their daughter Effie to John Henry Bray. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McAllister, of Brownsville. while G. T. Shrimpton did a like service for the groom.

David Rudy has bought the D. L Zehr farm, lot 35, con. 16, East Zorra, for \$11,320. This farm—one of the best in Oxford-contains 175 acres, and brought \$16,000 at a sale eleven years ago. It is just a few rods north of Mr. Rudy's present home, and he intends to move to his new property shortly. The well-known auctioneer now owns about 300 acres of land in East Zorra.

Joseph Grenville, who is supposed to be the burglar shot while att rpting piled on top of each other, and her to gain entrance to the store of Cowan & Quick, Kingsville, has been arrested. He went to his father's house in the village after being shot, and Dr. White was called to extract the bullets from his leg. He appeared for examination, pleaded guilty and was committed for trial, which will probab-Butte, Mont., March 7.—Attorneys committed for trial, which will probab-representing the eastern bond-holders ly be at the June sessions at Sandwich. If he can be moved, he will be at once taken to the county jail in

Matthew Hutchinson, member of the firm of Ogilvie & Hutchinson, and manager of the Goderich branch of the business, died on Sunday after a lingering illness. Deceased was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1827; came to this county with his parents in 1833. His mother was a sister of James Miller, founder of the Allan Line of steamships. He was married in 1854 to Helen Ogilvie, sister of the Messrs. Ogilvie. He went to Goderich in 1874. When the big mill was completed he entered into partnership with Messrs. Ogilvie, his brothers-in-law. For several years he was a member of the town council and of the county council as one of the reeves of the town. He leaves a widow and five children, two sons and three daughters. Dr. J. A. Hutchinson, chief medical officer

of the G. T. R.; W. W. Hutchinson, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Jas. Thom, of Montreal; Miss Hutchinson and Miss Fannie Hutchinson, to lament the death of the kindest of husbands and fathers.

In Vino Veritas.

A Bottle of Champagne that Cost

The Fresident of a Railway Dr Revealed a Secret that Pro His Undoing.

A recent New York dispatch says that the ruin of the famous B and O. Railroad has been traced to a bottle of champagne. The drinker of that champagne was Robert Garrett. Robert Garrett was the son of John W. Garrett, who originated and built up the B. and O. John Garrett was the same type as Commodore Vanderbilt, who created the New York Central. He knew e erything about a railroad from the ties to the locomotives. When he died in 1884 the B. and

and seemed as solid as the Bank of England. Robert Garrett succeeded him. He was the possessor of 104 pairs of trousers. Garrett's great ambition was to control the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, between

O. was paying 10 per cent dividends,

the cities named. Thomas A. Scott wanted the same road just as badly. Robert Garrett went to Boston. negotiated a deal for a controlling interest in Wilmington stock. All that remained was to sign some papers. It was necessary that Robert Garrett should go to New York. He did so, and went to a dinner party with some friends, including a corporation lawyer. At that dinner the bottle of champagne that cost millions was opened. Robert

Garrett drank it.
"Gongratulate me," he cried. "In two days I will control the P., W. and B."

More corks popped. But one man did not drink. He heard all and then left the table. He caught a train to Philadelphia and aroused Thomas A. Scott from his bed.

"In two days?" mused Scott aloud. "We'll see." Instantly Scott sent for his assistant, Capt. John P. Green. The conference lasted until daylight. Then secret agents were sent in every di-

rection. Garrett was outbid, and at 2 p.m. papers were signed giving the controlling interest in the Wilmington to Scott. For those shares \$3,000,000

spot cash was paid. When Robert Garrett awoke on what he firmly believed was to be the morning of his triumph, the newspapers were full of the deal between the Penrsylvania and the P., W. and B. Inexpressibly mortified, Garrett determined, in June, 1885, to build a line of his own to Philadalphia. The Penrsylvania his own to Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania had the pull of all its locomotives with the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and with the Philadelphia city councils. The Pennsylvania fought Garrett with all its strength, but Garrett had what he wanted within 40 days. It cost him \$500,000. He paid his secret agents well; he advertised liberally; he expended large sums in fees. Some people hinted at bribery.

The Pennsylvania road then agreed to pay Garrett all the liability he had incurred looking to the construction of the road to Philadelphia. They made other arrangements that would have profited the B. and O., and Robert Gar-rett decided not to build the road. He estimated that the project had already cost \$2,000,000. The Pennsylvania was ready to pay that.

It had really cost \$8,000,000. The Fennsylvania withdrew from agreement. The game was not worth the candle to them. Robert Garrett built his road. It proved a fearful drain on the B. and O., and in 1887 the once great corporation was on the brink of insolvency. J. Pierpont Mor-gan put up the money to save it, on condition that Samuel Spencer should be made president. That was done. Robert Garrett was a paretic.

Spencer began to economize rapidly. He upset all the tradition of the Garrett management. He smashed Balimore's gods. All the Garrett family, all Maryland rose in protest. Miss Mary Garrett, who, of course, inherited a great fortune from her father, old John W., put her hand in her pocket. She, loyally, paid off a large part of the road's obligations to Drexel, Morgan & Co., Then Samuel Spencer had to go. Then came Charles F. Mayer as president. His was an extravagant administration, and the once prosperous railroad steadily sunk deeped and deeper into the mire of floating debt, bad bookkeeping, and the payment of unearned dividends.

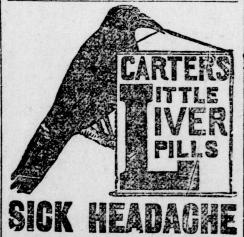
EXIT J. H. M'VICKER.

Death of the Well-Known and Popular Theatrical Manager.

Chicago, March 9.—J. H. McVicker, the well-known theatrical manager, died Saturday afternoon, aged about 70 years. Mr. McVicker was stricken with paralysis about a month ago, and has been lying at death's door ever since. His death has been looked for at almost any time during the last ten

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