

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1900.

The editor of the Dominion can stand a paper combine, but when it comes to a possibility of being deprived of his favorite "chawing" tobacco, combines must go.

The magistrate's courts, which, it is to be regretted have been of too frequent necessity in this village, are attended by small boys, who listen intently to all that is said. A serious mistake is made by the authorities and the parents in permitting children to attend these courts. The repetition in evidence of the language of the accused persons is often not the most refined, and its effect on youthful minds must be everything but wholesome. Let the boys be excluded from the magistrate's court.

A judgment that may interest farmers and threshers was delivered recently in Renfrew county by Judge Deacon. A farmer named Kriessike brought an action against a thresher who had disappointed him after he had gone to preparations for the coming of the threshers. The judge decided that the plaintiff was entitled to damages. This virtually means that within his jurisdiction threshers must keep their appointments, however tempting a job offers itself to one of them when on his way to do work for which a contract has already been made.

It is reported at Kingsville that a combination of the wealthy tobacco manufacturers, headed by McDonald, of Montreal, are combining for the purpose of driving to the wall the new factories, especially these in the western peninsula. Unless tobacco users remain loyal to the new firms there is no doubt the combination will succeed, and, as the Dominion remarks, "Macdonald will celebrate his victory by giving another million to his favorite church or college," and the press and pulpit will laud him to the skies as a great philanthropist. If the present trend to combinations continues the masses will have to beg of the plutocrats the privilege of being allowed to breathe.

RETURNED TO ENGLAND.

A Barnado Boy Arrested in Dutton for Taking a Horse and Buggy.

On Wednesday of last week a horse and buggy belonging to Wm. Miller, were stolen from the Methodist church shed at Lawrence. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Detective Miller, and also a reward of \$15 was offered for the return of the property. A horse and buggy answering the description was noticed by G. H. Briscoe, of this village at the hotel stable, at Rodney, on Friday. He also learned that the horse was in the possession of a boy, whom Mr. Briscoe induced to drive to Dutton. The boy proved to be a Barnardo Home importation and worked for a number of farmers of Southwold. He is about ten years of age and named Charles Briscoe. On his arrival at Dutton he was taken in charge by Constable Page and placed in the lock up. The lad appeared before W. Hollingshead and A. J. Leitch, J.P.'s on Saturday. He appeared to feel his position keenly and when brought before the magistrates was shedding tears. C. St. C. Leitch appeared for the lad, and after the evidence of Mr. Miller, Mr. Briscoe and Constable Page was taken the magistrates concluded that the boy took the horse with no evil intent and was given two days in the lock up. Mr. Griffith, a representative of the Home in Toronto, was notified, and on Sunday arrived in the village and took the boy in charge, to be returned to England. The reward appeared to be a bone of contention amongst the constables. Detective Miller was in the village Saturday, claiming the boy on a warrant issued by J. Cranston, J.P., but was refused the lad. On Monday evening the Detective was again in Dutton, accompanied by High Constable Campbell, in order to secure the boy, and as he was many miles from Dutton, the constables were naturally disappointed.

HEDGE FENCE COMPANIES.

Woodstock Sentinel Review: The collapse of the Ingersoll Hedge Fence Company recalls the launching of a scheme some years ago, which was to make a large number of farmers rich. From the promoting centre of Niagara Falls a number of companies were formed, the stockholders of which were largely farmers, who were to cover the country with profit. The object of the absurdly large capitalization of these companies was of course the benefit of the central promoters. Their collapse is a matter of regret, because it is not clear that the hedge is a failure, although it has not realized the roseate expectations of its boomers. In many kinds of soil, with proper care, it is probable that the hedge would have done well. It is a pity that it has not had a fairer and more extensive trial. In this climate farmers are not going to get a hedge fence without a good deal of care and work.

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COUNTY NEWS.

J. C. Dance, ex-M.P.P., made a big delivery of hogs at the Aylmer pork-packing factory, for which he received a cheque for \$1,400.

G. H. D. Sutherland, formerly of Fingal, has been appointed by the Klondyke Placer Mining Co., of Windsor, as general manager of their claims. He started last week for Atlin.

Mrs. Mary Halbert, charged with throwing boiling water on Glen Tyler, of St. Thomas, was remanded until Thursday next, the doctor giving a certificate that Tyler was too ill to appear in court.

Edward Gifford, a young man who stole a coat from Roy A. Bingham, Aylmer, was sentenced by His Honor Judge Hughes to serve three years in the Industrial School.

D. McLary, of Monticello, Mass., formerly of West Lorne, has sold his famous colt, "Maury Pointer," for the sum of \$10,000. It is considered by some to be the fastest horse in the world. He is only four years old, and has made a record of 2.94.

The fraternal societies of St. Thomas wanted the medical association to provide medical attendance for its members at \$2 per year. The doctors will not assent to this and the societies will endeavor to employ one or more doctors outside of the association.

John Farley has been instructed by the Dominion Government to proceed to Port Stanley, condemn the tug Kate Wilson, and sell the boat. The tug, which is owned by Capt. Wilson, of Erie, Penn., was seized for illegally fishing in Canadian waters.

Coleman House, of New Sarum, and daughter were driving on Talbot street, St. Thomas, when in front of the Grand Central hotel Mr. Coleman was stricken with paralysis. He was removed to the residence of his son in law. At the time of writing, Mr. House is still unconscious and no opinion can be given as to whether he will recover or not.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the St. Thomas street railway a deal was concluded by which the system passed into the hands of the Radial Railway Co., the same concern which a few months ago endeavored to get a charter to build an electric system between St. Thomas and the lake. The company pledged themselves to have a line in operation to Port Stanley by the first of July, 1901. The amount paid is unknown.

There died on Sunday the 26th ult., at the residence of Samuel Stirling, Harwich, Miss Minnie Garlick, aged 17 years. The deceased young lady, whose former home was in Aldboro, but who has been in London for the past two

years, went to Harwich about four weeks ago, and after a few days of comparatively good health, was taken ill with rheumatism which attacked her heart and caused her death. Besides her father, there is left one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Tuesday to Love's cemetery near Eagle.

Mr. Hopper, of London, and Mr. Harnett, of Eagle, have started a wholesale confectionary manufactory in Peterborough. Mr. Hopper has had twenty years experience in London, Buffalo, Chicago and Omaha, and so is a practical confectioner. We wish Mr. Harnett the same success in this new enterprise that he has had in the Eagle school.

Typhoid Fever at Wallacetown.

The outbreak of typhoid fever at Wallacetown is causing some apprehension, and an effort will doubtless be made to ascertain the source of the disease. There have been no fewer than seven cases this season, some of whom are serious, although the majority are quite mild. Scarcely a season passes but the village is visited by the fever, and as yet the authorities have been unable to ascertain the cause. The Board of Health will probably be asked to consider the matter and strong efforts made to ascertain the causes for the frequent visitation of the fever.

The stables of Peter H. McPhail, of Duart, were burned, together with a quantity of hay and oats. While the fire was in progress, notes to the amount of \$500, and \$150 cash, were stolen from the house. The loss on the stable is about \$700. Incendiarism is supposed to be the cause of the fire.

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The Man.

The man seems to be morose, early and selfish.

He occupies a hut in the woods, with not even a dog for a companion.

Which is fortunate, perhaps, for the dog, for the man cooks his own meals.

He wears a faded blue jacket and a pair of brown overalls and when he is seen outside his hut he is pottering around in a seemingly aimless fashion.

He wears his hair long and uncombed.

He does not shave.

He smokes a strong black pipe.

He buries himself in his hut.

He admits no visitors.

He goes nowhere.

No. He is not crazy.

He has not been disappointed in love.

He is writing a book, and he lives in a hut in the woods so he can be close to Nature's Heart.—Chicago Tribune.

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