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METEOROLOGICAL

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London Advertiser.

A LOCAL BUDGET.

—The Jubilee Rink, East London, opened for the season last night.

—Mrs. (Rev.) Lowry is seriously ill at her residence, 517 King street.

—The Princess Rink will be opened tonight. It has been fitted up with electric lights.

—Dr. R. W. Shaw, of this city, spent a few days this week with his sister, Mrs. Hodgson, Mitchell.

—London poultry fanciers shipped about 500 of the winter force, which opened in Guelph this week.

—H. Swain, sergeant of the 14th Regiment, Kingston, intends taking a military course in Wolsey Barracks this winter.

—H. C. Cater, of Boston, Mass., a former Londoner, accompanied by his wife, is visiting his father, Mr. Chas. Cater, William street.

—The many friends of Miss Gould, of 170 Adelaide street, will be pleased to hear of her recovery, after a long illness with typhoid fever.

—Miss Laura Richardson, of New York, is spending the Christmas season at the family home, St. John's rectory, London, township.

—A fair-sized audience attended the concert given last night in the Empress Avenue Methodist Church, by the Canadian Jubilee Singers.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Pepper, of Aylmer, are spending a few days with Mrs. Pepper's sister, Mrs. (Rev.) R. D. Hamilton, Wellington street, city.

—St. Thomas Times: Dr. Carson, V. S., bought a fine saddle mare from Dougald Campbell, River road, for \$175. She will be shipped to Adam Beck, London.

—Quartermaster-Sergeant A. T. Cooper, of the Halifax garrison, formerly color-sergeant of the 10th Regiment at Wolsey Barracks, is in the city on a month's leave of absence.

—Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald sang at Elm Street Methodist Church, Toronto, on Sunday morning and evening, and at Massey Hall in the afternoon, for the Temperance Alliance.

—Messrs. Wilbur R. Vining, Fred J. Judd, Fred Richardson, Geo. McLoughlin and C. J. Stanley, of the School of Pharmacy, Toronto, are spending their Christmas holidays at their homes here.

—The excavation for the Sanitary Dairy Company's building on the corner of Dundas and Wellington, has been commenced, and the contractors expect to have this part of the work finished by Saturday next.

—Among the Canadian visitors registered at the offices of the high commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria street, London, S. W., during the week ending Nov. 27, were Mrs. and Miss Harris, London, Ont.; Lieut. E. P. Laybourn.

—The young lady employees of the Robinson Corset Company were entertained to a luncheon recently by

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We Give Trading Stamps.

The Health Food Company, when a demonstration of the company's celebrated foods took place. Mr. T. H. Robinson, proprietor, gave a very entertaining talk on the foods and their value pertaining to health.

WILL CLOSE DEC. 21.

The public schools will close on Dec. 21, to reopen Jan. 3.

MATCH BOXES.

The Soldiers' Wives' League are considering the purchase of match boxes for presentation to the heroes from South Africa.

LAMP EXPLODED.

The firemen were called to Police Magistrate Frank Love's residence. A lamp had exploded, but very little damage resulted.

LAI D AT REST.

The funeral of the late Miss Lizzie Ireland, of South Dorchester, took place on Sunday to Delmer cemetery. The young woman was severely burned some weeks ago while standing over a kettle in which soap was boiling. It was from the effects of this that she died.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Court Byron, No. 663, Independent Order of Foresters, were photographed in a group Monday night. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, A. C. Williamson; V. C. R., A. Millson; R. and F. S., J. Austin (acclamation); S. W., T. Owen; J. W., G. Lacey; S. B., J. Goger; J. B., J. Norman; chaplain, W. Madge (acclamation); P. C. R., E. H. Alfort; C. D. H. C. R., H. Spaul.

HEADQUARTERS HERE.

The J. E. Crealy Dairy Company, recently granted a charter by the Ontario government, is to have its head office in this city. The provisional directors are: John Ernest Crealy, butter manufacturer; William Francis Baskerville, butter maker, and John Patterson McLaren, all of Seaford; Frederick Charles Elford, of Holmerville, farmer, and Daniel Lorne McIntyre, of Avon, county of Elgin, butter maker.

TAKEN TO LONDON.

Galt Reformer: On Friday two young girls, who had been in jail at Brantford, one for stealing a ring and the other for vagrancy, were taken over by the Salvation Army and removed to the Rescue Home of that religious organization at London. In the above there is certainly an object lesson to many of our churches to go and likewise, and more so to certain ministers of the gospel to pay closer attention to spiritual matters and less to worldly affairs, follow out the precepts of the Master, and deal charitably with all men.

NEARLY \$500 REALIZED.

The members and friends of the Talbot Street Baptist Church met together last night and returned the dime albums that had been distributed some time ago. The sum realized amounted to \$413, and there are fifteen albums yet to come in. These will increase the amount to \$500. During the evening a fine programme was presented. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Niall, Mrs. Gillies, Miss Rowe and Mr. Schussler, and Miss Soverby gave two violin solos. A male quartet also sang a number of popular two selections, all of which added much to the enjoyment of the people, whilst Mrs. N. Milka gave two excellent readings.

A POSSIBLE CHANCE.

The St. Thomas Times learns from good authority that Mr. L. J. Ferritor, superintendent of the Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways, at St. Thomas, and formerly of London, has received several telegrams and letters from his friends in Missouri, urging him to accept the position of railroad commissioner of that state. The position pays \$7,000 per year. Col. Burke, United States consul, traveled all over the State of Missouri in the recent election campaign, and says Mr. Ferritor's popularity there is sure to give him the position there if he desires to accept it. Mr. Ferritor, just as popular in this section as he is in Missouri, and while his many friends here would regret his removal from their midst, they would all be pleased at his advancement and wish him every success in a position for which he is so well qualified.

THE LATE JOHN ROSS.

The news of the death of Los Angeles, Cal., of Mr. John Ross will recall to many old Londoners his interesting personality, and the many services rendered by him to the city and its institutions in the municipia arena. Mr. Ross took an active part, he having been an alderman in the years 1852, '53, '54, '55, '56, '73 and '77. He also served as school trustee for several terms, being chairman of the board for a portion of the time. In religious circles, Mr. Ross took a no less prominent part, being one of the leading members of St. Andrew's Church and for many years chairman of the board of management. He was a great admirer of the late Rev. Dr. Scott. In politics Mr. Ross was a staunch Reformer. He was a Mason and an enthusiastic member of St. Andrew's Society. On leaving London some twenty years ago Mr. Ross went to the Northwest Territories, where he had extensive timber limits, and where he erected the first saw mill in the Territories. For some years Mr. Ross had made his home in Los Angeles, where he went on account of his wife's health, and after her death he continued to reside with his son-in-law, Judge Flagg. Mr. Ross is survived by a family of three daughters and four sons, they being Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, of this city; Mrs. (Judge) Flagg, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Montreal; Dr. W. G. Ross, of London, England; Alexander Ross, of Sydney, Australia; Hon. James H. Ross, treasurer and commissioner of public works for the Northwest Territories, and John, also living in the Northwest.

BROWN BROTHERS' New Boot Shop.

Messrs. John S. Brown and Frank A. Brown have removed their shoe business to 182 Dundas street, adjoining Strong's drug store. This is one of the most modern and best equipped retail footwear establishments in the city. The front is unique and attractive, and the interior is fitted up in a very artistic manner. There are two windows, with triangular vestibule, and a single massive plate glass door. The vestibule is floored with marble mosaic tile, with the name of the firm, Brown Brothers, worked in various colors. The electric lights in the windows are so arranged as to give the window-dressing a very effective appearance. The shelving is made in such a way that ladders are dispensed with. The seating arrangement is most perfect. A beautiful large circular divan, upholstered in leather, is the first thing that attracts your eyes as you enter the front door. Down the center of the shop to the end of the men's department, is a row of revolving chairs, fastened to the floor. Then there are elegant handsome griff arches leading into the women's department. This department is exceedingly well arranged. There are two public "shining stands," one for men and one for women, and the charge for use of same is central. This is something that was much needed here, and the public appreciate it. It does away with the giving of "tips" to the shiner, as is done where FREE stands exist. As will be seen by the sign over the front door, the establishment is styled BROWN BROTHERS' BOOT SHOP.

The two young men, members of the firm, are well known in the city, possess enterprise and ability, and a thorough knowledge of their business. Everything with them is as represented. They are determined to give their fellow-citizens as high-classed footwear as could be purchased in any New York city. They also keep the best grades of English and Canadian footwear at very moderate prices, and have adopted the "STRICTLY CASH SYSTEM."

The new boot shop is certainly a credit to London and we wish it every success.

"The Last Judgment."

Ludwig Spohr's oratorio, "The Last Judgment," which since its composition three-quarters of a century ago, has held its place in the musical realm as one of the world's great oratorios, received an artistic and satisfactory presentation last night by the choir of Dundas Street Center Methodist Church, specially augmented for the occasion. The production was under the talented direction of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, the organist and choirmaster of the church, and the results of his work, as evidenced in the excellence of last night's production, will, if possible, still further enhance Mr. Hewlett's reputation as a musician. The choir was assisted by Mr. J. H. McKinley, a tenor soloist of New York, who possesses a well-trained voice, which he uses with excellent control and effect, and by the following well-known local singers, who sang the quartets: Miss Eva N. Roblyn, soprano; Miss Beatrice McDonald, contralto; Mr. A. Eldon Westman, tenor, and Mr. W. H. Skinner, bass. The oratorio was preceded by the following miscellaneous programme of miscellaneous selections: Solo and chorus—"O Come, Let Us Worship," from 95th Psalm... Mendelssohn; Mr. J. H. McKinley and choir. Solo—"Pilgrims of the Night," Little Miss Beatrice McDonald. Solo—"Resurrection," H. R. Shelley, Mr. J. H. McKinley. Chorus (unaccompanied)—"The Pilgrims," Henry Leslie. The choir. Solo—"All Ye that Pass By" (words by Rev. Charles Wesley)...Hewlett, Mr. J. H. McKinley.

The manner in which the oratorio was rendered was one to reflect the greatest credit alike upon those participating in it, and upon Mr. Hewlett as traider and conductor. The chorus work throughout was admirable in its precision and power of sustained effort. In the dramatic passages especially was its excellence demonstrated, and the thrilling effects of the chorus, "Babylon the Mighty is Fallen," were given their full value. Miss Roblyn was in excellent form, her voice showing to special advantage in the recitative "I Saw a New Heaven" and in the duet with tenor, "Forsake Me Not in This Dread Hour." Mr. Skinner took the bass solos acceptably, though his voice was hardly robust enough for the exacting recitative "The Day of Wrath." Mr. McKinley's filling of the leading tenor role was as might be expected, a most finished and pleasing performance. Miss Beatrice McDonald, who has recently returned from a tour of the West, is herself the possessor of a sweet and sympathetic contralto. Altogether Mr. Hewlett and his choir are to be congratulated upon their success in producing this difficult oratorio.

A WINNING BOY.

Bears His Medals by the Use of Good Food.

A Vicksburg, Miss., boy, J. B. Smith, corner Grove and Third streets, says: "I have been eating oatmeal and cream for breakfast all my life. Lately when the hard study began I did not feel well enough to go to school, and there was an examination ahead of me and an exhibition, too. 'I was determined to go through this examination, but felt so sick all the time that I didn't know how to accomplish it.' Well, mother saw the Grape-Nuts food advertised, so she bought some and gave it to me for breakfast every morning, and you just ought to see what this food did for me. 'I began to get well at once and grow hearty and fat, in spite of my hard work. Above all that I did beat my room at examination, making a general average that was the highest mark possible to obtain, and there is no question on this score regarding Grape-Nuts, for the food is compounded of the elements selected from the grains which go to quickly make and rebuild the brain and nerve centers. Any parent can prove this statement by feeding the children on Grape-Nuts. Obtained from any first-class grocer.

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ROMANTIC EPISODE

At St. Andrew's Hall, Hamilton, in Which a Prominent Young Londoner Figured.

A Hamilton exchange says: At the St. Andrew's Hall, in Hamilton last Friday there was an interesting episode. A young lady from Niagara Falls thought she recognized a strikingly handsome girl, and then suddenly remembering, said, "Oh, that is Mrs. Smallman."

"No, no," said somebody, "she is Miss Maude Prince, who is engaged to Mr. Smallman, of London."

"Well, I ought to know," was the reply, "since I was called in to witness her marriage the other day by Rev. Canon Houston, at Niagara Falls. Miss Prince is well-known in society in Hamilton and is the daughter of Mrs. A. B. Mackay, whose late husband was the late Capt. Prince, of London. The announcement of the engagement to Mr. Smallman was made a short time ago, but news of the marriage was a complete surprise to all friends."

The marriage took place on Oct. 17 last.

Midnight in Chinatown.

Expectation is on the qui vive and nerves are tense throughout the various scenes portrayed under the caption of a "Midnight in Chinatown." There is an abundance, perhaps, a superfluity of villainous deeds and startling episodes. In fact, the play is a compound of most of the nerve-thrilling devices known in the art of sensational stagecraft. The material used is of well-known texture, woven with the threads of cynical, daring villainy, of handsome and injured heroism, of the foolish fluctuations of womanly affections, and all displayed upon the romantic and highly interesting background of California mining country and effective bits of San Francisco slums and wharfs. The audience was large and apparently enjoyed the play immensely, as well as some capital by-way entertainment provided by Newell and Neko, instrumentalists, and the famous Alton Brothers, acrobats and comedians; Miss DeForest, the sweet singer of operatic selections, assisted by Master Lawrence, the phenomenal boy soprano. On Saturday that delightful comedy "When We Were Twenty-One," in which Maxine Elliott has shone so brightly, will be presented here by an excellent company.

Western Ontario.

Waltaceburg business men have decided to establish a sugar beet factory.

A. Beaton has been dismissed from the position of license inspector for West Elgin.

Peter R. McCallum sold his farm, lot 10, in the town of Dunwich, 95 acres to Wm. J. Clark, for \$3,400.

The Sandwich council has introduced a bylaw exempting improvements from municipal taxes for five years. A plebiscite vote on the bylaw will be taken on Jan. 7.

Daniel Back has sold for Mr. Walker Glasgow his fine brick residence on Station street, Dutton, to Mr. MacFarlane, of Melbourne; price, \$1,450. Mr. Glasgow is talking of going to London or Toronto.

The executive of the West Elgin Provincial Reform Association recommended J. D. McDermid, president of the Dominion Reform Association, for the position of license inspector for West Elgin in 1901, in lieu of Alexander Beaton.

On Sunday evening as Mr. and Mrs. H. Dalton, of Malahide, were returning home from church one of the wheels came off from the buggy, throwing Mrs. Dalton out; the horse became frightened and ran away.

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Fortunately neither Mr. or Mrs. Dalton were hurt, but the buggy was demolished.

The death occurred on Sunday evening of William H. Knight, farmer, of Yarmouth. Death was due to lung trouble. Deceased was in the 64th year of his age. Mr. Knight was born and resided all his life on the farm where he died.

Mr. Richard Locker, of Malahide, one of Elgin's most prominent and best known men, passed away Monday, at noon, at his residence, lot 8, con. 12, township of Malahide. He served for many years on the county council. In politics he was a strong Reformer, and on many occasions was mentioned as a probable candidate for parliamentary honors, but declined.

A happy event took place on Thursday at the parsonage, Port Stanley, when Mr. Robert Waite, of Union, was married to Miss Bertha Oke, of Sparta. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Falls. After the wedding the happy couple returned to Mr. Waite's, Sparta, where a number of friends and relatives had gathered to receive them, and provided a splendid repast.

SEEN FROM THE TRAIN.

To the average American in the United States resolves itself into a question of how to cover the magnificent distances with greatest comfort and speed. The "get there" idea predominates in this as in other things, and the possibility of enjoyment or instruction en route is not taken into consideration when an American wishes to go sight-seeing, he plans a trip to Europe, or at the least, a tour which will give him glimpses of the prairies and the Rockies. Anything short of that, in the way of travel is classed as a hardship incident to the pursuit of business or the search for pleasure.

Yet it is possible to obtain even a short journey limited enjoyment and satisfaction for eye and brain, and that without any exertion except that of connecting facts with places and scenery with history. That fact is well developed by Charles Barnard in a recent article in Cram's Magazine, on "Seen from the Train. Travel as a Fine Art." The route chosen by Mr. Barnard as admirably illustrating the idea he wishes to convey, is that of the New York Central Railroad, from New York to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Mr. Barnard is a geologist as well as a magazine writer and student of history, and not the least interesting feature of his descriptions are the notes he makes on his line of travel. From point to point he also traces scenes and incidents connected with the early days of American occupation of the New York hills and valleys, and gives brief sketches of persons and places brought to mind with the passing of the milestones.

The whole story is an interesting picture of travel on the New York Central, and it is something more than that. It is a brief lesson in history, geography and geology, and well illustrates the fact that travel is a bore or delight, according to the dispositions of the traveler, provided always that the railroad has done its part as thoroughly as does the Central. Yet Mr. Barnard does the historical part of the route scant justice. He makes allusion to many historical things, but forgets to mention some of the most interesting

points along the journey. No reference is made to the spots made historic by Sir William Johnson. Herkimer is mentioned as recalling the brave figure of General Herkimer, yet nothing is said of the fact that just east from Little Falls, and in full sight from the train, is the monument which the state has erected to that general. Utica and its revolutionary connections receive mention, and something is said about the battle of Oriskany, but the monument erected to that battle is not touched upon, although it stands almost within a stone's throw of the railroad.

These omissions are sufficient to dictate that even so well-read a traveler and so close an observer as Barnard has failed to grasp all the possibilities of a trip up the hills and westward through the Mohawk Valley. Yet thousands daily peruse the pages of this book without thought except for the end of the journey and possibly a complimentary idea or two regarding the perfect New York Central travel.

There is in the article of Mr. Barnard a hint by which the Central, all other railroads, would do well profit. What better contribution can be made to the "Four-Track Series" of the Central than an accurate graphical, historical and geological description of the route of the lines, arranged that the most ignorant travelers would have no difficulty in marking the interesting spots as they passed and so clearly explained and connected that every earnest student and observer would carry with him from his train an indelible mental picture of history joined to scenery. Such a publication would be educational as well as interesting, and easily might pave the way for eight-sevens without number. And incidentally it would lead to a permanent cure of the blindness from which the Americans suffer when they travel routes with which they feel themselves to be familiar.—From the Troy, N. Y., Record.

HAD LA GRIPPE.—Mr. A. Nickerdon, farmer, Dutton, writes: "Last winter, I had la grippe and it left me with a severe pain in the small of my back and hip that used to catch me whenever I tried to climb a fence. This lasted for about two months, when I bought a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and used it both internally and externally, morning and evening, for three days, at the expiration of which time I was completely cured."

The present population of Athens in Greece is only 80,000. There is no accurate census of the city when in its ancient glory, but it is supposed at one time to have contained 500,000 inhabitants.

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