

The Western District.

Pennsylvanians Claim a Big Slice of St. Thomas Property.

Probable Arrest of Woodstock's Notorious "Jack the Huggler."

Costs \$7 to Call a Windsor Police-man Hard Names.

Track Laying Started on the Tilsonburg and Port Burwell R.R. Way—Apple Blossoms in October.

Business is looking up at Point Edward.

Point Edward fishermen are making some good hauls along the docks.

The next meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod is to be held in Galt.

Mr. Robert Lamb, of Galt, was drowned while duck shooting in Puslinch Lake.

The Dresden Presbyterians intend changing the hour of morning service from 10:30 to 11.

Miss Emma McKenzie, of Petrolia, has entered the service of the Michael Reese Hospital, in Chicago, as nurse.

A Winnipeg dispatch says: Malcolm Galbraith, aged 25, died on Sunday. He came from Paisley, Ont., a year ago.

Mrs. Olivia Lyon died at Aymer on Monday, aged 82 years. She was the mother of Mr. E. Lyon, ex-warden of Elgin.

A. R. Bartlett is acting as judge of the division court at Harrow, in place of Judge McHugh, of Windsor, who is very sick.

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The contract for the improving of the western drain in North Easthope has been let to Messrs. Crowley & Pigeon, of Sebringville, for \$2,084.

George Mackenzie has been appointed cheesemaker for 186 at the North Oxford factory, he being the successful applicant over fifteen competitors.

Miles Cowan, of Windsor, who has been in the customs service for 45 years, acting recently for Mr. Martin as collector, has asked leave to withdraw.

Mr. Peter Humphrey, lot 6, con. a Plymouth, exhibited several bunches of apple blossoms in Sarnia Saturday. They were picked off a tree in his orchard.

Messrs. Hunter and Crossley visited the patients at the Guelph General Hospital on Saturday afternoon. Their visit was much enjoyed by the patients there.

The Watford oil syndicate have disposed of their oil property in Oil Springs, consisting of twenty wells, to Charles Mackenzie, of Sarnia. Consideration reported to be about \$4,000.

Willie Horn, the son of Samuel Horn, Delaware avenue, Chatham, while climbing a tree, on Sunday, fell to the ground and sustained a compound fracture of the leg between the knee and thigh.

At Windsor on Monday Dick Richardson, commonly known as "Gally Dick," was fined \$7 by Magistrate Bartlett for calling Constable Cassidy "a miserable wretch," and threatening to break his neck.

Mr. G. V. J. Greenhill, for nearly 15 years past the respected manager of the Merchants' Bank in Galt, has been appointed to the management of the same bank in Windsor, and will remove there in a few days.

Misses Ross and Thompson, of the Palmerston public school staff, have resigned. Miss Thompson will go to Buffalo to graduate as an hospital nurse, while Miss Ross seeks a better salary in her profession.

Tracking on the Tilsonburg and Port Burwell Railway has been begun at northern end, and it is expected that half the work will be completed this week. The big bridge over the Little Oton will be finished in a few days.

Dr. Lucas, of Ingersoll, the coroner who conducted the inquest on the death of Cornelius Wall, who died of poisoning at Mount Elgin, states that a thorough investigation into the circumstances of the case will be made.

While Harry Carson and John Moffat, of Point Edward, were out shooting on the bay Friday afternoon a revolver discharged prematurely, the bullet penetrating Carson's left hand. The wound, however, is not dangerous.

Beginning Monday the G. T. R. shops at Stratford adopted winter time—from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day in the week. The change leaves the number of work hours in the week the same, but does away with the Saturday half-holiday.

Mr. John M. Thompson, of the River road, west of Thamesville, has sustained his reputation as a breeder of first-class stock, exhibiting at Thamesville, Chatham, Dresden and Ridgeway, and securing altogether 41 first and 14 second prizes.

Mr. Sydney Herbert Gadsden, of St. Thomas, passed away suddenly Saturday night, from the effects of heart disease. He was around as usual in the morning, and died down after supper, not feeling well, and died before medical aid could be secured. He was 45 years old.

Ald. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, has received a letter from parties in

Pennsylvania asking particulars about a man named Hindman, whom they claim owned part of the township on which St. Thomas is built. The parties put their claim at \$150,000 each.

A sale of \$40,000 bonds in connection with the Brantford Electric Light Company, announced to take place Monday, was stopped by an interim injunction granted by Judge Jones at the instance of Messrs. Wilson & Watts, acting for the Electric Light and Power Company.

While Mr. John Lally, of Stanleyville, was using a gun to separate two dogs which were fighting, he injudiciously pushed the gun by the muzzle. The weapon, which was loaded, discharged its contents into Mr. Lally's body. He died in 24 hours. His sister was buried the same day.

The following were elected officers of the Perth Teachers' Association for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Leigh, of Kirkton; vice-president, Miss Addison, B.A., Stratford; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Malcolm, B.A., Stratford; managing committee, Miss Addison, Stratford; Miss L. C. Dent, Stratford; Miss Richardson, Poole; J. Robertson, Hampstead; Mr. French, Mitchell.

Chief Provincial Detective Murray has returned to Toronto from Erin, where he has been making inquiry into the cause of the fire, which on Sept. 9 laid in ruins the stores of Messrs. Wood, the postmaster, Dr. Millen, a dentist, and eight other places.

Business, the total loss being \$20,000. Mr. Murray finds the report of incendiaryism is not sustained.

A number of friends assembled at the residence of Mr. Jos. Wilby, West Lorne, on Wednesday, to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Mary Wilby, to Mr. Sydney Main, a popular young man of Clay City. The bride was assisted by the groom's sister, Miss Annie Main. Mr. G. Anthes acted as groomsmen. They will live in Clay City.

Herbert Babcock, a horse trainer, has been arrested at Woodstock for attempting to assault a lady, and it is generally believed by the police and public that "Jack the Huggler" has at last been captured. A reward of \$50 was some time ago offered by the town council for his apprehension. Babcock is a married man and has one 6 months' old child.

The Listowel Standard says: We raise great children in this part of the country, that is, some of us do. Robert Hemphill has a new arrival at his house, a son, born on the 10th ult., which weighed at the time of birth 17 1/2 pounds. This has been a season of phenomenal yields all round, and Robert always keeps up with the race.

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AN EVENING AT ST. PAUL'S.

Typical Anglican Service in This City.

Pen-Picture of the New Assistant Pastor.

I arrived purposely early, but half a dozen people were already before me. Presently the organist, Mr. George B. Sippl, seated himself at the electrically worked organ, the keyboard, connected by wires, being on the north side of the chancel, with the instrument on the side to the south. The organ at St. Paul's is a noble one. The meditative strains calm the mind. The people began to enter. The congregation on Sunday evening was large, completely filling the handsome, well lighted building. Strangers were courteously received; Mr. J. S. Pearce, one of the churchwardens, assisting. Mr. Pearce's associate warden is Mr. W. J. Reid. The oak seats are comfortable, with a slightly sloping back that gives the right sort of support.

The first premonition of the opening service comes distinctly from the choir boys in the vestry repeating the Lord's Prayer. A door swings open, the choir enter in procession, boys in front, the minister last. The service is choral, the Psalms of the day being sung. The music includes Bridge-water's Cantata, the same author's Deus Miseratur, and Stegall's anthem, "Remember Now Thy Creator."

Some of the simpler things were also effective; for example, the golden thread of organ tones intertwining the monotone of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. The Psalms for the day were pretty long, and this, with other parts of the service, brought the time up to about 8:05 p.m. before the preacher ascended the pulpit stair.

During a great portion of this time the audience were standing, even during the singing of the anthem. If this sketch were critical instead of descriptive, I would be inclined to consider it a mistake to so arrange a service as to compel women and children and others to endure the needless fatigue connected with so much continuous standing. As to congregational singing, I do not know what the congregation is capable of in this line, as only one hymn was sung during the whole service, and that set to a hardy congregational arrangement from one of Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words.

The words and music of the anthem are a sermon in themselves. These are the words from Ecclesiastes, their weird power and impressiveness being well brought out in Stegall's music—the daughters of music brought low, the mocking voices of Vanity, the closing iteration of the opening words by male voices:

1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

2. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain.

3. In the days when the keepers of the house shall tremble and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease, because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

4. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low.

5. Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall be because man goeth to his long home; and the mourners go about the streets:

6. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7. Then shall dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity.

The preacher is the new curate, Rev. Canon Dann, late of Limerick, Ireland. As he ascends the pulpit one sees that he is a man of generous physical proportions; somewhat bald, clean shaven, fresh and ruddy face, and, excepting the nose, something of the Oliver Goldsmith type. Voice clear, resonant; utterance deliberate and outspoken; articulation distinct. Manuscript is adhered to, but not so closely as to kill vivacity. The text was not one calling for originality or special effect, being apparently selected to go with an appeal for missionary aid to Algoma—"All flesh is grass." * * * * * But the word of our God shall stand for ever.

In the course of his remarks, pointing out the contrast between the withering grass and the enduring Word, the evanescence of things temporal as compared with the permanence of things spiritual and eternal, he incidentally disclosed that he did not regard the "higher criticism," so-called, as more than a passing fad. Among his sentences was this: "You may turn time into money, but one day you may find that you cannot again turn your money into time."

The sermon occupied about half an hour, and was listened to attentively. A familiar quotation from Shakespeare occurred early in the discourse, and later on these lines from Robert Browning:

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward, Never doubted clouds would break; Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph, Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, Sleep to wake."

After the sermon, and during the offertory, a solo was pleasantly taken by Miss McLaren; the benediction was pronounced, and the choir sang with

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softened effect—the people still bowed—these words of a vesper hymn: "Lord, keep us safe this night, Secure from all our fears; May angels guard us while we sleep, 'Till morning dawn appears." It was ten minutes to nine when I reached the sidewalk, felt the cool outside air, and left behind the strains of the closing voluntary on the organ.

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