

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Twelve Dressed Porkers Stolen from an M. C. R. Car.

A Leather Pulley Factory To Be Started at Chatham.

BRANT.

The final meeting of the Brantford City Council of 1892 took place Monday night. Ald. Bunnell, chairman of the finance committee, was able to report that the city would end the year between \$1,500 and \$2,000 ahead.

The Brantford police court looked like a china shop Tuesday morning. Patrick McDonald, an employee of R. R. Harris, having taken some dozens of articles away from the store by secreting them in his dinner basket. He was given two months in jail.

ELGIN.

A. Darrah has sold 200 acres in Aldborough, being lot 17, con. 5, to Norman Smith, of Harwich, for \$5,000.

I. Carter & Co., general merchants, Port Stanley, are in difficulty. John Price, of that village, has taken possession of the stock under a chattel mortgage held by him. W. J. Evans is in charge.

The Erie House, Rodney, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Loss about \$5,000 insurance, \$1,750.

John Campbell, Eagle, has lost a pocket-book containing \$57.

Mrs. Chas. Stringer died Tuesday morning of lung trouble in the 50th year of age. She was a prominent member of the Methodist Church at Talbotville, and was for years teacher of the infant class in the Sunday school. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters and two sons to mourn her loss.

ESSEX.

The \$500 ring belonging to Hubert Wigle, stolen at Kingsville on Sunday night, was found at Ridgeway Tuesday morning. The supposed thief has been taken to Windsor.

The preliminary hearing of the charges against the sixteen white and colored men for participating in a free fight on the L. E. and D. railroad train on Christmas eve occupied the attention of Magistrate Eastwell, Windsor, all day Monday, and resulted in the discharge of all but John Lewis, Isaac Lear, Thomas Britton, sen., Thomas Britton, jun., Frank Powell and George Greer, who were held for trial.

Chief of Police Willis, of Windsor, has received a message from Amherstburg, stating that a Michigan Central Railroad car had been broken open there and twelve dressed hogs, valued at \$150, stolen from it.

KENT.

Mr. Allan, an old resident of Wallaceburg, is seriously ill from the effects of injuries received by a fall nearly a year ago.

Chief Young, of Chatham, has located the notorious jail breaker, William Rame, in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is serving a term in jail.

The death is announced at Chatham of Rev. Henry Charles Alger, Baptist minister. Heart disease is thought to be the cause.

A new industry is about to be established in Chatham. The Dominion Leather Pulley Company (Limited), with a capital stock of \$12,000, is applying for incorporation in due form. The object of the company is to manufacture and sell machinery, patent pulleys and materials required for the above mentioned patent.

Robert Scott, one of the oldest inhabitants of Chatham, died Monday night, aged 89 years. He was the father of G. O. Scott, of Scott & Flater, clothiers, and J. L. Scott, coal merchant. The deceased had lived retired for many years, but when in active life was one of Chatham's most successful business men.

While at work on a ladder at Gray & Sons' carriage factory in Chatham Monday, Nathan Everett, the engineer of the establishment, sustained a fall which resulted in the fracture of his leg and several severe contusions about the head. The luckless man was conveyed to his home on a stretcher and his injuries attended to by a physician.

MIDDLESEX.

A. Crow, jeweler, Glencoe, has made an assignment.

The recent snow storms have caused all work in and around Brynston to be abandoned and only the necessary work is done.

What might have been a serious accident occurred at the Brynston mills the other day. While W. Chown was sawing the saw struck an iron, which was very carelessly left on the log, causing the saw to break into a thousand pieces. Large pieces were found rods away. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Alex. Taylor has been appointed postmaster of Edmonton in place of A. D. Osborne, formerly of London township, and takes charge at once. "After the land office says so the change."

The hardware business lately carried on by Adams & Co.

About twenty young people of the Shipley and McFarlane families went to Blyth the other evening to attend the wedding of John McFarlane, the son of one of its most efficient members and the neighborhood one of its most popular young ladies. Their many friends wish them both all happiness in their new home.

Gen. Bonnett, a well-known contractor of Woodstock, died on Monday evening.

A. B. Middlemies has severed his connection with the Traders' Bank, Ingersoll, and accepted a good position in Great Falls, Mont., for which city he left Monday evening. His place in the bank is being filled by Mr. Knowles, of Ridgeway, formerly of Ingersoll.

J. D. Cameron, M.P.P., South Winnipeg, and son of Gov. Cameron, of this town, is likely to be sworn in as Provincial Secretary in a few days, succeeding Mr. Smart, who has been appointed commissioner to the World's Fair. Mr. Cameron will not be opposed should he take the portfolio.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Wm. Cuthbert died at Ingersoll the other evening of consumption. Deceased was for many years employed in the MacInnes oatmeal mills there, and by his quiet and unassuming manners, endeared himself to all his comrades. Of late years he was in the employ of the Noxon Bros. Manufacturing Company. At the time of his death he was 34 years of age. The Board of Education, of which he had been a member, attended the funeral in a body.

PEEL.

Peter Brennan, New Eden, captured half a dozen fine foxes a few days since.

Rev. J. A. Morrison, B.A., of Montreal Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Knox Church, Listowel.

The St. Marys Journal complains that the job of plastering the new Roman Catholic Church at St. Marys has been awarded to a Toronto firm. It thinks there are workmen in the stone town capable of doing the work. It is said that out of \$19,000 to be expended upon the erection and fitting up of the edifice, about \$1,000 only will go to the home men.

CUMULATIVE VOTING.

(From the Canada Farmers' Sun.)

A powerful weapon is lying disused, which, with a little exertion, could be brought into use and would do tremendous execution in the cause of political reform.

That weapon is a power of effective voting, to be obtained under what is known as the cumulative system.

A parliament, a legislature, a civic or municipal council, ought to be a reflex or mirror of the people that created it by their votes. For instance, take a district which has a total of, say, ten representatives in the legislature and suppose that in that district, four-tenths of the voters are straight Grits, two-tenths are straight Tories, three-tenths are prohibitionists, and the remaining tenth are labor men. This classification is meant to indicate which issue is supreme in the district's opinion. Now it is evident that a fair representation of that district would consist of four Reformers, three Prohibitionists, two Conservatives and one Patron. But what would happen under the present system? The Patron would get in at all; one of the Prohibitionists might get in; while the Reformers and the labor men, who are the party complexion of the remaining nine-tenths of the district, would be determined largely by the good luck or good management of the party tacticians.

The evil arises from the voters being shut up in small constituencies, their choice being thus limited to one or two nominees; so that the election becomes merely a fight between the electors for the privilege of being represented at all, instead of a free and fair choice of men to represent them. Here is the choice of men to represent party bitterness and the deep foundation of party domination and machine politics.

The remedy is simple and practicable. Make all your constituencies large enough to return eight, ten or a dozen members. Give each voter as many votes as there are members to be returned, and let him distribute those votes among the candidates just as he pleases. He can give them all to one man if he likes, or divide them amongst two, three or more.

The cumulative system is no mere theory. It has been in practical use in school boards in England for the last fifteen or twenty years and has proved itself to be a fair, just and thoroughly workable system.

Here is the practical point: There are various interests working for social and other reforms, such as temperance men, the organized labor men, the single tax men and Patrons. Representation in Parliament, in the Legislature, in civic or municipal councils, would be of enormous benefit to the community. Let them, therefore, jointly make a well-considered demand for some practical measure of cumulative voting. Their united strength would bring a pressure upon the Government that could hardly be resisted.

The labor men seem ready to join in such a movement. There has long been on the records of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council a resolution in favor of cumulative voting; and doubtless other labor bodies recognize its advantages. As the Conference of Social Problems in Toronto recently a resolution in favor of cumulative voting was carried unanimously; and it is a significant fact that it was moved by the president of the Trades and Labor Council, and seconded by the district master workman of the Knights of Labor.

To take up this question in this matter need not interfere with other useful efforts. We hope that some energetic men will push the question vigorously. It will not need much work to rouse and unite the latent public opinion on this question.

When the Sheriff of Wazoo married an English woman with the mind of her own he courted the fate that actually befell him. His imported wife declined to live in the baron with the other spouses of his Highness, declined to become a Mohammedan, insisted on bringing up her children in the way she thought fit, and in all other ways she thought fit to comport herself as the wife of her lord and master. The sheriff did not seem to mind it much, though the lady's declaration of independence was a severe trial to the other women of the household. A number of visitors to the household have described the phases of family life, very unusual in Arab households, which this lady introduced, and the picture of the bazaar, good-looking woman has adorned more than one periodical. Now that the sheriff has departed for the native world, the English widow of a share in the old gentleman's estate unless she adopts the faith of Islam. She flatly declines to do this. If she does not come out ahead in the struggle it will be her first decisive defeat.

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Mail..... 4:00 a.m. 6:00 a.m.

Atlantic Express (B)..... 4:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (C)..... 5:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (D)..... 5:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (E)..... 6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (F)..... 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (G)..... 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (H)..... 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (I)..... 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (J)..... 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (K)..... 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (L)..... 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence Express (M)..... 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Express (N)..... 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Express (O)..... 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Express (P)..... 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

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St. Lawrence Express (W)..... 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Express (X)..... 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

St. Lawrence Express (Y)..... 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.