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ASTRONOMICAL.

London, Friday, July 26, 1889. Sun rises 5.01 a.m. Moon rises 3.33 a.m. Sun sets 7.48 p.m. Moon sets 7.12 p.m. Day of the year, 207th.

MOON'S PHASES. First Quarter 12h 12.50 a.m. Full Moon 12h 02 p.m. Last Quarter 19h 2.45 p.m. New Moon 27h 7.01 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA

Fair and Warm—Rain To-night or To-morrow.

Toronto, July 25, 11 p.m.—Generally fine weather and high pressure extends from the Lakes to the Atlantic. A depression covers the North-west, and is moving towards the Lakes. Generally fair, warm weather prevails throughout the territories, and local showers are falling in Manitoba. Maximum temperatures:—Medicine Hat, 88; Qu'Appelle, 82; Winnipeg, 78; Port Arthur, 68; Toronto, 74; Kingston, 74; Montreal, 70; Quebec, 66; Halifax, 72.

Indications:—Lakes—Easterly winds; fair, warm weather, followed by local showers at night or on Saturday.

London Station, July 25, 1889. Report for 24 hours, ending 8 p.m. Observations taken daily at 8 a.m., 8 p.m., and 8 a.m. Mean, max., min., daily. Mean, daily. Therm. max. 15; min. 15; mean, daily, 69.

SINCE LAST OBSERVATION.

WIND direction and velocity. Miles. 8 a.m. calm; 2 p.m. 5 miles north; 8 p.m. calm.

Total amount of weather. Fair 62. AVERAGE state of weather. Fair 62. E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

POSTAL CHANGES.

The Transmission of Money Letters—Greater Security Provided.

Since the first of July a new system has been in operation on the Grand Trunk Railway in connection with the Postal Department by which registered letters are only sent on trains having mail clerks and postal cars instead of, as formerly, being sent on trains in closed bags. This will come into general force in the Dominion on the 1st of August.

Registered matter will, after that date, except in cases where there are trains without mail clerks, be sent by postal cars only. Under this new system there will be secured a system of personal responsibility, from the time a registered letter is posted, until it is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed.

Registered letters posted, for instance, in London, will be delivered personally to the mail clerk, who must give a receipt for each registered letter, and package received, and the mail clerks will transmit them to the mail clerks on the trains, and receive their acknowledgment, or forward them to the postmasters in sealed packages, and receive an acknowledgment in return.

The object of the new system is to afford increased security for registered matter, and to simplify and lessen the work attending the receipt and despatch of registered mail matter. While, to a certain extent, this may delay the delivery of registered letters, it will provide absolute security for the delivery of all registered letters. It has been found, as a general rule in the Department, that registered letters that have been tampered with or stolen in the past have been done on railway lines where there have been no postal cars or mail clerks.

What was the origin of judges' wigs? The assumption of the wig, which at present lends such an aspect of gravity to our judges, dates from the reign of Charles II. The portraits of the judges which have come down to us of previous reigns, exhibit the judicial head covered either with a coif, a velvet cap, or a coronet hat, and the upper lip ornamented with a moustache, and sometimes the chin graced with a beard. The latter superfluity had been long discarded; the moustache now gradually disappeared, and instead of the coif or cap, the periwig, then introduced (1660) from France into England, began to be adopted by the bench, with the pretence of a coif attached to the back of it. The wigs in this reign were innocent of powder, as far as can be judged by the shadings of the pictures, and had not certainly attained to the formal cut of the present day. The respect and veneration which a wig generally gives to even the most ordinary face was the real secret of its adoption by the judges. Both the physicians and judges thoroughly understood this magic of the wig, and therefore wore it large and long.

During August the Riding Lessons will be discontinued to allow Mr. Fulcher to take a much needed rest. He hopes to resume his classes again in a few weeks. All orders for such Lessons or Riding Turnouts will be attended to as usual, as a thoroughly competent man will have charge of the stable. Telephone 978. J. FULCHER, Proprietor.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Miss Jessie McIntosh, Piccadilly street, is spending her vacation with friends at Goderich.

Rev. Mr. Russell, of Bothwell, will discuss the Jesuit question with Dr. Roome at the Town Hall, Newbury, this (Friday) evening.

The C. P. R. telegraph line connecting Glencoe with the new railway has been put up. The office will be located at the post office.

It is proposed to have the Glencoe civic holiday on Friday, August 2nd, when a picnic and excursion will take place to Port Stanley.

Mr. John Dromgould has purchased the Ontario House, Wallace town, which he has occupied the past two years, from Mrs. Arch. McLaws.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Coffey and Miss Mamie Coffey left yesterday morning by the New York express to spend a few weeks by the seaside.

Thursday, August 15th, has been fixed as Exeter's Civic holiday. An excursion to Sarnia, under the auspices of Lebanon Lodge of Masons, is talked of.

The growing crops on the Shaw Farm, East Zorra, were sold by public auction by P. Irving the other day for the sum of \$650 to McLeod & Quinn, of Kintore.

Glencoe Transcript.—"C. Manning, assistant cheese maker at the Sifton Cheese Factory, Glenwillow, has left to take charge of a fruit store in London. He will be succeeded by his brother."

Samuel Tracy, carpenter, while working on a house at Wm. Tallent's in Nissouri, on Tuesday, fell from a scaffold and was somewhat injured. His thigh was severely hurt, but no bones were broken.

Mr. John Eynon, of Ailsa Craig, has sold his noted standard bred trotting stallion "Western Sprague" (2329) to Mr. Thos. Kelly, of McGilivray, who will take him to Manitoba when he removes there next spring.

The sad news came by telegraph the other evening that Mr. John Hicks, aged 25 years, a Thamesville citizen, had been killed by lightning as he was going to dinner at Merel, Mich. His father left for that point next morning.

At the last meeting of the creditors of W. J. Wallis, of Sheldon, the assignee, C. B. Armstrong, of London, was authorized to wind up the estate. The liabilities are not so heavy as at first supposed, and will not, it is thought, exceed \$12,000.

Mr. John McIntyre, of the Nairn gravel road, East Williams, has been troubled with a form of hip disease for a long time past. After doctoring for some time he started for London Hospital in the spring and last week returned home perfectly cured.

A correspondent writing from Norwich, July 23rd, says:—A warrant of commitment was issued last week against Dr. Cook, of that place, and formerly of Welland, for an indecent assault on the daughter of Mr. George Lossing, a respectable farmer of North Norwich. Bail was accepted for his appearance. The affair has created a great deal of excitement in the vicinity.

The hotel keepers of Kent have formed an association, with the following officers:—President, W R Peck, Chatham; Vice-President, Thos Pierce, Chatham; 2nd Vice, J B Jackson, Wallaceburg; 3rd Vice, J Carter, Dresden; Secretary, J T Merritt, Chatham; Treasurer, T H Collaps, Chatham; Executive Committee, Messrs. Harward, Chatham; Mayhew, Thamesville; Pointer, Bothwell; Sheldon, Blenheim; Berchard, Dover; Ballah, Merlin; Westcott, Dresden; Leith, Ridgetown, and O'Mara, Wallaceburg.

Mr. Aquilla Pierce, of Aylmer, had rather a startling experience with would-be burglars the other night. He retired about ten o'clock, placing a large roll of money under his pillow. While dozing off to sleep, and about half an hour after seeking his couch, he discovered that two men had entered his bedroom, and one of them had his (Pierce's) trousers in his hands. He was rather badly scared at first, but finally mustered up sufficient courage to call out loudly, and jumped from his bed to do battle for the possession of his trousers. The burglars were scared, and made a rapid exit out of the back window, down the back stairs, and waded across Catfish Creek. He had about \$100 under his pillow.

Mr. James Hodgins, G. T. R. telegraph operator at Parkhill, had his right leg taken off by the cars the other day. The east-bound freight was shunting cars in the yard and Mr. Hodgins stepped out of the telegraph office to exercise himself by riding backwards and forwards on the cars. In order to reach the car-tops he grasped the ladder of a slowly-passing car. By ill-luck he happened to ascend between two cars which had been unlinked in order to switch apart by what is known as a "running shunt," and just as he reached the top and had one hand on each car to swing himself on the roof, the engine slackened up, thus separating the cars, and the unfortunate young man fell heavily upon the rails directly under the car attached to the engine, which ran far enough to completely crush his right limb before stopping.

On Monday morning last Mr. Campbell, a farmer, of Dunwich, reported to the Glencoe authorities that on Sunday, while he was at church, some person broke into his dwelling house and stole about \$50 in money. Suspicion rested on a colored man named Jackson, living near Middlesex, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Constable Crow proceeded to Middlesex and arrested Jackson after a short struggle, and succeeded in bringing him to Glencoe. Owing to the lock-up being out of repair it was resolved to handcuff the prisoner and keep a watch upon him during the night. Accordingly he was taken to a room in McEae's hotel, and the constable placed on guard. The latter, however, for a brief moment withdrew his attention from the prisoner, who took the opportunity and made good his escape, taking the handcuffs with him, and has not yet been recaptured. Most of the money stolen was found upon the prisoner before his escape. Jackson is a desperate character, and it is related that on one occasion while being taken to London upon a similar charge he broke away from the constables and dashed through a window of the car while the train was going at full speed. He sustained several injuries and was shortly afterwards recaptured.

Reeve Urquhart, of Strathroy, has gone to Lansing, Mich., to join his brother in a prosperous business in the biscuit and cracker line. In parting with Mr. Urquhart, Strathroy sustains a severe loss. For some twenty-one years he has been one of their most enterprising and popular citizens, and for the past four years has intelligently and acceptably represented the town as Deputy Reeve and Reeve. His service in these positions reflecting nothing but credit on himself and the town. The different societies with which he was connected, the Oddfellows, Masons and United Workmen, will also feel his loss keenly, as he was an energetic, faithful and consistent worker, and his place will indeed be hard to fill.

The "tourists" of the London Cricket Club have had a delightful little trip in anticipation for the second week in August—leaving Wednesday morning, 7th August, for Sarnia by rail, then down the river in the evening to Detroit, playing Windsor Club 8th August, and Chatham 9th August, and home—thus having a charming lake and river journey and three first-class cricket matches. The return matches will be played here during the "cricket week," as follows:—Sarnia, August 20th; Chatham, August 21st; Windsor, August 22nd. A strong eleven, with Britten, has been selected and hope to win all three matches.

Mr. Dugald M. Leitch, a prominent resident of Alvinston, died the other day. Deceased was born in Brooke, adjoining the village of Alvinston, on May 15, 1856, and has resided in that section continually from that time. After acquiring a good education he taught school for some time in Moss, and about seven years ago started in business at Alvinston, in which he was very successful, but was compelled to retire about three years ago on account of ill health. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and two children.

Exeter Times.—"At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Hayes, last evening, Miss Minnie was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Mr. Wm. Clarke, of the typographical staff of the London FREE PRESS. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, in the presence of a few friends. The usual congratulations are extended. The bride was the recipient of many presents, and two addresses, from the choir and Sunday school of the Main Street Methodist Church."

A few nights ago burglars entered Messrs. Reynard Bros.' store at Highgate, and emptied the till of a small amount of cash, and also took a few dry goods and some clothing. It is not thought to be the work of a professional, as it was a very clumsy piece of work. They entered the wagon shop owned by Mr. Small, which was open, taking his tools and cutting a panel from the door of the store, left the store unsecured on the sidewalk. As yet there is no trace of the burglars.

An old tombstone erected on the farm now occupied by Mr. Joseph Hill, Brantford township, some fifty years ago, to mark the resting place of Surveyor Jones, one of the early pioneers, tumbled over the other day while some children were playing about it. One of the little boys, son of Mr. Hill, was crushed beneath the ponderous block and lay there for fifteen minutes before being extricated. His leg was fractured.

Frank Kitchen, employed in the Paris Needle Works, had an experience the other day, such as he will not care to have again. He was in the act of adjusting a pulley when his arm was caught and whirled around with terrible force, jerking him off his feet. Had his sleeve not been rolled up it would have been caught, and he would probably have been killed.

The Goderich Post Office trouble seems to have been satisfactorily settled at last. Mr. Campbell will receive the postmaster'ship of Goderich, while E. W. Johnston, Esq., will be appointed junior judge for the County of Huron, Judge Doyle being advanced to the senior judgeship of an eastern county.—Exeter Times.

Mr. James Anderson, who has been engaged by the leases of the Alvinston Driving Park managing the flyers at the race track there for several months past, has left for Paulding, Ohio, to accept a like situation with Paul Weidmann, in that town.

A farm hand named L. Macdonald was badly cut on the leg recently while mowing on the Dalzell farm, near Blue Lake. The wound bled so profusely as to endanger his life. He was driven hurriedly to Paris, where the wound was attended to.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the furniture store of Londen Bros., Florence, but had gained such headway as to make it impossible to save anything, and the stock was a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Sarnia Fire Brigade have received \$20 from J. Lawrence & Son as a donation for services rendered at their mill and lumber yard during the fire at the barrel house of the Sarnia Oil Company on Wednesday morning.

Rev. J. Allister Murray, of St. Andrews Church, will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. R. Johnston, of Alvinston, on Sunday, preaching at Napier in the morning and Alvinston in the afternoon.

Messrs. Watson & Freeman, of Blyth, shipped four loads of cattle from Goderich and one from Seaford, for Montreal; also two loads from Blyth station for the same destination.

Mr. Rockey, a respected farmer of Shetland, died suddenly the other day of heart disease while visiting his son at Mount Brydges.

Mrs. Mason, of this city, wife of Mr. J. L. Mason, is spending a few weeks in Belleville and other places east.

Thursday, August 8th, has been declared Civic Holiday for Crediton.



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Mrs. C. A. Case and children are on a visit to Port Stanley.

The Asylum fire brigade were given a trial alarm a few nights ago and responded promptly.

St. Peter's Cathedral choir boys were treated to a trip to Port Stanley by Rev. Fr. Tiernan on Wednesday.

In Toronto the Bell Telephone Co. are laying cables underground, the City Engineer superintending the work.

Mr. A. C. Smith, who is about to remove from the city, has been presented by members of the London Gun Club with a handsome ring.

A very sad accident occurred the other day to Harley, the son of Mr. J. S. Gibb, of Cashville. While in the field with his father cutting what his foot became entangled in the machine, cutting and bruising it in a frightful manner.

The Detroit papers daily publish a list of persons to whom marriage licenses have been granted. In yesterday's list occurs the following:—Henry Ingram, 22, Detroit; Mary Louisa Webb, 21, London, Ont.

J. Price, aged 17, met with a severe accident at Buchanan & Co.'s planing mill, Goderich, the other day. Through some unaccountable cause his right hand got drawn into the planer, three of his fingers being cut off, the remaining one and the thumb being badly torn and bruised.

Mr. H. F. Hindmarsh, formerly employed by the M. C. R. at St. Thomas, but until recently train dispatcher on the Texas Pacific at San Antonio, Tex., has arrived home at Galt, his visit to Colorado having failed to benefit his health. He is ill with consumption, and there is no hope of his recovery.

The garden party at Mount Hope last night was a grand success. The grounds were lighted in orthodox style with Chinese lanterns, etc., and presented a very pretty appearance. In various portions of the grounds were refreshment and fancy work tables, which were very liberally patronized. The Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts.

Last Sunday afternoon the barns on the farm of Mr. Henry Piggott, near Grovesend, were burned to the ground. One barn contained about 10 tons of hay, just gathered, some oat straw and farm tools. The stock barn was emptied of a few pigs, a cow and a calf before the flames reached them. The barns were insured for \$700; loss about \$1,200. It is supposed the fire was started by a little son of Mr. Piggott's while carelessly playing with matches in the vicinity of the barns. The premises originally belonged to Marshall Piggott, whose dead body, bound with ropes, was washed ashore at Long Point several years ago.

About a year and a half ago, says the Alvinston Free Press, Harry Atkin, of Shelton, leased the horticultural farm here from Mr. Isaac Chambers for a term of five years, and almost from the start has been known to be what is termed "hard up." However, he worried along, running a bill here, there and anywhere he could get credit, borrowing from this one and that until he had got to the end of the chapter, when in the silent watches of the night he folded his tent like the Arab, and as silently stole away, leaving almost every man in the place good cause to mourn his departure. His indebtedness will not come far short of \$1,500. Mr. Chambers is partly secured for the rent, but will still be a heavy loser, by reason of the neglected state of the premises.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Equal Rights Association was held last evening in the parlor of Victoria Hall. His Worship the Mayor, chairman of the London branch, occupied the chair. The question of having the petition to the Governor-General revived for the disavowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act signed by the members of the various congregations in the city was discussed, when it was moved by H. Macklin, seconded by G. F. Robertson, that every Protestant clergyman in the city be requested to allow signatures to be attached to the petitions at the close of morning and evening service at the several churches on Sunday next, and that the clergymen be requested to mention the matter when making the regular announcements. Carried. Moved by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, seconded by A. B. Imrie, that Mayor Taylor be the delegate from this branch of the Equal Rights Association to present the petitions to the Governor-General at Quebec on August 2nd. Carried.

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