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### CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED  
BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

Jim, you ought to (Salt)-er down while you have a chance.

Ask Billy, of the East End, if he knows how to fatten hogs on chestnuts?

Harry, you and Charley are the champion liars in town. Don't you think so?

Look out for Barnum's Circus, which passes through on the C. S. R., Sunday next.

A sweepstake match, open to everyone, will be held by the West End Gun Club on the 24th.

It is reported around the East End that the deacon is running a bowling alley at Pig station.

Uncle Jake says he has the handsomest bartender in town. Nothing counterfiet about him.

Peters says, talk about your meat; but give me good Christmas beef before any other kind.

Michael Barrett indignantly denies that he is the mother of the infant found in Kettle creek.

The modern Jehu, who's face was red, &c., now lieth low. Never mind, old bey, the truth hurts nobody.

There are three entries, so far, for the talking match, and they are all convinced that they will get the belt.

Mr. W. H. Church has obtained the contract to build Messrs. D. and O. Boughner's hotel, on William street.

Will, if you don't stop drinking so hard the girls will shake you. How is the girl in the (Spring) field?

Hovey, the Urbana defaulter, was taken there last Thursday by two constables who were sent for that purpose.

Parties in the East End are talking about telegraphing to the Dutch Whelp-er to find out his recipe for packing beef.

There is talk of giving Freeman a seat in the Irish town council. Good grammar is a thing lacking in that august body, now.

The German contractor says he can put up a building better than any gol-darned man in town. It is a terrible death to die.

Mr. Mousby, tonsorial artist, (colored) contemplates joining the Latter Day Saints. He would make a good active member.

They who own canines would do well to buy a tag and place thereon, for the dog killer is abroad. Yes, they may cease to exist.

Wm. Smith was fined \$20 on Saturday last on a charge of selling liquor without license. The thing who informed on him ought to be—

"Men Wanted," is the subject of a clergyman's late lecture. And the Millersburg girls say "Let the boys get the marriage licenses, then."

The girls in the East End are getting fearful high-toned. One was heard to remark the other day that if she could not have a fellow any better than a shop boy she would not have any at all. Good reason why; simply because she cannot get one. Sour grapes.

Harry, that was a very good story you told about mesmerizing Charley. I think that we will have to award you the belt for being the champion.

Who won the ten dollars throwing the sledge, in the East End? You fellows could throw eighty drinks of old rye into you quicker than you would throw the sledge eighty feet.

Wolves and other ravenous beasts infest St. David's ward. They have been seen as far west as St. George street, looking for pray, no doubt.

Mr. Wm. Alexander, the popular bartender, is now doing the amiable at Road-night's Commercial Hotel, where he will be glad to meet his numerous friends.

The Ball which opened the Frazer House, Port Stanley, for the season took place last evening. The picnic season will be inaugurated on the 24th May.

It is reported chestnuts are plentiful in the eastern portions of St. Thomas, but they are of inferior quality, at least so says a lady friend who has sampled them.

On Saturday afternoon last, the team of horses attached to a buggy, driven by Miss Mary McLachlin, ran away, throwing Miss McLachlin out and injuring her.

The Wimbledon Team leave for England on June 17th. Our representatives, the Graham Brothers, will be on hand, and no doubt will give a good account of themselves.

James A. Graig, formerly caretaker of the County Buildings, London, has been appointed turnkey in the jail here. The London papers speak highly of Mr. G's qualifications.

The Clipper Gun Club, at their regular practice on Tuesday last made the following score:—A. N. Pettit, 8; W. A. Dier, 5; Geo. Rapley, 5; Jas. Baird, 6; J. P. Morre, 4; S. Ferguson, 6.

J. W. Weismore, brakeman on the C. S. R., had his foot badly crushed yesterday morning by the wheel of a wagon containing a cord of wood passing over it. Under the skillful treatment of Dr. Corlis, he hopes to be around in a few days.

Zera, the wizard, who has often performed here, and astonished many audiences by his clever tricks, was himself astonished the other day at Soranton, Pa., when his wife ran off with his assistant and the cash box.

Great excitement was manifested around town regarding the Hanlon-Courtney race on Wednesday, and all the citizens with the exception of the few who foolishly placed their money on Courtney, were greatly pleased with Ned's victory.

Mr. Wm. Gill, of Windsor, has been promoted to the Collectorship of the Inland Revenue Department, rendered vacant by the superannation of Mr. Daniel Hanvey. Personally, we have nothing against Mr. Gill, but think a St. Thomas man should have been appointed to the vacant position.

Car No. 4, for the St. Thomas Street Railway, arrived here to-day. It is a very handsome car, and reflects credit on the manufactory recently established in London, Ont., called the Ontario Car Manufacturing Co'y.

Mr. Musselman, of this town, and Mr. Mitchelprue, of Langton, Norfolk county, went trout-fishing one day this week, and returned with sixty-four speckled beauties. They were caught in a brook, near Langton.

The best fitting shirts made in Western Ontario are manufactured at the Shirt Factory of Mr. John Wilson, 543 Richmond street, London. We can personally recommend any person requiring shirts to give Mr. Wilson an order, and they may rely on procuring a perfect fit and splendid material.

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A certain lady at the East end remarks that if an opportunity offers she will have a tilt by the Horton market. If she gets on a bender she will catch hither, too. "Treat, Trade or Travel!"

How does that Long man at the East End feel, whose colossal skull full of gruel, brought forth that wonderful design for the new store? the proprietor of which says when he realizes its spectral proportions, "Anything but that. Take a tumble, John, and stick to your tools a while longer."

Wonder what those fence build were doing back of Orwell one day last week? Quite a foot race, that, and the oman is a pretty good runner after all. The little boy is hardly able to tackle the or four grown-up men, but if a certain-son had been present, there would we been some tall shooting done. Betsey quiet, now, boys, or you will hear me about it.

The body of an infant, in a perfect state of preservation, was found by J. Carr, in rear of the Catholic cemetery, Kettle Creek, while fishing on Saturday afternoon. An inquest and post mortem examination was held over the remains. As yet no clue has been found to the parties who abandoned and probably killed the child. Some erring female no doubt is at the bottom of it.

On Wednesday night last, about ten o'clock, a man named Edward Simons, who lives near Union, was crossing the C. S. R. track on William street, when a heavy train was in the distance, going west. Ned, who was rather intoxicated, would not move out of the way of the cow-catcher, thus coming in contact with that gentle animal, was thrown a considerable distance, but strange to say he only received a slight bruise on the nose, from the effects of the fall. The train stopped near the bridge, and the men returned to render assistance, only to find our bold Ned cursing and swearing at the train for molesting him. He feels a slight soreness since.

Police Court.—David Brown had tackled beverage of an elevating character on Monday last, and was trying to walk on both sides of the sidewalk at once, when he was gathered in. Thirty days was the prize drawn by David. Thomas Robins sang his lay; he was charged with vagrancy, but as it was his first appearance on the stage, he was discharged. John Johnston was charged with obtaining money under false pretences. It appears a couple of colored gents wanted a house to keep batch in, and John obtained \$2.50 from them. He was sent down for 30 days. James Bay, drunk as a lord, yesterday; 20 days to sober off. C. Turner, for stealing \$15 from Mr. J. Farley's residence, was committed for trial.

Word was brought to the village of Bryanston last evening that Mr. Alex. McDougall, a farmer, who lived on lot 7, in the 13th concession of London Township, had committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn during the afternoon. McDougall formerly lived in Lucan and carried on the business of a butcher there, and was well known to a large number of the residents of the surrounding townships. His body was found by some of the members of his family, life being extinct. What prompted McDougall to take his life was not known to our informants.

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### THE GREAT BOAT RACE.

#### THE LITTLE CANADIAN HAD THE RACE FROM THE BEGINNING.

#### COURTNEY WEAKENED ALMOST AT THE START.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—At 6.45 this evening the long debated question was fully settled, and Edward Hanlan had won the title of champion oarsman of America. The great race, if it may be called a race, occupied just 36 minutes and 39.310 seconds by the computation of the official timekeeper, though 3 seconds less was claimed by parties upon the referee's boat. At 5.54 Hanlan pulled away from his boat house a mile down the course from the start, and just as he reached the Potomac boat house, a short half mile from the start, he was joined by Courtney and both rowed leisurely up to the start. Just as the men reached the referee's boat the two judges drew for positions, and Mr. Ward, representing Hanlan, won the choice. Without delay both men backed down to their starting boats, which were moored seventy-five feet apart, Mr. Coulson holding the stern of Hanlan's shell, and Mr. Ward Courtney's.

#### THE START

was given by the referee, Mr. Blaikie, with the customary 'Are you ready?' and three seconds later 'Go!' which sent the men away to a beautiful start. Courtney's ears seemed to catch a trifle in advance of his opponent, and with a sturdy even grip upon the water sent his boat palpably to the front. For the first half minute he pulled eighteen strokes, or at the rate of 3 to the minute, while Hanlan was timed 4. Before Courtney had pulled ten strokes, however, Hanlan had overhauled him, and each succeeding stroke sent his boat further to the fore.

#### HANLAN AHEAD.

At the first flag, making one-eighth of a mile from the start, clear water could just be seen between the stern of his boat and the bow of Courtney's. At this point Courtney turned to look over his shoulder, and evidently realized that he was beaten, as he suddenly dropped his strokes to 30, and shook his head to some one on the referee's boat who had shouted to him to pull, saying:

#### 'IT ISN'T IN ME.'

Hanlan also eased up, and pulled steadily at 32 strokes to the minute, opened the gap as he pleased. All the interest in the race was gone when Hanlan reached the three quarter flag, fully ten lengths in advance. At the first mile he was pulling 31 strokes to the minute, and leading by fully 15 boat lengths, Courtney laboring unsteadily at about 28, and frequently casting a despairing glance over his shoulders. Soon after passing the mile flag,

#### COURTNEY STOPPED ROWING

and removed his handkerchief, dipped it in the water and replaced it on his head, repeating the operation a half-dozen times. During the next mile his steering which was at the first faultless, became more and more erratic, and three of the six flags from the half mile to the two-mile point were either brushed by his oars or run over directly by his boat. Hanlan reached

#### THE TWO-MILE FLAG

in 13 minutes 31.7 seconds, just one-eighth of a mile in advance of Courtney, who stopped, finally, three-eighths of a mile from the turn, or two and one-eighth miles from the start, turned his boat and pulled leisurely back over the course and disembarked at his quarters at the Potomac boat house. Hanlan pulled on to the finish in 17 minutes 54 seconds from the start.

#### A HUGE SELL.

On the way home Hanlan gradually overhauled Courtney, and the thousands upon shore and upon the boats and steamers which lined the course, not knowing that Courtney had not turned his stake-boat, imagined that the race was still a debatable issue, and rent the air with cheers for their respective favorites. Hanlan, however, soon passed Courtney, and pulled leisurely to the last eighth of the course, when, in response to the blowing of whistles and the cheers from the thousands of spectators, he quickened to a forty stroke, and exhibited a splendid burst of speed to

#### THE FINISH,

which he reached in 36 minutes and 49.310 seconds from the time of starting. Pulling up to the referee's boat Hanlan was awarded the race by the referee, and was cordially congratulated by Mr. Soule,

who was a decidedly interested spectator on the referee's boat. Hanlan then picked his way through the scores of steamers and river crafts of every description, and reached his quarters at the Analostan Boat House, where he was received amid the wildest demonstrations of delight, lifted bodily from his boat and carried on the shoulders of enthusiastic friends into the boat house.

#### RILEY'S DIRTY TRICK.

Riley, who was at the start prepared to enter the race if either Courtney or Hanlan failed to appear, started down the outer edge of the course a few seconds before the word was given, and rowed nearly the entire course in front of Hanlan, increasing his lead to about an eight of a mile, turning Hanlan's stake, and rowing back to the Potomac Boat House, where he disembarked with Courtney. Many people along the course, who had not seen the start, supposed from this that Riley was in the race, and was winning a great victory over the little Canadian.

#### HANLAN MAKES A SPEECH.

On returning to his hotel Hanlan was serenaded, and in response to calls for a speech he expressed his gratitude for the many kindnesses he had received at the hands of the Washington people during his stay. He said that he came here to row a race and he very much regretted that an opportunity had not been given him to do so.

#### A CHALLENGE TO RILEY.

In conclusion he referred to Riley's having gone to the course and rowed over a part of it in front of the contestants, and denounced him as no gentleman. He said that if Riley wanted to row with him tomorrow or a year hence for ten dollars or for ten thousand dollars he would be ready to meet him.

#### A CONTEST LIKELY BETWEEN HANLAN AND RILEY.

Washington, May 19.—The referee this morning handed Hanlan a draft for \$6,000. There is fair prospect for a purse race between Hanlan and Riley next week. The only hitch is the manner of dividing the purse. Hanlan insisted upon \$2,000 as the minimum for the winner. The gentlemen conducting the negotiations say there will be no trouble on that score.

#### New York, May 20.—A Washington special to the Sun says an attempt is being made to get up a joint race between Hanlan, Courtney and Riley. The latter declares he will have nothing to do with Courtney until he has settled with Hanlan.

The World says Hanlan professed surprise and delight on receiving notice of Trickett's challenge.

Washington, May 20.—The articles of agreement between Hanlan and Riley, signed this morning, provide for a race at Washington of two and a half miles and return, between three and six o'clock, on May 26th, weather permitting, for \$2,000, which is to go to the winner. In case of unfavorable weather the referee is to designate the first favorable day. If only one starts he is to have the purse.

#### BORN

In this town, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. Patrick Smith, conductor on the Air Line Railway, of a son.

In this town, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Chas. Groudale, C. S. R., of a daughter.

#### MARRIED

In St. Thomas, on the 12th inst., by Rev. Elmore Harris, B. A., Mr. Theodore W. Graham, to Miss Annie J. Goodwin, all of this town.

#### DIED

In Yarmouth on the 15th inst., Kate, wife of Mr. Archibald Black, and daughter of Mr. Wm. Ross, of this town, aged 33 years.

In this town, on the 14th inst., Ella Esther, daughter of Mr. Purdy, aged one year.

In Southwold, on the 17th inst., Eliza, daughter of Mr. George Silcox, aged 27 yrs and 8 months.

In Yarmouth, on the 19th inst., Wm. Ward, aged 71 years, father of Mrs. Joseph Brent, of the same place.

### AMERIC'N HOTEL

EAST END, ST. THOMAS.

Directly opposite C. S. R. Depot, Tabot St.

D. Salter, - - - Prop'r.

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