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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

The regular meeting of the County Council takes place on Tuesday next.

One of the greatest pic-nics ever held at the Fort will take place on Wednesday next, the Granger's pic-nic.

A train of cars for the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad passed through on the Canada Southern, yesterday.

These are the days when the nobby young man standeth his tailor off for a suit. Yes, verily, he paneth out.

"Blankets made out of your own wool," reads a Waterford advertisement, this must be addressed to "cullud" gentlemen.

London the little is said to be the most prosperous place in Canada. It's only Londoners who say it, however.

A man in the East End has just got a diamond ring, and he now shakes hands with everyone.

First-class shooting was done by the St. Thomas Rifle Club on Queen's Birthday, as also by the Gun clubs in pigeon shooting.

His Honor Judge Hughes has been elected chairman at the annual conference of the American branch of the R. E. Church, held at Montreal.

There is a man in the East End who lived in Lucan, but still he will step up to the bar and drink with any one just the same as a civilized person.

Sproule, the Vienna bailiff, has again been lodged in jail here, charged with obtaining money from H. J. McKenna, of Springfield, under false pretences.

The first regular weekly excursion to Port Stanley took place yesterday, and a large crowd took advantage of the opportunity of visiting our southern seaside suburb.

Very dark kids are fashionable just now, at least an exchange says so, and we obligingly publish it for the benefit of the colored babies. We guess we have it this time.

Lewis C. Hovey, has arrived home at Urbana, and his bail was set at \$8,000, but it appears his friends went back on him, and he is forced to recline in durance ville till his trial comes off.

A new bank is to be built in the east end, by Messrs. H. Comfort and J. Wilcox, immediately opposite the Beaver Block. The Bank of Commerce talk about establishing an agency there.

An old toper stood in the C. S. R. park on Monday night, and a crowd of people catching a glimmer of his nose, rushed over, thinking the fireworks were taking place there.

Notwithstanding that a large addition was made to the number of REPORTERS printed last week the demand was far ahead of the supply, showing the fast increasing popularity of the paper.

We've had the brass age, the iron age, and several other ages, remarked a St. Thomas butcher the other day, but where is the "dogs age"? It's the "saus-age," quietly remarked a listener, and then the talkative butcher became suddenly silent.

Charles S. what did you do with that parcel-post package you received lately, of, not the Colorado, but a new variety of Bugs. Perry says they are not genuine, therefore he won't allow them to spawn.

Thomas has returned, he states that he was completely Fryed out of Detroit. The climate there being very warm and it did not agree with his health.

St. Thomas has prospered and grown in population during the last year more than any two towns in Canada in proportion to the size. Guelph, St. Catharines, Brantford and several other places being conspicuous by the large number of vacant houses in each.

The supreme happiness of a lifetime fell to the lot of a William st. young man the other evening, when he got among a group of girls, and felt a May bug slowly but surely crawling up his pant leg.

Carelessness in handling a revolver caused a painful accident to Mr. Robins formerly of the C. S. R. on Sunday last. It appears the revolver was accidentally discharged and the ball entered Mr. Robins' hand. The wound was dressed by Dr. McLarty.

"Are you not sorry for attacking your wife, and breaking a vase over her head?" inquired a preacher of an Aylmer wife beater. "Well, yes I am" replied the man, I might just as well have taken a club and spared the vase, but it's just my darn luck.

John Platt of Springfield is said to have challenged Riley to row a boat race on Toronto Bay for \$5000, early in August. But the question naturally arises, who is John Platt? and did he do his rowing on land, as there is no suitable stream near Springfield.

An effort is being made to purchase the C. S. R. Park, by town capitalists, for the purpose of dividing it into building lots, the consideration offered being \$25,000; but the management of the road decline selling it. East End merchants are bitterly opposed to the scheme.

The Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of the Queen, has remained unmarried longer than any other daughter of Her Majesty's did, and people will begin to think that Her Royal Highness will be an old maid, but hope arises when it is ascertained that a grass-widower, in the East End, named Eli, is going to England in search of a wife, this summer.

A young counter jumper hands the following item for the benefit of the ladies, he says: A plate of ice cream exploded in a New York parlor lately, killing several persons; but still St. Thomas girls, with a recklessness that is perfectly awful, will tackle all the ice cream set before them.

Two carloads of German emigrants, fresh from their "Vaderland" passed through on the C. S. R. on Monday last, also a car load of Chinese and Japanese, bound for California. The almond eyed celestials were arrayed in their native oriental costume, and presented a picturesque, though rather savage appearance.

A cattle fair is to be held monthly at the Horton market, and the interested parties, acting on their well-known principle of encouraging home industry, (1) have given the printing to an Aylmer paper. The fearfully and wonderfully strange manner in which some of the business men's names are spelled by the printers, will no doubt convince them of the eternal fitness of things. They will have to "break" themselves of that kind of business.

The cricket match between the Brantford and St. Thomas clubs on the 24th, at Brantford, was won by Brantford on the first innings, the score standing, Brantford 41; St. Thomas, 38. Brantford scored only 32 in the second innings, leaving St. Thomas 35 to make, which they could easily have done had not the ground to be given up for a lacrosse match at 2.30 in the afternoon. The *Globe* and *Free Press* of the 25th gave the match to St. Thomas, which confirms this opinion. The St. Thomas club hope to meet them again before long, when no doubt the game will be played out to the satisfaction of all.

POCOCK BROS.

The new Boot and Shoe Store, lately opened in St. Thomas, by the above named firm, has found favor with the people in every quarter. They are undoubtedly selling boots and shoes very cheap, and we would advise all to examine their goods before buying elsewhere.

194 Talbot Street, } 133 Dundas Street,
ST. THOMAS. } LONDON.

ERRING ELLEN'S TROUBLES.

A YOUNG WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDERING HER INFANT CHILD—HER SISTER ARRESTED ALSO—EXAMINATION OF THE GIRL.

It will be remembered by readers of the REPORTER that the dead body of an infant child was found in Kettle creek a short time since, partially immersed in the water, and with blood running from the mouth; also that at the coroners' inquest a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown was returned by the jury empanelled on the occasion.

Upon the discovery of this unnatural and inhuman deed, the police endeavored to discover the mother who so cruelly terminated the existence of the innocent babe in such a summary manner and the facts learned, induced them to come to the conclusion that a young woman—or rather a girl, for she is scarcely out of her teens—named Ellen Coughlin was the guilty mother. Accordingly a warrant was issued for her apprehension, and she was arrested and lodged in gaol. On Tuesday morning she was brought before the P. M. and the examination has continued every day since except Wednesday.

Upon Tuesday, the principal evidence tended to prove that the girl came to the house of her sister Julia Fletcher, in the Casey block on Monday, 10th inst., and that about 10 or 11 o'clock on that day, Dr. C. McLarty was summoned and the girl, Ellen, gave birth to a female child. Upon Mrs. Duffy, a neighbor, going into the apartment and asking who was ill, Mrs. Fletcher replied it was her own baby, but Mrs. Duffy heard the cry of a new born babe, and saw something wrapped in a quilt upon the bed on which Ellen was then sitting. About ten minutes to twelve on Tuesday morning Ellen and her sister left the room, Ellen carrying Mrs. Fletcher's child, and she carrying a market basket, containing something heavy. The two returned about 3 o'clock in the afternoon with the basket empty.

The only evidence taken on Thursday was that of Mrs. Massey, which was of trifling interest, but considerable astonishment was created when the girl Ellen made a deliberate accusation against Mrs. Massey of having killed the child, claiming that she gave it to the latter on Tuesday morning to carry to her (Mrs. Massey) house, she promising to follow. The girl said she went to Mrs. Massey's house and waited a half hour, but as Mrs. Massey did not come she (Ellen) returned to her sisters. After supper she again went to Massey's, and asked for her babe, when Mrs. Massey said "Never mind the babe; it's better done for than you could ever do for it. It's happy now," and she (Ellen) had never seen the infant since, and then the girl exclaimed, "Thank God, I am innocent!" After which she said to Mrs. Massey, who was still in the court room, "You cruelly killed my poor baby. I

gave it to you, and have never seen it since." Mrs. Massey indignantly denied the terrible accusation.

Julia Fletcher, sister of the accused, was arrested and arraigned upon a charge of having murdered the infant child of Ellen Coughlin, and pleaded not guilty.

This morning, two women, both answering to the name of Mary Coughlin, one a sister and the other a cousin of the accused, were sworn, but their evidence had no bearing on the case.

This afternoon Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. G. Burke were recalled and cross-examined by the prisoners, but they merely reiterated their former evidence.

Mrs. Panther, who lives at the toll gate on the Port Stanley gravel road, testified to having seen two women pass the gate a few days before the child was found, after twelve o'clock, and they returned some time during the afternoon. One of the women was taller than the other, the taller being dressed in light clothes and the other in black, and the shortest one was freckled. The taller one was carrying a child in her arms, and the other had a basket, but she could not say whether the prisoners were the parties.

The court adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow, (Saturday) afternoon, when Mrs. Coughlin, mother of the prisoners, will give evidence.

HANLAN.

A great deal of enthusiasm was exhibited by nearly all our citizens over the victories achieved by the celebrated Canadian oarsman, Edward Hanlan. In vain the chronic growler and persons of like ilk mutter the old bullion that "There never was a man but what there was a better," and that Hanlan will soon meet his match; the almost unanimous opinion being that the man never yet pulled oar who could defeat Hanlan, and thousands of dollars would be eagerly invested on him against any competitor.

The race with Courtney may be said to have been a foregone conclusion. The Union Springs sculler giving up shortly after the start. When he perceived the Canadian easily pulling away from him, Courtney claimed to be troubled with the headache; but the astonishing thing is this boat race with Riley on Wednesday. This wonderful Riley—this great man who has been blowing around all winter how easily he could defeat Hanlan. This mighty oarsman who made Hanlan take water at Barrie. This swift rowing wonder who rowed away head of the participants in the Hanlan-Courtney race, and was going to make Hanlan pull to win this one, and was badly defeated by about half a mile. How is this? Something must be wrong? How was this mighty oarsman defeated? Perhaps he had the headache, too. By the way, the majority of oarsmen who compete with Hanlan are generally troubled in that way, and with the armache also.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

AND HOW IT WAS CELEBRATED.

The anniversary of the birth of the most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was celebrated in a becoming manner in the East End, this year, but owing to the preparations for receiving the Princess and the Marquis of Lorne in September, the day passed off very quietly in the West End. The sports of the day were inaugurated by the Firemen of the Town, headed by the 25th Batt. Band and accompanied by the schoolboy cadets marching down Talbot street to the C. S. R. station and back again to their respective Halls. Immediately after dinner, the rope walking, one of the principal attractions of the day, was brought on, and attracted admiring crowds. Professors Cromwell, Moore and Curtis acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. After the rope walking had been concluded the crowd adjourned to the C. S. Park, when the races and athletic sports took place. At night a splendid exhibition of fireworks was witnessed by an immense crowd after which the people quietly dispersed, well satisfied with the day's amusements.

Police Court.—Patrick Sullivan stood up in the dock on Monday last; the gay Patrick had looked upon the wine in its colored state, and this was the result, \$4 and costs. On Tuesday, Mrs. Batty appeared, charged with assaulting Mrs. Earl; Mrs. B. was ordered to clear out of town forthwith. Twenty years ago John Jones made a deadly vow against whiskey; and ever since he has been punishing it; way up again on Wednesday, \$3 or 30 day. Robt. Lamb, with lamb-like simplicity, had got intoxicated, when the erring lamb was gathered into the fold by the policemen; \$2 was the sum contributed by Robert. John Wood, true to his name, was discovered sleeping on a wood pile Tuesday evening, and escorted to the cooler; discharged.

BORN

In this town, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. L. Bond, of the Elgin Brewery, of a daughter.

In this town, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. John Larman, of a son.

MARRIED

At the residence of Mr. A. Martin, Eagle st., on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. M. Fraser, George P. Brown, C. S. R., to Eliza M. Francis, all of this town.

DIED

At St. Thomas, on Wednesday ev'g., 26th inst., Chas. Wm., youngest son of Chas. Roe, of this town, aged 4 years and three months.

On the 26th inst., Ernest Cecil, youngest son of Isaac Coyne, Ingersoll, aged one year and one month.

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