WESTERN ONTARIO.

BRANT.

Through the instrumentality of Mrs. Owen Hitchcox, of Paris, a fine lodge of Good Templars has been organized at Niagara Falls and one at Grimbsy. At the latter place about 1,000 people have signed the pledge since November.

Henry Moon, 55 years of age, dropped dead in T. P. Gray's hotel, Paris, on Friday. Deceased was a laboring man, and leaves a wife and family.

ESSEX.

L. S. Brown, of Pelee Island, is endeavoring to form a joint stock company for the purpose of operating a boating, fishing and bathing club on the island.

Mayor Fleming, Windsor, has received a letter from the colonel of the Toronto Grenadiers acknowledging the invitation extended by the council and expressing a hope to be in Windsor on May 24.

On Monday night the Rev. Mr. Learoyd, of Windsor, was called from the service that was going on in the church to marry a couple that was in waiting in the parsonage. There were five persons in the party, and after the knot had been tied the mother of the bride said that there was not a dollar in the entire crowd, and the minister would have to look elsewhere for his pay. Mr. Learoyd says he has married hundreds of couples, but this one started off in the poorest circumstances of any that he ever knew.

ELGIN.

The East Elgin license commissioners have granted licenses as follows: Aylmer—D. H. Gooding (shop license); tavern, Jas. Herendeen, John Wallace, Dudley & Binder, Wm. Bishop. Springfield—R. F. Truman. Yarmouth—Frank Winer, D. A. Palmer (Yarmouth Center), P. A. Bush (Union), W. L. Bailey (Sparta.) Port Stanley — Donald Fraser (Batt House), Wm. Fraser (Fraser House), six months' license. Port Burwell — George Seers. Richmond — Delorma Smith. Corinth—Philo Price. Bayham—J. A. Griffin, Chas. Hubbard (Straffordville), Leonard Johnson. Malahide—George Wannocott (Copenhagen), H. Kimber (Port Bruce), Alvin Parker (Mount Salem.) Applications laid over for consideration: George L. Gray, L. Dake, Port Stanley; T. Moore, F. Corson, Yarmouth; W. E. Hughes and J. M. Wheaton, Malahide; J. L. Burger, Port Burwell; Samuel Draper and John Brasher, Vienna.

Aylmer Express: "There is considerable excitement around Richmond over the sudden disappearance of two young fellows on Sunday last, viz., John Stevenson and Wm. Procunier. John Stevenson will be better known by the name of John Godwin, he having resided with Mr. H. Godwin, M.P.P., for the past six or eight years, coming from the London Home. He is about 17 years old, and Procunier is a son of Mr. Robert Procunier, and about 15 years old. They were seen about noon on Sunday walking back down a lane. There appears to be no reason for their leaving, beyond a desire to skip out and try the world for themselves. Procunier is said to have left a note behind, telling his parents of his intentions of leaving."

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has confirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Albert E. Foster, formerly of Fingal, sentenced to three years for bigamy. His last wife has given birth to a child since his incarceration.

Miss Nellie Beattie, of the Alma Ladies' College, St. Thomas, is at present in her home in St. Marys. While in St. Thomas she had the misfortune to lose one of her toes, caused from an ingrown toe nail.

J. D. Teetzel, general merchant at Morpeth, will, it is said, go out of business owing to failing health.

The West Lorne correspondent of the St. Thomas Journal writes: At the recent sales of farm stock here, cattle sold fairly well, but horses seemed to be a drug. There seemed to be no local demand for heavy or general purpose horses at all, the only class suitable at all are good roadsters and carriage horses.

The West Elgin Board of License Commissioners has granted the following licenses: Dutton (tavern)—John McIntyre, Wm. Eustice and E. E. Ostrander. Alborough (tavern)—Mrs. McMillan, P. J. Lindemann, A. DeCew, D. Patterson and Benjamin Partridge; refused, John Morgan. Wallacetown (tavern)—John Drumgold. Southwold (tavern)—Thos. Oliver, D. Cameron, Geo. Stanton, A. Widdifield and J. J. Marr. Wine and beer—J. S. Waddell, Iona. St. Thomas (tavern)—T. Cofley, E. Bond, H. A. Branton, Mary A. Boughner, D. J. Boughner and B. F. Queen. St. Thomas (shops)—A. S. Smith and T. Pinfold.

According to the returns of the assessor the population of the town of Aylmer is 2,182 and the value of assessable property is $718,224.

George Taylor, formerly of Southwold and reported dead many years ago, has recently been heard from by his mother. During the interval since he disappeared his wife and father have died.

GREY.

At the Owen Sound police court Friday James Farrow, arrested at St. Thomas on a charge of bigamy, was arraigned and committed. No. 1, who is prosecuting, is 23 years of age. Her maiden name was Martha Holmes and she married Farrow on Nov. 5, 1888, at Wiarton. The second wife was Lizzie Carmichael, of Broome county, N. Y., and Farrow was married to her at Binghamton about a year ago. It is alleged that he was preparing to marry a third woman when arrested.

HURON.

Blyth is now connected with the telephone system of Western Ontario.

Seaforth will at once erect a new fire hall and lockup.

Seaforth is advertising an electric light plant for sale.

The Clinton Driving Park Association have decided to have races on May 24.

Seaforth council has passed a cow bylaw prohibiting bovines running at large on the highways.

Owing to the departure of Mr. McIntosh, of Brussels, a new reeve will have to be elected, and W. H. Kerr, of the Post, is an aspirant.

KENT.

Mr. Killackey has telegraphed from Ottawa that he has had a big enough pull on the Government to secure a promise of a grant to deepen the mouth of the Thames to enable larger boats to enter the river.

LAMBTON.

While wrestling in the Weidmann mill-yard with Jas. Perry on Friday last, Ambrose Bishop met with a severe and painful accident. The two in play began scuffling and at last got their legs locked when Perry gave a jerk, resulting in the breaking of Bishop's leg.

At the Lambton Assizes the case of Prudham vs. Moore, Holmes and Courtright, an action for slander, has been settled, each to pay their own costs.

Mrs. Hitchcock, relict of the late Samuel Hitchcock, and the oldest resident of Sarnia, passed away at the age of 87 years and 31 days on Wednesday last. Deceased had been ailing for some time past, but it was not expected that the end was so near. She leaves eight sons and three daughters, all of whom are married. Mrs. Hitchcock was born Feb. 29, 1815, in Lobo, and she removed with her husband and one son to Sarnia in 1834.

Last Thursday a special train of eighteen cars loaded with square timber left Forest for Hamilton, from which point it will be shipped to England. The eighteen cars were loaded in six hours. Most of the timber was bought in Warwick and Plympton by John Attwood for the firm that is doing the shipping.

Albert Grayson, of Port Lambton, who escaped from prison in Canada some time ago, and subsequently burglarized several stores at Wallaceburg, has been arrested at Harrisville, Mich. Government Detective McKee, of Windsor, had been on the look-out for him for some time. Efforts will be made to have him extradited.

Messrs. John Charlton, M.P., of Lynedoch; H. M. Gillette, Benjamin Boutell, of Bay City, Mich.; Peter C. Smith, of West Bay City, Mich.; Michael Fleming and Charles Mills Garvey, of Sarnia, are seeking incorporation as the Boutell Towing and Wrecking Company (Limited), with headquarters at Sarnia and a capital of $25,000.

An offer of compromise of 50 per cent. is made by J. D. Lebel, who was engaged in the lumber business at London and Sarnia. Liabilities, $17,000; assets, $13,200.

MIDDLESEX.

The West Middlesex license commissioners have granted the following licenses: Strathroy—John Brady, James Alexander, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Banghart, James Barry, J. W. Prangly, A. McPherson and G. B. Roach. Shop—P. O'Dwyer. Caradoc—D. Bishop, T. S. Hodgins, D. Nicolls. Delaware—Rad McFie and F. C. Jarvis. Napier—Thos. Mackay. Ekfrid — John Mullins, Wm. Donnelly, D. W. Robb. Wardsville — J. H. Cady. Newbury—Alexander Smith. Glencoe—D. McRae, P. J. McAlpine.

Graham Walker, of Ilderton, breeder and importer of Lincoln sheep, has rented Rockside grazing farm, London township, from Mr. M. Ferguson, Birr.

D. McRae, of Ilderton, has had a great run of luck this spring. One of his cows gave birth to triplets, while one of his heavy mares had a fine pair of colts.

Mount Brydges and Caradoc Zion Baptist Churches have extended a unanimous call to Rev. P. H. Anderson, of Belleville, who has accepted it. He will begin his pastorate about the middle of May.

NORFOLK.

John McKechnie, a young farmer of Norfolk county, died in Winnipeg on Friday of inflammation.

Samuel Smith, general store keeper, of Walsingham Center, has assigned.

NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS.

Alexander Milsap was instantly killed by the breaking of a balance wheel in a mill near Sundridge.

Patrick Conway, of Orillia, died suddenly in Stayner a day or two ago.

OXFORD.

Ingersoll will have Scottish games on May 24.

The charges preferred against Principal Garvin, of the Woodstock public schools—embodied in a recent report of the School Management Committee—have been withdrawn.

Bowman & Son have leased the Ingersoll gas works, and will conduct the business in future.

At the meeting of the license commissioners of South Oxford in Ingersoll, there were eight hotel licenses granted Ingersoll, four in Tilsonburg, four in Norwich village, and one each in Eastwood, Beachville and Thamesford. The following in the local option district were granted licenses for one month: Otterville, two; Hawtrey, one; Springford, one; Brownsville, one. Two shop licenses were granted in Ingersoll and one in Tilsonburg. The application of the Atlantic House, Ingersoll, was laid over.

The license commissioners for North Oxford granted the following licenses: Woodstock—C. Caister, J. C. Miller, J. E. Thompson, J. M. McKay, J. W. O'Neill and P. Farrell. Blenheim—John Strode, J. D. Miller, J. Atkinson, Annie Dake, Kate Stewart, Adam Parker and Henry Ernest. Blandford—W. B. Bower. East Zorra—John Landreth, W. B. Parker, Samuel Trachsel. West Zorra—Walter Ross, D. Begley, Charles Munn, Henry Harlocke and William Oliver.

PERTH.

A movement is on foot to organize a citizens' band in St. Marys. A few years ago St. Marys had one of the best bands in Ontario.

At the annual meeting of the Twenty-eighth Battalion in Stratford the following committees were appointed: Band, Paymaster Lawrence, Quartermaster Beck, Captain Guy; mess, Lieutenant-Colonel McKnight, Quartermaster Beck, Captain Morphy and Lieutenant Long; regimental, Captains Hotson, Cooke, Moscrip, Hamilton, Morphy and Guy.

The Mitchell Turf Club has reorganized for the season, and will celebrate May 24.

John Rogers, Mitchell, has been appointed by the council the engineer for Blanshard township.

H. Whitworth has been appointed truant officer of St. Marys, and intends to strictly enforce the law.

Mrs. Blair, wife of Wm. Blair, postmaster, Stratford, was taken seriously ill on Tuesday, and on Thursday became unconscious and died. She was the youngest daughter of the late James Stock, of Mimico, and was 51 years of age. The late James Stock, of Toronto, was a brother, and the late Mrs. Jas. Corcoran, of Stratford, a sister. Her brothers living are Edward Stock, Toronto, and Joseph and John Stock, Ellice.

News has been received in Stratford of the death in Texas of Alex. McGregor, a man whose name was prominently associated with the early history of Stratford. He taught in the first school there nearly 50 years ago, among his pupils being the present Judge Woods. He took an active part in the division of the united counties of Huron, Bruce and Perth, and was Perth's first county treasurer. He was also clerk of the County Court.

SIMCOE.

Mr. Macgillivray, father of Rev. Malcolm Macgillivray, of Chalmers' Church, and of Prof. Macgillivray, of Queen's University, Kingston, is dead at Collingwood.

WATERLOO.

It is reported that the bands of the Berlin and Waterloo musical societies have been engaged to play during Canadian week at the Chicago World's Fair, and that they will receive $1,000 and expenses.

William Allemang, of Elmira, while chopping wood, almost cut his foot in twain by the axe striking his shoe.

Berlinites are making extensive preparations for the celebration of the Queen's birthday. The Seventh Battalion Band from London, with the full brigade, will be on hand.

WELLINGTON.

James Millar, president of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, has urged upon the board the advisibility of their assistance in taking action to secure the Provincial Fat Stock Show permanently in Guelph.

The Guelph Board of Trade has elected the following officers: President, A. W. Alexander; vice-president, J. A. Nelles; secretary-treasurer, A. J. Little; council, Messrs. J. Hallett, Robt. Mitchell, J. E. McElderry, Jas. Innes, M.P., J. M. Bond, W. G. Smith, Col. Higinbotham, Jas. Watt, Jas. Goldie, Jas. Hewer, A. R. Scott, G. B. Ryan.

WELLAND.

Richard Bridges, grocer, Welland, has been forced to make an assignment. He will probably arrange to continue business.

WENTWORTH.

W. H. Moss, secretary of the Valley City Lodge, I. O. O. F., Dundas, has received a letter from Minden Mines, Mo., stating that Thomas Bateman, formerly night switchman at the G. T. R. in Dundas, had been burned to death through his clothes catching fire while sleeping at a camp fire.

Mrs. David Smuck died last Friday morning at the advanced age of 88 years. She was one of the oldest residents of Glanford. Her husband will be 94 years in May next. They had been married over 50 years. Over a year ago she fell and broke her arm, and had just nicely recovered from that when she was unfortunate enough to fall again and break her leg, and had not been able to leave her bed much since.

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