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LOCAL NEWS TOPICS.

SPRING ASSIZES.—The Oxford Assizes open at Woodstock on the 9th of March before Judge Falconbridge.

LICENSE INSPECTORS.—Messrs. Wm. Ewart, Jas. J. Smith, and J. W. McArthur have been appointed license inspectors for South Oxford.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Geo. Bloor, teamster, has leased the O'Callaghan farm a mile east of Salford, and will engage in agricultural pursuits. He has disposed of his dray business to Mr. Wilcox.

MISSING.—Chief Northgraves has received from Chief McKinnon, of Hamilton, a description of Robert Walsh, of Hamilton, a seller of patent gas burners, who left home a month ago with \$700 and a number of watches in his possession. It is believed Walsh has been killed.

SOCIAL.—The Ladies' Aid of Charles St. Methodist church will give a social and programme of music and readings at the residence of Mr. John Bell, Bell St., on this (Thursday) evening. Tea served from 6 to 8 p. m. A welcome to all. Come and enjoy the evening.

A LAUGHABLE ERROR.—One of the Collingwood papers hastens to state that the word "arm" should be substituted for "back" in the following extract from its previous issue: "The bride looked the picture of youth and beauty as she came in on her father's back to where the ceremony was performed."

UNDESIRING CHARITY.—Mr. John Johnston, a blind man from Centreville writes that a party of able-bodied beggars are soliciting the country soliciting charity for him and appropriate to themselves what they receive. Persons who feel like giving any assistance to Mr. Johnston should give it to him personally.

NEW CLOTHING STORE.—Messrs. Macaulay & Conch have leased the O'Neill block, next door to Brockett's drug store, and will open out a clothing and gents' furnishing house about the first of March. The store will have a new plate glass front and will be attractively fitted up for the new firm. They will make a specialty of fine ordered clothing.

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOR.—A rumor has been going around that the Noxon Bros. works had been sold to the C. P. R. Y. How is originated is a mystery as we are not told by the Messrs. Noxon that there is no foundation whatever for the report and that this old established business will continue as in the past to supply their well known implements to the farming community of Canada.

DISPENSED WITH THE CHOR.—An Embro correspondent writes: "At a recent meeting of the elders and deacons of Knox church, Embro, it was resolved that the singing of hymns be discontinued. At the next service when the choir started to sing a voluntary, during the time when the collection was being taken, several parties left their seats and marched out. They said 'they did not want to hear the concert.' The choir has now been dispensed with and Prof. Tanney has to lead the singing alone."

P. O. SAVINGS BANK.—On the recommendation of the Minister of Finance the Government has decided to make a change which is of the greatest interest to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank. It has been decided to raise the amount which may be deposited in the Savings Bank in any one year to \$1,000, the length at present being \$300, while the maximum amount which a depositor may have at his or her credit has been raised from \$1,000 to \$3,000. For a long time past there has been a call for a class of securities bearing a comparatively low rate of interest for the investment of a trust fund and the like, and to meet this demand the Government has authorized an issue of 3½ per cent. stock in sums of \$100 and multiples thereof.

CHILDREN'S DAY.—On Sunday morning last the service at St. Paul's church were adapted to the children of the Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hutt, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Galatians v. 22, "The fruit of the Spirit." There were several kinds of fruits, but only one fruit of the spirit, the foundation of which was love followed by joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control by the key-stone of temperance. The latter did not mean altogether to abstain from liquor, but rather temperance in all things. The points were admirably brought out, and by the use of blocks presented in such a manner as to impress them upon the minds of the children.

POST OFFICE KEYS.—Every business man is familiar with the worry and exasperation caused by the loss of the key to the private box in the post office. This is all to be done away with in the near future. Inventing genius has solved the problem and he will soon have a letter box without any key. Like all truly valuable inventions this one is simplicity itself. The lock for the new box has no tumblers and therefore not liable to get out of order. It has two dials on which are marked two letters of the alphabet. Suppose the combination to be set on "B" and "C." All you have to do is to turn one of the dials to B and the other to C and open your box. The lock is capable of 5,000 different combinations, and there is no possibility of anyone who had previously rented the box knowing the combination, used by his successor. While no one can open the box without knowing the combination, an employee of the post office can open it from the inside by simply touching a spring, thus obviating any difficulty should the renter fail to set the combination properly.—New York World.

McCarters makes a specialty of fine watches. Prepare for rainy weather by having your old umbrella re-covered at D. White & Co's. The covers are ready made and it only takes a minute to slip them on.

POSTPONED.—The organ recital announced for Tuesday evening next, in the Baptist Tabernacle has been postponed.

ACCIDENTS.—While Mr. Wm. Noe was hanging up some meat last week he slipped and his hand came in contact with the hook inflicting an ugly wound. Mr. Jas. Noe also severely sprained his ankle a few days ago which incapacitated him for business for a short time.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—Mr. Donald McDonald, one of the oldest residents of Zorra, died on Monday, having emigrated to West Zorra from the parish of Creich, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1835, and for half a century resided on the farm on which he died. He leaves behind him a family of eight—five daughters and three sons. Mr. McDonald lived to the ripe age of 86 years.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual entertainment of St. Paul's church Sunday school will be held in the old Knox church on Monday evening. Mr. D. W. Campbell, of Brampton, will give an exhibition of stereoscopic views of London, Paris and around the world. There will also be a good programme of readings, recitations, etc., by the scholars. Parents and friends are cordially invited to be present.

MRS. JARLEY'S WAX WORKS.—There has been a great demand for tickets to this entertainment which will be presented in the town hall to-morrow (Friday) evening. Those who miss seeing it will have cause for regret as it promises to be one of the best of the season. To ensure a seat it should be secured at once as they are being rapidly taken up. Admission only 25c and 35c. Plan of the hall at Richardson's jewelry store.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—Those who have recently handed in their names as subscribers to THE CHRONICLE and have not yet paid for the year are hereby notified that in order to obtain the paper for \$1.00 per year their subscription must be paid without delay, otherwise \$1.50 will be charged. Old subscribers who are in arrears must pay their indebtedness in order to obtain the benefit of the reduced price. We trust this notice will be sufficient.

THE COSGROVE FAMILY.—This remarkable musical family gave an entertainment in the town hall on Monday evening last to a good audience. This was their first appearance here and they created a very favorable impression. Their performance on the various musical instruments was good and the singing of Miss Ada elicited several encores. The dancing of Miss Belle and little Mabel Ross was particularly good, the "Irish Washerwoman" by the latter bringing down the house. They will no doubt be greeted by a full house should they return again.

DRAMATIC.—The Josie Mills Co., will hold boards at the town hall all next week. This company draws crowded houses wherever it appears, and is spoken very highly of by the press. The Hamilton Times says: "Yesterday afternoon 'Emeralds' was presented at the Grand Opera House, a large and well pleased audience. Last night hundreds were turned away. 'The Silver King' was produced, and Miss Mills as Nellie Denver, the persecuted wife, gave great satisfaction. Mr. T. C. Hovey, played the role of the Silver King and deaf played very acceptably. Horace Dawson, the faithful old servant; Mr. Merriott, the villain; Little Ruby Robinson, as Lizzie Denver, daughter of F. W. Robinson, all did well. The remainder of the cast was also good."

DEATH OF MR. J. B. LANE.

He Passes Quietly After Lingering Illness.

Our Dorchester Star's correspondent writes: There died at his late residence here on Wednesday morning Mr. J. B. Lane. The deceased was one of the most prominent men for many years in North Dorchester, having been reeve of the township for many years. The Ontario Dairyman's Association passed a resolution of sympathy at its late session for Mr. Lane. He was its president last year. He was also treasurer of the township up to the time of his death. He was a prominent Methodist and was largely instrumental by his financial aid and his push and zeal in having the Methodist church which graces Dorchester, and would be an honor to any town in the country, erected last year. He was a Conservative in politics, but was liberal and enjoyed the respect of both parties. The whole community feels the severe loss, and the most earnest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved widow and sons.

PERSONAL.

Mr. R. A. Simister, cheese buyer, left for England last week.

Dr. McKay, M. P. P., left for Toronto yesterday morning to attend his duties.

Miss Eva Roles left last week for Bradford to attend the Bradford Ladies College.

Dr. Williams is in Bradford attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, Dr. Davidson.

Mrs. J. H. Wismer and daughter, of Beamsville, are the guests of Mrs. A. B. Tufford.

Miss Susie Henderson has returned home from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. John Charlton was in town for a short time yesterday and met some of his Ingersoll friends at the Atlantic House. He held a meeting at Salford in the evening.

Dr. L. F. Barker, of Toronto, son of Rev. J. F. Barker of this town, has at the direction of Dr. O'Reilly, taken charge of the fourteen patients under treatment with the Koch lymph at the Toronto general hospital. We congratulate Dr. Barker on this important appointment.

Master H. C. Wilson, son of H. McK. Wilson, Q. C., and nephew Messrs. J. M. and C. C. L. Wilson of this town, has distinguished himself by the contribution of a story to The Boy's Own Paper. Competitors from all sections of the world participated, and Master Wilson secured second prize. He is between 15 and 16 years of age, and should have a good literary career ahead of him.

Wood taken in exchange for ordered clothing. Harris the tailor. O'Callaghan's block.

Self wringing mops at Robertson & M. Kay's.

GRAPES, Figs, etc., at Beck's.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Sold by J. GAYFAR.

TWO HOURS IN JAPAN.

The Fan Drill Entertainment a Pronounced Success—Elegant Costumes, Beautiful Decorations and a Delightful Audience.

The Japanese fan drill which has been in course of preparation for the past few weeks by the missionary circle of King's Daughters, came off on Thursday evening as announced, and proved to be one of the most successful and enjoyable events of the season. The stage was beautifully decorated in true Japanese style, which was pleasing to behold and reflected great credit to those who had the work in charge.

Mr. Joseph Gibson acted as chairman in his usual happy manner. The programme was carried out in its entirety with the exception of a duet by Sim Fax and Miss Jones. As Mr. Fax failed to materialize it was necessary to omit that number, which was substituted by a solo from Miss Jones. The opening piece was a piano solo by Master Jack Dewey, followed by a vocal solo from Miss Jones; recitation, Miss Beving; quartette, Messrs. Wixson, Stiff, MacKay, and B. Stiff; violin solo, Miss Una McKim; vocal duet, Messrs. Crocker and McCarter; the fan drill; solo, Mr. Crocker; chorus by the fans; recitation, Mr. Fletcher; solo, Mr. S. MacKay; trio by Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo and Pitti Sing, and a recitation by Miss Jones.

The attraction of the evening was the fan drill, which was performed by the following young ladies: Misses Maude Bedwin, Fannie Hault, Maude Dundas, Hattie Hearn, Helen McKellar, Laura Clark, Lulu Tripp, Eva Clark, Dolly Dewey, Mary Mason, Minnie Myers and Mary Barr.

They were arrayed in gorgeous Japanese costumes, and presented a brilliant and enchanting scene as they went through the various beautiful and difficult movements. The opening and closing marches were particularly fine and rendered in a graceful manner. The fan drill proper was composed of twenty-nine movements and the perfect way in which they were gone through demonstrated the careful and efficient training they had received. The whole was indeed a pleasing sight, so much so that by special request a portion was repeated at the close of the programme. Mrs. Macaulay very efficiently and satisfactorily acted as accompanist.

The chorus by the Japs entitled "Ane Ane" was a very good feature of the programme. The words of the song were not intelligible to many of the audience as they were in the Japanese language but the familiar air of Annie Rooney was sufficient to make up for any deficiency in the comprehension of the words. We must not forget the trio "Three Little Maids by Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo and Pitti Sing or in plain English Misses Fannie Hault, Helen McKellar and Minnie Myers. It was beautifully sung and admirably acted.

A couple of excellent tableaux were given representing a Japanese wedding and a Japanese tea party. The red light managed by Mr. J. W. Browett gave the whole a most brilliant effect.

On the whole the entertainment was a most enjoyable one and the young ladies are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Industrial School and will net about \$70.00.

The Japs desire to express their thanks to all who kindly assisted in preparing the entertainment.

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Its Origin and Growth—A Most Worthy Institution.

In view of the proceeds from the fan drill entertainment being in aid of the Industrial School it will be in order this time to give an outline of the objects aimed at and the work being accomplished by this benevolent organization.

The scheme was first proposed to the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. James Noxon and Mrs. W. Watt in 1884, shortly after Mrs. Mary Hunt's visit to Ingersoll. The proposition was favorably received, and the Industrial School commenced its existence under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. with five scholars. The objects of the school are primarily to give instruction and moral training to the children and instruct needy and destitute children. Each Saturday a lesson is given in the scriptures, one Saturday in the month is devoted to temperance, and one to the Band of Mercy just formed in connection with the Humane Society. The last hour is devoted to sewing. The children are given their work. They are grateful at all times for material for work, suggestions as to methods of work, and assistance in carrying on the work, and would thank Mr. Archibald for a monthly supply of temperance literature.

AVON.

A grand concert will be given in the church, by the choir, on the 17th inst. Admission 20c for adults, 10c for children. Proceeds to be applied on the church.

H. Lyon, who has lately entered into partnership with W. Reid, has purchased a lot in the village from Thos. Miller and has moved a house on it.

Rev. R. J. Garbutt is conducting special services at Harrietsville and is meeting with unqualified success. Nearly fifty persons have already signified their intentions of leading a new life. Services will continue during this week.

Just arrived another lot of those famous Stonewall Jackson 5c Cigars, which we sell either retail or wholesale. They are as good as any 10c Cigar. Beck's Fruit Store.

Don't disappear when you use Mather's Glove Cleaner, for sale only at "The Fair" where they sell tinware, stationery, tea, soda, starch, as well as dry goods, at money saving prices.

Harris the tailor, is selling a number of striped and checked trousers for \$3.50.

Just received at Beck's fruit store another lot of those famous Stonewall Jackson Cigars, these cigars are made by union workmen, of fine Havana and Sumatra tobacco and cannot be beaten for five cents.

RURAL INTELLIGENCE.

What is Going on in the Country Surrounding Ingersoll.

SALFORD.

The Hon. Mr. Charlton, gave a very interesting lecture in our village last Wednesday evening.

There is to be a lecture on Temperance on Saturday, in our village. Mr. Spence is to lecture.

Honor roll for Salford Public School for January.

Maggie Lints; Alice Stockdale, Clara Harris; Ethel Gregg, Anna Mayberry, Clara Huggill, Harry Mayberry, Herbert Mayberry, William Hogg, Harry Stevenson, Emma Harris, Charles Perry, Myrtle Piper, Herman Mitchell, Rosa Gregg, May Wolf, Olive Dutton, Olive Harris, George Perry.

Meetings in favor of the Local Option bylaw are being held in all parts of Dereham. On Monday evening a good meeting was held in the school house west of Salford. W. G. Duncombe, the chairman, gave a very good address, but the principal speech was made by Rev. Mr. Deacon. A meeting is to be held at the school house east of Salford on Friday evening.

Mount Elgin Brass Band are securing the harpers of London for their concert at Mt. Elgin at a future date.

At the entertainment to be given here on Friday, the 30th February, by the public school, one of the main features will be the celebrated play, "Irish Assurance and Yankee Modesty." Andrew Harris is to take the role of Pat, and a success is assured.

The officers of the public school literary society are: President, Ethel Foster; vice-president, A. Mayberry; secretary, A. Stockdale; committee, Adam McKeand, C. Harris and C. Huggill; editor of S. P. S. Weekly, M. Lints.

OSTRANDER.

Mrs. Yule of Brantford and Miss Burton of Clear Creek, are visiting friends in this section.

Local option polling day does not seem to have much effect on the people of our hamlet.

Standing of the four pupils who received the highest marks in each class of S. S. No. 4, Dereham for the month of January. Senior division—4th class, Muriel Herford, Aldie Curtis, Emma Curtis, Philip Ferguson. 3rd class: Sarah Fletcher, Ada Wesenger, Bessie Miners, Amy Stroud. 2nd class: Florence Hurd, Henry Brown, Charles Ferguson, Dennis Scott. Junior division—2nd class (Sen.): Rev. Wesenger, Angus Scott, Lily Wesenger, Frank Miners, Fred Miners, Etta May Stevens, Joseph Fletcher. 2nd class (Jun.): Bertha Hurd, Frank Miners, Charles McConnell, Melvin Palmer. Sequel class: Ruth Ferguson, James Palmer, Willie Hurd, Garret Stevens. 1st class, (Sen.): Roy Wesenger, Angus Scott, Lily Wesenger, Frank Miners, Fred Miners, Etta May Stevens, Joseph Fletcher. 1st class, (Jun.): Geo. McConnell, Willie Curtis. E. T. VARDEN, Principal.

SPRINGFORD.

Mr. Henry Waller, who for some months past has been in Manitoba selling horses has returned home.

The young men's concert to have been held Monday last, was postponed until Tuesday, next week, on account of unfavorable weather.

Rev. Mr. Birdsell, of Woodstock, visited Springfield and preached in aid of Grand Linge Mission last Sunday.

Miss Vanloon, of Boston, is visiting at the parsonage.

The Literary Society debate of Friday last was well attended and the debate, resolved that the fear of punishment has a greater influence on the human conduct than the hope of reward" was decided in favor of the negative.

Tilsburg Society gives the return debate "Resolved that the Franchise be given to women" on Friday evening besides an excellent programme of music and recitations. Anyone may be present.

Sickness is in our midst, Mrs. Charlotte Harris being very sick with congestion of the lungs. We hope she may be with us soon.

SWEABORG.

Sweaborg council, No. 335, R. T. of T's, re-organized and elected the following officers on Friday evening last:—S. C. Rev. Mr. Carpenter; V. C., Mrs. Rev. Carpenter; P. C., C. W. Benj. Thornton; Chap., Reuben Lick; Rec-Sec'y, A. E. Cody; Fin. Sec'y, Treas., W. H. Cody; Herald, W. J. Cody; Sentinel, J. Foster; Guard, Mrs. R. Lick.

Novel reading is indulged by some of our church goers during service. Rather a novel proceeding.

The residence of John Cuthbert sr. was the scene of an enjoyable time on Thursday evening last. The light fantastic was tripped far into the wee sma' 'ors, when all departed for their respective residences well pleased with their night's enjoyment.

W. Benj. Thornton has a blooming rose finger, but it was not Benj. fault. His finger wanted to be and did investigate the peculiarities of certain machinery of a farming mill while in motion.

Miss A. Dodge has returned from a visit among friends in the States. "The Yankess" could not keep her there as Canadian attractions were greater.

Mr. John Lambert passed away on Sunday evening last and his remains were interred in the Sweaborg cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. A large number of sympathizing friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place.

Mr. John Clarkson, of Chatham is renewing old acquaintances in this neighborhood. The Dominion election being billed for such an early date has awakened new interest in the "free to all" meets at our corners, and our local politicians have decided that a poll is unnecessary here, as Sir Richard is already elected.

There is talk of "Local Option" being brought before the people of this township at an early date.

Our Shrivley aspirant keeps looking hopefully toward Toronto. Will the early bird catch the worm this trip?

Solid gold Elgin, Hampden or Waltham watches at H. Richardson's for \$20. These watches are beautifully engraved, hunting cases and stem winders. These prices are much below regular prices.

NORTH OXFORD.

Report of S. S. No. 4, for January. Sen. 4th—Walter Paterson. Jun. 4th—Ernest Hayes, John Pullen, Archie Paterson. 3rd—George Vickers, Albert Waring, Monta Cooke, Albert Raymond, Joseph Vickers, Edna Bourn. Sen. 2nd—James Raymond, May Sandick, Josie Cooke, Arthur Palmer. Jun. 2nd—Edith Waring, Lavina Vickers, Sadie Raymond, Maggie Bourn. Sen. 1st—Edward Vickers, Wallace Garvey, Herbert Dunn, Martha Sandick. Jun. 1st—Mary Cooke, Tommie Holden.

WEST OXFORD.

The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 6, West Oxford, for the month of January:—

Fourth class—Ernest Shunk, Stephen Houghton. Third class—Mary Scrivener, Addie Hewer, Henry Hewer, Alice Bailey, John Worth, George Houghton, Willie Worth, May Prouse.

Second (jun.)—Willie White, Fred Houghton, Bertha Fitzpatrick, Fanny Houghton.

Second (jun.)—Lena Meatherell, Harry Worth, Edith Prouse.

Sequel—Lucy Houghton, Martha Bailey, Scott Shunk, Frank Minard.

First class—Annie Houghton, Hattie Fitzpatrick, Minnie Adams, Nellie Minard.

CULLODEN.

The anniversary tea meeting of the Culloden Presbyterian Church, was an emphatic success in spite of the downpour of rain that prevailed all the afternoon. A most bountiful repast was spread in the basement of the church and a splendid programme was given upstairs. The speeches by the Rev. Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll; J. C. Tolson, of Brantford, and Mr. R. M. Anderson, of Tilsburg, were all that could be desired. The choir sang three very choice selections in a very creditable manner. The singing of Miss Temple, of Brantford, was of the highest class, and was enthusiastically received. Miss Forbes, of Tilsburg, presided gracefully at the instrument. Altogether it was pronounced the best meeting yet held, which is saying a good deal.

SALEM.

A very commendable entertainment was given at the hall at Salem, township of Norwich, on Friday evening, Feb. 6th. The chairman, Mr. Cyrus Lane, very modestly announced that having been appointed chairman at a recent meeting, he would say he was no speaker, but would endeavor to carry out the programme to the best of his ability, which he did to the satisfaction of all assembled. He called upon the secretary to read the minutes of previous meeting, which was done, showing a very business-like display to the society's work as well as its aims and objects. A very nice piece was then rendered by a lady and gentleman on the violin and organ, the violin being handled the reverse of ordinary players, left-handed as one might call it, which did not militate against bringing forth sweet sounds. A recitation was then given by a gentleman whose name we did not catch. Then followed the beautiful song, "The Maple Leaf Forever," rendered in a very clear and sweet voice, accompanied by the organ, and chorus by several ladies and gentlemen, after which the chairman in a few chosen remarks introduced Dr. McKay, who had no doubt would interest the assembly on the subject of Canada our beloved home and heritage. For one hour (which seemed as short as that "ayont the twal"), the doctor kept his audience in strict attendance on the subject of his text, "Canada," and in lucid statements backed up by facts and figures he set forth by arguments and descriptions a fine display of all that goes to make our land noted for everything that was worth living for, contrasting it with all the most notable civilized nations, and as for climate (the oft time bug bear for the forth desigably or through ignorance,) the present season, 6th of February, proved how little foundation there was for fault-finding on that score, and alleged that to that chiefly were we blessed in healthy intelligent people, or else to having a better class of doctors. His description of our scenery reaching from ocean to ocean, in mountains, on lakes, forests and prairies, no barren lands, no dismal swamps, contrasted most favorably with countries on this or the eastern continents. The wrapt attention of both old and young showed not only how thoroughly interested were his audience, but also the decided intelligence of the same, which must have been gratifying to the speaker, and the fact also that the literary taste of the society at Salem is most commendable. Several pieces were rendered by the Service Brothers, both in singing and on instruments of various kinds. The entertainment closed about 11 o'clock, the chairman having put a motion of thanks to Dr. McKay for his excellent and instructive lecture.

SPEARMAN'S CORNERS.

Mr. E. Minkler and the Misses Spearman and E. McClelland represented this School at the Sunday School Convention held in the Wellington St. church, London on the 10th and 11th inst.

Mr. McClelland is doing favorably.

Last Thursday evening the celebrated, acrobatic, intelligent, delapidated citizens of this extraordinary grand complicated transcendently spendentious locality, had the extremely exuberant unsurpassable pleasure of listening to some of the most brilliant and impressive elucidations ever proffered in the shape of a lecture given by the Rev. Solomon Peter Hale. The ability to give forth such exceedingly remarkable bursts of oratory might have been envied by his namesake, the writer of proverbs. The theme of his elucidations was "Time shadows for things to come." A jocularly enthusiastic song having been rendered expressly for the admirable, feminine specialities, for one hour this modern demosthenes discussed this comprehensive and conglomerate subject. During the proponderation of the many consolidated theological actualities, many extraordinarily, superexcellent pictures were presented, one being of the Prodigal Son marching off from his old man with his pockets bulged out with spondulics. A couple of Africanized brethren who were in attendance, rendered valuable service and the able chairman, in this patriotic capacity, having been heartily thanked the convivial approbationary oration closed, the speaker agreeing to return when the apples are ripe and the pumpkins threshed.

Acme fresco paint for wall and ceilings in thirteen colors at Robertson & McKay's.

BEACHVILLE.

The Cosgrove combination gave an entertainment in the Beachville public school room on Monday evening, which was well received.

Mr. and Mrs. Crittendon, of Detroit, paid a flying visit to friends in Beachville last week, before leaving for California.

Some of our young men intend taking advantage of the government's National Policy and a prosperous labor market thereby hanging, by emigrating across the lines.

Ice has been cut and stored from the head of Archibald's pond, where all the sewage from Woodstock is arrested by the head gates and the dam.

The Royal Templars of Beachville and Ingersoll and Swagbar, organized a council of the order at Folders' Corners last Wednesday night, strongly officered and with a good working membership.

During a drive to Woodstock, on the old stage road, Charley Nunn with two others, one a child, in the buggy with him, met with what might have been a serious accident. On going down a hill the buggy slipped on the ice over the bank dragging the horse with it. The shafts became detached and the horse remained quiet, while the occupants were none the worse for their slide.

The many friends of Miss Bella Fox, formerly of West Oxford, will be pleased to learn of her marriage, which took place the 28th of January at her mother's, Mrs. J. Fox of London. The fortunate man, Mr. J. Stevenson and the bride, after taking a trip east, will return to Ardock, Dakota, where the bridegroom has a business as general merchant. We congratulate the happy couple, wish them a long happy life and sorry they cannot make Canada their home.

The political thermometer is away up here and those of Her Majesty's loyal subjects who have been doing service so long in opposition are all smiles and confidence. This register shows high by contrast with the other fellows who feel the chilling breath of a polar wave approaching and predict a deluge if probabilities are realized. If the Ethiopian could change his color, we would expect many of this creed to join the enlightened ranks of those who, on the 5th of March, will fight at the ballot box the battle of free trade and honest government. But Ephraim is joined to his idols and is deaf to our appeals and we will let him alone. We would do him good, however, if he would consent to be instructed.

DORCHESTER STATION.

A one-armed mendicant struck our town on Tuesday last begging for dimes or dollars, latter preferred, with which to set himself up in business. Do not think he secured more than he could carry without engaging a dray.

Our new harness-maker is prepared to Dicker with anyone wanting a set of either single or double harness.

At the quarterly business meeting of the official board of the Methodist churches of Dorchester circuit on Monday last, resolutions requesting the Rev. J. E. Moore to return for a third year, and the Rev. J. A. Ayerest for a second year, were passed.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Moore is still quite ill with bronchitis, though somewhat improved since last week.

A letter in The Free Press of a few days ago over the signature of a well-known opponent of the temperance cause who resided in our town, endeavors to belittle the petitions for prohibition lately signed in this town, as well as some of the petitioners also. The letter is very misleading in its statements, if not absolutely untrue. The cause of its being written is not far to seek, and perhaps the writer is afraid also that the temperance people may begin canvassing for signatures for a local option law soon, and his revenue might be cut off by the passing of such.

The population of Dorchester is rapidly increasing. Another pair of twins came the other day to the home of one of its residents—to stay.

Prof. Robb, of London, the so-called Christian scientist visits our town now occasionally. It is said that he has a class composed of some of our brightest (?) citizens, mostly of the female persuasion, whom he is instructing in the mysteries of the black art. As soon as we learn of any graduates, under the teachings of this pseudo-apostle, we shall advertise them in the columns of THE CHRONICLE.

It is said here that Mr. Marshall, late M. P. for this riding, secured the appointment of Mr. Jas. Gilmour as returning-officer, fearing he might be a formidable opponent in the Tory convention for the nomination. It is rumored that Mr. Gilmour will resign the appointment and be the candidate even yet.

The song and praise service given by the Epworth League in the Methodist church here on Friday evening last was largely attended, and proved to be a great success. The service consisted of Bible readings by the members of the League on the subject of "The Love of God is Man." These were interspersed with suitable hymns, sacred songs and recitations. A song by Miss Gott, duets by Misses Hunter, Hayden and Shaw, and recitations by Messrs Armstrong, Morris and Richmond deserve special mention. The church choir assisted materially by two or three choruses as well as leading in the singing of the hymns. Such a service we believe would be appreciated by the people generally once a month at least. Give us another soon.