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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Ex-Mayor Spencer is improving in health.

—London Camp, No. 12, Woodmen of the World, will give another concert and assembly tomorrow evening in the Duffield Block Hall.

—The many friends of Sgt. J. B. Munro, of Wolseley Barracks, will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from a rather severe illness.

—Mrs. Frank McKelcan, of Hamilton, will sing at the organ recital, which Mr. Jordan will give at the First Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon.

—Thomas Meyer, a member of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., left on Friday for Buffalo, N. Y., to join his brother. He had served three years with No. 1 Company.

SKATING AT WESTMINSTER.
The ice at Westminster rink is in splendid condition. The twenty-sixth Band has been engaged to play there tonight.

COLDEST IN YEARS.
The thermometer in the local observatory registered 15.5 degrees below zero on Saturday night, which is the lowest December registration for several years. The highest registered yesterday was 15 above.

OFFICERS OF COURT BYRON.
The officers elected by Court Byron, No. 653, I. O. F., for the ensuing year are as follows: C. R. Bro. Box; V. C. R. Bro. H. McLaren; F. S. Bro. J. Justin; R. S. Bro. J. Justin; orator, Bro. H. Rhoder; S. W. Bro. R. Coughtry; J. W. Bro. J. Seger; S. B. Bro. W. McLeod; J. B. Bro. H. Gardner; physician, Bro. Dr. Piper; C. D. C. R. Bro. E. H. Alport; P. C. R. Bro. C. Williamson; auditors, Bros Box and Alport.

APPLICANTS WILL BE HEARD.
A number of applicants for the pastorate of the King Street Presbyterian Church will be heard in that pulpit in the coming weeks. Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Montreal, preached there yesterday and will occupy the pulpit again next Sunday.

LONDONERS WON PRIZES.
London poultry fanciers won many prizes at the winter fair in Guelph, which has just closed, among the successful exhibitors being J. A. Carroll, H. H. Wallace, Wray Bros, James Arthur, G. J. Bogue, J. W. Sanders, T. F. Kingmill, Wm. McNeil, H. R. Tozer, A. Bogue, J. H. W. Watt, Garside, J. Sage, L. C. Sage, R. O. Kett, Latta Bros., Cosh & Co., Wm. McLeod, and Fred A. Andrews.

LOSS \$200.
A fire started late Saturday night in the parlour of the home of Mr. Wm. Ray, 263 Simcoe street. Almost all of the furniture was destroyed. Mr. Ray was in the kitchen at the time and did not know of the fire until a passer-by told him of it. It is not known how the blaze originated. The damage amounted to \$200, which was not covered by insurance.

LOCAL COURTS CALENDAR.
The local courts calendar for 1903 for the County of Middlesex shows that county courts and general sessions of the peace will be held on Tuesday, June 9, and Tuesday, Dec. 5, County court (non-jury) will be held on the first Tuesday in April and in October. Quarterly sittings on Jan. 12, April 6, July 6 and Oct. 6. Sittings of division court No. 1 will be held Jan. 9 and Feb. 6 and 10, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 12, July 2, Aug. 2, Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 2 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18. Sittings of division court No. 9 will be held on Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 2, July 7, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 15.

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DIED IN DETROIT.

Friends in this city will regret to learn of the death of Miss Pauline Pendergast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pendergast, of Detroit, which occurred in that city yesterday. While in this city in August last on her vacation, she was ill with typhoid fever, but recovered and returned home, but suffered a relapse. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral in this city.

AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN.
Dundas Center Methodists have long been proud of their fine organ, and yesterday were reassured of its splendid tonal qualities and power under the skillful playing of Mr. W. H. Dingle, of Brockville.

In the evening the programme was: Anthem, "O, For a Closer Walk;" Poster, "Rest in the Lord;" Black; solo, "Sweet Peace;" organ numbers. Offertories on Christmas Themes, by Gullmatt; final Sonata, Mendelssohn. Mr. Dingle, who is a natural musician, has had exceptional training and experience in the profession, and is recognized as one of Canada's leading players. He will remain with Dundas Center for the next month, and probably make arrangements permanently to take charge of the musical services there.

MR. WILSON REMEMBERED

Presentation to Former Pastor of King Street Church.

Both He and Mrs. Wilson Made Recipients of Handsome Gifts.

A number of friends of the King Street Presbyterian Church met Rev. Thomas Wilson and Mrs. Wilson on Saturday night at the home of Mr. John Robertson, Simcoe street, and presented to them respectively a purse well-filled with gold, and a handsome chocolate set. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had been invited to Mr. Robertson's to meet some friends, and were greatly surprised at the form of their reception.

The gifts were handed to them by Miss Blanche Robertson and Miss Nina Taylor, and an address was read by Dr. Angus Graham. It was signed by a large number of the members of the church, and dwelt in a most appreciative way upon the close and helpful associations which had been formed during Mr. Wilson's pastorate, and prayed that his future work would result in much good, as his work here had.

Mr. Wilson replied on his own and on behalf of his wife, Rev. Water Moffat and Mr. Robertson also made a few remarks. Lunch was subsequently served by the ladies.

DEATH FROM A FALL

Wm. Coombs, a Well-Known Resident, Died Yesterday.

Wm. Coombs died early yesterday morning at Victoria Hospital as the result of a fall on a sidewalk, which brought on a paralytic stroke. He was an old resident of this city and was very well known. He is survived by his wife, one son, Mr. Joseph Coombs, of this city, and three daughters—Mrs. D. A. Sullivan, of Chicago; Mrs. Harry Coombs, of Brockville; and Mrs. H. Hart, of Dundas. Mrs. Merritt, of Front street, is a sister. The funeral will be held from his late residence, No. 6 Chester street, South London, on Tuesday.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Interesting Meeting of Court Welcome, I. O. F.

At the last regular meeting of Court Welcome, I. O. F., the following officers were elected for the coming year: Chief ranger, A. Dengeate; vice-chief ranger, W. Anderson; recording secretary, E. Moyer (re-elected); financial secretary, F. Tombs (re-elected); orator, W. Jenkins; organist, E. Moyer; senior woodward, James H. English; junior Woodward, H. T. Millie; senior beadle, Fred Howe; junior beadle, Newton Angus (re-elected); court deputy, R. Dengeate; court physicians, Dr. Cline, Dr. Pingel; trustee, A. Gai-

pin, A. Fortner; finance committee, A. Galpin, A. Fast. The entertainers were District Organizer W. Wilkinson, D. C. R. Harry Pratt, and A. Tripp, of Thorncliffe.

After the election of officers a pleasant hour was spent and refreshments served. Six candidates were initiated and received the first degree. Court Welcome is rapidly increasing in membership and bids fair soon to become the banner lodge of the I. O. F. in the city.

Two Youths Doomed to Death.
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—Earl Whitley, 17 years, and Claude O'Brien, 16 years old, young burglars, who on Oct. 10 murdered A. B. Chubb, a merchant in his bed, were sentenced on Saturday to be hanged on Monday. Motions for new trials were overruled.

DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE
HELD SUCCESSFUL BAZAR

Realized Handsome Sum From Sale of Work for Monument Fund of Order.

A very successful promenade concert, patriotic entertainment, and bazar, was held on Saturday afternoon and evening under the auspices of the Lord Roberts Chapter, of the Daughters of the Empire. The whole of the first floor of the Y. M. C. A. building was taken up by the various departments, which were in charge of pretty maidens and handsome matrons, all charmingly gowned. Large crowds were in attendance from the opening at 4 p.m., till the entertainment closed at midnight. The visitors were generously inclined, and the result was the realization of a tidy sum to be added to the order's monument fund.

The entertainment was opened at 4 p.m. by the Bishop of Huron, who took occasion to deliver a brief but most interesting address on patriotic topics. He unveiled two pictures, one a portrait of Queen Victoria, and the other a memorial of the Canadian dead in South Africa. The bishop then purchased the handsomely dressed Christmas tree, which occupied the position of honor on the ladies of the bazar, and presented it to the children's pavilion at Victoria Hospital, to delight the hearts of the little inmates on the holiday. Mayor Beck accepted the gift on behalf of the hospital.

A fine musical programme was carried on by the afternoon. One of the most important features, and one which spoke well for musical culture

in London, was the performance of a violin quartet, made up of the following ladies: Miss Gibbons, Miss Fringle, Miss Grace Peters, Miss Adeline Baldwin and Mrs. Masurel. The young ladies played with remarkable uniformity and very creditable execution. Their selections were Weber's "Lullaby," Danc's "Petite Symphonie," and a pretty number by Wohlfahrt. Mrs. Jordan acted as accompanist. Mrs. R. Muir Burns sang Nevill's "Mighty Oak a Rose," and "A Necktie of Love." Miss Peters gave Kjerulf's "Last Night." Mrs. Nagle contributed a piano number, and Mrs. George B. Sippl sang. Miss Katharine Moore acted as accompanist for the vocalists in her unobtrusive and useful manner. Piper Thomas Macdonald, in full Highland dress, and with his pipes blowing lustily, formed an escort for Mayor Beck on the latter's arrival.

In the evening the chief ceremony was the unveiling by Mrs. O'Grady of a fine portrait of King Edward in uniform. A bugle from the barracks woke the echoes with the royal salute as a prelude to the ceremony. Sales were brisk all evening at the various tables of pretty and useful trifles, and there were few articles left at 11 o'clock, at which hour Mr. J. W. Jones auctioned off the remainder. The harpers played all evening, and Mr. O'Reilly sang several patriotic songs.

Several presentations took place during the day. Handsome bouquets of roses were given to Mayor Beck and the Bishop of Huron. Mrs. O'Grady, who was the life of the proceedings, was given a handsome memorial brooch. A pink cushion, made out of standard colors and covered with real lace, was presented to Mrs. Shair, who leaves shortly for Fredericton, N. B., where her husband has been appointed manager of the Bank of British North America.

Sing at once recognized the fidelity of his portrayal. Maurice Drew, in the quadruple role of Woodford, Graham, No. 1234, and Weary Willie, wore his hours—and his whiskers—graciously. The other roles were acceptably filled.

ROSES FOR THE LADIES.
Everyone has seen magicians produce flowers—poppies, ones, usually from a cardboard cone. Keller does it differently. He plants a rose seed in a pot of sand, places it upon a chair in the middle of the fully lighted stage, walks to the footlights, and, with the rose tree to grow. The audience witnesses the entire progress of the growth of the bush. When the hundred of roses are in full bloom they are plucked and distributed to the audience. Keller will be at the Grand tomorrow evening.

"QUEEN OF THE HIGHWAY."
James H. Wallick's latest melodrama "Queen of the Highway" will be presented at the Grand on Wednesday evening. In it are all the elements essential to a play of its kind. It is full of sensation, and the mechanical effects are said to equal anything ever before seen in melodrama. Prices will be 15c, 25c, 50c and 50c.

DAINTY ANNA LAUGHLIN.
Dainty Little Anna Laughlin, who was engaged last season with Dan Daly's company, has been winning new laurels in "The Wings of Oz," the extravaganza which will be seen at the Grand next Saturday afternoon and evening. Miss Laughlin appears in her beautiful and precocious Kansas girl, who is borne away from her native prairies on the wings of a cyclone to the realm of Oz, which is only another name for fairyland. Little Anna's charming and idealized philosophy of every stage soubrette and sings and dances herself into favor with the fleetest pair of pretty heels in the world, and a bird-like voice which vies in sweetness with any songstress of the woods. Miss Laughlin, in this infectious role, not only dances through her part with unbounded spirit, as if she were enjoying herself hugely, but she manages to impart to her audience the same sense of care-free, buoyant good nature.

"MESSIAH" ON THURSDAY.
The rehearsals for Handel's "Messiah," to be produced on Thursday at the Grand Opera House, are progressing favorably under Mr. Roselle Pococke's able direction. The orchestra

BROKE JAIL ON SATURDAY

'Twas in the Show at The Grand and 'Twas Easily Done.

Touching Play Teaches That It Is Very Careless To Be a Convict.

"The jailbird has no chance, for there are always a lot of good, kind, pious people to shove him down and see that he stays there!" (hearty applause from the few jailbirds in the audience) was the theme around which J. A. Fraser has woven his melodrama, "A Convict's Daughter," which was presented to light audiences at the Grand on Saturday afternoon and evening.

The play is an interesting one in some respects, and in others it isn't. It is the life story of William Woodford, who is sent to Sing Sing for another crime. He escapes, and by force of circumstances, while masquerading as a tramp to avoid arrest, he becomes the tool of James Blackadder, the trusted but designing nephew of Col. Gould, a wealthy Kentuckian. (As though everybody wouldn't know that a man named Blackadder must be a heartless villain.) The escaped convict takes the name of Robert Graham and impersonates the supposed father of Col. Gould's adopted daughter, Edith, who is loved by both Blackadder and Jack Warburton, "a type of the Southern aristocrat." The girl from her luxurious home, only to learn that she is in reality his own daughter, born just after his arrest. On his return to the United States, he was being transferred in a barrow by a corporation laborer. This curious optical illusion, for such it must be, is worthy of scientific investigation. Another inexplicable circumstance is the fusillade which the guard fires from his miniature Gatling at the disappearing prisoner. Although a low estimate of the shots fired places the number at 23, the convict is apparently unhurt, when the natural probabilities are that he would be so full of holes that the only use to which he could afterwards be put would be as a flour-sifter.

The play furnishes an interesting study in whiskers and their absence. In the first two acts the hero is seen wearing the stubby bristle of the hobo. In the third act the whiskers are still short and dark, but slightly better trimmed. In the fourth scene, however, he is of course shaven close, while in the final act he brings with him a luxuriant growth of gray that must have played a large part in snuffing the bonfire of breeches to blow themselves as they did on Saturday.

The play has a number of morals. The first is, Don't be a jailbird. The next is, that it's dead easy to escape from Sing Sing, that it's a wise convict who knows his own child, that there's something in a name like Blackadder, and that England expects every man to grow all kinds of whiskers.

The company was an average one. The best piece of work was that done by Mrs. Lawrence Cassidy, who was acted to the life the tough and brutal prison guard. Those members of the audience who had done time in Sing

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gathered laurels in their respective cities, Toronto and Buffalo, as well as elsewhere. The chorus, which will be 200 strong, is a well-balanced organization, including the pick of the city's singers. They form a musical unit of which any conductor may justly feel proud. Mr. D. Jordan will preside at the piano.

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL.
The twilight organ recital to be given at the First Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon, promises to be a rare musical treat. Mrs. Mackelton Hamilton's favorite contralto, will sing, and the ladies of the Women's Morning Music Club will furnish choral numbers.