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BUSINESS BEHIND.

Government trots out last Year's Gerrymander Bill

To Try and Keep the House Engaged Until Something Ele cau be got Ready.

Ottawa, Feb. 10-The short duration of the debate on the address has put the government in a hole. A great fuss was made last session about the opposition delaying business. As a matter of fact the government had nothing ready nor have they this year. So now they are trying to fill in time with any unimportant matter that is handy. And it must be re-membered all this costs money. Each day wasted means thousands of dollars to the country. Yesterday what government business there was disposed of in short order—a disposed of in short order—a couple of marine measures and the first reading of the gerrymander bill of last session. The Postmaster-General performed the task of introducing the latter in such a way as to justify the criticism that it was transfer to the stage simply to brought up at this stage simply to mark time. Whateevr was urged gainst the measure last year as to ts iniquitous character applies with enfold force to the attempt to gerry mander the constituencies on the very eve of a decennial census. That the government realizes this was evident from the lame defence of the bill made its sponsor and the speaker who owed on the same side. Two important official announcements were made. The government had offered to garrison Halifax with a Canadin militia regiment in the event of the Leinsiers being sent on foreign ser ice to South Africa. The mounted olice force is to be recruited up to full strength at once, and corps of mounted rifles are to be raised in the Northwest and British Columbia for the defense of the country.

APPLEDORE.

Once more a stormy night prevent Once more a stormy night prevented the literary club from holding its weekly meeting. The members of the club intend giving their program at Louisville in George Arnold's hall, on Wednesd'iy, Feb. 14th. The program will consist of a debate, the subject of which is not yet decided, numerous readings and recitations, and the reading, of the famous "Literary Club journal." All are invited to attend. At present the members are busily engaged in preparing for the annual oncert, which, as stated before, will take place about the middle of March, and we hope and trust that the labor-

Mass Cecil Higgs is the guest of
Mass Badder, of the fifth con.

Mass Nellie Krieger, who has been
y string friends, has returned home.
We are glad, has returned home. We are glad to hear that John Holvell, who has been seriously ill is im-

A number of the members of the A number of the members of the Manhael Appledore Literary Club intended taking in the Literary; at Richmond's school house, Dover, Wednesday evening, but were prevented from attending by the rain.

DRESDEN.

Feb. 10.—Dr. Purvis Wilsen, formerly of Dresden, and now practicing in Michigan, is visiting here.
Geo. Miller, dentist, of Detroit, attended the funeral of his brother, E. Miller, yesterday.
An alarm of fire was given last evening at the residence of Albert Brown but was put out quickly without the aid of the company, and very little damage was done.

damage was done.

Miss Lizzie Whillans is giving a dinner party to a number of friends this
evening at the resdence of her sister,

Mrs. (Dr.) Jno. I. Wiley. The Patriotic Concert given by the different young people's societies last evening was a decided success. Each number on the program was well rendered and heartily applicated by one of the largest audiences ever seen in the operathouse. The door-receipts amounted to \$92 and a collection was taken up, which raised this amount to \$102.51.

WALLACEBURG.

Feb. 10.—Miss Maggie Corbet, of St. Thomas, is the guest of Mrs. John Murphy.

The C. P. R. telegraph office has been removed to R. T. Riddell's office. Miss Cora, Broadbridge, after a short

visit in town, has returned to Marine Wm. Hassenack, the photographer, closes this week and leaves for St. Thomas During his one month's stay

ne has taken over 23,000 penny photo graphs.
On occasion of the Underwriters' annual visit an alarm of fire was turned in and in an exceptionally short time

the company were at work. Richard Little, the new engineer, had charge of the engine.

Last evening closed the month's revival services in the Methodist church. Rev. J. A. Ayerest, of Courtwright, had charge of the meetings this week. John Currie, Chatham, is home for

FILBURY.

Feb. 10.-The carnival last evening was a great success in every way. Tilbury hockey club found Windsor easy, as the game was seven to two in favor of Tilbury. There were some very pretty and original cos-tumes. Mrs. John Morris as Queen of the Fairies carried off the first ladies' prize, and Frank Beno, as a tramp, first gentlemen's prize.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harborn returned

Mrs. Dr. Wallace, of Michigan, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Ella Stewart is ill.

Miss V. Aglesworth, of Chatham, is

visiting here.
The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale

at Johnson's Drug Store. Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff. BLENHEIM

Feb. 10.-The Lord Bishop of Huror Dinese, has appointed Sunday, Feb. 11th, as a day of special prayer and intercourse for the success of the British arms in South Africa. The rector, Rev. Mr. Higley, will therefore hold special services to morrow both morn-

Commencing Monday, Fab. 12th, both Crookshank Bros. and G. N. Babcock will cose their drug stores at

8.30 p. m. The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church gave an At Home last night in the school toom. Refeshments and a lect program made a very enjoyab e

Mrs. George Taylor entertained a number of her friends last Thursday evening to an enjoyable euchre party. Rev. Mr. Brown, Baptist minister, expects to be able to take his regular

services to corrow.

Mrs G. A, Hollard entertained a few young friends to an impromptu euchre party and dance last Thursday Mrs. Jean Blewett, Toronto, is visit-

ing Mrs. R. L. Gosnell.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered to any part of the town.

FLETCHER. We failed to note the wedding of Miss Maggie McFadden and Will Clarke which took place about two weeks ago. Only the immediate rela-

ives were present. Dr. McKeough, of Chatham, held consultation with Dr. Young over Mr. Stevenson. The doctors give very lit-tle hope for his recovery.

BALDOON.

A few nights ago, Robert Glover's straw stack fell over and killed a couple of young cattle, and hurt a

Thomas D. Rankin had a crowd of men-on-fuesday and Wednesday cutting, drawing, and storing ice, and harvested twenty-five tons. narvested twenty-five tons.

Robert Rankin, Jas. Rankin, Joseph Rankin and Rev. J. J. Haylock were in attendance on Tuesday at the annual county meeting of the South Kent L.

G. A.
Grace Church: Ladies' Aid propose to make their Valentine Social next Wednesday, one of the most enjoyable they have ever had yet. Music, songs, readings, games, and not least of all post office department, where the evening mails for males and females may be posted and delivered, a young lady presiding over the gentlemen's

office, and a young man over that especially designed for the ladies. We understand the social will be held a the parsonage, and so we are sure it inmates will do all in their power to contribute to the entertainment of of their guests. -While engaged hauling ice the other day, Walt Walker's fine team had a

very narrow escape from drowning. The ice suddenly gave way under them and Richard Brooks saved his team by the draw-bolt; but Walk-er's team got in all but their heads, and the poor brutes were in their cold both half an hour before they were recued. They were driven around in good style to get them warmed, and

we believe they are none the worse. The church choir have been adding to their musical library lately, and we understand their new(volumes are giving good satisfaction; Albert Trotter is having a big pile of elm logs delivered at the swing

bridge ready for rafting when the gentle spring arrives.

A number of our people here talk of going over to car Dr. Cook at Oldfield on Sunday morning, 18th inst., and by so doing they will help the good people over there. A new game "The Hawk among the Chickens," is very popular here, and John Garnier is ready to take orders

for the manufacture, and will do a good job.Trv.him. T. J. Rankin has been treating him-

self to a spanking fine team of horses just lately.

The fine new school house, No. 11, in Dover, had a close call a few evenings ago. The kindling wood placed too near the furnace, ignited. One of the trustees going by, saw the unusual light, and going in, found the flames spreading.

VETERANS, ATTENTION!

A meeting of the County of Kent Veterans' Association will be held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at 7.30 p. m. at the store of Major H.G. Read, to arrange for the distribution of

JAS. C. WEIR. Major R. L., secretary Veterane' As-

WORKS ON SOUTH AFRICA Students of the Transvaal Question do

not Lack Information Persons desiring to acquaint them elves with South Africa, can find in the library all the books they need, as a reference to this list will show.

The Transvaal and the Boers, W. E. Story of South Africa, Theal.
South Africa, Worsfold,
Story of the expansion of South
Africa, Wilmot.

Story of an African crisis, F, E. Gar-Impressions of South Africa, Bryce. The Transval from Within, Fitz-

Raid and Reform, Hillier. Briton and Boer, by various authors. White man's Africa, Bigelow. Africa in the 19th century, Sander-

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A BULKY RECEIPT.

The Bank Depositor Had Something

ed that he wanted to open an account. \$500. This sum he handed through the

The assistant cashier yelled:

But the Teuton pursued his even course toward the street. The official rushed from behind his counter and caught the new depositor

"What are you doing with that book?" demanded the bank official angrily, laying hold of the precious vol-

for my \$500!" answered the German, completely bewildered. In the same bank a well dressed woman called to deposit \$300.

nature book toward her, after receiving the deposit. "Sign your name there," said the offi-

cial, indicating the proper place. The woman took up the pen and made a show of writing, but the steel point never touched the paper. After a few more fancy flourishes in the air the woman handed back the pen, say-

"Last summer I used to write my name all right, but for some reason I can't do it now." . The bank official directed her to

make an "X" in the book .- Chicago Journal.

TWO MEAN TOWNS.

The Stories That the Traveling Men

They were talking about bad towns. "The meanest place I ever was in," said the man who travels for a Chicago house, "is down in Massachusetts. Say, do you know what happened while I was stopping there once? A man had fallen through a hole in a sidewalk and sustained injuries that resulted in the loss of his right arm. He sued the city for damages; and the case was tried before a jury, which, the papers said, was composed of representative citizens. Well, what do you suppose they did to him? Brought in a verdict in favor of the city, holding that inasmucheas he was left handed his injury didn't amount to anything."

pretty mean town, I admit, but I know of a worse one. This place is in Pennsylvania. An acquaintance of mine down there was injured some time ago in pretty much the same way the man you mentioned got hurt. He fell on a bad sidewalk and lost one of his legs. He sued the city, and didn't get anything. I never heard just why, but probably because the jurors didn't believe he needed more than one leg in his business, seeing that he was a barber and couldn't hone a razor or shave a man with his foot anyway. But ! wait I haven't come to the point at which the real meanness developed. Being a poor man, he couldn't afford to buy a cork leg, so he had to get along with a wooden peg, and one day while he was crossing the principal street this peg in some way got wedged be tween a couple of paving stones right in the middle of the street car track. It took them nearly an hour to get him loose, and what do you suppose happened then? Blamed if they didn't go and fine him \$10 and costs for obstruct-

ble condition. Some of the neighbors were trying to start a movement to put a new fence around the cemetery, and it was meeting with general approval till the caus-

"What for?" he inquired. "What's the need of fencing the graveyard? There ain't no one inside that wants to come out, and I'm darn sure there ain't any one outside that wants to get in.

So what's the need of the fence?" And the fence was not built till folk had ceased to chuckle over the thrust of Darius.

Wherein They Differed. Dr. Emily Blackwell, one of the pic profession to women. When he ceas-

cine?"

"Certainly, madam. They haven't the muscle, the brawn, the physical strength."

is not."-San Francisco Argonaut.

Quick is the succession of human worst, and we shall meet no more.

to Show For His Money. A man with a German accent and a fierce red mustache walked into one of the banks the other day and announc-He was directed to the proper official and from a well worn belt extracted

window. The bank official shoved the big signature book toward the depositor for his signature. Just then the official's attention was attracted in another direction. When, a second later, he turned around, the man with the red mustache was coolly walking toward the door with the book, which contained the signatures of all the depositors in the bank, tuckedjunder his arm.

"Hold on, there!"

just as he reached the door.

"Why, I thought that was the receipt

The assistant cashier pushed the sig-

ing:

"Yes." the cigar man said, "that's a

ing traffic!" Why a Cemetery Fence? It was a Maine graveyard, and the

fence thereof was in a most disreputa-

tic wit of Darius Howard was aroused

neers of her sex in medicine, heard a young physician deliver a fierce diatribe against opening the doors of the

"Will you please tell me one reason why they should not practice medi-

"I see, sir. Your conception of a sickroom is a slaughter house. Mine

Dogs and Men.

The puppy, as such, thinks every one is his friend. As he grows up he curbs

his enthusiasm. When an old dog with gray jowls, he only glares at people who call to him. Human beings have many canine traits; including four teeth of the sort used by man's best friend.—New York World.

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WHAT THE KICK IS ABOUT.

"What is that lawsuit against the County Council all about anyway?" queried a Planet reporter of one of the South Sydenham men interested who happened to be in the city this morning.

"You see there was a rather large school section separated by the river Sydenham. The school was on the north side and our children were ob-liged to cross the river. There is no bridge there and it was often that the children from the south side were unable to go to the school. Why for three weeks last spring my children were unable to attend, the river being in flood and the ice being jammed. To obviate the difficulties that beset our children attending school regularly, we secured a division of the school section and last fall built a school on the south side and it was opened on the south side and it was opened up in January. The people on the other er side still wanted a portion of our school section and they have asked for arbitrators by process of law. It is quite agreeable to us that they should have the four lots on the riv-er front as there are only four children of school age residing on these lots but if we let the arbitrators be appointed we will be in such a position that we will have to pay the school rate for the north side this year and also support our own school. We find that it is much cheaper to fight the case than to support two schools and there the matter stands at present. It is a good thing for the law-

yers but we cannot help that. We want to prevent ourselves being rendered liable for two school rates."

THE ENEMY FAILED TO SUCCEED. The Chatham and Glencoe hockey teams engaged in a fierce and mighty ontest at the drill shed last evening There was a fair crowd present and the game was warm and closely conened the war with a flank movemen on the Chatham kep. A short range shot from a Glencoe forward put the puck where it would do most good and puck where it would do most good and scored one for the visitors. The Maple City boys then made a stragetic move and, by avoiding the Glencoe skirmish-ing line, fell on the rear entrenchment and succeeded in putting the puck in he Davidson laager and tied the score. The fighting on both sides then became fierce and the Maple City contingent dislodged their opponents from one drift after the other and n a succession of grand rushes scored two more points. At this the Glencoe forces woke up and carried the war into Africa. Lieutenant McLeod had four hockey sticks disabled, but fresh ones were rushed up to him, without avail, however, for the Glencoe standard bearers by clever field-work outmanoevured the locals and

work outmanoevured the locals and twice put the puck through their laager. The score was again tied and the engagement became general. Field Cornet McAlpine was twice hurled through a window during the fierce onslaught of the Maple City reserves. It was impossible for either side, however, to be an any advantage and Cant. ever, to gain any advantage and Capt Frazer was forced, at the call of time, to retire across the creek for refresh-ments. C. W. F. Atkinson refereed the first half and George Parrott, of the Glencoe club, the second.

Glencoe club, the second.
Capitain Frazer has cabled the following list of casualties:
Lance Corporal W. A. Campbell, badly bruised on the chin by being hit by the puck.
Field Cornet McAlpine severely cut about the face and neck by being hurl-

about the face and neck by being hurled through the windows.

A number of privates were also severely or slightly wounded.

The teams: Glencoe—Goal, Davidson; Point, Cameron; Cover point, Stevenson; Forwards, Phillmore, Williams, Carruthers and McAlpine; Goal umpire, H. Donnelly.

Chatham—Goal, S. Mercer: Point. Chathum—Goal, S. Mercer; Point, W. Mercer; Cover point, F. Stinson; Forwards, W. A. Campbell, H. B. Forwards, Wi A. Campbell, H. B. White, Max Frazer and D. McLeod; Goal umpire, John West.

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