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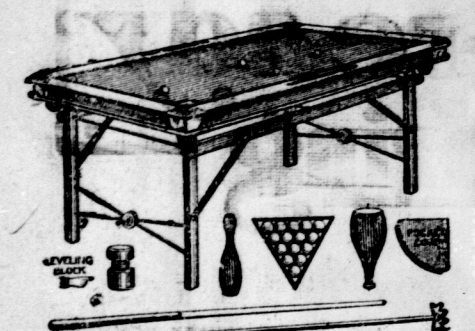
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LONDON AND DISTRICT
—Charles Chute, of Aylmer, who has been visiting in London has returned home.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Younger, of Glencoe, were visiting at London and Toronto this week.

—Mr. Wm. N. Young left for Minnesota last evening to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. G. O. Plaxton.

—Mr. James Moir, of the Office Hotel, St. Marys, is in London attending his mother, who is reported seriously ill.

—The Glencoe Century Club had an

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assembly at the town hall recently. The London Harpers furnished the music.

—Miss Evans has returned to her home in London after completing a successful military season at Mr. W. K. Loh's, Millinery.

—Miss Lila Thompson, a pupil of Mrs. Roblyn McKillop, has been chosen for the Tilsonburg First Methodist Church as soprano soloist.

—P. Cecil McKillop, who resigned his position on the police force to go to the Northwest, has returned to the city and rejoined the force.

—A sale of farm stock and implements will be held on Wednesday next at Mr. David Maines, lot 4, con. 10, London Township. It will be conducted by Mr. John Gillson.

—Conductor Woodruff, of the C. P. R., was caught between two cars at Guelph Junction the other day, and badly squeezed. He is still unable to resume duty.

—Owing to a defect in the machinery it has been found necessary to ring the chimes at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Monday.

—Messrs. Harry Rynall and Walter Trol have returned from Bradford, where they represent the London Union at the Provincial Bricklayers' Convention. Mr. Rynall was re-elected secretary and Mr. Trol, treasurer.

—The regular meeting of the Entomological Society will be held in the F. M. A. building this evening at 8 o'clock. The address of the evening, on "Forms of Life in Decaying Wood," will be given by Prof. Dearness. Various subjects of interest are always introduced, besides the paper of the evening. Everybody interested in science is welcome at their meetings.

—On Tuesday last the London and Western Trusts Company conducted a successful sale for the McLeod estate at Lucan. The house in Lucan was sold for \$1,850, and the farms in Eddisbury and McGilivray townships for \$1,200 and \$4,400, the chattels realizing \$1,000.

—Mr. John S. Moore, the manager of the company, attended the sale in person. The company also sold the property, corner of Ann and Metcalfe streets, St. Thomas, yesterday, for \$2,100.

MR. GLASS FOR COUNCILOR.
Mr. S. F. Glass has been asked to run for councilor in the Township of London, and has consented.

FIVE YEARS IN CHINA.
Mrs. Serle (nee M. E. Johnston), who left this city for China five years ago, has returned from her missionary work, with her husband, who will speak tomorrow at the missionary services to be held in the Christian Workers' Church.

HOTEL RATES RAISED.
At the meeting of Western Ontario hotelkeepers held yesterday, it was decided that \$1 per day houses should raise their rates to \$1.50. The \$1.50 per day houses are expected to raise their rates to \$2 next month.

Y. W. C. A. BAZAR.
The ladies who have had the bazar in the Y. W. C. A. rooms have been very successful, selling almost all the goods offered. The attendance was very large. Last night Misses Anthistle, Brock, Christie and Wright gave musical selections.

I. B. S. CHRISTMAS CHEER.
A regular meeting of the Irish Benevolent Society was held last night, at which it was decided to distribute the Christmas Cheer on December 24, the day before Christmas. The cheer will be distributed to all classes, irrespective of age, creed or color. It was resolved to hold a smoking concert at an early date.

R. E. A. WILL WAIT.
Mr. Peter Birtwistle gave an address on Torrens's system of registering deeds at a meeting of the Real Estate Association last night. The telephone matter was also taken up, but the association decided to allow the subject to lay over in view of the fact that the Canadian Telephone and Telephone Company will shortly make a proposition to the city for a franchise.

U. S. PENSIONS.
U. S. Consul Culver yesterday attended no less than twenty-three sets of pension papers for U. S. veterans, who reside in London, being the regular quarterly payday. The pensions range from \$12 to \$15 per month, though some run up to \$40 a month. Nearly all the pensions were for disabilities occasioned by the American civil war, but one was drawn by a woman, for the death of a son, who had been killed in the Spanish-American war. Her pension amounted to \$12 a month.

WANTS MARRIAGE SET ASIDE.
A dispatch says that a bill to annul the marriage of Frederick J. and Nora Rogers has been filed in the circuit court of Muskegon, Mich. The ground of the application is that the wife was under 16 years of age at the time, and that therefore the marriage is illegal. The bill has been advertised and will be granted, the groom having offered no objections to it. Rogers is a resident of London and is employed as a clerk in the offices of the G. T. R. car works. He was married about two years ago.

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LITERARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED.
The students of the Normal School organized a literary society yesterday afternoon. The following officers were chosen: Hon. J. H. Wilson, president; D. J. Lounsbury, vice-president; Miss Mackay, secretary; Miss Amos, treasurer; Miss Coulter, business manager; Miss Hamilton, historian; Miss Allister, critic; Miss Skinner, executive committee; Geo. F. Copeland, Dr. English, Miss M. Crisp and Mrs. Russell, trustees; Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Patton.

DR. OF E. OFFICERS.
The regular meeting of Lodge Princess Beatrix of Wales, Daughters of England, was held in Society Hall, East London, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P. P. Mrs. Owens, W. P. Mrs. Crierly; V. P. Mrs. Tait, chaplain, Mrs. Cripps; secretary, Mrs. W. E. Hooper; treasurer, Mrs. Dyson; medical attendant, Dr. English; first guide, Mrs. H. Brierly; second guide, Mrs. Symonds; third guide, Mrs. Richardson; fourth guide, Mrs. Poulton; middle guard, Mrs. Smith; outside guard, Bro. Nutkins; auditors, Dr. English, Miss M. Crisp and Mrs. Russell; trustees, Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Patton.

JUMPED THE TRACK.
The L. E. and D. R. R. passenger train from the west was delayed an hour at St. Thomas last night, owing to the engine jumping the track. No damage to the engine or cars resulted.

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THIRD PLEA OF GUILTY
David Stockford Admits Defrauding a Missouri Farmer.

David Stockford, the thief with many aliases, who had already pleaded guilty to two charges brought against him, was arraigned before the county judge again yesterday—this time on a charge of defrauding a Missouri township farmer named Hogg.

Stockford pleaded guilty and was remanded for a week for sentence. The authorities at Orangeville, where Stockford is supposed to have operated, are very anxious that he should be taken there to stand trial, but this will not be done, Judge Edward Elliott having decided to sentence him here, and not allow him to be taken away.

Stockford has given prison authorities no trouble so far, but extra precaution is taken to prevent his escape. His pleading guilty to the various charges, thereby saving the crown the expense of a trial, may result in his punishment being lessened.

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Court of Revision Deals With Case and Passes a Resolution

Parties Benefited Must Help Pay the Taxes Henceforth.

The court of revision yesterday put itself on record regarding the taxing of lanes for local improvement purposes.

The matter came up through the assessments made for the proposed pavement on Clarence street, from Dundas to the G. T. R. When the assessment commissioner made the measurements of the frontage in order to apportion the cost, a lane on Clarence street, back of the Brunswick Hotel, and which belongs to Mr. John Howe, was measured up and charged to Mr. Howe, the lane being 10 1/2 feet in width. As the lane is used by all the property holders adjacent to it, Mr. Howe appealed to the court of revision, on the ground that, being used as it was by everybody, it was common property.

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Fifty girls of the Collegiate Institute are today writing for the diamond ring annually given by Mr. Thomas Gillean, the jeweler, in the essay competition.

The pupils are writing at the institute, under the direction of Principal Radcliffe, and the results will be made known before the Christmas holidays.

If it is possible to have the papers examined by that time, in order to make the competition fair for all parties, the contest is being conducted on the handicap principle, 7 points being allowed below the different forms.

The subjects to be written on were unknown to the competitors until they took their places in the institute this morning. A dozen or more subjects were then announced, and the girls were at liberty to write on any one they pleased.

The name of the examiner is not known at present.

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ST. JOHN'S NEW OFFICERS

Bro. W. J. Southcott Chosen for the Chair.

The Treasurer Declines Re-election—Banquet Follows Business.

There was a large attendance of the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 280, A. F. and A. M., at the regular communication held in the Masonic Temple last night. Besides seventy-five members of the lodge, there were a number of visitors present, mostly from the other lodges of the city. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the most important business on the programme. The results were as follows: R. W. Bro. Munson and W. Bro. Armstrong, acting as scrutineers.

W. M.—Bro. W. J. Southcott.
S. W.—Bro. W. H. Line.
J. W.—Bro. W. J. Smith.
Secretary—W. Bro. Thos. A. Rowat.
Treasurer—W. Bro. John T. Stephenson.

Chaplain—W. Bro. Wm. O'Brien.
Organist—Bro. W. D. Taylor.
S. D.—Bro. C. H. Firth.
J. D.—Bro. J. H. Wilson.
I. G.—Bro. Len Smith.
D. of C.—Bro. D. H. Bowen.
S. G.—Bro. Jared Vining.
J. S.—Bro. J. Kenneyville.
Tyler—W. Bro. John Robertson.
Representative to Board of Benevolence—R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar.
Representatives to Board of Finance—W. Bros. White and Rowat, and Bro. Miller.

Auditors—Bros. Palmer and Santo.
The senior warden last year was Bro. R. D. McDonald, and having filled the office to the greatest satisfaction it was generally understood that he would be the unanimous choice for the master's chair. Mr. McDonald, however, was compelled to decline election to the highest office in the lodge, being unable to give it the attention it would require owing to the pressure of business. Bro. McDonald's decision to decline election was regretted by the members generally. The master-elect, Bro. Southcott, was junior warden last year, and through the retirement of Bro. McDonald was elevated two chairs. R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, who has served in the office of treasurer for some years, declined re-election, and his place was filled by the election of W. Bro. John T. Stephenson.

At the conclusion of the lodge, the brethren partook of a supper. The usual toast list was carried out.

Cheese Factory Notice
T. B. Miller wishes to thank the patrons of the Dorchester Branch cheese factory for their hearty support during the past season, and to assure them that he will be doing business at the same place next year, where he hopes to welcome all his old patrons and many others. The present indications are that the business will be largely increased next year. The business will be conducted along the same lines as it has in the past. Fair treatment to all with prompt sales and quick returns.

MISS ANNE SUTHERLAND AS JOSEPHINE IN "MORE THAN QUEEN."

lavish production will be seen here in its entirety, and the cast will be a particularly strong one. Most prominent among its members will be Miss Anne Sutherland, who essays the part of Josephine. Miss Sutherland is regarded as qualified to fill the place of Miss Arthur, now in retirement.

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