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SQUIBOGRAPHS.

The early robin is sorry he left his sunny southern home.

There is one thing about navigation it knows enough to keep its mouth closed during cold weather.

If spring keeps lingering in the lap of winter much longer it will be necessary to prod it with an icicle.

The gardener hoth
The wind bloweth
The chickens crows
The seed goeth.

At Ottawa things are in a tangle
And members do little, but jaw and jangle
They shout and screech till they perspire,
Paw the air and yell out, "Liar!"

A lady with a strong enough pull to get a permit from the Legislature to practice dentistry has given a clinical demonstration that she is well qualified for the profession.

The proposal to install bath tubs in the Toronto public schools is causing consternation among the youth of that city. The trustee officers are afraid that they will have to use the dog catchers' nets to induce the small boys to attend.

The matter of removing the Central prison from Toronto to a more secluded location is being considered by the Government. It is causing quite a discussion among the inmates as to the relative attractions of city and country life, the majority favoring rural surroundings on account of a larger measure of freedom.

LAWN BOWLING CLUB.

A meeting was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a bowling club, when the following officers were elected for the season:

Hon. President—Rev. E. B. Horne.
President—Rev. S. P. Irwin.
Vice-President—Rev. S. W. Muxworthy.
Secretary-Treas.—Wm. Anderson.
Executive Committee—John Jack and J. W. McLaren, with power to add to their number.
Grounds Committee—John Wiley, Wm. Anderson, D. G. Parker.

L. O. G. L., EAST LAMBTON.

Robert Birmingham, organizer for the Provincial Grand Lodge Ontario West, will lecture in L.O.G.L. halls as follows:—505 Watford, Monday, April 22nd 8 p.m. 626 Wainstead, Tuesday, April 23rd, 8 p.m.

1029 Union, Wednesday, April 24th, 8 p.m.
746, 12th line, Thursday, April 25, 8 p.m.
Inwood, Friday, April 26th, 8 p.m.
All favorable to the cause are cordially invited to attend.
PAUL KINGSTON, County Master.

MADE A HIT.

High School Students Presented Two Act Drama to a Crowded House.

Standing room was at a premium at the High School entertainment in the Music Hall on Thursday evening of last week.

The magnet that attracted the large audience was the presentation of the two act drama, "The Last Leaf," by a company from the High School Literary Society.

The players surprised their friends by the smoothness of their production, not a hitch occurring to mar the effect, spoke their lines distinctly and altogether acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. It was remarked by many present that the play was put on better than many professional troupes that have visited the town. The drama itself is full of action and incident and held the attention of all until the curtain fell.

The characters and players taking part were:

Mark Ashton, a silversmith, Verdner Humphries.
Cabel Hanson, a wealthy baker, R. Stapleford.
Harry Hanson, son of Cabel, Archie House.
Dick Bustle, Journeyman baker, Murray Mitchell.
Tom Chubb, stammering butcher, Reg. Leach.
Kate Ashton, Mark's wife, La Vera Muxworthy.
Lily Ashton, Mark's daughter, Maude Cameron.
Fatty Jones, Yankee Servant Girl, Grace Luckham.

J. R. Jamieson, the popular local comedian, kept everybody in good humor with his funny songs and sayings.

A pleasing feature of the program was several well rendered selections by the Watford orchestra, a recently organized musical society that is a credit to the town.

The program was opened and closed by selections by the High School Glee club. The proceeds amounted to about sixty-five dollars.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

TAYLOR'S for condition powders.
LONG gloves, open Saturday.—SWIFT'S.
A new plate glass front has been placed in the Sterling Bank.

MR. CRAIG, of the head office, of the Sterling Bank, Toronto, was here Wednesday.

THE Grand Orange Lodge of British America will meet in Vancouver June 18th.

MUMPS and sore throat are making life uncomfortable, for a few of our citizens this week.

LADIES' tourist coats, a special for five dollars.—SWIFT BROS.

ABOUT twenty new pupils were admitted to the Public School at the re-opening after Easter.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS' floor paints, stains and varnishes are second to none, all colors, at Howden's hardware.

THE supplementary estimates contain an item of \$10,000 for colonization roads in the clay belt in New Ontario.

THE Sterling Bank has paid its first dividend of five per cent. to shareholders a favorable showing for a young bank.

20 DOZEN men's heavy socks, wool and cotton, 2 pairs for a quarter.—SWIFT BROS.

SOME of the Watford settlers, who left for the West a couple of weeks ago, are reported stalled by a big snow storm in Winnipeg.

IT is reported that the heavy frost on Sunday night did great damage to clover and wheat. It was very severe throughout the district.

WE can save you money on builder's hardware and it will be a pleasure to furnish estimates.—EST. N. B. HOWDEN.

MEMBERS of Court Lorne, C.O.F., are requested to be present at the meeting of the court on Monday evening next. Important business.

W. MCLEAVY received a bouquet of violets Saturday picked in the Garden of Getsemane by Dr. Eccles, who is touring through Palestine.

BOY'S two piece tweed suits for boys 4 to 8 years, cheaper than you can buy the tweed for.—SWIFT BROS.

J. R. JAMIESON has composed a parody on "Come Have a Ride in My Air Ship," introducing local hits on the Old Boy's Reunion. It is a winner.

IF you are looking for bargains attend the auction sale of household furniture, Wood's warehouse, Saturday, April 20th at 3 p.m. Three months' credit on sums over \$5.

YOU are missing something if you are not using Howden's 25c. black or green tea. Try a pound and be convinced.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Western Congregational Union was held in Watford this week. The Rev. Matthew Kelly, of Watford, was re-elected Home Mission Representative.

A YOUNG lad named Kells was nipped by Chief Shaw for stealing eggs from the G. T. R. depot last week. On account of his youth he was released on suspended sentence and sent back to his home in Arkona.

AT the close of the evening service at St. John's Church, Sarnia, Sunday Miss Maud Carson was presented with an address and a handsome ring from St. John's choir, owing to her departure for Harper's hospital.

AUCTION sale of household furniture, Saturday, April 20th, Wood's ware room, Main St., parlor suite, bedroom suites, tables, chairs, couch, etc. Three months credit on sums over \$5.

19 CENTS, your choice, cushion tops, in south window.—SWIFT BROS.

THE High School students will reproduce the play "The Last Leaf" in the Orange Hall, Warwick Village, on Friday evening next, 26th inst. They deserve a crowded house.

THE skating season at the local rink closed Monday night, after one of the longest seasons on record. There may be more ice yet, but skaters have had all the skating they desire for one season.

THE Spring Horse Show of the East Lambton Ag'l Society will be held on the fair grounds, Watford, on Tuesday, April 23rd. All interested in horse breeding should make it a point to attend.

A SAMPLE case of ladies' short coats, \$5.00 to \$6.00, easily worth \$7.50, open Saturday.—SWIFT BROS.

CAMPBELL'S Varnish Stains make a splendid finish for hall and dining room floors. They come in Light and Dark Oak, also in Cherry, Mahogany, etc. A 75 cent can will do an ordinary room. Ask T. Dodds for latest color card.

FLORA D., by Paddy R. dam, Sydenham Girl, registered, and Lulu Bars by Monbars, dam by Moneo, will be sold by public auction on Thursday the 25th. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp.—J. J. WILLIAMS, Kingscourt.

QUARTERS for Havelock Lodge, No. 238, A.F. & A.M., have been secured in the hall over the post office. The lodge room is being fitted up in good style and when possession is taken the local craftsmen will have a meeting place that will be a credit to the lodge.

THE tender for carving the bust of the late Dean Innis has been let to Mr. Wilkie, Richmond St., London. A high grade of Italian marble will be used. The estimated cost of the bust is \$1,000 and it will be erected in St. Paul's cathedral.

MAY'S SEEDS are the standard of the United States and will grow where any others will. 2c. for regular 5c. packages at Howden's.

TRACHER—"Now, Jimmie, you may tell us who first discovered whalebone." Jimmie—"Jonah."

D. G. PARKER has taken a position with the Massey-Harris Co., and will be associated with the local agent J. J. Spackman. The new firm will make a hustling combination that will keep the Massey-Harris goods right to the front.

THE death took place at Wyoming, on Tuesday, of Austin Harvey, son of the late Dr. Harvey, aged 21 years. Funeral Friday at 2 p. m., to Wyoming Cemetery. Deceased had been ill two years with tuberculosis.

BOYS, do not shoot the birds. It's breaking the law, and destroying useful feathered creatures. Too many lads are seen recently, carelessly handling and using fire arms in the town limits. One should be made an example of, that others might benefit.

REV. Fred F. Cary, the young man who was drowned in Old Man River while returning from McLeod to Lethbridge a few days ago, after writing on his final examinations, was one of the missionaries who was partially supported by the Epworth Leagues of the Strathroy district.

JAMES BELBECK, a London township farm laborer, appeared before Judge Macbeth Monday at London to elect for trial on a charge of bigamy. He preferred to be tried summarily by his honor and pleaded guilty. On the request of Mr. McEvoy, the prisoner's counsel, sentence was deferred until Saturday.

BIG table of girl's school caps, your choice for 25 cents, samples worth 40 to 50.—SWIFT BROS.

THE remains of the late Miss Martha McIvor, of Walkerville, arrived on the afternoon express on Thursday of last week. Funeral to the Watford cemetery conducted by the Rev. E. B. Horne. Deceased was an esteemed teacher in the Walkerville school for a number of years. A member of the school board attended the funeral.

ACCORDING to a report prepared by the Canadian department of marine, 205 lives have been lost by wrecks on Lakes Huron and Superior since 1882. The greatest marine catastrophe on the two lakes reported during that period was the foundering of the steamer Asia, with a loss of 90 lives on September 14, 1882. Last fall eight wrecks were reported with a total loss of \$374,000.

CAPTAIN BEATTIE and Mrs. Beattie, of the Strathroy Corps of the S. A., will visit Watford and hold service in the local barracks at 8 p. m., Wednesday, April 24th. The band will be in attendance, also a number of the soldiers. There will be vocal and instrumental selections, and an enjoyable time is expected. The meeting is in connection with the annual self denial effort.

A SPECIAL range of ladies' tweed skirts to clear at less than manufacturer's prices.—SWIFT BROS.

WE have received from the publication office of the Canadian Pacific Railway a copy of the British Columbia booklet issued by the company, which tells in a most interesting way the progress of Canada's Pacific Province. A copy of the book will be sent upon receipt of a two cent stamp, by addressing W. T. Robson, advertising agent, C. P. R. Co., Montreal and mentioning this paper.

MRS. A. DUNCAN, of Petrolia, met with a severe accident on Friday night last. She was on her way up stairs, when, in some unaccountable manner, she lost her balance, and fell to the bottom, fracturing her right arm and knocking four or five teeth out of her mouth. As well as sustaining very severe bruises. She was removed to the hospital, where under Dr. Macalpine's care, she is recovering as favorably as can be expected.

SPRING housecleaning time is rapidly approaching, but a matter of much more vital importance at this season of the year is the numerous back-yards where all kinds of vegetable matter is dumped throughout the winter months with little thought of the pestilence-breeding nature of the kitchen refuse. Citizens cannot escape too soon this spring in having every vestige of the accumulation removed and their yards put in the best possible sanitary condition. This applies to the merchant as well as the housekeeper. Clean up. Get at it now!

ORDER your spring suit and overcoat, we are busy, very busy.—SWIFT BROS.

ENGLAND WANTS ONIONS.

Large Market Awaits Canadian Crop in Old Country.

Ottawa, Ont., April 17.—A report received by the department of trade and commerce from M. J. McKinnon, Canadian agent at Bristol, says there is a great demand in the mother country for small onions suitable for pickling. This branch of trade has hitherto been neglected by Canadians. The onions should be shipped unpeeled, in bags holding 100 pounds each. Importing firms would be prepared to take 100 to 500 bags on a single order. The present supplies used by the big establishments in England come from Egypt, Holland and Belgium, home supply being wholly insufficient. There is also a big demand in England for small pickling gherkins. Some shipments have been sent from Canada in the past, but they were too large in size.

PERSONAL.

Miss May Armitage, London, was home over Sunday.

W. H. Thom, Hamilton, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. F. Hills, Toronto, called on Watford friends Saturday.

R. J. Richardson and Joshua Thomas, Inwood, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Walker and Miss Bertha Walker, spent Sunday with friends in London.

Mrs. A. Mathers visited her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Russell, of London, this week.

W. Alexander and Miss Wilma Alexander, Flint, spent Sunday with Watford relatives.

Walter Howden arrived from Superior, Wis., Sunday morning to attend the funeral of his father.

D. G. Brison, district agent of the Excelsior Life Ins. Co., spent a few days at the head office in Toronto this week.

Mrs. W. J. Stoddart, who spent a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mathers, has returned to her home in Seaford.

Mrs. W. D. Eckert and Mr. D. H. Howden, London, attended the funeral of their brother, the late T. J. Howden, on Monday last.

J. H. Fowler, B. A., London, was home for a couple of days this week. Mr. Fowler expects to leave on a trip to the coast early next month.

Henry S. Laughlin, who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. S. Laughlin, Huron St., for the past week, returned to his home in Bowmanville Monday.

Mrs. W. T. Stewart, left Monday for Moosejaw to join her husband who is now located in that city. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Minta Stewart of London.

Geo. L. Hagle has resigned his position with the Noxon Mfg. Co., at Ottawa, to accept the position of chief accountant with the Glasgow House, Regina. Mr. Hagle left for the West last week.

REUNION NOTES.

Word was received from Mrs. C. J. Barrie, Fort William, and Mrs. T. Penfold, Port Arthur, that they will be here on the 19th and 20th Aug.

Rev. Jos. Philip, B. D., of Aylmer, expects to be with us in August. Mr. Philip's many old friends in Watford will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from a recent severe illness.

Rev. E. H. Bauld, of Toronto, who was pastor of the Watford Presbyterian church over thirty years ago, expects to be at the reunion.

The transportation committee met Monday night. The railway arrangements are not quite completed yet.

COME ON (MAC) BUFF.

Mr. Duff, editor of the Welland Telegraph has the following item in the last issue of that journal: "Ye Editor is in receipt of a nice pink letter from H. F. Williams, secretary of the Watford Old Boys' Association. It is an invitation to attend the Reunion in Watford on August 19 and 20. If we can improve our sartorial investiture a little and arrange for a pass with our dear friends the railways, the light of our countenance will shine on Mr. Williams and Watford on the dates specified."

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Geo. Rivers, Watford.
David Lamb, Langley Prairie, B. C.
Jas. Harrower,
Robt. Harrower, Central Park, South Vancouver, B. C.
Geo. Jackson, London.
E. H. Bauld, Toronto.
V. Collier,
Jno. P. Miller, Sarnia.
Walter Howden, Superior, Wis.
Mrs. Walter Howden,
S. D. Barnes, Calgary.
D. Duncan, Watford.
S. Wolson, Strathroy.

DEATH OF THOMAS J. HOWDEN.

After an illness extending over two years Mr. Thomas J. Howden passed away at his home, Ontario, St., at an early hour on Saturday morning in his sixty first year. Mr. Howden had been a resident of Watford for the past 37 years, with the exception of two years spent in Sarnia.

Born in Toronto he came to Warwick with the family when quite young. After mastering his trade he engaged in contracting with good success, many of the leading buildings in this vicinity, including the Watford Public School, having been erected under his supervision. Deceased took an active interest in municipal and political affairs, and served several terms as town councillor, and filled the Reeve's chair for two years. He was a past President of the Watford Conservative Association and a member of the Executive Committee for the Riding, a member of Havelock Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Watford Council of the Royal Arcanum, and Trinity Church. He also filled the position of director of the board of the Industrial Loan and Savings Co. for a number of years.

The funeral was held on Monday, the service being conducted by the Rev. S. P. Irwin, assisted by Canon Davis, of Sarnia. The pallbearers were John Cowan, D. N. Sicular, W. G. Willoughby, W. H. Shrapnell, Angus Mitchell and W. McLeay.

Deceased is survived by his widow and one son, Walter, of Superior, Wis. Mrs. W. D. Eckert and Miss Essa Howden, of London, are sisters, and W. J. and S. B. Howden, of Watford, and D. H. Howden, of London, brothers. The hand of death has been heavy on the Howden family of late, this being the third death within two months.

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Western Ontario Congregation Union.

Brantford, April 17.—The semi-annual convention of Western Ontario Congregational Union was concluded here tonight.

The officers for the year elected today were:

President—Rev. Charles Pedley, Woodstock.

Secretary—Rev. W. E. Gilroy, Brantford.

Treasurer—Rev. W. H. A. Claris, London.

Home mission representative—Rev. Mathew Kelly, Watford.

Chairman of Credentials—Rev. D. S. Hamilton, London.

The next meeting will be likely held at Bellwood.

It is announced that the union with the United Brethren, who have thirty churches extending from Niagara to Lis-towel, will be consummated in June.

Religious and ethical problems constituted the basis of several papers and discussions during the session.

CAYUGA MURDER TRIAL.

Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against Mrs. Perkins.

Cayuga, April 17.—The first day of the trial of Mrs. Perkins, against whom a true bill for the murder of her husband was brought in shortly before noon to-day closed with fourteen witnesses called for the crown. To-day's testimony related principally to the sickness of Henry Perkins during the two years preceding his death on Christmas Day, 1906. This, no doubt, is leading up to the expert medical testimony which will probably be heard to-morrow.

The proceedings of the court have been somewhat enlivened by the lively set-to between Mr. Arnoldi and Mr. Johnston. Mr. Johnston branded a statement of Mr. Arnoldi as an untruth and characterized his action as that of a "mountebank."

The coolness of the prisoner is remarkable. Seated with her counsel she follows with the closest attention every step in the proceedings. It was noticeable that when she took a glass of water in her hand there was never the least tremble. She is by no means attractive and naturally is the subject of close attention from the spectators.

BRINGS IN TRUE BILL.

At 11.30 the grand jury returned with a true bill charging her with the murder of her husband, Henry Perkins, on December 25, 1906. R. E. Walker, of Caledonia, was foreman of the grand jury. Justice Mabee immediately ordered the prisoner brought into court.

Mrs. Perkins appeared, dressed in deep black, but without a veil. She showed little trace of nervousness, as she listened to the charge.

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" was asked.

"Not guilty."

"Are you ready for your trial?"

"I certainly am," was her answer.

Mrs. Perkins hereupon was permitted to leave the box and take a seat with her counsel.

Mr. Johnston raised the point as to whether the crown intended to put forward any evidence not produced at the preliminary as to the purchase of poison by the defendant. If not, he would apply for an examination for discovery.

Lobo Farmer's Wife and Child Stricken.

Seized by three strong men, bound hand and foot and secured to his bed, Frank Atwood, a young farmer residing on a concession 9, lot 20, Lobo township, saw his wife and child stolen from him before his eyes by a man whom he says is Arthur Scott, the young son of a respectable London Township farmer.

Atwood struggled until five o'clock before he freed himself, and then went to the house of a neighbor with his hands still tied, and was liberated. In the meantime, with a team of horses hired at Dyer's livery in this city, the party came to London and boarded the train which leaves the city at 6.30, and are probably now across the American lines. Atwood did not arrive in the city until about 10.30 and it was his laxity in allowing the time to slip by in discussing the matter with the neighbors that the authorities attribute their failure to intercept the eloping couple.

Damaged by Frost.

The fruit growers of this vicinity will suffer heavily by the recent frosts. The premature warm weather of the early part of the month caused the canes on the berry bushes to produce their buds, and when the frost came the result was that the raspberry bushes were almost totally destroyed. Thimbleberries, although suffering heavily, are not injured to such an extent as their red neighbors.

Mr. Duncan McLaughlan, of Keyser, received word last week of the death of his brother John, of Battleford, Sask. He was killed by a C. P. R. engine. Mr. McLaughlan will be remembered by many here, being a son of the late Hugh McLaughlan, of East Williams.