

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

A new elevator is about to be erected at Forest.

Hop picking has commenced in the vicinity of Windsor.

A son of Jas. O'Neill, of McGregor, fell on a picket, injuring his abdomen.

J. G. Wallace has been elected secretary of the Woodstock Board of Trade.

Rodney Methodist Church will get \$120 insurance for recent damages by lightning.

The Walkerton lodge of Oddfellows will hold their annual "Decorative Day" on Friday, Aug. 29.

The treasurer's sale of lands for taxes in the county of Grey takes place at Owen Sound on Nov. 6.

A seven-and-a-quarter-pound pickerel, says a Paris exchange, was hooked by John Fowler the other day.

The fifth line Bonquet is soon to lose one of its most influential citizens in the person of Neil Brebner.

Ten of the Grand Trunk Railway employees at St. Neil Brebner.

At the shooting contest at West Lorne the other day the Lindemann silver cup, Dr. Brooke was the winner.

T. H. Taylor & Co. Chatham, have taken in about 55,000 pounds of wool this season at an average of 18 cents each.

Hanover had races a few days ago and the pool seller cleared out with \$500 of money which had been wagered.

Robert Clark, Kilmarnock, is thinking seriously of giving up farming and taking a position in the postal department.

Jesse Learo, of Souer's Corners, has recovered from his injuries received in the runaway accident a short time ago.

Dr. Black, of Glamis, is agitating for telephone connection between that village, Tiverton, Underwood and Port Elgin.

Collingwood's handsome new Town Hall, which cost \$20,000, was destroyed by fire the other night. Insured for \$12,000.

Two new brick school houses have just been completed in East Aldborough, one at con. 4, and one at the Johnstown concession.

Scarlet fever is prevalent in Chatham, and a petition is being circulated to extend the school vacation to Sept. 1, on that account.

William Peace, hardware merchant, Arthurs, has made an assignment. A meeting of the creditors is called for at Arthurs, Aug. 29.

H. Beaton, before taking his departure from Old City to Toronto, was presented with a gold watch and chain by a number of the citizens.

John Kennedy, of London township, received \$10 per bushel for his fall wheat. It was of excellent quality, weighing 62 pounds to the bushel.

P. D. Lee, of Watford, recently received a box of apricots from his son George, who is engaged in market-gardening at Los Angeles, California.

Miss Dunmore, of Stratford, an accomplished lady, has been engaged to teach the school in section 12, Morriston, for the remainder of the year.

Owing to the decrease in freight charges on the M. C. R. five St. Thomas crews have been laid off. It is attributed to the existing difficulties on the New York Central.

Fully \$20,000 has been paid to farmers in the vicinity of Tara for stock during the past six weeks. Mr. George Dunn alone having contributed over \$15,000 of this sum.

On the farm of Donald McKenzie, Blanchard, the other day 200 bushels of wheat was threshed in 1 hour and 25 minutes, which is supposed to break the record.

The grand and petit jurors for the fall sittings, which open Wednesday, Nov. 5, at St. Thomas before Justice Macmahon, will be empaneled by Sheriff Brown on Saturday.

Andrew Williamson, Windsor, had the bridge of his nose splintered by being hit in the face with a spike. The left eye was so badly injured that he may lose the sight of it.

A novel improved diamond crossing signal is being placed in position on the Sarnia branch of the G. T. R. near Komoka, where the main line of the C. P. R. crosses the G. T. R.

New Blackwater station the express was signalled by a boy who had discovered a broken rail. The train was stopped in time and the rail spiked in position, when the train proceeded.

While Wm. Patrick was coming to Parkhill with a load of hay the other evening, one of his horses, a valuable animal, stumbled and fell, breaking his leg. The horse had to be killed.

Lucknow will vote on a loan of \$5,000 to Cliff & Forster, furniture manufacturers. The firm is to pay back \$250 a year for ten years, and at the expiration of that term are to pay back the balance.

Another good threshing record was made by Mr. John Glenn, of the base line, Blanchard, at Mr. Johnston Stewart's, lately, when he turned out 840 bushels of wheat, 130 of oats and 250 of barley.

Andrew McFarland, of Markdale, before leaving for Brantford, was presented with a beautiful gold watch case by Wm. McFarland for his services as buyer and head clerk in the establishment of W. J. McFarland.

One Curtis, of Windsor, charged by D. W. Mason, grocer, with having obtained some \$300 worth of goods under false pretences, has been held by Magistrate Bartlett on his own recognizance in the sum of \$800.

The following were among those registered at the different hotels in Winnipeg lately: J. C. Pappard, Drayton; O. C. Macey, Clinton; Mrs. E. Grant, Chatham; Jas. Young and wife, Galt; and H. J. McReggie, Barrie.

Dr. Barnard, travelling agent, George Griffith, has been visiting boys from the Orphan Home in Forest and the neighboring townships during the past week or so. They have some 2,500 boys located with the farmers of Ontario.

The other evening a meeting was held in Richmond, at which Messrs. Backhouse, Clinton, Beal, Ashbaugh and Emery gave short addresses on behalf of the proposed railway. A bylaw is to be voted on on Sept. 3, for the purpose of raising a \$35,000 bonus for Bayham's share.

John O'Reilly, of the Center road, near Parkhill, met with a heavy loss in the destruction of his barn, stables and contents by fire on Aug. 18. He was threshing that day, and during the noon hour some one is supposed to have accidentally set fire to the stable while lighting a pipe.

A little 5-year-old son of Mr. J. E. Boosey, Petrolia, met with painful injuries a few days ago. While playing with some other children near a mortar bed, one of the youngsters playfully threw a lot of soft mortar from a stick, among the group, with the result that Boosey had both eyes filled with the mixture. He is recovering.

The residence of Thomas Mead, machine agent, Wyoming, was destroyed by fire early Sunday, Aug. 17. The fire is supposed to have started by the explosion of a lamp which was kept burning all night.

Mr. Mead received several injuries in jumping to the ground. He was forced to leave his pocket-book, containing \$200, behind.

J. C. McKenzie, of Sarnia, was awarded the contract for building the Aberfeldy bridge, which will cost \$1,887. The bridge will be on the Howe Truss principle, resting upon wooden piers, somewhat similar to those of the old bridge, and will have a span of 101 feet from center to center of piers, and is to be finished by the 15th of October next.

A complaint was made against Peter Rogers, John Tinsinger and Andrew Harrell, of Hanover, by Joseph Scales, of Brant, before Mr. McNamara, J.P., charging them with keeping dogs that killed one of his sheep and injured two lambs some time ago. The J. P. ordered the dogs to be shot and to pay Mr. Scales \$10 and the costs of the prosecution.

Rev. J. G. Fallis, Warwick, received a letter from Barnum recently who had lived his famous red and white coat to Port Huron last Friday, as he was anxious to see the invitation with a view of purchasing. The invitation was accompanied by a number of complimentary tickets for the performances, but Mr. Fallis did not take advantage of the occasion.

On Monday Mr. J. Leary, St. Marys, had an old lady sit for a negative who had lived more than a quarter of a century after the allotted time and is yet active and clear-minded. She is Mrs. Mary Ann Mills, sister of Mr. Cathcart, and has passed 80. She came from St. Thomas on the train alone, has never worn spectacles and can see as thread a fine sewing needle.

At the Blenheim Council, which met on Aug. 16, a bylaw was passed levying township rates, as follows: For township purposes, 7-10 of a mill on the dollar; county purposes, 1-10 mill on the dollar; and for C. P. R. purposes, 2-10 mill on the dollar. Council will meet at Drumbo Town Hall, Sept. 13, at 10 o'clock.

A large number of Eastern grape buyers are skimming through Essex county trying to contract for the growing crop. Last year the growers got \$40 per ton, but there are very few grapes in Eastern vineyards this season, consequently the buyers are offering \$50 per ton. It is thought by some of the larger growers that \$50 will be the price by the time the crop is fully ripe.

The Thornton Division, Sons of Temperance, waited upon Thos. Scott, of Thorntons, at his home, and presented him with a beautiful pair of gold spectacles and case together with a suitable address. Mr. Scott made an appropriate reply. A number of friends present, including Mr. Scott's son, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Scott's daughter, Mrs. Scott, were present.

Squire Wilson, of Blyth, met with an accident on Wednesday evening last that is altogether likely to prove fatal. While walking leisurely along the street, he was knocked down by a runaway horse that had rushed on the sidewalk. On being assisted to his feet he seemed to be unhurt, and was able to make his way home. After he had retired his wife discovered that he had become insensible, caused from the bursting of a blood vessel.

A syndicate, composed of sixteen farmers of Downie, agreed during the hot weather to slaughter a beef between 2 and 3 years old. Each Monday for sixteen weeks a beef was killed, divided into 48 pieces, and the members of the syndicate allotted to his feet he seemed to be unhurt, and was able to make his way home. After he had retired his wife discovered that he had become insensible, caused from the bursting of a blood vessel.

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### WHY WERE THE JEWS THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

Mr. Gladstone's third paper in Good Words deals with "The Office and Work of the Old Testament in Outline."

He thinks that the purpose of the Old Testament can be best summed up in the words that it is a history of sin and redemption.

After explaining that the narrative of the Fall is in accordance with the laws of a grand and comprehensive philosophy, and that the objections taken to it are the product of narrower and shallower modes of thought, he proceeds, passing by the story of the deluge and the dispersion, to consider the selection of Abraham.

"Why," he asks, "where the Jews selected as the chosen people of God?" Not, he thinks, because of their moral superiority. He contrasts the Jewish ethics and those of the Greeks, considerably to the detriment of the former, and then sums up the matter as follows:

Enough has perhaps been said to show that we cannot claim as a thing demonstrable a great moral superiority for the Hebrew line generally over the whole of the historically known contemporary races. I nevertheless cannot but believe that there was an interior circle, known to us by its fruits in the Palestine and the prophetic books, that was everywhere superior to what was to be found elsewhere, and due rather to the pre-Mosaic than to the Mosaic religion of the race. But it remains to answer with reverence the question, Why, if not for a distinctly superior morality, nor as a full religious provision for the whole of man, why was the race chosen as a race to receive the promises, to guard the law, and to fulfill the hopes of the great Redemption?

The answer may, I believe, be conveyed in moderate compass. The design of the Old Testament was to prepare the human race, by a varied and prolonged education, for the arrival of the great Redemption. The immediate purpose of the Old Testament was to prepare the human race, by a varied and prolonged education, for the arrival of the great Redemption.

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