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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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At the Brisco Opera House—
Barn-O-Brien Contest—Jan. 22.
The Arrival of Kitty—Jan. 25.

"THE ARRIVAL OF KITTY."

Edwards Bowers, the principal comedian of "The Arrival of Kitty" Company, which comes to the Brisco Opera House on Friday, Jan. 25th, was taken for the young Duke of Wellington while sitting in a box at the Albert Hall last spring, during the progress of the Charity Ball, and in Boston one day recently he was again mistaken for a certain Harvard Professor. In speaking of the incidents the genial comedian said that he neither belongs to the faculty of a great university nor to the nobility of England; that he is but a plain comedian whose mission in life is to try and make people happy. Bowers says he considers himself very lucky in having been mistaken for two such illustrious personages, and that if he ever "sized up" for some criminal unpardonable person he will be forced to put a tag on himself bearing the legend: I am Edward Bowers, Comedian, "Arrival of Kitty" Company.

BURNBOURNE CONTEST.

Considerably more than the ordinary interest in Opera House attractions is being manifested over Manager Brisco's announcement of his January 22nd offering of the moving pictures, taken last Thanksgiving, of the pugilistic battle for the heavy weight championship title of the world, between Tommy Burns and Jack O'Brien, the premier in their class and chosen profession. It goes without saying that every true sportsman in Chatham will patronize the Opera House next Tuesday night, and it is safe to say that the usual clientele of the theatre will be largely in force to witness this marvellously vivid reproduction of the greatest ring contest in history, but another and greater interest attaches to this Burns-O'Brien contest, far greater than in anything of its character ever shown, particularly in this particular section, and that is, the real identity of one of the principals, for he who is now famous the world over as Tommy Burns, was not so long since a mere stripling of a boy in Pres-O'Brien's corner, where he was born and raised. His true name, Noah Brusso, is well remembered throughout Ontario, when as a lacrosse player he made considerable of a local reputation.

In training both fighters engage the services of expert boxers of different styles; this being done to prepare against any and all tactics the opponent may use, then there is what is called shadow fighting, when the fighter is seen jumping, rushing, dodging, punching, sidestepping, blocking, upreaching, getting away, in fact bringing into play every muscle, every trick of the game as he dances about the training ring, battling an imaginary opponent, but what strikes the uninitiated spectator is the absolutely different style of the two men in their employment of practically the same methods and paraphernalia. Brusso shows his dogged aggressiveness even in this shadow fighting, while O'Brien is a marvel at defence and as lightning like in his movements, as his mythical opponent in practice. Our rising young athletes should learn several good points in the art of scientific exercise from this preliminary portion of the picture.

Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, is reputed to be the richest pugilist in the world, and it is said that he has amassed a fortune of over six hundred thousand dollars in winning purses and wagers on himself in past battles.

These two great athletes fought fierce rounds, at the end of which the referee, Jas. J. Jeffries decided the contest a draw; and once more in April they are to meet and try to settle that question of supremacy. The pictures were taken at the ring side by the Miles Bros. of New York City, and are the only legitimate pictures of the fight.

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THE PLACES TO BE SHUNNED

Rev. F. E. Malott Speaks About Drinking, Billiards and Gambling

HE GIVES HIS REASONS

Rev. F. E. Malott's sermon to young men on "Places to Shun," drew a good congregation to Victoria Ave. Methodist Church last night, in spite of the weather. Mr. Malott took his text from Prov. 4th chapter, 15th and 16th verses, remarking that no book in all literature is packed so full of wise counsel to young men as the Book of Proverbs. It warns of places to be shunned, and in our day there are still places that young men should avoid if they value their health and their happiness, their money and their morals and their well-being in this world and the next.

The speaker singled out three places that are doing the most to rob young men of their money, their health and their happiness, their money, their morals and their well-being. These are the Bar Room, the Billiard Room and the Gambling Den.

In speaking of the bar room Mr. Malott said he had nothing but unqualified condemnation for it. It is a menace to the morals of the neighborhood of a community. He cited in support of his indictment the opinions of many persons of widely different views on other questions who concur in their condemnation of the saloon or bar room. Even Doct. Ford's Wine and Spirits Circular, a whiskey journal of New York, says, "The saloon is a nuisance. It is a loathsome place for the idle and vicious. It is a stench in the nostrils of society."

The speaker told of a young man, named Zeigler, who committed suicide last November, near Kingston, who left a paper in which he warned young men to shun the bar room.

From the bar room Mr. Malott turned to the billiard room. He prefaced his remarks on this place of resort by saying, "I have nothing to say in condemnation of the game of billiards played in a clean atmosphere with the gambling element eliminated. What I have to say is of the billiard room as it is." He then gave three reasons why he would advise young men to shun these resorts.

1. It is an idle and useless way of spending time and money.

2. The atmosphere is not clean. No young man can breathe an atmosphere heavy with tobacco smoke, obscenity and profanity without suffering physically and morally.

3. Billiards, as now played, is iniquitous gambling. It is not forbidden by law, but it is nevertheless a kind of gambling, for it is so defined in the New American Encyclopedia. But the speaker's strongest condemnation was reserved for the gambling den and the gambling habit. "Gambling," said the speaker, "is one of the sins of the ages! Every student of history can trace its cursed trail. It is the vice of the civilized and the uncivilized. It is practised in high society and in low society, and one of the perils of modern society is the practice of gambling at afternoon and evening parties."

The editor of a Montreal society paper was quoted as being strong in his condemnation of the gambling habit as done in the drawing rooms of the wealthy.

Mr. Malott urged young men to have a purpose in life. The pursuit of some worthy aim would save them, he said, from trifling ways of spending their time and money. He quoted the late Dr. Sir Daniel Wilson, Pres. of the University of Toronto, as saying to the students, "Gentlemen, I never had time for the bar room or the billiard room, the ball room or the theatre." "And neither will any young man," concluded the speaker, "who wants to make something of himself. One thing more, however, is needed by young men to be safe from these perils, and that is a cure for the unrest that drives men to these things for satisfaction, and that is to be found by giving the religion of Jesus Christ its true place in the life."

THE WALKER TROPHY

The much talked football game to decide the championship of the Peninsula Association League, between Windsor and Amherstburg, took place at Essex, Saturday afternoon last, and the result was most satisfactory to the locals for they trimmed their rivals to the tune of 2 to 0, winning the game and the much coveted trophy. A great deal of enthusiasm was worked up locally and nearly a hundred admirers accompanied the team to the "Hub" on a special train that afternoon. Though the ground was sloppy the play didn't exhibit any signs of sloppiness and everyone who knows the points of the game declares our boys most scientifically outdid the Windsor bunch, discounting them at every turn. The victory gives Amherstburg the league championship and possession of the Walker trophy. Line-up:

AMHERSTBURG.
Goal—M. Wigle, W. Craig.
Backs—Downing, Miller, H. Craig.
Half backs—Rutherford, Burk.
Right wing—Hamilton.
Centre—Gott, Langford.
Left wing—Briton.

WINDSOR.
Goal—Charlton, Pulver.
Backs—Steen, Wilson, Wigle.
Half backs—Fisher, Stokes, Benny.
Centre—Files, Dohman.
Left wing—Dixon.

Referee—Shields. Goals—Langford and Briton. Time of halves—30 minutes. Attendance—200.

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THE OTHER SIDE INVESTIGATION IS IN ORDER

The London Free Press Takes Up the Matter of The Fishing In The River Thames—A Strong Comment

In reference to the Thames fishing question, references to which were made in a Saturday Planet, the following editorial appeared in to-day's issue of the London Free Press:

The Thames fishermen have been blocking the mouth of the stream with their seines from time immemorial. Of late years they have practically taken a monopoly of the imports of fishery, one of the most valuable of the inland waters of Ontario. Everything merchantable has been captured for the American market.

These fishermen now pretend that only the coarser fishes are sent away, such as "mullet, carp, sheepshead, suckers and breeds of such character as Canadians would not eat."

This is the line of argument which they send out as a reason why they should be allowed to keep the river mouth monopoly, and deprive the people living up stream, for the most part, of the chance to share in the fishery.

The inspectors know differently, however. In the consignments sized by them at the railway station here some months ago were found pickerel, perch and other of the most valuable fishes. Long ago these fishes were taken in the river about London and St. Mary's in great abundance, because the river was less obstructed at its entrance. When the mouth fishery grew to the dimensions of a graft to the profit of a few only, the number of fish sent away diminished as they were with the exception of a bass fish here and there, the river may be said to be depleted of the varieties which Canadians eat.

The seine men represent that the bass will not live in the stream on account of its muddy character. This is untrue. The river is the same place as it ever was, and old-timers remember when the bass was in plenty, giving sport and food for everyone who wanted. True, the attempt to restock made a few years ago failed. The fry put in by the Government officials did not thrive, but the reason was obvious. Fish taken from the cold waters of the lake and dumped into the warm waters of a shallow stream suffer in the same way as a laboring man going from the temperate zone to the tropics. The fishery experts should have known better; no doubt they did know, but they were not in a mood to obey the outcry that was raised at the time. It was hoped to mollify the sporting fishermen by an attempt to do something in their interest.

There can be no objection to the industry of the Thames fishermen as long as they do not monopolize and hog everything that comes into the river so as to deprive everyone else. The river should not be obstructed by their nets to an extent that makes every runway a farce.

SMALLPOX IN GUELPH

Guelph, Jan. 21.—Word has been received from Dr. Bell to the effect that his investigations in Peel and Maryborough Townships have proven the dangerous nature of the small-pox outbreak. He found no fewer than fourteen cases, and expects to locate many more. There is no doubt that the disease is small-pox of a rather mild form.

A meeting of the Board of Health of Peel was held on Friday afternoon at Drayton to meet Dr. Bell. The situation was talked over and the seriousness fully admitted.

Compulsory vaccination in the Township will be enforced.

One case was discovered in the city on Friday night through the promptitude of Dr. Robinson. A young man staying at Oakes' boarding house on Quebec street east had been in Peel Township and caught the infection there. He had been for some time but did not know what was ailing him until the story of the small-pox outbreak came out in the local papers. The man was at once removed to the isolation hospital and the house with all its inmates placed under quarantine.

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St. Thomas Times And Guelph Herald Make Some Serious Charges

WHO IS IN THE WRONG?

The Following is taken from the St. Thomas Times:

"Small-pox" is reported to have broken out in Wellington County. The outbreak is said to be widespread, fifty cases being reported in the northern part of the county. Dr. Bell, Inspector of the Provincial Board of Health, told the Guelph Herald on Friday there is a good deal of small-pox in the Province, especially around Chatham, where not the slightest care has been taken by the authorities to stamp it out. There were nearly one hundred cases there last year, and at the present time there are probably a quarter of that number, down with the disease.

"He tells of shocking instances of neglect in that district. In one case a barber literally covered with the disease, continued to shave his patrons right through. In another case a butcher was dealing out meat while his hands were affected with the pox. 'In no cases had the people affected been vaccinated.'"

These are the sort of stories which are going the rounds in some of the eastern newspapers, and the result cannot be anything but unpleasant and harmful to Chatham. In his interview with the Guelph Herald Dr. Bell is alleged to have made a serious charge against the Medical Health authorities of this city in saying "not the slightest care has been taken by the authorities to stamp it out." The people residing in Chatham, know that every possible precaution has been observed in dealing with the disease.

An investigation into the Guelph Herald's alleged interview with Dr. Bell might bring out some interesting facts. If the doctor's recorded statements are authentic, it is surely time that something were done, or the Inspector enlightened on what has been done. If the interview savors of the "fake" variety, in other words if the statements have been placed in the Inspector's mouth, then it is high time that the newspapers were given to understand that facts are always acceptable, but unjust charges are not only undesirable, but also exceedingly injurious.

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