

## The Western District.

### Another Great Gas Gusher Opened in Essex County.

A St. Thomas Lady Takes An  
Ounce of Carbolic Acid  
by Mistake.

Windsor Exported Over \$200,000  
Worth of Whisky to the  
States in September.

Boy Tossed by a Bull—New Postoffice in  
Lambton—Pastoral Change at  
Dresden—Big Bear Shot.

Assizes at Walkerton on Oct. 8.  
Warton has a stone crusher—on test.  
Bothwell is said to have the oil fever  
badly. New territory is to be opened at  
once.

The matter of a "commercial form" is  
being discussed by Brantford's school  
board.

Lambton has a new postoffice, Dawn  
Valley, with Mr. H. Dunlop as post-  
master.

The creditors of John Buckley, of  
Sarnia, have compromised at 50 cents on  
the dollar.

Matthew Wilson, J.C., Chatham, is in  
attendance at the Episcopal Congress  
in Minneapolis.

Mr. J. C. Lyons, of Lucknow, captured  
fifteen prize-winning chickens at the  
Wingham show.

Capt. Combs, father of Col. H. L.  
Combs, died at his residence in Char-  
lotteville on Thursday.

Work on the machine shop of the  
Union Furniture Factory, Wingham, is  
being pushed along rapidly.

Miss Bella Lees, Aylmer who thinks  
of becoming a professional nurse, is  
in Galt attending the hospital.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Educa-  
tion, is to be present at the opening  
exercises of the new Brussels public  
school.

From contracts already signed Leam-  
ington will this month receive a re-  
venue of about \$800 from its natural  
gas well.

Rev. Mr. Harris will succeed Mr.  
Cotman as pastor of the Clinton Baptist  
Church, and commences his duties on  
Sunday.

On Thursday Mrs. J. McKenzie, of  
St. Thomas, drank about an ounce of  
carbolic acid, but it is thought that  
she will recover.

Mrs. Dickson, widow of the late regis-  
trar of Huron, died in Godwinville  
after a few months.

The pipe organ committee of the  
Leamington Presbyterian Church will  
clear about \$115 from the Maggie Barr  
concerts given last night.

The Essex Standard Oil and Gas  
Company has struck another gusher at  
Union, in South Essex. Its estimated  
capacity is 5,000,000 feet a day.

Citizens who attended the Pelee  
Island Fair had to get off at Amherst-  
burg, as the boat could not land at  
Kingsville owing to low water.

The Brussels Herald has changed  
hands, Mr. Roland Woodley, of Toronto,  
being the new proprietor. Mr. Moore  
goes back to his teaching profession.

During September 22 patients were  
admitted to the Chatham General Hos-  
pital, and 21 discharged. There are at  
present 23 patients in this institution.

The induction and ordination of  
Sidney M. Whaley, B.A., to the pas-  
torate of St. Helens and East Ashfield  
congregations, West Huron, takes place  
on Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

The bear shot some time ago by Mr.  
Latimer at Exeter, Grey county, was  
a buster. It weighed 250 pounds. He  
got four gallons of tallow from it. The  
skin was a beautiful black.

The annual fall show of the Brooke  
and Alvinston Agricultural Society  
opened Wednesday with a promise of  
being one of the most successful in  
the history of the society.

Rev. Mr. McCullough, of the Chatham  
Presbytery, has accepted the Dresden  
charge, induction to take place on Oct.  
8. Rev. Mr. Kay insisted on his resig-  
nation, which was accepted.

Wm. Smith, lot 2, con. 16, Grey, had  
a crop of Crown peas that yielded 45  
bushels to the acre. In many cases  
the production of one pea resulted in  
as many as 75 pods and often 450 peas.

Robert, the 16-year-old son of Hugh  
R. Elliott, Brussels, was playing a  
game of football at Shire's school, of  
which he is a pupil, when he was tripped,  
and in falling broke both bones of  
his right arm.

Mrs. Blakeney, wife of A. W.  
Blakeney, of Chicago, died at the resi-  
dence of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Sutton,  
Grey county street, Windsor, on Wednes-  
day. Mr. Blakeney was formerly teller  
of the Molsoms Bank in Windsor.

What might have proved a serious  
joke was played on Robert Craig at  
Leamington by a playmate, who gave  
him a candy on which a Spanish fly  
had been placed. A doctor's services  
were called in to relieve the boy's  
sufferings.

A son of Mr. John Reid, East Wa-  
namo, while on business in Chap-  
man's tannery in Wingham, walked  
into the lime vat, and would have met  
with a serious result had it not been  
for the timely assistance of one of the  
employees.

Flags were at half-mast in Windsor  
Thursday on account of the death of  
James Blow, yardmaster at the Grand  
Trunk depot, ex-alderman and ex-  
member of the school board. He was  
55 years of age, and leaves a widow  
and two daughters.

Mrs. E. W. Seales (nee Miss L. M.  
Thomas), of St. Marys, left today (Sat-  
urday) for a visit to friends in Toronto  
and Oshawa, before permanently tak-  
ing up her residence in New York. Her  
numerous friends in St. Marys join in  
wishing her every happiness.

Dr. Wilson addressed a political meet-  
ing in the interests of the Reform party  
at New Sarnia Thursday night. Ad-  
dresses were also delivered by Messrs.  
Walter Lewis, D. McIntyre, and Rev.  
Mr. Grey. Mr. D. Lutton replied in  
the interests of the Conservatives.

The exports from Windsor to the  
United States for the quarter ending  
Sept. 30 amounted to \$207,057.79, as  
compared with \$211,277 for the same  
period of last year. The principal item  
was whisky, \$45,505. Elm logs accounted  
for \$27,320, staves \$24,258, lumber \$19,532,  
and cedar ties \$10,048.

At Simcoe on Thursday several boys  
aged from 12 to 15 years went to the  
woods, taking a piece of gas pipe with  
one end plugged, with them. They load-  
ed this with powder and shot. The  
"cannon" was touched off by Harry  
Wilson, when the plug came out, the  
powder burning his face in a horrible  
manner. Dr. Stanton has hopes of  
saving his eyesight.

While the families of Messrs. J. R.  
Thompson and E. J. Adams were at-  
tending the fair at Aylmer, burglars  
entered their houses, and from the for-  
mer's stole three gold rings and other  
jewelry, three jackknives, a gold piece

and some old coins. From Mr. Adams' house they gathered in some gold rings, pocket knives and other valuables.

A respectable young fellow named Bernard Goble, employed in the Brantford carriage works, was arrested on Thursday night on a charge of attempting to take his own life by taking laudanum. Goble has been sick with typhoid fever and was despondent. The magistrate heard his story on Friday and dismissed him.

While Mr. John Roach, of Seaford, along with others, was speeding in the ring on the Goderich show grounds, on Wednesday morning, a horse which another gentleman was driving ahead of him became frightened and jumped around directly in front of Mr. Roach. The collision threw Mr. Roach from his sulky, and he fell to the ground about ten feet away, breaking his thigh bone. He will be confined to his bed for at least six weeks.

The funerals of the two Mooney boys and Dennis Burke, the victims of the railway accident at Essex, took place at the Maldstone church on Thursday. The horror of the accident was not fully realized by Mrs. Mooney when it was first told to her, and she is now in a very critical condition. Her friends do not think that she will recover. The father had just completed a \$2,000 residence on the farm.

Elwood Irvin, eldest son of the G.T.R. agent at Dundas, met with an unfortunate accident recently. He was passing a school girl and she gave her hair a playful twist, when she threw up her hand, and a lead pencil that she held in it penetrated his eye to the depth of half an inch, and the lead broke off, leaving that portion firmly embedded. An operation was performed, removing the piece of lead, but it is feared he will lose the sight of the eye.

Early on Thursday morning a lad named Newhouse, son of Mr. Thos. Newhouse, of Clearville, had a narrow escape from being gored to death by a young bull. It appears that the animal had broken loose through the night, and the youth incautiously ventured into the stable to tie up again. The bull immediately made a rush at the boy, and taking him between the horns, tossed him up to the ceiling. David, armed with a pitchfork, drove away the bull. Fortunately the boy was not badly hurt.

The body of the woman found at the Lincolnton Crossing on Monday was buried at Amherstburg on Tuesday. She was about 5 feet in height, with short neck; weight, about 130 pounds; aged about 45 years; iron gray hair; front teeth fairly good; dress of gro-grained silk; splendid material, and well made; black under-skirt; white summer corset; knitted vest and chemise over vest; cotton underwear; black pointed buttoned shoes. There was nothing about the body to show who she was or where she was from, and no inquiries have been made about her.

## THE STATE OF TRADE.

Dun's and Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Trade.

Commercial Mortality Lower—Trade Rather Quiet.

New York, Oct. 5.—Dun & Co. report that commercial failures in the third quarter of 1895 were 2,792, with liabilities of \$32,167,179, averaging \$11,521 per firm, against \$10,023 last year—about 15 per cent more. The rate of commercial mortality, 2.34 failures in a quarter for every 1,000 firms in business, is lower than last year, and the proportion of defaulted liabilities to the solvent business represented by payments through clearing houses is but 2.49 per 1,000, against 2.77 last year. Highly important comparisons of prices this week show about Sept. 3 the lowest range ever known for whole-sale prices of commodities, and with-  
standing advances since March—20 per cent in cotton goods, 40 per cent in boots and shoes, and 53 per cent in iron and steel products, while in woolen goods there has been scarcely any advance, and in all food products, taken together, a fall of 17 per cent. Tables given show a fall in food products of 23.2 per cent in the five years since October, 1890; in woolen goods 22.5 per cent; in iron products, 16.4 per cent, and in cotton goods 12.5 per cent, while boots and shoes are a little higher than five years ago. The hat market has mounted above 9 cents, and holds in spite of realizing, but, as the crop is late and quite largely held back, does not yet feel the influence of the receipts from the States.

Failures in three days have been 207 in the United States, against 219 last year, and 41 in Canada, against 40 last year.

Bradstreet's report 239 business failures throughout the United States, as compared with 193 last week, and 215 in the week one year ago. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from the coast of the United States and Canada, amount to 2,612,000 bushels. Last week the total was 2,151,000 bushels; one year ago, 2,242,000 bushels; two years ago, 2,189,000 bushels; three years ago, 4,017,000 bushels.

General trade at Toronto is of moderate volume and without special feature. A like report is received from Montreal, where prices remain firm and the outlook is favorable. Rather more activity is reported from St. John, N. B., where country buyers are attracted by the exposition. Only an average volume of trade is reported from Quebec city. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax aggregate \$20,541,000 this week, which is 5 per cent more than last week; 9 per cent less than in the like week last year, and about 10 per cent more than in the corresponding week of 1893. The total number of business failures reported from Canada this week is 37, the total last week 35, and in the week a year ago it was 40, while one year before that it was 30.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Willard Hodgins, Lucan's bustling newsboy, now represents the "Advertiser" and will send in orders for either the daily or weekly editions.

The seventeenth annual convention of the North Dorchester Union Sabbath School Association will be held in the Knox Church, Belmont, on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

E. Pantom, Western Hotel, Lucan, has on exhibition a potato weighing three and a half pounds, grown on the farm of F. Dobbs, lot 21, con. 4, Buddulph.

A sunflower 42 inches in circumference is shown by E. Pantom, Lucan, grown in his own little garden. D. Halloran has succeeded to the business of Mr. Donovan, Lucan, who conducted business for so many years on the main street, and is making many friends throughout the district. At the Vulcan foundry all repairs are attended to and castings made to order on short notice.

The Harry W. Novelty Company, an organization well known throughout the country, is stronger than ever this year, and intends showing at Ilberton on Oct. 2; Denfield, Oct. 3; Carlisle, Oct. 3; Nairn village, Oct. 10; Goldstream, Oct. 12. The company includes among the artists, Edward Hazlewood, Harry Wild (the clever banjoist); the Royal Marionettes, J. A. Hazlewood and E. J. Hazlewood. The "Babe in the Woods" will be produced at each place.

## The Durrant Trial.

A Day That Was Replete With Sensations.

One Witness Fined \$250 and Another Sent to Jail.

None Remember Having Seen the Prisoner at the Lecture on April 3.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—The trial of Theodore Durrant was replete with sensations yesterday. Henry J. McCoy, counsel for the Young Men's Christian Association, who was cited for contempt of court last Monday for telling Juror Truman that if he did not hang Durrant the people would hang him, was fined \$250, with the alternative of five days in the county jail.

During the cross-examination of a witness summoned for the defense, a prosecution developed the fact that a student at the Cooper Medical College who did not attend the lecture delivered by Dr. Cheney on the afternoon of April 3 was recalled to the stand. The testimony is of the greatest importance to the prosecution, from the fact that it shows the unreliability of the roll-call book. In which Durrant was present on the afternoon that Blanche Lamont was murdered.

The last sensation of the day was an order made by the court committing Miss Carrie Cunningham, a newspaper reporter, to the county jail for refusing to answer a question. The defense desired to impeach the testimony of Mrs. Leake, who said she did not tell Miss Cunningham that she saw Durrant and Miss Lamont enter Emmanuel Baptist Church on the afternoon of April 3. Miss Cunningham testified that Mrs. Leake did not tell her what she had seen, but when asked to reveal the source of her information the witness declined to answer. An order was made committing the witness to the county jail for contempt. On motion of the defense, it was made to go into effect tomorrow morning, when Miss Cunningham would be given another chance to answer the question.

The defense placed on the stand eight more students who attended the lecture delivered by Dr. Cheney on the afternoon of April 3 to testify as to whether they had seen or heard Durrant. Each witness gave a negative answer. With the exception of six, all the members of the class have now been asked this question. One of the students died since April 3, and the prosecution has been unable to obtain the attendance of the other five in court. The prosecution limited the cross-examination in each case to asking if the witness saw Durrant at the lecture. Not a student was found who remembered having seen the defendant. The notes of each witness were placed in evidence by the prosecution. The notes tend to play an important part in the future proceedings, as the prosecution intends to compare them with the notes said to have been taken by Durrant at the time.

Attorney Durrant called the attention of the court to the fact that Robert N. Lynch, private secretary to Rev. J. G. Gibson, was in the court room, and asked to have him removed. The court said Lynch could not be removed unless he was subpoenaed as a witness, when he would be excluded like all other witnesses. A subpoena was issued for Lynch, and he was ordered to leave the room. The defense endeavored to show by F. A. Ross, a student at Cooper Medical College, that on the afternoon of the murder, Durrant was in the vicinity of the Golden Gate. Ross remembered that he and Durrant had taken such a walk, but said he could not fix the date.

## Breach of Promise.

A Verdict of \$5,000 Against an Ex-Londoner.

In Fifteen Minutes—James James, Late of the Western Hotel, the Defendant.

The Stratford Herald thus reports the breach of promise case, Sellers vs. James, which was decided at the Perth Fair Assizes yesterday.

The defendant in this case, James James, formerly kept the Western Hotel in London. The plaintiff, Elizabeth Sellers, had been in his employ some years, and alleged to have been seduced by the defendant in 1892. As reparation he took care of the child, providing for it financially, and also agreed to marry the plaintiff. Some time ago, however, the defendant came between the plaintiff and Mr. James, and he conveniently forgot all about his contract with Miss Sellers and married this woman. This was the substance of the case as outlined by Mr. Idington, counsel for the plaintiff. Miss Sellers is tall of figure and rather prepossessing, being still in the prime of life.

Elizabeth Sellers, the plaintiff, went into the box and told Mr. Idington she was now living in Toronto. She had lived with the defendant for eight years, having been in his employ before his first wife died. She related the circumstances of the seduction in a modest but emphatic way. A letter from the defendant, written on April 10, 1894, was read, in which he declared he was as "lonesome as a grave" since the plaintiff's departure for Toronto. Another written in November, 1893, expressing undying love and a promise to see the defendant, was also read. The child is with friends in South Easthope and was visited by the defendant every month for two years. Thomas Friendship told the court he knew both parties. The defendant once told him that he intended to marry Miss Sellers.

There was no defense, and the judge told the jury that the duty in the case was very plain. The plaintiff was entitled to substantial damages.

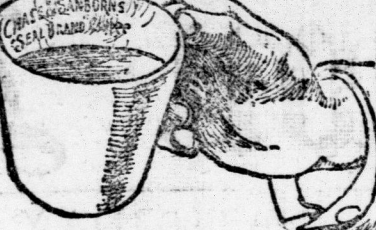
The jury retired at 15 minutes to 3 and returned at 3 o'clock with a verdict for \$5,000.

The parties to the case being almost entirely unknown in court, the announcement was not received with any particular manifestations of approval or otherwise, but nevertheless appeared to meet with general acceptance.

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## The Valleyfield Murder.

Thrilling Story Told by One of Shortis' Victims.

Witnesses Rehearse the Story of the Cotton Mills Murder—"Shoot Me, Shoot Me," Said Shortis When Arrested, "Don't Know Why I Killed These Men."

Beauharnois, Que., Oct. 5.—John Lowe, cashier of the cotton mills, was the first witness called for the crown in the trial of Shortis for the Valleyfield murders. He told the story of the murder in detail. During his story the prisoner kept his eyes steadfastly fixed on him.

The witness was requested to step down when midway in his evidence, and Mr. Elie Poirier, chief of police, Valleyfield, was called. He appeared with all the exhibits, including two revolvers, cartridges, bullets, a bag, a cane, the broken telephone, the clothes of the victim, etc., which were left in the possession of the court.

Mr. Lowe was then recalled, and completed his narrative.

HUGH WILSON'S STARTLING EXPERIENCE.

Hugh A. Wilson, a youthful looking person, testified that he was in the mill office on the night of the tragedy. He was at work when he was shot by Shortis. He screamed and fell, but while Shortis was shooting, Loy he crawled into the corridor.

Shortis followed and fired and again struck him. He fired again and missed. He got on his feet and hurried forward, but fell from weakness. He called sufficiently to proceed a short distance further, and managed to get under a bench.

Shortis reappeared with a lantern, and, discovering him, fired at him again, the ball again taking effect. He was left for dead. When alone once more he crawled to the boiler room, and, reaching a bench, sank on it exhausted. He was found subsequently by Dr. Sutherland and Watchman Delisle and told them who had done the deed.

The recital of Wilson's evidence was listened to intently by the vast audience.

"SHOOT ME! SHOOT ME!" Dr. Sutherland was next sworn. His testimony dealt with the finding of Wilson, dangerously wounded, and as to how he and Delisle had armed themselves with gas pipe and went in search of the murderer. Hearing Lowe's warning from the vault that Shortis was armed, he and Delisle sprang to opposite sides of the hall. He ordered Shortis to throw up his hands, and told of the surrender of the prisoner, who remarked, "Shoot me! Shoot me! I don't know why I killed these men."

David Smith, secretary and treasurer of the Valleyfield mill, was examined. His story dealt with his summons to the scene of the murder, the unlocking of the vault and liberation of the imprisoned men. Shortis, he said, had also requested him to shoot him, but he replied that he deserved something more severe, and that he would get it.

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## ALMOST TOO TENDER.

"Like mistress, like maid," is a saying that is probably oftener true than "like master, like man." The story is told that Mlle. Augustine Brohan, the French comedienne, who was extremely humane to all animals, no matter how humble, one day at table, found a fly caught on her plate. She took it up tenderly with her thumb and finger and called her maid, "Marie," she said, "take this fly—be careful, don't hurt him—and put him outdoors." The girl took the fly and went away, but presently Mlle. Brohan saw her standing near, with a troubled expression on her face. "Well, Marie," she said, "did you do as I told you?" "No, mademoiselle; I have the fly still. I couldn't venture to put him out doors—it was raining, and he might have taken cold."

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