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## SQUIBOGRAPHS.

The prospectors in Larder Lake have to be well pleased before they will give you any tips.

Longboat, the Canadian long distance runner, is reported stranded on the rocks.

A scarcity of money is reported in the west and we know of places in the east, where it is not any too prevalent.

Constant Reader, London.—The bonds of Hymen are not the same kind of twine as the string attached to Hymen's resignation.

Nearly all the leading towns have organized a Canadian club, but none of them are as strong and inspiring as the Walkerville original.

The Minister of Education advocates flying the Union Jack over the schools in Ontario. The least the trustees can do is to provide Pyne poles for flag staffs.

An expert, who can answer a hypothetical question of 15,000 words without getting tangled, should be a preferred risk when applying for insurance against brain storms.

A Minister of Telephones has been added to the Manitoba cabinet. Any member who interjects, "ear, ear," when he is addressing the house will be promptly switched.

A "Made in Kentucky" exhibition opened in Louisville this week. The main building is known as Bourbon Hall and a stack of the famous blue grass is the feature of the agricultural display.

Several Wall Street brokers had a narrow escape from drowning last week. The overflow caused by squeezing the water out of the stock market caught them, before they could adjust their life preservers.

An American visitor lost his rubbers, while crossing one of Toronto's muddy streets. The gums drifted into the Bay and the harbor master presented the owner with a plug hat for the first craft coming into the port this season.

After passing a resolution in favor of disarmament and universal peace, the Premier of Ontario and the leader of the Opposition, took a recess to sharpen up their little dirks for another deadly encounter on the floor of the House.

General Booth addressed the members of the Legislature and the inmates of the Central Prison the same afternoon. He was greatly aided in distinguishing between the law makers and the law breakers by an occasional bunch of whiskers on the faces of the former.

Under the recent Supreme Court decision the bookies at the Woodbine will not be permitted to maintain permanent stands in the betting ring. Toronto sports are chartering automobiles to chase the short odd artists around the course in order to get them to take their money.

He boiled all night  
And he boiled all day  
Making sugar  
In the good old way  
He got so tired  
He could hardly stand  
But still he kept a shovelling  
In the nice clean sand,  
He said to himself,  
"Oh isn't this great  
Sand is cheaper than sugar  
And I sell by weight."

An expert electrician has devised a system, whereby the rooms in a house can be heated by rugs, mats, etc., charged with electricity. This is likely to cause no end of trouble. For instance, Julia and her young man may just get snuggled down on a single seated couch for a few hours gum drop conversation, when the old man upstairs would turn on the scorch current. The temperature of the couch drapey would immediately raise, also Julia and her Willie, the undue heat causing a coldness between them that might never thaw out.

A FIRE, which broke out about 11 o'clock Thursday last in the soda water works owned by Mr. Richard Taylor, of Strathroy, did damage to the extent of \$1,000. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The prompt work of the fire brigade saved the building from destruction. Mr. Taylor's residence adjoining was saved. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the chimney.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Eggs taken as cash at Taylor's. BORDERER is sold by the roll at Taylor's. GRAND Easter display this week.—SWIFT BROS.

NEXT Friday is Good Friday and a legal holiday.

REDUCED rates on the G. T. R. for the Easter holidays.

HAVE a look at McLaren's wall paper samples.

A LARGE contingent from this district will leave for the West next week.

J. MATHEWS is moving into one of the VanAuken cottages on Front St. this week.

EASTER jackets, tourist coats, rain coats.—SWIFT BROS.

A MEETING of the Western District Pairs Association was held in Petrolia Friday.

YOU'LL miss it if you don't investigate our bargains in cedar posts.—M. A. LAWRENCE.

SHEP. P. DODDS & Son's bargain counter for men's fine shoes. Marked down to clear.

THE eighty-eighth anniversary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows falls on April 26.

TWENTY-FIVE men left Wyoming Tuesday for the West, their destination being Medicine Hat.

OUR dress goods stock will surprise the ladies.—SWIFT BROS.

MILLINERY openings at Miss Minnie's Thursday afternoon and evening, March 28th, 1907.

ANOTHER car of choice feed corn, ten tons of bran, and a large variety of first-class seed, arrived at R. Haskett's.

JAPANESE fern balls, gladiolus bulbs, choice sweet pea and nasturtium seed in bulk, at McLaren's.

CONDUCTOR W. J. Ball, of the Grand Trunk, was fined five dollars for obstructing a street at Ingersoll with his train.

THERE was a good run of sap Monday and Tuesday and maple syrup is offered on the local market at \$1.25 per gallon.

A SACRAL purchase of men's ready made suits, sizes 36, 37, 38, 39, money makers.—SWIFT BROS.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture is investigating the reasons of the failure of the potato crop in the Province.

IT is said the Grand Trunk will put on three new fast trains on the main line between Suspension Bridge and Sarnia Tunnel.

OUR dollar black silk, best in Ontario, and our uncuttable Taffeta, stock complete again.—SWIFT BROS.

MISS WILLIAMS cordially invites you to inspect her millinery and fancy goods display, Thursday March 28th, afternoon and evening.

THE roads were drying up nicely until about four inches of "sugar snow" fell on Monday night, which has left them in a sloppy condition.

IF you want a dinner, tea or toilet set come in and we will give you prices that will surprise you. We must have the room for new goods.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

MR. Levi Smith's family moved into town from Warwick this week, and are occupying the residence on Wall St. owned by Mrs. Kennedy.

F. H. MCGUGGAN, fourth vice-president, is leaving the Grand Trunk to enter the service of the Great Northern with headquarters at St. Paul.

HEADSTOCK suits, special display in cloak department, 2nd floor.—SWIFT BROS.

JERRY DONDINO, champion of Lambton County, has accepted the challenge of George Ralph, of Sarnia, for a wrestling match on a date to be named.

IT is probable that the new Trinity Church will be erected on the site of the old building, the Committee not being able to secure a more desirable site.

Cut flowers for Easter. Leave your order at McLaren's drugstore. Flowers sold at green house prices.

NEW YORK city's milk supply comes from 30,000 farms, situated in six states, varying in distance from the metropolis from ten to four hundred miles.

THE annual meeting of the officers of the 27th Regt. St. Clair Borderers, will be held in the Hotel Vendome, Sarnia, on Friday, March 29th, at 2 o'clock p.m.

TWEED suits, made to order, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, very special value.—SWIFT BROS.

IN the rural schools of Ontario the average salary of male teachers increased from \$385 in 1904 to \$402 in 1905, and for female teachers from \$294 in 1904 to \$311 in 1905.

TRIPLET, all girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Manley, of the village of Staples, six miles from Comber, on Sunday. Mother and little tots are doing well.

P. DODDS & SON have a large stock of heavy shoes. The correct thing for the wet weather and mud.

SINGLE fare for round trip between all Grand Trunk stations in Canada, also to Detroit, Port Huron, Buffalo and Suspension Bridge. Tickets good going March 28th to 31st, and April 1st, good returning until April 2nd. For tickets and information call at Grand Trunk ticket offices.

THE Commercial Hotel, Wyoming, was sold Tuesday to Messrs. Sharkey & Kiddle, of Petrolia, the price paid being \$3,200. This does not include the furnishings.

THE late Timothy Eaton, merchant prince of Canada, did not leave one cent of his immense fortune, estimated at considerably over two million dollars, for any charitable purpose.

BLACK and blue finished and unfinished worsteds, direct from the old land.—SWIFT BROS.

REV. W. G. CONNOLLY, B. A., will preach in the Methodist Church next Sunday evening. The pastor will conduct the morning service, Baptism, and reception of new members.

THE ice in St. Clair River started to move on Friday afternoon and by 6 o'clock in the evening it had dropped to a point below Marine City, traveling twenty miles during the day. It was a great sight.

IN groceries we guarantee all goods to give satisfaction, if not we will take much pleasure in having you return goods that do not suit you. Try a lb. of our 25c. tea.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

ONE of our subscribers informs us that there are in Alvinston 47 widows, 4 widowers, 17 old maids and 9 old bachelors. If the latter nine would get a hustle on the above showing could be improved.—Free Press.

PASSENGER traffic managers of all western lines met at Chicago Friday to discuss plans to reduce speed of passenger trains. Their conclusions will be presented to the officers of the operating departments.

SHE the latest Hawes' blocks, open next week, hat department.—SWIFT'S.

FIRE was discovered in the store of J. B. Gough, Napier West Middlesex license inspector, Tuesday, and before it was extinguished some \$400 damage was done. The cause of the fire is said to have been due to a defective furnace.

DR. A. A. STOCKTON, the junior member for St. John, N. B., who had been ill in Water Street Hospital, Ottawa, for four weeks, passed away early last Saturday morning. This makes the fourth death among the members this session.

"GET rid of them quick," prices on wall paper remnants at McLaren's.

THERE passed away Monday one of Toronto's most honored and aged residents, Mrs. Featherstone Osler, who celebrated her hundredth anniversary on December 14th last. She is survived by six grand children, and 21 great grandchildren.

MR. and MRS. JOHN FRASER, Petrolia, announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Helen Marion, to Edward Gillette Martin, M. D., of Detroit, to take place in the Petrolia Presbyterian Church, on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 27th, at half past two o'clock.

THOSE new dress goods comprise all the new shadings and patterns, see them.—SWIFT BROS.

HOUSEKEEPERS will find Campbell's Varnish (Stains most excellent for staining and varnishing floors and interior woodwork. These Stains dry hard over night and never become tacky. Mr. T. Dodds carries a full line of all colors.

SEVENTY passenger coaches of the most approved type are now in course of construction for the Grand Trunk railway. A number of the cars are being erected at the Montreal shops of the company, while the remainder are being built under contract by private concerns.

IN fine shoes we have a full line of doggola, box calf and patents. In heavy we have French and Canadian kips, also grain leather, from the best makers, which we are offering at as reasonable prices as goods of that class will permit.—GOODHAND & MILLER.

THE Ontario Government will open up three new townships on April 15 for the location of veterans' homesteads. These townships are in the vicinity at Larder Lake and have been named Lucas, after Mr. I. B. Lucas; Crawford, from Mr. Thomas Crawford, and Prosser.

G. T. R. EXPRESS No. 6, from Chicago due at the tunnel at 9.30 Saturday morning did not arrive in Watford until about four o'clock. The delay was caused by the express leaving the tracks at Bancroft, Mich. The engineer and fireman of the express were seriously injured.

VERY swell, white lawn waists, our 88c and dollar goods are a surprise.—SWIFT BROS.

THE Mikado Opera Co., of Strathroy, composed of the best musical talent in that town, will present that popular comic opera in the Lyceum, Strathroy, April 2nd and 3rd and in the Victoria Opera House, Sarnia, April 5th. The Co. comprises sixty people and the costumes are supplied by A. W. Tams, of New York.

A GENTLEMAN, with large experience in mining, recently returned from Toronto reports the speculators in that city as Cobalt crazy. One of the leading hotels in the city is a regular mining stock exchange, and he predicts that there will be a lot of Toronto people stung when the gas goes out of the balloon.

MR. H. B. SMITH, of Waukegan, a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, has been appointed by the Ontario department of agriculture to ascertain the cause of recent failures of the potato crop in this Province. Numerous reports have reached the department of potato crops being destroyed by rot, and of recent years there has been a large increase in the importation of potatoes.

THERE were 52 nights skating at the local rink this season, and the ice Wednesday night was as good as the best.

AUCTION sale of Good Templar's Hall and contents on C. Williams' farm, Main Road, Warwick, on Friday, March 29th, at 2 p. m.

IN sending his yearly subscription to one of the Winnipeg newspapers a Manitoba farmer wrote; "Dear Sir:—If you see any women that want to get married, send them this way. I want a wife myself, and a good many more."

MR. L. H. SMITH reports that the arrival from the south of our early spring birds was very slow this season. Up to Friday, the 15th, only an occasional robin or bluebird was noticed. The great caravan of our spring birds arrived on the night of Friday. In a ramble on Friday afternoon very few were seen. On Saturday they were in swarms.

A REPT fire alarm was given at the Public School on Monday forenoon, and all the pupils were out of the building in thirty-two seconds, showing the scholars were well up in the drill. The members of the School Board were present and expressed themselves as well pleased with the test, no previous intimation of their visit having been given.

ON Wednesday next, March 27th, the Masons of Alvinston will open and dedicate a new Masonic Hall in that town, and on that occasion Rt. Wor. Bro. S. McWhorter, of Petrolia, D. D. G. M., of St. Clair District, will also pay his official visit to the lodge. It is likely that a large number of members of the craft from this district will also be present on the occasion.

AN Aylmer dispatch has the following in reference to a former pastor of the Watford Methodist Church. Dr. Hadley Williams, of London, was in Aylmer Saturday night in consultation with three of the local doctors as to the advisability of an operation on Rev. Mr. Phelps for appendicitis. It was decided to defer it. While somewhat better, there is very little change, and he suffers much pain.

ENGINEER McCallum, who is acting for Guelph city as an expert in the matter of the inquest on the death of the people killed in the Grand Trunk railway smash near Guelph a few weeks ago, states that the rails on the track where the accident occurred were only 68 pound rails, whereas 91-ton engines were used on that line. The rail which broke and caused the accident contained a flaw, but it had been down for a good many years.

THE death took place on Saturday morning of Ernest Calder, second youngest son of Walter H. and Keziah Cook, Huron St., in his fourth year. Deceased, who was a bright, manly little fellow, contracted spinal trouble and pneumonia and his illness was of short duration. The funeral took place Monday afternoon at the Watford cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. Kelly, and Russell Cook, Earl McCormick, Clifford Leigh, and Fred Mathers acted as pall bearers.

AMONG the list of Charters granted to industrial companies as announced in Saturday's official Gazette are the following: The South-western Oil and Gas Lands, Limited—Capital, \$60,000; head office, Petrolia, Ont.; The Petrolia Bridge Company, Limited, Capital, \$40,000; The capital of the Industrial Mortgage and Savings Company with head office at Sarnia, Ont., has been increased by Order-in-Council from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

THE spring jury sittings of the High Court of Justice will be held at Sarnia on Monday next, Chief Justice Meredith presiding. The docket is a very light one. There are very few civil cases set down for hearing and there are no criminal cases whatever, so the presiding justice will be the recipient of the white gloves that custom hath decreed to be the proper thing in such cases. It is somewhat unusual to have no criminal business at the sittings of assizes but it speaks well for the behavior of the people of this county.—Advertiser.

TWENTY-TWO members of Peabody Lodge, No. 99 I.O.O.F., Watford, went to Sarnia, Tuesday evening, where they were the guests of Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, Captain Charles Frink, of the Sarnia Lodge, and his degree team, exemplified the initiatory degree in a faultless manner, and received many congratulations on their excellent work. After the degree work refreshments were served by the local brethren, and a pleasant hour spent in speech and song. The Watford visitors were delighted with the fraternal and hospitable manner in which they were entertained by the Sarnia brethren. The Watford delegation returned home on No. 4.

AFTER a lingering illness, Hannah Harrower, beloved wife of Mr. S. B. Howden, passed away at the family residence, Erie Street, early on Tuesday morning in her fifty-ninth year. Deceased was the second youngest daughter of the late George Harrower, Esq., 4th line, Warwick, one of the pioneer settlers of this district, and was married to Mr. Howden about thirty-four years ago and since that time has been a resident of Watford. Her kindness of heart and amiability endeared her to a large circle of friends, who will learn of her death with deep regret. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. J. E. Brent, Berlin; Mabel and Lillian, at home; Gordon and Lloyd, Mehta, Man., and Harold, Berlin. Mrs. B. Pike, Warwick, is the only surviving sister and the last of the family of the late Squire Harrower.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon to the Watford cemetery and was conducted by the Rev. M. Kelly, pastor of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Howden was a life long member.

RECENT Winnipeg papers contain an account of the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Amateur Driving Club, one of the most progressive and successful turf organizations, in the Dominion. Cuts of the officers of the club are published, and we notice the familiar features of "Dick" Roche, the popular starter of the club, in the group. Mr. Roche was presented with a gold locket by his fellow members and unanimously re-elected starter for the season of 1907. Mr. Roche has driven horses in half a dozen countries, and enjoys the unique distinction of never having been fined, or called down off his cart. His fastest drive was behind Harold H. at the Milwaukee fair, when he piloted the speedy little pacer to victory in 2.06.

THAT the Dominion dairy and cold storage commissioner has made no mistake in appointing Mr. George H. Barr to an important position on his staff at Ottawa is the general opinion of the dairymen of Western Ontario. Mr. Barr has been connected with the dairy interest for over 20 years and has a knowledge of it the equal of which few others possess. In the summer of 1902 the department of agriculture put him in charge of the instruction work in a group of factories in Lambton County, with headquarters at Watford, and as a result of his work there and similar work carried on by Mr. Barr in the east, the present system of forming the factories into groups for instruction purposes was adopted. The following year Mr. Barr was appointed chief instructor for Western Ontario, which position he has held to the present time. In the same year he was appointed superintendent of the Western Dairy School, Strathroy, and in 1903 was made secretary-treasurer of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario. These positions he has resigned to accept a situation on the staff of the dairy and cold storage commissioner, Ottawa. Mr. Barr expects to enter upon his new duties in Ottawa about April 10.

## A PLEASING PROGRAM.

The entertainment arranged by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in Caldwell's Hall this (Friday) evening promises to be more than usually attractive. In addition to a liberal supply of hot sugar and some excellent musical numbers, the humorous playlet, "The Pink Tea" will be presented, which alone is worth more than the small admission fee.

CHARACTERS.  
Mrs. Busby gives a Pink Tea and wishes she had had it.  
Mr. Busby, otherwise known as "Bob" makes his debut.  
Mrs. Upperton, certainly away up.  
Mrs. Hightone, who has reached the topmost room.  
Mrs. Wisacre, who has no time for frivolities, Miss Mary Busby, who enjoys the whole situation.  
Mrs. Dashleigh, the widow, who makes things interesting.  
Annette, Mrs. Busby's maid.  
Program at 8 o'clock.  
Admission 15c.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. Baker is much improved this week.  
R. B. Caldwell was here from Petrolia Tuesday.

M. Secord, Guelph, was here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Inrig, Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. R. C. McLeay.

Mrs. D. Cameron, St. Clair St., is under medical care this week.

John Cummings, Alvinston, spent Wednesday at A. Atchison's.

Mrs. S. Casey, Wyoming, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Newell, this week.

H. F. McKenzie and family left Monday for their future home in Calgary.

Rev. S. P. Irwin attended a business meeting of the Synod in London Thursday.

J. E. Brent, Berlin, was here Thursday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. S. B. Howden.

Miss Kate Harris is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Vicary, of St. Thomas.

O. W. Harris, who spent the winter at his home here, returned Monday to Curzon, Sask.

Lieut. G. L. Bryce has resigned his commission in the First Hussars on account of going west.

Mrs. H. L. Fowler, who spent part of the winter with her sister in Chicago, returned home this week.

Mr. J. A. Gibson, his daughter Grace, and son Goldwin, left Strathroy Monday morning for Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goodman have returned to their home in New Carlow, after a visit with Watford relatives.

Miss Emma Parks, who has been visiting at Mr. J. Wiley's, returned to her home in Dresden Wednesday and will visit Sarnia friends on the way.

Harry K. Laird has taken the position of local reporter on the staff of the Petrolia Topic and entered upon his new duties Monday.

The new Alvinston Masonic Hall, in the Pedlow Block, will be dedicated on Wednesday, March 27th, at 8 p. m. by R. W. Bro. Judge McWatt, of Sarnia, assisted by other grand lodge officers.