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LONDON AND DISTRICT.

—The C. P. R. city ticket office will be open Monday and Tuesday nights for the sale of tickets.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barron, and daughter, Agnes, leave this week on a trip to England and Scotland.

—Mrs. Nagle, of this city, has arrived in Ottawa and is the guest of her aunt, Miss Haycock, Argyle avenue.

—Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Glencoe, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, South London, yesterday.

—Mr. George W. Moore, a retired farmer, of Westminster, died yesterday at his home near Lambeth, at the advanced age of 85 years.

—Mrs. W. Leslie Allen, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., formerly Miss Ethel Frost, is spending a couple of weeks with Miss Lilla Phillips, Quebec street.

—The St. Thomas branch of the London Old Boys will bring the Twenty-fifth Regiment Band to this city with them during the celebration in August.

—Mrs. Wm. Footitt (nee Percival) will be at home, at 781 Hellmuth avenue, on Thursday afternoon, and Friday afternoon and evening, July 2 and 3, respectively.

—Miss E. Olga McAlpine, contralto soloist of Holy Trinity Church, New York, formerly of London, accompanied by her sister, has left for a two months' visit to Vancouver.

—The annual picnic of the First Presbyterian Sunday school will be held next Friday at Springbank. A good programme of sport has been arranged, and the children anticipate a fine time.

—Conductor Adam Douglass, of the Sarnia accommodation, has resumed his run, having almost entirely recovered from the injuries he received some weeks ago by the accident at Komoka.

—The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Moore Snyder, of Philadelphia, to Mr. Samuel T. Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Callaway, of New York, formerly of London.

—The 26th Regiment band will give that postponed band concert for the Old Boys, in Victoria Park, this evening. Members of the Home Guard will be at the gates to receive contributions, and are hoping for large receipts.

—Twenty-seven dairy cows were sold on Saturday afternoon for Mr. John McClary by Auctioneer Hunt at Odell's hotel. They sold at an average of $42 25 per head. This is considered to be a good figure for this time of year.

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—Rev. Cooper Robinson, missionary to Japan, whom many will remember as having taken part in the recent loan exhibition at the city hall, conducted the services at the Memorial Church yesterday. Mr. Robert M. McElheran, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, will assit in the services during the summer holidays.

—George Primrose, the former bellboy at the Tecumseh House, this city, who retired from minstrelsy last winter after a professional career of a quarter of a century, will appear in vaudeville next winter. He has signed a contract to play for 25 weeks for Manager John J. Murdock, of the Masonic Temple Theater, for which term he is to receive $25,000. He will make his first vaudeville appearance this summer at the Masonic Temple, being assisted by two dancers.

SPECIAL HIGH MASS.

Special high mass will be sung at the morning service in St. Peter's next Sunday morning in commemoration of the patron saints of the church, St. Peter and St. Paul.

NO ANTHEMS IN HOLIDAYS.

No anthems will be given by the choir of the First Methodist Church during the three vacation months, and last night a special programme was rendered as a close to the season of special music.

BOYS RAN AWAY.

Three boys, about 14 years old, were arrested in a box car at Sarnia Friday night. They gave their names as Matthew Brown, Emerson Brooks and John Campbell, of London, and said they had left home about three weeks ago for Niagara Falls. They were remanded in order that inquiries could be made of the police in London.

DEATH OF THOMAS MILLS.

Mr. Thomas Mills, a well-known and respected resident of London for many years, died early on Saturday morning at the residence of his niece, Miss Mills, Talbot street. He was 76 years of age and had lived retired in this city for many years. He fought in the American civil war, and at the conclusion of it moved to Canada. He is survived by several nieces, who reside in this city. The funeral was held this afternoon.

ORGANIST TO RETIRE.

Mr. Arthur E. Jones., the organist of the Dundas Street Methodist Church, will, it is understood, resign his position, the resignation to take effect at the end of three months. Mr. Jones has been organist and choir leader at the Dundas Street Church since the removal of Mr. W. H. Hewlett to Hamilton.

BUFFALO OLD BOYS.

About 40 of the London old boys in Buffalo met on Friday night and formed the Buffalo-London Old Boys' Association with the following officers: President, Thomas Payne; vice-president, J. H. Mutsill; secretary, Frank A. Wilson; treasurer, Samuel McKeown; finance committee, H. A. Ormond, S. C. Carter and Charles Berry; executive board, H. A. Ormond, S. C. Carter, T. S. Heard, W. C. Morgan, S. A. Stinson, W. Taylor and C. Short. They expect to bring a special train of 150 old boys, including parties from Niagara Falls, Tonawanda and other places, to the reunion in August.

MET AT PETERBORO.

The officers of the Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World met at Peterboro last week. Those present were C. C. Hodgins, Lucan, head consul, commander; C. Cinnamon, Linsay, head adviser; T. H. Luscombe, London, head banker; W. C. Fitzgerald, London, head clerk; Dr. W. S. Harrison, Toronto, head physician; R. H. Blackmore, St. Thomas, head escort; D. W. D. Wiley, Dresden, head sentry; J. H. Saunders, London, head watchman; J. B. Hoover, Clinton, chairman of the board of managers; L. H. Taylor, Brantford, and J. W. F. Bain, Woodstock, board of managers.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The board of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association met on Saturday and passed a resolution of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. T. P. Blackwell, who was first vice-president of the association. Mr. W. R. Grant as appointed to fill his place, while Mr. H. E. Buttrey, president of the Travelers' Club, was made second vice-president, and Mr. Robert Tait was elected to the directorate.

FUNERAL OF JOHN WAY.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Way, the young farmer whose sudden death was such a shock to his large circle of friends in London Township, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his uncle, Mr. James Elliott, to St. John's Cemetery, where the Rev. Mr. James and Canon Richardson officiated at very impressive services. The pallbearers were Messrs. Robert and James McVey, J. and W. Elliott, W. Ardiel and W. McGuffin. Mr. Way had lived with his uncle, Mr. James Elliott, almost all his life, but among the large circle of friends and relatives who mourn his death are an aunt, Miss Lizzie Elliott, of London Township; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Way; two brothers, Robert and William, and two sisters, Mrs. Milton Lackie and Jennie, all of Michigan.

ONCE LIVED IN LONDON.

The death of a former Londoner is chronicled in the Chicago British American, of June 27, as follows: Mrs. Lena McMahon, eldest daughter of the late Charles S. Parkins (formerly with the G. T. R. at Brantford, Ont.), died at her home at Merriam Park, Minnesota, on Saturday, June 20, after a painful and lingering illness. Deceased was a native of London, Canada, and was married to Mr. Lewis McMahon in this city in 1884, removing to Minneapolis, and settling in the beautiful suburb, where she died, as above stated. Her husband, her mother, Mrs. Mary Parkins, two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Osborne, Mrs. John Jamieson, of this city, and one brother, Geo. C. Parkins, David City, Iowa, survive her. The funeral took place on Monday, at 2 p. m., and was largely attended.

PREACHED FIRST SERMON

Rev. T. B. Clark Enters Upon Rectorship of All Saints.

In Absence of Bishop and Archdeacon He "Read Himself In."

Rev. T. B. Clark, the newly-appointed rector of All Saints' Church, occupied the pulpit of the Hamilton road edifice at both services yesterday. It was his first Sunday as the head of this growing parish, and following the ancient custom of the church he read the 39 articles of the Christian faith at the morning service. The duty of "reading in" a new rector devolves upon the bishop or archdeacon of a diocese, but as both the Bishop of Huron and Archdeacon Davis were unable to attend at All Saints' yesterday, the work had to be done by Mr. Clark himself. In the evening, the new rector referred in grateful terms to the action of the congregation in inviting him to the rectorship, and in outlining the plan of work he would pursue, he said his chief object at all times would be to do that which would be of the most service to the greatest number.

The church was well filled both morning and evening, chairs being required in the aisles in the evening.

THE CRAZE TO GET RICH

Rev. W. J. Clark on the Subject of Speculation.

The Desire to Get Something for Nothing the Root of It.

In the course of his sermon at the First Presbyterian Church last night, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, referred incidentally, to the haste to get rich, which was one of the evil tendencies of the age. In a former day and generation, the young were taught that industry and economy were the only doors to wealth; but he feared that in these days too many grew up with the idea that fortune was to be gained by the exercise of wit, by pitting one's sharp wits against the dull wits of his fellow. As to the methods of getting rich, it was rather difficult to lay down a general principle applicable to all cases. Take the case of a man who had invested the funds of others in stocks. If the market turned against him, he was overtaken by shame and disgrace. Another man who invested money similarly, might be favored by fortune, he would amass wealth and die honored by his fellow-citizens. Mr. Morally, Mr. Clark said, the two men were in the same position. A minister recently wrote to the New York Outlook asking for some advice on this question, stating that he had been sorely puzzled about the investment of money, and wanted to know wherein the investment of money in stocks differed from putting one's money in real estate in the hope that it would advance in value. The reply of the Outlook was quoted as follows:

"The desire to get something for nothing is always and inherently a wrong desire, and any transaction, however veiled, which has for its object the gratification of this desire, is an immoral transaction, for any bargain ought to be, in the thought of the parties to the bargain, intended for the benefit of both the bargainers. In other words, all life is for service, and any transaction is illegitmate which is simply self-seeking."

THE LATE THOS. WOODBURNE

Memorial Service in Adelaide Street Baptist Church—Pastor's Tribute.

At Adelaide Street Baptist Church yesterdy morning the memorial services held in connection with the death of Deacon Thomas Woodburne were largely attended. A beautiful collection of flowers graced the preacher's desk and platform, while appropriate selections were given by the quartet choir. "Some Sweet Day By-and-Bye," and "Safe in the Arms of God's Infinite Love" were sung with marked taste and feeling by the Misses Mary and Maude Pearce, and Messrs. Chas. F. Maynard and C. G. Moorhead. Pastor Thomas S. Johnson took for his text the words: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."—First Thess., iv., 13. The preacher enumerated points in which the unbeliever and the Christian sorrowed alike, and then spoke of those in which they differed. He said the believer's sorrow was not mixed with a rebellious spirit. Christian sorrow and submission go together. The believer trusts in God though he cannot trace the Almighty's designs. The unbeliever knows no joys beyond those of earth—the grave alone holds his loved one, and his sorrow is the sorrow of eternal separation. Death and the grave are dread realities, but to the believer they have lost their terrors. Christ has triumphed over death and the grave, and life and immortality are brought to light in the Gospel.

In speaking of the departed one, Pastor Johnson said they had known each oiher for 30 years. "Brother Woodburne despised fulsome eulogy, but he (the speaker) could truthfully say of him that he was a true man and a devoted Christian." He spoke of the deceased's fidelity to his family, his loyalty to the denomination and to the church of his choice, his punctuality and attentive attitude at the services, and the many ways in which he had been an encouragement and an inspiration to the pastor. The preacher spoke feelingly of the bereaved family, and closed with an earnest appeal to his hearers to emulate the example of the deceased brother in so far as he followed the Master.

There was a large attendance again in the evening, when four young converts were baptised.

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Was Caught in Rush of Hot Water and Escaping Steam.

William Steer, night engineer for the Power Equipment Company, of King street, met death in an indescribably horrible manner Sunday morning. Every particle of his body was terribly scalded by boiling water and steam, and inhaled steam badly scalded his mouth, throat and lungs. He suffered these injuries between 1 and 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and lived until 5 o'clock, when death mercifully ended his sufferings.

The establishment where the accident occurred is situated at the rear of the Helena Costume Company's premises on King street, One of the night engineer's duties is to turn off the power, and on Sunday morning he had also to "strip the boiler," that is to prepare it for a cleaning that it was to undergo the next day. He was to have allowed the hot water and the steam to escape and then remove the cover of the man-hole on the top of the boiler. The power having been turned off, he was working by the light of a torch. It seems that he had let some of the water and steam out, and thought that it had all escaped. In this belief, he worked at the cover of the man-hole, removed one nut after another, and methodically placed them in proper position so that they might be most easily replaced. Then he attempted to raise the cover.

There must have been quite a heavy pressure of steam within the boiler, for it blew the cover with great force against the ceiling above, and the unfortunate engineer was caught in a rush of hot water and escaping steam. The steam filled the room. It frightfully scalded his entire body. He inhaled it and it burned his mouth, tongue, larynx and lungs.

It seems that then the injured man was able to get down the ladder from the top of the boiler to the floor below. There he stayed, helpless, in that awful condition, until help was strangely summoned. The building he was in is equipped with an automatic sprinkler and fire alarm arrangement which is set in motion by unusual heat. The heat starts the sprinklers working and the running water sounds an alarm at the fire hall. It requires extraordinary heat to work the fuse in the engine room because the temperature of it is always high. The mechanism was set in action by the intense heat of the escaping steam, and the alarm sounded at the central fire hall, a short distance away. The firemen hurried to the Helena Costume establishment, but found no fire. Then they went to the Power Company's engine-room, where they were attracted by the moans of the injured man, whom they found in that pitiable condition. He begged for water, which his poor scalded throat would not let him drink. His hair was burned off and his flesh fell from him.

Dr. Drake did what could be done for him, which, after he was removed to the hospital, was little more than to administer anaesthetics which temporarily relieved him of his anguish. Death intervened at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Steer was formerly a locomotive engineer on the G. T. R. His wife, two sons and two daughters survive him.

Dr. MacLaren, coroner, investigated the circumstances of the fatality, and decided that there were no grounds for an inquiry.

MURDER NEAR NAPANEE

Man Thought To Be Insane Batters Wife to Death.

Napanee, Ont., June 29. — Gideon Butts, a resident of the township of Anglesea, near the village of Cloyne, killed his wife about 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Butts is a man of fifty years of age, and is believed to be insane. A constable had a warrant for his arrest on Friday, but on the entreaties of his wife he was allowed his liberty.

Saturday morning Butts attacked his wife and battered her head from her body with a large stone. After committing the murder he went to County Constable Cuddy asking him to come and see what he had done. Cuddy followed Butts to the scene of the murder, which was one of the cruelest imaginable. He immediately placed Butts in custody and landed him in the county jail here.

Big London Fire.

London, June 27. — The freight depot of the Midland Railway was destroyed by fire last night. It was one of the largest warehouse buildings in London and burned fiercely for several hours. The loss will be enormous, although no estimate has yet been given. Some of the contents of the warehouse were saved, but a great quantity of freight was destroyed.

A Fatal Fall.

Hamilton, Ont., June 29. — John Gunby, East Flamboro, while hauling shingles to the top of a barn he was roofing in Nelson township, overbalanced and fell 50 feet to the cellar. His jawbone was broken, and he sustained internal injuries, of a probably fatal nature. Late in the afternoon he had not regained consciousness and little hope is entertained for his recovery. He is 24 years old and unmarried.

Thamesville Oil Strike.

Thamesville, Ont., June 29. — What is believed to be the best oil well yet was struck on the Crowell farm Saturday. The different companies have wells they estimate good for one hundred barrels each per day, and claim that this last strike is even better than that. One firm has refused fifteen thousand dollars in cash for one well they are now pumping, and they are shipping oil as fast as it can be teamed.

Lawn Party Accident.

Boston, June 29.—During the progress of a lawn party at the free home for consumptives, in Dorchester, Saturday, a gasoline lamp used to light a tent exploded, and eight persons were so severely burned about the face and hands that they were taken to the hospital. One young woman sustained serious injuries by being trampled upon.

Brutes Given to Drink.

Although it has often been said, when speaking of drunkenness, that even the beasts of the field do not get drunk, it is nevertheless a fact that a great many animals do get intoxicated. Take the elephant, for instance. He is particularly fond of the Unganu tree, and although he appears to have some idea that it is not good for him, he will go on eating when he has once begun until he is wildly excited and so intoxicated that he will stagger from side to side. Every now and then he will pull himself up, shake his huge head and tear madly through the forest, trumpeting at the top of his voice and terrifying every living creature. It is said that he will even dare and defy his most dreaded enemy, the tiger, when in this condition, but we have no means of verifying this. It is well known, however, that an elephant is in a most dangerous condition when suffering from the effects of eating this beautiful fruit, and all who can take care to keep out of his way as much as possible.

The sloth bear is another animal given to this failing. The natives of India are in the habit of hanging little vessels on the palm trees for the purpose of catching the juice. This juice is so attractive to the sloth bear that, although such a poor climber, he will scramble up and go on drinking the juice until he is so drunk that he can only slip helplessly to the ground and lie there in a drunken stupor until the effects have passed off.

But the sloth bear is not the only animal who is so partial to this juice of the palm tree. The curious fox bats (family pteropodidae) are particularly fond of it. This peculiar little combination of beast and bird, with its foxlike face, reddish, furry body and black, uncannoy-looking wings, the delicate membrane of which is always quivering down to the very tips, will fly to these vessels in company with hundreds of his companions, and they will suck the juice until the ground below the tree will be dark with the bodies of these bats, who will lie there too helplessly intoxicated to move or defend themselves, no matter what may turn up.

The biggest drunkard of all is perhaps the palm civet. So addicted is this animal to the drinking habit that he has been termed the toddy cat. And a more helpless, foolish-looking creature than he is when he is thoroughly intoxicated with the palm juice it would be difficult to find. There are many other animals given to this failing, but all those I have spoken of live in India, and it may be that the heat which induces extreme thirst—a frequent excuse among men—is the direct cause of it.—Collier's Weekly.

Japanese Acrobat's Toes.

The little Japanese acrobat, in his short robe of black, embroidered with gold dragons, walked slowly up the slanting wire cable to the very roof of the circus tent. There he paused a moment, and then—swish, swish, swish!—he slid smoothly and gracefully down the steep wire to the ground. Elevating his voice above the loud applause, an old circus man said: "That sliding trick has never been learned by a European. It's a trick that the Japs alone do. If you watched out little friend you noticed that he always kept the wire between his big toe and the second toe. When he slid the wire was between his toes. That is the way the Japanese learn to walk the wire, but we English and Americans can't learn to walk in that way, because our toes have not the same suppleness and strength. Our toes, confined for generations in unhygienic, tight, heavy leather boots, have no muscle and no mobility. To slide down a wire requires well-developed toes first of all. We, therefore, can't match the Japs in this showy, telling and difficult feat."—Philadelphia Record.