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SEND IN YOUR ITEMS.
In the course of a week many occurrences transpire in our midst—both sayings and doings—which, while worthy of record, drop into oblivion, and we would solicit correspondence of an interesting nature. Any defects in spelling or language will be corrected, provided the article is deemed worthy of insertion in the columns of the REPORTER. So send in items and lots of them.

OUR TOWN FATHERS!
NO IRISH NEED APPLY!

This important body, met pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, 17th, in the Town Hall. All the members were present, except the Mayor, who was ill, in the absence of whom D. Drake was appointed chairman. The clerk read a communication from the Market Clerk, asking the sum of \$80 for losses sustained by the weigh scales not being kept in proper order for nearly three months. Referred to Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Ermatinger and seconded by Mr. Still, that the Finance Committee have power within themselves to advertise for any printing they may require, in any paper they think proper, thus ignoring the Printing Committee who were appointed previously, and who listened to the resolution like whipped spaniels; also to exempt incoming manufacturers from taxation for a term of years, providing they do not compete with other industries employing 20 hands. Carried.

Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Still, wished the clause in by-law as regards the measurement of wood be enforced by the market clerk.

THE STARVING IRISH.
At the request of the Council, and being the second to a resolution asking a grant of \$500 towards the starving Irish, Father Flannery made a few appropriate remarks, stating that the amount asked for would not exceed two or three cents per head on the ratepayers to raise the sum of \$500, and that amount, in his opinion, no person would object to.

Messrs Roe and Still, both of whom seem to comprise the whole council, thought that the magnificent sum of \$250 would be sufficient to send to the Lord Mayor of Dublin to show that distinguished personage the generosity of the inhabitants of this rising town of St. Thomas.

Mr. Hunt took a common sense view of the matter, by stating that it was illegal, and that it would be better for every person who did not already subscribe to put their hands in their pockets and give their mite, no matter how small or large a sum, and not to tax the ratepayers.

Mr. Ermatinger coincided with the views of Mr. Hunt, and considered that the sum of \$250 was very meagre, coming from a wealthy town like St. Thomas, and thought that a larger sum might be got by voluntary subscription, and he for one was willing to be one of a committee to act in the matter, and that any course the council might take would be likely to frustrate the voluntary movement.

Mr. Martin fell into the views of the previous speaker, and recommended that a committee be formed for each ward and that a larger amount would be procured.

Mr. Frazer was of the same opinion.

Mr. Still, seconded by Roe, moved in amendment to their previous motion, that the sum of \$500 be granted, as it looked beggarly for a town like St. Thomas to grant so small a sum as \$250. This, in our opinion, was burking the question, and the ratepayers present thought so too. However, all the motions and amendments pertaining to the matter were put by the chairman and lost, and the motion appointing committees carried.

THE LICENSE COMMITTEE.
reported that they met, but could not agree. Mr. Roe, as chairman, read the report, which stated that they, the Committee, could not come to any decision as to the reduction of licenses, but recommend that a fee of \$5 be imposed on all travelling exhibitions coming to town, and that an extra tavern or saloon license be granted, making 17 in toto. Mr. Roe alluded to two petitions being sent in, one in favor of a reduction of licenses and the other opposite, both, were as long as the "moral law."

The committee skirted the question, and the council gave it a six months hoist.

Mr. Bevier, of the Lisgar House, on behalf the hotel keepers, made a lengthy speech in favor of a reduction of licenses of at least \$75. In the course of his remarks he referred to Councillor Wright as being one of the parties who got up the contra petition, and in his opinion, Mr. Wright, as a member of the corporation, was out of place in so doing. All Mr. B. asked for was justice.

Mr. Wright, in self defence, replied to Mr. Bevier, by stating that the only people in town that could put on style were the hotel keepers; they could sport any amount of jewelry, drive fast nags, go to balls and parties, get rich, and make the poor pay for it. He did not believe in such work; he watched their career for over twenty years, and during that time he saw nothing but ruin and decay from those parties who frequented Hotels. They are the means of making many a respectable man poor that might be rich.

Mr. Ermatinger felt sorry that the License Committee did not report decidedly, as it left the matter in its original shape. Your reporter's opinion, is that was the intention.

Mr. Coyne, in a sarcastic speech, said that if the hotel licenses were put up at auction they would fetch \$1000 each; in his opinion they were not productive either as to wealth or industry. Saloons he considered ought to be buried in oblivion; they were a vexation to mankind, and their licenses ought to be rated far more than hotels.

One more shuffle was made by Still and Roe to the effect that the license question be laid over for a week in order to allow the stool pigeons to consider the matter over:

The council adjourned.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN.
A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the above order, was held in this town on Tuesday last, in the Oddfellow's Hall. The following grand officers being in attendance.

R. M. M. Patton, Chatham, P. M. W.; E. W. Porter, St. Thomas, G. M. W.; M. D. Dawson, London, G. F.; Alexander Hamilton, Stratford, G. Overseer; John Millar, Essex Centre, G. Guide; F. J. Hood, London, G. Watchman.

57 Lodges were represented from different sections of Ontario, comprising a membership of about 1,500, of which 37 were instituted during the past year.

Reports were submitted by the Grand Master, Grand Recorder, and Grand Representatives to appropriate committees.

During the year the receipts amounted to over \$10,000 on assessments, which has been paid to the heirs of deceased members in the Supreme Lodge, while \$637 has been paid to the yellow fever fund. It was carried by resolution that the Grand Lodge meet in the City of Toronto next year. The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet a 7 p. m.

After this meeting a dinner on a sumptuous scale, was provided by mine host, Mr. Granis, of the C.S.R. in the spacious dining hall of the Company, when about 200 including guests, sat down—Mr. E. W. Porter, G. M. W. occupied the chair, and Mr. M. D. Dawson, vice chair—The usual loyal toasts were responded to in a manner befitting the occasion, when song and hilarity was kept up till the morning dawned. On the following day, the Grand Lodge met at their hall when the following officers were appointed for the present year:

Bro. G. W. Badgerow, M. P. P. for East York, G. M. W.
L. T. Lewis, of Chatham, G. G. F.
J. S. Miller, of Goderich, G. Overseer.
Hugh Parks, Port Robinson, G. Guide.
M. D. Carder, St. Thomas, G. Recorder.
Jas. Rushton, Ridgetown, G. Receiver.
A. Hamilton, Stratford, G. Watchman.

CURRENT CITY CHAT.
CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

N'ice weather this, for the ice men.
Grand Carnival in the West End Skating Rink, this evening.

Boggs says, his umbrella must be religious, as it keeps lent all the year round.

Mr. W. Fraser, of Port Stanley is enlarging and otherwise improving his premises.

The Bill to renew the charter of the London Junction R. R. Co. was badly defeated in the House.

William Hamilton, an old soaker, was up before the P. M. on Wednesday, for being a little elevated, Wm. was fined \$1 and allowed to go.

A Learned Waterford Doctor, remarked the other evening, that he did not care whether there was meat on the table for breakfast, or not, as long as there was ham and eggs.

An old East End man sadly remarked that only one of his sons ever took after him, and that was his son Aaron, with a club.

A young man named Robinson was arrested here on Tuesday last by a constable from Bismark, on the charge of breaking church windows.

Mr. S. Shaw, of the Criterion, at the instance of License Inspector McIntyre, was summoned on Monday last for selling liquor after hours on Saturday night, and was fined \$20, which was paid.

James Fahey, Esq., Editor of the Stratford Herald will, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, next, deliver a lecture in the Opera House—His subject will in due time be announced.

A collection, in aid of the suffering poor of Ireland, by order of his Lordship, Bishop Walshe, was taken up here on Sunday last in the R. C. Church, when the sum of \$130 was realized.

The Elgin Free Stock Fair Directors will meet at the Court House, on the 25th instant, for the transaction of business. Parties interested are requested to attend.

Ice in cakes of various sizes, were strewn in profusion along Talbot street, Thursday last. Talk about your ice crop, why there is any amount of it here!

Mr. J. McDonald will be here on Thursday next, for the purpose of purchasing horses, to weigh not less than 1,100 lbs.

At a meeting of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association held at Windsor, on Wednesday of last week, Mr. John Doyle of this town was appointed second Vice-President of the Grand Council.

Mr. Hall, Tinsmith, in the employ of Mr. Blackmore found the pocket-book, containing a sum of money, the property of Mr. Hammond who lost it on Sunday last, when going to Church.

Edward Horton, Esq., Barrister-at-law, has been the recipient of a pair of Indian tanned Robes, the present of Col. Richardson, Police Magistrate of Battleford, Manitoba.

Our old friend T. B. Hart, (happy Tom) was in town on Thursday looking as well as ever and quite in fashion, i. e. having a severe cold. He returned to his home, St. Catharines, the same day.

Parties in want of Tinware, Stoves, &c. had better call on Mr. H. Hughes, adjoining Moore Block, East end; he is determined to sell off cheap for cash, what goods belonged to Mr. Hickson, in order to make room for his new stock.

Kennedy's Concert Company and Burlesque Troupe who were to perform here on the 12th inst., failed to put in an appearance, having "burst" in London, after playing three nights. The Hotels, Printers, Bill Posters, and the owner of the Opera House would be anxious if they did come, in order that they might liquidate their indebtedness.

The Air Line Employees have already subscribed the handsome sum of \$200 towards the distressed Irish, and the good work still progresses. When completed the amount will be forwarded to the Duchess of Marlborough for distribution.

Harry, next time you send a Valentine don't send so much taffy along with it. The Valentine itself was very nice, but St. Thomas girls are not so soft as to believe in all such stuff as "my darling," "Oh! how I love you," &c.

The Popular Dime Company performed here on Tuesday night last "Ten Night's in a Bar Room," to an audience of at least 1200. The troupe is improving fast. On Wednesday night next "Ben Bolt" will be brought on the boards.

We notice our old townsman, Harry Flowers, is "doing the grand" at the Penwarden House stables once more, and is always ready and willing to take proper care of your horse, and send you off in good style. Bye-the-bye, don't forget to drop him a dime once in a while.

Wm. Wilson, a youth of our town, took a notion to have some ginger cake, at a confectioners expense but was afterwards handed over to the tender mercies of the law. The Magistrate gave him a lecture and had him returned to his parents, who no doubt will look after him.

Mr. Samuel Porter, Manager of the Genuine Singer Sewing Machine Co'y., has removed to store 207 Talbot street, next door to the Journal office, where he can be found to supply those in want of a good machine at prices that defy competition. Every machine warranted or no sale.

Mrs. Scott Siddons the renowned elocutionist, gave a reading here on Wednesday night last, to a fashionable and appreciative audience, the Opera House being nearly filled. Her rendering of the various pieces, eight in number, drew forth rounds of applause from her listeners, who were spell-bound from the commencement to the end of each piece.

The Canada Southern employees received their pay on the 15th instant, and we are pleased to state, that the boys, one and all, conducted themselves, with propriety, we did not perceive a man amongst them the worse of liquor, which reflects credit not only on themselves, but shows respect for the company in whose employ they are engaged.

Mr. L. E. Clair, of this town, keeps on hand for his numerous customers, the choicest brands of cigars of his own manufacture, at prices to suit the wants of hotel keepers and others. As it is the only establishment of the kind in this county it certainly ought to be patronized, thereby keeping the money expended in the purchase of such articles in our own locality. His manufactory is over Mr. Cheswright's drug store, Talbot street.

A team of horses belonging to Mr. Branton, of the Five Stakes, attached to an empty wood wagon, ran away from the neighborhood of the brewery, on Monday last, coming in contact with a span of horses belonging to Mr. McTavish, north Yarmouth, that was tied in front of one of the stores, upsetting and breaking the wagon, throwing the four horses on top of each other. Fortunately there was no person in either wagons at the time.

The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Southern Counties Agricultural Association, held at Penwardens Hotel, on the 11th inst. Mr. W. W. Disher moved, Mr. C. B. Spohn seconded, that Messrs. S. Day, John King, Thos. Futcher, W. Ayerst and Alfred Ware be a committee to proceed to London for the purpose of inspecting the agricultural buildings there, and to report at a meeting of the board to be held in two weeks. Carried. Mr. Ayerst moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews, that the main building to be erected on the Association grounds be 150 or 160 feet long, 60 feet wide and built according to the plans drafted by Mr. Ware. Carried. Mr. Disher moved, seconded by Mr. Ayerst, that Mr. Ware advertise for tenders for the building of a fence at once, and that the tenders be presented at the next meeting. Carried. It was resolved that the resignation of Mr. Kains as treasurer, be accepted, and that Mr. John King be appointed in his stead.

THE PRIZE RING.
ATERRIFIC PUGILISTIC ENCOUNTER
TOM ALLEN MUST LOOK TO HIS LAURALS.

The East End is becoming noted for the number of prize fights which occur in that locality. Last Monday two pugilistic "twisters" engaged in an exhibition of the manly art of self defence, each had imbibed a considerable portion of Fluid Lightning, and after some tall talking, one, Cordy invited the other, Nailey, to come outside and put him out, then they went at it, Cordy in the first round by a lightning like movement, known only to scientific boxers, planted his nose against Nailey's fist, and then showed the delighted spectators how hard he could fall down, after Nailey repeated the performance. Three or four more rounds were contested without much advantage to either party, when the combatants were parted, and the spectators proceeded to quench their thirst with whiskey straight.

SAVE ME! SAVE ME!!
Such was the cry issued from a certain well-known sportsman of this town on Tuesday last, when getting out ice at Yarwood's pond. In his anxious endeavors to grasp a cake, and not having creepsers on, suddenly fell into the hole, where he floundered like a porpoise, crying for help, "God save me! Lord have mercy on me!! I'm a gonner!!! If I only had Sam here I wouldn't give a d—n." With this last exclamation the men who were on-lookers, ran to his assistance, and had hard work to extricate him from his position, owing to the fun they had over the affair.

IRISH RELIEF.
The following committees were appointed to solicit subscriptions in the several wards in town, Rev. G. G. Ballard, chairman; J. P. Martin, treasurer; Rev. Wm. Flannery, corresponding secretary:
St. Andrew's Ward—C. O. Ermatinger, J. Farley, D. Drake, J. Rallis.
St. Patrick's Ward—Alex. Fraser, Geo. Scott, J. S. Upper, John Lahey.
St. George's Ward—J. P. Martin, John Doyle, Dr. Gustin, Dr. VanBuskirk, Frank Hunt.
St. David's Ward—I. Morse, J. O'Shea, E. O'Donnell, James Scallion, J. H. Seccord, R. McKay, foreman C. S. R.

Mr. John Belfry, who is in the employ of Messrs Haggert & Cochrane, met with a peculiar accident recently, he was engaged in gathering shavings and had to cross the hoist to procure some, while his back was turned the hoist was raised to another flat, unknown to him, and as he stepped back he was precipitated to the floor below, breaking his wrist and leg, he was conveyed home, and a subscription taken up among the other employees, which realized \$25 for him.

BORN
In this town, on the 16th, the wife of Mr. Edward McRoberts, of a daughter.

MARRIED
At the residence of the bride's father, on the 4th inst., by Rev. G. Ballard, Capt. A. S. Backus, Tyronnel, to Miss Eliza A., fifth daughter of James Potteccary, Esq., Southwold.

On the 12th inst., by Rev. E. Sheppard, at the residence of Mr. Arch. McDonald, Ross street, St. Thomas, Mr. Daniel L. Gilbert, to Miss Catharine Boughner, both of Yarmouth.

DIED
In Wardsville, on the 12th inst., John Coyne, in his 75th year. Deceased was a brother of Mr. Wm. Coyne, of this town.

In this town, on the 14th inst., Walter S., son of Mr. Alex. Lindsay, aged 5 months 18 days.

In this town, on the 14th inst., Ralph, son of Mr. R. Hutchison, aged 2 years 10 months.

At Sparta, on the 11th inst., Mr. George Giff, aged 30 years.

JAMES WHEATLEY,
CABINET MAKER AND UPHOLSTERER
Talbot Street, St. Thomas, opposite the Lisgar House.
Repairing Done on the Shortest Notice.
Jan. 15, 1880. 1-3m

JOSEPH LAING, Jr.,
Accountant, Conveyancer, &c.

Office—Over the Imperial Bank, opposite the Division Court office, Talbot Street, St. Thomas. Books made up; accounts and rents collected; titles searched and conveyances drawn promptly, and on reasonable terms. Also servants' registry and general intelligence office.