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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

Good Friday.

Hot Cross Buns were the chief attraction to-day.

Mr. Murdock McKenzie, the star tradgedian, is in town.

The butchers have some very fine Easter meat on exhibition.

The Rifle Club hold their first practice meeting of the season to-day, (Friday.)

Business is rapidly increasing on the C. S. R., and soon all the 'spares' will be to work.

A carload of fine fowls passed through on the C. S. R. on Monday last, for the Eastern markets.

Court commences on Tuesday next, and a large crowd is expected in town—to do their courting.

This Province will soon be depopulated if the present exodus to Manitoba and the States continues.

Mr. Tom Francis is said to dispute the claim of "Dr." Oxley, to being the handsomest man in town.

Warm evenings will soon be here and the old man had better see that the front gate is fixed at once.

A collision took place at the C. S R. yard, Amherstburg, last week, two or hree freight cars being ditched.

Hanlan, after all, has not rowed in vain There are some 15 cent paper collars and a new suspender named after him.

A C. S. R. pugilistic twister skipped out for the other side, last week, leaving sundry mourning creditors.

The meeting of the Irishtown Council next week, promises to be the most lively and interesting which has yet taken place.

There is every promise of a large market to-morrow, and no doubt a large quantity of the hen fruit will be disposed of.

Mr. W. Lang has obtained the contract to build the sidewalks and crossings. Mr. F. Ellison's was the next lowest tender.

An agricultural paper says:—Always plant your onions in the early springtime. We thought it best to plant them in the ground.

Attention is directed to the entire new stock of wall paper imported by W. H. Murch, at the Central Book Store, McLarty block.

The London *Free Press* report an apparation having been seen on the G T. Railroad. They are selling terribly bad whiskey, nowadays.

An American paper states that strawberries are 35 cents per quart in New York, but does not say a word about their price in New Sarum.

H. M. S. Parliament, was greeted by a large audience at the Opera House on Monday evening. The play is very good and the acting passable.

Waterdown is the name of an Ontario town, but the inhabitants take their whiskey down just the same as if the name of the place were London.

The Fingal Dramatic, Debating and Literary Society has been organized in Fingal, and now let all the second-class troupes fight shy of that city.

The Cattle Fair, on Monday, was not largely attended. The farmers and cattle buyers in this neighborhood should display more interest in the matter.

We are glad to notice that the Market Committee have fallen in with our views in regard to removing the sheds behind the Hall. They have decided to do so.

The bargain of the season. McPherson & Armstrong are shewing genuine Scotch Tweed Suitings at from $15 to $17. A suit made in first-class style, perfect fit or no sale.

There is a dashing young widow (colored) at the West End, who is attracting considerable attention, to herself, by flirting with the young doctors. Draw it mild, Mrs. W.

A young Collegiate Institute student "vamoosed" for parts unknown the other day, forgetting in his hurry to leave behind certain articles belonging to a school fellow.

The Social Quadrille Club, hold their first assembly at the Town Hall, on Monday evening. A good opportunity for those who are fond of tripping the light fantastic.

Some of the countrymen celebrated Saturday by becoming gloriously tight and pummeling each other. The police will be interviewing some of these 'gay farmers,' unless they draw it mild.

An article in a contemporary advises people to clean their teeth every morning with a fine tooth brush. Another warning to those persons who are in the habit of cleaning their teeth with a clothes-horse.

Messrs. Pullman & Hamilton's show, which exhibited in this town last summer, in wintering near St. Catherines. They intend to take the road shortly. The tents will be illuminated by the Electric light.

The barn of Mr. George Pepper, Malahide, was entered by thieves one night last week and a quantity of grain stolen. It is supposed that Mr. Pepper will make it hot for the guilty parties if he catches them.

William Reiser & Sons are getting their Brewery fitted up by enlarging and adding more beer casks to it. They expect to turn out an immense quantity of splendid Lager this season, as it is becoming more popular every day.

It is said the whole male population of the city of Sandymount have taken the pledge. This may cause a great deal of temperance enthusiasm till it is ascertained that the whole male population of that large city amounts to two persons.

Joking aside, Dr. Forbes does certainly sell some first-class articles in the medical line. It is astonishing the number of cures which his toothache and other remedies have effected. Any person troubled with a complaint of that character cannot do better than try the doctor.

John Todd had evidently been punishing too much Todd-y on Saturday, which appeared to have tangled up his legs, and make him yell like a Pawnee Indian, till the accommodating police gathered him in John paid $4.00 towards the town treasury at the police court.

'Johnny,' asked an East End girl of the dear one of her heart, 'do you not think my shell-l ke ears beautiful?' 'Well, truthfully,' replied John, 'if they were the least little bit larger, they'd make good soup plates. He now tells his sympathizing friends that he scraped his face against a curry-comb.

A small boy, about 11 years of age, was driving a wagon belonging to H. Cusack, yesterday, and in turning out from the street railway track, near this office, the wheel caught in the rail, nearly wrenching it off, and sending all the spokes flying. The horse started off at a great pace, but the little fellow was equal to the occasion, for winding the ribbons around his hands he pulled like a little man, and brought the horse to a complete standstill.

The most curious and interesting of Edison's numerous inventions is the phonograph, an instrument capable of faithfully producing songs or words uttered in the speaking tube of the instrument immediately, or centuries after their uterance. A sample of this scientific wonder is now on exhibition in this town, in the Green Block, west of the Post Office. Call and see it. Hear how your own voice sounds when it is speaking back to you. Get a riband of your speech to bequeath to your great grandchildren.

NOTICE!

POCOCK BROS. will open out one of the finest assorted stocks of BOOTS and SHOES in the country, in the store lately vacated by Miss Rosevere, 194 Talbot Street, to-morrow, (Saturday). Boots and Shoes will be sold at prices to suit everybody. Call and see them.

It is the intention of the G. W. R. to remove all the old ties on the L. & P.S.R. and replace them with oaken ones.

The girls in Springfield should not be so easily frightened. Be sure and lock the doors next time. Full particulars in our next.

The Cavalry Band, under the leadership of Mr. Bromell, serenaded the inhabitants this afternoon. Their playing was excellent.

Mr. Edward Rowland, of the Inland Revenue department, London, is now officiating as colleceor in this town in place of Mr. D. Hanvey, who is indisposed.

Mr. Minor Barnes, of Fingal, shipped to-day, Good Friday, sixteen splendid horses, destined for Syracuse, N.Y. They are as fine a lot of general purpose horses as left here yet.

Mr. John Weatherston, western track superintendent of the C. S. R., was presended with a valuable Silver Tea Sett by the employees of the road, on the occasion of his departure from the C. S. R. The Tea Service, which is of a handsome and elegant design, is now on exhibition in W. W. Disher's show window, and is attracting a great deal ef attention, and shows the substantial manner in which the boys on the road appreciate a departing friend.

New Boot and Shoe Store.—We are pleased to notify the people of St. Thomas and surrounding country that one of the best shoe stores in the Dominion will be opened here on Saturday by Pocock Bros. They are noted for selling cheap, and customers will always be able to get exactly what they require. They are energetic and obliging young men, and can't help but prosper in our midst.

The various Township Councillors in this County as well as the County Council, should see that their future printing be let by contract. The ratepayers have been defrauded out of enough money in this matter already, and it is high time some other action were taken than that formerly pursued. We take pleasure in stating that any work awarded this office will be executed in the highest manner of the art, it being a well known fact that the job printing turned out is of a very superior order.

In an interview with Mr. C. Roe, he at once, cheerfully and manfully acknowledged himself in the wrong, in regard to the awardment of the contract to print the auditor's report, and not only exonerated Mr. Drake from all blame in the matter, but awarded him credit for the excellent and impartial judgement displayed by him. No blame can be attached to Mr. Roe for the course of action pursued by him, as he had heard but one version of the affair, that being the statement of interested parties. If those statements have been brought up to injure the reputation of Mr. Drake, they have most signally failed, only rendering him more popular in the opinion of the ratepayers.

THE COOK HOVEY CASE.

BEFORE HIS HONOR JUDGE HUGHES—FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

The examination of the prisoner, L. C. Hovey, took place at the court house on Wednesday last, on a charge of uttering a forged bond for $500. The defendant appeared to take things very quietly and had no doubt but that he would not be extradited. His wife was seated near the prisoner and appeared to take a deep interest in the proceedings. His Honor stated that he would have given judgement on Tuesday, but he learned of the illness of the prosecuting attorney of Urbana, and he had since learned that other charges were to be brought against the prisoner. A discussion of some length now occurred between the different lawyers, in which some of the nice points of the law were brought up and discussed. The defendent's council contending that the case should not be opened up again, as the prosecution had closed their case at a previous sitting. Mr. Stanton contended that the case should be proceeded with, and His Honor ruled in his favor. The Court, after hearing the evidence, adjourned till Wednesday, when another charge of falsifying the record, authorizing the issue of $15,000 to $35,000 worth of bonds, will be brought up. The case not being concluded at 3 o'clock, the Court further adjourned till Tuesday next, when additional evidence and witnesses from the city of Urbana will be produced.

DOTS AND DASHES.

The Sweedish exploring steamer, Vega, has entered Falmouth harbor.

Madam Caron, widow of the late Lieut. Governor of Quebec, died suddenly, yesterday.

Green Onions and Lettuce have made their appearance on the market, from the gardens of Mr. E. Weldon.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice left England yesterday, for a visit to Germany.

It is expected, that in coming English elections, the strength of Beaconsfield's ministry will be reduced.

Wm. Kenney, of London, is bringing an action against the waterworks commissioners for damages sustained to his mill by the loss of water power.

The Yankee shipping is fast passing away. Of the 1,480 vessels which passed through the Suez canal last year, only one, a man-of-war, bore the stars and stripes.

Mrs. May Agnes Fleming, the well known Canadian novelist, died at her house in Brooklyn yesterday, aged 40. Mrs. Fleming was one of the best novel writers in America, her works being extensively read. She was the chief contributor to the *New York Weekly*.

The salvation army, which lately arrived in the United States, is said to be going to invade Canada; if they come to St. Thomas the authorities will cheerfully furnish them with passes for Biddulph, and no doubt the Biddulphians will do their part.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Correspondents are requested to write plain, so as not to give the compositor much trouble. If not it will be rejected. Do not write with pencil.

MISTER EDDITUR,—Deer Sur; I be no scollard, but I thot I wood rite you a few lines to let you no thet I am wel, and hope yu air injoyin the same blessin. I was out fur a walk tother day and seed lots of things. I seed a boy go to a place twice with shoes, and he couldent talk about nothin but Nell from London. Gosh, all Hemlock, aint he sweet on her. I kalkilate he's her beau, and I heerd that a youug feller wat purtends to be a sport wanted to be prayed fur; I hope it'l do him good and help him to pay wat he owes, and I heerd that they had a fuss up in Bidulf, and that somebody got hurt, and I heard that chalk eye sed 'here I is, Frank', and I heerd that Dave and Dunck got married tother night at their own house, *No Kards;* and I heard that Bill sed he dident wont no market, he dident, he wanted a pound, he did and so Charley's goin to pound him and I heerd that Dick stopt talkin 2 hours and he want asleep nuther cos Jack sed so and I ast a feller if he hed a titket for the skating rink and he sed yes, D——n the rink, and I left him cos he swore and went into Dell's to take a little sumthing. Dell says he'll be gol darned if he dont show those fellers how to run a saloon and I sed of course you will and then we took sumthin more Dells a good feller, and then I went down to Sam's and I sed Sam I guess you know how to run a saloon, and Sam sed I kalkilate I dew, what'l you have, and then Sam talked 95 minutes and we took sumthing more. Sam's a good feller too, and then Obe come in and sed he wanted a little sumthin cos he was goin to a kristening, and then I cum down to the corner and bot some Cotton, and sum Ham and cum hom and when I no enny more I'll tell you. Yrstrly,

ABNER H. BEET.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF HON. GEORGE BROWN.

About 4 o'clock, on Thursday evening last, while the Hon. George Brown was sitting in his office, a man named Bennett, a former employee entered, and demanded a character from Mr. Brown, which, on being refused, drew a revolver, fired, wounding Mr. Brown in the thigh. The would-be assassin was immediately arrested and conveyed to the Police station, where fifty cartridges were found in his pockets. He will be apt to get a few months hoist.

THE HEIR OF THE EARL OF PERTH

New York, March 24.—It appears that George Esses Montifier, Lord Drummond grandson and heir of the present Earl of Perth, has not gone back to Scotland, but is engaged in business in New York city. He is not and never was a porter. He feels hurt at the imputation that he had gone to Scotland and left his wife, to whom he is indebted for affectionate care in long sickness. He declares that he would not part with her for an earldom. Their first child, a boy, died recently, They have one child living, a girl. Mr. Richard F. Norton, of 18 Moore street, said yesterday that should the old Earl die George would return to Scotland and claim his right and title. At present he prefers to support his family by daily labor.

A BORDER CHARACTER.

From Albuquerque, the last railroad city at the front, comes the sad tidings of the shuffling off of this mortal coil by a once useless member of society, who came at the call of 'Draw-Poker Jack.' For thirty years had honest labor, industry and Jack been strangers. But there was not a trick at cards he was not familiar with. He had a fine voice for 'keno' and a keen eye for a drunken man with a stray dollar. He commenced 'railroading' when the iron horse first crossed the Mississippi, and died when it reached the Rio Grande. He beat more boarding houses, devoured more free lunch and paid less than any man of his day. He had a ravenous appetite for whisky and a capacious skin to hold it. When El More first dawned into existence, Jack was a barnacle upon that body dolitic, and took his meals with our friend Sam Burr, until that one-legged individual 'fired him out' with his crutch, and the vigilantes told him to 'move on.' The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe was then booming along towards the setting sun. and Jack boomed with it. He followed that institution first to Otera, then to Vegas, then to Santa Fe, then to Albuquerque, and there switched off for 'kingdom come.' His body was 'five feet four'—a little too short to span a six-foot space between a limb and the ground.

Poor Draw-Poker Jack
Now lays on his back,
Gone to the blazes,
His toes turned up to the daisies,
Gone where the devil will deal—
Never allow Jack to steal—
Nor try to deceive
With a card up his sleeve
That wily old joker—
The king of draw-poker.