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WESTERN ONTARIO

Charles Campau, uncle of Detective Campau, died at Maidstone.

Mrs. Robt. Reid, Riverston, had her leg broken in two places by a cow's kick.

An agreement between Brantford and the Verity Plow Company has been reached.

The Ridgeway Council ignored the request of the Collegiate Institute board for the \$700 asked for.

The Pollard farm in Harwich has been sold to Kent County Council as a site for a house of refuge.

Rev. T. B. R. Westgate has resigned the incumbency of the Church of the Ascension at Comber, to take effect on Jan. 1.

Rev. Mr. Walwin, of Lucknow, has accepted an invitation from the official board of the Leamington Methodist Church.

There are 47 inmates in the Perth House of Refuge, 34 of whom are males, 11 females and 2 children. The average number for the year was 35.

Reports from Dresden say business there is showing up exceedingly well when compared with the volume of trade for the corresponding month last year.

Dr. Clouson, the well-known physician of Tilbury East, died the other evening, aged 71 years. Deceased had been a resident of the township for 23 years.

At the meeting of the creditors of W. H. Bessley & Co., of Clinton, a statement was presented, showing a deficit of \$1,700. Assets, \$5,644.33; liabilities, \$7,344.33.

At the approaching municipal elections in Amherstburg the people will vote on a bylaw to grant a bonus of \$5,000 to an electric road to run from Windsor to the burg.

Mr. D. J. Donahue, solicitor for Mr. Edwin Elora Ostrander, of Dutton, has issued a writ in an action for damages for the injury to plaintiff's daughter against Ernest McPhail, of Beamsville.

Mr. Thos. Banker, of Windsor, has received from her husband, who is lumbering near Wheeling, Va., the skin of an immense rattlesnake, over six feet long and armed with sixteen rattles.

Mr. George Shoemaker, an aged resident of Waterloo county, died Wednesday morning at his residence near Natchez. Old age was the cause of death, deceased having passed his 94th birthday.

Mr. George Iden, of Blenheim, and Miss Clarissa Maynard, of Brantford, were married Thursday evening at 53 Alfred street, Brantford, by Rev. W. H. Porter, in the presence of immediate friends only.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed in New St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Kate Totten, daughter of Mr. Warren Totten, Q.C., was married to Mr. Maurice Putnam, of Winnipeg.

Mr. Wm. VanCamp went to the G. T. H. depot at Petrolia to see his brother off for Nebraska, and did not leave the car until the train had started. In attempting to alight from the steps he fell and broke his right arm at the shoulder.

A deputation of South Essex farmers has gone to Ottawa to ask the Canadian Government not to prohibit the exportation of natural gas to Detroit. The Kingsville Council, on the other hand, has petitioned the government to prohibit the export.

The Oxford County Council has had a private conference with the toll roads commission for the purpose of securing data with a view to purchasing the toll roads throughout the county. It is estimated that the cost of buying up the toll roads in Oxford county would be between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

Two men, who gave their names as John Kennedy and James Emerson, the former a Toronto carpenter and the latter a Montreal cigarmaker, were arrested at Stratford for trespassing. Emerson had a loaded revolver on his person, while Kennedy carried a couple of pistols. It is thought that these are the men who have perpetrated a number of robberies in Western Ontario recently.

Charles Mynott, of Chatham, who had his leg broken at Ridgeway this fall, has entered suit against the Howard Agricultural Association for \$5,000 damages. While the fair races were being held at Ridgeway, Mynott was driving a horse around the track in the wrong direction. Just as he was coming around the corner the horses entered in one of the events were started off by the judges, and Mynott's rig was crashed into. Mynott and a couple of the other drivers were thrown and Mynott's leg was broken.

Richard's Liniment, Lamberton's Friend

The Big Bike Race.

Repulsive Scenes in Madison Square Garden.

Contestants Going Crazy—The Police Intervene.

Only 15 of the Starters Now in the Race.

How the Score Stands—The New International Baseball League To Be Protected.

WHEEL.

THE BIG BIKE RACE.

New York, Dec. 10.—The terrible strain of the six-day contest is showing on some of the wheelmen. Last year Rice became crazy before the end of the race, and it is feared that his mind is going again. His hallucination last year was that somebody was throwing sticks and stones at him, and that he had to ride over hurdles. Enterman is also slightly out of his mind.

At 4:30 p.m. Police Inspector Brooks, with Capt. Sheehan, of the Tenderloin precinct, and Police Surgeons Palmer, Johnson and Nesbitt entered the garden and ordered the riders to dismount, one at a time, and submit to a physical examination. One after another the riders climbed off their wheels. They were at once handed over to the surgeons of the police department. The pulse and heart were examined and the temperature taken.

The race has narrowed down to fifteen riders. Miller still retains his lead of nearly 100 miles over Rice, the Wilkesburg miner. At midnight he was about 235 miles ahead of the world's record, and with 24 hours to spare he had covered a distance to within a few miles of the great record established by Hale last year of 1,900 miles.

The surprise of the night was the retirement of Riviere, the Frenchman. He is believed to be actually out of his mind, and is in a pitiable physical condition, and is now under the care of physicians. Like most of the others in the race has given evidence during the frightful contest of having partly lost his mind.

Early last evening he leaped from his wheel and made an assault on an imaginary foe in one of the boxes, swearing and jabbering in his native tongue. His trainers rushed to him and put him on his wheel, but after making a few more laps he re-insane rage than he had at first demonstrated. The result was that Riviere had again to be taken from the track to return to his home.

Another man who has quit the lists is Moore. He had a terrible fall during the afternoon while going at a high rate of speed, and was carried off almost unconscious. The shock was too great for his debilitated condition, and Moore will be seen no more in the present race.

Miller still plods along. He has subsisted under the most telling strain with less sleep than was thought possible for any man. An examination of him by the police surgeons disclosed the fact that his condition was normal, and that with the exception of muscular soreness and a slight deadness of the limbs he was in excellent condition, and without much danger of collapse.

Rice, who is second man in the contest, though nearly 100 miles behind the leader, is standing to his colors with dogged determination. He is to stay to the end, and his physical condition is announced to be good.

Close up to Rice, and third man, is Schinner, a fellow-townsmen of Miller. He has a lead of 50 miles on Hale, the former champion, and barring accident will undoubtedly finish third.

Hale, with plenty of sleep, comparatively speaking, has the best appearance of any man on the circle. He has really taken things leisurely, but nevertheless, at the present writing, is nearly forty miles ahead of his old record of last year.

Of the others, Waller has proved himself the strongest-hearted. He did a lot of sprinting last night. Enterman, the youthful Brooklyn rider, whose withdrawal was announced early in the day, has returned, and is making his miles with clock-like regularity.

Officially, the report of the police surgeons "goes," as it were, but it gives not the faintest idea of what the real condition and appearance of the majority of the riders are.

The score of the leaders at 1:15 a.m. was: Miller, 1,900; Rice, 1,800; Schinner, 1,792; Riviere, 1,746; Hale, 1,705; Waller, 1,685; Pierce, 1,637; Elkes, 1,550; Golden, 1,534; Enterman, 1,515; Miller was 210 miles ahead of the record for 121 hours.

BIKE IMPROVEMENT.

Bicycle improvement has been gradually modifying all manner of vehicle construction. The use of expensive material, such as tubing and finely machined forgings, in cycles has necessarily dependent upon weight.

The bicycle is the only thing in the world that carries ten times its own weight. The lesson taught by cycles has been taken to heart by carriage builders, and is now instructing railway engineers how to lighten and yet strengthen railway carriage trucks by abandoning the use of cheap castings, which are excessively costly because of the frequency with which they have to be renewed.

The universal adoption of pneumatic tires for trotting sulkeys and of solid rubber tires for coupes are notable examples of bicycle innovation. At Berlin, London and Dresden the public cabs have cyclometers attached so that passengers can check the exact distance traveled and pay fare accordingly. So much has been said about the mischief caused by the bicycle that it is worth while now and then to pause and reflect upon such facts as the foregoing, not to mention the road improvements it has inspired.

RHEUMATIC SLAVES.

Are Being Freed by the Thousands Under the Benign Influence of South American Rheumatic Cure.

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greatly to the advantage of Washington, Hanlon is to give up Jack Doyle, Henry Reitz and Pitcher Amole for Demontreville, McJames and Wagner's latest acquisition from Toronto, first baseman McGinn. The matter has not been finally settled, but it is believed that it will go through.

Speaking of the Temple cup, Manager Hanlon, of the Baltimore club, says: "The Temple cup is in a bank safe and will not be sent to Mr. Young or to Mr. Temple. So far as the cup is concerned, we care nothing for that, but the Baltimore club won the cup this fall for a year, and the club has a right to keep the cup for a year. What becomes of it after that time I care nothing. I think, just as a matter of principle, that we shall stand upon our rights and hold the cup until the time to give it up next year."

QUOTING.

AN UNUSUAL WIND-UP.

On the 17th ult. an extraordinary scene took place at a quilt match played at Wigan, Lancashire, between the Scottish champion quilt player, Edward Kerr, Rerrick, Kirkcudbrightshire, and J. Southworth, Wigan. The game was to consist of 100 points, and Kerr conceded Southworth 25 points. At 93 a dispute arose, and in the darkness several Scotchmen were kicked severely, one being picked up for dead. The crowd invaded the arena, and the game was stopped, the judge declaring the match a draw.

THE END OF A Lonely Woman.

Depressing Scene at a Cremation in Detroit.

Mrs. Perren, Spiritualist, Had Few Friends There—Doleful Requiem on a Wheezy Organ.

[Detroit News, Dec. 10.]

As the hearse and a couple of carriages drew up in front of the Detroit crematorium this morning a young man commenced playing a doleful requiem on the wheezy reed organ in the little chapel. The place was damp and cold. The rain pelted against the windows.

It was the body of the aged spiritualist, Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Perren, that was to meet its final disposition here. While the organ continued its droning, four or five men—the undertaker's assistants, a doctor and the young German janitor at the crematorium—lifted the black casket from the hearse and carried it to the bier in the center of the chapel, while four or five ladies, friends of the dead woman, grouped about the spot. No clergyman was there. No words were spoken.

The janitor disappeared downstairs. Presently the casket began to sink through the floor. Again the organ sounded its dirge. Then the entire party filed down the narrow winding stairs to the white-walled cellar, where the superheated oven is located. All the men of the party were needed to assist in lifting the body from the casket to the steer car. The women huddled together in the door, half-frightened, watching everything, wiping away a tear occasionally.

A WOMAN FAINTED.

As the body was lifted the gray head fell back and an arm dropped from the breast where it had been placed and swung back and forth until the form was safely placed on the car. One lady turned quickly away and a moment later fell in a faint.

The casket lid, with a metal plate bearing the words "At Rest," stood against the wall, near a group of floral pieces left from the last cremation. Heavy cotton cloes, soaked in a solution of alum, were wound about the body, and fastened, hiding it entirely from view.

"All ready now," said the undertaker.

The janitor tugged at the bolt which tightly closed a heavy iron door over the opening of the oven, now almost at white heat from a fire that had burned beneath it for 15 hours. Two of the men stood behind the car ready to send it forward to the door with long-handled hooks, at the proper moment.

The bolt was removed. The janitor changed sides, so that he would not get the hot breath of the oven when he pulled open the door.

"Now," he said.

The door swung open. A yawning fiery cavern was revealed. The women drew back and stood closer together.

Sparks danced in the seemingly bottomless oven.

"IT'S ALL OVER."

The two men behind the car pushed. The white-swathed body shot into the oven. It seemed to quiver in the intense heat. A steam arose from the damp wrappings.

The door closed with a bang. The bolt was replaced.

"It's all over," said one of the men. The little party went up the narrow stairs again and to their carriages. In the absence of all kindred, they had performed the last rite over the body of a lonely woman, whom they had known and respected.

When this is being read only a little heap of whitened ashes will remain of the body.

The day before Mrs. Perren died, a letter came from her brother, her only living relative, Artemus Groh, of Arizona. Inclosed was a check for \$20.

"I am glad to say that I shall hereafter be able to take care of you," the letter read.

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The Brown-Eyed Lass.

Of the rosebud garlands of girls, Whom I chanc'd at the seashore to meet,

There was one little maid, all dimpled and curled.

Brown-eyed and so daintily sweet.

While sitting beside her I dreamed Of gardens of old-fashioned poises,

The air that surrounded her seemed All lilies and lilacs and roses.

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braided,

Her costumes of every hue, Were with sweetness of perfume pervaded.

'Twas then that my dear little bride, Whom nothing could tempt to

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To me gladly one day did confide Sweet Home Soap helped make her

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Hardwood Sleigh, well braced, varnished, with iron runners, red painted and varnished tops, with stenciled horses, lions, deer, etc., regular price 50c, all next week your choice only 25c.

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Polished Ash and Cherry Five O'Clock Tea Tables, handsomely carved top and under shelf, bent legs, regular price \$2 and \$2.50. Our price only \$1 each.

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TEASED HIS PHYSICIAN.

Once when Gen. Sherman had been under the care of a physician for a me time, he said:

"Doctor, I don't seem to be getting any better, for all your medicine."

"Well, general," replied the doctor, "perhaps you had better take Shakespeare's advice, and 'throw physic to the dogs.'"

"I would, doctor," replied the sick man as he turned his head on the pillow. "I

would, but there are a number of valuable dogs in this neighborhood."