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DISTRICT DOINGS

Interesting Items in Condensed Form.

Montreal wants to annex its suburbs so as to show 400,000 population.

Alexander Church died at his home west of Tyroneville Thursday, aged 67 years.

The ratemakers of Napanee, by a vote of 435 to 1, voted in favor of a bonus for a tanning factory.

Philip Ashton, of Orford, had the misfortune of breaking his leg at the ankle, while loading lumber at Reid's mill, Bothwell.

Chas. Little, 60 years of age, one of the oldest settlers of Essex county, is dead. His widow is in a critical condition, and is not expected to live.

Miss Annie Loretta, only daughter of Rev. W. C. and Mrs. Beer, formerly of Dutton, was married in London to Mr. P. R. Allen, of Minto, Man.

There passed away at the home of J. G. Moore, near Shelden, on March 21st, 1905, Mrs. John H. Schults, at the ripe age of 81 years and 8 months.

The wedding took place in Churchville Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanner, of Miss Florence Hanner to Wm. Krieger.

Arthur W. Stringer, the Chatham novelist, has just returned from a trip to Europe. Mr. Stringer is now living at his summer home at Cedar Springs.

George Heatherington, owner of the Rodney flour mills, died at his residence there March 27, from brain trouble, with which he was afflicted several months.

Alex. Cameron, a former school teacher of Zone, and brother of J. G. Cameron of Thamesville has accepted a call to preach in the Florence Presbyterian church for the summer.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was sentenced in the United States District Court at Cleveland to ten years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Her lawyer will try and have her case reviewed.

Henry Osborne, of Zone, has been appointed fishery observer on the Thames River from Louisville to Middlesex county line, succeeding McRibbon. Mr. Osborne is clerk at Zone.

Miss Alma Johnston, of Highgate, has gone to Redpath, Assa., where she has received a situation on the school staff at that place. Miss Mary Tape succeeds her as teacher in Highgate school.

The eighth pair of twins has just been born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, of Chatham, Ia. He is 78 and she 65. Besides the twins, one other child was born to the family, making seventeen children.

The audit of the books of the township of Tilbury North was made by F. H. Macpherson, C. A. He found them in good shape and complimented the clerk of the township, J. A. Trombley, and also the treasurer, J. T. Chauvin.

Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville, will next summer erect two rack warehouses, each having a capacity of about 15,000 barrels. The firm contemplated the erection of a new distillery, but later abandoned the idea for this year.

Jas. A. Smyth, principal of the Essex public school, has been appointed license inspector for South Essex. The appointment was recommended by Dr. Anderson, of the Defeated Conservative Association, for the South Riding in the recent Provincial elections.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rishborough of Kent Bridge are just back from a three month's visit to England. It was a visit interesting from start to finish, the finish being the Parisian's memorable race the other day at Halifax harbor with nine hundred lives the stake.

A force of Michigan Central engineers are busy in the Windsor yards. They decline to enlighten any one as to the nature of their work, but as a tug is also taking soundings in the river, it is believed they are locating the best place at which to begin the tunnel under the Detroit River.

The London, Chatham and Western Railway Company is asking the Legislature for an act of incorporation, and purposes to construct an electric railway from London to Windsor, passing through Glencoe, Bothwell, Thamesville and Chatham and the counties of Kent and Essex.

Speaking of Mr. Whitney hiring a United States book-keeper to go over the books of the province, the Buffalo Courier says: "It may be the most efficient way, though. Still what a row would ensue if a Canadian accountant were imported to pass on the ways of doing public business here!"

The Speech from the Throne contains the announcement that the northern boundary of Ontario is likely to be extended to Hudson Bay. The country affected is about 500 miles from east to west, and from 300 to 350 miles from north to south. It includes a large section of good agricultural land, countless water powers, and good mineral locations.

Less than a year ago a crude oil well was struck in Moore township, about six miles west of Petrolia. Since the first well from 20 to 30 drilling rigs have been constantly at work. A short time ago Mr. Alex. Brace and Henry Shaw struck two wells which now produce about 60 barrels each per day.

AMERICAN CAPITAL IS BECOMING INTERESTED AND THE FIELD PROMISES TO BE A PROFITABLE ONE.

The general store business at Moll was last week purchased by Messrs. Wylie English and Harry Saddington, two well known and highly respected Harwich young gentlemen. The business was for many years conducted by Watson & McCorrie but was sold by them a short time ago to Mr. Baker, from whom it was purchased by its present proprietors.

The "gusher" oil well which was drilled on Thursday about a mile north of Leamington, on the Wales farm, is considered to be the best yet struck. It is flowing now fifty barrels an hour, and in 20 hours flowed one thousand barrels. This is the second gusher that has been struck on this farm, and the owner of the farm, Mr. Wales, is consequently greatly elated.

The Baby mansion, one of the landmarks of Essex county, and one that is intimately associated with the history of that part of Canada, has just been sold to Dr. Broassic. The house was built by the late Charles Baby, in 1779, upon the ground given him by the crown. It is built of walnut logs with stone and brick trimmings. Its architecture will be preserved.

The Windsor Record says: The political axe has fallen both in North and South Essex. License Inspector McInjosh has been deposed in the south riding and J. A. Smyth appointed. In the north constituency Charles Quilline, game warden, has been dismissed, his place being given to W. D. Wigle, of Thamesville. There were about 100 applications for this minor position.

With a view to establishing an immense steel plant, 12 millionaire officials of the United States Steel Trust visited Sarnia Friday. The magnates came on their own train and met a delegation of Sarnia business men. They inspected the river front property. For some time the steel trust has been looking for a good outlet into Canada and has opened negotiations for establishing a monster steel plant.

Aubrey White, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, stated the other day that the 12,000 veterans, whose claims had been approved, and who had located their lots, would be allowed to dispose of the timber on it at any time without performing settlement duties.

The opinion has prevailed that a string was attached to the timber, and that it was a contingent upon certain conditions. Any terms associated with it would be a thousand for all the timber in the Raisin River Valley.

Little Japan is not so small—most of our maps of Asia are drawn to a small scale, and on such maps the Japanese archipelago fills little space, says "World's Works." But she is larger than England and more populous. She has 6,000,000 more people than France. She sent six armies over sea within six months, every one of which was as big as either army that met at Waterloo.

She has sent to Manchuria twice as many soldiers in six months as England sent to South Africa in two years.

In the course of a week or so Mr. I. H. Coffell and family of Glenwood, expect to leave for Botany, near Ridgetown, where Mr. Coffell has rented a farm. His farm in Glenwood has been purchased by Mr. J. N. Halliday. Mr. and Mrs. Coffell will be much missed from Glenwood and Merlin where they have been closely connected with church lodge and social interests during their residence here. They will no doubt frequently visit here after removing.

Mrs. Coffell has relatives near their future home.—Merlin Mirror

The Windsor Record has the following to say of Percy O. McIntyre, the young Englishman, who was committed to Chatham jail for trial by Judge Watson last week, for attempting to assault Maurice Eastlake, near Highgate, with a sledgehammer: "Percy McIntyre, the young Englishman who was locked up here, has been in charge of the Chatham police for several days. McIntyre was pretending to be simple, but Judge Houston woke him up considerably when he sent him up to jail for a week. The young man forgot his mask and got quite angry."

The death occurred at the family residence Leaton, Mich., on Sunday, March 19, of William Bloom in his 73rd year. Deceased was at one time a resident of Dawn township, but has resided in Michigan for upwards of 30 years. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and grown up family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters also two brothers, Messrs. Robert and George Bloom of Dawn and four sisters Mrs. Allan Christner of Dawn, Mrs. P. L. Switzer of Thamesville, Mrs. Lucinda Shaw of Dresden and Mrs. James Brown of Lapeer Co. Mich.—Florence Quill.

How To Ward Off An Attack of Rheumatism.

"For years when springtime came on and I went into gardening, I was sure to have an attack of rheumatism and every attack was more severe than the preceding one," says Josie McDonald, of Man, Logan county, West Va. "I tried everything with no relief whatever, until I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and the first application gave me ease, and before the first bottle was used I felt like a new person. Now I feel that I am cured, but I always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house and when I feel any symptoms of a return I soon drive it away with one or two applications of this liniment. For sale by all druggists."

The Late John Lammiman.

The death of John Lammiman at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Teeple, Currie's Crossing, in his 84th year is announced. Mr. Lammiman was born in Lincolnshire, England. At the age of 7 years he came to this country with his parents, who settled in Port Hope. In 1872 he settled at Currie's Crossing, where he took up a farm of three hundred acres. He was a Liberal in politics and a member of the Currie's Crossing Methodist church. For ten years he has been living retired from active farm work. He is survived by his wife and four children, T. J. Lammiman, of Currie's Crossing; John, of California; Mrs. A. H. Teeple, of Currie's Crossing, and Mrs. Wm. Lampman, Woodstock.

FIRE AT CHATHAM

Five Firms Put Out of Business.

Chatham, March 21.—Two business blocks in Chatham were destroyed by fire early this morning, and as a result five firms were put out of business. The loss will approximate \$54,000, made up as follows: S. Jahns & Sons, \$21,000; J. C. Wanless, hardware, \$18,000; A. H. Patterson, hardware, \$17,000; A. H. Von Gunten, jeweller, \$2,500; W. S. Richards, confectioner and baker, \$5,000. The fire was discovered about 8 a. m. by Will Jahns, who had just returned from Detroit on the early morning train. Jahns found the members of his family, who lived over the store occupied by themselves and J. C. Wanless, hardware, all asleep in attempting to rouse the family he was overcome by smoke, and is in a serious condition. The family escaped by jumping from the windows. The blocks were all frame and burned rapidly, the fire having attained considerable headway before the arrival of the fire brigade. The burned buildings belonged to Mr. Jahns and to W. S. Richards. Mr. Richards' buildings are badly damaged, but the Jahns block is completely gutted. This includes the Jahns undertaking establishment and the store of J. C. Wanless. Owing to the high insurance rates, the firms all had small insurance except A. H. Patterson. The corpse of the late Mrs. Malady was charred beyond recognition before it was rescued. It was in Jahns's undertaking rooms awaiting interment today.

DUART PUBLIC SCHOOL

Standing of Pupils for the Month of March.

Report of Duart public school for the month of March. Names in order of merit.

SENIOR ROOM.
Class V.—Rose Ryckman, Clarence Davey, Annie Deshaw, Mable Ramo, Gladys Davey, William Rettenmier, Sel. McKinlay, James Argo, Veda Campbell, Ernest Sineair, Bertha Bandson, William Deshaw, Maud Kerr.

Class IV.—Alice Swisher, Lyman Wightman.

Class III, Sr.—Leverna McPhail, Hazel McMillon, Annie Argo, Mary Wightman, Alma O'Brien, Edith Lewis, Bertha Grainger, Janet McKinlay.

Class III, Jr.—Jacob Wightman, Rosillah McTavish, Viola Ryckman, Frances Winn.

Number on roll, 28; average attendance, 25.

M. T. McCordic, Teacher.

JUNIOR ROOM.
Class II.—Hazel Davey, Elsie Love, Rose Alfred Rettenmier, Clifford Love, Clara Sinclair, John Schuler, Louis Deshaw, Nellie Silcox, Rosa Schuler, Clifford Sinclair, Amos Lewis.

Part II, Sr.—Robert Jones, Gertrude Davey, Grace Jones, Hugh McPhail.

Part II, Jr.—Walter Wightman, Mina Cope, Lizzie Schuler, James Symington, Mary Lewis, John Silcox.

Part I, Sr.—Violet Ramo, Francis Deshaw, Sarah Rettenmier, Laura Curtis.

Part I, Jr.—Wesley Cope, Roy Rose, Aytan Thompson.

Part I, C.—Daniel Miller.
Number on roll, 29. Average attendance 24.

T. McKillop, Teacher.

To Protect Oats From Smut.

It is probable that there is an annual loss of fully three million bushels of oats in Ontario through the injury to the crop caused by smut. This could be largely prevented if the seed oats were immersed for twenty minutes in a solution made by mixing one pint of formaldehyde (formalin) in from forty to fifty five gallons of water. This solution has the power of killing the spores of smut and leaving the oats uninjured. If the treatment is made several days before sowing takes place, the oats should be spread on a floor and thoroughly dried; but if it is made immediately before sowing, it is only necessary to partially dry the seed. Great care should be taken to prevent smut spores from being blown into seeders, etc., becoming mixed with the oats after the formalin has been used. This treatment is easily performed, comparatively cheap, and very effective, and if thoroughly performed need not be repeated from year to year.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS MARRIED

Pleasing Event at the Home of Mr. F. G. McKerracher.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McKerracher, 10th concession, Howard, was celebrated on Thursday evening last, March 30th, when guests to the number of about seventy gathered to spend the evening. Guests were present from Detroit, Blenheim, Highgate, Thamesville, Palmyra and Ridgetown, as well as friends from the community. Dinner was served in courses and was superintended by Mrs. Richard Barrett, the waiters being Miss Nellie Sweitzer, Miss Jennie Sweitzer, Misses Maggie and Effie McMillan, Miss Ethel Williams, Masters Will and Frank Rhody. The kitchen attendants were Mrs. G. Sweitzer, Mrs. S. Rhody, Mr. William Barrett and Mr. John Sweitzer. The waiters were waited upon in courses same as the guests by Mr. Robert Campbell and Mr. Danica McKinlay. The decorations were beautiful and nothing was left undone to make those present enjoy themselves.

The presents, which included sums of money, were beautiful and costly, one worthy of special mention being a silver butter dish from Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney of Detroit, which had the date of the wedding and also the anniversary and their names engraved thereon.

Music for the evening was furnished by Miss Nellie Shaw, Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Mr. Lorne Dempster, Mr. John Sweitzer, Mr. Charles Vice and Mr. Robert McKerracher.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Street, of Selton, the latter a sister of Mrs. McKerracher, also celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday last, both sisters being married at the same residence twenty-five years ago. Of those who were present at the wedding only two were at the anniversary, namely, Mrs. John McIntyre, of Detroit, and Miss Maggie McKerracher, of Highgate.

LETTER FROM J. W. TOMPKINS

Ridgetown Man's Impressions of the South.

In renewing his subscription to THE PLAINDEALER J. W. Tompkins writes from Rankin, Miss., as follows: I am situated about 20 miles from Jackson, the state capital. I have a fine view of the city. They just finished a million dollar state building at the capital last year. Where things are booming. Chickamauga here as a general thing is very mild. Some winters they don't have any snow or ice at all but last month we had some cold weather accompanied by sleet. March came in fine and farmers are ploughing. All the mill folks are making gardens. The principal crops are cotton, corn, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, etc. There are great opportunities here for men with small capitals in truck farming. Land can be bought at from three to five dollars per acre. One firm from the east came here last fall and bought 3,000 acres five miles east of here. They have been building houses all winter and expect to get in a crop of early vegetables this spring. However, there is plenty of room for more. The district abounds with pine, oak, poplar, gum and other timbers, and it only requires a small capital to start a sawmill. New railroads are built yearly to reach timber that is too far away to be handled at a profit. There is also coal and iron here but it has not been discovered. The paying quantity of a mineral has been discovered here known as Fuller's Earth and they are organizing a company to operate it with a capital of \$200,000. We have a mineral well right at the mill from which we get our drinking water. We call it the "Boll of Rankin." You can drink to your heart's content without ill effect. The water is splendid for kidney and other organic troubles.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS

Grand Council Rejects a Proposed Increase in Rates.

Toronto, March 23.—By only a narrow majority the Grand Council, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, this afternoon voted down a resolution calling for the submission of the Hunter scale of insurance rates for the one at present in existence. This would have meant an increase of about 15 cents per month per thousand. Subsequently the opinion was expressed by some of the delegates that if the matter had been brought up at yesterday's session the example of the A. O. U. W. last week in adopting the Hunter schedule would have been followed. A resolution providing for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Grand Council was carried by a three-fourths majority. This will result in a saving of \$5,000 every two years, which money will be devoted to organization. The Grand Council will meet in 1907 in Toronto.

Cement From Furnace Slag

The manufacture of cement from furnace slag for use in road building is a great industry in Germany. It is produced by grinding and thoroughly mixing 85 per cent. granulated slag with 15 per cent. of lime hydrate. Slag is also largely employed by manufacturers of Portland cement as a substitute for marl and limestone, and the claim is made that cement made with this addition is stronger than ordinary cement.

BIG SHORTAGE IN BEANS

Michigan Has But 680 Cars on Hand.

Monday's Detroit News has the following in reference to the bean situation in Michigan: "The News herewith presents some original statistics in regard to the bean crop in this state. Michigan ranks as one of the leading producers of beans in the United States, and the Detroit market is the only one in which bean futures are traded in on the same basis as wheat options. Beans are shipped by Detroit and Michigan handlers to points all over new England and most of the western and southern states, and crop and supply conditions are therefore of widespread interest. With the crop year about half over, reliable statistics as to the amount of beans still in farmers' and shippers' hands and likely to come forward before the new crop becomes available have been obtained by this paper and are here presented for consideration: One hundred and twelve Michigan dealers, reporting on 125 stations, report net holdings on March 15 as 342 cars, this including net stocks on hand as well as purchases still undelivered by farmers. They also report that there are still unsold in farmers' hands an aggregate of 228,500 bushels. According to the 1904 report of the secretary of state the total crop for last year was approximately 3,300,000 bushels. This would indicate that there is therefore less than 10 per cent of the crop still in first hands, and as about 150,000 bushels are required for seeding purposes it would appear that only about 75,000 bushels, or in round figures, 110 cars, are still to come forward.

From March 15 to Sept. 1, 1904, the aggregate sales as reported were 1,307 cars. Assuming that there are enough beans still in the hands of farmers tributary to stations not reporting to take care of the seeding demand, and providing that all the stock now in the hands of these dealers who have reported comes to market, there are approximately 680 cars in sight to supply the demand until the next crop is harvested.

The extreme cheapness of potatoes may have some effect on the demand for beans, but assuming that the demand for the rest of the crop year will be as great as last year, there is an apparent shortage this year of 627 cars. Fifteen of the dealers, who reported holdings at 52 cars, gave no statistics as to their sales last year, but estimating these at the general average would make an additional demand for 78 cars. In recapitulation, if the farmers of Michigan clean out every bin, reserving only enough for seed, and the dealers dispose of their entire stocks on hand, we have a total of 680 cars to take care of a demand of 680 cars last year absorbed 1,385 cars.

New York state dealers to the number of 26, reporting on 60 stations, gave net holdings as 197 cars, with 209,000 bushels back in farmers' hands. Approximate sales by these 26 dealers, from March 15 to September 1, last year, were 451 cars. Figured on the same basis as this state, that stations not reporting have enough to supply the seed required and that all the beans in sight find their way to market, would give 507 cars against a probable demand of 451 cars. Returns from New York State, of course, are only partial, but are probably a fair average for the entire state.

From these statistics it would appear that the reserve stocks of beans to carry the country through the coming six months are very materially short of last year's consumption. In addition to this the crop of Canada is already exhausted so far as exports are concerned, and this country will get no help from that direction, while owing to the fact that the foreign crop was a failure, few or no beans are coming from abroad. In this light beans would seem to be good property."

AUCTION SALES.

Thursday, April 6.—D. Gilbert, auctioneer, has received instructions from M. Campbell to offer for sale by public auction, at his premises, lot 14, concession 10, Howard, about two miles east of Ridgetown, on Thursday, April 6th, 1905, commencing at one o'clock sharp, the following farm stock, grain, etc.: Six new milch cows, three cows to calve, five fat steers, three heifers two years old, two heifers one year old, ten good store hogs, quantity hay, quantity oats, quantity selected dried seed corn, etc.

Tuesday, April 11.—D. Gilbert & Sons, auctioneers, have received instructions from Robert Hepburn to sell by public auction, at his premises, lot 6, concession 4, Orford, about one and one half miles north of Duart, commencing at one o'clock sharp, on Tuesday, April 11, his list of farm stock, implements, etc., among which are six cattle, fourteen pigs, five sheep, and some splendid farm implements.

If you intend holding an auction sale this spring leave your order for bills at THE PLAINDEALER office and have your printing done while you wait. A free notice of sale will be given in THE PLAINDEALER which circulates thoroughly throughout East Kent.

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