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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS. Have you paid your subscription to the

REPORTER ? "Who shot the dog, Browdy?" is the

www.word around town.

Cranberries at T. R. Calver's, three uarts for 25 cents.

The Public Schools and Collegiate Intitute opened on Tuesday, after the uer holidays.

Every sailor in Port Stanley is said to e a captain except one. He's only a oling-master.

This is about the time for tramps to ome around, and ask for the job of hoveling snow off the sidewalk.

Mr. Moorhead, late of the Lake Shore R. has been appointed Chief Train Despatcher on the Canada Southern.

A Ball and Supper will take place at the fechanics' Hall, under the auspices of the Torrent Fire Co y. on Tuesday evening ext. A pleasant time is anticipated.

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

The L. C. Hovey case has been further emand ed till monday next. Mr. Hovey nust be getting used to this thing by this

We thank Mr Welding of the Yarmouth lurseries, for his gift of Radishes, Onions, Lettuce, &c., the first of this year's growth

Some of our horse buyers should send a hipment of horses to the Manitoba markets, as it is understood that good prices are commanded there.

The bargain of the season. McPherson & Armstrong are showing genuine Scotch Tweed Suitings at from \$15 to \$17. A suit maid in first-class style, perfect fit or

Mr. Lowery, of the Petrolia Topic, a lively and interesting newspaper, was in Town last week, and paid a visit to this office, he reports business to be very good in the oil regions.

Sweet Sixteen is very nice, remarked a Talbot street youth, who had evidently een there, but if you get one of the old an's sweet sixteens behindyour coat tail alters matters.

Mesars Chalmers & Taylor, sidewalk rtists, contributed \$15 towards the town amry, at the Police court for being me you so,' on the night of the

The cook at the Air Line Hotel, Ayler, had better keep out of the sitting om when ladies come in. It don't do o change lamps as an excuse to see what s going on.

King George the first, favoured the rowd at the recent fire, with an extraorpary exhibition of gymnastics, and was peatedly encored by the delighted

The office in the Ermatinger Block, for arly occupied by the Inspector of Weights ad Measures, has again been leased by e Government; and will now be occued jointly by Mr. G. W. Boggs, Inr of Weights and Measures, and miel Hanvey, Esq., of the Inland Re-

An aborigine, who rejoices in the name of Noah Doxtator, was brought before the P. M. on Monday, for indulging in too much firewater. The Indian brave paid \$3 and departed, a sadder and wiser

Mayor Wiggins has sold his farm for one thousand and fifteen hundred dollars. and intends to give the contract to excouncillor Reid, the absconder, to fence in Irishtown, in order to keep out the Reporter.

The Cricket Club will meet at the Lisgar House of Monday evening, for the purpose of organization and other business matters. All persons who take an interest in the good old game, should attend.

When an East End Hotel keeper wants to get rid of a crowd, he does not call the police or take a club, he merely commences reading aloud an editorial from the Times, and the place is soon deserted.

Small Pox appears to be decreasing in the Village of Highgate and vicinity, but the Canada Southern officers are bound not to be in any way instrumental in spreading the foul disease, so as yet they will not allow any trains to stop there.

A grand field day, is announced for the 24th of May, at London East, if the present arrangements are carried out, the 25th Batt. as well as a large number of other volunteers will parade there.

The alarming intelligence reaches us that the price of Giraffes has risen considerably. The families of some of our workingmen will have to struggle along without luxuries unless bettertimes come.

Good news for the workingmen, Mr. Bailey, chief engineer of the Credit Valley Railroad, informed us that the work of extending the road to St. Thomas will be proceeded with in a short time, and a large force of men put to work.

"Purse found," said an old granger, looking at a card in Petitts shoe store, well I don't see the use of making a fuss, if they did find one. I found a purse with money in it. about a year ago, and never said a word about it, to any one.

Mrs. T. Adolphus Trollope, the clever french novelist is quoted as saying:-Have you any ugly women in America? for surely none but beautiful ones come to Europe. It is very evident that Mrs. T. Adolphus has never seen any London

Mr. A. M. Crombie, formerly of the Merchants' Bank of this town, but who has been Manager of the Hamilton Branch of that Bank, for the last three years, was presented on Monday night, with a valuable Gold Watch and Silver Tea Service, by his Hamilton friends, on the occasion of his departure from that city, having been promoted to the management of the Montreal office.

John Todd, the toddy punisher, was arrested by Chief Fewings on Saturday last on a charge of procuring liquor for Indians. He was brought before the P. M and fined \$50, with the alternative of three months in jail. John will not be liable to get any more firewater for the redskins for three months to come, as his graceful form will adorn one of the apartments of castle Rich for that period.

Harry Flowers' Church .- Service is held at this celebrated church every Sunday evening, Harry being the chaplain, while the deacons, Obe, Doc, and Joe, occupy prominent positions. A learned discussion is carried on among the congregation, and when a knotty point is reached. the matter is referred to Harry, who produces a large bible and renders judgment, to the satisfaction of all. Harry lost his hat a few evenings since, and said he thought some d-n member of his congregation had stole it.

The jury in the Cascaden, Edgecombe case, brought in a verdict in favour of Mr. Edgecombe, stating that the document purportrating to have been signed by Mr. Saunders was a forgery, but did not agree as to the person who forged it. The Campbell case has been withdrawn by the plaintiff, Dr. Cascaden, but may be brought up at a future sitting of the court. And now the Campbell Edgecome party are in great glee.

NOTICE!

POCOCK BROS. have opened out one of the finest stocks of BOOTS and SHOES in the country, in the store lately vacated by Miss Rosevear, 194 Talbot Street. Boots and Shoes will be sold at prices to suit everybody. Call and see them.

Young Ellis, who stole Squire Randell's horse and rig a short time ago, was brought to Town, from the Welland jail. by Chief Fewings, to-day.

Wm. Wendell, the popular hair dresser. whose shaving and hair dressing parlor is east of the Excelsior Bowling Alley, has secured the services of B. A. Carey, late of Ingersoll, supposed to be one of the best tonsorial artists in Ontario, and is now in a position to execute the very latest styles of hair dressing, shaving, &c., at the shortest notice.

It is rumored around the East End that Dan Foley, as old Com to Southern ward man, and one of the best in the country, but who has been working in St. Louis

The performance of the eminent tragedby very large audiences, although he applays. The legitimate drama does not tasted intoxicating liquor for t hree months appear to meet with great success in this town. Mr. Claris the energetic proprietor of the Opera House had gone to great expense in order to favour the citizens with an opportunity of witnessing one of the greatest English Actors and we were sorry to see, though the prices were low as usual, that more of the citizens did not take advantage of the oppertunity.

Mr. Dell McCready's magnificent new Saloon and Restaurant was thrown open to the public, yesterday evening, and a large number of citizens took advantage of the opportunity of thoroughly inspecting it. The saleon is furnished in an elegant manner throughout, far surpassing any establishment, of the character in Western Ontario, and partaking more of the character of a large city establishment. than a town of this size would be likely to possess. Mr. McGready deserves credit for the efficient manner in which he has so elegantly furnished the Saloon, and he richly deserves.

About nine o'clock Wednesday night the School and Town Hall bells rang out an alarm of fire, the corner frame house in the rear of the Central School, belonging to Mr. J. E. Cruise having been discovered to be in flames, an immense crowd soon assembled and the firemen got to work as soon as possible but the scarcity of water in vicinity prevented them from putting out the flames, the men worked with great perseverance however, and though the house was completely destroyed, the flames were prevented from The origin of the fire is unaccountable. the principle theory being that it was the valued at \$1,500, and was insured for

ACCIDENT AT KINGSMILL.

ANDREW LIDDLE, JR., OF THIS TOWN, LOSES HIS LEG BY IT BEING CRUSHED BENEATH THE C. S. R. CAR WHEELS.

Mr. Andrew Liddle, jr., was proceedng from Springfield to Kingsmill, on his way to St. Thomas, on Saturday night last, by walking along the C. S. R. track. When he reached Kingsmill he perceived train No. 25 standing on the side track and attempted to cross to the other side by crawling under a car. However, before he reached the opposite side, train No. 30 came bowling along the main line, and Mr. Liddle stayed under the car, being afraid to get out before No. 30 god past, as there was hardly room to stand between the two tracks. The train which for a short time past, has been seriously he was under started suddenly, catching injured by heing beaten by some of the his left leg, which was terribly crushed. striking railroad hands in that city. He was brought to his home in St. Tho-Though the operators have repeatedly mas and placed under the care of Dr. telegraphed, they can obtain no definite Smith, who, with the assistance of Dr Tweedale, amputated the leg above the knee. The operation was successfully performed in the short space of half an ian Mr. D. E. Bandman was not greeted hour. The patient is progressing as favorably as could be expected. Mr. Little peared in two of Shakespears standard was a strictly temperate man, not having

THE EXPLOITS OF A VENDOR OF PATENT MEDICINES.

A certain doctor, (?) accompanied by an ex-butcher and ex-Professor of mathematics, went to deliver the baggage of the Bandmann troupe at the station, early on Thursday morning. On their return to the hotel, the doctor, who handled the ribbons, undertook to shew some of his horsemanship, but in doing so, completely turned the wagon upside down. Damage, scraped shins, elbows, &c., to the three worthies. Subsequently, the doctor, in attending to his duties during the day, ran over a calf and upset the hack belonging to the house by running against it. Query-What's in the weather?

A NIGHT WITH THE MERRY MASQUERS.

The Bal Masque at the Opera House no doubt will meat with the success which on Monday evening was not patronized to any extent by many of our citizens, about fifty couple only being present, some of them being strangers from a distance. Some very good characters were represented however, and a merry and an animating scene met the eye as the gay dancers, in all garbs and characters flitted by. The Opera House was decorated in an attractive manner, suitable for the occasion. A jully time appeared to be passed by the parties who did stend, but shortly after supper the majority of the masquers departed for their homes, leaving hardly enough to form a sett, to dance away the hours. The party disspreading to the neighboring buildings, persed at an early hour Tuesday morning, a couple of them appearing on the street, in their costumes, about 8 or 9 o'clock, work of an incendiary. The building was making people think that a circus or a funatic asylum - but there, we will say no more about the matter.

JURORS AND JURIES.

It is a reasonable fact that with all the wisdom of our Legislature, particularly those members who are considered experts in the framing of laws for the administration of Justice in our Province, and the admitted errors arising from the defective principle in making selections of jurors, that a change has not taken place with regard to the fitness of those chosen to assume the responsibilities of petit juors. It is an easy matter for a man of ordinary abilities to determine whether or not there is sufficient evidence submitted on the part of the crown to send a person charged to trial, but it is quite another thing to determine on the whole evidence adduced at the trial of a cause whether a defendant is guilty or innocent, and the jury who hear the pros and cons of a case, should be men of business habits and ability, such as our grand juries are generally composed of, who would not be led away by the sympathetic address of an eminent counsel or extrinsic evidence, but dispose of the matter according to its merits, and the weight of evidence. There are not wanting, instances where injustice has been done by inattention to the evidence adduced and ignorance of business matters (yet no doubt desiring to do justice) they allow the evidence of fact to merge in the picture which may be drawn by the lawyers at the conclusion of the case, which, summoning up, takes possession of their minds, and in their honest simplicity take it for granted that one who can portray such a bright and forcible case, could not be guilty of an exaggeration of facts or to have any other motive than from sympathy for his client, (counsel fee included) and having retired to the jury room they then discuss the arguments of counsel, ignoring to a great extent the sworn

evidence or the hearing of the case. In the case of a person charged with the crime of murder, the most illiterate men in our county could determine whether there was sufficient evidence to warrent a suspicion, and put a prisoner on trial, and at the hearing of such a case, those who are to decide whether the verdict shall result in acquittal or death, should be men of sterling qualities and ability, competent to weigh evidence, not alone as to have statements of witnesses, but take into consideration the and thereby administer justice to their fellow creatures. We believe the standard of juries should be reversed, and those of the highest mental ability selected to decide as to the guilt or innocence of any unfortunate prisoner, and the same evil arises in civil suits, as the petit jurors of to-day, as a whole, are not sufficiently versed in business tactics to see through the quirks and quibbles resorted to in many cases for the purpose of procuring a verdict.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

WM. O'BRIEN A C. S R. BRAKEMAN KILLED WHILE MAKING A COUPLING IN THE YARD.

Wm, O'Brien, a brakeman who was in the employ of the Canada Southern Railway Co. under Mr. A. Ellerby, conductor, laid off last night from his regular run, to work in the Yard in place of Wm. Baker, a yardsman who was indisposed. While Mr. O'Brien was engaged in making a coupling, and was walking backwards, his foot got fast between the guard rail (which is placed paralell with the main line rail, near the switch, to prevent the cars from going off,) and the main line rail, before he could extract it, the engine and cars which were closely following, were upon him. With great presence of mind he threw himself to one side, but fell in a slanting direction, the cars pass. ing over and in an upward direction on his leg, which was terribly mangled. The unfortunate man was at once removed to his home, and medical attendance speedly procured. The leg was amputated near the thigh, Drs. Smith, McLarty and Vanbuskirk performing the operation, but the patient never rallied, and a short time after the amputation he breathed his last. Mr. O'Brien had been in the employment of the company but a short time, but had gained many friends among the boys on the road, by his many amiable qualities, and leaves many friend's to mourn his untimely end. He had been married but a short time, and leaves a young wife, but no children.

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