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Mr. Lount's Narrow Escape From Disaster at Woodstock - A Bad Failure-Man Missing.

Work has been commenced on the new Methodist Church at Simcoe The Tavistock cheese factory is getting ready for another season of active

Wednesday evening. Mr. Lewis was 87 years old and has been ill for a long

The annual meeting of the Aylmer Horticultural and Malahide Agricultural Societies will be held in the town hall on Tuesday next. Mrs. John Chitton leaves Aylmer this

week to join her husband in Minne-apolis. Mr. Chitton has a position with a wholesale house there.

James Young has disposed of part of the south half of lot 22, concession Charles Mateer, for \$600. There are no criminal cases on the

docket for the Brant spring assizes, which will be held there this week. Mr. Justice Robertson presiding. It is expected that seven carloads of horses will arrive in Windsor during the week, in readiness for the coming

Lydia, the bright little 8-year-old daughter of John Wettlaufer, of the 13th line of East Zorra, died on Wedmesday evening of diphtheria, after an

Mr. Lount, the Toronto barrister, had a close shave in Woodstock on Wednesday afternoon. He was crossing from the south side of Dundas street to the corner of Graham, on his way

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to the court house, when a runaway horse came galloping up the street. Mr. Lount missed being run down by an agile leap, and proceeded on his

creditors at Aylmer, the decided to give him three months' time. They think Mr. Walker will return as soon as the present difficulty is straightened out. The 'longshoremen's union of Windsor will hold the first meeting of the year next Wednesday night. Officers

Mr. Fred Colvin shipped 1,500 hogs from Stratford, Millbank, Milverton, Bright, etc., this week, to the Collingwood Packing Company. One hundred were shipped from Stratford on Thurs-

been for three years curate of All Saints', Wirdsor, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at Easter, It

said that he has received a call from Kingsville. Edward Parsons, an employe of Pi gott's planing mill. Windsor, met with painful accident Saturday. He was running a planing machine, and his

hand, coming in contact with the knife The many friends of Dr. Bradley, in Oxford county, will be sorry to learn of his death at his home at Paris, Mich., on Saturday evening last, in the 72nd year of his age. He had been failing in health for about six months. An interesting wedding was solemnized at Paris on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Lottie Baker, daughter of Mr. John Baker, was united in mar-

riage to Mr. Homer Carroll, of that town. The Rev. J. H. Hazelwood performed the ceremony. The court is being asked by Samuel Witherspoon, of Hamilton, to annul the will of the late Mrs. Jane Foster, of Chatham, who left an estate worth

Presbyterian mission fund and \$2,000 to St. Andrew's Church, Chatham. Miss Kate Weber, of Tavistock, was on Wednesday married to John Wett-laufer, son of Conrad Wettlaufer, of the 9th line of East Zorra. The cere-that excellent of the bride's mother by the Rev. F.

subscribed, payable on the 1st of April, which would be sufficient to supposed to be far advanced in conbuy the seed. A second call of 10 per cent will be made on the 1st of

John Nopper, sen., an old resident of Stratford, died on Friday evening, aged Zorra, died the same evening, aged 69. He had practiced in that township for over 50 years, and was known far and wide as an eminent medical authority. The farmers in the vicinity of Brooksdale, Oxford, are forming a operation association to provide fresh beef to their members during the

cers elected are: John Youngs, president: Charles Youngs, secretary and a state that I doubted the power of butcher; James Gibbs, referee. At the Woodstock assizes Ella May Chambers brought an action agains James Searles, a shoe merchant of Norwich, to recover \$1,000 damages for The assault appeared to con-

assault. The assault appeared to con-sist in kissing the young woman, who went to Searles' store for a pair of rubbers. In view of the evidence and plaintiff's admissions, the jury gave verdict for defendant. The creditors of Messrs Mackay &

in the hands of Henry Barber, ronto, are not likely to receive more than 20 to 25 cents on the dollar acthan 20 to 25 cents on the dollar according to the statement presented the meeting of creditors. The to 1 liabilities are \$16,825 90, of which \$16, 244 35 are direct and \$581 55 preferred. Did Bacon or Shakespeare Write The case of Girardot vs. Welton was before Judge Horne at Windsor Saturday. An injunction was granted the plaintiff a week ago restraining the defendant from disposing of some property in Sandwich, as the plaintiff claimed that he held a lien against it.

Now the injunction has been continued with the case comes to trial.

until the case comes to trial. The highwayman who held up a man near Walkerville, and who gave his name as Peter O'Neil, has been identified as John Kelley, from St. Clair county, Michigan. He was sent from that county to Ionia prison for three years for grand larceny. He was afterwards transferred to Jackson prison, and was only liberated on March 22.

The municipal councils of Tilbury

of the neck with an axe. George Richardson told a similar story, but said that Oulette had struck Redd once with an axe. The inquest was adjourned to await the result of the

William Wachsmith, an old and respected resident of Elmira, left on the evening of the 9th inst., saying he was going to visit his son, who resides in Wingham. Not hearing from him in due time, his wife wrote to Wingham, and learned that her husband had not been there. The son then came down and learned that his father had taken a ticket at Alma for Listowel on the 10th inst., and got on board the train, saying he was going on to Wingham next day. The old man did not reach Listowel and no trace of him can be found. He was a German, about 70 years of age, and had a considerable

stables' fees, Crown Attorney's fees, Detective Murray's services, County

fense was struck out by Judge Finkle, and it was left for the jury to decide as to damage. The plaintiff claimed \$1,000, and the jury gave him \$500. The plaintiff in 1895 rented from defendant a farm on the 8th concession of West Zorra for one year and one month. Defendant claimed that the lease was year next Wednesday night. Officers will be elected, and the union will be gotten in shape for the coming season.

Meridant claimed that the lease was only for twelve months, and at the end of that term served notice to quit on plaintiff. Upon plaintiff refusing it is alleged that Innis went to Rebling's farm at 9 o'clock in the evening with a crowd of people, and abused plaintiff's wife, assaulted plaintiff, burned timber, etc., not desisting until 3 o'clock the next morning.

NO WINE SERVED.

The First Cabinet Dinner at the White House.

Washington, D. C., March 29. - The President and Mrs. McKinley gave their first entertainment in the White House on Thursday evening. It was a Cabinet dinner, followed by an informal musicale, to which the Cabinet circle and some of the diplomatic corps, with a few representatives of the Senate and the House, with the ladies of their families, and a few other friends, were

invited. No wines were served at the dinner At each place was a tumbler for ic water, and a smaller one for Apollin-aris. The decorations were of scarle passion flowers and tulips, with hand bouquets of lilies-of-the-valley for the ladies, and boutonnieres of narcissus

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the Plays?

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A Striking Statement at the Close

Able Summary of the Points in

the intimate friend of America's great-est poet, was also well known locally. He concluded with an appeal for fairness in these words: "Censure it in your wisdom, but awake your judgment, that you may be the better judge."

The tower had likewise three parts:

1, the folio; 2, the anticipation of the new philosophies in the historical plays, and, 3, finally the active science, the real business and fortunes of the hu-man race—the tragedies, "the foot-prints of the Creator implanted on his DR. BUCKE.

Werner Rebling vs. Wm. Innes, for slander, assault and trespass, the dehis plays, it was not wonderful that Emerson should say: "I cannot marry tion of Bacon when Attorney-General, nly writings which could be proven eral prevalence of the evil.

ducation to speak of. to the world. He was born three years before Shakespeare (Jan. 22, 1561). He was of good family, was well educated and had traveled. At an early age he gave promise of great ability, having given shape to the inductive method in philosophy while yet a boy. He coupled great mental power with a tremendous faculty for work. For several years before the plays began to appear, in 1591, Bacon was engaged in close study, and in this connection the statement made of himself was signifi-

man of 27 years of age. Dr. Bucke proceeded to point out the striking relation of the publication of ten inferior works, said Dr. the plays to events in Bacon's life. The another inquirer. The dialogues were author of the plays must have traveled probably written when he was very extensively on the continent. Shakespeare had probably never seen France,
while Bacon had visited France, and
if he had not visited Italy, his brother
Anthony had, and during the period

No doubt, Bacon would appear to be dence between Anthony and Francis. In the plays there are affectionate references to St. Albans and other places with which Bacon was associated, and the meeting to the doctor for the

by quotations from Bacon's Henry decidedly literary tone.

VII. Again, the comparatively rare general disinglination to VII. Again, the comparatively rare triplex form of sentence was a strik-cherished belief, but a general acknowltriplex form of sentence was a strik-ing characteristic of both works. This triplex style ran through all the prose and all the poetry. Moreover, the lec-turer had himself chosen over 1,000 tention. identical or similar expressions in the two authors, and gave a number of examples, including a passage in which both misquote Aristotle. Both were naturalists and anatomists; in fact, there was throughout an identity

Moreover, in Henry VII. there was a quantity of blank verse. Actors and acting were mentioned more than 30 times, with the evident intention of

calling up actors and acting in the minds of the readers.

The lecturer then advanced the argument of the "Northumberland House Manuscript." The only evidence extant of the existence of such a manuscript was a manuscript book of

and was only liberated on March 22.

At Osgoode Hall, in Guittard vs.
O'Beirne; Drumm vs. O'Beirne; Harbach vs. O'Beirne.—D. Armour, for plaintiffs, appealed from order of local judge at Stratford, changing venue from Walkerton to Berlin, and to a certain extent consolidating the actions. W. H. Blake, for defendant, contra. Appeal dismissed. Costs to defendant in any event.

An unusual occurrence took place in Dereham on Tuesday, when Mrs. Thos. Williamson presented her husband with triplets—two girls and a boy. The two former were well developed and sturdy

to hear Dr. Bucke speak on the Bacon-ian theory of Shakespeare. And, much as the subject has been discussed, it is safe to say that never before has it been as ably treated in this city.

Prof. Sykes acted as chairman, and in a few appropriate words introduced the speaker and his subject. "It has been said," he began, "that the greatest glory of England is her poetry; and the greatest glory of her poetry is Shakespeare."

Those who knew Bacon best, he continued, seemed to have been conscious of the fact that he was the author of the plays. In his list of the hirteen great men, Ben Johnson, who knew Shakespeare well, gives Bacon a first place as a poet, and makes no mention at all of Shakespeare. Another of Bacon's friends (John Aubley) had said that Bacon loved better to be a poet than to be known as one. Bacon himself once when asking a favor had used the suggestive words, "Be good to concealed poets." In his celebrated Shakespeare."

The meeting, he went on to say, was a proof of the great interest taken by the suggestive words, "Be good to concealed poets." In his celebrated prayer in 1621 he had said: "I have, specimens of humanity, but the latter was still-born. Mother and children are progressing favorably. Mrs. Williamson is entitled to the Queen's bounty of £5. The doctor remarked that he thought the actor, and Shakespeare, the poet, were two different individuals. The the greatest argument of all was that

As to the utility of proving that the Dr. Bucke, on rising, plunged at once into his subject. His duty was to distint on the subject. His duty was to distint on the plays were the productions of that author they possessed an enorthe that author they possessed and the rest of the plays, comprising what is commonly known as the Shakespearian drama. It was not until 1598, when Shakespeare was 34 years of age, that a play appeared bearing his name. During all this time there was another man living in the rest are the world and exert a tremendous influence, a man who would be and continue a deathless source of the purest and most explicit or the first time on the stage of the world and exert a tremendous influence, a man who would be and continue a deathless source of the purest

years of age, and had a considerable sum of money on his person.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: "It is estimated that the cost to the county of Oxford of the Gardner murder case will be over \$1,000. There was the inquest several days, the magisterial inquiry three days, stenographer, maintenance of prisoners in the jail for six months, the grand jury two extra days considering the case, exhuming the body and preparing skull, local constables' fees, Crown Attorney's fees, Detective Murray's services, County

time there was another man living in London, who was one of the greatest, minds that England has ever produced. This man was Francis Bacon. If one or other of these two men wrote the plays, the questions which might be asked. Several of those in the audience took advantage of the opportunity. In answer to the question, 'What object had Bacon in concealing his identity?' he said that he thought the explanation was found in the other side, there was a great mass of evidence pointing to the Baconian authorship.

Detective Murray's services, County lecturer went on to review the ment. Furthermore, had his Court, with a host of constables and 40 petit jurymen and incidentals. It facts in which Shakespeare's life could be given, in brief, compass, from his baptism in 1564 to his death in 1616. to the two prisoners for defense will be in the neighborhood of \$700."

facts in which Shakespeare's life could be given, in brief, compass, from his vancement, as it was in the opinion of the lecturer, the fact that he was sustent to the public. When he did appear it was eral of the other plays accounted for be in the neighborhood of \$700."

The public. When he did appear it was eral of the other plays accounted for as the happy-go-lucky actor, and not Bacon's disfavor with Elizabeth. There

this collection? And how did these expressions come to be used in the plays? The author of Shakespeare used 500 new words. Most of these words were used in Bacon's prose. Of the words used in the plays 98½ per the words used in the plays 98½ per prosecular to the plays 98½ per prosecul

the words used in the plays 98½ per cent were used in the prose. The author of the plays must have known When he was writing the present lec-

they were described in the concrete. For example, both believed in the indestructionity of matter, at that time a new thought. There was, in fact, no end to this parallelism.

Again, Shakespeare's historical plays presented a gap at Henry VII. This gap was supplied by Bacon's Henry VII., beginning at Bosworth Field, where the next preceding play ended. Moreover, in Henry VII. there was a

A large audience assembled at the Western University on Saturday night to hear Dr. Bucke speak on the Baconian theory of Shakespeare. And, much ian theory of Shakespeare. And, much ian theory of Shakespeare. And, much ian theory of Shakespeare.

The municipal councils of Tilbury East, Tilbury North, Romney and Mersea will be served with notices of assessment on the proposed Big Creek drain. The total estinated cost of the work is \$45,673, made up by the following assessments on the lands of the five interested townships: Tilbury North, \$14,730 90; Tilbury West, \$13,260 70; Tilbury East, \$1,911 60; Romney, \$7,748 20; Mersea, \$8,021 60.

Coroner Reaume opened an inquest at Sandwich on Thursday night on the body of Albert Redd. Wm. Myles strike Redd three times on the back of the neck with an axe. George Richardson told a similar story, but said that Oulette had struck Redd once with an axe. The inquest was adjourned to await the result of the strike resterve in the strike resterve was merely a mask for Bacon, a namesake, but not a relative of Sir Francis. Within the last few years the doctrine had guestion at this moment. Finally Dr. Bucke argued that most great men had a work which they began in youth and completed in old age. It was so with Bacon, just as it had been with Goethe. He had set himself to a great work, which he had only finished in his old age. His development was divided into two parts, the foundation and the tower, each divided into the close investigations which the dispute involved.

The addience was particularly fortunate, continued the professor, in having as their guide one, who, while he had swrick Redd once with an axe. The inquest was adjourned to await the result of the

prints of the Creator implanted on his

the life of this man to his verse." The a partial justification lay in the gento have come from his hand were his writer's own words: "I was the justest five signatures, and there was every judge that was in England these fifty reason to think that he had had no years; but it was the justest censure in Parliament that was these two hun Bacon's life, on the other hand, had been full of incident which was known that his decision had been affected by a bribe even after he fell from favor In most of the cases it had been shown that the so called bribes had been of the nature of gifts made dur-ing the course of the trial.

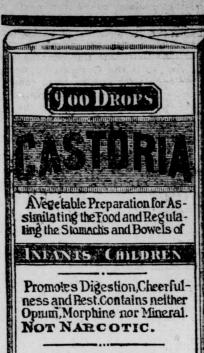
In answer to another question, the doctor said that it was not difficult to explain Bacon's use of Shakespeare's name. A number of plays which no one believes were Shakespeare's had his name on the title page. Acting was Shakespeare's business, and if anyone wished to conceal his identity when the plays to events in Bacon's life. The merrie plays." At this time Shakes-to give some actor credit for it. Bacon concealed the authorship of the son-There was no doubt Bacon had writ-

Anthony had, and during the period there had been a regular correspontant out, but the problem raised was too out, but the problem raised was too be discussed at the moment. large to be discussed at the moment.
Prof. Sykes expressed the thanks of net a word regarding Stratford. The work on the earlier plays was done been given. The argument had been work on the earlier plays was done been given. The argument had been long before Shakespeare could have raised by the doctor to a higher plane. For himself, while in his position of A summary was then given of the chairman, he could not enter into a various arguments which the lecturer controversy, he thought that the disthought proved Bacon was the author pute was one of direct against circumof the Shakespearian dramas. Bacon had collected some 1,700 words not in the plays frequently, but did not apthe was one of direct against circumstantial evidence. He regretted that Haywood, a contemporary of Shakespeare, had not carried out his intention, and written a history of the litpear in his other works, as they were not adapted. Why had Bacon made would no longer be a question. The

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which he thought could only be explained by supposing them to be one and the same individual. They touched the same points of opinion thou-

sands of times, yet never differed. The only difference was that while in the philosophical works the points were touched in the abstract in the plays HOOD'S PILLS act easily and



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