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## St. Thomas Reporter.

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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

Fine weather. Subscribe for the REPORTER. Old maids pass Miss-spent lives.

"Treat, trade or travel" is the by-word at the East End.

Will., you want to go slow, or the girl

will tumble. Wil, if you are a "son," you want to

look out; you are watched.

Boys practice ball shooting in rear of the English church, nearly every evening. Bob, you want to look out; that girl is

too heavy a weight for you. Charley, the girls say they have no

more use for you. Never mind, don't get discouraged. The old Vand rbilt board was re-elected

at the annual meeting of the C. S. R. Sandy Henderson, jr., is one of the

few who can carry any number of "pops" without a license.

Don't forget Forepaugh's great circus, for a long period, on Wednesday next.

A large place, this Dexter. A man drove right through the other evening before he knew he was at the place.

\*\*\*\* On account of continued ill health, conductor Frazer, of the L. & P. S. R'y., has secured a three months' leave of

What has become of that celebrated Dramatic Society which was organized at Fingal? Come, wake up Fingal, and show us what your made of.

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There was a family whose hair was red, To Avlmer went and to the Council said. A thousand we want Kavana to make, We'd Ad-Vyse you to give it 'twould be a good stake.

P. G., how did you come to catch on to that little doan you had out for a walk a few evenings ago? Go slow, old boy, there are lots of things besides fire that will burn.

Last Thursday evening a granger was observed entering town with a load of saw logs and hay mixed. The saw logs were in the shape of a binding pole.

Four years ago a London editor borrowed seventy cents from a St. Thomas man. The last instalment was paid esterday, and now the editor has to begin life anew.

Pretty William of the Lisgar House has bought a horse and sulky, a fast nag; he can be seen at any time practising on the track, preparing for Dominion Day.

George, the strawberry blonde, late of London, had better let up on trying to mush all the girls when he's out driving with that frame of his. Go west, young man, and bill cities.

The annual meeting of the Western Rifle Association takes place in this town this year, commencing on the 15th inst. It is expected that a large number of prominent marksmen will compete as \$700 will be of. fered in prizes.

Engineer Foss of the Canada Southern was badly injured yesterday, by being squeesed between two cars.

John Jones was wreaking his terrible vengeance against whiskey when gathered in by policemen. To-day he made his bow before his worship and was fined \$10. with the alternative of thirty days. John paid the fine.

A Wood-en youth from St. Thomas in a buggy with a Fingal maiden was observed at the Grangers Pic-nic, and the way he slung himself around was a source of much amusement to the juventile pic-nic-

An extra large hen's egg has been handed in for inspecton by Mr. William Smith. The egg measures in circumference 63 inches; lengthways in circumference, 81 inches, and weighs 4 ounces. Now, beat this if you can!

Mr. Moseby, of the East End, challenges any one in the county of Elgin to row him five miles with a turn in a vat of old rye for one dollar and eleven cents. Challenge to remain open for ninty-nine years and two weeks.

Three Canadians, Hanlan, Ross and Smith, as well as Boyd, Courtney and Riley, and it is expected others, are to compete in the Providence Boat Race on the 17th of June. It is expected that at least two Canadians will be in the van.

A dog fight was the stirring event at the East End, last week. A general mixture of landlords, landladies, billiard men, bar-tenders, railroaders and bums was the result. They laughed, cried and swore, and the thing had the appearance of Bedlam broke loose.

An English Cricketer, recently from home, is desirous of playing a game of Cricket best two in three innings, against any man in the County. Each man to have a fielder or do without one. Parties accepting can address this office, any time up to the 15th instant.

A grand Race meeting will be held at the new track by Mr. Geo. Penwarden on Dominion Day. An attractive programme will be arranged, and it is expected that fast horses from all parts of the country will participate.

The festive strawberry now graces the festal board, and the gay boarding house mistress passes passes one strawberry on a soup plate, around to each person, and solemnly sighs over the terrible extravagance of the modern times

Jos. Laing, Jr. has removed his collecting and conveyancing office to a more central position, in the Southwick Block; and if any money can be collected, he can do it. Call on Joe, he is worthy of your patronage and will look after your interests.

And now a strange aroma filleth the midnight air. It is not the fragrance of spring flowers, but a C. S. R. stock train that passeth through. This delightful odor puts us in mind that American cattle can once more wend their way through Her Majesty's domains, to the markets of the

A 'Millersburgh man was observed crouching behind the woodshed the other evening, with terror-blanched and fearstricken countenance. People wondered what the matter was 'till it was ascertained that there was a minister in the house to supper and his wife wanted him to come in and say grace.

Mr. James O'Shea, of the Belfast House has secured the services of one of the best American exponents of the culinary art, and will be happy to see a large assembly of citizens at his newly furnished and elegant dining rooms on Monday evening, when he will entertain visitors to a sumptuous free lunch.

It would be well for our city sanitary inspector to take a trip down Crocker Avenue some damp evening, and if he can't see, at least he can smell the odors from decomposed matter taken from all parts of the town, and deposited there, to the discomfiture of residents in that vicinity, who require more than blood on the lintels to keep out the messenger of death, as they have to close cellar windows as well. If you go down, "George," take a dog trap with you, and what you will get will be no water haul.

# POCOCK BROS.

The new Boot and Shoe Store, lately opened in St. Thomas, by the above named firm, has found favor with the people in every quarter. They are undoubtedly selling boots and shoes very cheap, and we would advise all to examine their goods before buying elsewhere.

194 Talbot Street, 133 Dundas Street, LONDON.

Mr. Thomas Boylan, a former resident of St. Thomas, and a gentleman well known to our citizens, is now in town, and paid us a visit this evening. Tom is looking well and hearty; Toronto air evidently, agrees with him.

"Vanderbilt" was the name given by East End, when captured. "My father goes through on these fast trains," he man remarked that the have to foot the bill.

The axe was heavy the weather hot-And the Deacon into a waggan-box got-His head did ache, his throat 'twas dry, He said I'll have whiskey or know why; But his limbs were weary, his eyes grew dull, As he slept the sleep of a man that fell, His dreams were brisk as the morning glean For of Pig Station he did dream.

Nothing remains for the town but to in dignantly refuse the paltry insignificant sum which the County Council have so generously insulted them by offering, and show that the citizens of St. Thomas are quite capable of entertaining, independently, the royal visitors, as well as attending to the requirements of the exhibition.

There seems to be a very marked partiality in our town as to the necessity for improvements in sidewalks, and often where most needed they are least attended to. How is it that a certain wholesale whiskey seller can have a six foot side walk to the end of his premises, and the short distance between that and the good walk from the corner of Metcalf street, south, is left not only dangerous but a disgrace to any town, not speaking of one whose aspirations are citywards? Let the road committee speak.

Our citizens were afforded an excelient opportunity of witnessing a largeraddition of the "Deserted Village" on Wednesday last, there being but one solitary policeman. officer Ross, left in town, the other officers, as well as county constables being to the granger's pic-nic. As that officer patroled his lonely beat he no doubt reflected on the splendid position in which the police force then stood, should a robbery or row occur. Chief Fewings' duty as chief of police and detective, required him to be present at the Port, but no excuse can be offered by the other officers, in particular, save an uncontrolable desire to gather in the "shekels of the grangers, \$2.00 being the sum paid to each officer. No one will be mean enough to grudge the officers an occasional days' pleasure, but this going and serving in the capacity of policemen in other places acquires to be stopped. It may be urged in defence that they are not on duty during the day, but it stands to reason that no man can pass one day and two nights without sleep.

At the regular practice of the Clipper Gun Club, on Tuesday June 1st, the following score was made:—A. N. Pettit, 9; erguson, 9; W. A. Dier, 8; D. Stinson, 7; H., G. Flatch, 6; G. Caskey, 5; J. Baird, 4; W. Hyslop, 4; A. Baird, 2; T. R. Calver, 1; P. Smith, 1.

### LINES.

Of all the fat grocers in town, good and true, You will find him perched at the corner of Talbot and New;

J. O. K. is the man I'll now introduce, Who sells all kinds of bug juice and canned fruits.

a boy who broke a pane of glass at the His handsome young clerk behind the counter you'll find,

Ready at any moment to talk the young ladies blind; With his nutmegs, spices and all kinds of

stuffs, The old men can't stand him, they go off their nuts.

Then comes Joe, with his Gunpowder, Young Hyson and all kinds of teas, Not forgetting tobaccos, haskets, mats and

Limberger cheese. He can talk all the parsons blind in a row, With his spouting up coffee and chicory, you know.

The boys have well named him, and that you will find,

For they have poor Chicory Joe half out of his mind;

Groups of small rascals every day you will Bawling out I am going to Chicory's for tea.

A most notable characteristic of the celebration at the East End on Her Majesty'sBirthday was the fact that a certain band engaged, belonging to this town, forgot (for a certain reason best known to themselves) to play God Save the Queen at the close of the day's amusement. This, especially to the American element present, was a strange departure from the usual courtesy shewn in such cases. We can only explain the fact and apologize for the boys in this way, that the abundance of spirits within was too much to permit of a proper flow of loyalty without. Dieu et Mon Droit.

The energetic managers of the Southern Counties Fair have received a surprising drawback in the utterly unlooked for refusal of the County Council to contribute anything towards defraying the expenses of the Fair. No doubt members

from the rural districts thinking it would be prejudicial to the interests of the small country Fairs, united in opposing the granting of any sum, but they should reflect that this exhibition is to be conducted on a far larger scale, a hundred times more magnificent than any fair ever held in this neighborhood, and their penuriousness in thus declining to aid an enterprise beneficial to the whole community, is a subject of public comment. The sum which the directors naturally expected would be granted by the conucil was to be used as prize money and undoubtebly it would have returned to their own pockets again, with a large addition, as it is an undisputed fact, that by far the larger majority of prize winners will be farmers.

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KODAK SASFET VAFILMS

#### B. M. E. CHURCH ENTERTAIN. MENT.

The entertainment held in the Town Hall on Friday evening, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the B. M. E. Church was a grand success. A capital programme was prepared, and adhered to in every sense of the word, the singing of Prof. Brown being most worthy of note. His rendering of "Whoa, Emma" was

cent voice no less than forty times during the evening. Refreshments were provided in abundance, and the proceeds must have been considerable, judging from the way the

admirable, which he sang with a magnifi-

ladies were kept busy in supplying the wants of their customers. Among the most the most novel part of the entertainment was a speech by Mr. Chub Smale, who kept the enlightened audience spell-bound for the space of two minutes, after which the chairman requested the ladies and gentlemen to secure their partners for a "Cake Walk," the cake to be awarded to the couple that could walk the most genteel around the

hall six times. Mr. Connors and Mr.

Rose were chosen judges. The following ladies and gents entered for the prize: Mr. Hawkins and Miss Dawson, Mr. Moseby and Miss Irons; Mr. Williams and Mrs. Wendell, Mr. Brown and Miss Morehead, Mr. Lero and Miss Dorsey, Mr. Chub Smale and Miss Mary Irons. All the above started off to the tune of "John Brown's Body," Mr. Williams and lady taking the lead, followed by Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Moseby, Mr. Lero, &c. The cake, after due deliberation by the judges, was awarded to Mr. Richard Williams and partner, and was presented to them amid much applause.

Having another cake to dispose of, the following entered: Mr. Brown and lady, Mr. Lero and lady, Mr. Hawkins and lady. Mr. Chub Smale and lady, Mr. Frank Golding and lady, Mr. Dorsey and lady. Mr. Williams and lady were "barred" out of this walk, on account of their having won the previous cake. The company started off singing "I'm Captain of the Pinafore," walking three times around the hall. This walk was most exciting, and the way the boys and girls did perambulate was astonishing, but from the first it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Chub was the lucky man, and the cake was awarded to him and Miss Irons, his partner.

We cannot conclude without mentioning the costumes worn by the ladies. Silks and satins were majestically arranged around their fair forms, in the very latest styles, which would have done credit to Five Stakes let alone St. Thomas. We believe it is their intention to have

another concert shortly, when we can assure them a crowded house.

## BORN

At Mapleton, on May 24th, the wife of Mr. George Hughes, ex-teacher, of twins, both boys. In Westminster, May 10th the wife of Mr.

John Kernots, of a daughter. In this town, on the 29th May, the wife of

Mr. Frank Borling, of a daughter. In town, on the 24th May, the wife of E. I. Tompkins, of a son.

MARRIED

On the 25th May, Mr. Nelson Binham, of Caledonia, to Miss Mary E. House, of Mala-

At Blenheim, on the 27th May, by Rev. A. W. Waddell, George Lampman, to Miss Maggie Colby, both of Harwich.

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J. Downie, Mr. George B. Butler, of Ridge-town, to Miss Sarah Hawgood, of the Township of Howard. At the residence of the bride's father.

Township of Bayham, on the 1st instant, by Rev. Dr. Schultze, Mr. Richard Lee Chandler of St. Thomas, to Bella, only daughter of Mr. J. N. VanAmburgh.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on June 1st, by Rev. J. Charlton, F. E. Shepard, Esq., Merchant, Port Stanley, to Miss Mary H., third daughter of John Rundle, Esq., of Sparta.

DIED

At Aylmer, on the 28th instant, the wife of Mr. John Farthing, aged 61 years. Killed on the Air Line Railway, at Simcoe on May 30th, Mr. Frederick Chillcott of this town, aged 44 years.

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