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FARMERS AT GUELPH

Programme for the Provincial Winter Fair Will Be of Great Interest.

Commencing on Monday next and running throughout the entire week, there will be a great gathering of prominent farmers and stockmen at Guelph in connection with the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair. All the farmers' institute speakers will be present, as well as the Dominion and Provincial members from 20 counties. Outside of the fair programme, which will be held from Tuesday to Friday, and promises to be the most successful yet held, there will be a series of meetings arranged in connection with the fair, at which matters affecting the farmers and stockmen will be dealt with in the most practical manner, are expected to prove of great interest and value. The public will be devoted to the work of the Experimental Union at the Agricultural College, and matters pertaining to field work generally will be discussed. Professor I. P. Roberts, of Cornell University, and G. C. Creelman, superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes of Ontario, will deliver addresses, and the professors of the college will present the results of the experiments carried out during the year. Professor C. F. Curtis, of Ames, Iowa, Mr. Thomas Crawford, M.P., Mr. P. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, and others will deliver practical addresses regarding the production of live stock. The public meeting will be held in the city hall on Wednesday night will be addressed by Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, and Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville.

FATAL STREET DUEL

Williamson, Pm. Dec. 6.—Yesterday afternoon Hon. Wm. Stokes shot and killed Rev. John Wohl in a street duel here. Mr. Stokes being also dangerously wounded. The public meeting will be held in the city hall on Wednesday night will be addressed by Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, and Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville.

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EXECUTION AT HAMILTON

George Arthur Pearson Pays the Penalty of His Crime.

Hanged for the Murder of the Girl He Professed to Love—His Confession and Last Letter.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.] Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 7.—George Arthur Pearson was hanged at 7:53 this morning for the murder of Annie Griffin.

On the gallows Pearson was wonderfully firm and calm. He admitted the crime and the justice of the punishment, and although he made no boast or show about it, professed to have made peace with God, and said he would die gladly if he could restore the life he had taken.

Official Hangman Radcliffe had charge, under the sheriff, and the execution passed off without the slightest irregularity. It was witnessed only by the officials, the jury, a dozen members of the medical profession, and one representative from each of the city papers.

THE CRIME AND TRIAL

George Arthur Pearson, aged 20, shot and killed Annie Griffin, aged 17, while the couple were out driving on the Dundas road, Sunday evening, Dec. 23 last. Pearson was arrested the next day, and at first said that two men driving past them had done the deed; but on being closely questioned, he confessed that he alone was the girl's murderer. Pearson, in his confession, said that he and Miss Griffin were in love with each other, but they could not get married, because he could not afford to keep a wife. During the ride they talked the matter over, and decided it would be better for them to die together than to live apart, and they made up their minds to die together rather than to return to Hamilton alive. Reading dark spot in the road, Pearson said he kissed Annie good-bye, then shot her dead, intending afterwards to take his own life, but his courage failed.

At the October assizes Pearson was tried before Judge Rose. Pearson went into the box and acknowledged that he shot Miss Griffin twice in the head, but gave no reason for his act. The jury, within an hour, returned a verdict of guilty, and Pearson was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 7.

A LETTER FROM PEARSON.

The following letter was written by Pearson on Sunday, to a Hamilton Times reporter:

"Dear Kind Mr. — I will now drive you a few lines to tell you how I am, as I have not seen you for a long time, but would like to see you, but the Govt. won't let many see me under the supervision. But I hope to see you sooner or later. Tell all the boys through the paper that I send my best wishes for all my old friends in town, and I would like to speak to you alone."

"Tell all the People that I am looking well and feeling well and having a good time, such a kind of a time in here, you know, I never expect to see you again on earth, but hope to in Heaven some day, and I have asked God to forgive all my sin and take care of me, and I hope He will."

"You might keep this if you want to remember me. I will never write again now, I think. If you see — remember you mite give him my best wishes."

"Good by, George A. Pearson."

"Remember me."

PEARSON'S CONFESSION.

Pearson made a confession to the Rev. W. F. Wilson. In it he tells the story of the crime which took place in East Flamboro on Sept. 23. The story is quite different from that told in the witness box, at the trial, on the day he was sentenced to hang. Pearson says that the cause of the crime was passion, and admits that he must have lost his reason temporarily. He traces his vice-presents from the time he fired the fatal shots. When opposite the farm of Mr. Sheppard, he says, he made an improper proposal to the girl, whom he highly respected. The young woman resented the proposal, and said, "I never thought you would act that way towards me." "George," Pearson said this expressed him so much that he felt he could never face her again and concluded that the best thing he could do was to kill her and himself. He admits that the statement he made before the judge that the arrangement for both to die together was not true.

W. C. T. U. CHOOSE OFFICERS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—At the morning session of the W. C. T. U. convention, the old officers were re-elected, as follows: President, Mrs. L. M. Stevens; vice-presidents, Mrs. Anna L. Gorton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry; recording secretary, Mrs. Clara C. Hoff.

GUILTY OF FRAUD.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The jury in the old storage conspiracy cases found J. McGillis guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The jurors were unable to agree in the case of McCullough, and they were discharged.

LOANS TO THE METHODIST STUDENTS.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Methodist Episcopal board of education, in session here, reports that during last year \$81,879 was loaned to 1,830 students in various parts of the country. There is now \$30,000,000 invested in Methodist schools and colleges.

FORESTERS' INSURANCE CASE.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The Catholic Order of Foresters is defending a suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Ryan, in which the point at issue is the time at which an insurance policy comes into force. Mrs. Ryan's son John made application on Dec. 6, 1899, for a \$1,000 policy in the C. O. F., and was accepted. On the 10th he took ill, and on the 19th he died of pleurisy, just before the papers in the case came back. It is claimed that the policy was in force from the time of acceptance, and before the return of the papers. The society, in its defense, pleads that Ryan's health was not what it was represented to be.

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NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

Marvelous Growth of New York Central Interests.

Buffalo Feels the Effect—As the Great Railway Lines Have Expanded, Buffalo, Which is Intimately Associated With Them, Has Done the Same—Figures Tell the Whole Story.

The marvelous increase in the development of the Vanderbilt of New York Central Lines, as shown in the annual report recently published, is of especial interest to Buffalo, for Buffalo is the center of the Central system, and the growth of that system has been closely paralleled by that of the city. Buffalo as a city is a year younger than the beginning of the Central system. Fifty-eight years ago, in 1821, we were incorporated with a population of about 10,000. Today we have 352,219, and are the eighth city in the country.

In 1831 the total length of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, the first of the New York Central Lines, was 100 miles. It has since grown to 1,113 miles, and the entire motive power and equipment consisted of a primitive locomotive De Witt Clinton and the very small passenger coaches, which were really old Concord stage coaches made over. The maximum speed of this train was fifteen miles an hour.

On the first of January, 1900, the mileage of the New York Central Lines aggregated 10,430 miles of railway in the populous territory east of Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati, and the equipment consisted of 150,400 freight cars, 3,600 passenger coaches, baggage, mail and express cars, and 3,580 locomotives. This equipment carried more than 52,000,000 passengers in 1899 and hauled over 108,000,000 tons of freight.

This great central railway system of America comprises the New York Central and Hudson R. R. and branches, 2,804 miles; Erie and Western R. R., 91 miles; Boston and Albany R. R., 394 miles; Michigan Central R. R. and Lake Shore, 1,658 miles; Southern and Northern, 1,425 miles; New York, Chicago and St. Louis R. R., 523 miles; Lake Erie and Western, 830 miles; Pittsburgh and Lake Erie R. R., 180 miles; Total, 10,430 miles.

Over these lines there are operated every day hundreds of splendidly equipped passenger trains. The finest character of Pullman sleeping and parlor cars and the most luxurious of modern day coaches will be found

in their equipment, and the dining cars of these lines, which are operated under the direction of the general passenger agents, are recognized as among the best in the land.

Over the perfect tracks of the national highway of America, formed by this great system of railways, passes a large share of the enormous traffic to and from the great commercial ports of New York and Boston. The ponderous locomotives of these lines haul over a large portion of this system from 50 to 100 loaded cars to a train; many of these cars will hold 1,000 bushels of grain, or 60,000 pounds of merchandise, or 100,000 pounds of coal each; during the busy season there are several hundred freight trains per day passing over these tracks, forming an endless chain of traffic between the great commercial, industrial and agricultural centers of the West and New York and Boston.—From the Buffalo Express.

News at a Glance.

Wm. Way, formerly of Brandon, has died of smallpox at Willman, Minn.

Customs receipts last year were \$254,773,000; expenses, \$1,155,000.

Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson, one of the authors of the "Pride of Jennico," is dead in Rome.

It is said that Chinamen are being smuggled across the Niagara River at the rate of ten a day.

Seventy families of Boers are to be imported and settled on 1,113 acres of land on Long Island, N. Y.

On account of scarcity of raw flax in Germany, prices have advanced 10 or 15 per cent, and a number of mills have closed.

Arthur J. Southy died in Chicago, making the seventh victim of the boiler explosion of the Northwestern Railroad's power house.

Wm. M. Gates, of New York, has absconded with \$60,000 belonging to Frank & Dubois. It is said the firm told him to run away or be arrested.

Grand Trunk Railway earnings, Nov. 22 to 30, 1899, \$652,334; same period in 1898, \$657,532; decrease, \$4,698. Chicago and Grand Trunk earnings omitted.

Balfour & Co., wholesale grocers, received from the war office, London, England, a large order for goods for South Africa, to be made before the first of January. That's what the Liberal Government's fostering of trade with the mother country does.

Robert Fisher, of Hamilton, whom Sheriff T. W. Ford, of Rochester, N. Y., says he believes to be guilty of the murder of Teresa Keating, and who was discharged a few days ago, has sailed from New York for Cape Town, South Africa, via England, to join the mounted police under Baden-Powell.

It is alleged that new evidence against Keating has been found.

It is said that Hamilton, Ont., has been the base of operations for tobacco smugglers, and within the past year or two the United States Government has seized thousands of thousands of dollars. The scheme was to import Havana to Canada from Havana, via New York, labeled "filler" tobacco. The United States Government charges \$1.85 a pound on wrapper and only 35 cents on filler.

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Insurance.

A. N. UPDY, INSURANCE AGENT removed to No. 421 Richmond street opposite Advertiser office. Phone 735.

Dressmaking.

DRESS CUTTING SCHOOL—SPECIAL rates for cutting instructions from November 23 until Christmas. School will be closed during January. Terms free. Mrs. K. Frank, 233 Dundas street.

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