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CURRENT CITY CHAT.

CORALLED, CONDENSED AND CHRONICLED BY OUR OWN REPORTERS.

April showers bring forth May flowers.

The License Commissioners meet to-morrow.

Cattle Fair at Alvinston, on May 4th. Have you entered ?

The Board of Education meet on Monday evening next.

The St. Thomas Cemetary Co. met at the office of John McLean, yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Smith has disposed of his bakery and confectionery to Mr. Wm. Waldron.

Messrs. Barnes and Fowler, ship another car load of 17 horses to the United States to-day.

A lamp exploded in the Town Hall the other evening, but a lad caught it up and threw it into the road.

Owing to the rainy weather which we have experienced lately, merchants are complaining of the dulness of trade.

Asa Nichol, formerly landlord of the Russel House, Port Stanley, has levanted, leaving lots of sorrowing creditors.

John Love, of Aylmer, sold a Maltese kitten which he raised, for four dollars. This is not a case of "Love's labor lost."

A certain west end man owes $500 in town; yet he's not a big stuck up, but will borrow a dollar and a-half from anyone.

Mr. Wm. Risdon was presented with an address by his many friends in Fingal, on the occasion of his departure for this city.

A new band, to be composed of some of the former players in the Battalion Band, together with new artists, is to be organized in this town.

Court opens at Simcoe on the 11th of May, when the trial of the prisoner Lewis, who fatally stabbed Mike Donnelly, will take place.

Mr. Geo. Nunn the popular auctioneer, has leased the Russel House, Port Stanley, formerly occupied by Messrs. Armstrong and Cavanaugh.

A new Post Office has been established in Southwold, Mooretown Branch, C. S. R. It will be opened on the 1st May. Mrs. Ordish is the Post Mistress.

People may not believe that a man jumps over a large number of horses at the circus next week, till they remember that this is leap year.

A fine cow belonging to Mr. Bond, confectioner, of this town, was killed this morning by coming in contact with a locomotive on the C. S. R. track.

Miss St. C., of Iona, sends us a poem entitled "The Lay of London Wells." If she would send us the lay of a number of hens, it would be more satisfactory.

The condition of the road on Centre street, in the neighborhood of the West End station, is disgraceful, and measures should be taken to improve it at once.

A former citizen of this town is at present running a talking machine in Toronto. We always knew that Jerry's talents laid in that peculiar direction.

An uncommonly named artizan, John Jones, had been indulging in temperance whiskey, for which grave offence he was brought before the P. M. and discharged.

A temperance meeting was held in the Town Hall last evening. It was like the usual order of that class of meetings, not interesting to the boys who "bowl up."

Will, the pretty tailor, had better let up on fooling with the girls so much. It would suit you better to do your work. How about the bell-bottom pants ?

Aylmerites are to be hold a brass band tournament in that village on Dominion Day. $100 are to be competed for. No doubt one of our bands will gather in the principal prizes, should they participate.

Mr. Wm. Bromell intends shortly to erect three brick stores on the property he recently purchased, known as the Jackson Block. The United Workmen intend having their hall over the stores.

"How I should hate to be red headed," muttered an East End girl, with hair like a flaming fire-brand, at a party the other evening, and the guests smiled and said they guessed so too.

What is outward beauty of face or form ? asks a Springfield Conference minister. Come to St. Thomas, old chap, and see Michael Barrett and then you'll know.

Mr. James O'Shea is getting his hotel in the East End thoroughly fitted out. Mr. Bevitt is executing the painting. It promises to be one of the most elegant establishments in town.

A contemporary reports a sea serpent having been seen at Port Stanley. Lots of men around town have seen sea serpents and other snakes nearer home, and never blowed about it either.

Ernest, the soldier, need not think he can show the Canadian boys anything, as they are too soon for him. Come, now, let up, because I shawn't miss that hopertunity.

The London *Free Press* gives the population of that city as over 30,000, while the assessors only make it in the neighborhood of 20,000, but then the F. P. counted the lunatics.

The Dominion Telegraph Co. announce their intention of sending free any messages regarding relief contributions for the victims of the Hull fire, but they are not likely to be troubled much in this town.

Those ladies at Penn's should be careful what they say, especially when they are in the hall. That snoozer on the sofa heard every word and enjoyed the conversation hugely; but then it was rather mean of him to tell all about it.

Wesley Norsworthy left for Chicago on Tuesday last. By the way, there are a large number of St. Thomas boys in that city at present, among whom are Wm. Neil, Joe Davis, Ed. Harte, Alf. Wilkinson, Will. Dutton, and several others.

A special committee, appointed to consider the advisability of redistributing the wards, held a meeting at Ware's office on Wednesday evening, and recommended that the town be divided into six wards, and that the waterworks be extended.

The directors of the Southern Counties Fair have leased the half mile track to Mr. George Penwarden for a period of four years, the conditions being that he is to keep it repaired. We understand that races are to take place there about Dominion Day.

John North, the Aylmer man who had the playful habit of beating his wife, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, for that slight offence, by his Honor, Judge Hughes, on Tuesday last. He is to be taken down at once.

Tqe *Guide* asks us to name the handsomest woman in town. We would have done so long ago, but Mrs. Batty has a decided objection to have the wondrous beauty of her angelic countenance, and the starry splendour of her eyes made a subject of public discussion.

John Hoskins sets the amount of damages occasioned by a sprained ankle, at $60, to recover which amount he has entered an action against the corporation, having sprained it on a defective sidewalk on St. George street, and now let the Corporation tremble.

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, ST. THOMAS. } { 133 Dundas Street, LONDON.

Parties requiring route bills for Stallions printed should remember that this office has obtained the well deserved reputation of turning out a superior class of work to any establishment in Elgin.

The newly amalgamated band, under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Bromell, will turn out to-morrow evening and favor the citizens with a few new selections of popular music.

The colossal Canadian Combination, Messrs. Pullman and Hamilton's great show, which exhibits here next Thursday, is spoken of by the press as being far superior to the majority of circuses, which are now on the road.

For over a week past wind and whiskey have been at a premium. A motely throng, composed of preachers, lightning-rod men, and tramps of different species have infested the town and surrounding country. The N. P., you know.

Arch'd McKinnon, one of the candidates for the honor of being the handsomest man in town, was fined $25 on Friday last for procuring liquor for Indians, and he now says that the next time an Indian asks him to get liquor he'll brain him with a revolver.

"I cannot sing the old songs" sweetly screamed a Ridgetown maiden the other evening, and then she went to work, and in a voice which sounded like a squeaking saw, sang songs which were out of date when Columbus discovered America.

Air Line men are taking a deep interest in aquatics this season, a number of new boats having arrived at Pinafore Lake, (late Yarwoods Pond). That's right, practice up boys, and no one knows how soon we may discover a second Hanlan in our midst.

"By George !" said an Iona Station man, "If I could only get some girl to stand by me I would buy her lots of nice things—gold ring, gold watch, &c. Now girls, don't tell Dan B——k I called to see you when in St. Thomas, for "By George !" I'll bet a shilling everyone at Iona Station would know it."

Dan, the pretty cabinet maker, better cheese carrying that whip on Saturday nights, as it does not correspond with kid gloves; for gracious' sake take that down off your upper lip, as it makes you round-shouldered to carry it away. How about the little blonde from the country that calls to see you so often.

The Canadian (?) cricket team of fifteen picked players, composes among its members a Detroiter and three other Yankees. No St. Thomas player is numbered among them, consequently the persons who had the privilege of choosing the players neglected their business, and we wish England to understand that it's not a Canadian representative team. That's what's the matter.

Uncle Jake had a laughable joke played on him recently. Certain East End dignitaries came and told him that a large hotel was about to be erected directly opposite his own. And Jake came down handsomely, and offered $50 to the projector of the scheme if he could be induced to drop it.

The secret is out at last, why the Dramatic Club which was organized in St. Thomas is not producing a drama. They recognized the impossibility of procuring any attention or audiences, while such a talented rural troupe existed at Fingal, so they disbanded.

It is whispered around town that a certain harness maker not a hundred miles from the market is exceedingly fond of pea nuts, so much so that he buys them in two hundred pound lots. Now, Bob, your failing always was to go it whole hog or nothing.

The Police Magistrate has pronounced judgment in the case of Thomas Symons, charged with auctioneering without a license, in favor of Mr. Symons, stating that as the defendant only auctioneered off his own property, and received no commission for so doing, he did not place himself liable to prosecution.

Merchants and other tradesmen who make use of measures, will do well to take notice that on and after the first of May, the use of the wine measure will be entirely done away with, it being unlawful to use such measures after that date. The imperial measure is to be used altogether for liquids.

Mr. Wells Kingsley has missed several fine fowls lately. Chicken thieves are operating around town once more, but that is no reason why some of the citizens should mention the Irishtown council, a dark lantern and a club, though to be sure such a combination might be detrimental to the increase of chickens.

The green grass comes in the spring. Alfred Greengrass, a mason of the 90th degree of vagrancy, was brought before his worship on Monday last, on a charge of vagrancy. Upon his explaining that a hard-hearted boarding house mistress had locked him out, and that accounted for the condition he was in when arrested, he was discharged.

Messrs. John Webb and Son of this town, intend starting out soon with a collection of the greatest natural curiosities now in existence. Their collection of truly marvelous and astounding curiosities, embracing a living lamb, with six legs; a milk white calf with two heads, two tails, and eight legs, on one body; and a beautiful cat, with eight legs and two tails, will be on exhibition in St. Thomas, from April 30 to May 7. on the Market Square, in rear of Martin's hotel. Every person should take advantage of the opportunity of witnessing these wonderful curiosities, as the price of admission will only be 10 cents.

OUR GAY POLICEMEN.

ROLLICKING ROSS AND LICENCIOUS LANGAN

The Police Committee met on Monday last, to investigate certain charges which were brought against Police Constable Ross, of drunkenness, chasing a respectable woman, and endeavoring to arrest two sober citizens, while himself intoxicated. After hearing the evidence, the Committee decided, to suspend Ross for one month, and George Sisson takes his place.

Last evening the committee met again to investigate other charges brought against Police officer Langan, which specified that he, Langan, had neglected his duty, and was frequently in the habit of passing his time in a state of intoxication, in company with Miss Josie Bain, and other damsels of questionable character, while on duty, and frequenting houses of ill-fame. Several witnesses were to be examined, but the constable acknowledged the truth of the accusations. Judgment has been reserved in his case by the committee, till the arrival home of absent members.

A recent letter to a contemporary states that a man killed three deer with one shot, and was frequently in the habit of killing two. That's nothing, we heard of a man who killed nine deer, and a maltese cat, and wounded a grasshopper with one fell shot. This is about as big a lie as the other, but we are bound to get ahead in some manner.

A sporting club has been lately organized at the East End, known as the "Clipper Gun Club and Game Protective Society." The officers elected are: G. W. Rapley, President; Caskey, vice do.; A. N. Petit, Treasurer; Chas. Fitzsimons, Secretary; J. Stewart, Referee. Tuesday afternoon in each week is the time selected for practice.

Mr. Amos Barnes, who obtained the contract to build the fence around the fair grounds has just completed it, in the remarkably short space of sixteen days. 237 rods was the circumference of the grounds, and it required 37,494 feet of lumber, and 401 ten-foot posts to construct it. The fence is eight feet in height, and there two 12 foot gates, and three 4 feet in width.

The celebrated Comfort Brothers, who were announced a short time ago, will make their first appearance on Tuesday evening in their new specialties, consisting of songs, dances, Indian club swinging, and slack wire clog. Merritt, the child wonder, will arrive from New York on a special flat car, per C. S. R., to take part in the entertainment. His weight is 999 lbs. Don't fail to see him. This institution is under the management of Mr. R. Williams.

Frank Campbell and Albert Alexander were too high-toned to travel in the way usually pursued by members of the tramp fraternity, by riding in empty freight cars. Such a proceeding would be beneath their dignity, so, in their journey from Toledo to Buffalo on the C. S. R., they broke into a bonded car. They were arrested by Detective Raymour for that offence, and brought before the P. M. on Saturday last and sentenced to ten days in the common jail.

A young man named J. T. Echlin accosted Chief of Police Fewings at the C. S. R. depot on Saturday last, and producing a revolver, pretended ignorance of the laws of Canada, and inquired if he could carry concealed firearms without placing himself liable to arrest. The Chief answered the question satisfactorily and the man departed. Mr. Fewings afterwards obtained information that Echlin was wanted at Sarnia, on a charge of stealing clothes and other articles. He accordingly laid in wait for the stranger and captured him that night. The stolen clothes were found on his person. He has since been taken to Sarnia by the Chief of Police of that town.

A mean life is only the dark shadow of a mean theory of life. The devil is cunning enough to upset a man's notions of honour on the first step toward upsetting his actions.

By love's delightful influence all the injuries of the world are alienated, the bitter cup of affliction is sweetened, and fragrant flowers are strewn along the most thorny path of life.