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The first meeting of the West Nissouri township council was held at Thorndale. The usual declarations of property qualification and office having been made by the memebers-elect and filed, the reeve, Samuel Pardy, took the chair and called the members to order. Members present: Messrs. Thomas Farley, Albert George Smith, John W. Saland James H. Davis. On motion of Albert G. Smith, seconded by Thomas Farley, James H. Davis was appointed deputy reeve. The reeve, clerk, Thomas Fitzsimmons, George W. Keast and Robert Sterritt were appointed as a local board of health for 1895. William Faircloth was appointed as sanitary inspector, and Dr. Ford medical health officer. Edward Johnson was appointed auditor by the casting vote of the reeve. The reeve, by virtue of his office, appointed Joseph Wheaton auditor. On motion of Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. Salmon, Edward Fitzgerald was appointed assessor for 1895. The time for the return of the collector's roll was extended until the next meeting. The reeve and Mr. Smith were appointed a comittee to make inquiry concerning the claim of one R. Smith for alleged damage to his buggy by a runaway team on the 4th concession, at lot No. 1. It was ordered that the court for the revision of the assessment roll of 1895 be held on Wednesday, May 29.

AYLMER.

("Advertiser" Agents, C.J.Gundy & Co.) Jan. 24.-Miss Pauline Johnson and O. A. Smiley will give an entertainment in the town hall, Aylmer, on Monday, Jan. 28, under the auspices of the Trinity Church Literary Society.

Miss Titus, of Fenton, Mich., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Francis, of Ridgetown, has returned home after spending a few days in town with friends.

Mr. John Wallace, proprietor of the Brown House, has been elected vicepresident of the Elgin License-Holders Protective Association.

The following were appointed as a board of health for Aylmer: John Crawford, J. W. Hutchinson, Andrew Murray, Mayor Huffman, the clerk, Dr. C. W. Marlatt (medical health officer), and W. R. Hare (sanitary inspector).

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilbert, of Sim coe, are visiting friends in town.

The new town council have reduced the assessor's salary to \$70, and the collector's to \$75. Messrs. Dr. Sinclair, E. A. Miller (barrister), and Andrew Murray have been appointed trustees of the Aylmer Col-

legiate Institute. The Masons of Vienna will erect a new brick lodge room at once.

A mechanics' institute has been organized at Springfield with a good mem-

bership. Mrs. Harry Stevens entertained a large number of friends on Tuesday to a whist and dancing party. Guests were present from London and St.

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A Brutal Assault on a Man Near Ingersoll.

A Thedford Youth in Trouble—The Comfort Estate-A St. Thomas Ruffian. -Sales of Land.

Vienna Masons will erect a handsome Masonic building.

The smallpox trouble in Strathroy cost that town \$1,600. A horticultural society has been recently formed in Woodstock. St. Thomas schools, including the Col-

legiate Institute, cost \$25,558 44 last year. The attendance was 1,869. H. C. Rode has sold his 150 acre farm in Elma township, Perth county, to his son, John G. Rode, for \$6,500.

Perth County Council is considering the erection of a poorhouse. The peo-ple may possibly vote on the proposi-

Mrs. A. Walker has disposed of the west half of the north half of lot 4, con. 1, 50 acres, Mosa township, to John Stinson. Price, \$2,800. Mr. J. A. McAlpine is erecting a grain warehouse on the G. T. R. at Alvinston,

with a capacity for 8,000 bushels. Chas. Darvill has the work in hand. Colchester North Agricultural Society has a balance on hand of \$194 87, making the total assets now \$1,294 87. Thomas Hood was elected president for

Chatham Young Liberals have elected Messrs. McPhee, McBride, Lamont, Harrington, Kerr and Rankin as delegates to the great meeting of Young Liberals in Toronto.

The estate of the late Hiram Comfort, of St. Thomas, being over \$100,000, it has to pay taxes under the Succession Duties Act at the rate of two and a half per cent. The tax will amount to about \$2,700. John Fisher, an old and reliable mill

hand employed at the Messrs. Kribs' saw mill in Hespeler, met with a painful accident on Tuesday. His thumb was sawn off and three fingers badly While Miss Legg, of St. Thomas, was

walking down Center street at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night a villain grabbed her at a corner, but her screams brought the residents from their doors near by and the scoundrel decamped. Mr. Robinson made a good sale of his

farm—\$15,000—but we hear that he was offered \$17,000 for it before the large barn was built. This is a great difference, and shows the decline in value of farm property.-Fergus correspondent Guelph Mercury. The Kent County Council on Wednes-

day voted on a series of resolutions providing for a fixed sessional indemnity of \$10 and mileage, the abolition of one session, or attendance thereat without pay. By a pretty solid vote all of the proposals were voted down. Division Street Presbyterian Church,

Owen Sound, was on Wednesday the scene of a very fashionable wedding, the contracting parties being Frank Broderick, merchant, of Chatham, and Miss Lottie Rixon, eldest daughter of Henry Rixon, of the firm of Maitland, Rixon & Co. Brant poultry men have formed a

county association with these officers: W. F. F. Wiley, patron; Geo. Colwell, president; Geo. Curless, first vice-president; J. A. Powell, second vice-president; Jas. D. Campbell, secretary; C. H. Roberts, treasurer.

On Wednesday night fire was discovered in the cellar of the front part of John Kidd's house in Mono, which is at present occupied by a Mr. Clark, who deals in furniture and crockery. It is the general opinion that the fire was started by some person, as coal oil had been sprinkled around. Not much damage was done.

The funeral of the late Miss Morrish of Chatham, whose sudden death cast a gloom over her wide circle of friends, took place on Wednesday. A feature that lent additional sadness to this event was the fact that the relatives had not been able to locate the deceased young lady's father, who is a commer-

cial traveler. New Hamburg Independent: Menno Beehtel has sold his farm to C. & C. Christner for \$7,000. A few years ago the farm would have sold for \$8,000 or \$9,000, and Mr. Beehtel sunk a well at a big expense this summer, having been rewarded with an abundant supply of water. He also put up a good deal of

new fence. The following are the officers of the Muncey-Tecumseh Agricultural Society for 1895: President, J. Logan; first vicepresident, Johnson Peters; secretary, S. John; treasurer, Charles Snake; board of directors, John Dolson, Albert Peters, Jos. Dolson, Peter Jones, Cornelius Logan, Wesley Peters, Myles McDougald, David Hank, Ben Logan.

George Calvert, a young man of about 26 years of age, a resident of Thedford, was brought before the court at Sarnia the other day charged under the Charlton Act with seduction, under promise of marriage, the complaining party being a young lady well known in Thedford. The accused elected trial by jury, and was committed to await trial at the next assizes. Bail at \$1,200 was allowed.

John Thomson, the warden of Elgin for 1895, is the son of Archibald Thomson, of Aldborough, and was born in that township about 33 years ago. He owns and works a farm on the tenth concession of the township, about two miles south of West Lorne. He was first elected to the township council in 1890. This year he defeated J. W. Lee for the reeveship by a majority of upwards of

500. He is a Reformer in politics. Wednesday morning the members of Grace Church choir, St. Thomas, and some of their friends were returning from a party in the country. The covered sleigh in which they rode was overturned a mile and a half from the city. Most of them were more or less injured, three of them severely. Miss Alice Beattie suffered concussion of the brain; Miss Florence Palmer, nervous prostration; and Mr. Ernie Clarke is now delirious. None of them are considered in

a dangerous condition. A brutal assault and attempted robwas committed on Saturday night between Putnam and Avon. Neil Brown was the victim. Brown had been hauling wood for some time past to Jas. Buchanan, near Ingersoll, and was re-turning home after delivering a load. Between Putnam and Avon he caught up to a stranger on the road, whom he asked to ride. This seems to be the last Brown remembers until he reached Crompton, where he was found in an unconscious condition in the bottom of his sleigh. His head was badly cut. One of the stakes of the rack was the instrument used in clubbing Brown. After he had been beaten into unconsciousness the villain made a thorough search of his pockets but secured nothing. It is understood that Brown was to receive quite an amount of money on Saturday, and it is believed by many that it was a deliberately planned scheme, and that Brown had been shadowed while in

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What Middlesex Has Spent on Iron Bridges Since 1874.

A Deputation Asks for a Bridge at Kilworth.

Crime in the County Decreasing-The Smallpox in Strathroy.

The Middlesex County Council was confronted yesterday afternoon by an influential deputation of farmers resid-ing near Kilworth. Mr. Arthur Seabrook, chief spokesman of the party, announced that their object was to se-cure a bridge over the Thames at Kil-worth. It had been asked for at the December session of the council, and a petition signed by over 800 farmers was presented. Mr. Seabrook presented an extra petition of 100 other ratepayers in the Kilworth district. He spoke of the great convenience the bridge would be, and asked that the council give the matter their most earnest considera-tion. The board of road directors will consider the request.

CRIME IN THE COUNTY. High Constable Schram presented his annual report on the work of the county constabulary. Of the persons arrested, one was charged with murder, two with robbing postoffices; highway robbery, two; bribing a juror, one; bigamy, one embezzlement, one; arson, two, and horse stealing, eight. The amount of property stolen was \$1,200, and of this \$800 worth was recovered. The eight horses stolen were recovered and returned to their owners. "It can be stated," concluded the report, "that crime in Middlesex county is on the de-

OTHER BUSINESS. The road directors presented their first report. It was recommended in reference to Commissioner Talbot's report on new bridges, that Messrs. W. L. Corbett, C. C. Hodgins, Henry Hardy, R. Dreaney and C. M. Simmons be empowered to open tenders for the different works. Mr. Talbot was also instructed to prepare plans and specifica-tions and call for tenders for the new bridges, to be opened on Feb. 16. The commissioner will also call for tenders and award contracts for two small bridges on the Caradoc town-line, the

cost not to exceed \$220. In his annual report on the non-resident land fund, County Treasurer Mc-Evoy showed that the arrears on lands not yet liable to be sold amounted to \$2,755 73. The amount of taxes in arrears on land now advertised to be sold was \$590 67, making a total of arrears of \$3,345 80. Back taxes to the extent of \$1,944 70 were paid during 1894. Reeve Macdonald and Deputy Reeve Murdock moved as follows: "That the bridge commissioner be instructed to report on the probable cost of an iron bridge over the River Thames at the Wharncliffe road, thereby connecting

the city and London West. Messrs. Gillies and Owens asked the council to grant \$500 to Strathroy. The smallpox had broken out there, and the nearly \$1,500 in suppressing it. Referred Graham is 43 years of age, and has lived in to the finance committee.

County Treasurer McEvoy's sureties for \$90,000 were renewed. Reeve Murray of Westminster was empowered to act with the reeve of Southwold in building a new, or repairing the old bridge east of the Talbot road, on the line between Elgin and Middlesex.

In future the clerks of all municipalities will be compelled to transmit to the county clerk a copy of the auditors' abstract and statement. This step was aken on the suggestion of Reeve Mac-A letter from the Toronto Single Tax

Association asking the council's support to secure local option in taxation was filed. Warden Leitch and Clerk Robson were appointed auditors of criminal jus-

BIG OUTLAY ON BRIDGES. Middlesex has always been a leader in good roads, good farms, good bridges and good residents. Its highways and byways are continually kept in such a condition that accidents are almost unknown, and lawsuits for damages are very rarely incurred by the municipal-The cost of keeping up such a condition of things is heavy, and to impart an idea of the expenditure, the outlay on iron bridges since 1874 is given, believing it will be of interest to residents in every section of the county. In that year there was not an iron bridge in existence in the whole county. There were several wooden structures on stone abutments, and they were considered good enough for the farmers in those days. The iron ones were introduced about then, and the county council of 1874 decided to tear down one of their frame bridges, raise the abutments and put on an iron superstructure. This has been done in many instances since, while entirely new bridges have been placed in many sections, until at the present time they number twenty. Their names, location and cost to the county follows: Westminster (York street), \$5,210 05; Victoria (Ridout street), \$5,960 38; Wellington street (Clark's), \$6,235 60; Oxford street, \$10,104 56; Blackfriars (Ridout street north), \$8,616 66; Kensington (Dundas street), \$5,626 50; Komoka, between Lobo and Delaware, \$12,220; Delaware, between Caradoc and Delaware, \$25,-815 30; Graham road, between Aldboro and Mosa, \$6,975 20; Wardsville, at Wardsville, \$9,628 15; Bothwell, near the village of Bothwell, \$5,846 39; East London road, between lots 8 and 9, London township, \$8,061 17; Adelaide street, between lots 12 and 13, London township, \$10,378 38; Norton's, between Westmin-ster and London townships, on the Hamilton road, \$7,687 50; Wabauno, between Westminster and North Dorchester, \$5,594 30; McIntosh, between Ekfrid and Dunwich, \$10,032 17; Center road, over the Au Sable, between East and West Williams, \$8,945 50; Ailsa Craig, between East Williams and McGillivray, \$7,032 10; Perth, on the boundary line between Nissouri and Blanchard townships, \$3,500; Doty's, on the Governor's road, \$4,000.

This makes a total outlay of \$167,-469 91, but is not the total cost of the structures. In the first six the city bore an equal share to the county, while in the Graham road and Wardsville bridges, Middlesex only paid one-half the expense. Kent, Elgin and Middlesex were all interested in the construc-tion of the Bothwell bridge, but Middlesex's interest was so small that she only paid 22 1-2 per cent. of the cost. The \$167,469 91 does not include the cost of making the 100-foot approaches which have to be furnished at either end of a bridge, and which frequently cause heavy expense in grading. What must the county's outlay in small wooden bridges be?

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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The Wonderland Music Theater opens to the public on Monday next. Two performances will be given daily, afternoons at 2:30; evenings at 8. A corps of scenic artists and decorators have been at work all this week repainting the scenery and making many needed improvements. Five cages of monkeys and other animals will arrive on Monday morning. The attractions for the opening week are: The "Gipsy Warde" Dramatic Company, numbering ten people, for the theater, and the Damm Family, ladies' orchestra, for the curio hall. The "Gipsy Warde" Company will produce next week the stirring melodrama, "The Texas King." The management of this enterprise also operate a very success ful Wonderland at Port Huron. "A GAIETY GIRL."

The theater-goers of London may rest assured that one of the events of the season will be the appearance of the "Gaiety Girl" Company at the Grand Opera House next Tuesday night. The Toronto Globe speaks of the performance as follows: 'A Gaiety Girl' is a musical comedy in two acts, and it runs with a sparkle and a dash from the opening chorus to the fall of the curtain. The first scene is laid in the pleasure grounds of the barracks of the Life Guards, with a view of Windsor Castle in the distance. The here of the piece is Charles Goldfield, an officer of the Guards, who is in love with Alma Somerset, a girl of the Gaiety Company. Charley is rich, and his aunt, Lady Virginia Forest, who is the heroine of a diverce case and a professional chaperone of maidens of high degree, wishes him to marry Rose Brierly. daughter of a fashionable doctor who is one of Lady Virginia's lovers. The fun of the piece is kept up between Dr. Brierly and Sir Lewis Gray, judge of the divorce court, and is of an supecially laughable character. The situations are as unreasonable as any lover of comie opera could wish, but there is beauty and grace, wit and fun, song and dance, sparkle and all that goes to make up a brilliant, successful comedy. The villain of the piece—a folly little villain—is Nina, Lady Virginia's French maid, and the part as played by Miss Nina Martino showed marked artistic ability. Nina's solo, of which the moral part was 'If you can't get the master, be contented with the man, was charming. "The Boys of the House-hold Brigade" was a lilting quartet by the Guards, and the trie, "Never let go of him," by the doctor, the judge and Lady Virginia, were among the most popular of the songs. The dancing was the feature emphatically. There is no doubt that for the dancing alone "A Gaiety Girl" would be ure to go.

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Good Luck Said To Be in Store for Geo. Graham, of Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 24. - Geo. M. Graham, 14 St. Albans street, this city, has received a letter from his cousin, a lawyer in Scotland, asking that if he is the son of the late James Graham, of Leitchtown, he will put himself into communication with the writer, who goes on to say that he has lately been looking into the Leitchtown family matters so far as that can be done from records and printed matter, and has tound that the representative of the family is male heir to the Earl of Monteith. Mr. Toronto for twenty years. His father, Jas. Graham, was for many years manager of the Bank of Montreal, On the walls o his drawing-room hang five life-sized por traits of his more immediate progenitors finely painted. Mr. Graham possesses also a number of old miniatures and many family

papers.

Knocked Out by a Ram. BRANTFORD, Jan. 24 .- Yesterday Mr. Peter Couse, Talbot street, was visiting the farm of Mr. Samuel Smiley, Yarmouth. A ram ran against him and knocked him down, breaking both bones of the left leg near the ankle. Mr. Couse did not see the animal approaching, having his back towards him, nor did he know until after the accident what had caused it.



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