

## PASSING OF JAS. B. PURVIS.

One of the Pioneers of the County of Lambton.

It is with feelings of regret that the death of James B. Purvis will be heard by many friends in Sarnia and throughout Lambton County. Mr. Purvis had been in poor health for some time past and death ensued Wednesday, July 24, at the age of 69 years, 5 months and 23 days. For some twelve years past Mr. Purvis has been a resident of Sarnia, moving to town from Sarnia township, where he had resided since childhood. Deceased was a native of Berwickshire, Scotland, and came this country at the age of thirteen years, settling with his parents in Sarnia township, where he resided the greater part of his life. He leaves to mourn his death a widow, four sons and one daughter, viz., Robert, of Sarnia township; John, of Wyoming, U. S. A.; Thomas, at home, James, of Sarnia township, and Mrs. Thomas Bullman, of this town. The sympathy of many relatives and friends will be extended to the bereaved. The funeral took place from the family residence, 547 north Christina street, on Saturday, July 27th, at 3 o'clock p.m. to Lakeview cemetery.

### The Early Bird.

(Harpers Weekly.) Bishop Brewster of Connecticut, is noted for his funny stories, and his latest is said to be about an old reprobate who decided to repent and announced to everyone that whatever wrong he had done should be made right. So a man whom he had cheated out of a large sum of money went around at midnight to demand it.

"But what did you come at this hour for, and wake me up? Why not wait till tomorrow?" said the old sinner, crossly. "I came now," replied the man, "to avoid the rush."

### For the Benefit of Farmers.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has taken another step in connection with the work of agriculture instruction. Courses of agriculture have been established in the High Schools or Collegiate Institutes of Galt, Morrisburg, Collingwood, Perth, Essex and Lindsay, as previously announced. In addition to the High School work, offices are being established at these points, which will be in charge of the agricultural teachers, where, at stated hours, farmers may meet this representative of the department for consultation. The offices, it is expected, will become the agricultural headquarters for each of the districts. The reports and bulletins of the department will be procurable at these offices.

### Burned to Death.

Port Huron, Mich., July 24.—Mrs. Claude E. Markey, daughter-in-law of D. P. Markey, was burned to death at her home in Pasadena, Cal., through the explosion of an alcohol lamp which had been placed near her bedside. Mrs. Markey was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Markey, of 1422 Pleasant street, this city, and was born at Hamilton, Ont., July 15, 1880. She was married to Claude E. Markey after his graduation from the University of Michigan. They have one child, a little girl.

### Ostriches and Goats.

Cape Town, July 23.—In the House of Assembly during a debate on a bill to prohibit the export of ostriches, J. T. Molteno suggested that the prohibition be extended to Angora goats because of the efforts being made to introduce them into the United States.

### GHOP STUFF.

W. R. McDonald, general merchant of Dutton, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Henry Cunningham, the Algonac druggist who was convicted of selling liquor to an Indian, paid a fine of \$150 to the county clerk on Monday.

J. D. Williamson, Principal of the Forest Public School, left on Tuesday, on a sight seeing trip through Alberta and other Northwest localities.

Nothing looks more ugly than to see a person whose hands are covered over with warts. Why have these disfigurements on your person when a sure remover of all warts, corns, etc., can be found in Holloway's Corn Cure.

Mr. Thos. Kelly left Petrolia for the Canadian Northwest. He will visit his son at Etevan, Sask., and will also take in the sights of Regina, Brandon, Moosejaw and several other places.

Mr. J. W. Sifton, an ex-pupil of the Strathroy collegiate institute, has been engaged as principal and superintendent of the Moose Jaw, Sask., schools, at a salary of \$2,000, an increase of \$300 over last year.

Dr. J. S. Pritchard has recently been added to the medical staff of the National Sanitarium Association of Gravenhurst assistant at the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. Dr. Pritchard, is a former resident of Forest, being the son of the late Rev. J. Pritchard.

If your children moan and are restless during sleep, coupled, when awake, with a loss of appetite, pale countenance, picking of the nose, etc., you may depend upon it that the primary cause of the trouble is worms. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator effectually removes these pests, at once relieving the little sufferers.

As Mr. Samuel Oakes, reeve of Carleton Place, with some assistants, was driving cattle to Strathroy on Saturday he met with rather an unpleasant experience. The cattle were hurrying down the road and Mr. Oakes, who was in a buggy, endeavored to head them off by running his horse. In trying to pass the cattle he drove too near the side of the road, with the result that the horse, buggy and driver were dumped into the ditch. Mr. Oakes was thrown underneath the buggy, but quickly extricated himself.

Port Huron Times: Frank Dodge and

family of Bay county, came to Sarnia to make arrangements to go to the Canadian northwest, where they expected to take up their permanent residence. The Canadian land speculators discovered that two of the children were suffering from some disease and refused to furnish the transportation promised. The family has returned to Bay county, where Mr. Dodge is the owner of a small farm.

### LOCAL OR OTHERWISE.

In reply to Grass Widower, we might just say that there is no quick way of washing dishes. Pile them up in the sink and wait for wife to return.

"DEAR me, John this is dreadful; with hot weather on us and no money to go anywhere. Haven't you any country relations you can scare up?" "That's the trouble, I've scared up all I've got already."

In the Niagara fruit belt the prospects for grapes were never better than this year. A grape grower says that this has been an exceptionally favorable spring for grapes and the vines are looking unusually well now.

A PECULIARLY marked slug is causing great havoc in local gardens, eating everything in sight from flowers and shrubs to garden truck, even onions being relished. Samples of the slug have been sent to the O.A.C. for identification.

THE tomato crop is doing nicely, though a little late. It is expected that the canning factory will begin operations by the middle of August at the latest, and the present prospects are that there will be crop enough to keep it going for several months.

CANADA now contains some 175 furniture factories. These factories are valued at nearly eight million. They employ nearly 7,000 hands and distribute annually more than two million in wages. Their annual output is valued at nearly eight million dollars.

HER (sighing)—"Oh, I met such a lovely, polite man today!" Him—Where was that?" Her—"On the street. I must have been carrying my umbrella carelessly for he bumped me, and he said: 'Pardon me,' and he said: 'Don't mention it—I have another eye left.'"

THE geology class was sent out to collect specimens, and their teacher was to explain on their return what the different specimens were. One of the boys, for a joke, brought in a piece of brick. When the teacher came to examine what they had to offer he took up one specimen after another. "This," said he "is quartz, this felspar, this sandstone, and this"—taking up the piece of brick and looking gravely at the boy who brought it—"this is a piece of impudence."

THE apple crop in this vicinity promises to be a good one. The fruit is dropping but little, and many trees are already bending with the crop. Such varieties as Spy, Russet, Baldwin, and Ben Davis are heavy; Kings are fair, while Greenings are light. Orchards that are sprayed present a vigorous appearance, while the unsprayed are affected by the usual fungus and insect enemies. Plums will be a medium crop, much better than last year, but not a heavy crop. Lombards, Bradshaws, Victorias, etc., are heavy; Japanese varieties are a failure.

THE moon was partially eclipsed Wednesday night for about six hours. The Observatory maintained a close watch throughout the phenomenon, but the cloudiness of the prevented the opening of the eclipse being observable. The penumbra (defined by weather authorities as "the shadow of the shadow") was entered at precisely 8.59 p.m., the height of the eclipse being reached at 11.22, when exactly two-fifths of the moon was obscured. By two o'clock the eclipse was over, no unusual features having been presented.

### Condolence.

To BRO. RICHARD T. HUGHES: Sir and Brother—We, the officers and members of Warwick Union L. O. L. No. 1039 wish to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the brethren in the loss you have sustained in the death of your dear one. We know that the death of such a dear one will be hard to bear, and while we mourn with you for the loss of this life, we pray that our loving Father will sustain you and be your comfort in this your hour of deep affliction, and that on that great day we shall meet her in that land where parting shall be no more.

We cannot call a day our own, Nor yet a single hour, For death will out the strongest down And blast the fairest flower.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge

ROBERT LUCAS, W. M.

ALEX. BRYCE, Sec. So.

### Prepare for Pasture.

Dwarf Essex rape makes a good fall pasture for sheep, lambs, hogs or young cattle. Many a farmer is short of fall feeding, and a few acres sown to rape, millet, etc., will prove valuable to him this year.

A man often sees a chance to buy a few sheep, cattle, pigs or horses, upon which he could turn over a nice penny in a short while, if he had the pasture. Sow four pounds to the acre of rape and you can make a profitable return in pork or mutton. The farmer nowadays has to turn his back to many things. The hustler leaves the man, who says framing does not pay, away in the rear.

### Blaze at Petrolia.

Petrolia, July 22.—A fire which caused considerable anxiety, owing to its proximity to two large lumber yards, broke out 11.30 to-night in the rear of May's elevators. Both brigades responded promptly and after an hour's hard work succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. The damage will not be heavy.

## THE PRISONS IN CHINA

Fearful State of the Criminals Confined In Them.

### ALL PRISONERS FETTERED.

Some From Cruelty Become In Appearance as Wild as Beasts of the Forest. Punishment, For Purposes of Extortion, That Kills Many.

The first thing which impresses the European visitor to the Chinese prison is the absolutely filthy character of the structure itself. If one gets permission to visit the prison in Canton, and shoals of globe trotters do wend their way thither after they have seen the execution ground, it will be found to be a ramshackle building of no pretense whatsoever.

The question will be asked, "By what means are the prisoners held in safety if the structures in which they are incarcerated are so filthy and insecure?" The answer, says the East of Asia Magazine, is brief. Without exception the prisoners are fettered. Many have chains on the legs only. These are the less dangerous and have been guilty of the less important crimes. Others, in addition, have fetters on the arms, which make it impossible for them to escape.

Lastly, a few prisoners were not only manacled on the ankles, but wore a chain around their necks, and the dangling end of which was attached to a block of granite. The prisoner would walk from place to place within the courtyard, but ere he could move beyond the length of his chain he must stop and lift the stone and, carrying it in his shackled arms, drop it again where he wished to stop.

In addition to the chains worn by day, all the male prisoners are further shackled at night. By means of two heavy beams, in which holes have been made for the ankles of the prisoners, a rude but effective method is discovered for detaining the prisoners in absolute security.

The prisoners, who during the day have been loafing in the courtyard, are in the evening driven into the wards and made to lie side by side on a raised platform. The upper of the two beams is then raised, and each man is compelled to place his ankle in the hole made to receive it, whereupon the upper beam is replaced, and the prisoners are held by the feet in these rude stocks. There is no possibility of escape. They are allowed bricks for pillows, and in this uncomfortable position they pass the hours.

In addition to this, however, special cruelties are perpetrated on certain prisoners who, for some reason or other, are exempted from capital punishment. Prisoners there are whose appearance becomes as wild as the beasts of the forest; who, with heavy canes on their shoulders, are incarcerated in a filthy dungeon for the term of their natural lives. I have seen them moving to and fro like caged hyenas in their dens at a menagerie. Their appearance is revolting.

Night and day, as far as I remember, both asleep and awake, this heavy burden rested on their shoulders, though how it was possible to sleep therein I was unable to understand. On the other hand, in a prison I visited a few weeks ago I was informed that the cages were removed at nights that the prisoners might sleep. A crowd in the prison quadrangle, with their unshaven heads, their unwashed faces, their clanking fetters, their hopeless looks, their diseased bodies and their brutalized souls, can never be forgotten.

But, although under the recognized system of punishment Chinese prisoners must live a life which to us of the west would be unbearable, it would not be so to them if they were fairly treated and were saved from the excruciations and barbarities to which they are exposed at the hands of their rapacious keepers.

When a prisoner first goes into the wards the warders claim his clothes and his money, and he is left with the barest rags to cover his nakedness. He is robbed of all his cash, as a matter of course. Those who are condemned are compelled, under a threat of the whip, to write begging letters to their relatives requesting them to forward money.

If the unfortunate man hesitates to accede to this demand, the warders, assisted by some of the oldest prisoners—for it appears that inmates of more than twenty years' residence have secured them certain privileges—take the man in hand during the night. The hands of the prisoners are fastened by a rope, and the other end of the rope is then passed through a ring which hangs from the roof of the ward.

The warders then hoist the unhappy wretch, who is left hanging in midair by the hands. Should he attempt to cry out his mouth and throat are filled with ashes. When the breath has almost left his body and he is choking he is lowered, and under the terror of renewal of this torture he is eager to

promise almost anything.

Many die under this ordeal. But as it is assumed among the mandarins that mortality must be high and as no official probing is ever dreamed of a general statement as to natural death is sufficient.

### The Cashless Engagement.

"I hope you won't insist upon a long engagement, dearest," he said tenderly. "No, sweetheart, I won't. You have not money enough to make one enjoyable," she answered practically.

The charity that hastens to proclaim its good deeds ceases to be charity and is only pride and ostentation.—Hutton.

### SECRETS OF SAVAGES.

Some Things That Bait the Ingenuity of Civilized Man.

The head was no bigger than an orange, the black, bearded head, perfectly preserved, of a man of forty or so. "The Dyaks alone," said the ethnologist, "have the secret of taking an adult human head and reducing it, like this, to less than half its size. Their houses are ornamented profusely with these reduced heads of enemies slain in battle. No one knows how the reduction is accomplished. It is a marvelous secret that the Dyaks refuse to give up.

"Savages, degraded as they are beside us, possess a number of marvelous and unfathomable secrets. One is the making of fire by the rubbing of dry twigs. Only a savage can do that.

"Another is the construction of fishskin suits. The natives of the Siberian coast make suits of fishskin that are softer, finer and far more waterproof than any fabric known to us. What could be so waterproof as fishskin?

"A third is the secret of arrested life. There are aborigines in India who can die temporarily, can be buried a week or more and on being dug up come to life again.

"The best blankets, the best baskets, the best canoes and the best dyes are all made by savages."

### Swans Defeat a Fox.

A correspondent of the Colwyn Bay Herald describes a fierce fight between a fox and a number of swans. The fox, after hiding for awhile among some reeds, boldly swam toward a number of swans. The latter were on the alert, however, and when within a yard the biggest bird attacked him with wing and beak, entirely submerging him for two or three seconds. Nothing daunted, the fox made a final attack, but ignominious defeat awaited him, as all the swans arrayed themselves in single file and made a desperate attack on their assailant, which eventually landed at the south side of the lake, his blood covering the felt of heather at the far end. The swans appeared to have sustained no injury whatever.

### Where They Were Not Bad.

A visitor who was going through the penitentiary one day turned to the warden and said:

"I suppose you have a good many bad people here?"

"Bad! Bad people here!" ejaculated the gray haired warden, with an air of comic surprise. "What put that into your head? There are no bad people here. Why, if they wanted to be bad, we wouldn't let 'em."

The warden smiled grimly, and the visitor awakened to the fact that the "pen" was not the place where people could afford to be bad, even if they wished.

### Cosmopolitan Dinners.

"You can pay your money in New York and get any sort of dinner you like and of every possible nationality," declared the man about town. "You can get an Italian dinner with spaghetti, a French dinner with frogs' legs, an Irish dinner with some sort of stew, a Hungarian dinner with goulash, a Russian dinner with caviare, a Spanish dinner with frioles and a southern dinner with corn pone."

### Accounts Squared.

Hicks—I owe you an apology. The fact is, it was raining, and I saw your umbrella, and, supposing you had gone home for good, I took it.

Wicks—Don't mention it. I owe you an apology. You left your new hat, you know, and wore your old one. As I had no umbrella and as I didn't want to wet my hat, I put on yours. Hope you don't mind.

### The Dust.

They were celebrating their engagement by dining at a swell cafe. "Do you believe," she queried as the conversation lagged, "that man is really made of dust?"

"Well," he rejoined, glancing at the dinner check, "he wouldn't be able to travel far in your company if he wasn't."

The man of grit carries in his presence a power which spurs him the necessity of resenting insult.—Success.

The Sarnia Automobile & Bus company is having a new auto bus built for the Petrolia-Sarnia route. It is expected the new bus will be ready in about ten days.

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