SEASONABLE

Delaware and Meirose Riffiemen Shoot for Oysters.

More Honors for Pillsbury, the Chess Champion.

A Prominent London Physician Believes That 'Cycling Helps to Build IIn Splendid Women-Golfing is Good.

LONDON VS. INGERSOLL. A very hot game of hockey is expectnd at the Jubilee rink this forenoon between the Jubilee and Ingersoll teams. The Jubilee team will line up as forlows: C. Johns, goal; A. Little, point; H. Kerrigan, cover point; H. Peel (captain), F. Hobbs, W. Reid, and W. Car rothers, forwards. BASEBALL.

HUNTING UP A LEAGUE. Hamilton Herald: Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of affairs of the Eastern League, it is very probable that the Hamilton club will have to bunt up a new arrangement for the coming season. It has been suggested that an international league formed composed of Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Kingston, on this side, and Rochester, Utica, Oswego and Auburn on the other. Ex-Manager Addie Richard has had some correspondence on the subject and has already received assurance from Manager Sayer, of Oswego, that he is prepared to enter such a league. It is hardly likely, however, that until the Eastern League matter is finally dis-posed of that any steps will be taken by the local club towards the formation of a new league.

TRIGGHE OELAWARE VS. MELROSE.

The Delaware rifle shooters' challenge to the Melrose Rifle Club to shoot for an oyster supper was held at Delaware on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The repoints. Captain Mahler was disappointed in about half of his men not coming who had promised. The Meirose team was represented by ten men, all of whom did not shoot.

The captains are likely to arrange for return match in the near future.

After the shoot the boys repaired to the supper was held, and mine host had prepared one "out of eight." At events, a very considerable large portion of it was out of sight soon after the boys had been seated before the elegant spread. The generous-hearted Irlehman and his wife were not content with serving oysters only, but there was turkey and other good things galore. After the supper, Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Komoka, was chosen chairman, and a very enjoyable time was spent in listening to speeches and

Following are the totals of scores: Captain Mahler's team-100 yards, off-hand, 161 points out of a possible 100; 200 yards, with rest, 150 points out pudding dinner. The citizens who have of a possible 300. Total, 311.

Captain Challoner's team-100 yards off-hand, 167 points out of a possible 300: 200 yards, with rest, 148 points out of a possible 300. Total, 315.

WHEEL. BIKING BUILDS UP WOMEN.

London, Dec. 25.—Dr. William Ewart, a very prominent physician, has re-vived the question of the effect of bicycling, especially on women. He scouts the idea of some learned physicians that the exercise dulls the brain.
"The bicycle." he says, "is doing more
than any other of the physical pursuits to build up splendid women. it 12 is completely revolutionizing the tenor of the female existence. Although bicycling among young women only dates back a few years, already they are attaining greater stature and weight. Young girls are showing brighter eyes, complexions and stronger nerves, and much of this is due to bicycling.

CHESS. PILLSBURY FIRST.

New York, Dec. 25 .- News reached this city today from Vienna that the committee appointed to decide the disposition of the prizes for the most brilliant games played in the recent in-ternational tournament at Vienna, has awarded the first prize to Pillsbury, for his game against Halpin; Lipke sec-ond prize for his game against Janowski; and Marco third prize for his game against Burn. The prizes are to the value of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively.

GOLF GOLF IS GOOD.

The growing popularity of golf among women, Dr. Ewart has no doubt has had something to do with their improvement, and it is the doctors' duty, he says, to do all they can to encourage athletics by the young. It is the only way to build up the race, which is beginning to deteriorate in this age of unrest and nervous strain.

It is common talk in golfing circles that a team of British golfing women next year will invade the United States on a golfing tour. No names are yet mentioned, but the team will be thoroughly representative. While last year the projected tour of British male golfers in America fell through, owing to the question of traveling expenses, nothing of the kind will hinder the team of women players.

THE RAILWAYS

Grand Trunk Business Booming-Hard Blow at Scalpers.

Grand Trunk Railway system earn-Ings 15th to 21st December: 1896, \$449,-128; 1897, \$469,000; an increase of \$30,-

The Wabash road has canceled its notice of withdrawal from the Western Passenger Association. It was led to do so by the Alton again becoming a

The Baldwin locomotive works nas, within the last few days, received orders for 56 locomotives, of which 16 are for the Imperial Railway of China. The M. C. R. have issued the usual

order that no trains but passenger and live stock and perishable freight be run on Monday so that as far as posaible employes may spend Christmas Day at home. The Wabash will also

follow a similar course. The new safety paper that many of the railways will use after Jan. 1 for tickets, will, it is said, prove a harder blow to the scalpers than any national or state anti-scalping measure. It cannot be tampered with in the least without a conductor, when taking up a ticket, discovering it. The paper is

THE "DAY" AT THE INSTITUTIONS

Christmas and "Santa Claus" Among the Sick and Sad-The Orphans and the Aged Poor Remembered.

In the general festivities yesterday, the city's sick, afflicted and unfortunate were not forgotten. At nearly all the public institutions, the day was pleasantly celebrated. Christmas cheer was liberally provided, and the authorities exerted themselves to make the anniversary one to be long remem-

ORPHANS MADE HAPPY.

The little colony of motherless and fatherless children from the Orphans' Home attended St. John's Church in a body yesterday morning, and held special Sunday school services at the home in the afternoon, in which the inmates took part. Today will be a red letter one for the orphans, who will be treated to an entertainment in the afternoon, by the Busy Bees, and in the evening a Christmas tree is in order. This has been the all-absorbing talk of the little unfortunates for some weeks past, and is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by them, well knowing that there is always an abundance of toys, clothing, and good things to be presented. Some recitations and songs will be given during the intervals, to make the evening's pleasure more complete. Invitations have been extended to a number of the children's friends and former inmates to be present, and a very jolly and happy time is in store for the little ones.

AT THE ASYLUM.

At the Asylum, Christmas, as it fell on the Sabbath, passed off quietlymuch the same as other Sundays. The service yesterday was marked by excellent rendition of Christmas hymns and an impressive sermon, appropriate to the day.

Today, however, the usual cele-bration will take place. A bountiful supply of turkey, plum pudding and Christmas cake has been prepared for the patients, which will be served at dinner and supper. In the evening, the patients and attendants will assemble in the commodious ball room, where a large Christmas tree, heavily laden with presents for the patients. stands in all its glittering glory. The room is tastefully decorated and is decidedly picturesque in appearance. No Port Stanley Man Badly Burnedefforts have been spared by Dr. Bucke, the superintendent, and his energetic staff to make the day the most pleas-Tiffany's house in Delaware, where ant in the history of the institution. CITY HOSPITAL.

The inmates of the city hospital are as happy today as circumstances will permit. The staff have gone to considerable trouble to decorate the wards and corridors with evergreens, bunting, flags, etc. A very pretty Christmas tree, heavily laden with the contents of Santa Claus' pack, stands in the scarlet fever ward, and the children are delighted. Appropriate mottoes hang on the walls everywhere, and the hospital has quite a holiday appearance. The patients-those of them who are permitted to do so-will be treated to a roast turkey and plum contributed to the comfort and happiness of the inmates of the hospital are: (Dr.) Waugh, toys for the children; Colborne street south school children, picture books and toys; Mrs. W. T. Strong, two boxes of oranges; Dr. and Mrs. Eccles, two boxes of oranges, large cake for the nurses; the Flower Mission, flowers and a Christmas card for each inmate; Mrs. Buttray, Wolf street, fruit; Gertrude Taylor, toys for the children; Thomas McCormick, 74 boxes candy for patients and help, 16 boxes Paris bombons for house surgeon and nurses, two boxes assorted cakes and candies for matron and superintendent. Religious services will be held this afternoon.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL. Christmas was pleasantly observed at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday. Many charitable people remembered the sick by sending presents of fruit, flowcandies, turkeys and all the substantial good things that go to the furnishing and garnishing of a festive Two masses were celebrated by Rev. Father Beuter, of Washington University. As many of the patients as were able went to their homes to spend Christmas. This left most of the nurses free to spend the day with their friends. Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles sent a magnificent bouquet for the altar, Mrs. Rowat a present of bon-bons and cake for each of the nurses, and Dr. Meek a present of fruit for each of the pati-

NO CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR PRI-SONERS.

This year lawbreakers and offenders confined in the jail will have no Christmas dinner. In years gone by a liberal allowance of roast beef and plum duff has been served up on Christmas Day, but this will not be the case today, as no preparation has been made for this bounteous fare. The band of Christian workers, under Mr. Fred Matthews, yesterday morning provided a supply of good things for the prisoners' breakfast, which was most accept-ed. Arangements will be made, it is said, for a dinner to be given the prisoners on New Year's Day.

A Topsy-Turvy Land.

[From the New York Herald.] The land of the Japanese is that of inversion—least it seems so to us. Viewing things from an Oriental standpoint, we would probably think our present way of life the topsy turvy way and pity ourselves for shortsightedness and foolishness, as they

In Japan white is mourning, both for men and women, while women indicate their age by their costume. The Japanese has no foundation to his house, but instead the roof is ballasted that being considered a better safeguard against the violent storms. After dinner speeches are made before dinner, and probably no custom shows the innate good breeding of the Jap-anese more than this last. Think of the belated guests if such a custom Think of the speeches were ours?

thrown to the air? Some of the Japanese symbols are interesting and deserve recognition, so popular are their works of art in our homes. Look closely at Japanese screen, panel, kimono, fan, and you will find the inevitable cherry blossom the national flower: the plum, which signifies sweetness of heart; the pine, the strength of vigorous old age; a wo-man under a roof, charming symbol of

The obliqueness of the Japanese eyelid, which comes before one always in speaking of anything Japanese, is caused, it is said, by their living in high latitude, a protection of nature, accorded, too, to many animals.

It is said that the soldiers who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla stood the long marches in Cuba much better than the others

MILITIA PROMOTIONS

Changes That Affect Wolseley Barracks-A Bearer Section Formed-Great Interest Being Taken in the Work-Reception Day.

and that DriM-Sergeant Price has also pot, London, to replace. Sergt. Price. The change will take effect Jan. 15, when the men will be required to report for duty at their respective headquarters. Sergt. Price and Sergt. Dun-levy are well known here, where they have made a host of 'friends, with whom they are sorry to part. Their many friends wish them every success

their new home. Among the promotions at Wolseley Barracks (No. 1 depot) the following have been made: To be sergeants, Corp. A. Bethune and Corp. R. Davies; to be corporals, Ptc. M. O'Connell, and H. Kibbler; to be lance-corporal, Ptc. F. Anderson.

ceive their friends and endeavor to make things pleasant for them. New Year's Day they will hold another reception, when they will be pleased to see all their acquaintances.

A bearers' section has been formed in barracks, under Surgeon-Major C. W. Belton, ably assisted by Hospital Sergeant Copeman. The object is to instruct the section in the first aid to the wounded. A course of lectures is being given by Surgeon-Major Belton and Hospital Sergeant Copeman, on "Anatomy and Physiology," in which the men are much interested. Drill is also being performed, in order that the greatest proficiency may be attained by

The Debt on Alma College Completely Wiped Out.

Prominent Brantford Resident Dead.

O. J. & J. White, Learnington, shipped on Friday 208 hogs to London. A live pigeon and blue rock shooting match will be held at Sarnia on Dec.

The debt on Alma College, Thomas has been wiped out. This is a gratifying announcement. D. L. Mackay, the flying-roller, an-

nounces that he will be an aldermanic candidate in the second ward, Wind-West Brantford is without gas while

the flood prevention work continues. The churches and all public places have to use lamps. Dr. Charles Leslie Smith, the wellknown veterinary surgeon, Brantford, passed quietly away on Thursday ev-

ening, at 5:30 o'clock. the Hamilton Plebiscite Association clerk. 5 in regard to the desired appointment of a tem-

perance license commissioner. The amount of money taken at the door at the St. Marys Knox Church Sunday school anniversary aggregated the sum of \$46. This amount will be placed to the credit of the Sunday

J. Lassaline, J. F. Ouellette, J. Laidlaw, Robert Jackson, Wes Smith and Wm. Parker are the only candidates for Sandwich council so far announced. It would take one more to make an election necessary. R. Glunus is being urged to run for mayor.

Miss Carrie Campbell, for four years past teacher of school section No. 23, Yarmouth, on resigning her position was presented with an address and six handsomely bound volumes of poems by her scholars. Ida Penhale read the address and Blanche Gilbert made the presntation.

A number of York county farmers have complained to the Woodstock police that a man representing himself as a commission agent, has sold large quantities of butter shipped by them to him, and has failed to make returns to them. Friday neither farmer nor police could find the man, and it is believed that he has left the city.

A proclamation is out offering a reward by the town of St. Marys, of \$200, coupled with an additional \$200 offered by the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiary setting fire to the shingles stored in the shed on the J. D. Moore's Company's property, on Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

Charles Stewart, who was sentenced from Sandwich in 1894 to ten

years in Kingston for attempting to burn Jailer Sparks' stable, has been liberated and returned to Windsor. The petition, praying for his release, which was sent to the minister of justice about a year ago, pleaded that the sentence had been excessive and that Stewart had already suffered sufficient punishment for the crime. A Port Stanley correspondent writes: Mr. John Ferguson, livery stable keeper, here, on Tuesday, drove a party to Dutton and got wet through. On arriving home Wednesday he was taken with chills. His physicians ordered that hot bottles be placed around him, but bottles not being obtainable, hot irons were used, and Mr. Ferguson being careless, forgot to wrap flannel around one, and consequently burned

himself very badly, from which it is doubtful if he will ever recover. Mrs. Pearl Howard, white, the quondam wife of Joseph Howard, colcred, wanted Magistrate Bartlet at Windsor, to punish her sister-in-law. Allie Howard. Pearl said she had refused Allie and her dusky lover admission to her house on Cataraqui whereupon the gentle Allie had armed herself with a broad-axe, and, climbing upon the lean-to, gained entrance to the attic. Without more ado, she leaped through the ceiling, landing in the midst of the family group in a shower of plaster and broken lath, brandishing the axe and yelling like a Comanche Indian. The

magistrate is considering the case. The following students were succassful at the recent semi-annual examination of the Ontario College of Pharmacy: Passed in all subjects— W. A. Armitage, Brantford; A. W. Miller, Ingersoll; E. R. Wigle, Wiar-ton. Passed in four subjects — O. E. Rennie, Linwood (dispensing, prescriptions, materia medica, and botany); R. A. Whitten, Ottawa (dispensing, prescriptions, chemistry and materia medica). Passed in two subjects now

and in previous examination—G. F. Brethour, Ottawa; W. L. Cameron, Norwood; Charles L. Collins, Princeton; G. E. Craig, Ottawa; F. R. Glassford, Owen Sound; E. C. Haines, Owen Sound; W. H. Hewgill, Moosomin, N. W. T.; F. W. Jeffs, Havelock; D. A. Kelso, Toronto; W. M. Scott, Bradford; I. A. Snider, Guelph; J. A. Stew-art, Ailsa Craig; W. H. C. Sommer-

feldt, Toronto. within the past year many changes in a body, the Chinese total windsor repaired Friday to the home of Miss Carrie Pattillo, 78 Dougall avenue, where they were entered avenue, where they were entered in the annula ly. The latest regimental orders post- an event unprecedented in the annals ed announce that Sergt. B. Dunlevy of Windsor. The Mogolians are con-has been promoted to color-sergeant at sistent attendants at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and their enter-No. 3 military depot, St. Johns, Que., tainers were their respective Sabbath school teachers. The foreign guests been transferred to the same depot. and their religious instructors present Drill-Sergeant Roberts, of St. Johns, were: Frank Lee, Miss Patiilo; Que., has been transferred to No. 1 de-Charlie Louie, Miss Bradshaw; Pang Si Chang, Miss Coutts; Pang Si Bing, Miss McLarty; Lee Wa, R. Ralph Brennan; Lee Goon, Miss Patillo; Chang Geo. A. Panspeary; Lee Show, Miss Trimble; Le Guy and Jesse Lee Goon, two other members of the class, were unavoidably absent, though their teachers. Misses Bamford and Brown, were on hand. The gathering was indeed a unique one, and it will long be remembered by those present.

TOWNSHIP COUNCILS.

EAST WILLIAMS. The municipal council of East Wil-Today the officers and men will re- liams met at Nairn on Dec. 15, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. John Rook, having performed his statute labor for 1898, the \$z charged against him was canceled. The following accounts were paid: E. Singular, work on bridge, 50c; Municipal World, for blanks, \$3 05; Banner printing account, \$4 25; R. Emery, road work, \$7; Dr. Gunn, share of ditch, \$6; B. oil and axie grease, 45c; G. Gillies, cleaning ditch, \$3 50; R. W. Tweddie, gravel, \$14 52; A. Currie, a sheep killed by dogs, \$4; E. I. Cotton, ditch, \$1 50; James Elliott, hauling gravel and plank, \$1 50; John D. Elliott, repairing culvert, 50 cents; John Moore, repairing bridge, \$12; D. McLean, gravel, 50 cents; Duncan Thomson, township share of Thomson drain, \$3; Archibald Gillies, tax remitted on one dog, \$1; R. McIntosh, 97 cents; Duncan Gillies, gravel, \$7 04; P. McKean, gravel, \$48 16; Thomas Adair, tile, etc., \$8 04; D. Morrison drain and outlet, \$3; Dan Mc-Naughton, gravel, \$3 60; K. McArthur, gravel, \$13 52; A. Brown, gravel, \$13 80; D. Rose, tax on one dog remitted, \$1; D. Treharne, gravel, \$7 63; Geo. Morton, gravel, \$4 64; township clerk, one quarter's salary, \$37 50, and fees re Milliken drains, \$4; James C. Shipley, gravel, \$25 68, and damage changing waterway, \$3; Neil Monk, gravel, \$17 94, and 8 days' work, \$8; S. Armstrong, road work \$1; John Heard & Co., tile, \$150 75; John C. McDonald, reeve, 11 days at council, \$22, and 7 days attending engineer, \$7; H. Matheson, 11 days at council, \$22, and com-missioner's fees, \$6; Duncan Campbell, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$11 25; Alex. Pedden, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$29 15; John McNaughton, 11 days at council, \$22, and commissioner's fees, \$8 59. Bylaw No. 90, appointing Colin Fraser, Ebenezer Leslie and John Moore deputy returning officers at pelling booths Nos. 1, 2 and 3, was passed. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the reeve for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided at the council board, and to the clerk for the faithful performance of his duties as clerk during his 37 ning, at 5:30 o'clock.

The Ontario Government will give council then adjourned. D. Wylie,

LOBO. Lobo township council met Dec. 15. Present: John B. Janes, reeve; Archi-bald McGugan, deputy reeve; Donald Campbell, Malcolm Paul and Alexander McIntyre, councilors. Minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting approved and signed. The reeve will issue checks to the trustees of the several school sections for the amount of their school levy for the year 1898. The following checks were issued beeides the checks for school levy: L Treharne, \$26 35, for gravel; Wm. Moore, \$7 80, for township share of a drain; C. Saunders, \$1, for bolts; Noxel Bros., \$1 53, for plank; A. E. McKay, 50c, for lumber and work; D. Steels, \$1 25, for digging ditch; John Daniels, \$2, for cleaning out ditch; D. A. Brown, \$3, for work on culvert; John Oliver, \$10, for covering a bridge, etc.; Geo. Bowman, \$6, for drawing material and work on culvert; C. Saunders, 65c, for repairing bolts; James Patterson, \$4. for material and work repairing bridges; J. P. James, \$4, for adminis-tering declarations of office to pathmasters, poundkeepers and fence viewers for 1898; D. T. Gray, \$3, for teaming and work on culvert; T. Johnson, \$3 50, for road work; A. McDougall, \$2, for drawing piles; Aaron Hunt, \$1, dog tax relieved; David T. Gray, \$9 25, for building bridge; D. McDougall, \$1, road work; J. Marsh, \$60, salary as treas-urer for 1898; E. R. Barclay, \$100, balance of salary as clerk for 1898; members of council, \$45 each, for their service as councilors and commissioners for 1898, in all \$225; Jacob Marsh, \$22 83. for supplies-lumber, spikes, etc.; Samuel Clare, \$18, salary as caretaker of town hall for 1898; J. Dewar, \$4, for repairing bridge, etc.; Mrs. Annie Mc-Kay, \$2, being amount of statute labor relieved; H. W. Harris, \$1, dog tax relieved; Peter McBain, \$1, dog tax re-Meved; John M. Oliver, \$1 25, for ditchwork; J. B. Janes, \$2, expense to Strathroy re McTaggart bridge; H. James, \$21 15, for tile; H. W. Harris, \$1 27, tayer relieved; P. Showno \$1 10. \$1 37, taxes relieved; R. Sharpe, \$1 05, spikes; A. Seabrook, \$7 66, half of taxes on Cedar Springs cheese

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