In Fairest Ontario.

Five Brothers Meet After Twenty-Five Years' Separation.

Hymen Has Been Doing a Rushing Holiday Business.

Electric Railway Scheme for Connecting a Number of Western Ontario Towns.

On Monday, Mrs. Charles Norry, of Raleigh, aged 23, died after a short Rev. C. Segsworth has accepted the

call of the Baptist Church in Wyom-W. I. Mergan, collector of Adelaide

township, has returned the roll with everything paid up. Rev. J. A. Banton, formerly of Lon-don, has been called to the pastorate

of the Walkerton Baptist Church. The Aylmer Canning Company closed their factory for the season on Tuesday after a very successful year's

Mr. Wm, Snyder, assignee for the Wegenast estate, Waterloo, has sold the entire property for \$8,600 to Mr. Adam Klippert. Over 700 cords of wood were de-

livered at the Wingham Salt Works during the couple of weeks of sleighing this winter. Mrs. James H. Bartlett, of Souris,

and Miss Josie Thompson, of Ingersoll, Ont., are the guests of Mrs. Hiller, Carlton street, Winnipeg. The bylaw to aid by way of a loan of \$5,000 the Zoeilner Furniture Manufacturing Company of Mount Forest,

was carried by a majority of 28. Geo. Brundreth, aged 30, of the Middle Road, near Valetta, died of consumption on Sunday. Deceased was to have been married on Christmas

Fred Dupuis, of Tilbury, on Tuesday, shelled 100 bushels of ear corn and realized 81 bushels, 15 pounds of shell-ed corn. Experts say it is the closest and heaviest corn on the ear they have

The following separate school trustees for St. Thomas were elected by acclamation: S. B. Pocock, John D. King M. Dunn, Wm. Reath, P. Mc-Manus, C. W. Regan, Dr. Amyot and James Overend.

Mrs. Sarah A. Thompson, aged 75, died in St. Thomas on Thursday. She was the widow of the late Solomon Thompson. Mrs. Thompson was born in New Brunswick, but had lived in St. Thomas for 58 years.

Sidney Silcox, formerly teacher in the St. Thomas public school, and laterly teacher at Whitby, has accepted the position of science master of the Collingwood Collegiate Institute, at a

salary of \$900 per annum. Rev. G. E. McCullough officiated at his first wedding in Dresden Christmas evening, the event being the marof Miss Annie McKinnon to Donald McNeil. Miss Campbell was bridesmaid, and J. McDonald acted as

Christmas afternoon Miss Julia Ripley, of Dresden was married to Mr. Roe, of Chatham. Miss Rebecca Roe, sister of the groom, acted as brides-mald, and Mr. Ripley, brother of the bride, was groomsman. Rev. Mr. Mctavish performed the ceremony.

Sarnia township's financial statement this year shows that the reservof tine sale of \$21,911 of Perche and Pulse Creek drainage debentures realized for the township \$24,286 53, and that there was \$136 24 of accrued interest. shares of Plympton and Moore townships on these drains are \$6,668.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says: A little Barnardo boy, named Arthur E. Holden, on the 9th of March went to live with Mr. Thomas George, of Dereham. The boy alleges that he has been cruelly abused since. The little fellow's both feet were badly frozen, as a result, he says, of husking corn at night in the barn. He cites other cruekties. Mr. Owen, of the Barnardo Institution, Toronto, has telegraphed that the case shall have

prompt attention. D. Richards, of the Oxford Soap Works, Woodstock, had a visit Wednesday from five of his brothes, all of whom spent a pleasant Christ-mas. Twenty-five years ago the five brothers met in Woodstock, and this was the first subsequent occasion in which they were together. The party includes Harry (ex-mayor of Both-well), Fred of Cunoden, Charlie of Killarney (Man.), a very successful farmer, Will and Thomas of St, Marys. They have all been success-

ful in business. Christmas weddings at Chatham: At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cape, of Taylor avenue, their eldest daughter, Miss Eliza, was married to Henry Mann. Rev. J. H. Sowerby performed the ceremony. Miss Nellie Cape acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by his brother, Charles Mann. A. J. Scrase, of Leamington and Miss Minnie Wellwood, Princess street, Chatham, were made one. The bride was assisted by Miss Addie Mains, while Charles Scarse, of St. Thomas, brother of the groom, acted

as best man. Christmas weddings at Stratford: At the residence of James Embrey, Douro street, his eldest daughter, Edith May, to Norman McDonald, of McDonald Bros., Mitchell. Rev. W. J. McKay, pastor of the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maud, while Wm. Manson supported the groom. At the residence of Wm. Aikdaughter, Bella, was married to Ivan

A dramatic club Shepley, of Kingsville, Essex county. the ceremony was performed by Rev.M. L. Ledtch, pastor of Knox Church. No bridesmaids or groom.

DUTTON.

Dutton, Dec. 27.—The Christmas ento tainment under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Knox Church, which was held in the Opera House on Christmas night, was a great success, both intellectually and financially. Some very choice selections were rendered by choir. Mr. D. Campbell gave a very fine baritone selection on the horn. accompanied by the piano. Two fine vocal selections were given by J. Douglas Ruthven, of Dutton, one of the tenor singers of the 'Varsity Glee Club, Speeches on the different countries were given—by Edward Teetzel, on England; Rev. Thomas Wilson, Ireland; C. St. Clair Leitch, Scotland, and N. A. Campbell, Canada. Two tableaux were given on the three countries, which were excellent. Proceeds

of the evening, over \$50.

Messrs, Thomas Wooldridge, Silas

visiting his friends in the village. These can be George Ling. of Columbia College, N. & Lawrence

Y., is spending his holidays at his home in Wallacetown.

The Christmas entertainment in con-nection with the Methodist Sunday school, held in the Opera House on Monday evening, was a grand success. Each part was perfectly done, showing that great pains had been taken. Great credit is due to Mr. Cape, who

was the instructor.

J. E. and D. J. Saunders, of London, are visiting their sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson. The Misses Conn are visiting in De-

Miss Fannie Hollingshead, of London, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. Pickle, of Brantford, Christmas with Henry Hollingshead.

THAMESVILLE.

("Advertiser" Agent, P. R. Braddon.) Thamesville, Dec. 27.—Messrs. Campbell and Inad, employes of the Columbia Handle Company, returned to their respective homes in Port Stanley and St. Thomas.

The funeral of Mrs. J. Dickson, of Morpeth, passed through town yesterday morning. Mrs. Pudum was buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral sermon will be preached in the English Church

The Band of Hope met yesterday and received their Christmas gift, a box of oranges. The snow is making the roads as

bad as the rain. The Columbia Handle Company shipped a large consignment of handles to the old country yesterday. Miss May Kerr, who is attending school in Chatham, is spending Christ-

mas with her friends here.

WYOMING.

"Advertiser" Agents, E. C. Rice and James Fisher.) Wyoming, Dec. 27.

At the last regular meeting of the local Masonic lodge the following offiers were elected for the ensuing year: M., Dr. Coghlan; S. W., R. S. Pritchard; J. W., J. Hunter; chap., Rev. J. M. Gunn; treasurer, Thos. Hewitt; tyler, A. C. Climie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell returned from their wedding trip last night, and we offer our congratulations to St. John's Sunday school entertainment will be given in the school room

on Monday evening, Dec. 30.

London this week.

Mr. J. P. Jermain shipped a carload of hogs yesterday. Rev. E. A. Choun will preach in Watford on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Gallin has entered on his duties here. Mr. Wes Bennett, of Watford, spent

Christmas at his home. Mr. Arthur Moore spent his Christmas holidays at Watford. Miss Mary Cuthbertson is visiting in

BLENHEIM.

Blenheim, Dec. 26.-The excellent peace for which our town is noted was rudely disturbed Tuesday night by a young man (?) who, while in not too sober a state, drew an instrument which he generally uses in the capacity of a tonsorial artist, and flourished it at several young men. The result was the issuing of a warrant and the fleeing of the young desperado to Uncle Sam's domain.

Christmas passed off rather quietly here. The only sources of amusement appeared to be the Christmas tree entertainments in the Methodist and the Baptist Churches. Both had bumper houses, and everyone seemed to be satisfied. In the Baptist Church Miss Pennman, elocutionist, of Detroit, was

the drawing card.
The wedding in Trinity Church yesterday of Mr. Jackson and Miss Skipper attracted a large number of interested spectators.

Blenheim, Dec. 28.—The Leamington mail carrier, who generally arrives here about 4 p.m., was about five hours yesterday, on account of the very roads. This certainly shows the necessity of having this mail carried

A case in the police court, which had been adjourned from Monday last, did not pan out today, for the simple reason that the prosecutor failed to put in an appearance.

Snider Bros., who lately started a laundry in town, report a brisk trade. This is certainly a great deal better than sending goods out of town, as has heretofore been the practice. The goods and chattels of Samson

Gosnell, of Harwich, some time ago assigned to W. D. MacLachlan, have been advertised for sale on the market square on Saturday next. The reeveship of Blenheim will be

hotly contested by two heavyweights-Messrs. Senior and Haggart. As is common in such cases, both are confident of It is doubtful if our proposed town

hall will be built according to the plans submitted by Architect Wilson, as it is thought such a building will cost upwards of \$9,000, while it was to cost but \$6,700. However, we will be better able to tell when all the tenders are in.

PETROLEA PICKINGS.

A Wedding-Assured Success of the Firemen's Ball-A Dramatic Club Being Organized.

("Advertiser" Agents, Lowery Bros. and E. W. Attwood.) Dec. 26.—Married in Petrolea on Wednesday, Dec. 25, at the residence of the bride's parents, East End. Miss Annie Caldwell to Melville Boges, all

of Petrolea.

Master W. Thompson, of London, is here on a visit to his mother. The central firemen's ball on New Year's night promises to be a grand success.

Mr. Phil. McKaig, of Warand is spending a few days in town with friends Mrs. Jere McAuliffe, of New York, is

in town visiting her parents, Mr. and A dramatic club is being formed in town by a number of young people, to be called the Petrolea Junior Dramatic Club, and are going to start practicing right away. They are an enthusiastic lot of young men, and are sure to make a success in their un-J. B. Morford, M. C. R. superintend-

ent, came in his private car Thursday night to attend Mr. and Mrs. H. Corey's private ball. If we spent the time in improving

the present that we do in regretting the past, the future would take care of itself.

WEAK AND TIRED.

Dear Sirs,-I can heartily recommend Milburn's Cod Liver Oil Emulsion. For a long time I felt so weak I could hardly keep up, every little thing tir-ing me out. I took two bottles, and the fatigue and tired feeling left me, and have never returned. Mrs. E. Churchill, Springford, Ont.

If you are bald, or find that your hair Messrs, Thomas Wooldridge, Silas Browne and R. M. March were elected public school trustees for 1896.

Gusten Walsh, of Trinity Medical College, Toronto, is spending his vacation at home.

Duncan McCallum, of Beamsville, is visiting his friends in the village.

George Ling of Columbia College W. Lawrence.

If you are bald, or find that your hair is breaking or falling out, it will pay you to call at Madam Feland's parlors, 21-1-2 Dundas street, the can positively restore hair and prevent falling out. Her celebrated toilet and shaving soaps cannot be excelled, and her fine medicinal face powder is of the finest. These can be procured from Cairneross. YWE

Theater, Annual Meeting of the Western

Ontario Bar Association. Ontario Government Legislation

Heartily Approved of. Twenty-Three of Them Crushed to Death and Many Badly Injured. Reporters Wanted for the County Judges

Criminal and Other Courts-Important Resolutions Adopted -Election of Officers-Midsummer Meeting in Stratford.

The annual meeting of the Bar Association of Western Ontario was held at the court house yesterday afternoon, and a large amount of business of importance to the members of the bar was transacted by the following: Matthew Wilson, Q.C. (of Chatham), president, Geo. C. Gibbons, Q.C., Richard Bayly, Q.C., M. D. Fraser, G. N. Weekes, Ed. Flock, John Idington, Q.C. (Stratford), J. H. Flock, I. F. Hellmuth, G. G. Macpherson (Stratford), J. H. Tennent, Ed. Weld, F. P. Betts,

H. B. Elliot, T. H. Purdom, U. A. Buchner, James Magee (crown attorney of Middlesex), John Macpherson, Col. John Macbeth, A. B. Cox, Percy Moore (secretary), John Cameron (Strathroy), M. K. Cowan and A. Clark (Windsor), Sydney Smith. Q.C., (Stratford), Colin Macdougall, Q.C.

(St. Phomas), Walter Mills (Ridgetown), P. Mulkern, Duncan Stuart, Elliott (Exeter), and J. A. Thomas. The report of the secretary, Mr. Percy Moore, showed that during the first six months of the year nineteen sittings of the weekly high count had been held in London and 78 motions heard. In the second half of the year 15 sittings were held and 22 mo-

tions heard. The legislative committee had a very lengthy report, dealing with several very important matters. The committee noted with pieasure the fact that the working of the London weekly sittings of the High Court had been on the whole, satisfactory. The usefulness of the act, however, had been greatly impaired by the omission of a provision which would enable practitioners in the western countles to make motions as of right in London, and by the necessity of making in Toronto all motions in which infants and idiots are interested. As a remedy the committee suggested an amendment to the act providing that where the solicitors for all parties reside in Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex. Elgin, Perth, or Huron, they may make the motion as of right in London without going to Toronto and without asking consent of adversaries. The various acts passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1895, relating to the administration of justice, were commended and supported the interest of the public, while some material amendments would be found as greatly in necessary, the act should be(so far as not now in force) proclaimed forthwith in order that all defects may be made apparent in practice before the meeting of the Legislature in 1896. The committee also considered that reporters should be provided for all county courts and sessions, and county judges criminal courts, and where deemed necessary by the crown attorney, for magistrates' courts. It was also recom-mended that each official reporter should be appointed and sworn to be a special examiner for the county in

which he acts. Mr. George C. Gibbons, Q.C., and Mr. W. J. Clarke moved that in the opinion of the meeting the time had come when an official guardian resident therein should be appointed for the western counties of Perth, Huron, Middlesex, Elgin, Kent, Essex and Lambton, and that the inspector of prisons and public charities should be represented by a solicitor, resident in one of the said counties in respect of estates of lunatics in those counties; that in the opinion of this meeting such infants' and lunatics' estates would be more economically adminis-tered and with better results under the supervision of a local guardian

or solicitor, as the case might be. The resolution was carried unani-cously, and a committee composed of Messas. G. C. Gabbons, M. D. Fraser, R. Bayly, J. H. Flock, and I. F. Hell-muth was appointed to present it to the bar of each of the western counties and endeavor to secure their assist-wards obtaining the desired

amendments. Another resolution was also passed, "That county judges should have power to issue and continue injunctions the solicitors for all parties reside in the county, subject to the pow-er of the judge of the High Court to

dissolve or vary the injunction.' The legislative committee was directed to take such steps as were considered necessary to bring the proposed amendments to the attention of the Legislature.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous choice of the follow-

ing: President-Matthew Wilson, Q.C., Chatham (second term). First Vice-President-M. D. Fraser,

Second Vice-President-A. H. Clark, Windsor. retary-Treasurer-Duncan Stuart

gislative Commuttee-John Iding-Q.C., Stratford; Matthew Wilson, Q.C., James Magee, Q.C., Hon. David Mills, Q.C., R. Bayly, Q.C.; J. F. Lister, Q.C., Sarnia; Wm. Douglas, Q.C., Chatham; Colin Macdougall, Q.C., St. Thomas; E. Sydney Smith, Q.C., Stratford; M. D. Fraser, T. H. Purdom; J. P. Mabee, Stratford; I. F. Hellmuth; Josiah Adams, Sarnia; P. Holt Goderich; J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll; T. W. Carrothers, St. Thomas; A. H. Clark, Windsor; R. H. Collins, Exeter; M. K. Cow-an, Windsor; G. C. Macpherson, Strat ford, and — Elliott, Exeter.

Practice and Procedure Committee-Geo. C. Gibbons, Q.C., T. G. Meredith, M. D. Fraser, I. F. Hellmuth; J. M. Glenn, St. Thomas; J. L. Murphy, Windsor; Walter Mills, Ridgetown; C. M. Garvey, Sarnia; J. T. Garrow, Godertch; H. P. O'Connor, Walkerton; G. G. Macpherson, Strafford; Thomas Wells, Ingersoll; F. W. Gearing, Stratford.

Finance Committee—R. K.Cowan, F. P. Betts and Ed. Flock. Stratford was named as the place for the midsummer meeting, which will be

held early in July.

Last evening the local members of the association entertained the visitors at the London Club.

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Creates Panic in a Baltimore

And 2,500 Persons Engage in a Desperate Struggle for Life.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.-Twentythree persons were crushed and trampled to death in a panic at the Front Street Theater last night. Several others were injured, some of

whom, it is believed, will die. The United Oriental Opera and Dramatic Company, of Boston, under the management of A. Schongold and Abram Tansman, was billed to present the Jewish opera, "Alexander," and the theater was filled. About 2.500 persons were in the house when the orchestra began playing the overture. A strong odor of gas was noticed in the second gallery of the theater, and one of the attaches of the place was seen hunting for the leak with a lighted torch. Suddenly a jet of flame flashed out as the torch came in contact with the punctured

CRIES OF "FIRE!" were heard in the upper galleries, and in an instant the excitment became intense. Someone r shed to the gas meter and turned off the supply, plunging the main body of the house into darkness. The stage jets alone remained lighted, being fed from another meter. Instead of allaying the excitement caused by the sheet of flamef rom the leaking pipe, the turning off of the gas and consequent darkness only served to add to the confusion. The audience arose en

masse, and made A MAD RUSH FOR THE EXITS. The actors rushed to the foot-lights and shouted, "Sit down; there's no danger," but the excited throng paid no heed to the advice, and continued their wild scramble for the doors. The gas was quickly turned on at the meter, and as the theater again

became illuminated an indescribable SCENE OF HORROR was presented. Men, women and children, crazed by fear, were fighting and strugling in the aisles and in the stairways in their efforts to reach the open air. The actors on the stage and a few cool headed persons in the audience added to the turmoil by shouting their commands to "Sit down!" and cursing those who were most vigorous in their efforts to get out. The struggling mass of humanity made little or no headway for a few minutes; every aisle was congested, and every door-way jammed with the frantic Poles Russian Jews, who mainly comprised the gathering. Strong men in the rear of the panic-stricken mob climbed upon the shoulders of those in front, crushing down weaker men, women and children to the floor, to be trampled to death by those still further in the rear.

POLICE TO THE RESCUE. For several minutes the wild fight continued. Then a few policemen forced a passageway to the main entrance and began dragging forth those who were jammed in the doors. A rushing stream of humanity flowed out on Front street until all those who were able to move reached the open air. A hurry call for policemen brought a large squad to the theater, by this time, and a fire alarm had also been sent in, bringing some engines to

THE SEARCH FOR THE DEAD. The excitement in the street was almost as great as in the theater, as relatives began searching for those from whom they had become separated during the mad rush. Fathers and mo-thers rushed about looking for their children, and attempted to re-enter the theater in their search for the missing mes. The crowd grew so great that the police, fearing a riot, ordered the fire engine hose to be turned on, and in that way the struggling mass was driven back from the theater entrance. SICKENING SIGHTS.

Meanwhile officers had entered the theater and encountered a sickening sight. In every direction were found bodies from which life had been crushed. A majority of the victims were young men and girls and small children. The dead and injured were carried to the front of the house and removed to the city hospital and morgue as fast as the ambulances and patrol wagons could make the trip. Great crowds followed the ambulances and patrol wagons, and stormed the entrances to the hospital and morgue in their anxiety to learn if their relatives or friends were among the injured or dead.

THE VICTIMS. Twenty-three dead bodies were finally taken from the theater. Ten persons more or less injured are at city hospital, two of whom may die. Several others were taken to their homes in carriages suffering from contusions or broken bones. The death list will probably exceed 25.

SILENT ALL! It is a noticeable fact that the Conservative Cabinet Ministers who are doing the talking in Montreal Center, Jacques Cartier and elsewhere, have failed to make any reference to Hon. Mr. Ross' Montreal speech. Were the facts too much for them, or is there no room left for more argument since Ontario's Minster of Education put Hon. Mr. Laurier's platform before the public? Hon. Mr. Ross' remarks cannot be refuted, hence the necessity of the Conservative Ministers' silence.— Kingston Canadian Freeman.

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at New York. New York, Dec. 28.-The storm of Thursday night was the most severe ever known in this vicinity. At 2 o'clock the velocity of the wind was 80 miles an hour, five miles higher than the highest record for this city. The

temperature fell 14 degrees. At Long Branch the maximum velocity of the wind during the night was 72 miles an hour.

At Camden, N. J., the car shops of the Pennsylvania railroad in Pavonia were blown down, and many cars were wrecked. It is estimated that the

damage to property in the city will amount to \$20,000. Western New York was drenched with rain all day. At Whitehall, N. Y., several buildings were unroofed. The losses will probably reach \$10,000. The roofs of ice houses at Rhinebeck, Ger-mantown and Stuyvesant were blown off by the wind, tearing down telegraph wires and landing across the tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. Both tracks were blocked by the debris, and all

of the early morning trains were delayed several hours. At Schenectady, N. Y., the most serious accident was the blowing down of the Central Hudson block signal tower. Thomas Haskett, the operator, was probably fatally injured.

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