

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

A child's name, 'talin' notes An' faith he'll print it.

TOWN TOPICS.

Go to G. N. Davis and get a gallon can of... We have tops for girls and boys...

The fight at Hasheen.—The Arabs charged desperately at Hasheen, but Salloos charged reasonably for his most careful work...

Great boom in wall paper at Inrie's book store... The cause of it is the remarkably low prices and choice designs in the patterns...

A member of the firm of Messrs. Lawrence, eminent oculists of London, Eng., and Montreal, will be in Goderich on Monday and Tuesday 6th and 7th of April next...

John Wallace, jeweler of Lucknow, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Adams is the guest of Mrs. John Adams, Toronto.

Miss Peacock of England, is visiting her cousin, R. Radcliffe.

Mrs. Tanner, of Toronto, spent a few days in town this week.

Messrs. Beck and Salford, shipped 100 sides of leather on Tuesday.

Capt. J. R. Miller, P. S. I., has returned from a month's visit to paints east.

Capt. Finlay McPherson has disposed of his Goderich property to Robert Fulton.

E. Bingham has been laid up during the past few weeks by an attack of illness.

Miss Annie Doyle, Park House, returned on Thursday last from her visit to Buffalo.

John McIntosh, son of Capt. C. McIntosh, of Detroit, has been very ill of erysipelas, at his home.

Messrs. Will Doyle and Dave Donaldson are the proprietors of the Club House at Port Arthur.

Miss Anne Doyle, daughter of James Doyle, of London, has come to visit her uncle E. Doyle, Saginaw.

Miss Kate Watson returned on Saturday last after a visit in Hamilton, the guest of Mrs. E. W. Hyde.

Mr. Allen conducted Miss McCre's room, in St. Andrew's ward school, during that lady's absence at Brockville.

Sid. Malcolmson has been laid up with an attack of congestion of the lungs. The boys will be glad to see him out soon.

Miss Moore, teacher, St. Andrew's Ward, has returned from Brockville, where she attended the funeral of her sister.

John Smith who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. W. Smith, East St. returned last week to his home at Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Moore, of Lucknow, drove down on Saturday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Reid until Monday.

CHEAP FURNITURE.—Brophy, the West street furniture man, has reduced furniture to fair prices. See his advertisement.

S. Cope and Mr. Robinson have presented the Salvation Army here with a new drum. It would be hard to beat it as a suitable present.

J. J. Brown, of the Inland Revenue Department, has been transferred to Seaford, and Mr. Spence, of Seaford, has taken his place here.

William Seymour, of Detroit, who had evidence to give in a Stratford law suit, paid his father-in-law, J. S. McDonald, a visit last week. He looked well.

SOME SERVICE.—The North St. Methodist Church service on Easter evening, will be a service of song. The last Easter service was a very interesting one.

The steamer Ontario having been burned in her winter quarters, it is likely that the steamer Saginaw Valley will take her place on the Ontario's old route.

Captain John McPherson has completed the purchase of the Garibaldi from Parsons & Spence, and intends to run her on the Goderich Bay route this season.

GARDY SOCIETY.—A family social will be held in the Victoria street church this Friday evening. A musical and literary programme has been prepared. Admission free.

Murray G. McDonald, leased the Prince Rupert Hotel to Charles Davis for two months, and will have next week to get ready to sell one of the lake steamers.

Wm. Dickson, governor of the goal, and Mr. Dickson returned last week from a month's visit to relatives in St. Louis. Mr. Dickson was much benefited in health by the trip.

HORACE FOSTER, photographer, of Clinton, spent a few days in town last week. Mr. Foster was remembered as the able secretary of the Street Act Association, and he is just a tip-top fellow all over.

BIG STEAK.—Arch McDougall, of Porters Hill, on Saturday brought in a three-year old grade steer for delivery to Bobt. McLean, butcher, which McDougall intends to export him. The animal brought \$77.75, and Mr. McDougall finds that it pays to raise good stock.

SCOTT ACT.—A special call of the Scott Act Association Committee has been made for Tuesday, April 14th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to take measures to assist in the administration of the law in Huron.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A temperance meeting under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. will be held in the temperance hall on Tuesday evening. No collection will be taken up. An interesting programme has been prepared.

MISS ERMA CROLL, a typist on the Wingsman, was one of the witnesses on the case of the Queen at J. T. Mitchell. She is one of four sisters who set up an intelligent young lady, as, in fact, are all the sisters.

HYMNICAL.—J. C. Dettlor, M.A., senior member of Dettlor & Co., was married on Thursday last to Helen, eldest daughter of the late Rev. J. A. Dettlor. M.A. The Rev. H. Carson acted as groomsmen. The wedding trip was made east.

We are glad to see that Rev. J. H. Carson is himself again. He preached to his congregation on Sunday, much to their pleasure. He is very popular with the members of the church, and especially among the young men of the town attending his preaching.

E. N. Lewis, of the law firm of Seager & Lewis, is able to be out again after a severe attack of cold. Ned had a close shave from a heavy attack of influenza, but we are glad to see that he is picking up again. A few hours on an ice floe was the cause of the cold.

FROM WINTER TO SUMMER.—We are pleased to learn that a number of applications have been received by Mr. J. J. Wright for summer visitors to the Point Farm during the coming season. Early applications of this nature speak well for the popularity of this well-known Goderich resort.

THE STOLEN BALLOTS.

Arrest of a Hotel-Keeper Charged With the Theft.

One of the Stealers Makes a Clean Breast—A Strong Case Against Bailey.

The excitement that prevailed on the first Monday of November last, when it was learned that three ballot boxes had been stolen from the court house, was renewed on Saturday, when Provincial Detective J. E. Rogers arrested James Bailey, hotel-keeper, and John Curry, a hotel-keeper, on a charge of breaking into the court house and stealing the boxes.

The evidence was not strong enough against Curry to warrant the prosecution in proceeding further against him. He was acquitted. But a strong case was made out against Bailey.

The story of the theft of the ballot boxes is briefly as follows:—The Scott Act was carried in this county on Thursday, the 30th of October last, and on Saturday the ballot boxes were collected at Goderich by A. H. Musgrove, the returning officer, and finally placed in a locked room in the court house for safe keeping, until the official count could be made.

On Saturday and Sunday, a number of men interested in the liquor trade appear to have been anxious to get some way of defeating the popular will, as expressed by the people at the polls, and in pairs and in groups the matter was discussed. It was then thought that if some ballot boxes were stolen, before the official count was made, the election would be bunked. Now, after the publicity of the thing is seen, all declare that they knew beforehand that the thing would not have the slightest effect, and that they were only joking. We leave our readers to draw their own conclusions.

Among those who seemed most anxious for the job to be done were James McPherson, a young tailor, of respectable parents, but of drinking habits, and James Bailey hotel-keeper. The evidence shows that they talked over the matter several times together, and in the presence of one or two others, and that they knew beforehand that the thing would not have the slightest effect, and that they were only joking. We leave our readers to draw their own conclusions.

At the conversation with John Curry on Saturday evening when he offered me the money, Wm. Craig was standing pretty near; could not say whether he heard or not. Mr. Bailey gave me liquor that I did not pay for, after I went to the court house; he told me that I was to go to Chicago, my reason for going by me; I judged the boxes were in that room, tried one more room before I tried that one; I thought the boxes were in a room in the court house; I got into the Master in Chancery's office, but found that the boxes were not there; first time I heard about the ballot boxes was on the Friday night immediately after the election; I was not anxious to steal the boxes; I was drunk; I was not in a state to remember all I did that night; I was in Craig's and Bailey's hotels that night; I was not in the British; Bailey and Wells were the first to speak about stealing the boxes; in Bailey's hotel, but don't remember the night; I was very drunk; I did not exactly know that Friday night, there was a great number of other that night; I do not remember much what they said to me or what I said to them; they proposed that they should steal the boxes themselves as to what an aid it would be to steal the boxes; Bailey asked me to steal them; I said I would be ready to steal that night; Wells said he would be willing to get some money; on Saturday morning I got drunk again; remembered in the morning the conversation of the previous evening, but had no intention of stealing the boxes; next day Bailey on Saturday night, was drunk then, was in the habit of going down to Bailey's; had no intention of making a bargain to do the stealing; next day I was in what room I had seen Bailey; on the night of Friday; don't know if any person was with Bailey; I swear I did not say to Bailey, "I am willing to do what I agreed to last night, put up your money." Bailey did not say to me that he thought I was feeling when

The evidence is given below, and it will be seen that the facts of the case are substantially as stated above in a more connected manner.

We must congratulate Detective Rogers on the patience and skill shown in getting the very full knowledge of the case he possesses. He had many difficulties, but by tact and perseverance he early and thorough knowledge of the case. He delayed arrest, however, until the chain of evidence was finished, and has offered a complete case so far as the prosecution is concerned.

At the preliminary examination on Saturday, Mayor Heston presided, and the following evidence was adduced:—John McPherson, jr., sworn; I live in Goderich, am a tailor by trade; James Bailey and John Curry, the parties charged; do not recollect the day or the date or the month that the vote on the Scott Act was taken; remember the fact from being implicated in this business; I was implicated in the Sunday night or Monday morning after the voting; I broke into the Court House on Saturday night, before going to bed; offered money by Jas. Bailey and John Curry to steal the ballot boxes; on the Friday night or Saturday night previous, I was offered the money; it was first spoken of in Bailey's sitting room in the presence of several; Andrew Moore, brakeman on the railway, was present, also a man named Wells, who lives in Salford; Mr. Bailey was also present; Wells, Moore, Bailey and myself were all talking about stealing the ballot boxes; cannot say who started the conversation; I did not know whether I was with them; Bailey was sober; this was on the Friday night; it was then arranged between Bailey and myself that I was to steal the boxes that night; he said he would give me \$100, and I could raise some more; the two of us only were present at this time, I strayed away and forgot all about it that night, because more intoxicated; on Saturday night McPherson opposite Craig's hotel; he said he had \$200 in money; he would go down the line and raise some more; during the day I had been in Curry's liquor store and talked with John Curry about stealing the boxes; 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