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SYDENHAM CLAIMS VICTIM

Guy Bicknell Aged 13,
Drowned at Wallaceburg
This A. M.

Body Was In Water 28
Minutes Before It Was
Found

Special to The Planet.

Wallaceburg, July 18.—This town was again visited by a shocking accident this morning, when little Guy Bicknell, the thirteen-year-old son of George B. Bicknell was drowned in the Sydenham.

Young Bicknell, accompanied by a number of other young lads, was bathing in the river to the rear of the Wallaceburg electric light plant, when Bicknell got beyond his depth, and was drowned before assistance could reach him. The fatality occurred at 11:30 this morning.

The companions of the young lad were too horrified to render him any assistance, and it is said that two men stood on the banks and watched the poor little fellow drown. One of the men was intoxicated, and the other could not swim.

The body was in the river twenty-eight minutes before it was recovered. Chief of Police Charles Benn and James Annals dragged for the body for some time with no success. John Hunter also did considerable diving in quest of the drowned boy, but also failed in locating him.

Frank Delaney, an uncle of young Bicknell's, located the remains at the first dive. Dr. Hurd was called at once, and attempted resuscitation, but the boy had been in the water so long that all attempts to save him were futile.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE

Geo. Buskin, Agent and Missionary of the International Evangelical and Colportage Mission of Algolia and the Northwest, is making his annual visit to Chatham in behalf of the work of disseminating Biblical literature through the Northern and Western districts, which, in measure, the missionary has been conducting for over 30 years. During the 24 years of the Mission's operations 44,000 copies of Scriptural books have been supplied in 22 languages, and many more of which no account have been taken, and 80 editions of the Bible have been published in 5 languages. \$600 is necessary to complete the Ojibway and English dictionary for the Indians, who are scattered over an area of 300,000 square miles. The work is not denominational only as far as the name Christian goes. Its work is to teach God's ways among men as given to us in the Holy Scripture. The donations of Chatham in its behalf last year were \$25.30, which the Missionary gratefully acknowledged. The Mission Depot is still open. The Mission Depot is still open.

TONES ARE SMOTHERED

Many citizens have been inquiring as to how it is that the tones of the bell in the new market clock tower are so indistinct. They can only be heard a short distance away from the market. This is not the kind of satisfaction the citizens would like to have for the clock, and they have spent on the clock, and this deficiency should be remedied, as no doubt it will be.

City Engineer Jones says that the tower being closed in, has a tendency to muffle the sound waves. Jeweler McIntyre, who installed the clock, says that after the bottom of the tower is closed in, the tones will be much clearer and distinct. The bell has certainly got a beautiful clear tone, if it were only a little louder.

BE YE

Looking for bargains? Ye can find them at McConnell's, Park street. Take a look at our ad.

Extra fine smoked Shoulder, 12 1-2 per lb.

Cooked pressed Beef, 12c per lb.

Fruit Jars—Half gallon 95c, quart 85c, pints 75c.

Rubbers for Jars, 5c per dozen.

Extra sugar cured Breakfast Bacon 15c per lb. by the piece.

6 lbs. Rice for 25c.

Best quality Ginger Snaps 8c lb.

1 lb. can Sunlight Baking Powder 10c—a snap.

6 bars Richards Pure or Compound Soap 25c.

Fresh roasted Coffee 15c per lb.

6 cans Sardines for 25c.

Crockery and China: clearing sale still on. A quantity of cups, saucers and plates. Everything in this line must go.

John McConnell

Park Street - Phone 190.

To the hungry no bread is dry.

CLEMENTS TAKES UP MATTER OF ABANDONED OIL WELLS

At The Solicitation Of Farmers In Tilbury He Will See That All Wells Are Properly Plugged—Inspector Here This Week

A short time ago Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P., at the earnest solicitation of a number of the farmers of Tilbury Township, waited upon the Government at Toronto, and asked that legislation be passed to provide for the plugging of all abandoned oil and gas wells in the Tilbury oil fields.

In order to assist the Government in preparing this legislation, Mr. Clements, at considerable trouble to himself, secured information on the subject from many American oil centres, and, as a result, the legislation was formed and put into force.

A few days ago Mr. Clements received a communication from one of the farmers in Tilbury, saying that the regulation was not being properly enforced. He immediately wrote to the Deputy Minister of Mines, Lands and Forests, explaining the complaint he had received, and asking that the matter be attended to at once.

Mr. Clements' letter was received and immediately answered by the Minister, who assured him that the Government was grateful to him for calling the matter to their attention, and advised him that the complaint would receive immediate attention.

Under the act, Mr. John Scott, of Petrolia, has been appointed inspector, and that official will be in Tilbury this week to investigate the matter fully.

It might be of value to the farmers of this district to know that if there is any cause for complaint in the future, a communication to Mr. Scott will be sufficient to have all causes for complaint and dissatisfaction instantly removed.

THE THIEF GOT AWAY

Detroit Crook Is Said To Have Made His Way To Chatham

He Evaded His Pursuers At Walkerville—a Thrilling Chase

Windsor, July 17.—A little occurrence took place in Walkerville Sunday night that is a puzzle to Chief Griffith and his force.

A man was supposed to have stolen \$10 in Detroit. Two men, James P. Delaney and Warren Bole, saw him take it and set out to have him arrested. They followed the thief across the Windsor ferry and up Sandwich street to the bottling works in Walkerville and here they came upon the first copper they had seen that evening. Officer Burchiel was seen coming along by Parke, Davis & Co's laboratory. The two amateur sleuths cried for help and the crook, who was aware that he was being followed, pulled himself over the fence.

The policeman hurried over and, seeing the two men, arrested them after hearing their story. They were let go in the morning.

The man with the money was unable to get back over the fence, so he waited till the night watchmen went out and walked through with them. And then it is said he went to Chatham.

STUN-N-N-G

This morning Tailor J. W. Webb was noticed walking gaily down to his Fifth street shop with a bouquet of pretty flowers in his hand. Thereupon he became a marked man. Mr. Webb has held forth long enough on Fifth St. to know that the only secure spot for his sweet, innocent bunch of posies was in the safe.

But the veteran bowler was unsuspecting, and with a smile serene proceeded to place the flowers in a tumbler of water. By and by a certain dapper, well-groomed Fifth St. tea merchant dropped in at Mr. Webb's office.

"Nice bunch of flowers you have there, Mr. Webb."

Curiously enough, when the tea merchant took his departure, the "nice bunch of flowers" were also, but Mr. Webb did not notice that they were they were missing till some time afterwards.

Of these circumstances The Planet had no knowledge except by rumour, but later a reporter who dropped in at Dunn and Hayward's offices, noticed a beautiful bunch of flowers in a glass on Mr. Hayward's desk.

"Nice flowers, George."

"Yes, very beautiful, aren't they?" I must put some fresh water on them."

Mr. Hayward had barely passed to the rear of his office to get the fresh water, when a light agile figure, which for the moment looked much like that of one Saxon B. Arnold, barrister at law, etc., tripped in and out again. When the figure was gone—gone also were the flowers.

"Stung!" muttered Mr. Hayward between his teeth, when he returned with the water.

Later in the morning Tailor Webb was noticed peering in the windows of Doe Arnold's law office.

"Hi," he called in a stage whisper to the reporter, "Look in there. There's my 'nice bunch of flowers.'"

Misses' Canvas Oxfords, sizes 11-2, at 75c, \$1.15, \$1.35 and \$1.50, at H. G. Hodges.

THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE

The Graft Of Ontario Is Increasing In Strength

One Thousand Members Attend Session Being Held In Ottawa

Ottawa, July 18.—The Grand Lodge of Ontario Masons are in session. They were welcomed to Ottawa by the Mayor and received an address from the city lodges. The address of the retiring grand master, J. H. Burdett of Pembroke, stated that the grand master has canceled the warrant granted to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 283, Jerusalem.

The following lodges were dedicated and constituted during the year: Gore Bay, 473; Tweed, 229; Teeswater, 270; Fidelity, 428; The Beaches, 473; Corinthian, 476; Victoria, 474; Harding, 477; Dundurn, 475; Alvinston, 323; Burlington, 165; Aldworth, 235, and Temiskaming, 463.

The report of the grand treasurer, R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, shows receipts from all sources to have been \$140,203.87, and disbursements, \$34,351. The assets of grand lodge contain debentures totalling \$109,531, and \$5,338.50 in cash, aggregating \$114,869.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto, submitted a report on the condition of Masonry. There are at present, the report states, twenty-two Masonic districts, with 388 lodges, of which 322 are under warrant and six under dispensation. The total membership of the craft is 37,628. During the past year there were 2,393 initiations, 512 affiliations, and 153 restorations, a gross gain of 3,467. During the same period there were 693 resignations, 396 suspensions for non-payment of dues and 416 deaths, leaving a net gain of 2,000. Lodges are cautioned regarding the class of candidates making application, and warned to be careful in the selection of the men who enter the ranks.

Hon. W. A. Sutherland of New York, honorary past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Thomas Penny of Buffalo and A. Cook of Brooklyn, all officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, attended the meeting of the board of general purposes.

It has been decided to drop Central America, Costa Rica and Venezuela from the list of grand lodges having representation in grand lodge, as no communication had been maintained for twenty-five years. The matter of Greece, St. Domingo, Switzerland, Uruguay and New Granada was placed in the hands of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GIFT OF \$10

Fire Chief Pritchard has received the following letter, which is self explanatory:

Chatham, July 15, 1907.

Mr. Richard Pritchard,

Fire Chief, Chatham:

Dear Sir,—We herewith enclose you cheque for \$10, as an acknowledgment of prompt and efficient service rendered at the fire at our factory this morning.

This amount you may use as you see fit. We are,

Yours truly,

JOHN FIGGOTT & SONS.

The Fire Chief and the members of the department wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Messrs. Figgott for their generous donation, which amount will be placed to the credit of the Firemen's Benefit fund.

Our wants are the source of all our joys and our woes.

SEVEN BODIES WERE FOUND

Brave Men Worked In Peril To Reach Them

The London Disaster—Suits For Damages Will Be Entered

London, July 18.—After a day and a night of terrifying struggle for the victims of Tuesday's frightful and ruinous disaster, when Red's Crystal Palace crashed, carrying calamity and death, seven bodies have been taken from the ruins of the chaotic wreckage.

The last body taken out was that of Clara Mullins, the beautiful girl victim, which was recovered exactly 24 hours after the shock shook London. This completes the list of dead.

Yesterday, under the direction of Alex. MacCallum, an investigation, which will be most searching, was instituted. The following well-known citizens and business men were sworn in as jurors to conduct an inquiry into the death of William J. Tamblin and W. T. Hamilton, and fix the blame: Fred Wood, dentist; William J. Curran, salesman; William Gibson, clothing manager; H. A. Sabina, furrier; R. G. Brown, shoe maker; Robert Kingmill, dry goods merchant; George Andrews, salesman; N. W. Emerson, druggist; Fred Crabbe, manufacturer; John Friend, confectioner; F. J. Darch, seed merchant; John Graham, gent's furnisher; B. J. Wright, hat manufacturer; Finlay Marshall, insurance manager.

The inquest will be opened next Wednesday evening.

That the calamity was a carelessness everyone believes. City Engineer Graydon is blamed. Why had he not inspected the building and seen to it that the work of renovation was rendered absolutely safe? Then the contractors are blamed. They, in turn, say that they followed the plans of the architect. Peter Simolies, the Greek who had rented the building, is blamed for urging on the work. And, last of all, W. J. Reid, the wealthy proprietor of the store, is censured because of the amount of crockery piled on the third story.

Mr. Reid's statement.

Mr. Reid, owner of the building, was not at home when the accident happened.

"I did not know a thing about it," he said, "until nine o'clock this morning, when I picked up a Toronto paper. I would not care about the money, but to think of the lives lost is too horrible. It can't be the fault of the building. It was built about 25 years ago. The best material was used. It was very strongly built. Only the other day several old citizens happened to remark on it, and their one verdict was that it was one of the best built structures in the city. As for being overloaded, that must be a mistake, as only small stock was carried under the circumstances."

Will Claim Damages.

Engineer Graydon is said to have prophesied there would be trouble if the plans were adhered to. His duties are not those of building inspector, although he did inspect them and granted permits.

The matter of damages is creating talk. Brodewer has already declared that he will sue for damages for his losses. Friends of the deceased are bitter, and declare they will seek restitution for the loss and suffering.

In the meantime, the authorities have ordered the rest of the building torn down. So far it has been impossible to get men to undertake the job. Other buildings may be endangered in the process.

The millionaire shoe-shine king, Peter Simolies of Grand Rapids, lessee of the Reid building, will be on hand at the investigation. Simolies is inclined to take a lenient view of the disaster, in the fact that the contractors took all the necessary precautions. To this man it seems attention is not turned. Simolies leased the building from Reid, to take effect July 15, at \$6,000 a year, and Mr. Reid, it is said, will claim that he had vacated the building and also that it was against his specific instructions that alterations were made at the point where the building collapsed.

The body of Miss Mullins was found at 4:30 yesterday. She was found sitting with pencil in hand, just as if marking down a sale. Several of her relatives were at the scene, having kept their vigil since the building collapsed.

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Those who bought last year know the excellent value we give. Those who did not come and get an idea of what a bargain in hair brushes is. We have 5000 to sell and we want to sell them all in ten days.

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