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PROSECUTION WITNESSES UT-Joseph Whaley, formerly of North Easthope, lost over \$2,000 by a recent fire in Dakota.

Dr. D. B. Frazer, of Stratford, recently gazetted surgeon of the 28th Battalion, has

sent in his resignation. A brakeman named Frank Murphy had one of his hands smashed while making a coupling at Baden on Saturday.

The incandescent lamps for the electric for larger ones. Thomas White, a Wa'pole Island In-

his trial at the assizes. The West Kent Agricultural Society

horses being specially fine. Some miscreant stole 90 cents, the pro-

Mr. Geo. Fox, of Lucan; Mr. T. W. Scott, of Blyth; Mr. W. Judge, of London; Mr. G. W. Scott, of Birr, and Mr. N. Ryan, or Elginfield, have been appointed

Pupils Association of London, England. Thos. Banks was arrested at Windsor by Officer Nash on a charge of leading Banks' wife. Banks some time ago lived whatever to do with what her husband in Windsor and moved to Toronto, where | said. his sister-in-law came to live with them, and a few months ago Banks' wife, alleging improper conduct on his part as the cause, left him, returning to Windsor. He returned Monday and was arrested. He was brought before Magi trate Bartlett and remanded until the 5th. If Banks is found guilty the sentence will be severe, as the victim being under 16 brings the case under the Charlton Act.

Police Court, and was sentenced to two months in jail. John Pearce also pleaded guilty of two charges of stealing carpenters' tools, and was sent down for two months on concurrent sentences. A charge of selling liquors to minors against John Burton was dismissed. The charge against Charles Williams of assaulting P. C. Crawford was withdrawn, but a two months' sentence was recorded against him for vagrancy. John Allen and George Sittery were given ten minutes each to leave the city, and James Wiseman was committed

WHAT ES IT? A Mild Form of Robbery or Only Common Cheating. To the Editor of the Free Press.

SIR,—A thing is being done from time to time in this city that I think you will agree with me in saying should be checked, or entirely stopped.

Something over a year ago the American

place on a certain day of unclaimed articles that had accumulated in the offce. The sale was largely attended, and a large number of packages were sold, the great majority of which proved to be utterly valueess. The packages had been carefully versation that passed between Mr. Scatcherd put up and labeled, or marked with different colored ink or paint to give them the petition; did not sign it for him; appearance of having come by Express. his father took the petition into appearance of having come by Express. his father took the petition in o Those buying them were astonished. Very the kitchen, and presently returned with many of them proved to contain nothing it; the signature in the affidavit more than an old pipe or some trash that was not his; he did not think it was his could be picked up in almost any back mother's, and his sister was at school; it vard. It was whispered around by the might be his brother's, who was now in knowing ones that two or three men had Minneapolis; didn't know of anybody else been employed all day the day before, making up the packages. Some of the victims went so far as to consult a lawyer, persons present in the bar; did not know but in the absence of direct proof the mat- who was in the kitchen. ter was allowed to drop. Some two or three weeks ago there was another sale of unclaimed goods advertised, but this time, he took the petition in to have mark you, in the Custom House. The it signed; his wife and son, William, were public were led to believe, and did believe, and no doubt still believe, that it was a but he could not recollect. bona-fide sale of certain goods that had been sent to merchants in the city, and for people to come in and out? some reason had not been taken out. Many went to the sale; never suspecting any crookedness at a sale conducted by Government officials. But it appears that it was only a repetition of the Express Company's sale. The auctioneer had the au- some spirit of darkness (casting an indacity to take a quantity of trash there, on sinuating glance at Mr. Scatcherd) about his own account, and the Custom House this matter? officials had the—what shall I call it?—to allow him to offer them for sale as being don't look at me like that. part and parcel of the unclaimed goods, and least there should be any suspicion of Edward Henshaw, Geo. Henshaw, John their real character, and to put intending Taylor, W. J. Dinsmore, Daniel Henshaw, purchasers entirely off their guard, these John Henshaw and Geo. Henshaw. bogus packages were actually handed to the auctioneer by a well-known customs official in common with the real articles. It might occur to the reader just here to This is another one of the "repeaters." ask how your correspondent knows that these things are true. In answer to this question I beg to make the following reply, and if it is not thought to be satisfactory, anyone wishing further proof can soon secure it:-Last Friday, during the Mr. Hutchinson. progress of a trial in the Court House, the auctioneer stated on oath that he had taken the goods, as above described, and sold them to an unsuspecting public in precisely the manner above described, and not only that, but was very indignant to think that the transaction should be for one moment called in question. Now, these things were not done under a bushel, or at the back of a mountain, but in broad daylight, in the very centre of the city of London, and in the presence of a large number of witnesses. So if it is

untrue it can be very soon set to right, and if it is as stated above the floor belongs to the officials named, and the sooner tney arise and explain why these things are allowed to be done the better. In the meantime the way your correspondent puts it is: -That this thing has been going on for years, till those interested in the profits have come to look at it as being perfectly right, and very little, if any, different from the usual course of business. People bid for a package. If there was nothing in it they laughed, paid the few cents, went home, and that was the end of it. It strikes me that after reading this letter the longsuffering and comparatively patient public

ONE WHO WAS THERE. London, April 29, 1889. The wife of George Tighe, who resides on the 3rd concession, Mersea, has eloped with George Gillespie. Gillespie was partner with Mr. Tighe in the farming business for the past two years, and was, until recently, a highly respected member of the family. The eloping couple are at present living together at Oak Harson, Ohio. Mr. Tighe is very much worked up

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TERLY CONFUSED.

Mr. Scatcherd Introduces Some Light Into the Case, and Places the Prosecution on Its Defence-Who Did the False Swearing?

The examination into the charges of conspiracy against Mr. E. W. Scatcherd and other ducted there were only 3,359 on the peratepayers of Middlesex was continued in lights, in Amherstburg, are only twenty-five candle power, and will be exchanged before Police Magistrate Noble. At times the proceedings became so ludicrous that even the magistrate had to join with the dian, was tried in Chatham, Monday, for crowd in a little quiet laugh, notwithstandstealing a pony, and committed to stand ing the imperative shouts of Harvey Washington Babcock for silence.

Mrs. Young, wife of Peter Young, was spring fair was a success. The show of stock was above the average, that of box yesterday morning. She remem bered Mr. Scatcherd coming to her home with the petition, but could not recollect any of the circumstances. They ceeds of the evening collection, from the had had so much trouble lately that her plate in the Salvation barracks at Stratford head fairly whizzed at times, and she

Mr. Hutchinson-Did you sign that paper (producing the file of affidavits)? A.-No, I don't think I did. Q.—Now, your husband told me you

Mr. Scatcherd—Your Worship, I object local agents for the Anglo-Canadian Farm to any such question being put. Mr. Young never swore any such thing, and a statement he may have made to Mr. Hutchinson has no right to be admitted astray Annie Boyd, a 15 year old sister of into evidence. The witness has nothing

> Mr. Hutchinson-Oh, this is a perfectly legal question, and I will put it. Mr. Scatcherd-I ask your Worship's

> His Worship-I wish you gentlemen would quit this continual wrangling; we would get on so much better. Let one go on with the examination at a time. Mr. Scatcherd—I am here on my trial,

> and I am perfectly willing to leave it with Your Worship to give me justice. Mr. Hutchinson-Oh, you keep quiet, now, and don't make an-an-ass of your-

> either. His Worship-I hope the gentleman (referring to Mr. Scatcherd), has sufficient respect for the dignity of the court to keep

Mr. Scatcherd-Well, don't you do so,

Mr. Hutchinson-I ask Your Worship to put a stop to this continual interrupting. You have the authority and why not His Worship ruled most emphatically

that only one should conduct the examination at a time. Mr. Scatcherd said all he wanted was common justice. The witness then continued. She didn't

remember having signed the petition, but list? could not swear whether she had or not. She then complained of feeling like faint-Mr. Scatcherd-In common civility give

her a seat, Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson-I'll be through with her n a few minutes; then she can have a

Express Company advertised a sale to take | chair. Mr. Scatcherd-Oh. Edward Young, a son of the last witness, remembered the day Mr. Scatcherd came to his home, came into the bar room and saw him there; did not recollect any conand his father; didn't see his father sign the

> being present at that time. To Mr. Scatcherd—There were no other Peter Young was recalled. He said there

were several in the kitchen when there, and there might have been others, Q.—It is the custom of your houses for

A.—Yes; it was. Q.—Well, that's all right. Were the signatures made in the kitchen or not?

A.-I don't know. Q.—No ", didn't you get a pointer from

Mr. Scatcherd-Name your man, or Q.—Did you witness the signatures of

His Worship—Are there two Geo. Henshaws? Mr. Hutchinson—Yes, Your Worship. Q.—Did you witness the signatures.

A.—No; I did not.

blacksmith.

Q.—Did you ever solemnly declare before such a man as Scatcherd that you did? Mr. Scatcherd—Be a little more civil, A.—I don't remember; I don't think did.

Mr. Scatcherd then examined the petition, and pointed out that the "repeaters" mentioned by Mr. Hutchinson were nothing of the kind. One was Geo. Henshaw, farmer, and the other Geo. Henshaw, a

To Mr. Scatcherd—Remembered his hav ing come to his place with the petition. Q.—Do you remember my preparing this declaration (producing it)? A.—I remember you writing out some

Q. -But you don't remember what Q.-You took the petition into the

kitchen and brought it back to me? A.—Yes. Q.- What did you take it into the kitch en for?

A.—To get someone to put my name or it: I had a sore wrist at the time. Q.-Did I ask you to witness to the Henshaw, Taylor and other signatures? A.—No; you did not.

Q.-Had I any means of knowing whe

ther you signed the petition or got some

will take quite another view of this matter. one to sign it for you? A .- Not that I know of. To Mr. Hutchinson, witness said that he understood when he signed his name opposite the others that he was testifying that they were good voters; it was to certify to this that he had his name put down, and

> their names. The court then adjourned for luncheon. AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS When the Court resumed in the after-

not to declare that he had seen them write

noon, Mr. Hutchinson put in a lengthy list, too, and get it revised. Accident insurance tickets 25c a day for \$3,000 in case of death, or \$15 a week for by the Inman, Anchor, Cunard, North which the witness alleged were not

the handwriting of supposed signers, 60 had been mistaken. lently appended, 33 numbers skipped, 15 there, isn't it? fraudwently declared by Peter Young, and Witness—Th wrongly placed on the petition, and which were not. You didn't put in a sworn deshould have been deducted. There should claration? have been 4,794 names on the petition before the Act should have been submitted to the people, but after the 2,703 were detition, or 1,435 short.

Mr. Scatcherd objected to this statemen going in as evidence until the figures had crepency between the copy I got and the been verified and he given an opportunity original. to cross-examine the deponents as to their correctness.

Mr. Hutchinson said a prima facie case had been made out in the statement. Mr. Scatcherd thought this was peculiar

legal doctrine, but the Magistrate didn't, and the document went in. Mr. Robson, of London Township, the persecution as far as you like County Secretary of the Temperance Alliance, was then placed on the stand by the prosecution. He had been given a copy of the petition in the Township of London. was so palpably wrong that even the He presented a statement of the numbers | Magistrate had to express surprise. on the petition opposite names which were Mr. Hutchinson saw there was no use not on the lists. This statement he had solemnly declared, before Squire Shipley,

to be correct. Mr. Scatcherd then took the witness in hand, and in a few minutes not only made a misrepresentation in the case of proved his statements incorrect, but so completely confused him that Mr. Hutchinson admitted that a serious mistake had been made and withdrew him.

Mr. Scatcherd wanted to see the copy he had used as well as the voters' list, but the witness had left them at home. Mr. Hutchinson didn't think they were rect.

needed for the present examination. Mr. Scatcherd-Yes; they are. Mr. Hutchinson said he had sent Mr. Hargreaves for a copy of the voters' list, and went on to speak

son, I have the floor. Mr. Hutchinson—I have a statement to make, and when I have concluded you an

Mr. Scatcherd-Hold on, Mr. Hutchin-

Mr. Scatcherd—If you say so; I suppose I have no redress. Mr. Hargreaves then returned with what purported to be a correct copy of the consented to compare it with the witness'

statements. The first name on the list was that of J. A. Foster, which Mr. Scatcherd admitted was not correct, and which he had never and G. Gard, all of whom were quickly found on the voters' list by Mr. Scatcherd. | ment as to the handwriting on his own Mr. Scatcherd-Now, why did you opinion and that alone. swear that these names were not on the The names of "R. B. Heighway" and

Witness-I don't know how it came. swore before a justice of the peace that were hunted up with the same result. vour statement was correct. Are you guilty of conspiracy, too? A.—There is no conspiracy as far as I

an concerned, I can assure you. be guilty of such a thing?

The next name was that of James Leigh, spelled "Lee" on the voters' list, but number was 5,455. This number was Leigh" on the petition, although the lot on which the two names qualified were witness' theory, as the name opposite it was

identical. Mr. Scatcherd-Now, we will take the next, 5644, Patrick Ward. Now put on your specs and look at this. The witness did so, and there on the list was Patrick Ward, a duly qualified elector This completely dumbfounded the wit-

ness, and Mr. Hutchinson came to his assistance by withdrawing him for the present. Mr. Scatcherd-Yes, I guess you had better. I ask your Worship to retain possession of Mr. Robson's declaration, which has been put in as evidence. (Mr. Robson

was putting it in his pocket.) Mr. Hutchinson—Oh, no; he won't. Mr. Scatcherd - I ask Your Worship to

retain possession of that document. Mr. Hutchinson-Oh, you keep quiet Mr. Scatcherd -I'm not talking to you; I'm speaking to His Worship. He's trying

this case. Mr. Hutchinson—I know he is. Mr. Scatcherd—Yes; and I am mighty glad you're not. You'd chop an innocen

man's head off if you could. Mr. Hutchinson consented to undertake to see that the document in question was returned, and the witness retained posses-Rev. Thomas Cosford was then called. He had gone over the names on the petition

very careful examination, and to the best of his knowledge his statement was cor-Mr. Scatcherd—You are not a sporting

in West Middlesex and had found 1,006

non-voters among them. He had made a

character, are you, Mr. Cosford? Witness (indignantly, -No; I am not. Q.—I was just going to say I would bet you half your non-voters' names could be

found on the Voters' List. A.—I would never do any such thing. Q.—What position do you hold in the Alliance? We have the noble President here (pointing to Mr. Hutchinson.)

A .- What do you mean? Q. - I mean what I say. A .- I am the President of the County Alliance. Q .- Oh, and Mr. Hutchinson only of

East Middlesex? A.—Yes. Q .- You'll swear that this list (holding up the names witness alleged to have been illegally appended) is correct.

A.-Yes; it's correct to the best of my

knowledge. Q.-Well, we'll go through this list and see if we can't find some of these names. The first name is that of Mr. Earhart, I think we will find that he is on the list, although I should be very sorry to prove your sworn statement incorrect. But it

can't be helped.

After looking it up it was found on the list all right, although Mr. Cosford had alleged in his statement that he was on the petition as a voter in Glencoe instead of Ekfrid, which was incorrect. The next name w is that of John Finlay-

son, and it was found to be correct. Q.—How do you account for this, sir? A.—No man could go over that list and not make mistakes. Q. -But you did not make that allowance in our cases. Yet you swore your list

was correct, you who would never violate your word! Well, we will take the next

name-Mr. Lamont. Yes; here it is all right. I think you had better take your Ocean steamship tickets to or from Then a number of names taken from

THE CONSPIRACY CHARGES statement of what he intended to prove. bank clerk, and W. G. Watson, carpenter in this statement he alleged that there were and after Mr. Scatcherd had looked them 1,399 non-voters, 1,164 signatures not in up Mr. Cosford was compelled to admit he

repeaters, 26 sworn to have been fraudu- Mr. Scatcherd- Strange how it go

Witness-They seem to be all right. 6 signatures not certified to by the Commissioner—making a total of 2,703 names just now gave your solemn oath that they

> A.—No; I did not. Q.—No; I wish you bad; I should have liked to have got a hold of it. But I'll make this warm for you before I get through.

A .- I think there must have been a dis-

Q.-Oh, you swore you saw the orig-A.--I never swore anything of the kind. Mr. Hutchinson-It makes no difference.

The copy was correct. Mr. Scatcherd-No; it makes no differ ence, Mr. Minister. You can carry your

Witness-I'm not persecuting you. Mr. Scatcherd-Oh, no; of course not. Mr. Scatcherd mentioned about 20 other the petition, and by comparing it with the names which Mr. Cosford had made a Voters' List had found 185 non-voters on similar statement about, but the statement

> proceeding further with this witness, and withdrew him to give him an opportunity to revise his list with Mr. Robson. Mr. Robson said Mr. Scatcherd had

John Cortigan. No. 5555 was James Collins, and not Corrigan. Mr Scatcherd-I'm very sorry if I made that mistake, but let us take Mr. Collins and see if he is not on the Voters' List. It don't make much difference who we take,

for I can prove nearly all of them incor-James Collins' name was looked up and found on the list.

Mr. Robson then withdrew from the conflict, satisfied that he had been worsted. Mr. Hutchinson intimated that he would next call Mr. Hargreaves. The Magistrate wanted to know what

was the use. Mr. Hutchinson said Mr. Hargreaves was a practical man, and he was hardly likely to have fallen into the same error as the two previous witnesses. His Worship-Call him, then.

Mr. Hargreaves would not like to swear voters' list, but as it was not properly certi- to his list being correct; he might have fied to Mr. Scatcherd objected to it, but made mistakes; he had not prepared his list for the Court. Mr. Scatcherd-He wants to revise his

list first. It is a good thing he was not put in first. Witnes, continuing-Had found 1,301 sworn to. The next three names were signatures in similar handwriting, and 190 those of John Corrigan, Geo. J. Dobson non-voters in a portion of the East Riding. To Mr. Scatcherd-He based his state-

"J. Edgar" were alleged to have been written by the same person, but the hand-Q .- You don't know although you writing differed very materially. Others The statement with reference to the non-

voters was gone into. The name of C. U. Coote was alleged to be on the petition as a Dorchester voter by the witness, but it Q. -Oh, no; of course you would never was on the petition really as a voter in London Township, where it was found on A.—No.

Mr. Scatcherd said he supposed if he the petition was 54 and he numhad the he could find all the names on the ber following it 55. The witness thought that the comma might have been wrongly placed after the 54, and that the hunted up, but it failed to prove the

John Evans, Westminster. Q.—Do you remember meeting me in Glencoe after the petition had been filed--

a day or two after?

A.—I do. Q.--I made some statement as to the names on the list and not ticked by me? A.--You did. Q.-What did I say?

A.—You said that those not ticked were

not on the list; but I found that some of them were on the voters' list. Q -- Some that I had not ticked A.—Yes.

Q .- Did you give me credit for them? A.—I did. Q .-- Well, I am much obliged to you, Professor. His Worship I think it's time we made

an adjournment for tea. I'm getting hungry Mr. Scatcherd—I guess there are some others here who are in the same box, your Worship.

positively as to the correctness of his list he was allowed to leave the box. The case was then adjourned until Satur day, when it is probable that the charges will be withdrawn. At any rate Mr. Hutchinson promised to conclude the case then and give the Magistrate an opportunity to give his decision.

As Mr. Hargreaves refused to swear

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