The Brockville Assizes.

The Trial of Ur Lapoint for the Killing of Peter Moore and Shooting Chief Rose and Others.—A Heavy Docket.—Court Likely to Last all the Week.

The Brockvill assizes, which opened on Monday last, promise to be lengthy and interesting. There are twelve civil cases, one rape and seduction case, and the trial of Lapoint, the latter of which will occupy from two to three days, as over fifty witnesses have been summoned by the Crown, and the prisoner will have a large number as well. Detective Greer has been detailed by the Government to work on the case, and has spent several days in the vicinity of Lapoint's home, gathering pointers for the prosecution in rebuttal of the insanity plea, which is said to be the defence most relied upon by the prisoner's counsel. The plea of insan-

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ity, which was worked so successfully in the Shortis' case, has decided the Attorney-General of Ontario to fight the plea in the case of Lapoint, and the Crown have subpoenaed a large number of the leading specialists on insanity from Ontario and the United States with the view of having a thorough investigation made as to the mental condition of the prisoner, and in case of their report being favorable to insanity, the case will not be vigorously pushed, but if, on the contrary, they decide that he is capable of distinguishing between right and wrong, the prosecution will strenuously oppose the insanity plea and press for a conviction. It is said that the defence will make very little objection to the Crown's case regarding the killing of Moore and the shooting of Chief Rose and others, but will rest their whole case upon the plea of insanity. Lapoint is said to have recovered entirely from the effects of the shot wounds and to have grown quite corpulent and healthy looking, but never speaks of the crime for which he is on trial for his life.

On Tuesday morning Ur. Lapoint, who shot and killed Peter Moore on the 9th of March, was placed on trial before Chief Justice Meredith, and the following jury was sworn in: Jas. D. Smith, Brockville; Francis Stanton, South Crosby; Wellington Row, Prescott; Wm. Bedie, jr., Edwardsburgh; Wm. Topping, South Crosby; R. W. Dickenson, Kemptville; O. W. Landon, Lansdowne front; Simon Ault, Edwardsburgh; D. S. Mallory, Yonge Front; Henry Fairbairn, Elizabethtown; W. J. Craig, South Oxford; T. O. Middleton, Gananoque. Mr. R. C. Clute is conducting the case for the crown and Hutcheson & Fisher are defending the prisoner.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the evidence was proceeded with. B. J. Saunders, C. E., was the first witness, and he submitted for the use of the counsel and jury a plan of the scene of the murder, showing the position of the different persons connected with the shooting. Jas. McKay, W. E. Copeland, John Hall, Wm. McCullough and Wm. Howison were the first witnesses for the crown, and their evidence was merely a repetition of that given at the preliminary trial, with which our readers are no doubt familiar.

Next week's Reporter will contain a full report of the trial.

FRANKVILLE.

TUESDAY, May 19.—Rain is badly needed.

Mrs. Huffman of Delta spent Sunday with her daughter, Miss Ella.

Mr. Byron Holden and J. Earl of Athens spent Sunday in our village.

One of our citizens had the misfortune to lose his pocket book one day last week, which contained the sum of $12. It has not yet been found.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Barber of Plum Hollow spent Sunday with Mrs. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dowsley.

Miss Jennie Steacy, who has been visiting in Brockville for the past three weeks, has returned home.

Mr. C. C. Slack, of Athens, has the job of painting the interior of the Methodist church, which was commenced on Monday.

Mr. Eber Crummy, who has been in Japan for the past eight years, has returned home, and preached an interesting and profitable sermon to a large congregation on Sunday morning.

Mr. Jonas Running is to the front with a new bicycle. He gets there just the same, but takes many a fall.

TREVELYAN.

MONDAY, May 18.—Farmers in this section are all through spring work, and are busy fitting for planting. The hay cry is all over for a while, but if we do not soon get rain the cry will be worse next winter, as all rough feed has been cleared out.

Mr. Wm. Hendry has re-roofed his stone dwelling that was destroyed by fire while clearing up the yard.

James Marshall has secured the services of Joe Perault.

Mr. James Ferguson, of Caintown, father of Jas. A. Ferguson, cheesemaker, passed peacefully over to the great majority on Saturday, 16th inst. Old age was the cause. He was much respected by all who knew him. His remains will be interred in the Caintown cemetery to-day, 18th inst.

There is some talk of a carriage factory being started in this neighborhood. Old rigs re-modeled on short notice.

Rev. Father Kelly, of Yonge, is expected back to his parish the 1st of June. His health has improved very much, and he is able to be out driving.

The Ballycanoe football team would like to play the Athens Juniors a game on the day of the Ballycanoe picnic, and another game later on.

Master Willie Clow was home on Sunday.

Henry Thorp has sold out his right of making the celebrated Black Pill to James Dimplin. He moved the plant last week to S. A. Armstrong's premises. We think James Warren's pill outsold Henry Thorp's, but James Dimplin offers a larger pill for less money.

Mr. John Palmer, salesman for Aberdeen factory, went to town on Thursday to sell the cheese, but we have not learned the results.

Prof. Ben. Guitar, of Saginaw, Ont., was in this section last week. He was dealing to some extent in horse-flesh. He purchased a very fine one from Jas. Wright at what we expect was a fancy price, as it was a tick sale.

The football suffered like some of the boys' shins on Saturday last. It was the first kick this season.

The bikes are passing here quite frequently. They are becoming very plentiful.

OLIVER'S FERRY.

THURSDAY, May 14.—Farmers are busy putting in spring crops.

Our cheese factory is running under the able and successful management of E. V. Littlejohn. He is turning out a large amount of first-class cheese.

Revival meetings are all the go. We had four this week.

Mr. Simon McVeity is erecting a new house for his son.

One of our Rideau boys is about to capture one of Lombardy's leading belles

Our school is booming now under the able management of Miss Maud Barrie.

Miss Maud Gallagher is visiting her aunt, Alice Gallagher; Mr. J. A. Mc Cann was out on a business trip.

SHEATOWN.

MONDAY, May 18.—Mr. N. Shea is on a visit to his brother in Chicago.

An immense multitude is going from our town to Charleston on May 25th to hear Hon. Mayor Cox make his flowing political speech.

The bicycle craze has struck our town, as several wheels were seen on Sunday on Main street.

Our school is now a credit to the locality, the grounds having been neatly cleaned and the beauty of the schoolhouse greatly enhanced by the appearance of many magnificent house plants. Much of the credit is due to our energetic teacher, Mr. Cobey.

Jack Shea wheeled from the "hotel" to Gananoque last Saturday. He is a hustler on the "bike."

Visitors: T. Woodend, J. Maloney, Chas. Birch and C. Beaumont.

UNION VALLEY.

MONDAY, May 18.—The tingle of the cow-bell is heard on the hills.

Some of the farmers are through seeding.

Mr. Holmes Clow and lady are visiting at the home of his father, Mr. W. Clow.

What we hear of the coming election keeps us in memory of its near approach.

Mr. James Wing lost a horse last week.

A little rain on Sunday last.

Our lock-up was empty on Saturday night.

There must be some attractions in Athens on Sunday nights for our boys, as they attend church regularly.

I wish to inform Woodbine that I have not forgotten the county paper.

The mosquito is not particular as to whom he presents his bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Loree were the guests of Mrs. S. M. Hayes on Sunday last.

GLENBUELL.

MONDAY, May 18.—Considerable interest is taken by the citizens in the Lapoint murder trial. Large numbers have been taken as witnesses by the defence along the plea of insanity, which will be worked for all there possibly is in it in behalf of the prisoner.

Mrs. N. Stewart has gone to Uncle Sam's fields of liberty to enjoy a half month's vacation.

Mrs. Wm. A. Westlake is visiting her parents, who reside north of Prescott.

One of our citizens drove out to Lombardy for a dish of Horner church freedom.

Mr. Orton thinks that dry or old cows will bring fancy figures along about federal election time.

Our genial friend, James Cumming, has been out among the Kitley Blues, introducing himself to the family circles, assuring his friends that it would be to their best interests to vote for him this time. Well done, James.

C. J. Gilroy has been elected as a lay delegate to the Montreal Conference, which meets some time in early June at Stanstead.

FRONTENAC

MONDAY, May 16.—The grounds at the Palace Mansion, on Blanc street, are being completely renovated, and now present a very pleasant spectacle to the many visitors in our town.

What might have proved a very serious accident was fortunately averted by the promptitude and bravery of Bennet Kavanagh. Mr. Hickey's team became fractious and ran at a furious rate down Selina Avenue. Mr. Kavanagh, becoming alarmed by the noise, looked around, and, taking in the situation at a glance, sprang quickly over the fence and stopped the frightened team. Mr. Hickey, we are pleased to say, escaped without a bruise.

It is said that on May 28th Mayor Cox, of Sheatown, will deliver a great political speech in our spacious auditorium. Doors open at 8 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

Ed. Hayes spent a few days at Cedar Park and speaks highly of the treatment he received there.

Many of ous town belles are preparing for the grand demonstration at Charleston on May 25th.

House-cleaning is a thing of the past, and the busy housewife breathes with ease once more.

Visitors: J. Clancey, T. Brennan, A. Andress; also, M. Obendoffer and Y. Purvis.

Rough on Rain.

This new preparation will make your ordinary suit perfectly water proof, without altering the feeling or appearance in the least. Easily applied to any cloth before or after it has been made up. Wheelmen this is a boon to you. This "AD." may not appear again so cut it out. Each package contains sufficient to water-proof two suits. Send $1.00 and mention this paper and I will send you post paid, one package of "ROUGH ON RAIN." Smaller packages sent for 27c in stamps. Try it. Prepared only by,

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LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcement Boiled Right Down.

D. & A. Corsets at G. W. Beach's.

Mr. Wm. Parish is this season running the summer grocery at Charleston.

Mr. Hodgson, Inspector of High Schools, visited Athens school last week.

Children's 2-piece suits, sizes 22 to 28, for $1.50, $2 00, and $2.50 at G. W. Beach's.

Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will exhibit here under canvass to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

Miss Jannet Cherrie, of Newmarket, Ont., is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Chassels, Wellington St.

Ladies' colored cambric blouses with laundried collar and cuffs, 75c and $1 10, at G. W. Beach's.

Miss Cameron and Miss Wylie are in Frankville this week, guests at the home of Mr. N. Parker.

Rev. D. Y. Ross, Cannington, has been translated to St. George Presbyterian charge and will be inducted on May 21st.

Seeding operations have been conducted by the farmers under the most favorable circumstances, both as regards the soil and climate.

Strawbery plants are making very rapid growth being in bloom and if no frost comes it is expected that in two weeks' time the berries will begin to ripen.

A bride in Montreal recently appeared at the altar with her pet canary fastened to her shoulder by a golden chain. During the marriage ceremony the bird broke into a song.

Last week we received a consignment of wood type from Mr. F. Harbridge, of Gravenhurst, who is, we believe, the first to manufacture wood type in Canada. We have not yet put the type on the press, but judging from its appearance, it is fully equal to any manufactured in the United States or elsewhere.

Mr. Ford Wiltse has retired from the milk business, his route having been taken over by Mr. Mort Wiltse. The addition of Mr. S. Hanton to the list of milk vendors has caused a considerable drop in the price of this household necessity. The direct loss the vendors thus sustain will be in a measure counteracted by the increased quantity used.

Acording to the new bicycle regulations which come into force on May 18th on all Canadian railways except the Intercolonial, all bicycles are to be charged at the same rate as for fifty pounds excess baggage. They are to be checked only when passengers accompany them and present their tickets. On the same day a new rule comes into operation as to the storage of baggage Instead of 10c a week there will be no charge for first 24 hours, for the second a fee of 25c will be charged, and for each additional 24 hours afterwards 10c. There is no charge for Sundays or holidays.

The regular practice of the fire company will take place next Saturday evening at 7:15, instead of Monday evening. This change is made to accommodate those who may wish to celebrate the 25th in other places. The company will make a time run from the engine house to Dowsley block tank, and putting on 50 feet hose, connect the Y for two 50 foot lengths with two nozzles. Time counted from first stroke of gong to water reaching end of nozzle. Thos. Berney, P M., will act as time-keeper. Each member of the company will be assigned his position before that date, so as prevent confusion when handling the engine.

There are over 500 subscriptions to the Reporter that fall due on the 1st of June next, and many of them are one and two years past due. Reader, look at the printed label on your paper this week, and if you happen to be one of this number, ask yourself is it fair to the publisher to allow him to pinch along with hardly the comforts of life and none of the luxuries, while you are keeping the money honestly his due down in your pocket. Think this matter over seriously, and come to our aid by remitting a part at least of the amount due. We cannot visit you personally, for our readers extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and we can reach you only by appeals like this. Please do not pass this by with the thought, "It's only a dollar or two that I owe, and the printer can afford to wait." We need the money, we claim to have given good value for it, and it is as much our right as a bill at the grocer's or store.

E. L. Anniversary.

Last Sabbath was observed by the young people of the Athens Methodist church as the 7th anniversary of the formation of the Epworth League department of the church. The occasion was fittingly celebrated by the members of that organization. Until late the night previous the young people labored, decorating the auditorium of the church with flowers, ferns, etc., and the effect presented next day bore testimony to the taste and skill of those who had this department in charge. The religious services of the day commenced with a sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a. m. This was largely attended, and an enthusiastic and profitable meeting of an hour's duration was held. The usual morning service was largely attended, and at it the Rev. J. M. Hagar explained to the congregation the reason of the unusual display in the way of floral decorations, and intimated that in the evening a special sermon to the young people would be preached by Rev. Mr. Crummy, a missionary from Japan, home on furlough, who was a native of this section, and consequently well-known to many. At the evening service the edifice was taxed to its utmost seating capacity to accommodate the number who were present. Rev. Mr. Crummy delivered an eloquent and forcible discourse, in which he referred in complimentary terms to the formation of the Epworth League and the good it was achieving in concentrating youthful energies and fitting the young people for aggressive church workers. The programme for the day was appropriately concluded by a thanksgiving service in the vestry after the church had been dismissed.

The Chief started out on Monday collecting the dog and poll tax.

Men's suits, made of strong English and Canadian tweeds, for $3.50 and $4.50 at G. W. Beach's.

Mr. Wm. Hillis, a well known resident of Athens, has gone to Syracuse, N. Y., where he is employed in a harness shop.

On Thursday evening last Rev. Wm. Wright, rector of Christ Church, conducted a very interesting service in the Industrial Home.

Murmur, gentle liar,
Murmur day and night,
About the fish you captured,
When you never got a bite.

Boys' suits, English and Scotch tweeds, short or long pants, sizes 30 to 35, $3.00, $3.50, and $4.50 at G. W. Beach's.

Mr. Geo. Taylor, M. P., was in Athens last week renewing old acquaintances and taking the political pulse of the village.

A couple of American gentlemen were at Charleston this week selecting a cottage for the use of their families during the summer months.

A toll-gate keeper, two miles from Kingston, will not allow bicyclists to ride through the gate without paying toll. The matter will be tested in the courts.

There is a prospect of the two H. S. debating societies being amalgamated, committees having been appointed to enter into negotiations with that end in view.

Mr. R. N. Dowsley is erecting a tower at the rear of his Charleston cottage, from the top of which a fine view can be obtained of the lake and adjacent islands.

The clang of the fire alarm gave our fire-fighters a run on Saturday morning. A blazing chimney was the cause and it was extinguished in a few minutes without the aid of the engine.

Cheap Bicycle for sale: One highest grade American make safety bicycle, pneumatic tire, high frame, new saddle and cyclometer. Price $45. Apply at Kinch E. Redmond's residence, Athens.

CASH.—$8000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices Sale continues for a short time only —T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Addison Methodist church a resolution was passed commending the work of the pastor, Rev. W. Pimlott, and requesting the Stationing Committee of Conference to re-appoint him to that circuit.

A Charleston oarsman claims to have found a night-line measuring a thousand feet and containing eighty hooks. Portland has started a fish story industry on the Rideau, and we would like to hear from that town along this line. Of course, Clayton is barred from competition.

The summer time table on the B. & W. came into effect on Monday last The train now leaves Athens going east at 8:40 a. m. and arrives from Brockville at 5:08, thus giving travellers who wish to visit the county town and return the same day about an hour and a half longer to transact business.

Dr. C. M. B. Cornell, of Brockville, visited Athens this week. Following the example of local medicos he attempted to subdue the bicycle. His courage and perseverance were fully up to the standard, but his lack of knowledge of the libratory principles underlying success in this art rendered futile all his ambitious mounts.

Mr. Charles Wing, the well known cheese-maker, has suffered considerably this spring with inflammation in his eyes, but last week he had so far recovered as to be able to resume work. This season he has charge of a factory near Montreal, and can be counted on to keep up the reputation of Leeds County makers for turning out a fine article of cheese.

Fire from a torch used in destroying worm nests started a blaze in a wood-pile in rear of the Armstrong House on Tuesday last. The fire brigade was called out, but their services were not required. Some people object to the alarm being sounded for slight cause, but therein they make a mistake: it is far better to be sure than sorry in such cases.

It is claimed a bicycle cinder track 2 feet wide can be laid at a cost of $4 per mile. If this be so, the wheelmen of Athens may well consider the proposal to connect Brockville and Athens in this way as well within the bounds of possibility. This estimate of cost, which we clip from an exchange, appears to us rather low, and we shall be pleased to hear from some of the local bicyclists in respect to this very important feature of the scheme.

Billy Brown, the painter, had quite an exciting experience one evening last week. He started from the classic suburbs of Rappelltown to wheel down to Main street, and when starting off was cautioned by some of the "bhoys" to keep a weather-eye out for some of the fleet nags that come in from the vicinity of Plum Hollow every evening. Billy had been overhauling his "bike," but had been unable to get one of the wheels to discontinue "wobbling" after the manner of some of our late representatives in Parliament. He started out from the corners all right and was bowling along O. K. until he was in front of the "Red Terrace," when he saw a Lake street youth coming around a corner with a horse and carriage, at a speed little less than his own. The wheel wobbled, and Billy wobbled, the horse shied and Billy thought he could take a short cut across the road, where he would have clear sailing. The horse made a lunge in the same direction, with the result that the front wheel of the bike struck the thills of the carriage and Billy's head struck the horse in the stomach. The horse reared and came down with a front foot between the spokes of the wheel of the bike. The sudden stoppage of Billy's avoirdupois caused a recoil, and he lay prostrate upon the dusty road, but he could not think of parting company with his darling bike. He clung tenaciously to the handles. The horse tried to stamp its foot clear of the encircling spokes, and Billy tried as hard to pull the wheel from its entanglement, with the result that when he emerged from the conflict the front wheel was in a very demoralized condition. Billy, however, consoles himself with the idea that it is only another case of nervous prostration, which was quite likely to happen to anybody.

Mr. Geo. Moore spent Sunday in Kingston, making the trip on his bicycle.

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies enriches and vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

Rev. W. W. Giles preached the first of a series of Sabbath evening sermons very acceptably in the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, on Sabbath last.

The number of Roman Catholics in the United States is 9,419,770, spread over fourteen archdioceses, governed by fourteen archbishops, cardinals included, and 69 bishops. There are 10,348 priests, 7,756 of whom belong to the secular clergy and 2,592 monks.

Her Majesty's Birthday will be celebrated at Charleston on Monday, May 25th, 1896. Boat races for the championship of Charleston lake will start at two o'clock p. m. Greasy pole during the afternoon, grand display of fireworks in the evening at 8:30. 3

The speeches at the opening of the Brockville Cheese Board on Thursday last gave but a faint hope of good prices being realized for cheese this season, the general opinion among exporters seeming to be that low prices had come to stay. Decrease of consumption of cheese in England, owing to the importation and use of cheaper food products, was assigned as the chief cause. Forty-seven factories registered 1,909 cheese. White sold at 7 13-16c, and colored brought only 7¼.

Messrs. Blanchard & Nash last week moved a barn for Mr. Robt. Takabery, 204 rods in two days. The first day they left home, got the runners under it, and moved it 88 rods, and the second day 116 rods. The barn was 30x43 feet, one of the old settlers, good and strong. They had plenty of help and men that had good judgment and were willing to work. Fully one-fourth of the way had to be planked, as the ground was soft and two creeks had to be crossed. But pluck and a strong arm can accomplish much when there is will power behind it.

Athens is this week suffering from a plague of worms. Nearly every house in the village has a garden, nearly every garden contains apple trees, and it is safe to say that every tree has been or is full of worm nests. A vigorous war has been waged against the virmin in some parts of the village, while in others the worms have had it all their own way. At present, sidewalks, fences, verandas, shade trees, etc., are infested with these offensive crawlers, making life out of doors anything but pleasant.

Rev. J. McLean, of Glasgow, says prayer meetings are often killed by long preambles "giving the Almighty a great deal of information which he is no stranger to." Many will agree with Mr. McLean. If the gratuitous information which many ministers offer the Almighty were eliminated from their prayers the services would be much shortened The little chap who said he had found out how God knew everything, and when asked to explain, answered: "Our minister tells him," had some dawning of the idea that Rev. Mr. McLean expresses.

From many parts of this district reports reach us of pic-nic parties being formed for the 25th with Charleston Lake as their objective point, and there is certain to be an immense throng at that beautiful resort on that day. We have just a word of caution to pic-nic parties, and it is this: that they be very careful to extinguish any fire they find it necessary to light. Great liberty in respect to the free use of the islands and the main shore is granted to campers and pic-nic parties by the owners, and they should see to it that this liberty is not abused.

During the past week the Reporter office has been supplied with 12 fonts of new wood and job type. This last addition to the working material of the office places it in a position second to none in the county for turning out a neat and artistic job of any kind. We are now prepared to execute any order for a job from a three-sheet colored poster to a script line visiting card. Having three steam presses and a competent staff of workmen, we are prepared to do all classes of work with promptness and at prices that defy competition, considering the quality of the work.

A few years ago the advent of the big-and-little wheeled bicycle was hailed with delight as being a decided advance on anything previously accomplished in the way of perfecting the bicycle, and an admiring public stood and watched the daring riders. When the "safety" came in it was coldly received, the general opinion being that speed and ease of locomotion had been sacrificed to secure safety. Improvements in the safety followed in rapid succession, and soon the high wheel was regarded merely as a curiosity. As such it was regarded here this week, when some of our local pedalers mounted a high wheel and propelled it through the streets.

SOPERTON.

MONDAY, May 18.—On Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, great excitement was caused in the neighborhood by the cry of "Fire! Fire!" Looking out people could be seen running from all directions, some carrying pails, others hats, all rushing in the direction of "Mount Pleasant," at which place in a few moments a large crowd had gathered. A house owned by John Frye and tenanted by Messrs. Shire and Mackleroy had caught fire, it is believed, from sparks flying from the chimney and falling on the roof. For more than an hour there was great clattering of tin-ware and flying of hats, splash of water and rush of men and women, boys and girls. However, a good well was near the house, from which barrels and barrels of water were pumped, and the fire finally extinguished. Only about one third of the roof of the dwelling was burned. Thus Mr. Frye will sustain very small loss, when it was at first thought that the barns and stables adjoining would go, the wind blowing in that direction.

"How and where will you celebrate the 24th?" is now the question we hear.

Mr. Ed. Moles made a flying visit to friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. N. B. Howard and Miss Sexton spent Saturday visiting friends in Athens.

Miss Allie Frye is spending a few days with friends in Athens.

The majority of the farmers in this section have finished their spring-work, and the boys are now waiting invitations to pic nics.

McCARTHY AND CLUFF

The Third Party Leader and his Candidate for the Brockville Riding held a Meeting at Frankville Last Night. A big Crowd Present, Including John F. Wood and a Large Number of his Followers.

At 8 o'clock last (Tuesday) evening the door of Brumbridge's hall was thrown open and a motley crowd of Tories, Grits, McCarthyites and boys filled the room to overflowing. A fair sprinkling of ladies occupied the front seats, and stayed throughout the meeting, which lasted until after 12 o'clock, midnight.

The proceedings opened with a motion by Kitley's David that N. H. Beecher, of Toledo, occupy the chair This was duly seconded, but Mr. McCarthy rose to the occasion and said that this was his meeting and he had already selected a chairman in the person of Mr. J. M. Bell, of Brockville, who at once entered upon his duties by stating that he hoped good order would prevail and that all the speakers would have a fair and patient hearing. He announced that Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Wood had come to an agreement by which Mr. Cluff was to speak first, then Mr Wood was to have an hour and a half in which to establish the charges he had made against Mr. McCarthy, to be followed by that gentleman, who would take whatever time he required in which to reply.

Mr. Cluff, on rising, was received with cheers, showing that the despised third party had a strong following, even amongst the Kitley Blues. He briefly gave the reason why he had severed his connection, not with the great Conservative party, but with the crowd of incapables who had ruled at Ottawa for the last decade. He referred to the convention that nominated Mr. Wood in 1891, and said that he had objected to Mr. Wood's candidature on that occasion because of his vote on the Jesuits' Estate Bill, and had written Mr. Wood that he differed with him on that and several other minor points. He had watched his course in Parliament, and had found that he invariably supported the Government in all its rascality, and at the request of a large number of persons opposed to Mr. Wood and the Government he had consented to enter the field as a humble follower of Mr. McCarthy, who would during the evening fully explain his policy and reasons for opposing the present Conservative Government.

Mr. Wood followed, and from a type-written document proceeded to read his vindication of the charges he had made against Mr. McCarthy at the Brockville meeting a week ago. He took them up consecutively, and proved to his own satisfaction and that of his followers present the ten charges he had made as reported in the Globe. His whole discourse was on the McCarthy line, and he never once referred to the Government or defended their action on any of the scandals with which they were charged by Mr. McCarthy and the Opposition in the House. Mr. Wood occupied about 10 minutes more than the time allotted him and had just warmed up on the position of himself and the Government on the Manitoba School question, when the crowd grew impatient and would not allow him to take any more time.

Mr. McCarthy, on rising, was well received. He began by referring to Mr. Woods and his charges, and took up a few of the principal accusations and disposed of them to the evident satisfaction of the crowd, who cheered lustily whenever a good point was made. The noise and interruptions became so frequent that the names of several well-known Brockville citizens were called out as being those who were causing the disturbance. Mr. Beecher and D. Dowsley called on the audience to give each speaker a fair hearing, and in a measure this appeal was effectual. Mr. McCarthy then gave the reasons why he had stepped out, or been read out of the Conservative party, and entered into a lengthy explanation of the Manitoba School Question, and in reply to a taunt from someone in the audience that he was in league with Mr. Laurier to defeat the Government, he said that he had no more faith in Mr. Laurier than in the Conservative Government, as nearly every French candidate of Mr. Laurier was pledged to Remedial Legislation. The mandement issued by the Catholic bishops of Quebec, which was without doubt the price of the Government's advocacy of the Bill, was acting like a boomerang against them, as it was readily accepted by Mr. Laurier's followers as far as they had had a chance to give any expression of their views. He appealed to the electors who wished for a common system of schools for the Dominion to cast their ballots on the 23rd of June for candidates pledged against remedial legislation.

The meeting closed, with the usual cheers for everybody in sight.

Guelph's tax rate is 25 mills.

Windsor's rate is 21 mills.

Oshawa's Civic Holiday will be Aug. 10th.

The tax rate of St. Thomas is 14 1-2 mills.

Tilsonburg's assessment has increased $12,000.

Walkerton voted down $10,000 for a new hall.

POLITICS—IMPERIAL.

Sir John Pender, member of Parliament for the Wick district, has resigned his seat in the House of Commons owing to his helpless condition, the result of an attack of paralysis of the brain.

The split between the Irish party and the Liberals over the Education bill, which gave the Government such a large majority, has resulted in the English Noncomformists declaring that they will not support the Irish in their demands for Home Rule.

Mr. Curzon stated in the House of Commons that the British Vice Consul at Boma had been instructed to lodge an appeal against the acquittal of Capt. Lothaire, the Belgian officer who was recently tried for hanging Stokes, an English trader of the Congo Free State.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Forty arrests have been made for lese majeste at Frankfort-on-the-Maine during the last three days.

Annie Dyer, the London infanticide, has been declared insane by an expert from the Imperial Home Office.

Scott Jackson was found guilty of the murder of Pearl Byran and sentenced to death. There was a motion for a new trial.

Michael Horn and Mark Tompkins, convicted of waylaying and robbing Tuckett's cashier in Hamilton, were each sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary.

At Goderich, for the outrage which resulted in the death of Mr. Feild of Wingham, Chief Justice Meredith sentenced Robert Harrison and George Phippen to three years in the penitentiary, Charles Manser and Thomas Montgomery to two years, and the boy, Albert Martin, to six months in the Central Prison. There is a prospect of executive clemency modifying the sentences.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraphed Information.

SUICIDES.

A farmer named David Barrick, of the township of Wainfleet, Ont., committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in his barn.

THE LABOR WORLD.

Two thousand carpenters in Buffalo went on strike for an eight-hour day.

The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers were accorded a public reception at Ottawa.

POLITICS—DOMINION.

Mr. Alex McKay, ex-M.P. for Hamilton, and Mr. W. S. Davis, ex-M.P. for Alberta, have been appointed Collectors of Customs.

Hon. J. A. Ouimet, late Minister of Public Works, is appointed Judge of the Court of Appeal, Montreal.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

The Kingston Dairy School will be enlarged.

Rain is still hindering the seeding operations in the eastern part of Manitoba.

Dr. J. G. McPherson's suspicions that an Eglinton cow was afflicted with tuberculosis were verified when the remains of the animal were examined.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Earl and Lady Spencer sailed for Europe on Saturday.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, owing to the threats of his brother-in-law, Beatty S. Balestier, to kill him, announces his intention of leaving the United States.

Sir John Millais, president of the Royal Academy, who had the operation of tracheatomy performed on him on Saturday, is in a very critical condition.

THE DARK CONTINENT.

It was reported on the London Stock Exchange that the Pretoria prisoners, with the exception of five leaders, have been released, subject to three years' police supervision.

It is stated that the sentences of Col. Francis Rhodes, Lionel Phillips, J. H. Hammond and George Farrer, the four members of the Johannesburg Reform Committee who were condemned to death, have been fixed at imprisonment for five years.

THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

Farmer Logan, living near Amaranth Station, took his poor old mother, aged 90 years, to the jail so that he wouldn't be obliged to support her.

Lady Aberdeen and Mr. Laurier addressed the meeting of the National Council of Women at Montreal in French. At the meeting a resolution was passed calling attention to the great want of medical men in the Northwest, and the consequent suffering particularly to women and children.

SCIENTIFIC.

Experiments made with live guinea-pigs show that the Roentgen rays destroy the germs of diphtheria.

At the Electric Exhibition in New York on Saturday night Mr. Chauncey Depew sent a message, which passed over fifteen thousand miles of wires, and the reply was received in four minutes.

Prof. Samuel Plangley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has invented a flying machine which is described as being a remarkable success. The aerodrome is made of steel, driven by a steam engine, and resembles an enormous bird.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The wheat market in Chicago on Saturday was dull and narrow. July wheat closed 1-8c firmer at 62 1-2c.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins has been appointed by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association their representative at the Chambers of Commerce Convention in June.

The Anglo-Canadian trade continues to make gigantic strides. The aggregate business of the four months has increased 36 per cent. Imports from Canada increased 70 per cent., while the British imports from all other countries increased only 9 per cent.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Work on the new electric railway at Sarnia has commenced.

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, in an interview in Montreal, said that he was not aware that Mr. Hays, the general manager, had replaced English and Canadians by Americans.

Eleven years ago Joseph Kiefer, a resident of Buffalo, was killed in a collision on the Grand Trunk Railway in Toronto. His mother then began an action for damages. On Saturday Mrs. Kiefer obtained a verdict on appeal in her favor, but the Grand Trunk at once gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Kielty's saw mill, South Falls, has been burned.

In a serious fire at Sarnia the King Milling Company's premises and the Lougheed hub and spoke works were destroyed, entailing a loss of $70,000.

The building owned by the Auburn Milling Company, and occupied by Messrs. Meldrum & McAllister, Peterboro, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at $150,000.

On Saturday morning the dwelling of Mr. Michael Harvey, about a quarter of a mile north of Blackwater, Ont., was burned to the ground, with all the contents. Two girls, aged 6 and 11, were burned to death.

CASUALTIES.

It is estimated that about 200 lives were lost in the recent cyclone in Texas.

Mr. George E. Hillis was killed at Courtland by a stick of timber falling on him.

Mr. Wm. Rumstein of Duart fell beneath the train at Highgate, his left leg being severed below the knee.

A 9-year-old son of Mr. Wm. Bradley, Merritton, fell into the old canal and was drowned before assistance arrived.

Messrs. James Merner of London and Wm. Kenney of Toronto, two railroad employes, were drowned at Port Burwell while out boating on Saturday.

THE DEAD.

Lieut.-Col. Poole, founder of the 57th Battalion, died at Peterboro, aged 73 years.

Nora Perry, the authoress and poetess, is dead at Dudley, Mass. She was 55 years of age.

It is rumored in Suakim that the Khalifa is dead, but no confirmation of the report can be obtained.

Mr. J. M. Grant, clerk of patents in the Crown Lands Department of Ontario, died Sunday morning.

The will of the late Col. F. C. Denison shows an estate valued at $86,412, of which $61,515 is in real estate and $12,000 in life insurance.

The quintuples born in Mayfield, Ky., April 29, are a dead. The doctors think their death may be the result of worry, caused by the enormous visiting crowds.

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Court of Revision.

Public notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision for the Township of Rear Leeds & Lansdowne will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, May 30th, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon.

All persons having business at said Court are required to attend at the said time and place.

E. COLEMAN, Township Clerk.

Dated this 18th of May 1896.

Court of Revision

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision for the Village of Athens will be held in the council room, Central block, on Tuesday, May 26th, at 7.30 p. m.

All persons having business at said Court are requested to attend.

B. LOVERIN, Village Clerk,
Dated this 18th May 1896.

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Court of Revision.

The Court of Revision for the municipality of Rear Yonge & Escott will be held at the town hall, Athens, on Monday, 25th inst. at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

R. E. CORNELL, Tp. Clerk.

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