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POISONED PIGS

Strychnine Found in the Stomach of Mr. Stewart's Hogs.

St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—Mr. J. W. Murray, inspector of the Ontario criminal investigation department, is in the city. He is inquiring into the South Dorchester hog-poisoning case.

Mr. Alfred Stewart, who lives on con. 8, Dorchester, had 85 beautiful fat hogs a week ago Saturday night, the majority of which passed the 200-pound mark. On that night Mr. Stewart cooked a big boiler full of feed for the hogs, and left it out of doors all night to cool off. On Sunday morning he fed the hogs, and an hour or two later 60 of them were dead. Evidences of strychnine poisoning were apparent, and the services of Dr. McLachlan, veterinary surgeon, of Belmont, were obtained. He gave it as his opinion that poison had been placed in the hogs' food during the night, and the stomach of one of the victims was sent to Toronto for analysis, with the result that traces of the poison were found. Mr. Stewart's loss was $400.

SARNIA RESERVE.

Sarnia Reserve, Dec. 8.—Good sleighing in this neighborhood. Mr. Wm. Nahmalin is home after an extended visit in the vicinity of Saginaw, Mich.

Some mischievous youngsters took possession of Mr. Robert Isaac's horse and buggy in Sarnia while the owner was in Port Huron. Results, Mr. Isaacs walked home.

A big bee at Mr. Nelson Elijah's on Saturday by the swamps.

Mr. James Manass, jun., will be a candidate for chief if there is any election for chief and councilors this month.

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FAIR, COLDER.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 7, 11 p.m.—The low area central over Lake Nipissing yesterday is now dispersing over eastern Quebec, having given light local snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec. The pressure is increasing over the lakes, and to the west of the lakes and throughout Manitoba the pressure is abnormally high and the weather decidedly cold. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 30—44; Kamloops, 14—20; Calgary, 26—30; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—6; Winnipeg, 10 below—2; Port Arthur, 4—12; Parry Sound, 20—26; Toronto, 18—28; Ottawa, 20—20; Montreal, 22—30; Quebec, 16—20; Halifax, 20—44.

Toronto, Dec. 8, 1 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes: Fresh westerly winds; fair and colder; light local snowfalls in the western portion.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Wednesday, Dec. 7, were 25 and 18 above.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—A meeting of the officers of the Seventh has been called for this evening, at the drill shed.

—Local Salvationists are looking forward to a grand time tonight, when one of the members of the band will wed.

—The members of St. George's Society meet tonight to arrange for the distribution of the usual Christmas cheer for the deserving poor of the city.

—Mr. Fred W. Hardey's resignation as organist at the Centennial Methodist Church took effect Monday evening. It is stated that he will be succeeded by Mr. Calder, of this city.

—Mr. Alex. Furness, who was injured while playing in a New York theater, by falling across a sofa, has recovered from the injury, but will not return to New York until after the holidays.

—A Goderich subscriber is informed that the last census gives the population of the places he asks about as follows: Stratford, 9,110; Woodstock, 6,598; Brantford, 12,115; Hamilton, 40,112; Toronto, 200,000; London, 35,000.

—Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. J. H. Jackson, of Green Village, New Jersey, daughter-in-law of Mr. John Jackson, Woodview, London township, after a short illness. She leaves a husband and six young children to mourn her loss.

—The "King Frost" annual banquet given by Mr. W. H. Davis to his friends and acquaintances, is announced to take place tonight at the G. T. R. refreshment rooms. It is expected the attendance will be large, and the proceedings of an exceedingly pleasant character.

—Dr. W. J. Tillman, house surgeon at the City Hospital, was overcome by an ammonia explosion the other day. Had Dr. Tillman not retained his presence of mind sufficiently to enable him to give an attendant instructions as to what course to pursue the result might have been serious.

—Some $9 75 was stolen from the residence of Mr. John Tanton, 320 Piccadilly street, on Sunday evening, while the family were at church. Entrance to the house was made through a rear door. The money was extracted from two purses in the dining-room. Nothing else was taken. No clue to the thief.

—Brantford Expositor: It is officially stated that the committee of supply for the pulpit of Zion Church has approached the Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, London, Ont. The reverend gentleman is said to have made the definite reply that he cannot give the congregation any encouragement to proceed with a call.

—A spirited team of horses belonging to Willard Sage, dairyman, of Nilestown, ran away at the corner of King and Clarence streets yesterday. After running several blocks the sleigh collided with a telegraph pole, and the fugitives were captured. The sleigh and harness were badly damaged, but the horses were unhurt.

—At the regular meetnig of Court Pride of the Dominion, No. 5,660, A. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: P. C. R., Bro. A. C. Partridge; C. R., Bro. H. G. Hardingham; S. C. R., Bro. W. S. Lockhart; treasurer, Bro. M. D. Dawson (re-elected); secretary, Bro. J. W. Woonton (re-elected); S. W., Bro. J. Wheatcroft; J. W., Bro. F. Brown; S. B., Bro. G. Stickles; J. B., Bro. W. Oldridge; trustees, Bros. A. Bending, F. Rossiter, R. Taylor; auditors, Bros. E. M. Brown, J. Hinton, W. H. Branton; medical officer, Bro. James D. Wilson; assistant secretary, Bro. R. Taylor; minute secretary, Bro. E. Price.

—Rev. Q. W. Howard, principal of Rothesay Church School, St. John, N. B., has accepted the assistant rectorship of St. George's Church, Montreal, and will enter on his new duties early in January. Rev. Mr. Howard was born near this city 32 years ago, and graduated with the highest honors from Trinity College, Toronto. He was for a considerable time in the diocese of Huron, under Bishop Baldwin, who has already evinced for him the warmest friendship. Mr. Howard has long shown a desire to take up parish work, and has resigned the position he held as principal of Rothesay Church School to go to St. George's.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

Militia general orders announce that Surgeon-Major C. W. Belton, R. R. C. I., has attended a course of instruction at the depot and training school R. A. M. C., at Aldershot, England, and has been awarded a certificate; also a certificate in equitation. Seventh Battalion Fusiliers—Major G. W. Hayes is transferred to the reserve of officers. Twenty-Sixth Middlesex Battalion of Light Infintry—To be adjutant, Capt. H. W. Niven, from No. 4 Company, vice McEwen, promoted. No. 4 Company—To be captain, Lieut. A. V. Becher, vice Niven, appointed adjutant. Major Lessard has been brevetted lieutenant-colonel, and will command the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Major Louis Felix Pinault, has been installed in office as deputy minister of militia.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

In spite of the storm and the lack of street cars, over 70 mothers and kindergartners met in the Simcoe street kindergarten on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Jamieson gave a valuable paper on "The Care of Little Children," referring to the care of the skin, necessity for cleanliness, bathing, exercise, fresh air, proper clothing, and suitable food. She emphasized particularly the necessity of rest and sleep for little children. Miss Evelyn Wrighton in a short paper discussed "The Christmas Thought in the Kindergarten." The children in kindergartens spend the weeks before Christmas working for others, thinking of giving, not receiving. Miss Laidlaw gave useful hints regarding the kind of toys and presents chosen for children. They should be things with which the children can do something and that stimulate the imagination—a doll, blocks to be transformed, an engine or train of cars that will help him to re-live a past experience, tools, etc. The next mothers' meeting was announced to be held in Lorne avenue kindergarten on Jan. 24, 1899.

SUCCESSFUL ORGAN RECITAL.

The Memorial Church was well filled with an appreciative audience last night on the occasion of the organ recital by Mr. J. W. Fetherston, assisted by the following well-known vocalists: Mr. J. Chaton, Mr. H. R. McDonald, city, and Miss Eva Robinson, of Toronto. The choir sang with pleasing effect at different periods during the evening. Of the five organ solos by Mr. Fetherston's "Bach's" "Toccata and Fugue" was perhaps the best number. The "Hosanna," by Dubois, is a noble composition. The "March of the Wise Men," by the same composer, is quite unique, particularly the star, which is represented by one note sounding all through the march. The overture, "Nebuco," was the favorite solo of the evening, with Wolstenholm's "Answer" a close second. Mr. Fetherston and his choir have added another success to their credit. Rev. Canon Richardson, rector, made a short address, in opening the service, pointing out the beauty and prominent place which praise and singing should have in the Church of God.

THE D. D. G. M. AT ST. GEORGE'S, NO. 42.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Dubber, of St. Thomas, the D. D. G. M. of London district, paid his first official visit to a London lodge last night, St. George's, No. 42, being favored with his presence. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren present. The D. D. G. M. was introduced by R. W. Bros. Munson and Dewar, and briefly addressed the lodge. During the evening the election of officers was held, and resulted as follows: W. M., Bro. W. M. Althouse; S. W., Bro E. Plewes; J. W., Bro. J. E. Adkins; chaplain, W. Bro. S. Baker; treasurer, W. Bro. W. Skinner; secretary, V. W. Bro. Andrew Ellis; S. D., Bro. J. H. Deeks; J. D., Bro. C. H. Ward; I. G., Bro. B. Dawson; S. S., Bro. A. G. Stephens; J. S., Bro. W. J. Tanner; organist, Bro. W. H. Hewlett; D. of C., Bro. Lewis Clark; tyler, W. Bro. John Robertson. At the close of the lodge the brethren, to the number of about 100, sat down to a splendid repast in the banqueting hall. W. Bro. Charles Buskard, the W. M., presided, and introduced a toast list which elicited some capital speeches. The D. D. G. M. and R. W. Bros. Greer and Dewar, and V. W. Bro. Callard made brief responses to the "The Grand Lodge"; to "Our Visitors" replies were given by W. Bros. Essery, of 378; J. Jones, of 20; W. H. Chittick, of Merrill Lodge, Dorchester; O. Brener, of 330; Geo. Morris, of 380; Alfred Hirst, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford; Bro. McCready, of Harriston Lodge, and Bro. Carr, of 209a. "The brethren of St. George's Lodge elicited responses from Bros. Munson, Buskard, Ellis, Dale, Nelles, H. Hayman, Althouse, Plewes, Adkins and Hewlett.

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CITY SHOULD OWN THEM

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chise was given away before some of the present members of the city council were born.

A Voice—What about the telephone?

The mayor explained that the council of 1897 were unable to cope with the telephone, and when the present council came into power the Bell people were told that they would have to give better terms. Another company was organized (the People's Telephone Company), and the threatened competition had greatly reduced the rates. He exulted in the fact that an agreement had been made by which the city would obtain practically $9,000 per year for the next five years. Referring to the electric light question, the mayor pointed out that the city had compelled them to reduce their rates 2 cents per light per night. The matter had been investigated, and information from all outside cities showed the council that the city could not run a lighting plant as cheaply as a private corporation. (Voice—"Oh, and why?") The city was now getting $2,000 per year or $20,000 for ten years. He was sure the speaker would agree with him that London as a city compared favorably with any city in the world of similar size.

WHAT EX-MAYOR TAYLOR THINKS.

Ex-Mayor George Taylor was accorded a hearty reception. In his opinion no objection could be made to anything the speaker had said, as it was a bare statement of facts, and as he had not said anything against the council that should not have been said. The city council had allowed a private corporation for the next ten years to carry the lantern, at a very small reduction over the previous cost of light, and had thrown away a chance for the municipalization of our lighting plant for ten years. (Applause.) "I don't think," he said, "that in the history of the city of London the citizens have been so much dissatisfied as they have been during the past year. We voted $70,000 for a hospital, and how much more has been spent? There is not a man here that can tell what it will cost before completed. In all likelihood it will cost over $100,000 and where is it now?"

Voice—Mortgaged to the county for $15,000.

"Yes, I believe it is. I don't know that it was necessary for the city to get down on their knees and beg the county to come in and take a share in it. The trouble was that the city council had bitten off more than it could chew, and erected a pile of bricks and mortar, which would possibly be of use in 50 years from now, without taking into consideration what the cost would be. What was true of municipalized plants in other places would be true in London. If there was no money in these franchises why were companies so keen to get them? And if there was good money in the electric lighting plant to a private company on the basis of the reduced rate, surely there was money in it for the citizens—(applause)—which had been thrown away.

MR. BARTRAM SPEAKS.

Mr. Bartram said he heartily concurred in all that the speaker of the evening from old London had said, but he differed with Mayor Wilson. The mayor knew as well as he (Mr. Bartram) that there was nothing but dissatisfaction, and that the city had, unfortunately, during the present year, been badly governed. Next year, as mayor, he proposed to attack the franchise of the London street railway and contest for its municipalization. He contended that a franchise was merely a bylaw, the same as all other municipal enactments, and could be repealed at the will of the people. A bylaw was simply the will of a free people, enacted by their representatives, and removable and alterable at will. The street railway bylaw was exactly in the same position as the cabman's bylaw. The confirmation by the Ontario Legislature did not affect the franchise, because the legislature could not make a municipal law either by the unwritten British constitution or by the confederation act, which only gave the legislature power to establish municipal institutions, which was not to make municipal laws, such as the street railway franchise, to bind people 50 years hence. Mr. Bartram pointed out the distribution of the powers of government and law-making, and claimed the sovereign right of the citizens of London to make their own local law, which could not be infringed by the Imperial Parliament, and certainly not by the Ontario Legislature, without reducing the citizens from free men to serfs. The council of the city were trustees of the citizens and like any other trustee could only make a beneficial contract. This city was on the era of a constitutional revolution in municipal government. Next year he proposed to make the street car company pay a monthly rent of $1,000, run their cars during the whole 24 hours—employ three gangs of men, eight hours each; fix their wages by a city law in the same way as that of its policemen and other city servants, carry school children at a 1-cent fare. He showed that according to the statement of the company given to the public recently, they were making at least $25,000 a year from the citizens, after paying interest and expenses. The company had no capital invested. The value of their plant was less than their bonded debt. The law as to the franchise can only be settled by the Privy Council in England; because there is probably no court or judge in Canada who would decide it in accord with the principles of the Anglo-Saxon law.

ALD. McPHILLIPS TO THE RESCUE

The mayor called upon Ald. McPhillips to say a few words in the hope of straightning out the tangled municipal meshes. Ald. McPhillips said he could not agree with Mr. Bartram, either as a city representative or from a legal standpoint. He felt that the platform upon which Mr. Bartram intended to appeal to the people was a very dangerous one for the city to have anything to do with. A bylaw given by the city to a company whereby the company had vested rights and large capital expended, and approved by the legislature, could not be abrogated the week after it was made.

Mr. Bartram—You don't know the law.

Ald. McPhillips—I think I have had as much legal experience as Mr. Bartram, and am quite as capable of giving an opinion.

Ald. McPhillips then explained the telephone scheme. On June 19 last, he said, only one city in America paid a higher telephone rate than London, according to population, and that was Boston. He told of how the rates were reduced, and said that $10 on 600 telephones—there's $6,000; $20 on——

Mr. McMechan—Where are the 600 telephones that were reduced $10?

Ald. McPhillips then remembered he had left his figures at home, and the mayor could not prompt him with accuracy. Mr. McPhillips then told of how he had opposed the Bell Telephone Company, and favored the granting of a fifteen years' franchise to the People's Company.

A Voice—In what respect relatively does the position of the city differ by taking away a franchise from the Bell Company and giving it to another company?

Ald. McPhillips — Certainly; that's just the position I took in the council. (Loud laughter.) The speaker then said the franchise of the Bell Company given by the council was unconstitutional.

Voice—Why don't you proceed to turn the council out, then?

Ald. McPhillips said he had complained and tried his best to remedy many things in the council, but was always met with too much opposition.

In conclusion, Ald. McPhillips referred to an editorial in the Free Press, which had censured him for certain things said by him at the council respecting the police. The challenge had been thrown out, and when the proper time came he would make some specific charges.

FRED DARCH.

The representative of the Socialist Labor Party spoke briefly, as the hour was late. To him it was a very peculiar thing that every year, just before an election, all candidates were so full of municipal reform. That was simply because the Socialist Labor Party had appeared on the scene, and compelled these reforms. When this party represented the people, the franchises of the city would be used for the good of all, instead of being given away to rob the poor and enhance the riches of the moneyed men. They would not be run for dividends, but for the purpose of reduction of the general scale of taxation.

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The Cape Peninsula is delightful for most people, but it is not by any means best for those who are constitutionally inclined to consumption. They must leave the coast, no matter how many inducements there may be for them to stay, and climb the tableland which faces them at whatever port they may land. At irregular distances from the sea we have probably nowhere more than a hundred miles of low-lying coast lands before we ascend. Once on the tableland, so far as climate goes, it matters not in what direction health-seekers proceed, the climate is equally good.

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The modern Cinderella's glass slipper is a skate, of which the upper part resembles a slipper, open behind, with a split "lace-up" heel-cap. The Age of Steel describes this new skate as a skate of glass, hardened by a recent process to the consistency of steel. Every part of the skate is of glass, from the slipper-like upper to the glittering blade.

It is asserted that the glass blades are much more slippery than steel ones, and that they will run almost as well over rough, snow-covered ice, as on a smooth ice-sheet, and will also go easily over inequalities, twigs and other obstructions.

They are made very sharp, and are so extremely hard that it is almost impossible to blunt them. They are unlike steel skates, in that they never want grinding, and never rust.

The new skates are as pretty as they are efficient. They are very nearly transparent, and in some cases the glass, while in the liquid state, is variously colored. Several noted skaters are said to have tested them, in every case with most satisfactory results. So the pretty skates, with their sharp blades, will, in all probability, soon be seen skimming over lakes and streams, and youths and maidens who long ago relegated the Cinderella story to the region of their childhood, will take a renewed interest in glass slippers.