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BRANT.

Fred Westbrook has bought the Brunswick hotel, Brantford, for $15,000.

ESSEX.

License Inspector Pacaud, of Windsor, has declined the Reform nomination for the Local Legislature.

A Windsor paper says: The marriage of John Davidson to Miss Riddell will take place this week, and the bride and groom will at once start on a trip to Scotland.

Mrs. Susan Arner, of Malden, is enjoying good health in her 97th year, and is busily engaged knitting stockings for her great-great-grandchildren.

Pork has been coming into Harrow lively the past week, $6 per cwt. being the ruling price. Wheat is bringing 52 cents and oats 25 cents.

Rev. W. M. Fleming, of Essex town, has been presented with a check for $50 by the Presbyterians of Windsor for his services while their pulpit was vacant.

At the Sandwich Sessions A. Herbert, a G. T. R. brakeman, was found guilty of stealing a pocketbook containing $35 from Ed. Rowe, another brakeman.

Simon Bruso, of Tilbury Center, who was released from London Asylum about six months ago, and went to the cotton mills in Rhode Island, arrived here on Friday in a worse stage of insanity than ever, but at last reports is improving.

The M. C. R. now agrees to pay the corporation of Tilbury Center $1,000 a year for water, instead of $700 as before. The village is to be lighted with ten electric lights in its streets.

Fourteen Pelee Islanders went over to Kingsville, Ont., two weeks ago for supplies for the winter. The cold weather set in and now they cannot get back with their boat, while the ice is not safe, and they are still in Kingsville.

ELGIN.

Rev. J. H. Courtenay, St. Thomas, who has three calls, namely, the Port Stanley, Alvinston and Fort Erie Presbyterian churches, has accepted the latter. He will be inducted the first week in January.

HURON.

Mr. Wm. Stewart, of Bluevale, who has been teaching school at Pembroke, has returned home, being in poor health and not able to teach.

The other day Mr. Walter Mair, of Goderich township, succeeded in shooting three wild geese.

One of the latest and most approved creameries is about to be started in Clinton. It will be conducted on the same principle as the Exeter creamery, operated by a joint stock company.

The Wingham Town Council has given the curfew bell bylaw a two months' hoist. This is a bylaw providing that all children must be off the street by 8 o'clock in the evening.

While in William Linklater's bush near, Wingham, in the employ of William Lawrence, George Tiffen, of Zetland, had his left leg badly broken between the ankle and knee Thursday morning.

Mr. James Southcombe, of Clinton, who has been in Manitoba for some time, returned on Monday of last week. He says that in some portions of Manitoba thousands of acres of grain went uncut, having been destroyed by hot winds, while in some places where it was cut, the yield was not three bushels to the acre. In the vicinity of Pilot Mound the crops were fairly good, and farmers are paying off some of their liabilities, thus showing that they are getting into better position.

A Reform convention will be held at Brucefield on Dec. 29 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Local House.

KENT.

Mayor Wright is candidate for re-election at Dresden. So is Reeve Kimmerley, who is also an aspirant for the wardenship of the county next year.

Augustus Howe, of Tilbury East, and an old resident, died at the homestead near Jeannette's Creek, aged 61 years. He leaves a large family.

LAMBTON.

Two young horses belonging to Mr. John Dawson, of Sarnia, got on the track from an adjoining field on Wednesday evening of last week, and were so badly injured by being struck by a passing train that they had to be shot.

The Lambton County Council do not appear to be satisfied with the result of the late trial of Albert Wilson, the murderer of Miss Marshall, and speaks out in the following resolution: Moved by Dr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Everest, that this council place on record their disapprobation of the course, result and final disposal of the murderer, Albert E. Wilson, which has resulted in a plain and direct failure of justice. Carried.

The stock of W. Jenkins & Son, Petrolea, was sold by auction to George Hewitt at 56 cents on the dollar.

Mr. Emeric Vidal, of Sarnia, county treasurer, has been confined to his home through illness for the past two weeks. Senator Vidal has been attending to the duties of the treasurership since his son's illness.

Mrs. Mole, Sarnia, has received from Mr. D. McMaster a check for $2,000, being the amount of life insurance to which she was entitled by reason of her late husband's membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

MIDDLESEX.

Mrs. Henry Pulppen, for 28 years a resident of Parkhill, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church, has died after a long illness.

Wm. Kirkpatrick, tanner, an active business man at Parkhill, has died, after two weeks' illness, aged 86 years.

A Conservative convention will be held at Ailsa Craig on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

A leading hotel-keeper of Parkhill started out for bear the other day with a gun and a knife. His dog met a coon. The hunter tried to help the dog and was bit by the coon. He shot the coon and on his way home lost his gun.

The family of Mrs. Jas. Goulding, of con. 12, London township, were very agreeably surprised at their residence the other evening by the entrance of about 50 members and choir of Trinity Church, Birr, who took quiet possession and asked Miss Nellie Goulding, the organist, to come to the front, while Mr. Joseph W. Ferguson proceeded to read to her a very complimentary address. Mr. Joseph Shoebottom then handed Miss Goulding silverware, comprising a fine butter knife and pickle fork, pearl-handled, and an elegant tilting pitcher and gold-lined goblet. Miss May Hobbs then pleasantly placed upon the recipient a Greenland seal cape. Miss N. Goulding's surprise permitted her to thank the donors. The company then spent a very enjoyable evening. Miss N. Goulding was the recipient of a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, on a prior occasion as an acknowledgment of her kind services rendered Trinity Church as organist.

PERTH.

The Perth County Veterinary Medical Association held its annual session at Stratford, on Friday, Wm. Gibb, V. S., of St. Marys, was elected president, and Wm. Steele, V. S., of Stratford, vice-president; W. R. Carr, V. S., Kirkton, is secretary-treasurer.

A Mitchell letter of the 13th inst. says: A few days ago Mr. George Brigham received a letter from his daughter, who is married and settled at Trout Creek, Parry Sound district, stating that fire had destroyed her home and burned three of her children to death. She was in the stable when the fire broke out and, as her husband was away from home, she was unable to get the little children out.

WATERLOO.

Rev. Mr. German, of Berlin, is confined to his home of sickness.

The Guelph Mercury says a man named Addison ran two miles in twelve minutes at Bloomingdale one day last week. He holds the record for Waterloo county.

At the Waterloo County Court last week Henry Gowdy was found guilty on a charge of having seduced Maggie Coughlin, a girl under 18 years of age, and sentenced to eighteen months in the Central Prison.

WELLINGTON.

In Palmerston the postmaster, who has been mayor of the town for nine years, finds that he has to quit municipal life or throw up his office, as the Postmaster-General has decided that officers shall not in future become members of municipal councils or school boards.

The Christian Church, Harriston, has lately been reopened. The tea meeting in the council chamber was a great success. Mayor Yule occupied the chair. On the platform were Rev. M Munro, B.A., Rev. C. Hamilton, Rev. Shoults and Elder Perkins, all of whom delivered short and pithy addresses.

The Guelph School Board has decided that all school pupils in that city must be vaccinated before Jan. 1.

PERSONAL LIBERTY

Dealt With by Hon. M. J. Fanning, of Michigan.

The Benefits of Prohibition to the Workingmen Reviewed—A Large Audience in Victoria Hall.

The large audience which assembled in Victoria Hall yesterday afternoon was, with few exceptions, composed of workingmen. They had come to hear a man who knew equally well what it was to toil for a living, and who could speak on prohibition, from a workingman's point and the benefits which would arise therefrom. The speaker was Hon. M. J. Fanning, who hails from Michigan, and whose first appearance in this city was made on Saturday night at the reception tendered him by the toilers of the city in Victoria Hall. Mr. Fanning is a native of the Emerald Isle. He possesses to a large degree the wit and humor so characteristic of an Irishman, and during his address illustrated its various points by the narration of some humorous story. Mr. George Martindale, engineer, G. T. R., fulfilled the duties of chairman, and the music was supplied by several members of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Fanning dealt chiefly with the question of personal liberty and the numerous ways in which the laboring classes would be benefited and uplifted by the passing of a prohibitory law. When discussing the number of men employed by the manufacturers of liquor as compared with other factories Mr. Fanning offered to give $500 to any citizen who would show him any factory which employs as small a number of men in proportion to the capital invested as the brewery. He was very glad to find that such a condition of affairs existed in the Province of Ontario on the lines of temperance work and that the question "What will be done with the liquor traffic?" has been brought up in such a way that all the citizens of every calling could meet side by side on New Year's day—the day when all turn over a new leaf—by registering a united vote against the continued traffic in strong drink. "Of course I take it for granted that all who attend these meetings are in favor of prohibition," said the speaker, "and but two weeks remain in which the question is to be settled. What are you going to do? Those in favor of strong drink will not come to these meetings, so we have to go among them and do what can be done. We, as temperance workers, have taken up this work, and now before quitting we want to hew the tree of intemperance down. One of the first remarks you hear against a prohibitory law is that it is an interference with personal liberty. On the other side of the line a great deal of the same talk can be heard, but when the people raising the objections are seen they generally prove to be Dutchmen, and these Dutchmen are just like me—born across the water, and never knew what liberty was until I came to this country. Liberty is the power with the might. As an example: I hold in my hand a watch. It is mine. I have the right to throw it on the floor and destroy it. Any person else here may have the power to destroy the watch, but they have not the right. So I say the right of a man in any community to sell liquor—with your permission I will make it even stronger, and the right of any man in any community to drink liquor—ends where? Where the happiness of women and children of that community begins. The liberty I do not like is that the enjoyment of which causes fathers and mothers to stagger down the street with their children following after them crying for bread. I do not like the liberty the enjoyment of which takes men from their homes and sends them to prison; I do not like the liberty the enjoyment of which takes many a person to the scaffold. But still this is the liberty for which those opposed to prohibition are contending. I contend that the liquor traffic has done and is doing more to destroy the prosperity of the nation than anything else. Intemperance strikes at the corner-stone upon which the Governments of America rest. By this traffic money is spent on that which is not bread and that which satisfieth not. The commercial prosperity of a nation depends upon the purchasing power of the masses and not the classes. When the average wages are low times are dull, and the sale of liquor creates great injury to the working classes. In one way it keeps the prisons full, and the labor of those so confined competes with that of the honest and sober workingmen. People tell us that 75 per cent. of the inmates of prisons in the United States went there through the agency of the saloon, so that if these were shut up convict labor would not have to be competed with. No intelligent man can study the labor problem without becoming a prohibitionist. I am willing to go back to the ranks of the laboring classes, and if I should I would rather meet in the market the sober foreign competitor, or pauper, as he is called, than a man who is an American and a drunkard. Another great injury to labor is the taking into the factories from the homes women and children. In the United States we find that the average wages paid throughout the country in a recent year was $347. In Ohio alone we find it $369, but in this State there is a smaller proportion of women and children employed than in many others. Why are so many women and children in the market? It is easily answered. Go to the saloon and you will find out. In most cases where the women are taken from their homes you will find liquor at the bottom of it. Shut up the gin shops, put a government in power which will prohibit and you will have happiness and higher wages for the working classes. As a result the man will get sobered up, find his way back to the workshop and the women find their way to the home."

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