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RILEY MURDER TRIAL **BEGINS ON APRIL 14**

Young Prisoner Exhibits No Anxiety-Spends Time Exercising or Reading.

Thomas Riley, who on April 14 will be put on trial for his life at the local this man has been dismissed I cannot uncourt house for the murder of George Blackburn, is evincing no particular anxiety as the day of his trial approaches. Governor Garter states that he has ben, ever since his incarceration a quiet prisoner. He gives no trouble turnkeys but has adapted himself to the routine of prison life.

He is in constant correspondence Molasses Taffy souri, and it is expected that his girl wife and young child will come to London to attend the trial. His step-father who came to London to visit him, last November expressed his determination to be present when the trial is brought on, and he will likely

Riley's health continues good, and he is eating and sleeping well, and time is spent in reading.

SAYS THEATRE WILL BE BUILT IN LONDON SOON

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, March 31. — A representative of the A. J. Jacobs, theatrical comedy magnate, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday looking for a location for

a new theatre. The intention is to build a play-house adapted particularly for musical comedy to be run in connection with the Jacob's circuit. The representative stated in all probability theatres would be built in London, Hamilton, Woodstock, Toronto, St. Thomas, and perhaps Brantford.

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FIGURES IN REALTY FIGHT

Hume Cronyn is Principal in Big Land Transaction Being Sifted Out.

An interesting legal fight, involving a big realty deal which was being arranged by Hume Cronyn, of this city, is now being fought in the supreme court of British Columbia at Victoria.

Robert W. Clarke, a real estate broker of that city, is suing George W. Swan, a dealer in lands, for \$14,000 damages, basing his claim on the assertion that through misrepresentation of the quality ugh misrepresentation of the quality of certain Naas Valley lands he has been unable to complete the deal, which involved a sum of \$115,000. Mr. Cronyn, volved a sum of \$115,000. Mr. Cronyn, it is said, paid \$50,000 without seeing the property, on the strength of Mr. Swan's description, but after making a personal investigation he refused to complete the transaction. On the witness stand, Clarke stated that Swan, who surveyed the land in question, did not tell him that it was all bottom land, but him that it was all bottom land, but gave him to understand that it was good average agricultural acreage. Justice Macdonald is trying the case, which is provoking much interest.

Mr. Cronyn is at present absent from the city in England, and no confirmation as to the extent of his interest in the big deal could be obtained.

GARDENER'S DISMISSAL CAUSE OF COMMENT

Mystery Why Man Whose Work is Much Appreciated Should Be Let Out.

take effect within a few days.

Mr. Benbough, an Englishman, has been in the service of the water commission for some time, and there is some mystery as to why he has been notified that his services will be no longer required. Since he took charge of the flower beds at the park his work has re-One man said to The Advertiser that he took several trips to Springbank 28th aninversary. About 125 people were 1.71 inches, which is unusually heavy. each season just to see the beds that had been laid out by the head gardiner. Mr. Benbough has had the respect and co-operation of the staff at the park, and

it is reported that they heard of his disnissal with regret. "London will lose a man who has great-

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W. C. T. U. Makes Suggestion to Controllers to Passing New Year's.

The board of control at a meeting last night discussed the suggestion of the W. C. T. U. to hold the municipal elections on a date other than New Year's Day, but took no action, such matters, Vice-President J. P. Moore advised, being in the hands of the Legis-

Mrs. Hubert Ashplant, president of the W. C. T. U. wrote that holding elections Jury Finds That With Modern on New Year's Day did not give the women an opportunity to exercise their franchises, as they were detained with extra household duties on that day.

City Clerk Samuel Baker stated that there were at present four or five bills before the House to give municipalities the power to fix their own election days, and Controller Moore thought that the municipal elections should be held in the fall. He was convinced that fail elections would eventually come.

Pointing the Way. The city will co-operate with the London Motor Club in placing a number of guiding signs at various points leading into the city. The club is erecting 500 small signs throughout the surrounding country and about a dozen large signs will be placed inside the city limits to guide visiting motorists to the

An account for \$161.45 was submitted from the C. P. R. for the transportation of ten civic delegates to Ottawa last week in connection with the radial deputation. This account did not cover the entire cost, however, and it is estimated that the complete bill will run in the neighborhood of \$250.

In making a tender of \$4.25 recently for supplying gravel, C. Quick claimed to have made an error of twenty-five cents per cord, and asked that his figure be ncreased to \$4.45 or else he would prefer to have the contract cancelled. The board, on the advice of the city decided to take no action, and Mr. Quick, unless he carries out the provisions of his contract, will forfeit \$100.

Here's Real Progress. After some discussion, the controllers, pon the suggestion of Controller Hubert Ashplant, decided to secure figures on he cost of uniforming the city's street leaning squad.

The engineer was instructed to have he pavements on Talbot, between Waterloo and Talbot, and Richmond, between Queen's avenue and the G. T. R. tracks, flushed with water on Saturday nights throughout the summer months owing to the operation of Sunday cars, and an increasing desire for clean and as far as possible, dustless streets, it is probable that the city council will authorize Sunday morning sprinkling this year.

The engineer will report on the request of the board of Egerton Street Baptist Church for sewer conveniences . H Finch brought the matter to the attention of the controllers, and pointed out that the new building was rapidly nearing completion and would require sanitary conveniences. The nearest sew er at the present time is on Hamilto road, a considerable distance.

Mr. Finch suggested that the storm sewer problem in the Egerton street district could be solved by running all the water into the river.

The engineer will also investigate the request of the Cook-Fitzgerald Shoe Company for minor changes to a couple of clauses in the agreement recently entered into between the city and the company, respecting the construction of a steam pipe under Bathurst street from the company's main plant to the new annex, the old Southam printing build-The agreement calls for the pipe to be covered with asbestos, but as this would entail a considerable extra expense, the firm desires, if possible, to

Revised Traffic Bylaw. The revised traffic bylaw was presented but not discussed. It will be taken

up after the estimates are disposed of. The board authorized the placing of four lights on Elliott street in the north On Thursday afternoon the controllers

will take up the east end market project on the ground and on Friday amongst other items of business, will receive the engineer's report on the sam-The retirement of George Benbough as ples of road oil submitted for approval, head gardener at Springbank Park will and award a contract for the amount

ANNIVERSARY OF LODGE Chelsea Lodge, 37, S. O. E., Observes

28th Birthday. The members of Lodge Chelsea, No. 37, S. O. E., with their wives and friends, low point was 7 above on the 20th, only and the members of the Daughters of six days previous. ceived praise from many horticulturists. England, who were the guests of the evening, met in their lodge room, Moose Hall, Monday night, and celebrated their of snow fell, while the rainfall totalled

Progressive euchre was played during the earlier part of the evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Markham and Tom Harper. Mrs. Charles Hollins was given

the booby prize. The following program was then renly enhanced the beauty of Springbank dered, which was much appreciated by park," said a flower lover. "Why all present: Musical selection, Messrs. Short; solo, J. Taylor; reading, Miss E. Taylor; quartet, St. John's Quartet; humorous reading, Mr. Dotteridge; solo, G. Flory; musical selection, Messrs. Short; reading, Miss E. Taylor; quartet,

st. John's Quartet. Refreshments were then served. The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment were: Messrs. H. Brooks, G. W. Brooks, G. Eaton, C. Hollins, H. Newmon, W. H. Dibsdale, H. E. Spettigue and R. Martyn. H. Brooks

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Equipment Life Might Have Been Saved.

That had Ottaway car No. 84, of the London Street Railway been equipped with air brakes, the accident which caused the death of Mrs. Mary King would possibly have been avoided, was the finding of Coroner Dr. A. V. Becher's jury inquiring into the death of the deceased woman at police court headquarters last night.

John McNeil, motorman of the car, told the jury that he had seen the woman on the east side of Clarence street approaching the car tracks, and that he sounded the gong, but apparently she failed to heed his warning, and as he reversed his brakes, the car struck the woman, throwing her over on the north side of the tracks.

"I rang my bell, reversed my brakes, but struck Mrs. King while the car was travelling about six miles an hour," said McNeil, in response to a question from Crown Attorney James B. McKillop, who asked if he had attempted to avoid hitting the woman. Crown Attorney James B. McKillop and

Coroner Dr. A. V. Becher had charge of The jurors were F. G. Michell, foreman; Robert Northgraves, T. W. Thomas, Walter Biggs, George Forrest, Luke Jefferies, Arthur Holland, Trueman Marr, T. Jefferies, Albert Holiday.

Century Old Exercise Book Quaintly Tells of Old Time Arithmetic

"John Park, Newland Hill, March

19th, 1813 Year." This is the copper-plate-written inscription on one of the yellowed leaves of a schoolbook which belongs to Thomas Grieve, R. R. Carrier No. 1, Wilton Grove, near this city. It was handed down to him from ancestors. The book was John Park's Arithmetic, which is quaintly stated, above another signature of the owner. The writing has faded in its century-old age, to a dark brown, but it can be quite easily read, although the flourishes and the double s' are puzzling at

Arithmetic seems to have been as different, in those long-ago days, as the fashions were. The chapters book are written in large, shaded scrolls at the head of every page, and such headings as: "Of Simple Rule of Three" and "of Fellowship" would make a modern scholar wonder.

In those days of '13 when the very atmosphere cried "War," and national and martial spirit was rife, and when an insult meant a duel, nevertheless little Johnny Park was like all youngsters of all time; he started his nice new Arithmetic Book in beautifully written script, but toward the end of those sixty-odd pages, Johnny, no doubt, became mightily tired of his Rule of Three, and his Barter and Exchange, for the writing is far from neat, and the double-ruled lines are awry and thick. This is one of the signs that John Park, of 1813, was just like young Mr. Schoolboy of 1914, No doubt they were similar in hun-

dreds of other ways, too. Mr. Grieve, who owns the book, is proud of it as a family possession; he has lived in the district of Wilton Grove all his life, and his ancestors

MARCH HAS BIG RAINFALL

Total for Month Shows 1.71 Inches-Mercury Was Skittish.

Following proverbial custom, March has been a month of many moods and changes, as a casual glance at the weather statistics will show. The highest notch attained by the "quick stuff" in the tube was 58 on the 26th, while the

During the 31 days that constitute the month of inconsistency, three inches

Thought She Would Go Mad WITH HEADACHE.

In all cases of headache the treatment should be directed to remove the cause, for with the cause removed the headache vanishes for all time. Headache powders just relieve for the time being, but what is necessary for a permanent cure is something that will go right to the No decision was reached regarding seat of the trouble. For this purpose

Mrs. Althea Bowman, Hamilton, Ont., writes:-"I have suffered terribly with left in abeyance for some time for my head for weeks at a time till I thought I would go mad. A friend "Nothing has been done as yet to advised me to give Burdock Blood Bit-fill the vacancy," said Rev. Thomas advised me to give Burdock Blood Bit-Mitchell to The Advertiser last night. ters a trial, so I got a bottle and found relief. I have used four bottles in al! ering various pastors for the appointment, but it was decided to lay the matter over indefinitely. I would more headaches since. I would advise rather not make any statement just all sufferers to give it a fair trial." Demonstration

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