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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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**MARCH** went out like a lamb.  
**GOOD FRIDAY** comes a week from today.  
**BICYCLES** and bicycle repairs at Taylors.  
**LENT** is nearly over but lending still goes on.  
**WE** carry out your orders in our tailoring department.—**SWIFT BROS.**  
**JAS. MCMANUS** shipped a car of fine horses to Toronto on Wednesday.  
**THE** Easter hat is now near enough to be reckoned into the high cost of living.  
**STEEL SHOES**—Will have stock on hand in a few days.—**JOHN WHITE**, agent. Prices net cash.  
**SPECIAL BUSINESS** on hand for Peabody Lodge I.O.O.F. Monday eve, April 10th. All members take notice.  
**EASTER** display of ladies' suits, special prices, smart styles.—**SWIFT'S.**  
**THE** changeable weather prevailing during the past few weeks will be somewhat severe on the crop of fall wheat.  
**OUR** new stock of wall paper is in. The designs and prices will suit the most fastidious.—**P. DODDS & SON.**  
**WITH** those contracted skirts and hats as big as No. 2 washtubs, woman, lovely woman, looks top-heavy to me, remarked a set-in-his-ways Watford bachelor.  
**THE** last of the mid-week Lenten services will be held in Trinity church next Wednesday evening, when Rev. J. M. Ganne, rector of Wyoming, will preach.  
**SPECIAL** linen tablecloths, 66 by 86, on sale Friday, \$1.45.—**SWIFT'S** Easter Sale.  
**A** lady was heard to say at one of the openings Friday:—"If my husband says that my new hat is a perfect fright, or that I look like a freak in it, I feel satisfied that it is just lovely."  
**THE** EASTER HAT.  
**TAKE** a bunch of braided straw. Stick a feather in the cleft. Put a silk ribbon there  
—And you'll have no money left.  
**MR. N. MCDONNELL**, I. P. S., for East Lambton, inspected the Watford schools on Thursday and Friday last, and Mr. J. E. Wetherell, High School Inspector, performed the same duty at the High School Tuesday and Wednesday.  
**FRIDAY** is our bargain day, we show special values every week.—**SWIFT BROS.**  
**SOME** people never hand in an item of news for publication, but if we happen to miss an item in which they are interested they are sure to hand us a north pole stare that would freeze the liver of a polar bear.—**Learning News.**  
**WHIPS**, horse brushes, combs, etc., in large assortments and lowest prices at Howden's. A rawhide whip for 35 cents.  
**WHEN** you get a wrong piece of mail matter at the post office return it before leaving the office. Don't take it with you and return it the next time you call for your mail. Your so doing may cause inconvenience to the person to whom it is addressed.  
**A** CORRESPONDENT in sending some editorial poetry asks if we charge anything for its insertion. We have repeatedly said such poetry must be paid for. We are very sorry sometimes to refuse, but unless a charge is made, we would be flooded with supposed poetry, some of which is utter nonsense.  
**A** CONTEMPORARY call attention to the necessity of a war against the deadly House fly, now proven to be one of the active disseminators of disease. It seems early to give this advice. Yet it should not be forgotten that when garbage, the accumulation of the winter, is operated on for a week or two by a warm sun, it becomes the breeder of flies and injurious bacteria. The lesson is to get back yards cleaned up at the earliest possible date.  
**THESE** lovely mornings are fine for a brisk walk and will make the blood tingle in a person's veins, for they breathe the very essence of awakened nature. There is no country in the world where the climate is more delightful than in Canada on certain days in the spring and fall, and especially in the mornings the air is chuck full of a purity and freshness that makes one feel another person altogether.  
**THE** following significant item appeared in a prominent place in the Kingsville Reporter last week:—"The fellow who stops his paper because he becomes offended by some item that does not suit his fancy always imagines that he is getting even with the publisher, but he is never missed. This only happens occasionally for there are only a few people in any community who imagine a paper should contain nothing but what they approve of."  
**THE** old building on the site where the new Sterling Bank will be erected, corner of Main and Ontario streets, was sold by Auctioneer Elliott on Saturday to the highest bidder. It was knocked down to Mr. Stumph for \$31, who afterwards sold the front part to Mr. Stewart. The building is a relic of bygone days, being probably the oldest structure in town. From what we can learn it was erected in 1862 or 1863 by Arthur and Colburn Stickie, who on its completion occupied it as a drug store.

## READ THE WANT COLUMN.

HAVE you got your new spring hat yet?  
**COURT LORNE** meets next Monday evening.  
**ATTEND** our Easter sale of clothing, you save money on every purchase.—**SWIFT'S.**  
**THE** zeal to spade up the soil in readiness for the seeds usually ends with the backache of the next day.  
**THE** Postmaster-General announces that the matter of establishing a Dominion parcel post system is now engaging the attention of the Department.  
**"HAIL, gentle Spring!"** the poets sing. Nor do they sing in vain; Spring hails and snows and rains and blows  
With all her might and main.  
**A** PRETTY girl thinks with regret and wonder every June what a pity it is that some nice man hasn't had the discrimination to see what a lovely June bride she would make.  
**THESE** Easter bargains in dress goods at 25c, 40c, and 60c, shades navy, brown, fawn, green, tan, amethyst helio. You save 1/2 on these three dressgoods values.—**SWIFT'S.**  
**A** GENTLEMAN in town got 211 eggs from his nine hens during the month of March—an average of over 23 for each hen. Can any of our poultry fanciers beat this?  
**JUST** to hand direct from England, all the latest designs in wall paper and borders. They are elegant in pattern and finish. See them! Also a number of remnants that will be sold cheap.—**P. DODDS & SON.**  
**"Now,** that's my idea of artistic wall paper." This is a common expression of those who have looked through Taylors' 1911 wall papers.  
**"JUDAS,** the Selfish Man," will be the subject of Rev. S. P. Irwin's sermon on Sunday night. This will be the last of the series of sermons on "Old Types of Modern Sinners."  
**THE** services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening, will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Bloor street Presbyterian church, Toronto.  
**VACUUM** CLEANERS for sale or rent. A half day will clean any house at a cost of fifty cents.—**THE HOWDEN EST.**  
**SOME** of the ladies who bought summer hats at the openings have restrained from wearing them by the subduing influence of Lent—or was it on account of the disagreeable weather?  
**DURING** the millinery openings on Friday and Saturday last A. Brown & Co. made a special display of rugs, curtains, and other house furnishings which attracted considerable attention from the bevy of ladies who thronged the store.  
**THE** Provisional School of Instruction for officers and non-coms. is now in full swing. Quarter Master Sergt. Instructor White, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was in charge on Tuesday night and expressed himself as highly pleased with the material at hand and the progress they have already made under the instruction of Sgt. Instructor Owens, of the Scots Guards.  
**40** ENDS of mid-weight tweeds bought at 1/2 off. Suits to order \$15.00 and \$17.50; spring overcoats \$12.50 to \$15.00. You save money on every garment.—**SWIFT BROS.**  
**"WHAT** is going to be done to improve Main street?" is a question agitating the brains of some of our ratepayers, and one that should be decided at an early date. The day is past for the dumping of inferior gravel on the road to be worked up into slush before the year is out. Crushed stone is spoken of, and is said to be reasonable in price, and when properly put down will last for many years. Our councillors have the matter under consideration and will be prepared shortly to submit several schemes. One thing is certain, there is nothing to be gained by putting the matter off from year to year. If the payments for a permanent improvement are extended over a term of years the cost will be little more each year than the amount now wasted on temporary work that does not improve. Enquiry of the Good Roads Department of the Ontario Government might result in furnishing information that would be of considerable value in making Main street a thoroughfare to be proud of instead of ashamed of.  
**THE** domestic hen is a very useful bird. No one denies that. Properly fed and taken care of, chickens are money-makers. But people who keep chickens and profit thereby should not expect disinterested citizens to contribute to the up-keep of their hens, by allowing them to run wild. It's an unfair proposition to everyone, except the owner. Chickens are the cause of more hard feelings between neighbors than anything else, and simply because people do not keep their chickens penned up. Everyone knows how difficult it is to make even a modest attempt at a garden where chickens are allowed to run loose. There are few who have not been seized at one time or another with a frantic desire to transport some useful old "Biddy" to chicken-heaven with one mighty "swat" upon discovering some depredation or other in the flower beds or vegetable garden. As a matter of fact there is nothing more aggravating than to be put to the necessity of continually chasing somebody's chickens out of your garden or off your lawn. And in many cases one either has to be continually doing it, or else let things grow wild.

## REGULAR MEETING OF K. O. T. M. this (Friday) evening.

FRESH shipment of Neilson's high grade chocolates at Taylor's.  
SINGLE fare on G. T. R. for Easter, going April 13th to 17th. Return limit April 19th.  
THE Spring Assizes will open at the court house Sarnia, on Tuesday, April 18th. Mr. Justice Clute will preside.  
EASTER HAT SALE, any hat in the window for \$1.00, and any hat in big show case for \$1.50.—**SWIFT'S** Easter Hat Sale.  
THE regular services of the Congregational Church and Sunday School will be held next Sunday, morning and evening, in the old town hall.  
THANK goodness, some of the new hats are smaller than last season. You can now sit behind them in church and occasionally see the preacher.  
MR. E. A. ARCHER, Petrolia, has been appointed Dominion Census Commissioner for Lambton East, and Mr. John Dewar, Kertch, for Lambton West.  
REV. D. S. HAMILTON, associate pastor of the Central Congregational church, Winnipeg, will know in Watford, has resigned and will go into the real estate business in Winnipeg.  
SCOTCH crash towelling, direct from Glasgow, 18 inches wide, 2 yards for 25c. It's a winner.—**SWIFT'S.**  
THE regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. D. G. Parker on Wednesday evening, April 12th at 7.30 o'clock. Visitors are welcome.  
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS paints cost a little more money but are the cheapest in the end. Try our varnishes.—**THE HOWDEN EST.**  
THE annual convention of the London Branch of the Women's Board of Missions of the Congregational church will be held in Watford on Good Friday, April 14th. Full announcement next week.  
AT the meeting of the Sarnia Presbytery held at Petrolia last month, Rev. E. B. Horne, M. A., of Watford, was appointed one of the commissioners to the assembly to meet in Ottawa next June.  
STAFF SERGT. CECIL FOSTER, of Sarnia, Col. Sergt. Cowden, "D" Co., Oil Springs, and Col. Sergt. Reid, "A" Co., Petrolia, will represent the 27th Regiment in the coronation which will sail for England the latter end of May.  
OUR stock of spring shoes is now complete. The very latest ideas in Oxfords and balm. See the new strap shoe for ladies and girls. No need to mention price—that is always right.—**P. DODDS & SON.**  
SWIFT BROS.' spring display on Friday evening attracted a large number of people who were well repaid for the time and trouble spent in inspecting it. On the ground floor all the latest dress materials were arranged in an artistic and attractive manner, also ladies' suits, coats, waists, and all the latest things that go to make up a fashionable wardrobe. On second floor summer coats and waterproofs occupied a conspicuous place, and curtains, rugs, carpets and other house furnishings were also prominently displayed. The store was brilliantly illuminated and the staff of attentive clerks willingly and cheerfully supplied all information desired by the admiring crowd.  
We have received a copy of the first year-end report of the Juvenile Court and Detention Home of Vancouver, B. C., an institution for dealing with children under 16 years of age who have been accused of a criminal offence of any kind. Mr. Herbert W. Collier, formerly of 2nd line, Warwick, is the Chief Probation Officer and Superintendent of the Detention Home, his wife being the Matron. The report contains excellent half-tone portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Collier. Judge A. E. Bull in his report says:—"The Probation Officer is the right arm of the Juvenile Court. He first comes in touch with the young delinquent, the parents and the home. After the case is disposed of by the Judge, and during the term of probation, upon the Probation Officer falls the duty of receiving the weekly reports of the probationer and his parents. The office is indeed a difficult one to fill, and Vancouver is fortunate in having such an able Chief Probation Officer as Mr. Collier, to whom is due a great part of the credit for the success and usefulness of the Juvenile Court here. Mr. Collier is ably assisted in his work in the Detention Home by his kind-hearted, child-loving, Christian wife. The sympathetic Christian influence that surrounds the children while detained in the Home has proved to be very beneficial, and many a child has gone from the Detention Home with a much higher and better idea of life."  
LADIES' smart coats, sizes 34, 36, 38 to start the season. Easter sale price \$5.00.—**SWIFT'S.**  
Mr. Issac Pickering, who for the past forty years has been one of the most active and successful farmers and drovers in this district, has rented all of his farms and will retire. Mr. Pickering's close attention to his business interests has resulted profitably to him, and he is now well deserving of a rest. He expects to take a three months' trip during the summer, but has not yet decided just where he will go. Messrs. Stan Rawlings and P. D. McCallum have rented the homestead 100 acres; Jas. O'Donnell, the Morningstar farm of 50 acres on the townline; Thos. Brand the Switzer farm of 150 acres, 12th con, of Plympton, and Robert Alexander 70 acres on the lake shore.—**Standard.**

## BOWLERS' CONCERT CALLED OFF.

Owing to serious illness, the Kellogg Concert Company were forced to cancel their engagement with the Bowlers for Thursday evening. Word to this effect was received by wire Wednesday.  
As the Company have left for their homes in St. Louis, all engagements are cancelled, but the Bowlers have the assurance of the management of a date early in the fall when the Company expect to continue their tour of Ontario.  
The committee are disappointed and regret very much any inconvenience to the large number who have bought tickets. Money will be refunded for all tickets on presentation.  
The Millinery Openings.  
Spring is never complete without the millinery openings. The three millinery shops in town opened on Friday last with a beautiful showing of all the latest ideas in hat creations, and all afternoon until late in the evening crowds of ladies filled the different establishments and admired the many beautiful and original hats displayed. The window displays were very pretty and attractive, and it would be hard to imagine a more fascinating show of head gear than appeared there. The weather was somewhat chilly for spring openings, but that little matter did not seem to cool the ardor of the fair sex in their enthusiasm. The specimens shown included all the most popular shapes, helmet and collapsible probably predominating, but Napoleon and picture hats were also there in abundance. The hats were trimmed in all the clever and beautiful designs known to the milliners' art. The color effects this season are Helen pink, coration blue, coral shade, tan, brown, black, white and navy, and among the trimmings flowers and many different kinds of lace, plumes, beads and silk are used. As nearly every lady in the district attended the openings any detailed description we could give would be superfluous.

## Congregational Church Destroyed By Fire.

The Watford Congregational Church was completely destroyed by fire during the early hours of Tuesday morning. The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock by Mr. W. S. Fuller, but before it had gained considerable headway and the roof was in flames shortly after the alarm was given. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as the building had not been occupied since Sunday night, and the caretaker was in the building on Monday afternoon, when everything seemed alright. The building was a brick veneer and with the furnishings was worth at least \$3000. Originally it was a frame building situated on Victoria St. and was built in 1875. About the year 1888 the structure was moved to Main St. and brick veneered, and an addition built on the rear. The church was a neat building, well finished, artistically decorated and comfortably furnished. Everything was consumed, including two organs and a quantity of new music books which had just been purchased. There was an insurance of \$1300 in the Royal Insurance Co. on the building and contents. The blaze was a fierce one, and luckily there was little wind, and but for that fact, combined with the good work done by the Fire Brigade and citizens, some of the nearby buildings would also have been consumed. The congregation has the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Ed. Styles, Sarnia, is visiting at J. Doar's.  
Miss Hopper, Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. Swift.  
Eric, son of Benj. Craig, is recovering from a very severe attack of pleura-pneumonia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid and family, Sarnia, spent Sunday with Watford friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hick left for Greenwood, Ont., this week where they will reside in future.  
MRS. SWIFT will not receive on Tuesday next, but will be at home on Wednesday and Thursday.  
Mr. Frank Mathews, Tillsonburg, arrived here Wednesday and will assist his father at the Watford Flour Mills.  
Mr. W. S. Fuller was in Sarnia on Tuesday attending a banquet given at the Vendome by the Equity Fire Insurance Co. to their agents.  
Dr. E. F. Crummer, Essexville, Mich., accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Nelson Wiley, Wisbeach, called on Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley, St. Clair street, Wednesday.  
Among those who left for the West this week were: W. J. Acton, J. A. Acton, L. A. Hunt, and family of five, Oscar Cook, for Castor, Alta.; J. E. Fowler, D. Alexander and wife, for Saskatoon, Sask.; J. A. Thompson, for Edmonton, Alta.; Jas. Morgan, for Kinderley, Sask.; and Nelson Chatterton, for Swan River, Sask.  
Mr. Harold Howden, Berlin, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. S. Howden. Harold has severed his connection with the Berlin Interior Hardware Co., as he intends going West shortly. On the eve of his departure from Berlin he was presented with a gold watch and fob by the

employees of the works, and a handsome fountain pen by the office staff. He occupied the position of bookkeeper with the firm.

## WARWICK.

Jos. Crone's sale has been postponed until Monday next, April 10th.  
Mr. Robert Long left on Friday last for Elbow, Sask., to visit his son Frank.  
Mrs. George Lester spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Fred Williams, Kingscourt.  
Mrs. John Millar and sons spent a couple of days in Sarnia last week the guests of Mrs. Henry Baird.  
Mrs. George Baird, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) James, Sarnia, returned home Thursday.  
Miss Silva Koutly, of Kerwood, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koutly, 4th line east.  
W. J. Acton has sold the east half of lot 12, con. 6, S.E.R., 100 acres, to Mrs. Robt. Higgins for \$5,200.  
Miss Muriel Dunlop has returned to her home, 2nd line, Warwick, after spending the last six months in London.  
Mrs. W. M. Shore, Mrs. B. B. Dann, Mrs. C. Hawkins and Mrs. C. Stewart are delegates to the Anglican W.A.M.A. being held in London this week.  
The Warwick branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Falloun, on Thursday, April 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Subjects "Soap Making" and "Culture of Flowers."  
Mr. Geo. H. Cowan, M.P., for Vancouver, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Isaac J. Cowan, 6th line. Mr. Cowan addressed a very large political meeting in Sarnia on Friday night.  
Mr. J. W. Kadey and bride, who have been spending the past week with Mr. Kadey's brother, Mr. I. J. Kadey, 4th line, left for their home in Vancouver, B.C., on Tuesday morning last.  
A meeting was held at Mr. B. Barnes', on Thursday evening, to reorganize the football team for the coming season. Mr. W. Smith was appointed chairman. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., R. J. McCormick, M.P.F.; Hon. Vice Pres., A. Cox; Pres., D. Falloun; Vice Pres., A. E. Menerey; Manager, J. P. McCormick; Ass't Manager, W. Smith; Capt., Jas. O. Brush; Sec'y, Alfred Smith; Treas., Jas. Brush; Managing Com., Manager, Captain; Secretary, The boys will commence practice just as soon as weather permits and will be ready to meet all comers when the season opens.

## CHOP STUFF.

Mr. Geo. Sikes formerly of Wyoming died in Winnipeg recently.  
The gas well at the Glencoe power house is not a myth as supposed by some. The Bank of Commerce will erect a new two story building in Forest, 42 x 30 feet.  
Hon. Sydney Fisher will give an address on Reciprocity in Sarnia, Saturday the 8th.  
Four patrols of Boy Scouts have been organized in Strathroy. W. A. Campbell is scout master.  
A. H. Fairchild, B.A., principal of the Parkhill, has resigned, and gone to Weston to fill a similar position.  
The Strathroy Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps has received from the Militia Department 40 Mark II Ross Rifles.  
A. W. Law of the Sombra Outlook staff is missing and it is supposed he has been drowned in the St. Clair river.  
Joseph Robson, of Wanstead, has been appointed a Dominion government immigration officer at the Sarnia Tunnel.  
Clayton Cramer has been chosen to succeed ex-Chief Clark as head of the police force at Wallaceburg. The salary is \$700.  
Richard Taylor, who purchased the blacksmith business of Archie Hayward, Wanstead, has sold his farm con. 7, Plympton, to S. E. Wellington for \$2,700 for 50 acres.  
Mr. S. Sample, who has been principal of the Wyoming public school for six years, has tendered his resignation and will go into the grocery business in Hamilton.  
Mrs. J. Wichmann returned to Forest last Thursday after an extended visit with her brother, Mr. Boyd, in Florida. Two days before she gathered flowers in the open air, as on a July day in Ontario.  
J. B. Elliott, near Forest, had three ribs broken last Friday while engaged in making maple syrup. He was drawing a large can of sap when it tumbled over onto him, crushing him with the weight.  
At the home of Mr. George Clark, 17th con. of Grey township, Huron county, the other day the youngest son of the household, Mr. Ed. N. Clark, was married, which consummates the thirteenth marriage in their family record. This is an occurrence few parents are privileged to enjoy as they may be compared to a chain without a broken link.  
The death occurred Monday morning at the residence of Wm. Riddell, Windsor, of Mrs. John L. Murdoch in her 84th year. Deceased was born in Girban, Ayrshire, Scotland, coming to this country at an early age. The following children survive: S. A. Murdoch, the photographer; J. C. Murdoch, of Toronto; G. C. Murdoch, of New Jersey; and Mrs. Wm. Riddell, of Windsor.