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## TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

### MICHIGAN CENTRAL



#### The Niagara Falls Route.

#### MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Trains leave Ridgeway as follows, Central Standard time:

**GOING EAST.**  
No. 1, daily, except Sundays, 10 p. m.  
No. 2, daily, 1:30 p. m.  
No. 3, daily, except Sundays, 3:15 p. m.  
No. 4, daily, 5:30 p. m.  
No. 5, daily, except Sundays, 12:45 p. m.

**GOING WEST.**  
No. 1, daily, 2:30 p. m.  
No. 2, daily, 5:21 a. m.  
No. 3, daily, 10:57 a. m.  
No. 4, daily, except Sundays, 4:35 p. m.  
No. 5, daily, 5:52 p. m.  
No. 6, daily, except Sundays, 9:34 a. m.

#### CANADIAN PACIFIC—ONTARIO DIV.

#### HASTERS STANDARD TIME.

Leave St. Thomas. Arrive Toronto.  
\* 4:35 a. m. Express. 9:05 a. m.  
2 p. m. Express. 6:25 p. m.  
Leave Toronto. Arrive St. Thomas.  
8:10 a. m. St. Louis Express. 12:35 p. m.  
\* 1:05 p. m. Pacific Express. 5:35 p. m.  
4:15 p. m. Express. 9:00 p. m.

The mixed between Galt and St. Thomas leaves here at 10:40 a. m., arriving at 2 a. m., and leaving Galt at 6:40 a. m., arriving in St. Thomas at 10:30 a. m.

#### ERIE & HURON.

GOING SOUTH		MIXED	
1	2	3	4
Exp.	Exp.	Exp.	Exp.
7:30	8:30	9:00	9:30
8:30	9:30	10:00	10:30
9:30	10:30	11:00	11:30
10:30	11:30	12:00	12:30

GOING NORTH		MIXED	
5	6	7	8
Exp.	Exp.	Exp.	Exp.
1:30	2:30	3:00	3:30
2:30	3:30	4:00	4:30
3:30	4:30	5:00	5:30
4:30	5:30	6:00	6:30

All trains run on eastern standard time. Trains make close connection at Chatham with the Great Western Railway, and at Erie and Huron Junction with Canada Southern Railway.

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## ESTRAY.

CAME into my enclosure Lot 1, concession 9, Orford, about the 20th of December 20 '85. One sheep. The owner can have the same by proving property, paying expenses. Dec. 30th 1885. JAMES GLADSTONE. Ridgeway, P. O. 10-3t

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THAMESVILLE.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school entertainment in Thamesville on New Year's eve was, quite a success. The hall was crowded with an appreciative audience and those who took part in the proceedings acquitted themselves well. This school is in a very flourishing condition, has a good staff of teachers and a large attendance of scholars. Last sabbath being the first in the year, as usual the missionary box was opened, when it was found to contain \$32.44. This by a unanimous vote was allocated to the cause of French Evangelization.

### BENTON.

The all-Bentons at the polls in No. 1 division on Monday was very light owing to the bad weather, and the fact of there being only two candidates in the field the number of votes all told being only 60.

A very shocking accident happened to Mr. John Gillespie on Saturday evening at his place on the Botany road. As near as can be learned the following are the facts concerning the lamentable accident. It appears that Mr. Gillespie returned home from Thamesville early in the evening and was seen to go to his home as usual where he lives entirely alone. Mr. Balmer his nearest neighbor, very thoughtfully put his son over to see that all was right, who upon opening the stable door beheld Mr. Gillespie lying under his horses feet in an uncouth state, his face being terribly mangled by the sharp ends of the horses. He was carried to the house and Dr. Pickard was sent for who when arriving upon the scene pronounced the patient to be in a very critical state and the chances of his recovery very doubtful.

### THAMESVILLE.

Miss Sandys of Chatham, is visiting at Rev. J. Downie's.

Mr. R. Taylor has been home for his holidays.

Mr. Wm. Smith, of St. Thomas, was in town for a few days last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith were surprised by a large number of young folks last Friday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Israel L. Smith are seriously ill.

The oyster supper given by the Workmen last Thursday evening passed off very pleasantly. The supper was served in Coll's old rink, the entertainment taking place in the hall. After the programme, which was very interesting, was through with, dancing commenced and continued until near morning.

Mrs. I. B. Smith fell over a dog one day last week and was severely hurt.

We are glad to hear Mr. Geo. Pierce has been elect councillor. If he performs his duty as councillor as well as he did as commissioner we may well be proud of him.

### PALMYRA.

Mr. N. Mills from London was home last week spending his holidays.

Irwin & Zimmerman recently threshed 1,800 bushels of grain in six hours and a half.

Mr. B. Allen, of St. Thomas, spent a few days last week at Mr. J. L. Street's.

Mr. J. R. Eastman has returned from Buffalo.

Mr. A. Grawburg, of Michigan, is visiting his friends in this vicinity.

We understand that Mr. John Mills is about to leave this place. We are sorry to lose an enterprising business man like Mr. Mills.

Mr. John Wallace and wife of Bothwell, spent last week with their relatives here.

Dr. McTavish, of this place, in travelling in Michigan.

Mr. D. Palmer and wife, of St. Thomas, are visiting at Mr. S. Gooden's.

The New Year's Tree and entertainment held in the Methodist church last Thursday night proved a grand success. Rev. G. W. Andrews, the pastor, occupied the chair; Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Highgate, made a very neat and appropriate speech. The singing of the "Quartette club"—Miss Ada Russell, Mr. J. F. Russell and Mr. J. Wallace and wife—was excellent; Mr. B. Allen, of St. Thomas, sang two splendid solos. Miss McGregor, of Highgate, and Miss Min-

nie Carey, of this place, gave excellent recitations. After the program was ended the presents were distributed. The proceeds amounted to about twenty-one dollars.

### MUIRKIRK.

It's no langtæ newar day noo, Ye'll be drank, an' I'll be foo.

A rather important school meeting was held here. The school house having been burned down two weeks ago. The meeting was held in Mr. Taylor's smithy, the Methodist church was asked for the meeting and refused. It is alleged by the people living north of Muirkirk that the school house is not in the centre of the section, and should be moved north. There was quite a large meeting, and the moving of the site being the question the election of trustees would settle it. The north nominated G. W. Livingstone, and Muirkirk Saml. McDonald, the latter was elected by 12 majority, the end may not be yet.

I have had a two weeks run through Dunwich. Last year I reported a number of improvements, but the hard times show themselves here as elsewhere, with the exception of a barn some where and a butcher shop erected by Mr. Gilbert, on lot 5 con. 5, there are only two new buildings Mr. Thomas Gilbert, lot 1 con. 6, owns rather a unique hamlet, first the log house, second the frame addition, and now a neat brick 22x26, to which he will shortly add a kitchen. Mr. Branchflower across the town line in Aldborough has built a large brick house. Mr. John McDermid, lot 1 con. 6, and some others have put in a number of tile drains. If the township has not done much, Dutton has been stepping out. The site of the late fire is covered with a two storey brick block, which will contain nine large stores. There are likewise two other new buildings with two stores each in full blast. The big block is two tall stories. There are a number of other buildings scattered through the village. The estimated expenditure this season is \$47,000.

### THAMESVILLE.

As to the entertainment that was billed for last week, the one in connection with the English church was postponed. The Cantata was well rendered, and the presents for the children were both numerous and beautiful.

Great excitement over our municipal affairs just now. The reeve'ship stands between E. Wallace and Wm. Sherman. The former will doubtless be elected.

A sad and fatal accident occurred yesterday 3 miles from this place where by a young man named Storey lost his life. It appears that he and some other young men were in the woods coon hunting when a branch from a tree that they had cut fell striking young Storey on the head. He was removed at once to a neighbor's house near by, and there it was discovered that he was beyond recovery. He never spoke after he was struck.

A. R. Mead's distribution of prizes came off on Saturday. Wm. Boyes was the lucky man to draw the 1st prize which was a sewing machine valued at \$45. Wm. Drader got 2nd prize, a gold watch, valued at \$40.

Rev. Dr. Stuart, of Chatham, lectures here on Tuesday night. Subject "Who are Israel?" The people of Thamesville will surely be able to answer the question. Come and hear him.

Mr. & Mrs. Duffes, of Detroit, are here for a few days.

Mr. Wallace came out ahead by 37 votes. Messrs. Davidson, Drader, Howitt and Hubbell will comprise the council.

The band serenaded Mr. Wallace on the event of his election. Mr. Wallace entertained them to an oyster supper.

We hear of another shocking accident which occurred on Saturday night in this vicinity. Mr. John Gillespie, by some means, fell under his horses as they stood in the stable, and was injured to such an extent that his life is despaired of.

### Correction.

Ms. Errors, Dear Sirs—A few trifling errors crept into your-kind and appreciative article last week referring to Mr. Henry Porter's career.

Mr. Porter is English by birth, but his family settled in Ridgeway when he was very young. Again he never was bell-boy at the Michigan Exchange. That position was once filled however by Lawrence Bangs since recognized as an actor of eminence.

Respectfully,  
A Relative.

### Town Council.

This body met on Tuesday evening. Members all present except Gladstone. The new members elect for '86 were noticed in the body of the hall assiduously attentive apparently to find out how to do business in the most approved style. Mr. Rushton was especially watchful of County councillors Leitch & Rockey, and was noticed turning up his coat collar in the same way as Mr. Leitch, and slipping off his shirt collar altogether, when he noticed how Mr. Rockey came out in evening full dress. Accounts were passed amounting to \$405.60. Mr. Shoebottom, on behalf of Mr. Charles Shaw, applied for a rebate of taxes on Shaw Block. The block was assessed at \$9,700, being an advance of \$4,900 on last year's figures. Mr. Shoebottom stated that no assessment schedule had been left by the assessors, and that in consequence Mr. Shaw had not been in a position to appeal to the court of revision. He considered the property assessed too high. Livingstone Block was assessed at under \$6,000 and the Grand Central at \$10,000. Mr. Ferguson enquired did not Mr. Shaw know the roll was open for inspection. Mr. Cunningham said it was necessary to have a statement from assessors. Mr. Leitch favored a revision and to act according to the facts. The Mayor considered the assessment too high, and would be willing to call a special meeting to consider the question. Mr. Cunningham favored appointing a committee. He considered the matter a ticklish one to tamper with. Mr. Porter censured the assessors. He himself had not received a schedule, and in many other cases schedule had been left. Geo. Donald said this was a strange business and he had never acted in Ridgeway. A resolution was passed referring the matter to a committee to report at a special meeting to be held of the council of '85. Mr. J. H. Tyrrell claimed exemption from taxes as a minister of the church of Latter Day Saints. He produced a copy of the Plaindealer, showing that regular meetings of that religious body were held in town. Rockey contended that all exempted property should be deeded to the church. In answer to a question Mr. Tyrrell said that he received no salary as a minister and was aware that working with his hands took the tone off ministerial pretensions, but he considered himself entitled to the same exemptions as other ministers. From the remarks of some councillors it appeared that the Apostle Paul who lived in a hired house and labored with his hands would have had to pay taxes here, while a Downs or a Handford would have gone free. The whole principle of exemption is vicious and the law ought to be entirely changed. The matter was referred to a committee. Saml. Buntly refunded dog tax. John McGregor asked rebate on taxes of \$8 on grounds of over assessment. Matter referred to committee. The Chief of Fire Department applied on behalf of the Company for exclusive use of fire hall now used as a council chamber. The committee reported that the Howard town hall could be got free for council purposes. Caretaker's charges 50 cents per night. Mr. Geo. McDonald wanted before giving up the room to have it made certain that no improper use would be made of it. Resolution passed to give up room as soon as arrangements could be made to accommodate the clerk and council elsewhere. All bills receivable in Treasurer's hands ordered to be discounted to meet notes of corporation falling due, and Mayor and Treasurer instructed to re-use notes to meet further deficiencies. Adjourned.

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**Honor List.**

The subscribers to the PLAINDEALER whose names appear below have paid their subscriptions since our issue of Dec. 24th '85 to the dates mentioned opposite their names:

- J. H. Tyrrell, town, Feb. 1st '86;
- Douglas Campbell, Blenheim, Oct. 11th '86; Wm. Gillanders; town, Jan. 1st '87; Walter McIntyre, Weldon's, Jan. 1st '87; S. M. Serson, Essex Centre, July 1st '86; Alex. McLennan, Clinchan, Jan. 1st '87; Charles McLaren, Highgate, Apl. 26th '87; John Hebdon, Highgate, Sept. 1st '86; Miss Annie Tweedale, town, Jan. 1st '86; A. Friend Morpeth, May 5th '86; Mrs. John Bonham, town, Dec. 18th '85; H. W. Westland, Fort McKavett, Texas, Jan. 1st '87; B. W. Willson, town, Jan. 1st '87; D. Cochran, town, March 27th '86; John Clark, Harwich, July 1st '86; James Gladstone, town, Jan. 1st '87; G. A. Gosnell, Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; Geo. Gosnell Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; Arch. Ferguson, Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; John H. Scott, Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; Wm. McKerracher, Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; Alex. Clark, Highgate, Jan. 1st '87; Wm. Reycraft, Highgate, Apl. 8rd '86; James Reycraft, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; C. James, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; Robt. Horneil, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; Isaac Poole, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; Atkinson Poole, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; A. J. Gilhes, Muirkirk, Jan. 1st '87; John C. Campbell, Muirkirk, Apl. 1st '87; Daz. McMillan, Palmyra, Jan. 1st '87; Saml. McAllister, Palmyra, Jan. 1st '87; Janet Campbell, Dutton, March 1st '87; James Spence, Clinchan, Jan. 1st '87; James Tinline, Turin, Jan. 1st '87; Michael Hall, Turin, Jan. 1st '87; Robt. Henderson, Turin, Jan. 1st '87; Geo. Smith, Ridgetown, Jan. 1st '87; L. J. Gosnell, Highgate, Feb. 20th '87; Broughton McDonald, town, July 1st '86.
- Francis Baehner, town, Jan. 1st '87; Mack Hoag, Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1st '87; Dr. Marr, town, March 26th '86; W. C. Layman, town, Nov. 18th '86; E. G. Kitchen, town, Oct. 1st '86; Alex. McTavish, Palmyra, Sept. 1st '86; Geo. Kennedy, Bolton, Jan. 19th '87; Wesley Gosnell, town, June 1st '86.

**THE KNOCH HORROR.**

ANOTHER SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Detroit, Jan. 8.—Another horror has been added to the terrible extinction of Frank Knoch's whole family three weeks ago at Springwells. To the quadruple murder has been added to the murder of the mother. A post-mortem examination yesterday revealed the fact that Mrs. Knoch, mother of the murdered Frank, who died Friday morning, was herself the victim of assassination, her skull having been fractured. The results of the inquest being made known to Sheriff Stellwagen, he at once proceeded to the Knoch homestead, and arrested Gustave and Hermann Knoch, Caroline and Theresa Knoch, the two unmarried sisters, Mathilde Schweitzer, the married sister, and her husband, Martin Schweitzer. It is not believed that all of these were concerned in the murders, but the officers made up their minds that it would be best to take them into custody.

Within the past seven years seven people in one family in Springwells have been found dead—one person for each of the years. Five of those persons were beyond question murdered, and the mystery surrounding the death of the remaining two of the seven, especially in the light of events the past month, makes it reasonably certain that they, too, were murdered. The tragic secrets of all the Councils of Ten manipulated by all the Dogs of Venice on record do not offer a better basis on which to build a bloody tragedy than does the fatal history since 1878 of the Knoch family. The old father was found in his stable with his skull crushed in and the verdict of the Coroner's jury was that he was killed by a kick from a horse; a son was found in the River Rouge, certainly drowned, but with other features suggesting murder; next was recorded the terrible murder of Frank Knoch, his wife and two children, all in one night, and now, as though to pile a mountain of woe upon the avalanche of crime, the old mother is murdered. The method of the murderer was that of the most accomplished assassin, noiseless and yet in its mystery it is no more puzzling to the officers of justice than have been all the preceding deaths in the Knoch family. Whether the officers will be able to produce convicting evidence against the two brothers who were arrested last night or not remains to be seen, but their arrest certainly was wise, in the light of all the tragic events which have happened in the family.—Detroit Free Press.

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The improvement in the iron market has resulted in the formation of a strong American company to work the iron mines north of Kingst-on, Ont., all of which will be operating to their fullest capacity within a month.

**Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario.**

The Annual Convention, of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, will be held in the Town Hall in Woodstock, on the 18th, 14th, and 15th of January next. Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways for the usual reduction of fares on presentation of the certificate of membership required, at the station from which they start, but no reduction will be allowed unless the member has an Official Railway Certificate, to be obtained only from the Secretary at Ingersoll, and on applying for the same, the party must state upon which road they wish to proceed.

By order,  
C. E. CHADWICK.

Secretary's Office, Secretary.  
Ingersoll, Dec. 5, 1885. 11 2-4

**Killed by a Falling Tree.**

Blenheim, Ont., Jan. 2.—David Gorow was killed on the farm of John McGregor, a mile from here, yesterday, by the fall of a tree he was chopping down. He leaves a wife.

**Howard Council.**

This body met Dec 26th '85. James Murray ordered paid six dollars as inspector of South March Drain. M. Cosgrove refunded \$1 dog tax. Two dollars ordered paid Dr. Aylesworth in settlement of claim for services in examining Matilda Forsyth an insane indigent. Mr. Mowbray ordered refunded \$8 overcharge on school tax for 1884. Wm. Stinson ordered paid \$14.66 sheep kill by dogs. Geo. Pearce ordered paid \$18.40 for service as commissioner No. 4 division east half, and Henry Stewart \$88 commissioner in west half No. 4. D. McLaren ordered paid \$14 for services in connection with various drains. John Hogg jr. paid \$19 doctor bill for injuries caused by bridge accident. John Hogg sr. ordered paid \$2.50 for pole of democrat broken in bridge accident. Peter Moore ordered paid \$8.10 one quarter of principal and interest for one year on the donation of \$10 made by members of council in November '84 towards paying his tax on McCoy Drain, and that the treasurer be instructed to charge the same to amount of such donation placed in his hands. James Cooper refunded \$1 error in dog tax. Wm. Simpson refunded \$2 amount of dog tax on dead animal. Thos. Scane to be notified to report to council on the McCoy Drain before the 9th day of Jan., failing which, he is to be dealt with according to the statute in that behalf. Time for return of the collector's roll extended to third Monday in January. Treasurer's salary \$120 ordered paid. Poundkeepers reports Wm. Walters \$6 and A. Sinclair \$2 received, said sums to be paid treasurer. Charles Grant ordered paid \$50 salary, and \$12.75 printing &c. in connection with Stever Drain.

Ridgetown town council to have use of hall for council meetings by paying caretaker and being responsible for damages.

Road commissioners ordered paid the following sums commission on expenditures: John McKerracher \$13.65; H. Buller \$16.35; J. Crawford \$29.52; J. Boothroyd \$4.45; S. H. Spencer \$7.50; ditto four trips to Chatham \$12; ditto five days attendance on township engineers \$10.

Resolution passed to demand of Harwich \$90, and of assessment on Harwich roads and lands for construction of McCoy Drain.

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Of all descriptions. Great bargains in American one and eight-day walnut clocks, striking the hour and half-hour on Cathedral Gong; cases of the latest designs. Weight and alarm clocks; nickle stemwinding levers office time pieces and push clocks.

Before buying elsewhere call and compare prices.

**JEWELRY.**

All the latest novelties in Ladies and Gents' Chains, colored gold sets, lockets, necklets, pins, brooches, ear rings, cuff buttons and rings.

**SILVERWARE.**

Just arrived a new and complete stock of silverware of the finest quality and latest designs. Watches Clocks and Jewelry repaired. All work guaranteed for one year.

As I buy my goods for Cash, I am enabled to give customers the full benefit of it  
**MY MOTTO:—Small Profits and Quick Returns.**



**Spex.**

Eye sight is priceless! When once impaired you should not wait a day to have it corrected, as it becomes weaker if not attended to at once. The largest stock of gold and steel spectacles in town.

The Master of the Mine.

(Continued from 2nd page.) For the greater part of the night we remained sitting up. The thunder and lightning lasted well on till morning, and when they ceased, it became possible for the first time to realize the frightful violence of the gale. It was, as I afterwards learned, a well-defined cyclone. With the first peep of daylight, I seized my hat and moved to the door. "What he'st gawing, lad?" cried my aunt. "Down to the shore. It's a high spring-tide, and I want to see if the life-boat's ring."

"Na, na," she cried, "stawp yar!" But I only smiled at her fears, and hastened away. No sooner had I left the cottage than the wind caught me, and almost dashed me from my feet; but I stooped my head, and plunged right on in the teeth of the gale. The day was now breaking, with lurid sunken rays, behind my back. Short as the distance was to the seashore, I thought I should never reach it, so terrible was the fury of the blast! More than once I had actually to lie down on the ground, and let it trample over me! And with the blast came hail and heavy rain, blinding me, smiting my cheek like whiplcord, and drawing my blood, so that I could scarcely see a yard before my face.

At last I gained the cliff, and here I had much ado to prevent myself from being lifted up bodily and blown away. But I threw myself on my face and looked seaward. Nothing was visible, only driving mists and vapors; but right below there was a blinding witness of the line of breakers, and thence there rose up to me, together with the wild wisps of solid windswapt water, the deafening thunder-roar of the tumultuously surging sea.

Gaining courage, presently, as the light in the east grew clearer, I crawled down the path leading to the shore. As I went, I sometimes flattened like a rag against the rock, by the sheer force of the wind; but I persevered, and at last, with God's help, reached the bottom. It was high tide; the roaring billows were thundering up close to the cliff, and the shallow creek surrounding the boat-house was as white as milk with the churning of the waters. I then perceived to my consternation, that the gale had struck the boat-house with such force as to sweep the wooden roof away and dash it into fragments against the cliffs. I crept on to the door, which was on the lee and sheltered side, drew forth from my pocket the key of the padlock, opened it, and went in. The great boat lay there unharmed, but was half full of water, fresh from the dark rain clouds, salt from the angry sea. One of the oars had been lifted out and snapped like a rotten twig, but that was all.

Suddenly, as I stood here sheltering from the gale, I heard a sound from seaward, like the sound of a gun. I started, listening. In a minute the sound was repeated. Yes; it was a gun at sea, and the sound could have only one signification—a vessel in distress!

Quitting the boat-house, I stood on the shore, and strained my eyes against the drifting vapors, and the blinding wind; but I could distinguish nothing—indeed, so great was the rainy darkness, that my vision could not penetrate beyond twenty or thirty yards from the storm-swept shore. But if I needed any fresh assurance that a ship of some sort was struggling with the elements not far away, it came to me in another faint report of a gun, and finally, in the red light of a rocket, which shot up through the black vapors like a shooting-star, and disappeared!

(To be Continued.)

The Hydropobia Question.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—All the arrangements have been perfected for the treatment of hydropobias after the method of M. Pasteur. In three weeks at the outside patients may be tried. The movement is one of more than ordinary interest, and all engaged in it are making the most thorough preparations and experiments. A barn and yard have been secured where dogs suspected of having rabies can be kept and closely watched. Seven dogs showing slight symptoms of hydropobia have been tied up. Yesterday afternoon one of the dogs gave almost unmistakable evidence of the disease, and it proved to be really mad a portion of its brain will be removed and used in experimenting.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

PROSPECTS OF AN IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

London, Dec. 30.—Edward Stanhope, President of the Council, in a speech to day, said: "Englishmen will not allow Irishmen to dictate what policy is best for the welfare and interests of the nation. Many persons are anxious to promote a discussion of the Irish question with the view of securing an alteration of the Constitution, root and branch, but it is to be hoped that the wisdom of the members of the House of Commons will prevent their designs from being accomplished."

MR. TREVELYAN'S VIEWS.

George O. Trevelyan, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, in a speech at Stratford this evening, said that there could be no half-way between complete separation of Ireland and absolute Imperial control. Unless it was intended to keep the care of law and order in the hands of the central Government it would be better to repeal the Union Act. He condemned the proposition to give Ireland a Parliament and at the same time allow Irish members in the English Parliament. Mr. Trevelyan said he was willing that a fairly-elected Irish Council be given the control of education, public works and the poor laws, and the additional money be raised by taxation if more than the exchequer supplied should be required.

BIG THINGS EXPECTED.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Times London special says:—In Irish affairs and in affairs of Parliament, in general, big things are on foot. Lord Randolph Churchill is in Dublin with Justice Fitzgibbon consulting with the Orange Tories, whom six months ago he was denouncing as obstacles to the party. He has persuaded Sir Michael Hicks Beach and some others to agree to dissolve immediately if they cannot carry a vote of confidence on non possumus to Home Rule. Lord Salisbury has not decided to dissolve, but he is drifting that way the more he considers Lord Randolph Churchill's argument that with the cry, "The Empire is in danger," and with the disorganized state of the Liberals, he could this time get a majority. Moreover, as a partisan argument, perhaps, the threat of dissolution will be enough to frighten some of the Liberals who are indisposed to go to the strain and expense of another election. A strong point with Lord Salisbury in all this is the safety of the House of Lords as looked at from the point of view of a mere politician. If Gladstone should be allowed to take office, consolidate the party and send a Home Rule Bill up to the Lords, and it were rejected, the immediate merits of the Bill would be obscured by the Liberals in their protest against an hereditary chamber, particularly if the Bill were rejected more than once, and this is just what Salisbury is anxious to avert. The Irish have decided upon nothing in regard to their course. It is not known whether they will move an amendment to the address until a caucus is held, a day or two before the session. All reports of their intentions are rubbish. Lord Randolph Churchill has notified Mr. Gladstone that when a Home Rule scheme is introduced he will go to Ulster and raise the Orangemen in arms against it. Among the few at Dublin who know of this threat, it is treated as humbug, but it serves to illustrate Churchill's methods. The fact that he will be in command of Tory strategy insures lively work.

Masked Burglars.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 30.—The house of Clinton Miller, a farmer living near Aylmer, was entered last night by masked men. They tied Miller and his wife and stole \$170. Two brothers named McKinnon were arrested on suspicion. The general store of J. Lumley, of Louis, was burglarized on Sunday, and \$200 worth of goods taken. There is no clew to the perpetrators. The fund being raised in New York for a monument to General Grant had on the 12th reached \$104,928.

The cost to the country of the Dominion License Act, declared unconstitutional by the Imperial Privy Council, is estimated at \$169,896. A stigma upon the finances of the country is in a most unsatisfactory condition, and a large deficit staring us in the face, we can ill afford to have this large amount of money thrown away to gratify the whims of the defunct "great constitutional lawyer." It has cost the country a large amount of money to find out what Sir John does not know about constitutional law.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! Cheaper than ever at Paine's

Big Inducements to CASH BUYERS during the Holidays.

Very Large stock of Fine Shoes, Overshoes, Felt Boots and Slippers—Just the thing for Christmas Presents. Don't miss this Chance, and bear in mind that PAINE'S IS THE PLACE TO BUY YOUR SHOES RIGHT.

Dart's New Block,

Ridgetown.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!! GOOD NEWS! Good News is Acceptable to all.

DRY GOODS, Far Below Ordinary Prices.

At My Prices they will Sell Themselves if You Will Call. Dress Goods, Ulster Cloths, Blankets, Yarns, Underwear, Etc.

OVERCOATS, Job lot of Sealettes

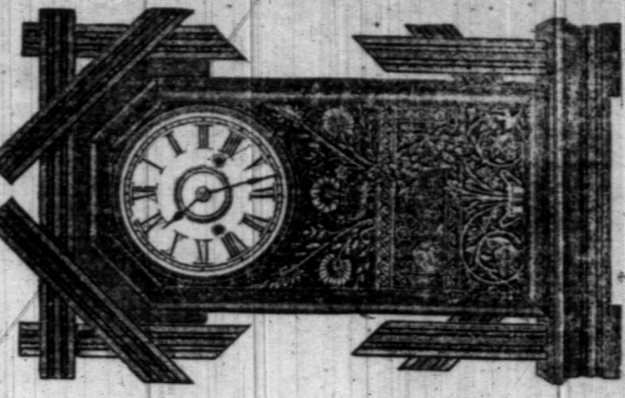
DOMINION HOUSE UP, UP. I Can Sell New Goods Cheaper than Bankrupt Trash.

NOTE THIS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL—I WISH. A. MACHIE. The Noted Cash Store—The Dominion House King Street, CHATHAM.

A CLEAN SWEEP In Watches, Clocks, Jewelry Silverware, &c., &c.

Von Gunten Bros. THE JEWELERS OF CHATHAM.

A BIG OFFER 5 Years Every Keystone Movement Guaranteed for 5 Years.



We give a Solid Silver American hunting \$15. or open face case with a Keystone movement, and Chain for \$20.

An extra Heavy Silver American case Keystone movement, key and stem wind combined, and choice of twenty different patterns of chains. We will have several agents in Ridgetown taking orders for silverware on the monthly payment plan. They will not be in Ridgetown until after New Years so don't place your orders with others you know nothing about, and pay two prices when you can buy from us on the same plan, and get the best quality of ware. Every article will have our guarantee pasted on. Wait until after New Years. We are too busy to send out salesmen now. Buy Your Christmas and New Years Presents from Von Gunten Bros. of Chatham and be happy.

East Kent Plaindealer

THE PLAINDALER NEWSPAPER is published every Thursday by the undersigned, at his office Main St., Ridgetown. Terms, 12 1/2 cents per month, or per annum, in advance, \$1.  
E. McKay.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1885.

HOWARD MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

In the township the only vacancy was made by the retirement of Mr. Spencer. He leaves the council with all the municipal honors, and carries into private life the good will of his colleagues and of the electorate. The only contest was for the deputy-revee-ship and this has been won by Mr. Crawford, who polled 190 votes to Mr. A. Clark his opponent's 62. We have mentioned on at least two previous occasions our objections to Mr. Crawford, as a municipal officer. We shall still maintain those objections until they are removed. His intense selfishness in our opinion renders him entirely unfit to do public business. In this we find ourselves at issue with at least 192 electors, and the wealthy farmer with only \$280 worth of taxable personal property is again a member of the County Council of Kent, to legislate for poorer men who pay higher taxes. He is again eligible for invitation to the warden's dinner and when our municipal chiefs for 86 assemble in the hall of banquet next December, the amiable egotist from Howard, will again perhaps edify the distinguished audience by singing his own praises.

"Crawford is an orator  
A statesman firm and bold."

ELECTION.

The vote for Councillors, Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve, in the various Wards stood as follows at the election on Monday.

FOR MAYOR.

WARD NO. 1.

John Elliott, 10; John Leitch, 15;  
John Moody, 54.

WARD NO. 2.

John Elliott, 13; John Leitch, 18;  
John Moody, 68.

WARD NO. 3.

John Elliott, 24; John Leitch, 45;  
John Moody, 41.

WARD NO. 4.

John Elliott, 19; John Leitch, 60;  
John Moody, 22.

FOR REEVE.

WARD NO. 1.

James Rushton, 55; Benjamin Willson, 22.

WARD NO. 2.

James Rushton, 75; Benjamin Willson, 18.

WARD NO. 3.

James Rushton, 41; Benjamin Willson, 60.

WARD NO. 4.

James Rushton, 38; Benjamin Willson, 58.

FOR DEPUTY REEVE.

WARD NO. 1.

George Rockey, 31; Louis Rowe, 43.

WARD NO. 2.

George Rockey, 26; Louis Rowe, 57.

WARD NO. 3.

George Rockey, 59; Louis Rowe, 40.

WARD NO. 4.

George Rockey, 55; Louis Rowe, 31.

FOR COUNCILORS.

WARD NO. 1.

George McDonald, 54; Daniel O'Lone, 67; Richard Porter, 55.

WARD NO. 3.

E. G. Kitchen, 96; W. Somerville, 93; David Gladstone, 40.

WARD NO. 4.

J. W. Brown, 52; Thomas Brown, 30; H. D. Cunningham, 45; L. Carpenter, 11; James Dart, 46; Edward Mitton, 19.

The Balkan Difficulty at an End.

Philippopolis, January 4.—An agreement has been arrived at between Majid Pasha, the special envoy of Turkey, and Prince Alexander, respecting the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. It has received the concurrence of the powers.

Sanders & Chughell's Card.

On the opening of another year we beg to thank our numerous friends and customers for the patronage so liberally extended to us since we first came to Ridgetown. We have, and will, endeavor to please our customers, and to furnish reliable articles at reasonable prices. We desire to say, at the very outset, that we do not expect any one to patronize us because we happen to belong to the same church, society, club, or whatever else it may be, nor because we patronize them. We are in the habit of dealing where we think we can do the best. We do not desire to make capital out of our religious or social relations, but desire trade only on business principles. No one is solicited to trade with us unless they feel that it is to their interest to do so. All persons having prescriptions filled by us will be entitled to the return of the original prescription, or a copy of the same if required, but no prescription containing strychnine, arsenic, or any other well known poisons in any quantity whatever will be dispensed, unless we are permitted to keep the original prescription on file. Of course a copy will be furnished if desired. When we receive a prescription from a physician we do not think it in good taste to criticize it in any manner, but consider it our business to fill it without a word of comment, providing it will not kill. We are not physicians but pharmacists. We do not practice medicine. If we do not have the material in stock to fill a prescription properly we will tell you so frankly, and you can choose between going elsewhere or waiting till we obtain it, as we consider our reputation of more value than the money we can make on any prescription or any customer. These things will happen in the best regulated stores and it is not worth while to conceal the fact. Our store will be open on Sundays for the sale of medicines only, between the hours of 9 & 10:30 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p. m. While we shall be pleased to furnish medicines at any time, at night, as during which time, Mr. Caughell himself is in attendance. We shall be pleased to have you call whenever you can make it convenient whether you wish to purchase or not. We think you will be pleased with our way of doing business, and assure you of a hearty welcome when you call. We also wish to state that we have secured the services of Mr. Chas. Fenton as assistant, who is well known in this vicinity and who has charge of the dispensing, under the supervision of one of the firm, and parties can rely upon having their prescriptions accurately prepared. We buy goods in large quantities, therefore can give you better prices than those generally given. Telephone communication in connection. Wishing you one and all a prosperous New Year.  
We are yours &c.,  
SANDERS & CAUGHELL.

A RAILROAD WAR.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL VS. ERIE & HURON.

There has been considerable trouble at Courtright recently between the Erie & Huron and Michigan Central Railway companies owing to the refusal of the latter road to allow the Erie & Huron to cross their track. Hearing that an attempt would be made Sunday to extend the Erie & Huron track over the crossing 1/4 mile east of the village, a special train with a large force of men was sent down from St. Thomas Saturday and the train was left stationary on the crossing all day. The rails of the Erie & Huron are laid within 100 yards of the crossing but the presence of the train prevented the contractors from carrying out their intention. The crossing is now guarded by M. C. R. men to prevent any further attempts which may be made.—St. Thomas Times.

UNLOADED ITS BONDS.

REMOVED DISPOSAL OF THE C. P. R. BONDS HELD BY THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

New York, Jan. 2.—A special cable to the commercial Bulletin announces that the Canadian Pacific Railway, through prominent banking firms in London, has disposed of, at par, the \$25,000,000 bonds held as collateral by the Dominion Government for a loan made to the company.

Engaged in Planting Fruit Trees and Grapevines on New Year's Day.

Niagara Falls South, Jan. 2.—Mr. E. Morden, of Niagara Falls South, spent a part of New Year's Day in planting trees, grapevines, black and red raspberries. This will give our friends in the Old Country some idea of the horrors of a Canadian winter.

Grand Success of  
D. Logan's

Big cash sale. Store crowded with customers picking up the bargains. Large assortment of holiday presents.

CRAIG BROS.

GREAT CASH SALE

STILL CONTINUES

100 Pieces of Brussels,  
Tapestry, Wool and  
Union

CARPETS!

TO BE SOLD UNDER WHOLESALE PRICES.

AN IMMENSE STOCK OF

Plushes, Velvets, Dress Goods, Cashmeres,

Just Opened Out, and will be Sold at Greatly Reduced Prices.

CALL EARLY AND SECURE SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

Craig Bros.

East Kent Plaindealer.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1885.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

High School re opens to-day.  
The Ontario Legislature is called for 28th instant.

Mrs. Ella Dodge is visiting at her sister's in Detroit for a few days.

Mr. Irwin's cooper shop is being run to the fullest capacity at present.

Mr. Lyman Farney is visiting with his parents in Waterford for a few days.

Mr. Paine's cellar was entered and a 12 lb roll of butter stolen therefrom on Sunday night.

Reformers of London will tender a banquet to the Hon. Edward Blake on January 14th.

Mrs. Chase entertained a number of High School pupils at her residence on Monday evening.

Remember the Dominion Reform Association on Wednesday next the 13th inst at Bismarck.

Dairymen's Association at Woodstock on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst. See advertisement.

Mr. Blake, speaks at London, on the 14th, inst. at a banquet given in his honor by the Reformers of that city.

J. R. Craig Ridgetown, has been appointed agent for the Royal Fire Insurance Co., of England. Assets \$20,000,000 sterling. 11

TAXES, TAXES.—Ratepayers in Howard not having as yet paid their taxes will please pay the same forthwith. DUNGAN McLEAN, Collector. Ridgetown, Jan. 5th '86.

Mr. Geo. Gunder is to the fore in his mill, now nicely refitted, and ready to make flour with full roller process. Mr. Gunder is a popular miller and we are glad to note that he has every facility for satisfying his customers. See his change of advertisement.

J. Davidson, wishes it distinctly understood that anyone coming from Rodney to have a button sewed on cannot have their railway fare refunded, but anyone leaving with him an order for a suit of clothes can have one of his celebrated fitting suits and have their fare refunded and be sent on their way rejoicing.

LOUIS RIEL OR THE NORTHWEST REBELLION.—The celebrated actor Arthur H. Forrest, supported by an excellent company appears in Porter's Opera House on Wednesday 13th producing the latest dramatic success, by Clay M. Green of "Louis Riel on the Northwest Rebellion." Toronto and London papers speak highly of both play and Co., and they should be greeted with a full house. Reserved seats on sale at Sanders & Caughell's drug store.

FIREMEN'S MEETING.—After routine the annual election of officers took place and resulted in the following being elected: For Captain F. Herman, 1st assistant John Wilson, 2nd assistant G. Allen; secretary T. Watson; treasurer James Grant; Captain of hose T. Bowman, 1st assistant A. Herman, 2nd assistant W. O'Neil; 1st branchman T. Stanton, 2nd A. Lennie, 3rd H. Cameron, 4th Joe Laing; Captain coal cart J. Rockey. A vote of thanks was then tendered to all the retiring officers.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—One hundred and nine acres, besides broken front, lot 19 1st con. Harwich, the subscriber will sell for cash or exchange for unimproved farm lands or town property. The farm is a good one; soil first class; 80 acres cleared; 40 acres in fall wheat; 10 acres well manured, and 20 acres fall plowed; splendid orchard; good water; good stock or grain farm. Frame house, frame barn and other outbuildings; fences good. A bargain for property as above with cash margin. DAVID FORD, Guilds P. O. 11-1f

The Gift Concert given in Rodney by Messrs. Sanders & Caughell on New Year's night was a grand success the hall being packed to its utmost capacity. The prizes were elegant and everybody got one:—Handsome Albums, dressing cases, books, meerschaum and brier pipes, life sized dolls, children's sleighs, accordions, hand bags and almost every conceivable useful article were among the prizes. Messrs. Sanders & Caughell contemplate arranging for a similar affair to take place in Ridgetown in the near future.

PLAINDEALER and Toronto weekly News to end of '86 for \$1.50.

FOR SALE.—A large and well made stove drum for heating. Enquire at this office.

Have you secured your ticket to the Blake Banquet in London on the 14th.

Mr. C. A. Shaw has leased the Princess Rick, Detroit, which will hereafter cease to be a rink, and be converted into a theater.

The London Advertiser or Free Press, or Globe, for one year for 75c to all paid up subscribers of the PLAINDEALER.

Money to loan without expence of solicitor's or registration fees, mileage or commission, apply to J. R. Craig Ridgetown. 11

Mr. S. M. Styles returned last Saturday from the North West where he has been through the summer looking after his land.

Mr. A. F. Wright, music teacher has postponed till better roads the concert advertised in last issue. Particulars later.

The Benedicts and Bachelors of Ridgetown entertained a distinguished and select company of friends at a ball Tuesday night at the Grand Central followed by a supper prepared by the Benton House.

Silverware peddlars are in town offering articles at high prices, pretending to sell cheaper than local dealers. The same patterns of goods of first quality can be bought cheaper of our own merchants. Buyers beware.

Miss Lottie Meggs was presented with a handsome chain by the young people of the Baptist church last Wednesday week, on the occasion of her leaving Ridgetown, in consideration of her services in the choir and as a token of goodwill.

We are in receipt of a Winnipeg paper with report of recent examinations in arts in the university in that city, showing that D. K. McGillivray late teacher here has graduated B. A. with high honors in mathematics and cognate subjects.

We call attention to the new advertisement to-day of Mr. John R. Craig money to loan &c. Mr. Craig is as our readers know a person who can be relied on to transact in a satisfactory manner the most delicate and confidential business transactions. Give him a call.

SCHOOL BOARD.—At the school Board meeting Tuesday night, Mrs Pedlow's resignation as teacher in Ridgetown school was accepted and promotions made of teachers below thus creating a vacancy in the lowest department which was filled by appointing Miss Sarah Tolmie at a salary of \$250 per annum.

TIME EXTENDED.—We offer in a previous issue the beautiful steel engraving to be seen in Highgate, at Gosnell's store, to agents in Orford, sending us the largest amount of money on accounts of subscriptions before the 31st of December. We now extend the period to which subscriptions may be sent in to the 31st of January '86. The picture is a fine work of art and is handsomely framed.

Oddfellows Elections.

Officers of Ridgetown Lodge for next term:—Harry Culver, N. G.; D. Leitch, V. G.; P. Caughell, E. S.; A. Savage, P. S.; T. W. Brown, T. The lodge is very flourishing, and propositions are coming in very fast. An installation banquet was partaken of last night, at the Lozar House by the Brethren and their lady friends.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ART.—Instructions in Drawing and Painting by Miss Freeman. Studio in Dart's New Block. 5-1f.

The building lately used as a printing office for this paper on Albert street, north of the Grand Central Hotel, having been vacated by us is now for rent. Apply to Mr. Hugh McDonald. 9-1f

Go to Watson Ridgetown if you want to borrow money or get a deed mortgage, will &c., made out best and cheapest place in town. See advertisement in this issue. 8-1f

You can get at Barnard's four bars Victor soap for 30c.; four bars Electric soap for 30c.; fourteen lbs bright cut coffee sugar for \$1; seven plugs McDonald's No. 1 Prince of Wales chewing tobacco for 25c.; five medium size lamp glasses for 25c.; four medium size Quaker flint for 25c. at BARNARD'S Variety Store, Ridgetown. 6-1f

Elliott & Westland are now loaning money on mortgages on farm property at 6 per cent. No commission charged. 7-1f

MARRIED.

GUILD—REYNOLDS—On the 3rd ult., by the Rev. W. H. Fife, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Geo. Guild to Miss Mary Ellen Reynolds, both of Harwich. The happy couple have gone to visit some friends in London.

DIED.

At Ridgetown, on January 5th, 1886, William James McFall, aged 54 years. Funeral to-day at two o'clock.

Wood and Coal Yard.

JAMES W. YOUNG, IS NOW PREPARED to deliver in any part of the town. Coal of superior quality for blacksmith or family use. Wood constantly on hand and ready for delivery cut and split to suit any stove. 26

Dress-Making

MISS STEVENSON, OF LUCKNOW, wishes to announce to the ladies of Ridgetown and vicinity that she has started dress-making in Ridgetown, on Main street, one door west of Brown Block, where she is prepared to guarantee customers perfect fits in all the latest styles. Ladies would do well to give Miss Stevenson a call before placing their orders elsewhere.

The Blake Banquet.

Grand Gathering of Liberals in London Next Week.

Large Delegation Expected from this District.

Arrangements have been completed for a grand banquet to Hon. Edward Blake in London, on the 14th inst. We speak for the banquet a large attendance for this Section as well as every other portion of Western Ontario. Arrangements have been made for reduced rates on all railways, and a few figures have been placed on the banquet tickets. Full particulars can be had at this office.

We have no doubt the Reformers of the west will show their sympathy with Mr. Blake and their appreciation of his services to the Reform party by being present on the occasion. We have reached a very grave crisis in our national affairs, perhaps the most grave that the country has seen for the last ten years, and the public will be most anxious to hear Mr. Blake's views upon the present situation. They know that these views will be considered, and that the course he will recommend to them will be both just and prudent.

The Reform Associations in the different ridings should at once meet and endeavor to secure a good representation from every section of the country. An admirable place has been secured by the Reform Association of London in which to hold the banquet, and no effort will be spared to make it agreeable to the hundreds who will come from abroad to encourage the leader of the Reform party in the arduous work in which he has been engaged.

Auction Sale OF Farm and Saw Mill Property.

Under and by virtue of a power of Sale contained in three mortgages made by John W. Ceaser there will be sold by public auction at the Garner House Chatham, on Tuesday the 12th January 1886, at one o'clock in the afternoon the following valuable property.

The north east half of the north west half of lot 18 in the 9th concession of the Township of Harwich, County of Kent, except the parts thereof sold to the C. S. Ry Co. for track and Station purposes, the property to be sold containing 45 acres more or less.

On the premises is a frame steam saw mill, fitted with powerful engine and boiler and with stave cutting machinery and close to the track of the Canada Southern Railway and to Harwich station. Also two frame dwelling houses and a barn. About 30 acres of the farm are cleared. There is an abundance of stave timber of the finest quality in the vicinity to supply the mill.

The terms of the sale will be made known at the time of sale, or may be had on application to James Whan auctioneer or to BRUCE, BURTON & CULHAM, Vendors Solicitors, Hamilton, Hamilton, December 29th 1885. 11-2f

Telegraph Bookstore, LIVINGSTONE BLOCK.

School Opening, 1886.

A full and complete line in High and Common School. Books. School Sundries of all kinds, at bottom prices. French, German and Latin Text-Books, Literatures, &c. A full stock of new readers ready for opening. Scribblers of all kinds. Don't forget the place.

KENNY & HAY, Prop'rs.

ATWILL'S Clothing Emporium.

Overcoats and Tweeds at Cost FOR TEN DAYS.

Fur Sets and Trimmings at Cost.

Order a suit of Clothes or Overcoat now. Farmer's Tweed made up cheap and strong. Ladies' Ulster Cloth sold very cheap. Call and see them at

ATWILL'S, No. 4, Porter Block.

SCENE.

RIDGETOWN POSTOFFICE.

A crowd of citizens and citizenesses waiting on the evening mails.

Three young fellows named Ham, Fred and Charley form a fantastic group in the north-east angle of the space allotted to reclaimed savages and superannuated humbugs.

THE RIDGETOWN PROWLER.

Who, by the way, is sort of

HALF CRAZY

about a certain thing—or was so some time ago—acts as amateur novelist among the natives.

Ham—"After mail time will you go to the rink, billiard parlor, or J. Davidson's Tailoring Emporium?"

Charley—"Where's that?"

Ham—"What?"

Charley—"Bad hat."

Ham—"What's the matter with you?"

Charley makes no reply.

Ham—"Where did you get that suit of clothes made?"

Charley—"What's that to you?"

Ham—"Oh, I was wanting to know."

Charley—"J. Davidson's Dart's Block."

Ham—"Opposite the Trader's Rock!"

Fred—"You are a team of poets, but you don't know it."

Fred—"Where's the best place to get a suit?"

Ham—"The very best place where they can do it."

FROM A THIRD STOREY WINDOW.

A FRIGHTFUL LEAP IN THE DARK.

RICHARD LEWIS, A HARWICH SCHOOL TEACHER, JUMPS FROM A WINDOW AT THE QUEEN'S HOTEL.

Yesterday afternoon Richard Lewis, who for two years past has been engaged as a teacher in Harwich, arrived in the city via M. C. R. from Ridgeway, where he had been having a sociable time with some acquaintances. He was en route to Toronto, where his relatives reside, his brother being a reporter on the Globe staff, and his brother-in-law one of the editors of the World. His father, Richard Lewis, is the well-known teacher of elocution in Toronto and author of the "Dominion Elocutionist" and other standard works on elocution. At 4 p.m. Mr. Lewis registered at the Queen's Hotel, and was shown to his room on the third floor early in the evening. About 11:45 one of the boarders in the house heard a noise as of a window breaking. She looked out and saw a man lying on the ground, but thinking that it was some drunken fellow lying there asleep she paid no further attention to the matter. Shortly after twelve o'clock Constables Baledon, Mitchell and McPhail, found a man lying unconscious on Horton street, in front of Dr. Corlis' surgery. The officers thought from the man's incoherent stories that he had fallen from a train, and carried him into the Queen's hotel, when it was discovered that the victim was Lewis. He knows nothing of how he came to leave his room, but the circumstances indicate that he had broken a light out of one of the windows of his room, which overlooks Horton street, had then climbed out on the ledge, which he had the misfortune of his feet, and jumped to the ground.

A DISTANCE OF THIRTY FEET.

His escape from instant death was almost miraculous. He appears to have, through some fortuitous circumstance, alighted on the walk which runs alongside the hotel. This walk being constructed of sand had been rendered soft by the recent rain and to this fact Lewis owes his escape from instant death. He alighted upon his shoulders and was rendered insensible. After recovering from his unconscious condition he crawled across the street on his hands and knees to the spot where he was found by the patrolmen.

Dr. Corlis was summoned and found that the victim had sustained

Mr. Lewis, who is a man of 37 years of age, appears to be well educated. He is a married man. For the past two years he has been in charge of a school in Harwich and has been re-engaged for 1886.—St. Thomas Times.

THEY WON'T EAT.

A WHOLE CONGREGATION RELIGIOUSLY STARVING TO DEATH FOR SANCTIFICATION.

Palmyra, Wis. Dec. 31.—This is the sixteenth day of Thomas Green's fast because of religious views, during which time he and his attendants claim he has entirely abstained from food or nourishment. He insists upon eating no food until he shall have been "sanctified." It also transpires that the Rev. Mr. Pate, of White Water, who has charge of these meetings, claims to have eaten on two occasions only since Mr. Green began abstaining, and that several other members of the society are also fasting. The fast began at the instigation of the pastor in order that his co-workers might receive more power to convert out-siders to their belief, the meetings having been entirely unsuccessful in that direction. The whole congregation seems to be on the point of starvation, some being scarcely able to walk, owing to weakness, and it is feared death or insanity may result. Several members of the society have withdrawn from the meetings thinking the matter is being carried too far.

Salt and Salting Butter.

Salting butter may now be classed among the fine arts. To evenly distribute the salt without overworking the butter, is the problem that modern skill has quite satisfactorily solved. The more expert in the art have learned that much depends not only upon the purity but upon the condition of the salt. The grain must be even fine, easily dissolved, and as free from sharp angles as possible. A neutral grain is preferable to one made by grinding, and salt containing the water of crystallization much

more readily dissolves that one made anhydrous by drying at high temperature. An anhydrous salt must first absorb the water of crystallization, and, for this, time is required and lost. When the absorption is complete, the salt is in the condition of that which has not had the water of crystallization expelled, and just ready to begin the process of tiquefying into brine. An even grain secures even liquefaction throughout the butter, so that when one grain is dissolved all are dissolved. It will thus be seen there is advantage in a uniform grain. A hard grain dissolves slowly and requires the presence of more moisture than a softer grain. It is therefore liable to remain undissolved in the butter and to give it that gritty condition so much objected to by refined consumers and all dealers who supply first-class customers. By remaining undissolved, it is more difficult to incorporate it evenly with the butter, and hence it is more liable to cause overworking—which is among butter makers an almost universal evil, which but few have had the judgement and skill to overcome.

THE INOCULATION BOOM.

A NEW YORK DOCTOR DISCOVERS A SAFE GUARD AGAINST JIM-JAMS.

Dr. Wes Bowen, a prominent veterinary surgeon of Brooklyn, claims to have made a discovery which he predicts will cast in the shade Dr. Pasteur's hydrophobia preventative. Dr. Bowen declares that by inoculation he can guarantee absolute safety from what he terms "jim-jams," or in other words delirium tremens.

A Journal reporter found the doctor in his magnificently equipped laboratory yesterday experimenting upon a bulldog. The reporter asked the doctor if he had anything to say concerning the discovery which he was credited with having made.

"I have," replied the doctor, as he deposited the bulldog gently upon a bed of straw, and then carefully wiped his fingers on a \$2.50 silk handkerchief. "I believe that I have discovered the means whereby I can render the hardest whiskey drinker proof against any attack against jim-jams. After I have inoculated a man he can drink a barrel of rum with safety."

"But a man can't hold a barrel of rum," remarked the reporter.

"I mean if he could hold a barrel of rum, he could drink it with safety," said the doctor, a shadow of annoyance resting upon his classical features. "Look at the dog for instance. He's got two quarts of Red Hook rum inside of him, enough to create a riot in the Twelfth ward."

"Yes," said the reporter, as he lifted the dog's head. "He is dead."

"Is that so?" exclaimed the doctor. "I guess you are right, but it that dog had lived, it would not have been possible for him to have suffered from the jim-jams which some ignorant people by the way, call, the delirium triangles."

"Have you inoculated any men yet?" inquired the reporter.

The doctor seemed somewhat embarrassed, and replied after some hesitation. "Well, er—no. But I have sort of a half promise from Sheriff Farley that he will give me a chance to operate on some of his boarders in the jail."

"Will you explain your system of inoculating?"

"I hardly like to give the secret away," responded the doctor, slowly. "However, as the holidays are here, and every indulgence in liquor, I will answer your question, I begin by finding a subject who is suffering from the jim jama and has a red nose. I remove the tip of the nose and place it in a pint of boiling snake-root, varnish and tanglefoot gin. I boil this down until it is reduced to two gills, and then I have enough virus to inoculate a regiment."

"How do you introduce this virus into the system of the person to be treated?"

"Well, a stomach pump is the handiest thing for use," replied the doctor carelessly. "If a person objects to the stomach pump I simply bore a small hole in the back of the neck and inject the virus through an ordinary twelve-inch syringe. The operation is slightly painful, but the patient forgets all about it in a few minutes later."

"What effect is produced by the inoculation?"

"It generally throws a dog into fits," replied the doctor with a charming air of nonchalance, as he bit off the end of a Reims Victoria. "I suppose it would affect a man about the same way. After a dog has had one dose of that concentrated snake-root, varnish and gin you can't get him to taste rum again. And I suppose it would have exactly the same effect on a man."

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**SOLVED AT LAST.**

**THE ST. THOMAS MYSTERY SOLVED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

**THE BODY OF AGGIE FUKU DISCOVERED IN YARWOOD'S POND YESTERDAY—DOMESTIC INFELICITY—THE INQUEST.**

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Aggie Fuku, which has been agitating the residents of St. Thomas and vicinity for some time, has at length been solved, her body having been discovered yesterday in the pond in which she was at first supposed to have thrown herself. The circumstances of the woman's leaving home will be remembered, having been previously published in these columns. One night, about two months ago, after a quarrel with her husband, she left, or, as her sister who had been stopping with her asserts, was pushed out of the house by Fuku, and proceeding in the direction of Yarwood's Pond, or, as it is sometimes called, "Lake Pinafore," threatened to never come back again. She did not return on the following day, but her husband made no endeavors to discover her whereabouts. On the second day the engineer of the Michigan Central waterworks, which is situated at the pond, discovered a hat on the banks of the lake, and upon being shown to her sister it was recognized as the one Mrs. Fuku wore when she left the house. The husband then, with a gang of men, proceeded to drag the pond, but to no avail, and the search in that direction was given up as fruitless. The majority of the inhabitants have lately been of the opinion that she had been hiding at one of her relatives' houses, but the allegations have been stoutly denied by them, and the subsequent events go to show they spoke the truth. About one o'clock yesterday a number of young men were skating on the pond when they detected a black spot under the ice near the waterworks. They notified the engineer, and with his assistance cut around the spot, when they were horrified to discover the body of a woman, whom they at once surmised to be the missing Mrs. Fuku. Fuku was notified of the discovery and at once recognized the body as being that of his wife. The body remained in the condition in which it was found until Coroner Gustin was informed of the discovery, and at his direction it was conveyed by Mr. W. J. Kerr to Strong & Co.'s undertaking establishment. The unfortunate woman was a daughter of John Flanagan of Big Rapids, Mich., and was married to George Fuku, who is at present employed in the car department of the M. C. B., about a year ago. The life of the couple was anything but a happy one, and domestic broils were of daily occurrence. As stated on the night she left home they had been quarreling over a very trivial circumstance. Fuku was unable to find his collar-button, and began to abuse his wife, who at length left the house as stated. She was about nineteen years of age. Mrs. Cleve Boughner, of Simcoe, and Mrs. W. F. Boomer, of St. Thomas, were her sisters. The Fukus resided on the corner of Ross and Chestnut streets, St. Thomas. At the time they were married Fuku was assistant secretary of the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A., and the woman's relatives have described him as a "milk and water Christian."

Coroner Gustin empanelled a jury last night, and the investigation began at Strong & Co.'s undertaking establishment at 8 o'clock. The husband of the woman was present, and manifested the keenest interest in the proceedings. At the pond during the afternoon persons who were there say he wept like a child.

**WHIPPING A REFRACTORY PUPIL.**

**A YOUNG MAN HELPS A TEACHER CHASTISE A GIRL OF EIGHTEEN.**

Auburn, Ill., Dec. 29.—Miss Eunice Christopher, daughter of J. M. Christopher, a farmer, has been teaching what is known as the Finley school, a short distance east of Auburn. Attending this school were the son and daughter of James R. Lewis, a relative of the Christophers. A bitter feud had existed between the two families for some time. This feeling was intensified a few days ago when Miss Christopher, after vainly trying to chastise Miss Lewis, who is about eighteen years of age, called a young man, a pupil, to her assistance, and administered a severe beating to the unruly pupil. The young woman's parents were almost frantic with rage, and the mother, it is said, went to the school-room with a revolver, and would doubtless have caused bloodshed but for the timely interference of the pupils. The result was the arrest of the teacher and pu-

pil who assisted in punishing Miss Lewis. The first trial resulted in a disagreement by the jury. The second trial occurred in Auburn and resulted in a small fine being imposed on Miss Christopher and her assistant of the affair. Both sides were represented by able counsel.

A stooping figure is not only a familiar expression of weakness or old age, but it is, when caused by careless habits, a direct cause of contracted chest and defective breathing. Unless you rid yourself of this crook while at school you will probably go bent to your grave. There is one good way to cure it. Shoulder braces will not help. One needs, not an artificial substitute, but some means to develop the muscles whose duty it is to hold the head and shoulders erect. There is but one bull's-eye shot. It is to carry a weight on the head. A sheepskin or other strong bag filled with 20 to 30 pounds of sand is good weight. When engaged in your morning studies, either before or after breakfast, put this bag of sand on your head, hold your head erect, draw your chin close to your neck, and walk slowly about the room, coming back, if you please, every minute or two to your book, or carrying the book as you walk. The muscles whose duty it is to hold the head and shoulders erect are hit, not with scattering shot, but with a rifle ball. The bones of the spine and the intervertebral substance will soon accommodate themselves to the new attitude. One year of daily practice with the bag, half an hour morning and evening, will give you a noble carriage, without interfering with your studies.

**Evil of City Cemeteries.**

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The new year was inaugurated Friday in Detroit by the most costly conflagration in the history of that city by which the entire square bounded Randolph, Brush, Lafayette and Croghan street, containing Ferry's immense seed store and the Music Hall Block, was laid in ashes. The loss is estimated at a million dollars and a half. One fireman was killed and three dangerously injured by the collapse of a wall.

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### CHAPTER XI

#### THE GREAT STORM.

It was now late in the year, and the winter storms were beginning. There were intervals of calm, cool weather when the wind came from the east or south-east, and still, frosty days, when a breath as cold as steel crept from the red-sunrise of the north; but ever and again the trumpet of the tempest sounded westward and southward, and the ocean rose up before it in mountains of furious storm.

To stand on the seashore, or on the weather-worn cliffs, at such moments was an experience not to be forgotten. With a sound of crashing thunder, with sheet-like flashes of flying foam, the mighty billows came rolling in; while far away, in the eye of the wind the clouds gathered, and baleful rays came and went, as if from the under world. Again and again, during these storms, the men forsook their work in the mine and clustered on the wind-swept crags: for the sound beneath was too terrible, and at each crash of the waters overhead the solid roofs of rock seemed about to topple in.

A new life-boat had come round from Falmouth during the summer; it was manned chiefly by workers in the mine, and I was their captain. We had tried the boat again and again in light weather, and were proud of her as life boatsmen could be; so that when need came, we were ready to do all that human hands could do for the rescue of shipwrecked souls. Fortunately, few vessels came that way, to need our aid in time of peril; for the great ships gave that lonely shore a wide berth, knowing its many perils. Sometimes, however, a coasting-vessel heavily laden, came ashore on the outlying reefs, but, thanks to our sturdy boat, without much loss of life.

On the afternoon of the 22d day of November, 18—, there occurred such a phenomenon as I have seen only once in my life, and scarcely expect to see again. The ocean was dead calm and black as ink; and sooty clouds, with sheets of windless vapor trailing right down to the earth and water, kept stationary in a sort of sinister twilight; and the air was full of an extraordinary stillness, in which the concussion of the slightest sound—a cock crowing, a goat bleating, a human voice crying—was heard for miles away.

I had just been down the mine, where I found the men had ceased working, and had gathered in knots whispering together. For all through the dark galleries and passages there came, from time to time, a curious tremor, like the shock of earthquake—sullen, sinister, terrible, making the heart, for some unknown reason, stand still with fear. Nor was this sound to be accounted for by the dashing of waves above that subaqueous darkness, since there was not a breath of wind, and the sea lay in sullen, motionless folds, scarcely vibrating.

"What is it, my lad?" I had asked accosting the first group of men, who were clustering on the central platform.

As I spoke, the tremor came again, so that the walls seemed tumbling over, the hard ground rocking under me, vibration which seemed to send a nameless terror into my very blood.

My uncle, who was there with the others, shook his head ominously. "We dawn't rightly know," he said; "but we ha' had 'em again and again, sounding like that. Seems threatening like, and I ha' bidden the gang knock off work for to-day."

I knew that it was useless to remonstrate, for the men were evidently full of superstitious dread, which if the truth must be told, I could not

help sharing. They threw down their pick-axes and shovels, and followed me up the shaft.

We found Johnson there, who seemed astonished at our appearance, and, when I told him what had taken place, looked savage.

"You're spoiling the men, Trelawney," he said. "Guess such nervous fancies are only fit for an old woman. Why, the sea's like a mill-pond, and there ain't a breath of wind."

"If you think it's only fancy," I replied, "come down with me and try. I'll give you a five pound note if you stop down there half an hour."

He shrunk back and shook his head angrily, while the men clustered round us, greeted my speech with a laugh.

"I shall report this," he cried, viciously. "A pack of cowards!" And he walked off, amid an angry murmur from the men, who detested him cordially.

As the afternoon passed, and the dull laden twilight increased, we saw looking seaward, the phenomenon to which I have alluded: two suns, one round and purple the other pink and ghostly, floating in the vapors to the west. Both were quite rayless, and they hung as if were some fifty yards from each other. Both seemed so near to us that one would have thought it possible to reach them with a bullet from a gun.

I cannot express in words the strangely depressing and vaguely alarming effect of this phenomenon on myself and all who witnessed it. Nor was the effect lessened when the dimmer of the two suns suddenly disappeared, and the other changed in a moment from purple to jet black. A jet black ball in the midst of a waste of a leaden gray.

"Lawd save us!" cried Martin Treruddock, an old fisherman, and one of our life-boat's crew. "Lawd save us! It looks like judgement, mates—like the Last Day!"

This, indeed, was the thought which was passing through all our minds. We stood looking in suspense till the black sun disappeared, and total darkness came; and then with no little foreboding, we scattered to our homes.

But in the night, as we lay sleeping in our beds, we learned that what we had witnessed betokened, not any supernatural disturbance, but the gathering of such a tempest as has seldom been seen, before or since, on those shores. It came with fearful lightning and close-following thunder, followed by drops of black and hideous hail; and then, with a crash and a scream and cry, the wind rushed from the sea. I lay in my bed in the cottage, thinking every moment that the house would come down, shaking as it did to its foundations, or the roof be blown away; and every minute the blast grew more terrific, not coming in broken gusts as during ordinary storms, but in concussions of solid air, which struck the walls with blows as of a battering ram, and made every stone in the structure clatter like a loose tooth.

Presently, I saw my uncle, partially dressed and holding a light, enter my chamber.

"Hugh, my lad, be you asleep?" "As if any one could sleep on such a night! I thought yesterday's portent meant something. The storm has come!"

"Mother be frightened badly," he returned. "She be praying, lad, dawn't the kitchen. Lawd save us; hark to that!" he added, as a flash of fiery lightning filled the room, and wind and thunder mingled together in awful reverberation.

There was no resting in bed, so I slipped on my cloths and went down with my uncle to the kitchen, where I found my aunt full of superstitious terror. She had got the old Bible, and having opened at random, was reading in a low voice from one of the Psalms. I did my best to allay her fears, but succeeded very badly.

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TRIGGER HALL,  
BISMARCK.

—ON—

Wednesday, January 13th, 1888

at 10 o'clock, a. m. Important business will be brought forward, and a large attendance is urged. Addresses by prominent men of the party and Members of Parliament will be delivered, commencing at 12 o'clock noon. Mr. Casey will speak on the Franchise Act and the North-west troubles.

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Ridgetown, Dec. 23th, 1885. 10-21

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