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## ANNUAL SPRING OPENING!

WE ANNOUNCE OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL SPRING OPENING with a deep feeling of gratitude to our many patrons who have helped to make our store such a grand success. We have received so many kind words, such flattering encouragement, such substantial tokens of hearty approval in the practical shape of public patronage from all classes in Lindsay and surrounding country, that words fail to express our gratitude. We open the spring season with the grandest stock of

### MEN'S, YOUTHS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING, HEADGEAR AND FURNISHINGS

ever bought in this town. You are cordially invited to look over our show windows, our stock, and by your critical verdict we stand or fall, and as it is with clothing for men and boys, so it is with HATS and FURNISHINGS. If there be a man or woman at all skeptical concerning the great bargains we offer in Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hats and Furnishings, they are the very ones of all people we want to reach. We want to preach to them the doctrine of true economy, and conviction will quickly follow once they visit us. It is truthful advertising that made us what we are—the busiest store, the recognized traders, the commercial thermometer of the clothing business, the envy of every competitor. We strive incessantly to please you, and your patronage is our reward. It will please us greatly to have you call on us during this our opening week. We have arranged many little attractions to make it pleasant for you and we shall expect you.

The Wonderful Cheap Man  
**E. J. GOUGH,**  
Cor. Kent and William  
Sts., Lindsay, Ont.

#### General and District News

COLLECTED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND LATEST TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES

#### DISTRICT HAPPENINGS.

The Provincial government has rejected the application of Gravenhurst to remove the district seat from Bracebridge to that town.  
Two old residents of Peterboro died on March 28th, Anson Sperry, aged 71 years, and Wm. Arnott, aged 86 years. The latter was an officer of the 14th regt. of the U. E. L. stock.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bogart, of Ufford, Muskoka, celebrated their golden wedding on March 19th. Mr. Bogart is 74 years of age, while Mrs. Bogart is 67, both are of the U. E. L. stock.  
The heaviest wind storm of the season has prevailed in Minden the past couple of days, accompanied by snow, which has drifted to such an extent that many of the roads are impassible.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mortimer of Stouffville township, formerly of Anson, left on Tuesday last for the western prairie country where they intend making their home. They will be missed by a large circle of friends in this locality.

amounted to nearly \$25,000. Fortunately they were fully insured.  
Sixty yards of wall paper were taken from the list of a woman by the female inspector at the customs office at Windsor, Ont., on Thursday afternoon. The smuggler paid the duty, 35 per cent., but refused to give her name.  
—Col. J. P. Whitney, leader of the opposition in the local house, was last week presented with a valuable gold watch and chain, and a beautiful signet ring, by his colleagues. The presentation took place in the reception room of the house.  
—Marion Brown, the colored peg-legged tramp, charged with the murder of policeman Toohay at London, Ont., last summer has been found guilty, and sentenced by Justice MacMahon to be hanged on May 17th.  
—Whilst Miss Esther Greiner, a popular young lady of Kingsville, Ont. was in Windsor and Detroit purchasing her trousseau for her marriage last Wednesday, to Mr. Arthur White of Boyne City, Mich., word was received by telegraph of his sudden death.

—In Hastings county there are 89 Orange lodges with 1585 members, thus making Hastings county the banner county in the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario East. Carleton county comes next with 40 lodges and 1500 members. Hastings and Carleton counties together have one fourth of the membership of the Grand Lodge.  
—An immense quantity of rock fell with a crash from the cliffs, on the American side of Niagara Falls about 4 o'clock on Friday morning. The rock that fell was a ledge that projected about 30 feet over the cliff and weighed several hundred tons. The slide carried with it a portion of the new elevator, and completely demolished the old Butley elevator.

—At the Sandy Hook proving ground on Thursday afternoon, one of the ten-inch breech-loading rifles under proof test burst in breach. The block flying backwards penetrated to the sand butt erection, killing Henry V. Murphy, and injuring one enlisted man of the ordnance department. Murphy was for many years the recording clerk at the testing of guns there. He leaves a widow and five small children.

—Did you ever hear of a man selling the lower part of his farm for more than he paid for the whole of it, and still retaining the upper part? It seems funny, but it is actually going on in Essex county. A man who had a fine peach orchard discovered that at a depth of about a foot and a half he had a two-foot strata of moulding sand. He took up the first row of peach trees, rammed the upper soil and sold off the sand, then replaced the upper earth and replanted the peach trees. When the whole operation is completed he will have his peach orchard in precisely the same spot it was before.

—The boilers of the steamer Rowena Lee, with about 31 passengers aboard, besides her crew, exploded on the Mississippi river, opposite Tyler, Mo., about four o'clock Thursday afternoon, and immediately sank with all on board except Capt. George Carvell and one of the crew. It is estimated that, with passengers and crew, she had aboard about 50 people. At four o'clock this afternoon the Lee backed into her pier. The steamer had just reached the middle of the river, when she suddenly stopped and lurched, as if a snag had been struck. The next moment the boat parted in the middle, a volume of steam and smoke arose and the detonation of an explosion rumbled over the water. She broke in two and sank immediately.

**Electricity in Atmosphere.**  
In certain conditions of the atmosphere electricity is so abundant on the top of the volcano Mauna Loa, in Hawaii, that an English geologist found that he could trace electric letters with his fingers on his blanket.

#### ONE FOR THE C.P.R.

Just before the sailing of the Canadian Pacific's magnificent steamship Empress of China, from Hong Kong on her last eastbound trip, it was visited by the Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, who were shown through the vessel and thoroughly inspected it. The greatest interest was manifested in the workings of the Empress, the Prince, being admiral, going into tunnels and other out-of-the-way places, that the ordinary voyager does not think of exploring. After a thorough inspection Prince Henry conveyed to Captain Archibald, and Mr. Tillett, the marine superintendent, his feelings of gratification at what he had seen, and stated that the Empress far exceeded, both inside and out, any ship in the merchant marine service he had ever visited. The royal pair were handsomely entertained by the officer and on their departure expressed the great pleasure their visit had given them. Prince Henry is a brother of the Emperor William of Germany, and is in command of the German squadron in Chinese waters and both are grand-children of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

#### NEWS OF THE WEEK

—While returning from vespers on Thursday evening last Mrs. James Malone and her little son Willie of Lansdowne Avenue, Toronto, were instantly killed while crossing the C.P.R. tracks.  
—The Collingwood Meat Co. were among the Canadian exporters who had goods on the rocks near Yarnouth, Nova Scotia, a couple of weeks ago. This company had a seven car of ham and bacon, consigned to Liverpool, the total value of which

#### AT LOGGERHEADS IN SAMOA

**THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN WARSHIPS SHELL THE FORCES OF GERMAN'S ALLY IN THAT ISLAND—COMPLICATIONS POSSIBLE.**  
The troubles growing out of the election of a king of Samoa have taken a more serious turn, and resulted in a bombardment of native villages along the shore by the United States cruiser Philadelphia, Admiral Kautz commanding, and the British cruiser Porpoise and Royalist. The bombardment has continued intermittently for eight days. Several villages have been burned, and there have been a number of casualties among the American and British sailors and marines. As yet, it is impossible to estimate the number of natives killed or injured.

#### MATAFAANS WERE DEFIANT.

As Matafa and his chiefs, constituting the provisional government, continued to defy the treaty, after the arrival of the Philadelphia, Admiral Kautz summoned the various consuls and senior naval officers to a conference on board the Philadelphia, when the whole situation was carefully canvassed. The upshot was a resolution to dismiss the provisional government, and Admiral Kautz issued a proclamation, calling upon Matafa and his chiefs to return to their own homes.

#### A GERMAN PROCLAMATION

Matafa evacuated Mulinuu, the town he made his headquarters, and went into the interior. Herr Rose, the German consul at Apia, issued a proclamation, supplementing the one he had issued several weeks before, upholding the provisional government. As a result of this the Matafaans assembled in large force, and hemmed in the town. The British cruiser Royalist brought the Matafa prisoners to the island to which they had been transferred by the provisional government. The Americans then fortified Mulinuu, where 2000 Matafaans took refuge. Thereby—the adherents of Matafa—barred the roads with the British ships, and seized the British house.

#### AN ULTIMATUM WAS SENT.

An ultimatum was then sent to them, ordering them to evacuate and threatening them, on the event of refusal, with a bombardment, to commence at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of March 15th. This was ignored, and the rebels commenced an attack in the direction of the United States and British consulates, about half an hour before the time fixed for the bombardment. The Philadelphia, Porpoise and Royalist opened fire upon the distant villages. There was great difficulty in locating the enemy, owing to dense forest. Several shore villages were soon in flames.

#### A DEFECTIVE SHELL.

A defective shell from the Philadelphia exploded near the American consulate, and the marines outside narrowly escaped a fragment of shell. The fragment was shattered so badly as to necessitate amputation. Another fragment traversed the German consulate, smashing the crockery. The Germans went on board the German cruiser Falke. During the night the rebels made an attack on the town, killing three British sailors. A British marine was shot in the leg by a sentry of his own party, another was shot in the feet, while an American sentry was killed at his post. The bombardment continuing, the Matafaans, of the town took refuge on board the Royalist, greatly crowding the vessel. The Americans and British are fighting splendidly together, but there is a bitter feeling against the Germans.

#### THE INDIANS AT RAMA AND LAKE SIMCOE RESERVES

The annual report of the department of Indian Affairs, as usual, furnishes some interesting facts relating to the Rama and Lake Simcoe reserves, from the pen of the agent, Mr. D. J. McPhee of Orillia. The population of the Rama band is the same as last year, the man, Deane, nominally divided an overwhelming proportion of these are Methodists. The figures show: Anglicans, 3; Roman Catholics, 13; Methodist, 220.

The majority follow agricultural pursuits. The Indians have cleared and under cultivation 1,125 acres of land. Last year they raised 575 bushels of wheat on 38 acres, 7,000 bushels of oats on 237 acres, 310 bushels of barley on 17 acres, 178 bushels of corn on 16 acres, 1,250 bushels of peas on 94 acres, and 4,100 bushels of potatoes on 16 acres. The increased value of agricultural products and industries over the year previous amounts to \$1,000. Four new frame buildings have been erected. The reserve now accommodates 47 frame dwellings, 36 log, and 3 shanties. The inhabitants possess \$1,700 worth of implements and vehicles. The total earnings of the Indians for the twelve months amounted to \$5,700, divided as follows: In wages, \$1,200; fishing \$480; hunting \$275; other industries, \$2,700. As showing the unborn proclivity of the Indians to

#### THE RUNNING CINCH.

**Its Meaning and Economical Uses Explained by a Western Sheriff.**  
"It is in the newly settled regions of the far west, where bad men congregate and turn loose, that the running cinch works to best advantage, and it saves costs to the community and trouble to the sheriff," said an ex-sheriff from New Mexico to a reporter in the office of an up town hotel. "It works well all round and satisfies everybody, and he never complains, because he's dead."  
"You see, it often happens that a sheriff in a wild and woolly region, with the best intentions, has a live prisoner on his hands that ought by all good rights to be planted. He is responsible for his safe keeping in a jail that a cow could walk through, and he knows that the man is dangerous every minute that he lives. The prisoner's friends outside are plotting to help him escape on the one hand, and on the other there is always the chance that the citizens got up a necktie party and call for the prisoner with a rope, which is a reflection on the sheriff and gross disrespect to the majesty of the law."  
"These things worry the sheriff, and he thinks he's stood enough of it, so he leaves matters loose in the jail, and there is not much of a watch kept that any one can see, and the prisoner, seeing nothing to hinder, walks out some day and runs for it. He does not get far. The sheriff has everything prepared, with men waiting, and the prisoner is bored and ballasted with lead before he has time to make much of a show as a pacemaker."  
"The Mormons have used the possibilities of the running cinch the most systematically, and in the days when they held cards and spades in Utah a 'gentle' prisoner in their hands was liable to be overpersuaded if he declined to take advantage of the chances they gave him to run. During the building of the Union Pacific road through Utah the jail at Brighamville, 40 miles from Salt Lake City, became famous for this. Although the prisoners comprised the toughest class of men, such as naturally flocked to the country as the railroad advanced, no effort was made to hold them in jail, and a door or window was always left open somewhere at their service should they feel inclined to walk out. But none ever got away or outlived his experiment in breaking jail. The Mormons in official authority are always good shots, and the prison guards kept their practice up in this way."  
"It was through an atrocious misuse of the running cinch that the great Apache chief Mangas Colorado was killed by United States soldiers about 40 years ago. He had surrendered as a prisoner of war and was held under guard in camp when the plot was made for his death. As he refused the opportunities given him to run he was tricked with a redhot bayonet thrust through the wall of the tent in which he was lying. At that he sprang from the tent and was killed by the guard as an escaping prisoner. This dastardly murder, which was wholly without justification, proved a costly crime for the government in the end. After this the Apaches would not trust the white man's word, and long wars followed as a consequence, in which thousands of lives were lost and vast expense incurred."—New York Sun.

#### VERULAM COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Council met at call of reeve in the town hall, Bobacaygon, on Monday, all members present, the reeve Mr. Jas. Akister in the chair. A number of communications were read and Mr. Bradin reported that he was unable to obtain any reduction in the rent of the hall, and on motion it was agreed to continue the present agreement. The auditors' report was received and the clerk instructed to make the necessary publication. Moved by W. Hetherington, seconded by T. Robertson, that the clerk be authorized to communicate with the Fenelon council regarding building a wire fence on Fenelon side of the road by W. H. Stevenson, as Fenelon township should take the initiative steps in such a matter.  
—Carried.  
On motion of Mr. Hetherington and Bradin, the offer of Thos. Kelly of \$5 for timber on the quarter line between lots 25 and 26, con. 10, was accepted.  
On motion of Mr. W. Mann and A. Bradin, T. C. Patterson was allowed the privilege of clearing the timber off con. line 3, opposite lot 17 from corner 55 rods south.  
T. C. Patterson presented a petition requesting that east half lot 17 con. 8 be detached from school section 6, and joined to No. 4, and on motion A. Danseath was appointed as arbitrator in the matter.  
On motion of W. Mann and W. Hetherington, the application of R. J. McLaughlin for expenses to Toronto, re Sturgeon Point incorporation, was not entertained.  
The clerk was instructed to write to the Messrs. R. Warren and R. Mitchell, lodged a complaint of the roads opposite their farms, being blocked with snow and wished the pathmaster be instructed to have the road shoveled.  
Jas. McCallum again applying for deed on the half of road allowance between lots 5 and 6, con. 2. Council agreed to furnish the deed at his expense.  
On motion of A. Bradin and W. Hetherington, Robt. Martin was allowed to cut the wood on con. 5, opposite his lot, west half 24, provided he pile the brush off the centre of the road and burn it.  
Messrs. Webber, Staples and Martin desired a school by-law passed to raise \$300 by debenture, and the clerk was instructed to prepare by-law for next meeting.  
A by-law appointing pathmasters, etc., was passed with Thos. Robertson in the chair, and a wire fence by-law was also passed with Mr. Robertson in the chair.  
The following accounts were duly passed:

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| Maintenance J. Johnston at hospital, from Feb. 4 to March 25 | \$ 25.00 |
| W. Givens taking Johnston to hospital                        | 5.00     |
| D. Cain, clothes for Johnston                                | 10.30    |
| Dr. Bonnell, attendance on Johnston                          | 7.00     |
| R. McLaughlin, legal services '98.                           | 15.00    |
| Jos. Heard, hammers and handles                              | 3.05     |
| J. Vrooman, insp. suspected glanders                         | 4.00     |
| Robt. Robertson, auditing                                    | 8.00     |
| Geo. Brooks, do  | 8.00     |
| E. Junkin, postage to April Ist.                             | 3.89     |
| A. Danseath, pt. salary as assessor                          | 25.00    |
| Independent printing and advtg.                              | 2.00     |
| A. Connell, repairing scrapers etc.                          | 2.10     |

On motion of Mr. Hetherington, council adjourned to meet May 30th, as court of revision.

#### Don't Do It.

Be very careful about mesmerizing or hypnotizing yourself. Either is very easily done. Think not? To do it just look at your own reflection in the mirror in the eye for a long time without winking, if you can. In a short time a mist spreads over your vision and then vague colors float about you. Then you drop off into a mesmeric or hypnotic sleep, from which you might never awaken without the help of a hypnotist or a mesmerist. Many persons have through insomnia been driven to the old device of staring at an object until forced into a hypnotic sleep. Often it has happened that they never woke up from such self inflicted slumber. Take good care that you do not lend yourself to this dangerous practice.—Cincinnati

#### Sultan's Fortune in Jewels.

The estimated value of the Sultan's jewels is \$40,000,000. If His Majesty has any hobby at all it may be said to be the purchasing of jewels and witnessing private theatricals. No professional of note—be he actor, singer, or conjurer—passes through Constantinople without an invitation from the Sultan. He always pays for these performances in Bank of England notes.  
Cost of Vanity.  
Americans pay \$8,000,000 a year for looking glasses.

#### The Royal Shovel.

A sometime swell young officer in the guards, having fallen upon evil times, was compelled to throw up his commission and enlist as a private.  
He found it impossible, however, to forget his former position, and on one occasion, being requested by the sergeant to perform some necessary duties with a spade, he remarked:  
"Er—sergeant, you forget—or—I have held Her Majesty's commission."  
The sergeant looked at him and said: "Well, now, young man, I reckon you'll have to hold Her Majesty's blooming shovel."—Spare Moments.

#### First Weather Prophecy on Record.

The first attempt at scientific forecasting of the weather was the result of a storm which during the Crimean war, November 14, 1854, almost destroyed the fleets of France and England. As a storm had raged several days earlier in France, Vaillant, the French Minister of War, directed that investigations be made to see if the two storms were the same, and if the progress of the disturbances could have been foretold. It was demonstrated that the two were in reality one storm and that its path could have been ascertained and the fleet forewarned in ample time to reach safety.

#### Took the Hint.

"Just by way of a hint, you know, I told her she looked sweet enough to kiss."  
"Well?"  
"Well, she said that was the way she intended to look."  
"And so—?"  
"Precisely."—Chicago Post.

## Put Your Finger on Your Pulse

You feel the blood rushing along. But what kind of blood? That is the question. Is it pure blood or impure blood? If the blood is impure then you are weak and languid; your appetite is poor and your digestion is weak. You cannot sleep well and the morning finds you unprepared for the work of the day. Your cheeks are pale and your complexion is sallow. You are troubled with pimples, boils, or some eruption of the skin. Why not purify your blood?



will do it. Take it a few days and then put your finger on your pulse again. You can feel the difference. It is stronger and your circulation better. Send for our book on Impure Blood. If you are bilious, take Ayer's Pills. They greatly aid the Sarsaparilla. They cure constipation also.  
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