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THE FUTURE OF FARMING AND IMPROVING THE SOIL

Sometimes it is permitted to editors and farmers alike to dream dreams with the hope that in the future they may come true.

The editor of this page dreams of a time when the extension of the troiley lines, the improvements of the railroad service, the use of electricity and the use more and more of concrete in building will have made life on the farm comfortable, cheerful and social, will have brought the scattered farmers into close contact with each other and with the world.

Great changes do not come suddenly in the social organization of any body of people. One does not at first realize the inevitable results following some simple invention. Few persons could have foretold the influence of the invention of the cotton gin upon southern agriculture, or the invention of the reaper and mower upon agriculture in the grain regions in the North and

We trust that there will be a general use of electricity on the farm in the near future. As yet it is not available to any great extent, but in time it will be made available, and electricity will do a great deal of the work that we now look to the horse to do.

Then there is the concrete for building purposes. It ought to do much to protect the farm houses and farm barns from fire. Properly utilized it will do much to reduce the labor needed to keep the dairy and the barn and the kitchen and the walks about the house neat and clean.

Moreover, we dream of the time when country schools will be so good that there will be no necessity for farmers with large families moving into town to educate their children. This ought not to be a long look ahead. There should be graded schools through the rural districts with a central high school, and arrangements ought to be made by farmers through co-operation for the transportation of the children of the neighborhood to central schools which can be much more effectively organized than the widely scattered schools with one teacher for all grades.

Then there are the roads that are to be improved so that the cost of transportation may be greatly reduced and the pleasure of intercourse greatly increased.

These are the things we hope for. We do not get impatient nor do we get discouraged. We know these things are coming, but we know they can only come slowly. They will come by doing to-day's work a little better than we did it last year, cultivating our fields a little more intelligently, marketing our crops more cautiously and more profitably.

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No farmer ought to be content to have his farm only in as good condition this year as it was last year. Every year ought to show some improvement. If you will lay out a plan running through five years for the rotation of crops, for the disposition of the manure on the farm, for the distribution of commercial fertilizers, you will find a steady improvement in the yield of the soil, and, in the course of a few years, you will find that the capital that your farm represents has greatly increased in value.

More and more, as we look at the situation, farming is enlisting men's intelligence. Time was when anybody could scrape the soil, plant corn and other such crops and support his family if he were industrious.

Fortunately, the family wants a better kind of support. Instead of regretting the fact that your children want to live better than you did, remember that you are living better than your parents lived. This is the spirit that we call the spirit of progress, which is the spirit of civilization. The world ought to be better as each generation passes. So ought your farm to be better when each season's labor has closed and the results secured.

This, we say, requires intelligence. You must know the laws under which crops are produced. You ought to know something concerning the sources of the soil's fertility and how to preserve that fertility and how to add to it from the atmosphere, from cultivation, from manure, from the very seeds you plant.

Do not be impatient with the suggestions that certain things may be better done by some new methods with which you are not familiar. We all get into ruts as we get older. We get impatient with change. The power of inertla is stronger as the years pass. These things discourage the young men, active, enterprising, energetic young men, and drive them to town.

Do not drive your boy to town by any such feeling of opposition. If he is called there by a love of or longing for certain vocations, let him go, but do not drive him there by making him discontented with your methods or unhappy on your farm. Talk with him, learn what he knows, teach him what you know. Then if he wants to stay on the farm, help him to stay on your

farm or help him to get another. We believe that the farmer is coming into his own; that he is to get better prices for his crops, better prices for his labor. If you do not get it it must be your fault somewhere. Either you have located your farm badly or you are cultivating it badly or you do not systematize your work.

So we say, take your work seriously, do it cheerfully, learn from your neighbors and your friends, learn from the experience of others. Learn from the young people about you, and never be content unless at the end of the year you have a little balance in money and a greater balance in the value ef your property.

To couple the name of a farmer, some years ago, with that of poultry growing only meant to insult him. To make mention of the fact that he was a stock grower just suited his fancy, but the poultry business, in his eyes, was exceedingly small fry. If any poultry were kept on his farm they were referred to as the property of "the old woman." He was perfectly free to let his wife's name be connected with the poultry business, selling the eggs, and she could even trade the butter for some things they had to have, provided some tobacco was among the things traded for. If there is one thing more than another for which a farmer is proverbially noted it is a good share of practical common sense. Some of them have hobbies and pet theories, which sometimes bring them a great deal of "experience," but as a rule he looks at almost everything along utility lines.

Some farmers have been looking for the best farmer's fowl; have bred almost all the breeds in existence, and yet have to confess that the real utility fowl for all farmers is as evasive as quicksilver. At times he thinks he has this much-desired bird cornered, only to find that it is still at large. The practical qualities of his wife's Sunday bonnet are well exemplified as a receptacle for gathering eggs, but a basket or a tin pan may be better. A buzz-saw is all right for the purpose for which it was intended, but it can't be used for shaving a man's beard. All these things are very practical in their way, but making these things answer for all purposes is very much like corralling a

cyclone something no man has succeeded in doing. It is the way with fowls. One person wants fowls for the production of eggs, and therefore will want the breed whose hens prove to be the best layers. Another wants the best table fowl, and an entirely different breed will be selected. The third man wants fowls with a certain fancy feather, and pays a fancy; rice for them. Here is a farmer who lives several miles from the nearest town, whose time is devoted to other pursuits, who cares very little .or fowls of any particular kind. He recognizes the fact, however, that they are an unfailing source of supply, in case of emergency, in furnishing the table, buying the groceries and keeping him out of debt for long intervals.

We would infer, then, that the farmer's fowls essentially should be prolific layers without sacrificing other qualities. They should be good table fowls. They should sell well in the market, and to satisfy this requirement they must be of good size, easily fattened, plump and of good appearance when dressed. They must be hardy and good foragers, and if the farmer is not ready to buy an incubator the hens must be good sitters and mothers.

. If one breed of fowls having the requirements named cannot be found it may be well to build separate yards and keep two kinds, and thus both demands will be filled. One breed may be laying in winter while the oner is getting ready to roll out the eggs at some other season of the year. These are questions that are being studied by the careful, and each individual will have to determine the matter for himself.

HYMENEAL

DAY-NICHOLSON. A very quiet wedding was celebrat-

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Ottawa, Feb. 18.-The Government

has decided to place the Intercolon-

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ed at the Cambridge-st. Methodist LOTS OF WOOD. parsonage on Wednesday, Feb. 17. when J. Albert Day, of Carden township, was united in marriage to Mable Nicholson, of Dalton township, The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Wilson. TEATRO-BARRY.

A wedding of considerable interest

Marys church, when Miss Violet Barry, was united in marriage to Lawrence Teatro, both on Lindsay. The bride was prettily attired and Miss Lena Teatro, sister of groom, was bridesmaid, Mr. Grant by Archdeacon Casey.

for several years, coming from Fene- PRAY AT HIS OWN GRAVE.

many congratulations. GRANTHAM-LAKE.

M. A. McLean. The bride was as- friends will hear his own voice sisted by her sister, Miss Stella, they stand beside the grave. while the groom was supported by

Mr. Chasf Cornwall. After spendcity Mr. and Mrs. Grantham will stone. As Mrs. Grantham is a for-

OBITUARY

LATE JOS. THORNHILL.

The funeral of the late Joseph POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE. number of friends of the deceased. Mr. J. H. N. Morgan, of the Standard Bank, is in Port Perry for a

MRS. KILLEN.

zens at eleven o'clock on Feb. 19, Toronto, Feb. 18.-To prevent at eleven o'clock this morning in the A. G.T.R. DIVIDEND. liquor being shipped to individuals person of Mrs. Hannah Killen, moth- The Grand Trunk Railway hal and homes located within local op- er of Mr. James Killen. The late year report shows gross receipts, tion d stricts is what the Royal Mrs. Killen was 86 years of age and £3,382,000; working expenses, £2,-Templars of Temperance, meeting in has been confined to her room for 422,400; net receipts, £960,400; At the coming convention of the James Killen, of Lindsay. The late Ontario Alliance they will urge this, Mrs. Killen was one of the oldest reand other amendments to the Liquor bars, making it necessary for the and widely known, and her death have two licenses; and, that all bars cle of friends. The funeral will be

proposition, it was argued, would tery for interment. where, as far as sleeping and eating len, who died on Friday, was held Sunday afternoon from the resid- TRAIN CREW FACING TRIAL. Mrs. E. E. Sharpe, of town, is in ence of her son, Mr. James Killen, A sad drowning accident occurred at Coboconk Thursday morning at about eleven o'clock, when the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. Henry Bradford lost her life by falling in-

It appears that the little girl went Messrs, Killen. down to the river to get a pail of MRS. CHAS. THOMAS. water and as she was dipping the pail into the river she slipped and fell in. She was missed almost immediately, and the village was girl could not be found. Her parents girls and four boys, all living. Two thousand was subscribed by bondsbody was found about two hundred of a number of friends.-Minden vards away from the place where she Echo. had fallen in. Much sympathy is

MISS SARAH McLEOD.

Woodville Advocate: The many friends of Miss Sarah McLeod, of the "Glen," Mariposa, will learn with regret of her death, which occurred on Saturday morning last. Mrs. Mc-Leod has been an invalid for a long time. She was 80 years of age and, with her late husband, was among the first settlers of the township. MRS. HUGH GRAHAM.

death occurred Friday morceived the assent of the Governorning, Feb. 19, of Margaret Jane General, and will be introduced by Blackwell, wife of Mr. Hugh Gra-Mr. Graham, probably next weev. It ham, lot 15, con. 5, Emily, after an will not be resisted by the Opposiillness of two months. The deceastion, except to the extent of their ined who was 52 years of age, was at one time a resident of Ops and then sisting upon an amendment making moved to Emily township. In rethe members of the commission irremovable, except upon an address ligion she was a Methodist. is survived by her husband, Mr. D. Pottinger, who is at pre- Hugh Graham, and one son Charles sent general manager of the Inter- Levi, who lives at home. The siscolonial, will be one of the commisters surviving are: Mrs. J. J. Fee, sioners. The other two commission- in Mariposa, Mrs. Chas. Fee, Emily, and Mrs. Geo. Carr, of Midland, for-To head off any political pressure, merly of Lindsay. The two broththe appointments have been decided ers left to mourn her loss are Mr. upon in advance. The list was sub- J. J. Blackwell, Omemee, and mitted to and approved by the three W. H. Blackwell, Cannington.

funeral will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 12 o'clock a.m., service one Cures Children's to Riverside for interment. The the future of the friends and acquaintances will please club are very bright. the removal by death of Mrs. Gra- ficers were elected: ham they have sustained a big loss. MRS. DUNCAN SHAW.

The Herald, of McGregor, Man., says; Words utterly fail to express the shock with which the community | A. heard on Monday morning, Feb. 1st, that Mrs. Duncan Shaw had passed away the night before. The infant which will be held on Thursday, Feb. iline - rub it in well, and apply a daughter of a day followed the mo- 25, at 7.80 o'clock. Nerviline Porous Plaster. If the case ther on Monday night. is obstinate, give twenty drops of

This treatment is simply wonderful heart in the same casket.

ed and healed, coughing is promptly genuine womanly qualities by allayed, hard, strong palegm is loos- who knew her, she will be sorely ened and every trace of cold and missed by her large circle of friends. Mr. Shaw, who is known as Nerviline is so safe to use, so pow- man of sterling worth, has the unsorrow, and to him and his ren are extended the tenderest feelings of regard that find a place in uman hearts.

The funeral was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Courtney, of St. Cuthbert's conducted the services at the Remember the name Nerviline, and house and grave. refuse any substitute that a drug- The bearers were Angus McLeod gist may ask you to take instead of John McLeod, Alex. McLeod, Arch.

Otherwise ?

were drawn to Lindsay to-day by the farmers of this vicinity. recent snow fall has made first-class sleighing to the delight of every farmer, who has any teaming to do.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD. Bowmanvi,le, Feb. 17 .- Mary Seney, relict of the late Mr. Peter Barctook place on Feb. 22, at St. lay, Enniskillen, was found dead in bed last night by William Herring, a neighbor. She died Monday night, and had lain all day yesterday unobserved, as she was living alone. Two stepsons live at Ancaster, where Wakelin, of Coboconk, acted as best Isaiah B. Barclay is principal of the The ceremony was performed public school. Dr. Slemon pronounced death caused by apoplexy. She The bride has resided in Lindsay was about 75 years of agef

lon Falls, where her parents are now New York, Feb. 15 .- A special from Fairfield, Ill., to The World says young couple will reside in The Rev. Daniel Bassett Leach, They are the recipients of aged clergyman of Bone Gap, was told yesterday that he was going to die. He asked that his graphophone A very quiet wedding took place in he brought to his bedside. Into the the Baptist church, Portage la machine the venerable minister talk-Prairier, Feb. 17th, where Miss Cora ed. Before an address he spoke pray-Maud Lake, second daughter of Mr. ers. When Mr. Leach had finished he and Mrs. Alfred Lake, Katrime, was had the records repeated. Then he united in marriage to Mr. Richard asked that they be used at his fun-H. Grantham, of Gladstone. The eral. His relatives assented, and ceremony was performed by the Rev. thus his relatives, congregation and

GUILTY OF BRIBING. ing a few days with friends in the Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 18.-W. W Ramsey, the former bank president tak? up their residence near Glad- charged with bribing council men to secure the selection of the German mer resident of Oakwood her many National Bank of Pittsburg as a friends in that place will wish her city depository, was found guilty today by a sealed verdict returned late yesterday afternoon and read at the opening of the court this morning. The trial which is the first of the notorious councilmanic graft cases lasted only two days.

Thornhill, who passed away on Tues- | Another powerful explosive has day evening last, took place Wed- teen invented by Wm. Hancock o nesday afternoon to Riverside cem- Heliburton, which Mr. Hancock etery. Rev. Mr. Welch conducted ser- claims to be as powerful as dynavices at the house and the grave. mut? and much safer to handle, h The funeral was attended by a large has aexecuted very encouraging results through rock blasting and will work under water with the same re sults A public demonstration will say's oldest and most respecteh citi- be given soon when a fuller report

Zion Congregational church, desire of the past two years. She leaves to net revenue charges less credits, mourn her loss only one son, Mr. £478,700. After deducting for deficiency in Canada Atlantic, Grand sidents of Lindsay, and has lived plus of £443,000 available for diviate licenses be granted to hotels and here almost 60 years. She was well of a dividend for the half year of 4 per cent. on guaranteed stock, and proprietor of combination houses to will be regretted by a very large cir-full 5 per cent. for the year on first preference shares. A dividend for be closed by parliament on statutory held on Sunday from the residence of the year 1908 of 21 per cent. on seher son, Mr. James Killen, Glenelg- cond preferred is declared, carrying The separate bar and hotel license st., to the Roman Catholic ceme- forward £12,000. The market was expecting a full declaration, conse-The funeral of the late Mrs. Kil- quently stocks have fallen heavily.

> Guelph, Ont., Feb. 17.-Fireman F. and a large concourse of friends and T. Lane, Brakeman W. J. Alexander relatives were present. The re- and A. B. Burgman, and Flagman mains were taken to St. Mary's R. Harvey R. Jackson, are now Ell C. church, where services were con- committed for trial, as were their ducted by Rev. Father Collins, and superiors, Engineer Kennedy and then to the Roman Catholic cemetery Conductor Fleming, a week ago, on and placed in the vault. The pall- charges of manslaughter, which bearers were: Messrs. Thos. Brady, means that now the entire crew of R. Spratt, J. Diament and the the ill-fate freight, No. 584, which carried the fatal wreck weer ferriston, January 14; are all to appear After a lingering illness, Mrs. for trial at the spring assfzes next Chas. Thomas passed away on Tues- weev. Bail to the amount of \$4,000 day afternoon. She was the only was accepted for each of the four daughter of Mr. Henry Pearl and men. Two thousand of it they wen: was the mother of ten children, six security for themselves, and two

had gone near the river, and they re- two sons are working north of Lake No evidence was taken by Magis-Superior, and all have the sympathy trate Saunders this morning. The men merely pleaded not guilty, and were committed.

> ARE NOW CLOSED. Port Hope, Feb. 16.-Local option to a certain degree struck Port Hope this morning, and it was without the passage of a by-law or the casting of a single vote. The "nothing doing" sign is hanging out and the law is being strictly observed. The cause is that the dreaded smallpox visited two local hotels, the American and the Ontario House last evening, and now men are stationed at each hotel to allow no persons out or in. The boarders at both places are quarantined, and it is not yet known how long it may last. medical health officer says there no stated period, and it will be She matter for the Board of Health and

Council to decide. Both patients have been removed, the hotels thoroughly fumigated, and the inmates vaccinated.

ORGANIZED FARMERS' CLUB. A meeting was held in the Agricultural Department of the Collegiate Institute Wednesday, when a Farmers' Club for this vicinity was organized. A number of prominent farmers were present. The meeting was half hour earlier, and will proceed very enthusiastic and prospects for The the future of the newly organized

accept this intimation. The resi- Mr. James Robertson, of Ops, actdents of the community feel that in ed as chairman and the following of-President-G. C. Channon, Oak-

> Vice-Pres.-Robert Reid, Reaboro. Sec.-Treas.-D. A. Mackenzie, B.S.

The election of directors and audi-

The object of the Farmers' Club. On Wednesday afternoon they were is to encourage and maintain a deep-Nerviline in hot sweetened water laid at rest in the Beaver cemetery, er and more general and intellectual the infant resting on the mother's interest in all that pertains to agriculture in the broadest sense, -swollen, inflamed tissues are sooth- Respected and beloved for her holding meetings at the homes of

> Mrs. J. C. Watson was with sister through the trying hours of her brief illness, rendering all the assistance that sisterly affection could suggest. Miss Lottie McKinnon, of Camrose, another sister, was also present. To these also the sympathy of the community is ex-

> sident of this vicinity and has many friends here, to whom the sympathy of all will be extended.

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