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NOT AFRAID OF A FACE OR A NAME.

W. S. Dingman is the proprietor of the Stratford Herald. To add to his other troubles, he was elected Mayor of Stratford on Monday. The Stratford Beacon is not apparently frightened to death of its opposition, for not only did it treat him fairly and courteously during the contest, but also on Tuesday it published on the front page the name and picture of Stratford's new mayor.

There is nothing very striking in all this, for newspapers conducted by men of ability (as the Beacon assuredly is) will not descend to petty and piteous persecution. The incident is noteworthy, however in contrast with the tactics of two local papers—one of whom professes loudly and often its love of Stratford's lead, though not necessarily following the intelligent light of The Beacon. One of these local papers deliberately stroked out one of the names to an address which it published simply because the name was that of a citizen who is also connected with The Free Press. The other paper achieved the same result by leaving out ALL the signatures. Similar incidents have also occurred recently, and the wonder is that petty childishness could go so far in professedly public prints.

THE CURE FOR CRIMINAL INSANITY.

There seems to be a growing tendency in Canada to secure sympathy and short sentences for brutal criminals by following the United States fashion of discovering new forms of insanity which the brutal criminals aforesaid are supposed to suffer from. The other day Rose, the Toronto jail-breaker, the thug, the brutal robber and assaulter of women and old men, was brought forward as a probable victim of some mysterious form of mental absurdity. His lawyer, however, had too good home training and too honorable a conscience to press the insanity plea.

In the case of the Simcoe Chief of Police who is under arrest on very serious charges, Dr. Bruce Smith, medical inspector and expert for Ontario, failed to discover any reasonable grounds for believing that the Chief was other than sane, in the common acceptance of the term. The fact that an examination was made of this prisoner, suggests at once the idea that a plea of insanity was at least considered.

Walter Blythe, the death of whose wife followed a brutal beating which he gave her the other night, is the latest candidate for possible admission to the ranks of the insane. An examination into his medical condition is expected shortly, with what results, of course, it is impossible to say.

In this country judges and juries alike have refused to be swayed by the sudden discovery of insanity in a criminal after he has been caught at some evil work. As long as this high spirit of justice and decency exists among professional men and judges and juries, there is little probability of Canadian justice bearing the same stigma that is rightly applied to so many notable cases of brutality and murder recently coming before the United States courts.

If, however, the tendency towards insanity pleas of this kind grows, there is danger that doctors and lawyers may be unable always to resist the blandishments that may be offered. In the latter case it would be well for the people of Canada to deal with the new danger to justice and the peace of honest citizens that will arise.

Speaking, as it were, in a theoretical and technical way, brutal criminals have nearly all a touch of insanity. The wife beater is never normal; the brutal assaulter, the cowardly midnight marauder, the thief and the thug—all these are lacking in rightful appreciation of the proportion of things. It is not well, however, to take too much stock in their evident lack of balance and to overlook their still more evident fullness of devilry. For the protection of decent, honest, law-abiding citizens an effort should be made to lessen the effects of the general run of criminal insanity. Happily cures are to hand and have proved elsewhere most efficacious.

The lash not only cures but also seems to prevent criminal assaults. Under the sweet fear of the cat nine out of ten of these brutes lose this form of insanity.

Bread and water and work, and a little of their own medicine, as an appetizer, seems to have similarly good results on those whose insanity takes the fleeting form of wife beating.

A little common sense and a strong outpouring of real justice will do much to check the spread of many of the mysterious forms of brutal criminality that pose in Yankeeland as dementia, furia transitoria, and other learned names for insanity.

ANOTHER ADVANCE PROMISED IN THE POWER PROBLEM.

Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor and electrical expert, has made many wonderful promises to the world. Some of the inventions which he has, at times past, announced as being brought to a successful completion and operation, seemed almost too revolutionary and too wonderful to be true. Mr. Edison, however, has the happy knack of following up his announcements with inventions, that, no matter how marvellous they may be, prove after all to be everything he claimed for them. This habit of the inventor's of following wondrous announcements with more wonderful discoveries has been so noticeable that nowadays when he announces the reaching of success in any inventive line the people in general take it for granted that the advance has been made, even before the proofs are finally submitted.

Mr. Edison's latest announcement on this account open to the average mind the vast possibilities for improvement and extension in the handling of the country's traffic by electric methods of locomotion. Mr. Edison, this week, expresses his full confidence in the success of his latest invention—a practical storage battery for power-propelled cars.

Mr. Edison's plan is to place these batteries under the seats of the cars, and his claim is that they can be sufficiently charged at the power-houses to run continuously for an entire day without re-charging. In an interview, this week, Mr. Edison explained that no additional tracks, poles or power-houses would be required for his plan. The new battery cars would run one hundred miles without re-charging and would even utilize the machinery which brings the car to a stop for re-charging. The cars would run on any rails, either the present street car rails, or the steam car rails, and if they jumped the track at any time they could be put back on the rails with their own power.

If this latest invention of Mr. Edison's proves as successful in operation as his other wonders, the whole be revolutionized. It does not require any large stretch of imagination to see how easily and how economically a system of handling traffic bids fair to Mr. Edison's battery car could be utilized to displace the reign of steam, even on the transcontinental railroads. With the passing of the steam roads the country would be the gainer in a hundred and one ways, while the one gain alone of added comfort and cleanliness by the stoppage of the steam and smoke nuisances, that steam cars bring, should cause the inventor's name to be remembered in deepest gratitude by a long-suffering people.

OBJECTIONABLE ADVERTISING.

In the article from the Bowmanville Review, reproduced elsewhere in this issue, incidental reference is made to a certain class of objectionable advertising that is not fit to be published in any decent journal. If newspapers continue to neglect or refuse to keep out this filthy form of advertising then they need expect that in the very near future an enlightened and Christian community will refuse to allow the offending journals into their homes.

Advertising matter may be objectionable because of an intention to deceive and defraud the public, or it may be improper on account of the vulgarisms and indecencies which it contains. The class of objectionable advertising which The Free Press most strongly condemns is the black-guard advertisements of certain patent medicine firms that combine fraud with indecency, vulgarity and loathsome suggestions.

Advertisements offering for sale pills and potions that are meant and used for infant murder, disgrace and condemn every journal that allows them entrance to its columns. Advertisements of quack nostrums for diseases that should never be spoken of except in the course of medical confidence are outrageous articles to send into unsuspecting homes. For children to read the foul and disgusting advertisements of some infamous and fraudulent quack devil doctors is to poison the young minds with unspeakable filth. If the law of the land will not prevent and punish the publication of indecent and suggestive slime in the form of quack advertisements and place a penalty on the publication of alleged aids to infant murder, then surely it is at least high time that honest and honorable members of the newspaper profession should purge their columns of these evil advertisements of their own volition.

The Montreal Witness and The Canadian Farm and Dairy are two outstanding journals that have taken a firm stand against these debasing and objectionable advertisements, and The Free Press prides itself on keeping its columns free from these foul advertisements that are fraudulent nine times out of ten and debasing and loathsome nine hundred and ninety-nine times out of a thousand.

That decent people allow papers containing vile and suggestive advertisements to come into their homes for the perusal and perhaps the direct degradation of their children, simply shows how lax is the average parent in watching the general tone of the papers that his youngsters read.

Two Lindsay papers that are often given to loud prating about Christianity and morality and holiness and heavens know what, publish these advertisements of indecency and these incitements to murder. This is plain talk, perhaps, but it is time that the people were awakening to a sense of their responsibility and looking after the public press with a view to preventing the instilling into children's minds of foul and filthy things. The newspapers that love a few dollars more than decency and cleanliness are not fit for any decent community to support.

IT WOULD BE A CHANGE.

Walter Blythe, the C.P.R. section-men at Agincourt, whose wife died after one of the terrible beatings that it appears he was in the habit of giving her, is credited with saying that he expects that he will be hanged now, but that he can go to that death "like a man."

If Blythe is found guilty of murder and the stories that he was in the habit of beating his wife early and often are shown to be true, he should be given full opportunity to fulfill his boast of being able to "hang like a man." Some evidence of manship, even in his dying hours, would be a bright spot on the life of a wife-beater. Assuredly a wife-beater does not "live" like a man—no, nor even like a dog, or a beast, or a reptile. Even the lowest of the lower creatures are good to their own, and man seems to take naughtily pre-eminence as the only animal that abuses its mate.

If Walter Blythe is a wife-beater, then by all means let warm justice allow him the compensation of dying "like a man." After a record that the beasts do not deserve and that humanity unanimously agrees is not living up to the lowest ideals of manliness, it would be well to have one touch of manhood even if that came not till the last great drop.

EASY RICHES FROM AN "EASY" PEOPLE.

In his letter in this issue, Mr. J. P. Donald calls attention to the fact that in a suit some years ago the local electric power and light plant admitted to making 16 per cent. on their stock, which undoubtedly had more or less aqua pura in its make-up. When stock commonly known as "watered" can draw sixteen per cent. in dividends, it is easy to imagine that the dividends would be enormous if only paid on such stock as was normally, as well as legally, bona-fide, invested capital. It may be pointed out that this condition existed some years ago, and it is doubtful if the present conditions are not even more remunerative to the stock holders in this money-making institution.

Of course, it is generally known that the Light, Heat & Power Company does not "declare" such large dividends now as 16 per cent., but it is equally well known that there are more ways of reaching a given point than walking straight there. The "rest" fund, or "reserve" fund, or similar fund under a fanciful name, often takes care of the surplus earnings of companies that know the public would wipe them out of existence if the people really knew how large the dividends were for most unsatisfactory service.

The Free Press trusts that Mr. Donald and other earnest citizens will keep this power and light question constantly before the public in its varied phases until the people wake up to energetic action. Neither the service, the rates, or the treatment accorded the public are what they ought to be—and that is putting the matter very mildly indeed.

If Lindsay's interests are to come first, there must be a change in the power and light situation.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

The resolution moved by Ald. Kyle and seconded by Ald. Dobson at the Council meeting Monday is a move in the right direction, and the mover and seconder are to be highly commended for their sensible and energetic action. The Council, in accepting the motion also justifies the people's recently expressed confidence in that body.

There has been so much written, so much more said, and most of all, thought, regarding the rates and treatment accorded the town by the L., H. & P. Co. that the Council are only following the interests of the people in commencing an enquiry as to how wrongs may be righted, if they exist.

That Ald. Kyle introduced the motion with fairness and even generosity towards the L., H. & P. Co., and that

the feeling seemed to be also present in the other councillors is the more pleasing.

From present indications the L., H. & P. Co. will receive courteous and fair treatment and all due consideration, but the very presence of this spirit would also augur that the interests of the town will not be allowed to suffer.

Let the good work go on.

A WORTHY MOVEMENT.

The Moral Reform Committee of the Anglican Church at Ottawa has taken active steps to prevent the sale of immoral literature in Canada. Representations have been made to the Government and enquiry and action asked for. The amount of evil and degrading literature of one kind and another circulated in this county is no doubt alarming, and the Moral Reform Association deserves high credit for its steps in the direction of saving the young and the foolish from being mind-poisoned and debased by filthy and suggestive trash that can have no other effect than the making for physical, spiritual, and moral degeneration.

The country, however, is threatened with a greater moral danger than that arising from the circulation of literature that is openly bad and brazenly immodest and immoral. This danger is all the greater because it is so little realized. Reference is made to the objectionable matter in professedly respectable papers. By strict watchfulness parents may keep out of their homes and out of their libraries that class of literature which is commonly termed immoral, but so called respectable newspapers are often admitted without thought of question when at the same time they contain advertisements that have in them more evil suggestions, more disgusting vulgarity and more outrageous filth than a half a dozen admittedly immoral books.

Some of the vaunted leading journals of Canada are willing for a few paltry dollars to sell space to be given to the use of fraudulent quacks whose advertisements are sometimes a mass of immoral details and at other times the thinly veiled cloak for improper and illegal suggestions.

Every decent man and every decent woman owes it to himself and to herself and to the growing generation to watch professedly respectable journals, and when such papers allow themselves to become the tools of immoral and degrading quacks and the instruments for the furtherance of the crime of infant murder, it is time for decent people to prevent the entrance of such journals into their homes.

ANOTHER WHIP NEEDED.

A burly brute in Toronto was this week sentenced to thirty days in jail for beating his wife. The light sentence was due to the pleadings of his wife in his behalf, and the fact that she would be without support while he was in jail.

The alleged man used a horse-whip to thrash his wife, and he left her bleeding and with terrible welts and bruises all over her body. The brute only desisted from his self-imposed task of castigation when the whip broke and so became useless.

All these facts taken together impress the necessity for some change in the custom of treating the brutes who mistreat their wives. Prison is not the place for them. In fact it would be adding unnatural and undeserved punishment to the legal sentence of the ordinary thieves, rogues, blackguards and murderers who are confined in the penal institutions to force the association of the wife-beating brutes upon them. In the second place, while the wife-beater is in jail, his spouse is often in even more pressing want than usual when thus deprived of the small assistance such fellows give to the up-keeping of the house.

The proper prescription for the wife-beater is his own medicine. The knowledge of a sure application of the whip to their own backs would be a certain deterrent to the odd form of alleged insanity which prompts men to abuse their defenceless wives.

BURNT RIVER.

(Special to The Free Press.) The bridge being erected by the Ontario government over the Burnt river near here, is nearly completed. The iron work will be in place this week. Mrs. Adolph Levely is the proud possessor of a bouncing baby boy. The G.T.R. is making necessary re-

B. J. Gough's Big Clothing and Furnishing Sale.

A Regular Feast For the Public.

That the people of Lindsay, Ontario, Victoria County and vicinity have been taking advantage of B. J. Gough's Manufacturer's Outlet Sale has been manifest by the large crowds in attendance at this big clothing, suit, overcoat and furnishings sale since the opening day. Shipment upon shipment of Manufacturers' surplus stocks have been added to this great sale from day to day, and this most wonderful clothing, suit and overcoat sale has proven one of the greatest bargain feasts that the people of Lindsay and Victoria County have ever heretofore been able to participate in, and those who are attending the sale buy liberally and are well pleased with their purchases, recommending their friends to B. J. Gough's big Manufacturer's Outlet Sale of clothing, suits, overcoats, men's, boys' and children's wearing apparel. The good news has been spread far and wide of the many bargains that B. J. Gough is offering on men's suits, overcoats, boys' and children's clothing, furnishings, etc., now selling at about one-half their regular value. Commercial circles have been shaken from centre to circumference. The sale is the talk of the entire province. The people appreciate clothing, furnishings, the good quality kind at a bargain price, and they are showing their appreciation daily by buying out B. J. Gough's big Manufacturer's purchase by the wagon loads. The Sale will last only a few days more, and to those who have not attended this sale and benefited accordingly—we wish to say to you that you are missing a great opportunity to secure for yourself your wearing apparel at about one-half their regular cost. In justice to yourself, you cannot afford to stay away, as this sale presents an opportunity to save many dollars on clothing, suits, overcoats, furnishings for men, boys and children. B. J. Gough would be unable to make this great sacrifice on clothing, furnishings, etc., were it not from the fact that manufacturers were forced to realize cash on their surplus stocks with instructions to sell them out at retail at from one-third to one-half their actual value. This is a sale that comes about once in a lifetime—and you owe it to your family and your pocketbook to make this great saving, when the opportunity presents itself, and this is your opportunity during this sale to save yourself many dollars. Remember that the sale only lasts a few days more, so buy all you may need for the next ten years at such a sacrifice sale on men's and boys' suits, overcoats, children's clothing, furnishings will probably never occur here again. Make your arrangements to attend the sale before it closes and secure your share of the many clothing, suit, overcoat and furnishing bargains being offered. A word to the intelligent should be sufficient, as B. J. Gough's big sale presents an opportunity to make your dollar double duty. Make no mistake; be sure and find B. J. Gough's Store. Look for the big sign, reading, B. J. Gough's Manufacturer's Outlet Sale at Lindsay, Ontario. Don't Delay, but Act Quickly, as this Sale will soon be a Thing of the Past.

\$45,000 Stock of Clothing Suits, Overcoats and Furnishing Bargains Selling Rapidly . . .

ACT QUICKLY. BEFORE TOO LATE

pairs to their bridge over the Burnt river.

Our school is not yet opened for the year. Two other schools are vacant for want of teachers, while there are plenty of teachers competent to teach the schools, but are prevented by the fool regulations of the educational authorities.

The services in the English church were brought to a sudden termination last Sunday by the clergyman, Rev. A. C. Cunner being taken very ill; he was so bad that he very nearly fell in the pulpit. He managed after a time to get as far as Mr. Adkins' house and in the afternoon got home to Kilmount. We are pleased to hear that he is getting better.

CAMERON.
 (Correspondence Free Press.)
 Jan. 11th.—Skating is now the favorite pastime for the young.
 Our grain merchant, Mr. A. McLean, is kept busy these days shipping grain.
 On Thursday last the Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mr. M. Maybee, when a social afternoon was spent, the Rev. Mrs. Tonkin being present to make the acquaintance of the several members.
 Miss Brown, of Oakwood, has organized a music class here, and will give lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.
 Mr. Robt. Beggs has bought the new building lately erected by W. Townsend for a blacksmith shop and has had it removed to his farm.
 Mr. Geo. Coppins and the Misses Hattie and Laura Dunn visited at Mr. Ed. Dunn's on Sunday.
 Mrs. W. Townsend entertained a few of her friends one day last week at an old fashioned quilting bee.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Naylor spent Sunday at Mr. H. Eyres.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tamlin, of Cambray,

.. 1909 JANUARY SALE ..

Here They Are!

We've lost sight of the cost and the value during this sale.

400 pairs Men's Shoe Packs, 10 in., leg laced to wear in deep snow or slush, bellow tongue, our own make, oil tanned beef hide, size 6 to 11, \$1.89.
 7 1-2 in. leg, regular \$2.60, Sale Price \$1.65.
 6 in. same, regular \$1.75, Sale Price \$1.24.
 Men's Leather Legging, extra strong, 99c.
 Men's all-felt Boots, thick felt of the best quality, nothing better made, size 6 to 11, regular \$2.50, Sale Price \$1.24.
 Ladies' fine colored Felt Juliet, very warm, flexible hand turned leather soles, regular \$1.35, Sale Price 94c.

THE FELIX FORBERT SHOE STORE
 Wholesale 52 KENT-ST, Retail

visited their daughter, Mrs. Harrison on Sunday.
 Quite a number from here attended service at Powles' Corners on Sunday afternoon.
 Mr. Manly Maybee is erecting an up-to-date summer kitchen to his fine dwelling. He reports it rather cold shingling these days.
 Some talk of a concert in the near future in behalf of the Home Circle who are at present giving it their careful consideration.
 The Fenelon Council met here today with some new members around the board, but we are pleased to see Mr. J. Palmer and Mr. Tolmie still among them, with Mr. Palmer in the reeve's chair. Among other business that was transacted, Mr. J. Cundal was appointed assessor for this year.
 —William Badge, an inmate of the Protestant Home, Peterboro, died on Tuesday, aged 91 years. His wife died three years ago in the same institution at the age of 111.

James M. Squier, a merchant, are prize of \$10 for the variety of peas of sowing in townships: Verulam, Fenelon and Manville. Squier & Flavell special prize of \$10 above townships from over ten bushels of their advertisement this issue.
 It will pay farmers to "prize" peas

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—They are having a party in Peterborough.

—Mr. Jessie Perry, boat builder, sold a fine yacht to Mr. J. Toronto.

—A branch of the trial is being open at the Thornyke store as quarters for the friends of Mrs. H. in Chicago of Mrs. H. of Mrs. M. O'Hara. Mrs. Wood died on Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. reached the 53rd marriage on Saturday. Friends will wish the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society on Saturday at the McArthur Hotel, Falls, on Tuesday, 10 o'clock sharp.

—Miss V. G. Johnson wishes through the Free Press to thank her for their kind aid in her, as yet, missing.

—The Peterboro church is holding the annual meeting of the Ministerial Association on Saturday. The Ministerial Association of Peterboro is holding a meeting on Saturday. The Ministerial Association of Peterboro is holding a meeting on Saturday.

—Minden Echo: Stone, of Toronto, day to take charge of church mission at making a very favorable and it will be a pleasure to hear St. Paul for morning and evening.

—They have sneaked Minden. The Echo is for such parties in this town. Various articles for a scoop shovel, chain, ties are suspected of the goods no exposure will be made.

—The appeal of J. Mr. Justice Britton's missing his preliminary Mr. J. H. Burnham's his election to the 1st come up before the S. Ottawa on February arguments on both ready for January 30.

—Jimmy Reynolds, barber, wants to view Port Hope to Toronto view the other day wasn't growing older into shape quite as do it yet," said Jim of his previous unsold the old walker seem he can make the time.

—Peterborough Extension narrow escape from gas fumes from the south. On Saturday morning E. Fell was almost fumes which had escaped from a coal. Fell was affected with the bad effects result.

—Minden Echo: son, of Little Britain position as teacher school, and states the journey north of the train at Kilmount. Gelert, she lost her a sum of money. Her purse, which is a flapper. Funder will be for forwarding to Minden.

—Peterboro Examination, the veteran during stage, came losing his team of horse while crossing the usual route across at a fast rate. that Dan says precisely. One of the horses, the ice, but was kept to the water by the dingy it along. The four inches thick at.

—It will be learned pathy by all town in serious sickness. Grieves, at Cobocoon attending physician hope for his recovery. membered that Mr. old Cobocoon train, boocok, arriving in and leaving at 6.30 years back, but owing passed by the G.T. employe to be over Mr. Grieves was p

GOOD PRIZES FOR OF PEAS