

Weather Talk from Irl Hicks

Predictions as to What Will Happen During the Month of March

A reactionary storm period has its center on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. This period is at the culmination of the Mercury period, with full moon in apogee following immediately on the 6th. The storm diagram shows, also, that a Mars disturbance enters about this time. A continued spell of unsettled, Mercurial weather will most probably come over from the close of February, but about the 4th to 6th, storm conditions will be quickened and decided areas of rain, sleet and snow will spread progressively from west to east across the country. The opposition of the planet Jupiter with earth and sun, February 28th, is a most important factor in storms and all terrestrial phenomena for at least two weeks before and after that date. Look for high barometer and cold weather close on the heels of storms of this period. Don't be surprised if blizzards sweep the north and west not far from the 4th, 5th and 6th. The 4th to the 9th also constitutes a decided seismic period, having its center on the 6th. There will be quickened volcanic activity with seismic shakes in many parts of the earth, at this and a later period in March.

A regular storm period extends from the 8th to the 13th, central on the 10th. This is exactly coincident with the annual crisis of solar magnetic perturbations. Low barometer and electrical storms will begin in western parts by the 9th, and during the 10th to the 13th, storms of marked force will be natural in most parts of the country, moving, of course, in regular order from west to east. The combined periods of earth and Mars bear forcibly on this period, greatly increasing probabilities of West India storms. High barometer and blizzards from the northwest will wind up this period, bringing change to much colder to most parts of the country.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 15th, 16th and 17th. This period leads directly into the Venus period, combined with the growing Mars disturbances, and near the center of earth's equinox. The character of storms and weather at this time is problematical, as the Mars influence will begin to dominate the elements, and it cannot be positively foreseen which way its influence will turn. In any event, the storm days will show an excess of perturbations—that is, storms of rain, thunder and wind, or of snow and boreal winds will be of very decided character. We believe that the latter will prevail, and that the Mars influence about this time will set a winter pace which will characterize the weather generally far into April.

A regular storm period is central on the 21st, covering the 19th to the 23rd. This is also at the center of the vernal equinox, and on the 21st the moon is both in perigee and on the celestial equator. A phenomenally low barometer, great humidity and high temperature will be a warning of violent storms anywhere from Friday, the 19th, to Tuesday, the 23rd, notably on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. In all probability this period will first bring storms of vicious Venus lightning and thunder, high winds and possible tornadoes to the southward, all followed by furious gales from the Northwest, with blockading blizzards and drifts of snow. Very low barometer anywhere in the Gulf region must be regarded as an omen of possible West India cyclones. This period, 19th to 23rd, constitutes the most marked seismic period of the month. Watch telegraphic reports on and about the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. If a decided windy aspect does not attend and follow the storms of this period, the remainder of Mars will probably bring weather of warmer type. Whatever is at this time will foreshadow, in a large degree, what may be expected far into April.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 27th, 28th and 29th, with the moon at first quarter and extreme north declinations. On account of the prevailing periods of Venus, earth and Mars, there will be con-

TOOK SIX—GOT WELL.

Mrs. R. C. Small, of Ottawa, certainly ought to know a lot about Rheumatism. Goodness knows, she suffered long enough. For years, she was almost a cripple and at times, the pain was so severe that she was compelled to lie helpless in bed. "About a year ago," writes Mrs. Small, "I saw Fruit-a-lives advertised and decided to try them for my Rheumatism. After I had taken two boxes, I was much better. I took six boxes in all—have had no pain for over six months—and feel that I am completely cured. I have gained over ten pounds in weight and am strong and well." And yet there are some people suffering with Rheumatism, who have not given "Fruit-a-lives" a fair trial. Perhaps they don't want to get well. "Fruit-a-lives" are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all troubles arising from impure blood. Six boxes, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c. At all dealers or from Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

stant tendency to storms and unsettled weather all through this part of March. But the barometer will show decided storm conditions about 27th, to 29th, and storms of rain, turning to snow in northern parts will march eastward over the country.

Household Hints of General Interest

Little Pointers That May Save Our Lady Friends Many Worries

—A good paste may be made by combining chopped stuffed olives and cream cheese, working the two together until they form a comparatively smooth paste. Served with wafers or crackers this is delicious.

—To candy fruit for immediate use make a syrup which will crackle in a glass of water. Dip each piece of fruit with a fork into the taffy, then drop into a plate of powdered sugar. Use a spoon to dip juicy fruit.

—A candy that is much appreciated at a mid-winter dinner is made of fresh strawberries covered with a thick cream fondant. As most people expect to bite into a grape or fruit, the strawberry is a pleasant surprise.

—Buy a coarse grey blanket if you do not have one and keep it to place on the floor when the baby is playing there. Put the toys on it, and if necessary to quickly clean the room of toys pick up the blanket.

—To turn out a jelly. Slightly grease jelly moulds with butter and when the jelly or pudding is to be taken out, plunge the mould into hot water and remove at once.

—To remove ink from boots, valuable papers and the like, a solution of water and oxalic acid, citric, tartar or any sour acid can be applied to the blemish, and while often the process has to be repeated, it will finally remove the blemish.

—Before using new gas mantles, soak them in vinegar and hang them up to dry. When quite dry put them on the burners. In this way a brilliant white light is obtained, and the burners will last twice as long as usual, even in draughty places.

—It was chance that hit a way to improve the somewhat tasteless celery salad with mayonnaise. One night at dinner a woman cut up small blocks of her cranberry jelly among the celery, and was delighted with the results, both in looks and taste.

—After flanellette articles have been washed, they should be rinsed in water in which 1 oz. of alum or sal ammoniac has been dissolved. This little precaution will make them non-inflammable, and may be the means of saving many little lives.

—A good food for making the hair grow is to rub a little castor oil or olive oil well into the roots of the hair. This should be done at night and thoroughly rinsed out the following morning, else the hair will not have a pleasant odor. This treatment should not be given too often, just once in a while.

—To make "monkey faces," take one-half cup of butter, one cup sugar, one cup molasses, one cup cold water, two eggs beaten, two teaspoon soda, one teaspoon cinnamon, one teaspoon cloves, five cups flour. Drop from spoon into tins and use raisins on top to form the eyes and nose.

Peterboro Men on the Job

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—A large deputation representing the County of Peterborough, and the Town of Bobcaygeon was here today. They were received by the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Railways and asked for the construction of a bridge across an arm of Pigeon Lake, which separates the Counties of Peterborough and Victoria. They were entertained at dinner tonight by Hon. J. R. Stratton.

Horse Receives Bad Kick

Mr. Robert Irwin, of the 14th concession of Manvers, had a valuable horse badly lacerated by a kick from another animal a few days ago. He had refused \$200 for the animal.

—The work on the Vestry at St. Mary's church will be completed in a few days.

Cellar Tenement of Berlin

Where 90,000 People Dwell Underground

The law in Berlin requires that, with some variations according to the height of his building, the width of the street and the quarter, a man shall build upon only two thirds of his land, and leave the rest for courts. In the houses of the middle class trees and flowers and statuary fill these courts. Sometimes little fountains spring up in them. And in the average tenement the court is bare and dreary, it is in the greater number of buildings paved and orderly, as clean as asphalt can be swept. Far more light and air, far more cleanliness, the owner of a tenement-house building must give his tenants in Berlin than in New York. One need never light a match to find the light shaft, as a tenement-house commissioner with a sense of humor sometimes does in New York. There rows of buildings like our dumb-bell tenements, with ten rooms out of fourteen on every floor dark and the gas burning splendid aspect to the street. Even in the places where people were dying of starvation the sunlight lay in a block upon the floor. The halls were scoured white; the rooms were clean, and also the people themselves.

Never indeed did any place wear better outside than Berlin. It is said that Frederick the Great, when he presented his people with building sites, stipulated that however modest the buildings erected, they must present a splendid aspect to the street. Even the old Scheunenviertel—the place of barns—which has been the stronghold of thieves and cutthroats, lies there full of sun, with its house fronts gay and trim, and almost of any hour of the day one may find it glistening from its bath. It is the subterranean and internal life of this imperial city of Prussia, behind the walls and under the earth, which is yet unreachably regulated.

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO

What Booth's Kidney Pills are Doing for Uxbridge People

All the blood in the body passes through the Kidneys every three minutes. The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day to daily remove about 500 grains of impure matter. If they fail some part of this impure matter is left in the blood, bringing on pain in the back, headache, dizziness, irregular heart, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gravel, dropsy, deposits of the urine. Booth's Kidney Pills make the filtering right and overcomes kidney trouble. Hundreds of Ontario county residents have found this out.

Walter Watt, of Uxbridge, Ont., says: "I have used Booth's Kidney Pills and have received much benefit. I am very willing to add my testimony to that of others I suffered from urinary trouble and my back pained me constantly. I could lift or work only with considerable pain and suffering. I determined to give Booth's Kidney Pills a trial and obtained same from Willis' Drug Store. I was benefited at once and continued taking them and am glad to say I am entirely relieved, having no more trouble. They are all right." Sold by dealers. Price 50 cents. The R. T. Booth Co., Ltd., Fort Erie, Ont., sole Canadian agents.

A Bank at Oakwood

According to the Millbrook Reporter, Oakwood is to have a branch of the Bank of Montreal. It says: We understand that instructions have been sent from head office to close down the office of the Bank of Montreal here on Saturday night. This will be regretted by all who are interested in the progress of Millbrook yet must be accepted without complaint, we suppose. No doubt the office was not making expected profits or it would have remained here. The intention is to open in Oakwood, we understand. The staff will be here for a week or so yet to wind up business.

Will Run from Lindsay to the Point

At the opening of navigation on the Scugog river it is the intention of the owners of the steamer Kathleen to run that craft on the Lindsay to Sturgeon Point route. The boat will be fitted up in good shape and will run on scheduled time. Captain Elliott will be in charge.

—Friends of Hugh F. Rowe, who was found dead in his home at Port Arthur, from alcoholic poisoning, are asking for an inquest.

—John H. Putterhill, general secretary of the London, Eng., Y. M. C. A., died suddenly in London Thursday.

Peterboro's Flood Threatened Bridge

Water Flowed Over the Streets and Caused Considerable Inconvenience

Peterboro, Feb. 25.—The rain on Tuesday and Wednesday morning proved too much for the creek running through Peterboro, and the water rose rapidly, with the result that the ice was broken and the annual spring freshet was at hand. Residents in the neighborhood of Murray street between Bethune and Stewart streets had their annual trouble with the rising water. There was a big ice jam at the bridge on Bethune street, the ice piling up against the support in large pieces which became tightly wedged together as more ice was swept along by the current. So bad was the jam that it was feared that the bridge might be carried away, and the G. T. R. section men in the neighborhood were hurriedly sent for to avert the trouble.

As a result of the jam the water flowed over Murray street below Stewart and flooded the cellars and back yards in the neighborhood. Mrs. Sullivan's house, which is just across the road from the creek, had to bear the brunt of the attack and the water invaded the kitchen as well as the cellar. Other cellars near at hand were flooded, and there will be some damage done to the contents.

The conditions are much better today. Dynamite was made use of yesterday afternoon and the jam at the bridge was broken which immediately relieved the situation. This morning although the water was still above its normal level and was rushing along madly it has dropped many feet from Wednesday's mark.

Municipalities Will Draw Interest

Beaverton and Thorah Will Benefit from \$50,000 Loan to Railway

This year for the first time the township of Thorah and the village of Beaverton will enjoy without encumbrance the income from the loan of \$50,000 made about forty years ago to the Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Railway, which is now a portion of the Grand Trunk. The municipalities hold a first mortgage on the road from Port Hope to Beaverton to cover the interest on the loan which was granted in perpetuity at an annual interest of three per cent. The loan was granted and confirmed by a special act of parliament and stands secure.—Orillia News Letter.

To Double Track Midland Railway

Land Has Been Purchased from Midland to Silver Creek

The work of double-tracking the Midland division of the Grand Trunk Railway from Midland to Belleville, so long spoken of, will probably be commenced this spring. Land has been purchased from Midland to Silver Creek, and from that point to the Muskoka road crossing a divergence may be made so as to avoid the heavy grade. A survey has been made carrying the line much nearer the lake shore, and once the route is adopted and it is decided to commence operations, it is said 1,500 men will be put on and the work rushed through.

There is also a possibility of the G.T.R. putting a line of steamers on the great lakes to carry grain to their own elevators at Tiffin. Last fall as many as twenty-four train loads of grain a day were shipped over this division. These trains averaged 24 cars and each carried 1,000 to 1,200 bushels of grain.—Orillia Times.

May Buy the Esturion

The Post has been informed that several well known local gentlemen are interesting themselves in the formation of a company for the purchase of the steamer Esturion from the Trent Valley Navigation Company.

A number of citizens were interviewed Thursday and they expressed a willingness to consider the proposition. The intention is to secure the craft for the purpose of looking after the Sturgeon Point traffic, and the excursion trade.

—There is no truth in the rumor that a lock out has occurred at Horn Bros. woollen mill. Owing to the vast number of book agents who have been visiting the industry and taking up the employees time, the firm was obliged to put up the "no admittance" sign. This is what probably started the rumor.

Keswick is Sold to Hillsdale Man

The Famous Blood Stallion Has Been Disposed of—Has a Wide Reputation

Keswick, the celebrated blood stallion, owned by his Worship Mayor Begg, and Mr. C. Lindsay, was sold on Wednesday to Mr. John Faragher of Hillsdale, Ont., and was shipped to that place Thursday.

Keswick is a stallion with a provincial reputation, and is considered to be one of the most valuable horses in Canada. It was owned by Mr. George Curtis, of Lindsay, for a number of years, and its late owners had it for a period of one year.

The news of the departure of Keswick from this district will be received with surprise and regret by horse fanciers and the purchaser is to be congratulated on securing such a valuable animal.

A great deal could be written on the splendid qualities of this stallion but its record speaks for itself. He is the sire of Maud Keswick, (2,032) the racer who at the Lindsay winter races lowered the mile record on the local track. He is also the sire of Harry K., who went to Montreal last fall and won three races in one week in three straight heats, getting a mark of 2.16. Four Keswick colts were recently shipped to Winnipeg selling for \$950, and another mare raised by Mr. John Lynch, of South Ops, sold for \$1500.

As a racer Keswick has stepped miles in 2.09, and also won the gold medal in sweepstakes at Toronto exhibition.

Mr. Faragher, the purchaser, handles first class horses and the acquisition of such a valuable animal will tend to materially improve the quality of horse flesh in the district in which he resides.

Opportunity for a Lindsay Syndicate

Esturion Will be Sold Cheap—A Company Might be Formed Here to Run Her

Mr. W. W. Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, manager of the Trent Valley Navigation Co., was here Thursday on business. When asked by The Post representative if the company would run the steamer Esturion the coming summer he said, "You may state that the Esturion will not be put in commission by our company next season, but will be sold at the first opportunity, as we do not wish to continue the business." He suggested that a company could be organized in Lindsay to run the steamer, and thought it would be able to make good interest on their investment by looking after the Sturgeon Point traffic and the excursion trade. He said the Esturion will be sold cheap, as the company would not continue the business.

Bracing the Bridge on Wellington-st.

Structure in Shaky Condition, but is Being Made Safe Temporarily

Mr. Ritchie, contractor on the new locks and dam has a staff of men engaged making temporary improvements to the Wellington street bridge. The structure is being braced and strengthened by the addition of new timbers in order to have it fit for traffic for at least three months.

"I would not believe the bridge was in such a rotten condition" said one of the staff to a Post reporter and an investigation certainly revealed the fact that the structure was positively unsafe for traffic.

A huge piece of green pine timber, some 30 feet in length, which will be used on the new bridge was taken to Mr. J. Carew's millyard Friday to be hewn. It was cut on Mr. Carew's limits on the Kennedy farm, about six miles southeast of town.

Mr. Ritchie, who is in Parry Sound at present, has the contract for the abutments. The government has not, as yet, awarded the contract for the bridge.

—The C. P. R. has let the contract for a \$100,000 elevator at Victoria Harbor.

—Brechin is now a public village.

—David McMahon, of Reaboro, has sold his Keswick mare to Bert Weese of Lindsay.

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