

Superstition of Railway People

Reporters of daily newspapers are not technically educated men. When they attempt to describe accidents that happen to cars and locomotives they sometimes make fearful blunders, but we ought not to blame them severely. They are like the artists in a Western resort, where a notice was displayed reading "Please don't shoot the musicians; they are doing their best."

A reporter gifted with imagination is a kind of literary engineer, where he gathers strange items of information that are sometimes curious if not startling. Lately he discovered many superstitions and amazing beliefs cherished exclusively by railway men. Engineers and firemen are said to hold a monopoly of certain superstitions. They never have confidence in a locomotive that has been in an accident. No matter in what condition the engine may be in, or to what use it may be assigned, they would rather go out with the worst scrap of metal belonging to the road or the engine than run, so long as the engine had escaped any accident. Another superstition this reporter heard of was the direction in which the engine was turned on the turntable. Some of the men prefer turning to the right, others to the left, and they are as particular about it as the Mussulman is about facing the east when howling his evening prayers. Many engineers, he says, make a point of being present whenever their engines are turned in order to assure themselves that it is done the right way, or if in their absence it has been wrongly done, they will have it set right before commencing to climb into the cab. Numerous accidents are attributed to engines being turned from east to west with the front buffers toward the north.

One should never step into the engine with the right foot first. Equally serious would be the consequences of climbing out of the cab on the right side in order to oil the engine. Such a mistake would certainly result in an accident sooner or later. There seems also to be a prejudice against locomotives whose numbers contain the figure 9 or can be equally divided into that number. There is no apparent reason for this, and nothing to explain why the generally acknowledged ominousness of 9 is disregarded. But 9 is distinctly emphatically by many workers in locomotive cabs.

One will sometimes see a track worker who has stumbled in crossing a rail again with sure feet. To stumble over a rail is productive of misfortune, and the only way to ward off disaster is to take the step with care. Cross-eyed men are unpopular. Some support to this superstition is discoverable in the story of a gang of track layers, who, during the ten months' presence among them of a cross-eyed man, lost nine of their number by accidents on the job, so it is said, and the cross-eyed man himself was killed as the last victim.

All persons engaged in dangerous occupations are naturally superstitious, and railway men may be classified with sailors, fishermen and miners in this respect. It is not difficult to work up signs that would arouse the apprehension of engineers or others liable to meet with serious accidents. We never heard of the superstitions mentioned by the imaginative reporter, but we have known engineers in the Old Country would be thrown into tremors of apprehension if a hare crossed the track when they were starting on a trip, and who would be frightened away on hearing the scream of a crow. Belief in some form of the supernatural afflicts most members of the human race, and the reputed witch of Endor, the prophecies of Macbeth and the antics of the gang in Alloway's Auld Kirk keep all superstitious people in a good company.—Railway and Locomotive Engineering.

Meeting of Board of Health

A meeting of the Board of Health was held Thursday evening in the town clerk's office. There were present: Messrs. A. Horne, chairman, J. Keith, Mills, Williamson, Dr. McAlpine, M. H. O., and Sanitary Inspector Douglas.

ACCOUNTS

An account of W. G. Dunoon for \$22.95 was ordered to be paid, which included \$1.50 for bichloride for the Parks family to be certified by the sanitary inspector.

Dr. J. M. Woods' account of \$29 for thirteen visits and twenty-nine vaccinations during the recent small-pox case was also ordered to be paid.

THE MILK QUESTION

On motion of Messrs. Keith and Mills the following resolution was adopted:

That we, the members of the Board of Health, request the municipal council of the town of Lindsay to pass a bylaw regulating the sale of milk in the said town. That no milk sold or offered for sale within the corporation must be under 3 per cent. butter fat, to be regulated by the act Chap. 252, R. S. O., 1897, and appoint to test said milk and report to the sanitary inspector or the chief of police, who shall prosecute in case of violation.

USING DYNAMITE HOUSE

A complaint was made to the effect that the old dynamite house in rear of the northwest side of Kent st. was being used by parties as a closet. It was pointed out that it was the duty of the sanitary inspector to see that all the business places were provided with closets as requested by law. The old dynamite house will be razed to the ground.

The Presbyterian Society Session

W. F. M. S. Held a Splendid Meeting at Sunderland on Thursday

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterian Society of the W. F. M. S. was held at Sunderland on Thursday. There was a large attendance of representatives and the different sessions were deeply interesting. Mr. Goforth, of China, was present, and delivered two strong addresses, one at the afternoon session and one in the evening. The election of officers took place at the morning session, and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Thos. Stewart, Lindsay.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. D. Macdougall, Lindsay.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Mann, Woodville.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. McPhail, Manilla.

4th Vice-President—Mrs. Lord, Fenelon Falls.

5th Vice-President—Mrs. Gordon, Uxbridge.

Treasurer—Mrs. Alex. Horn, Lindsay.

Recording Sec.—Mrs. Willis, Uxbridge.

Corresponding Sec.—Mrs. Edwards, Woodville.

Literature Sec.—Mrs. Slight, Lindsay.

Mission Band Sec.—Mrs. Baldwin, Sunderland.

Supply Sec.—Mrs. Gilbertson, Beaverton.

Motor League Erects Signs

Hundreds of Signs Will be Placed on Country Roads

The Ontario Motor League will this year put up between 600 and 700 signs in different parts of the province.

Three different kinds of signs are being posted up; one showing the number of miles to towns in opposite directions, another indicating points of danger, such as bad hills, or railway crossings, and a third to show the direction to towns and cities.

The Automobile Clubs of Hamilton, Ottawa, London, Kingston and Toronto are co-operating with the league in distributing and erecting the signs.

The First Drive

The first drive of logs of the season went down the slide at Fenelon Falls on Friday. They belong to Baker & Bryans, Lindsay.

Are Diseased Cattle Sold?

It is Alleged a Number Were Shipped from Here to Montreal

A member of the Board of Health stated Thursday evening he had been informed that there was recently sold in this district a number of cattle afflicted with lumpy jaw, and tubercular trouble. They had, he understood, been shipped, but upon arriving in Montreal the diseased cattle were spotted.

This is a serious state of affairs, if true, and strongly emphasizes the necessity of the appointment of a veterinary inspector.

Wage Ware on the Burdocks

They are an Eye Sore to Both Residents and Visitors

The burdock forests that are allowed to flourish year after year on the streets and in front and back yards of this town are an eye-sore to both residents and visitors. It is perhaps not generally known that the burdock is very easily eradicated. The large leaves are the lungs of its system while the roots forage in the ground for the nourishment required to supply plant life. Take any kind of a sharp tool—a knife, a spade or a spud—and cut the leaf part of an inch or so below the ground. If this operation is properly performed the result will be a dead burdock. It would only take a few minutes now and again to administer this treatment to all the burdocks and other large weeds within your jurisdiction, and the improvement in the appearance of the premises will be sufficient to give any one perfect satisfaction for the expenditure of time and effort. Try it this spring and summer.

Look Out for These Sharpers

Farmers, beware of the smooth-tongued swindler, whose latest scheme is to go to a farmer and tell him that his stock must be examined for foot and mouth disease, demanding a sum of money for the alleged inspection. They have been working in the western part of the province. See that all inspectors who call produce credentials, showing their official appointment—and don't pay them, the Government does that.

Were Detected Stealing Canoes

Two Men Forced Entrance Into a Boat House and Stole Boats

Thursday morning the boathouse belonging to Mr. Rhys Williams, which is situated on the Scugog riv. er just outside of the town limits was broken into by thieves and two handsome canoes were stolen. The thieves gained an entrance to the house by prying off boards at the back of the boat house. They then unlocked the door and took the two canoes. The thieves were seen by parties who at once informed the owner. Prosecutions will follow shortly.

Cottagers Busy at the Point

Lindsay's Popular Resort a Busy Spot These Days

Sturgeon Point is already taking on its summer garb, and the cottagers are getting their premises in shape for the season.

Mrs. Walkey is already on the ground, and is painting, papering, and cleaning and putting her store in first class shape in anticipation of a busy season. She has already her new stock on the shelves, and everything is already looking spick and span. Jimmie is her very able assistant.

Mr. Mallot has opened his cottage.

Mr. John Dickson will open his boarding house this week.

Mr. Leggett and family are already domiciled in their cottage.

Mr. F. C. Taylor is putting up a very handsome verandah to his cottage. The work is being done by Mr. Ben Cook, of Lindsay.

The Kathleen is now making daily trips. The spring flowers are out in great profusion.

Will Establish Students' Home

Knights of Columbus Will Raise 25,000 for That Purpose

The State Council of the Knights of Columbus which convened last week in Lindsay, decided to bear the cost of the erection of a home for Roman Catholic students attending the University of Toronto. The State Council of the order have approved of the project and adopted it as their own special work. The sum of \$25,000 will be raised for the purpose, and a committee has been appointed by the State Council to work out the details of the scheme, by which this fund may be raised, and also to bring before the subordinate councils the reasons for speedy and generous action.

The committee, which is composed of State Deputy O. K. Fraser, Brockville; Past State Deputy Daniel O'Connell, K. C., Peterboro, and Mr. Jas. E. Day, K. C., Toronto, will proceed immediately to raise the fund. The memorial presented to the order set forth that there are between 4,000 and 5,000 students enrolled at the University of Toronto—the second largest in the world; that about 150 of them are Roman Catholics, and the proportion is yearly increasing. It has been the desire of Archbishop McEvay to establish a home where such students may be enrolled, have all the advantages of a home, and the services of a chaplain, who would give them the instructions and care they need at this formative period of their lives.

The Release of Charles McGill

Petition is in Circulation in Toronto and Ottawa

Perhaps Chas. McGill, of Peterboro may be a free man this summer, relieved from the burden of three more years' servitude in Kingston penitentiary for making false returns in the books of the Ontario bank, of which he was manager. At all events, a petition is being circulated with a view to securing his release. Those promoting the move are saying very little about it just now, but have succeeded in getting a good many signatures, including those of twenty members of parliament, and the manager of a leading Toronto bank.

Efforts have been made to secure the endorsement of members of the Board of Trade. Some have been successful.

McGill was sentenced in March, 1907, to five year's imprisonment.—Star.

Oakwood Man Had Runaway

Team Left Wagon in the Ditch at the Corner of Bond and Adelaide-sts

On Wednesday about eight o'clock a team of horses hitched to a big, heavy wagon, and belonging to a farmer near Oakwood, came tearing up Bond-st. with no driver behind them. The team was covered with sweat and were galloping at their fastest pace. At the corner of Bond and Adelaide they turned sharply, upsetting the rig and leaving it in the ditch. They then galloped on, but being nearly fagged out they were easily stopped near the sand-pits by a man who heard the team coming. The team had been left standing at the Sylvester foundry, and at once took a notion to start for home. The harness was badly wrecked and the wagon destroyed considerably.

Went Into Sewer

The town road roller which has been operating of William-st. for the past day or so, ran amuck on Regent-st. Thursday afternoon and sank into the sewer in front of the residence of Mr. A. Parkin. The town has recently put in a sewer on that street, and the weight of the roller was too much for the roadbed to bear. It will take a little manoeuvring to extricate it.

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Tale of the Indian Mutiny

Heroism Far Beyond That of the Battle Field

Now and again one hears of courage which surpasses that of the mere fighter. The British soldiers, whose story is told by W. S. Burrell and Edith E. Cuthbert in Indian Memories, showed a heroism which went far beyond that of the battle field. The occasion was that after a victory near Bareilly, and the British had all day been driving the Sepoy mutineers out of the small hamlets. The task over, weary and heated and consumed by terrible thirst, the company dragged themselves to a well, the only one in the vicinity. To their horror, they discovered that a number of native women had taken refuge in the well with their little babies. The mothers, overcome, had sunk down to drown, but had propped the babies on their bodies so that the little heads were out of water. Of course the water was undrinkable, and would be for some time to come.

Few can conceive what hot weather in Indian up-country is like. The thermometer bursts, the flying foxes hang motionless by one leg in the shade, and the very crows sit and gasp with wings outstretched.

On such a day the battle raged. At night the army must bivouac on the hardy won field and lie down in their tracks. With blistered feet and straining pulses the soldiers reach the well. Crazy for the cool water, they make this awful discovery.

Looking down they see the small, round black heads of the Indian babies. Then to their eyes comes a moaning cry, a little wail of weakness and suffering.

The captain looked at his men. Instantly the tired, eager soldiers, started into eager solicitude of word and action. In a short time eight tiny babies lay huddled, shivering and writhing on the dry earth.

Then, once more, the question of drink and food became foremost. At that moment a faint tinkle, tinkle was heard, and there came into sight a herd of milk goats, browsing their way homeward through the twilight, unguarded save by the bell-nanny at the head.

With a shout of eagerness and relief the whole company threw themselves on the herd. They were not so easy to catch, but at last most of them were captured, and pannikins were quickly filled.

Meanwhile the warm air had revived the babies, and a cry, great and doleful, burst from them—a cry of motherless and starving helplessness. Again the captain looked at his men. Then he spoke:

"Soldiers, you have fought for and earned everything you have or could possibly get this day. I don't order you, I don't even ask you—only these children's mothers have been drowned—and these children are starving."

The men gazed at the babies. In a twinkling every baby had a big, bearded nurse to hold it, and another big, bearded under-nurse to hold the pannikin of milk to its little mouth. The long drafts of rich milk were given clumsily, but tenderly.

The captain, big, strong Englishman that he was, turned from the sight with a sob. Then he drew himself up with pride to think how he had the honor of leading and fighting with such men as these.

Annual Meeting of the Y.M.C.A.

Prospects Most Encouraging for This Estimable Organization

Last night the Young Men's Christian Association held its annual meeting. Each committee presented a report of the years' work. The reports were all gratifying.

The following were unanimously elected to fill the eight vacancies on the Board of Directors—

J. E. Billingsley.
A. L. Campbell.
Alex. Clarke.
P. Ferguson.
L. R. Knight.
A. D. Kitchener.
E. E. W. McGaffey.
Dr. White.

Much of the success of the past year has been due to the faithfulness and untiring energies of the President Dr. H. V. Pogde.

Im retiring from the presidency Dr. Pogde spoke of the pleasure he had in the work of the Association and

thanked the Board of Directors for the loyal support they had given him and the work.

Dr. White was unanimously elected as President for the coming year. Dr. White has a large and extended practise. His marked executive ability and his congenial manner makes him in great demand. Although the doctor is burdened now with public offices his deep interest in the Y. M. C. A. and the unanimous urging of the directors won from him his consent to take the chair.


The Association is to be complimented in securing Dr. White as president.

A Mean Theft

A farmer who drove into town a few days ago and left his horse in one of the church sheds, was very much surprised to find on his return that a number of ornamental pieces from off his harness had been stolen during his absence. He complained to the chief of police, but as no clue was left it is not thought that the thief will be found out.

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