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Fell Thirty Feet from Top of Pole

Lakefield Man Got an Awful Fall on the Frozen Road

In Lakefield on Thursday afternoon Mr. Wm. Leggett met with a bad accident while working on an electric light pole. He was fixing some wires in front of the new Methodist church when a wire broke, throwing him to the ground from a height of about thirty feet.

Christmas Fair at Little Britain

Proves to be an Unqualified Success—Many Exhibits

The Christmas market fair held at Little Britain last Friday afternoon was an unqualified success both from the standpoint of attendance and also in the number of exhibits. The fair started at one o'clock and the judges were Messrs. B. L. McLean and T. J. Spratt, of Lindsay.

In the evening Col. Sam Hughes gave an illustrated lecture in the I. O. O. F. hall on scenes from greater Britain. The lecture was interspersed with songs, and recitations. The committee in charge of the fair is to be congratulated on the success achieved.

Advice to Amateur Poultry Fanciers

Mr. D. C. Trew Tells the Inexperienced Ones to Keep Their Eyes Open and Think

I will briefly give a few points of my experience as a poultry fancier and a breeder. I may say, from my boyhood I have been a great lover of pets of every kind, and especially pets of the feathered tribe. In order that a young man should meet with success he should choose what is most congenial to him, and what is best adapted for him, and with a strong will and determination, success eight times out of ten will be the result.

Black Watch Chewing Tobacco The big black plug.

fingers to play a tune, but that will not make a musician out of you. Now to admirers and beginners, the most important requirement is to make up your mind, and then select a breed and study the standard carefully.

A breeder should be familiar with the defects that disqualify a bird. An amateur will have his hands full with one variety, and in keeping it right will be more successful than by keeping half a dozen varieties. Take advice from those that have paid dearly for their experiences, and do not get discouraged, if you are not successful at exhibitions for the first year or two.

Do not change the breed because they have not come up to your expectations. Have good staying power. A visit to winter shows is a good education, as birds at that time are at their best. You will then see whether your birds are up to the standard and where they need improvement.

After a hard day's work on the farm, in the store, or office, what pleasure it affords to attend to a fine flock, and when we consider the profits which are realized when properly conducted these should be sufficient to induce every poultry breeder to make it a special study.

Give plenty of good clean food, and keep plenty of fresh water in drinking vessels. At all times their quarters should be kept clean and well ventilated, and above all things do not overcrowd. Method and regularity is a strong team in the poultry business, and eternal vigilance is the only safe way to make the poultry business a success.

D. C. TREW. P. S.—I will give you a tonic for the discouraged feeling often found with those raising poultry. Take equal parts of "keep your eyes open and think." Mix with twice the quantity of "hustle" and take unlimited doses.

Smith Has Been Seen at Bethany

Young Man Who Robbed Mr. Davidson was Given a Lift

Information has reached town that the young man named Smith, who broke into the residence of Mrs. T. Davidson, of Manvers, on Tuesday, and committed the theft of \$25, was seen yesterday at Bethany. Mr. James McKinnon, proprietor of the temperance hotel at that place, gave the young man a ride in his cutter, and he informed him that he was trying to reach Lindsay in order to purchase some clothes.

Local Artist's Splendid Work

Beautiful Exhibit of Paintings from the Brush of Miss M. McHugh

The statement has frequently been made that Lindsay is somewhat backward in art when compared with other centres of equal size and importance. There may be some grounds for this assertion, but the fact is not generally known, that the town possesses a young lady of splendid ability who bids fair to make a name for herself as an artist, but who possesses a characteristic so prominent in some masters—a modesty regarding their achievements in the world of art.

There are on view in the window of Mr. Wm. A. Goodwin, thirteen beautiful paintings from the brush of Miss M. McHugh, daughter of Senator McHugh, and the large number of citizens who admired the exhibit to-day were surprised to learn that the paintings were the product of a local young lady.

One of the subjects is in pastel—a collection of eight oranges. The color effects are beautifully brought out in this exhibit. The other subjects are water-color works. Miss McHugh having only taken the work up during the past year her touch is of the miniature style, and not of the broad style.

lightly effective and not in the least degree overdone. Miss McHugh's figure work will certainly stand comparison with similar work of the best artists. She is a pupil of the art department of St. Joseph's Academy. The different paintings have been beautifully framed by Mr. Goodwin, and will be exhibited for the next few days.

Admits Opening Railway Switch

Man Responsible for the Sandbank Wreck Sent Up for Trial

Bowmanville, Dec. 17.—W. C. Read, the brakeman who opened the switch at Sandbank Nov. 23 on the C. P. R. is committed for trial.

The preliminary trial of brakeman Read took place this morning. W. F. Kerr, county crown attorney Cobourg, represented the Crown. John G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, was counsel for defendant. G. A. Walker, Toronto, represented the C.P.R.

Read pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal negligence, and asked to be given a jury trial. NO. 55 RUNNING HOUR LATE. Eber Cole Knapp, West Toronto, conductor train No. 54, said he received the order at Myrtle that No. 55, coming west, would run an hour late.

No. 55 was the Superior train. Edward Finlay was the engineer of No. 55. He found him dead after the collision. Mr. O'Donoghue admitted that defendant opened the east switch, Knapp said he did not intrust Read to open that switch. The switch should not have been opened till No. 55 passed. Read had no right to open it without order from conductor or engineer. Read was front brakeman, and it was his duty to open the switch when the train was to leave. The company's rule No. 4 was read respecting switches.

A COMMON PRACTICE Cross-examined by Mr. O'Donoghue witness admitted that brakeman commonly opened and closed switches when they understand what they are doing. It was no breach of duty to open a switch to let No. 54 into siding. He did not reprove him for it; he admitted that the conductor and engineer are responsible for the safety of the train on sidings, and the conductor is supposed to see that the switches are right.

No light was burning at the west end when his train went on the siding and when he went to the east switch after the accident no light was burning there. In reply to the question, "If you had been watching the east switch would this accident have occurred?" he said, "No."

A STOP SIGNAL Rule 27 was quoted to the effect that the absence of the switch light is in itself a stop signal so that Finlay should have stopped his train as he should have been watching for this siding. The night was dark, but not foggy. In reply to a question by Mr. Kerr witness said that this collision would not have occurred if the east switch had not been left open. After hearing further evidence, Magistrate Horsey committed Read for trial at the June Sessions.

Transfer of the Farmers Bank Mr. S. T. Fitchett, accountant at the Farmers' Bank here, has been transferred to the bank's branch at Southampton, where he is to occupy a higher position. Mr. E. H. Benson, of Toronto, is to fill the vacancy here.

Elevated Little Harold was taken to church for the first time. The choir loft was above the pulpit. On the return home Harold sprung the following query upon his mother: "Why do all those folks sit on the mantle-piece?"—The January Delineator.

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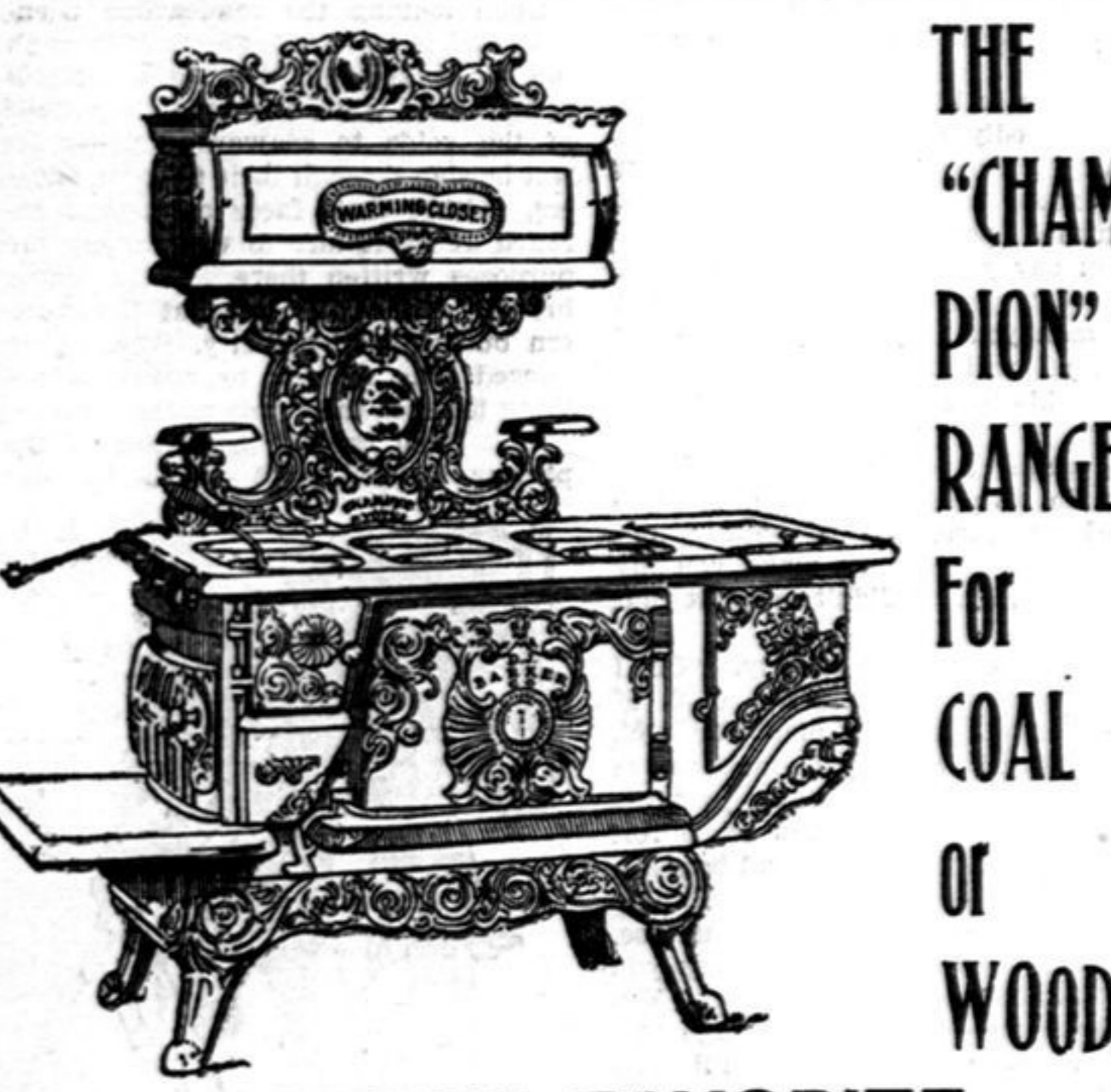
Violating the Liquor Law A county police court case was held at Fenelon Falls Thursday. Mr. Geo. Deitman, of Kilmount, will be tried on a charge of selling liquor without a license. A large number of witnesses have been subpoenaed.

Christmas Fair at Little Britain A Christmas market fair will be held tomorrow at Little Britain, Messrs. B. L. McLean and T. Spratt of town will act as judges.

When cleaning stained knives take a piece of new potato, dip it into black dust and scour the knives; in this way the most obstinate stains will be removed. To try if eggs are fresh place them in a basin of water; if fresh they will sink, but if not so fresh they become more or less sunken; if stale they will float upon the top.

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The High Court of Justice Sittings Programme Which Has Been Arranged for Lindsay for Next Six Months

The circuit for the six months of 1909 for all the judges of the high court of justice, non jury and criminal courts have been arranged. Mr. Justice Meredith will preside at a non jury sittings in Lindsay on May 25th and Mr. Justice Britton will be the presiding judge at a jury sittings on April 6th.

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Nelson Blackwell, of London, was arrested on a charge of bigamy. Five cars of Christmas mail have reached Winnipeg from the east. Mrs. Samuel Reeves, born in Toronto 52 years ago, is dead at Hamilton.

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