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THE STORY OF A BRIDGE

We give this week some resume of the business occupying the attention of the county councillors last week, from which it might seem that everything was going very smoothly and as genially as the Christmas gathering of a happy family, but we learn from a friend at the county town that there were symptoms of a gathering storm all the week, which burst on Saturday morning in the council chamber, when one of the representatives of our district, Mr. Richardson, asked for information as to the cost of a bridge built since June last on the boundary line between Owen Sound and Sarawak. A report had been presented at the June session on the dangerous condition of the old bridge, and necessity for building a new one. The Warden, who was one of the commissioners for that division, on being asked in council the probable cost, had stated that he estimated the cost of a steel or iron bridge, which he recommended, at $500 to $600. It was brought up near the close of the June session, on the Friday evening, and the council deputed the commissioners to go on and build. Mr. Frost, one of the commissioners, asked the council or the Road and Bridge Committee, to go and see the situation and give more specific directions what kind of structure to build, but there being considerable unfinished business for Saturday morning, and from the statement of the Warden as to requirement, it was considered quite safe to leave it with the Warden and County Commissioner to build, using the economy which was considered necessary and which was being practiced all over the county. On the councillors arriving in Owen Sound last week they were astonished by the report that a bridge had been built at a cost of over $2000! and waited all the week to have the accounts placed before them. These had been asked for earlier in the week and the excuse given was that the engineer who superintended the work was out of town. Messrs. Richardson, McDonald and Allan spoke in scathing terms of censure of the extravagance, lack of judgment and apparent breach of trust with the Council in erecting a bridge of 40-ft. span, on a road comparatively little travelled, accommodating some dozen or so of farmers, at such enormous cost. We may refer to this again next week, when our county town exchanges are to hand, with fuller account of the debate. The blame seems to attach more particularly to the Warden, who is a practical builder and contractor, in his having mislead the Council, and who from his position as Warden should have especially safeguarded the interest of the whole county. If he thought to make himself solid with his Owen Sound constituents he has made a big mistake, as we learn that the citizens of Owen Sound condemn it as a foolish and unwarranted extravagance, calculated to prejudice them with the rest of the county,

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The past two years have been years of war in Anglo-Saxondom, but the beginning of the end for a time appears to be near. England's subjection of the Soudan now seems to be complete, with the Khalifa killed and his army completely destroyed, while the good news has been received that the insurgent government in the Phillipines is scattered to the four winds and little more fighting is expected to take place there. England is now making headway against the Boers and peace will probably once more reign next spring if other complications do not arise in the meantime.

Mr. J. Brooks, baker, met with a serious accident Friday night. About 11 o'clock he went to close the shutters on one of the windows of his residence over the store. In the window was a broken pane with part of the glass remaining in the sash. He raised this window to reach for the shutters and caught one shutter with the right hand below the window while he passed his left hand through the broken pane and caught the other shutter. While in this position the sash fell and the broken glass striking his left arm at the elbow cut a terrible gash clear to the bone severing muscle and arteries. Two doctors were hastily summoned, but before they arrived the wounded man lost a great deal of blood. In the operation which followed eleven stitches had to be used to close the wound. Mr. Brooks is progressing favorably.—Mt. Forest Rep.

Wm. Kerr, Loree, Collingwood township, has sued a neighbor, Thos. McMurchy, for slander, and the case was heard at Barrie last week.

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STRAYED

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Wm. A. MORTON,
Wareham P. O,

LAMBS ESTRAY

Came to the premises of the undersigned, about the middle of October, two lambs, but evidently not of the same flock. Owner or owners can have same by proving property and paying expenses.
J. K. JAMIESON,
Lot 29, con. 9, Artemesia, Eugenia P. O., Oct. 30, 1899.

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Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious

Business notices among locals will be charged at the rate of ten cents per line for each insertion. A reduction will be made on contracts for 100 lines or over.

Division Court was held in the Town Hall yesterday, Wednesday.

Straw wanted in exchange for manure. —R. P. Legate, Ceylon.

Money to loan on farm property at five per cent. free of costs. Bellamy & Henderson.

JERSEY CALF FOR SALE.—Pure bred Jersey Heifer calf, six months old Apply to W. W. Trimble.

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FOR SALE OR RENT.—House and two lots for sale or rent in Flesherton, good house and cheap rent. For information apply at this office.

LOT FOR SALE—35 acres, 1 mile from Flesherton. Well watered and good barn on it. Will sell on easy terms. Apply to W. A. Armstrong.

The Christian Endeavor held an at home for the benefit of the members of the E. L. of C. E. in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening. A program and games made a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. G. W. Taylor of Nelson, B. C., was a caller at The Advance office on Saturday, and desired us to thank the neighbors and friends of his parents who so kindly sympathized with and assisted them during the recent illness and death of the son and brother.

More new goods just in at the Trimble Millinery Rooms. As this is likely to be the last purchase for this season, we would solicit a call from any of the ladies who may not have ordered their hats. Several new designs in head gear constantly on exhibition.

Last weeks Durham Chronicle contained an interesting sketch from Frank Irwin, son of the propieter, who is with the American Army in the Phillipines. Frank has seen a good deal of the world since he went to school in Flesherton three years ago.

Mr. Donald Kennedy of Glenelg while hog killing got accidentally bitten on one finger by a pig. The member swelled up and a doctor's services were called in. The finger may yet have to be amputated. It is exceedingly painful and mortification is feared.

There is about four hundred dollars owing this office on subscription account alone, and we especially need this money. Will those in arrears kindly make an endeavor to square accounts during the next two weeks. This request applies to every subscriber in arrears. Look at your label.

Mrs. James Felstead of this place has a brother, Mr. Wm. Homes, with the Canadian force in Africa. Mr. Holmes was drill inspector of C company, Toronto. At the time that the African trip offered itself he was off on three months' leave but promptly offered himself and was accepted. Mrs. Felstead has a second brother, also of C company, with the regulars in the Yukon. The parents live at Creemore. Thus this family is pretty widely separated just at present.

The Owen Sound Sun in reporting the Council says: "Mr. Richardson is a thoroughly modern, liberal minded man, and it was through his efforts that Mr. Campbell was brought to address the Council."

You wish a first class farm and home paper? Then see the Weekly Sun before placing your order. A post card request sent to the Sun Office, Toronto, will secure for you four successive numbers of the Sun, free, and if at the end of that time you do not wish to subscribe your name will simply be dropped and there will be no charge whatever.

The mail bags were all carried past this station on Thursday last, occasioning disappointment as war news is anxiously looked for these days. However the bags were put off at Markdale and came back on a freight, Mr. Crossley making an extra trip to the station for them in the interest of the public from whom he received thanks.

Mr. David Clark of Cheboygan, Mich., was a caller with Councillor Guy of Maxwell on Monday. Mr Clark has been a resident of Cheboygan for the last fourteen years and is chief of police of that little city. He is an old resident of Osprey township and still owns a farm on the 6th con. Mr. Clark has been home visiting the old folks and returned to his duties in Cheboygan on Monday. We were pleased to meet and enjoy a half hour's chat with him.

Mr. Thos. Morrow of Glenelg, near Priceville, met with a frightful accident recently. While taking out a horse to water the animal caught his lower jaw in its teeth and tore the flesh and skin therefrom, including the lower lip, the whole being left hanging from one side, and one of the animal's teeth also penetrated his throat just under the jaw at the right side. A physician was called and a number of stitches put in and the whole scientificaly bandaged up. Mr. Morrow being an old man, it was feared would not pull through, but we understand that the wound, though a frightful one, is healing nicely.

Mr. Joseph Weber of Eugenia has just received his patent for an ingenious fruit emptier, a simple contrivance by which the picker may stand in the tree and lower fruit and empty it into a barrel or box beneath without bruising fruit or descending from the tree. The affair is simplicity itself, being nothing more or less than a rope or string with one end fastened to the pail bail and the other end attached to the bottom of the pail. When the pail is lowered a pull on the string turns the pail upside down and the fruit is thus released. Mr. Weber's patent completely covers this idea so that any infringement is impossible. Mr. Weber proposes selling patent rights and values his invention at $15,000. We trust he may be successful in acquiring a fortune from his bright idea.

A peculiar accident happened in town one evening last week. When three young lads were running down the sidewalk opposite Mrs. Trimble's millinery establishment one of them ran into a portly gentleman and knocked him down, while the lad brought up against a telegraph pole with such force that his nose is still twice the size of an ordinary, respectable nose. Another of the trio stumbled over the gentleman and went crash into another post with the result that his internal economy was so disarranged that he was unable to work for three days, and the third boy also took a header but without any serious consequences. The gentleman gathered himself up after the last hurricane had passed and helped to resurrect the two boys who had brought up against posts. The said gentleman was very sore next day from the bruises—in fact it is said some of these were as black as a Cole—but we believe all are now fully recovered. One of the boys discovered that Steel may sometimes get the worst of it when coming in contact with wood, and the other is no Flesher than he was before the accident.

Saw Logs Wanted

We want unlimited stocks at both Markdale and Rockvale mills the coming winter. Especially desired, soft and rock elm, basswood and large maple logs, at advanced prices, also will be pleased to purchase any or all other kinds of timber that our patrons wish to dispose of at the highest market value. Terms cash. For specifications and prices enquire at Rockvale mills or our head office, Markdale. ARMSTRONG BROS.

Created a Sensation

Last week at a certain country P. O., a well-known farmer received, with his mail, a large cardboard tube, about two feet long; he thought it a joke, but on opening it he was greatly surprised to find it contained the two beautiful pictures, "Battle of Alma," and "Pussy Willows," given to subscribers of the "Family Herald and Weekly Star," of Montreal. They were greatly admired. The farmer said he had read the "Family Herald and Weekly Star" for ten years and would not be without it for five dollars a year. He was a warm supporter of the "Family Herald," and explained that for one dollar he received the paper and both pictures. He easily induced four others present to become subscribers there and then and promised to see that they would also get the pictures.

Personals

Mr. Fred Mathewson returned recently from the Northwest and brought with him a couple of badger skins.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sled of Nottawasaga spent Sunday with relations in town.

Mr. Jas. Blackburn of Dunedin was a caller on Monday. Sorry to have been out.

Ex-Councillor John Bennewies of Dublin, Perth County, has been in town several days and paid his compliments to the Sun. Last June Mr. Bennewies bought a 200-acre farm in the township of Osprey, near Flesherton, and has just sold it to Messrs Keenan Bros., of this town, at an advance of $8000 on his investment. The land is heavily timbered with hardwood and as timber is now rapidly increasing in value the new owners also have a splendid chance of make money out of the deal. Mr. Bennewies is sawmilling and farming, and has has handled a lot of lumber this season, large quantities of which were sold to the Messrs. Keenan.

SHEEP ESTRAY

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, about Oct. 26, 1 yearling and one lamb. Finder will oblige by communicating with
G. SWANTON.
Flesherton, Nov 4th, 1899

Boar for Service

The undersigned has a fine thoroughbred Berkshire boar "Artemesia Chief," No. 5411, for service on lot 37, con. 9 Artemesia. TERMS $1.00. Pedigree on application.
J. W. BENSON, P r

BOAR FOR SERVICE

Chester white and improved Yorkshire Cross, pedigreed boar for service on lot 186 and 177, T. & S. R., Artemesia. Terms 75 cents.
J. STINSON, Prop.

Heifer Strayed

There-year old heifer, red and white, short horns turned down; calf with her. Information as to their whereabouts will be thankfully received by W. J. Pickell, Markdale, or
R. COOK,
Ceylon, Nov. 28, 99

Calf Estray

Strayed from the premises of Geo. Johnston, lot 86, con. 1, Artemesia, one spring bull calf, red with white spot in face. Any information as to its whereabouts will be thankfully received.
G. JOHNSTON,
Port Law

Sheep Estray

Came to the premises of the undersigned, about October 24, one ram, aged, and one ram lamb. The owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.
F. T. CARR.
Eugenia, Nov. 13, 1899.

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This week. We are in our new department and now we have room to look around and see what we have, and we find we have many lines we want to clear, so we will place a great many of these on the Bargain Table to clear, regardless of cost. Our stock is very large and we want to reduce it by clearing many lines, and these lines must go no matter at what prices, so it will pay you to call and see some of the bargains. We are now in a better shape to show you our stock, as we have room to get around. It will be a great pleasure for us to show you through the store and quote prices.

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