Flesherton Advance.

"TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR."—"PRINCIPLES NOT MEN.'

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Eugenia Paragraphs

Wedding bells are faintly ringing.

Very wet weather here for harvesting.

Mr. Bert Graham has returned home from the West.

Mrs. G. Graham and children have returned home to the city after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kendle of Collingwood were the guests of Mrs. Ward recently.

Miss Lever visited at Stratford over Sunday.

Mrs. Glass and Miss Lou. Hyslop visited in Flesherton recently.

Mr. Hawkin of Flesherton was the guest of Mr. R. Park the past week.

Two motor cars loaded with friends motored over to visit Mr. Geo. Graham from Stroud, and on their way the car slewed in the wet and capsized over an imbankment of 12 feet. All passengers seeing their position in time, jumped, and all escaped but the driver who was badly shaken up as well as his car.

Congratulations to our young butcher, Mr. Mark Wilson, who has taken to himself a young bride to assist him on his journey through life.

We are pleased to see Mr. Grasette back for a few weeks.

Born—On Sept. 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Armstrong of North Battleford, Sask., a daughter.

Mr. Geo. Latimer has returned home from the city.

Miss Neah Williams visited the past week in Markdale.

We are glad to hear that Flesherton is going to get a taste of the pleasure we have had all summer of the electric light for a short while on the night of the exhibition.

Mrs. Robert Purvis and Mrs. Wm. Purvis are in Toronto at present. Mrs. R. Purvis is assisting her son, Elwood, who is moving his family into Guelph before going to the front.

A number of teams are laid off on the 8th line till they get the butments of the bridge completed. The power house is near completion and soon we shall have the electric in full swing to do our house work.

Wodehouse Doings

Severe electric storms passed over this vicinity the past week, though no damage was done. A number are not yet through harvesting and rain is again threatening.

Mr. Ed. Fawcett of Heathcote occupied the pulpit in New England church on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie Gilray has returned to Ravenna again, where she will spend some time.

Miss Vera Lanktree, who has been for some time at Vandeleur, is now with her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Wilcox, of this place.

A number from here attended the anniversary services at Ebenezer on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bentham of Flesherton were guests with Mr. John Buskin and family one day the past week.

Mr. Stanley Wiley and sister, Miss Ellie, visited friends at Thornbury recently.

Mr. Aaron Birch is making preparations for the erection of a cement block silo. Corn in this section is a bumper crop, though some is badly down by the recent winds and heavy rains.

Mr. William Wiley, sr., and son, Jim, were at Thornbury on Monday last.

Misses Woodley have returned to their home in Port Perry, after visiting the Thompson families here the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Buskin, Miss Reta Buskin and Mr. H. Karstedt of Flesherton called on friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. Ezra Cook of Rocklyn is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. B. Abercrombie.

We are sorry to report Miss Ruby Lanktree still confined to her bed and no improvement in her condition.

Mr. Joseph Dobie of Chateworth has a young cow which recently gave birth to triplets. The calves are all of normal size and are perfectly developed, strong and healthy.

The Govt. Analyst Says it is Soakage

Bases His Report on the Word of a Petrolea Well Digger

Of what use are experts? And of what use is the analytical department of the Department of Mines at Toronto?

These are pointed questions that Flesherton people are asking these days, and the cause of the query lies in the contradictory statements made by these people. They all appeared to agree eventually regarding the soakage theory at the Karstedt oil well here when they examined it, but none of them could understand the nature of the oil, none having seen anything like it. They were beyond their depth, just as the Department of Mines was beyond its depth when it is said there could be no silver in any quantity found in the geological formation at Cobalt. We all know now of what value their opinion was in that instance.

The government analyst said there was no gasoline in the Karstedt oil. Last week a gentleman connected with the British American Oil Co., and himself an expert in the mixtures of oil, came along and tested this oil. He declares there is about sixty per cent. of gasoline in it and a large quantity of parafine! He says the presence of parafine is of itself a guarantee against soakage, as refined oil contains none of it.

Mr. Scott of Petrolea when here made every test he could think of and admitted personally to the representative of this paper that there was absolutely no possibility of it being soakage. He said it must come from a parent body of oil of a similar quality somewhere down in the earth, but where or in what quantity he could not say. If it continued flowing another month it would prove that it came from a large body somewhere, and no pocket. But he had never seen oil like it come out of the ground and could not understand it, and he had fifty years' experience as an oil driller. He confessed to us that he was completely puzzled.

But for his professional reputation it probably would scarcely have been wise to state the exact condition of his mind to the Department that employed him. The easiest way out of the matter was to report to the Department that it was soakage. "Probably from some old warehouse," and thus airily dismiss the matter without giving any reason why he arrived at such an opinion, or trying to combat the arguments he used against this very theory to The Advance when here? It would be very interesting to know whether the Standard Oil Co. weighed more with him in making his decision than did his sense of justice or professional knowledge. However, the Department of Mines for Ontario has now decided that it is soakage, and base their decision solely upon the report given them by this expert from Petrolea! It tends to give one a sense of impotence on the part of the Ontario Department of Mines when it submits a puzzling question of this kind to a man of Mr. Scott's calibre, who only knows coal oil from a mechanical standpoint. Because he has never seen oil like it produced, therefore it is not a true mineral oil. And this, too, in the face of the fact that *over fifty gallons of oil have been dipped from the surface of this well*, which is producing at the rate of about three gallons per day, and altogether has, we believe, produced over *one hundred gallons* in the past seven weeks during which it has been running. In the face of this it would be a difficult matter to believe that it could be soakage 'from some old warehouse," even if it were pure coal oil. The presence of parafine in quantity adds to the absurdity of the Department's airy dismissal of the phenomenon.

The following is the report submitted by the provincial analyst:

5 Queen's Park, Toronto, Sept. 15, 1915.

Mr. Karstedt, Flesherton, Ont.

"The expert from Petrolea has reported on the oil and believes it to be soakage. He bases his opinion on the quality of oil found, also quantity, and also the closeness of the oil tank and drains to the well. The soakage may have gone on for some time but the unusual amount of rain this summer may have opened up a passage through the soil and thus given the new spring.

—W. K. McNeil, Prov. Assayer.

Well, time will prove the value of the above opinion. It is an opinion that was advanced along with others by ordinary people long before Mr. Scott saw the well, and his opinion is of no more value than that of the ordinary layman, because he confessed, as we have said, that he was utterly at sea with regard to the matter. Every coal oil dealer in town is positive that he has never lost any quantity of oil. Mr. Boyd of Markdale says he never lost any while here.

Mr. Scott basis his decision partially on the closeness of drains. When here he used this fact as one reason why it would be impossible for the oil to come into the well, as the drains would carry it off and draw it for twenty-five feet.

Perhaps, as the Clarksburg Review-Herald suggests, it would be a good idea to submit a sample of the oil to Calgary people, as it appears that this oil resembles somewhat that produced at Calgary.

The British-American oil representative who was here tested a sample and says the gravity stands at 47, while the purest coal oil ranges from 44 to 44½. He was positive in his opinion that this oil contained 55 to 60 per cent. of gasoline, notwithstanding the report of the provincial analyst, whose ability he rather discounted.

Ceylon Chat

Mrs. Grant Whittaker and two children, Toronto, spent the week end at Mr. A. Whittaker's. Mrs. A. Whittaker returned to Toronto with them on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McNally of Eborndale spent over Sunday at Mr. R. Cook's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill attended the funeral of the latter's aunt on Saturday, at McIntyre.

Mr. Arnold Love of near McIntyre called on friends in town the first of the week.

Mr. Jas. Stuart of Kimberley visited his son, George, here the past week.

Mrs. Joe Oliver left Saturday to visit her sister, who is ill in the city.

Miss Lily Muir of Dundalk spent the week end with her friend, Miss Effie Chislett.

Mr. Max Bannon of Proton was a visitor at Mr. Collinson's the first of the week.

Mrs. Bates, of Proton, was a caller on friends here recently.

The C. P. R. have quite a number of men employed in the yards this week.

Wedding bells are ringing this week for one of our male sex.

Mrs. J. B. Egan, Miss Marie and J. D., of Toronto, visited with friends here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Whittaker, Durham, visited the former's parents on Sunday.

We are sorry to report Mrs. T. Chislett on the sick list, but under the care of Dr. Little we hope for a speedy recovery.

R. Cook took a prisoner from Hopeville to Owen Sound on Monday, who was committed to jail as a vagrant.

The electric sub-station is now about completed, but we can't brag about its mammoth appearance. It is a snug little red brick, pointed inside and out, with a thick concrete foundation, and a concrete roof. It has two windows and a door, and looks like a big packing box —Durham Chronicle.

Wm. McBride, Brentwood, was unfortunate in losing his fine barn and all his season's crop on Friday evening. They had just brought in the last load of the harvest and lighted the lantern to unload it. The trip rope knocked the lantern to the floor and upset it, and in less time than it takes to tell it there was a mass of flames so furious that those in the mow had to hustle to escape. —Creemore Star.

NEWS FOR FLESHERTON

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Priceville Jottings

Colin McLean has pulled out with his big threshing outfit, and after a few stacks and some small barns are attended to it is likely the farmers outside will be all in line for threshing for several miles around.

Messrs. Stothart and McLean shipped a car load of lambs and some cattle on Monday and will likely ship another car this week.

We notice fields of corn eight or nine feet high around here and some farmers claim to have gathered in as much as 60 loads of hay.

Mr. C. C. James has been very unwell for a couple of weeks back, but seems to be improving during the last few days.

Mrs. A. Ostrander has been under the doctor's care for a week or two. We understand she is somewhat better.

The wet weather has delayed the harvesting of a late harvest. The fields on high land are nearly all cleared of grain, but the flat land has been deluged by the late heavy rains and in many places the shocks are standing in a few inches of water.

Excessive moisture is causing the potatoes to rot, and it is feared that a big crop will be reduced to small proportions in the near future.

The people are preparing for Priceville fall fair. Some thoughtful exhibitors have sent in their entries already, but many exhibitors leave off preparations until too late—like the foolish virgins, and although they may not be shut out, yet there will be hurry and confusion on show day, and also an extra 10c charged for their late entries, so get your entries sent in good time and be happy. If you have not received a premium list just send a card to the Secretary Priceville fair and a list will be returned to you, and see the special prizes this year.

Arrested For Fraud

The Mail and Empire of Friday last says:

A gold horseshoe tiepin with a large diamond centre resulted yesterday afternoon in the arrest of Gordon A. Bonter by Detective Twigg on a two-year-old warrant charging him with fraud. The complainants are the Misses McKinnon of Walkerton.

Bonter, who styles himself a promoter disappeared suddenly from Walkerton in January, 1913, after he had sold $1,400 worth of stock in a bogus coal mine to the McKinnon sisters. His description as furnished to the local police at that time contained the information that he wore a large horseshoe tiepin with a diamond centre. Yesterday afternoon as Detective Twigg was walking along King Street near Toronto Street his eye was attracted by the glitter of a large diamond in a man's tiepin. Remembering the warrant and the description he took the chance, accosted his man, and arrested him.

Bonter formerly resided on Jarvis St., Toronto. In the fall of 1912 he went to Grey County, and on a farm near Flesherton he announced that he had discovered a very rich coal mine. He brought an "expert" from Toronto to report on the property, and so encouraging was this expert's opinion that the police have been looking for him ever since. Having received his reports, Bonter issued stock certificates and disposed of $1,400 worth to the Walkerton ladies, and is also said to have sold $100 worth to a Toronto man.

He then disappeared and was not heard of again. No word being heard of him another examination of the coal mine took place, and it was discovered that the only coal in the farm had been placed there by human hands, aided by shovels. The warrant was then sworn out.

Immediately after Bonter's arrest the news was wired to Walkerton, and an officer will arrive here today to take the prisoner back. He will appear before Magistrate Tolton, of Walkerton on the charge of fraud.

Bonter is a well dressed, well built man of about 38 years of age. He refused to give any address, saying he had only been in the city a few hours before he was arrested. He says he is married. The diamond which caused his arrest is valued at $900.

The "salted" coal mine referred to above was located near Shelburne, not Flesherton, and the Shelburne papers gave publicity to the wonderful "find" at the time.—Ed. Advance.

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