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A "CENTRAL" HANGMAN

The suggestion emanating from the Grey County Council that the Minister of Justice should create a central place for the execution of criminals, sentenced to be hanged, in preference to having the hangings take place at the county seats, brings up a question that has, on several occasions, been raised. But it is not likely that the Minister will interfere with the law and custom which have prevailed since the earliest days of the country. The organization and management of the courts is under the law entirely in control of the authorities of the Province, and the carrying out of the sentences imposed by the authorities is no part of the duty of the Dominion Minister of Justice. In the past he has been appealed to by friends of one who had been executed to give them authority to obtain the body for burial, but has, we are informed, invariably replied that such an application should be made to the Attorney-General of the province. Sometimes the applicant for a change has been a timid sheriff, who may have accepted his office without the knowledge that he is, ex-officio, the hangman, and who was grieved to learn that it was one of his duties to execute all criminals sentenced to capital punishment. We remember one sheriff in Toronto who worked over-time trying to have all murderers moved to a penitentiary and there, on a permanent gallows, executed under an expert hangman. The gentleman failed to have the change made, and so the county town and the itinerant hangman have renewed association under the responsible management of the Sheriff, in all these functions.

For a time after an extraordinary incident at an execution in a county town on the Ottawa river, the Minister of Justice at Ottawa voluntarily gave assistance to the Provincial authorities. The country was scandalized by the clumsy work of an ill-equipped hangman, whose service had been enlisted by the Sheriff. On that occasion, the condemned man was very heavily built, the rope broke, and the hangman practically confessed inability to complete the job. With the aid of the Sheriff, however, a new rope was obtained and the hanging was completed. To prevent a repetition of the scandal, a permanent hangman, who had much experience in the East, was discovered in Toronto and engaged, the government at Ottawa helping in the arrangement, by voting an annual honorarium. The co-operation worked well for a time, but the "professional," in course of years, took to drinking and swaggering around the county towns prior to and after the performance of his task, and the Ottawa authorities embraced the opportunity to withdraw its aid.

Since then the Sheriffs have carried out their duties, through the agency of such substitute as they are able to engage. Doubtless these gentlemen, as well as those charged with the administration of whipping, would be glad to be relieved of their responsibilities, but we much doubt that the Ministry of Justice will feel inclined to recommend a change.

NO RAILWAY MERGER

The Senate proved the value of its existence last week when it put a quietus on the proposed amalgamation of the C.P.R. and the C.N.R., as advocated by Mr. Beatty, head of the former system, in his recent Toronto speech.

The C.P.R. officials have been sending out stereotype matter favorable to such a merger to all Canadian newspapers who would use it. Many of the papers have been using this campaign matter as "filler" without taking into consideration the possible result, were the advice followed to its logical conclusion. Mr. Beatty and his staff would like to see Canada assume the present indebtedness of the C.N.R. and hand the assets over to them, body and bones, as a free and unencumbered gift! Just imagine the position this country would be placed in if left to the tender mercies of one privately owned railway! The Canadian National Railway may, in one sense, be losing money, but in another sense it has been saving money to every shipper and traveller using the system. The people's railway officials have themselves largely to blame for the present crisis. Had they, when the Grand Trunk Railway was taken over, recognized the necessity of drastic economy, and practised it, instead of engaging enormously high priced "experts" to extricate it from the slough of despond into which the old Grand Trunk had fallen, there would have been a different story to tell to-day.

The government of Canada has a debt issue quite as important as that between the U.S.A. and European countries, in its railway situation, and should get its bond and stock holders together and insist on some sort of compromise agreement similar to that which prevails in our private bankruptcy cases.

Again we say, the Senate has justified its existence.

EDITORIAL ITEMS

From Ottawa comes the report that the new radio broadcasting committee is to be voted a "bulk grant" of $1,000,000. And throughout the country inspectors and deputy inspectors are being appointed in counties, cities and towns to peer into the homes and collect one more tax from radio owners. In these times surely our rulers should be taking off burdens, rather than adding to those already plentiful.

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The depression has apparently not been injurious to the employees of the Ontario government at Toronto. They held their annual festivities last Thursday evening, when they feasted and danced to their hearts' content in the palatial Royal York hotel, it being found that the Parliament Buildings could no longer give the required accommodation. The gathering numbered, the local papers tell us, about 1,500, and the wives of Premier Henry and his colleagues were patronesses. Mrs. Price, wife of the Attorney-General, took first rank in good looks, supplemented, the fashion writers report, by long diamond ear-rings.

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A voice from the long past is that of the Dowager Countess of Dufferin, widow of the brilliant Governor-General, who was with us in the early 70's. She writes to a friend in Canada that she has never lost interest in the Dominion or in her husband's hobby, that of the collection of folk songs. In her youth, the Countess was known far and wide as the North of Ireland beauty, Kate Hamilton, and one of the stories which Lord Dufferin was wont to tell in Canada related to their courtship. He was a stranger in the locality where was the home of his loved one, and as on one occasion he journeyed in a jaunting car to visit her, he asked the jarvey, "What's the news." Oh nothing much, Sur,, responded the driver, "exceptin' that one-eyed Dufferin's going to marry Kate Hamilton." The reference was to the Earl's optic disability and greatly amused him.

WHO WILL BEAT THIS RECORD IN FLESHERTON?

St. Mary's Journal-Argus boasts about a subscriber who has paid four years in advance. As the Barrie Examiner comments, if any of our readers have a desire to beat that record we shall be glad to hear from them.

The Advance, too, will gladly give publicity if any of our readers desire to compete wtih the St. Mary's subscriber!

A Fine Gvaveyard

Discovery of a pot of money in an abandoned graveyard near Salisbury, Mo., was reported the other day by Vance Butler, a filling station operator. The value of the find was estimated by Butler at $30,000. Butler said he recently purchased some land for $200 and had set two negroes to work clearing the ground. While they were digging they discovered the land had formerly been used for a graveyard. Later a hand-made brick vault was found. The vault proved to be empty but when the negroes succeeded in removing the brick, they discovered a rusty iron pot beneath the vault and in the pot was the money. Butler brought part of his find to Salisbury and displayed ancient money, including a 25-cent bill bearing the date 1845, a half-dollar gold coin dated 1818 and similar pieces of gold, silver and paper currency of corresponding date. He said he was turning the entire find to the U. S Treasury Department for redemption

An increasing export trade in honey is reported, over 600,000 pounds having been shipped already by the Ontario Honey Export Association.

Pte Thos. W. Holmes, Owen Sound, who enlisted in the 147th Bn, when barely 17 years of age, was awarded the V. C. for exceptional bravery at Passchendaele Ridge. Holmes went out alone, with bombs and was successful in capturing a German "pill box" after having bombed the occupants. Holmes is the 28th Canadian and the fourth Grey boy to win the V. C. The others are Major Bishop Owen Sound: Lieut R. Ferguson, of Thornbury: and Capt. F. W. Campbel, of Mount Forest.

Barter vs Currency

After all, this recently reincarnated system of barter served its purpose and was replaced by currency many, many years ago. Its recrudescence may be justified by the present emergency, but the truth probably is that the emergency is what is wrong. Money once did replace barter and to better purpose. How far, anyhow, can the barter system go, and where must it stop? Unless the "emergency" is abated, barter will extend wider and wider, "scrips" will be taking the place of money, bills of exchange that bear no interest will become more and more of common use. In some parts of the state of Washington they are using wooden nickels, issued purely by municipalities, and the joke is that they won't take a Canadian five-cent piece for one of them, as "Canadian money is at a discount," and these wooden nickels aren't. But there is a more serious aspect to the matter, and unless the money emergency is remedied, the use of barter, scrip and other systems will continue to spread until the situation will be difficult to handle. It is by no means an impossibility that, where the Canadian nickel isn't worth a wooden one, issued by a Washington village, a wooden nickel issued in British Columbia might be accepted at par by someone residing just across the line or for that matter a voucher issued by some merchant might be honored at full face value because the holder knows he can get it cashed at full value any time he wants to present it to any neighboring place of business when the same wouldn't hold true of a Dominion of Canada dollar. Anyhow, dollars weren't intended as peas for playing a shell game with, but as widely recognized tender of exchange of the most liquid kind, and the kind of protection the Canadian dollar ought to have is the kind that keeps it sacred for the purpose.—Listowel Standard.

ONTARIO APPLE EXPORTS SHOW APPRECIABLE GAIN

"One of the bright spots in our agricultural situation, is the increasing volume of apple exports," stated P. W. Hodgetts, Secretary, Ontario Fruit Growers' Association.

"To date approximately 100,000 barrels of Ontario apples have gone abroad, while 50,000 more will be shipped in the next few weeks. Five thousand barrels have been sold for February delivery alone.

"Total export shipments last year, through this Association, approximated 125,000 barrels. This year's business will show an increase of some 25,000 barrels, which is most encouraging, in view of general market conditions."

Huge Tree Felled

What is conceded to have been the last giant of the forest to survive the pioneer woodsman's axe, and which is said to be without equal is the mammoth soft elm tree which grew on the farm known as the Wm. Sillick place on the 14th concession of Culross, where is was felled, recently by Herb and Bert White, the well-known and experienced timber jacks of that township. Some idea of the size of the tree may be gained from the fact that in length it measured 120 feet, while in circumference it girthed 18 feet and 6 feet across the stump.—Walkerton Herald-Times.

Auction Sale

Farm Stock, Implements, Etc.
HADDEN HUTCHINSON
will sell by public auction on
Lot 164, Con. 2, N. E., Artemesio
WED., FEBRUARY 15th, 1933
The following articles namely:-
Sale to commence at 1.30 p.m.

HORSES — Grey Percheron mare 8 yrs.; Brown Gelding, 7 yrs.; Grey Gelding, 3 yrs.; Black Percheron colt, 3 yrs.; Bay mare, 15 years, in foal; Light colt, rising 1 year.

CATTLE — Hereford cow, 8 yrs. old, due in May; Hereford cow, 7 yrs. old, due in April; Red cow, 7 yrs. old, due; Brindle cow, 6 yrs. old, due May 1st; Black cow, 5 yrs. old, supposed in calf; Purebred Hereford cow, 4 yrs. old due in April; Hereford cow, 4 yrs. old, milking; Red cow, 3 yrs. old; Grey heifer, 2 yrs. old, due in July; 4 calves; 5 young cattle.

HOGS — Brood Sow, due in March; Broow Sow, due last of April.

SHEEP — 9 young breeding ewes.

IMPLEMENTS, ETC. — Massey-Harris binder, 7 ft. cut; McCormack mower, 5 ft. cut; horse rake; set disc harrows; seed drill 13 disc; farm wagon; spring tooth cultivator; flat hay rack; set heavy team harness; M.-H. cream separator; Quebec heater, coal or wood; light Ford truck; manure spreader; gramophone and records; set sling ropes; horse collars; numerous other articles.

....TERMS OF SALE — All sums of ten dollars and under cash; over that amount ten (10) months credit will be given on first class security, with 6 per cent added.

—GEO. DUNCAN, Auctioneer

HEALTH

by Frederick Tennyson M.D.

A HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA

HEALTH IN WINTER

There used to be a question asked to music concerning the whereabouts of flies in the wintertime. We might ask a similar question as to what becomes of people during the winter season. All summer and fall they spend hours out of doors, but when winter comes, most of them disappear and are seen only when they rush to and from work, or when they are on their way to and from some indoor amusement centre.

There is more sickness and people are less healthy in winter than during the rest of the year. This is not due to the cold weather, but is brought about by our changed habits of living, which accompany the descent of the temperature.

To live in overheated, unventilated homes and to work under similar conditions is to invite a lowered state of health and a condition favorable to the development of disease. An occasional gulp of fresh air between the crowded car and home or work-place does not meet the body needs for fresh air, which are just as great in winter as they are in summer.

The habits of eating are probably much the same all through the year. This means that if enough food is eaten in summer, less food should be used, otherwise the body becomes overloaded, digestion is apt to be upset constipation may develop and excessive weight be added.

A certain amount of activity is essential for health, the larger muscles of the body should be put to active use daily. A simple, practical and inexpensive way of bringing the large muscles into play is to walk, and if no other exercise is taken regularly, a daily walk of one hour out of doors should be the rule.

We can live in winter so as to enjoy health. There is no reason why the spring should find us rundown. Fresh air is to be had for the taking. The bedroom can be kept filled with fresh air by having the window open wide enough to allow for a free circulation of the air every night. Rooms can be kept at a proper temperature (about 68 degrees), to enable the body to get rid of its heat readily.

Extra clothing should be worn out of doors and taken off indoors Overclothing indoors causes perspiration, dampened clothes and subsequent chilling of the body when the cold air is met outdoors.

Overheating is to be avoided. The weight should be watched and the food intake cut down as physical activities are decreased.

BATTING IN LANTERNS

In the booklet issued by the Dufferin Famers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. in advance of the annual meeting, among the suggestions that are made for eliminating farm fire hazards is this one: Fill the bowl of the lanterns with cotton batting, and supply hooks or wires for hanging in stables.

"Veteran War Correspondent Gets Married," says heading. Well — "He don't know nothin' yet!"

What has become of the good old times when the only persons suffering from financial embarrassment were babies who had swallowed coppers?

NOTICE RE ACCOUNTS

TAKE NOTICE all accounts of the late James L. Phillips of the Township of Melancthon are now due and payable. After April 1st interest at the rate of Six per cent will be charged on all overdue accounts. These are now payable to Dr. S. J. Phillips, Oshawa, Dr. M. Phillips, Chatsworth, Executors of the Estate, or to The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dundalk, The Bank of Montreal, Creemore, The Bank of Toronto, Feversham, or The Royal Bank, Shelburne.

C. C. MIDDLEBRO'
Solicitor for Executors
of the said Estate.

Dated at Owen Sound January 27th, 1933.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that the Executors of the Estate of the late James L. Phillips of the Township of Melancthon, in the County of Grey, Veterinary Surgeon, who died on or about the twentieth day of January, 1933, will distribute the assets of the said estate after the 28th day of February A.D. 1933 having regard only to the claim of creditors and others filed on or before that date with

C. C. MIDDLEBRO,
Owen Sound, Ont.
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Dated at Owen Sound, January 27th, 1933.

Owing Money Gracefully

Experienced credit men say that owing money gracefully is a fine art.

Owing money easily is no trick at all, as most of us have discovered, but to owe it gracefully seems to imply a technique that should have some consideration.

Not many will deny the need for critical study as to proper ways and means of handling indebtedness so as to keep creditors friendly, but what to do, when creditors' eyes look through and through as debts come due? Aye, there's subtle art required, as one must know.

Here are four rules, says the credit man, which if followed, will add artistry to owing money.

First and most important: See your creditor first, before he arrives at the point of sitting on your neck and taking his due out of your hide. Beat him to the draw, so to speak, if you would avoid his withering fire.

Second, keep your promises.

Third, if funds become available to apply on debts, pay all creditors proportionately.

Fourth, continue dealing with the man to whom you owe money and whose merchandise you must continue to buy. One of the most disheartening conditions a merchant has to face is to have the customer to whom he has extended credit, go elsewhere and pay cash. Don't do it, says the credit man, if you desire to be honorable and fair and expect to remain in good faith.

Keeping creditors happy without money is a hard job but it can be done and to do it artistically appears to imply nothing more than being square and honest.

In the crucible of life as it is now functioning, says the experienced credit man, debt obligations can burn fiercely but they are more apt to burn with clear and smokeless flame if properly mixed with the four ingredients enumerated above.

GREATEST EXPORT INCREASE SHOWN IN ONTARIO TOBACCO

According to official figures, export marketings of Ontario tobacco, last year showed the greatest increase of perhaps any farm crop.

In 1931 the exports were approximately 6,500,000 pounds. The total for 1932 will probably be well in excess of 10,000,000 pounds. Prices to the English buyers have been about the same for both years, but returns to the producers show a decrease, largely on account of the fluctuating exchange situation.

The British market, due to the extesion of the British Empire preference for a ten year period, is showing an increasing tendency to absorb larger and larger quantities of Canadian tobacco.

CANNOT KEEP TELEPHONES

Sixty-eight families in Orillia, who have telephones and are receiving relief, have been ordered to have their 'phones disconnected, the News-Letter was informed this week. If the 'phones are not removed the Town Welfare Board has decided to deduct the costs of rates from relief allowances.

Thornbury school board has installed a coal stoker to save fuel and expenses.

Six hundred bushels of soy beans are being crushed daily in the manufacturing plant recently opened at Chatham. Meal and oil are the main products, although others are likely to follow.

Depression Values

That Mean Real Money Savers

PRICES SLAUGHTERED 25 to 50 p.c.

Hard Times Forced This Sale
Every article on Sale until the end of February
Buy now while the choice is good

1 only White Felt Mattress, reg. $11.50, now **$5.75**
1 only Panel Steel Walnut Bed, reg. $17.50 ..... **$8.75**

Emerson J. Bennett
'Phone 78w **FLESHERTON**

"He says they're safe!"

Joe Griffin and his wife had doubts about letting the children go to school that morning. Every sign pointed to a blizzard and sure enough, about two o'clock, it broke. A terrible storm.

Joe was terribly worried and so was his wife. Then he thought of the telephone. He called Jim Stokes, who lives just down the road from the school and asked him to watch for the children.

Twenty minutes later Jim called back. He had the children in his kitchen, safe and warm. "I'm certainly thankful we've got a telephone," Joe said. "We couldn't do without it," his wife agreed.

For 30 cents you can telephone about **100 miles** by making an "any-one" call (station-to-station) after 8.30 p.m. See list of rates in front of directory.

Long Distance is surprisingly inexpensive