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**EDITORIAL**

**Best Christmas Wishes**

Simple, but nevertheless sincere, is the wish of the Free Press to all our readers, advertisers, friends and residents of the community generally at this season of Christmas. No elaborate expressions could be more downright in earnest than our good wishes herein expressed. Merry Christmas! These happy words lose none of their friendliness and charm through repetition. On the contrary they gain in warmth and they grow more cheery as they are expressed and reiterated. It is the sincere wish of the Free Press that this Christmas season may find all who read this enjoying health, happiness and the joys peculiar to the festive holidays.

**The U. F. O. Would Jail All Bootleggers**

At their meeting last week the U. F. O. adopted a full programme. It includes: A tax on gasoline in lieu of an increase in automobile license fees; restriction of the operation of heavy motor trucks; imprisonment as well as fines for bootleggers—all who sell liquor unlawfully; no glorification of war in school text books; a flat rate for Hydro power throughout Ontario; Government ownership and control of all the live stock yards in Canada; and a surtax on unimproved land values. Such are some of the latest additions to be declared platform of the organized farmers of Ontario as enunciated in resolutions adopted at the sessions of the annual convention. Add most of these planks in their platform are well worthy of serious consideration.

**The Reformer Calls it Highway Robbery**

Halt County's share of the maintenance cost of the Toronto and Hamilton highway to October 31 this year is \$3,860.54, while Toronto and Hamilton's share together amounts to \$5,593.05, or only \$1,732.51 more than Halt's. If this isn't "highway" robbery you don't know what it is. There isn't the least doubt but that the two cities named send a hundred cars over the highway for every one sent over it by residents of Halt, and yet the two of them put together only pay \$1,732.51 more than does Halt. The County Council should put up a vigorous kick against that style of assessing the different municipalities for their share of maintenance costs of the highway. It is a grave injustice to this county, to say the least. That highway was built more for the convenience for motorists of Toronto and Hamilton than for any one else in the world, and yet they contribute a mere bagatelle comparatively for its maintenance.—Milton Reformer.

**Freight Rates on Wheat in Canada and in the United States**

The cost of shipping wheat from the great prairie grain fields of the Canadian West is very often spoken of as being unduly high, and it does seem as if this is a fact when freight rates are quoted. But the prices of shipping are considerably higher in the United States, and by contrast our Canadian rates are much more favorable to the wheat growers. The Omaha, Nebraska, Bee has published the results of an exhaustive study with reference to the cost of producing and marketing wheat in that country, as compared with the cost of producing and marketing wheat in Canada. One of the most significant features of this report was the difference in cost of transportation to the Canadian wheat growers and the American grower. It showed that the wheat grower in the vicinity of Edmonton can reach the Chicago market by lake and rail haul for a rate of 30 1/2 cents per hundred weight. The same rate prevails to the wheat grower in the Calgary district. But the United States wheat grower who ships to Chicago from American Falls, Idaho, must pay a rate of 63 1/2 cents per hundred weight to get his grain delivered in Chicago, or more than twice what it costs his Canadian competitor to reach the same American market. The rate from Billings, Montana, to Chicago is 52 1/2 cents per hundred weight; from Cheyenne, Wyoming, 50 1/2 cents; from Grand Island, Nebraska, 37 cents; from Mitchell, South Dakota, 32 1/2 cents. For export purposes the Edmonton wheat grower can lay his wheat down in New York, using a lake and rail haul, at a rate of 47.17 cents per hundred weight. The same is true of the wheat grower in the Calgary district. The wheat producer who ships from American Falls, Idaho, for export to New York must pay a rate of 83.17 cents per hundred weight, using lake and rail hauls. From Billings, Montana, the rate is 72.17 cents; from Denver, Colorado, it is 70.17 cents; from Grand Island, Nebraska, it is 56.17 cents; from Mitchell, South Dakota, it is 52.17 cents. From this it will be seen that the cost of transportation is much less in Canada than in the United States.

**Impossible of Accomplishment**

No paper can be published without home patronage, and every citizen is more or less directly interested in keeping up a home paper. If a railroad or a factory is wanted, the newspapers are expected to work for it. If a Public meeting is wanted for any purpose, the newspaper is called upon for a free notice. If any of the societies have a supper or reception of any kind, the newspaper is expected to give the necessary report of proceedings. The newspaper must puff the schools and everything else to advance the interest of the town, and then give each citizen a handsome notice when he passes away. And yet some of them do nothing to keep up a home paper.—Brussels Post.

**Enjoy the Public Library's Advantages**

Acton has wisely provided an excellent library with over 4,000 volumes free of access to our citizens. The Library Board is aiming to maintain the standard of literature available to the readers of the community, and are adding freely from time to time the newest works as they are published. Now that the long winter evenings are here and the out-of-doors no longer calls with its summer allurements, many citizens might develop an excellent habit by calling at the library once a week or so to make a selection of literature from the well-assorted stocks there. Most of us do far too little reading of a serious nature, and an hour or two daily spent in reading good literature will prove an agreeable surprise in the amount of pleasure and instruction such an employment of time affords.

**The Fergus News-Record Celebrated its Seventieth Anniversary**

The seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Fergus News-Record was very fittingly observed by that paper last week with a sixteen-page, edition, illustrated with the portraits of the founder, Thomas Gibbs Greenham, and his three successors, Hugh Watt, Esq., John Craig, Esq., and the present owner, J. C. Templin, Esq. Upon the death of the late John Craig, in 1902, Mr. Templin secured the paper and for twenty-two years has conducted it with marked success. Since his graduation from college, Mr. Templin has had associated with him his talented son, Mr. Hugh C. Templin. The News-Record is an outstanding town weekly in Ontario. It enjoys a very profitable patronage, and is an able and loyal representative of the community which forms its constituency.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

A cablegram from London, England, quotes an article in the Financial News dealing with the British Empire Exhibition. It stresses the exceptionally fine exhibit staged by Canada and the unquestionable benefit to trade relations it has effected.

Parliament will open on Thursday, February 5. The date of opening is almost a month earlier than last year, when Parliament was summoned on the last day of February. The coming session will be the third of the present Government, which is the fourteenth Parliament since Confederation.

Mayor Hiltz, of Toronto, whose administration this year has been signally advantageous to Toronto, is not to be allowed the usual courtesy of re-election by acclamation. There are four candidates in the field. In all probability Toronto will be sensible and will return Mr. Hiltz, the tried man, who has manifestly proven his worth.

Premier Ferguson's pre-election promise to appoint a financial controller for Ontario has been fulfilled. F. Martin Turnbull has been appointed to the post of Assistant Treasurer of the Province of Ontario, and will also act as Controller of Finance. The new appointee is an expert accountant. He starts his new position on the modest salary of \$6,000 a year.

A famous educator in a recent address made the following significant remark on the value of sport: "It was said a century ago that the battle of Waterloo had been won on the playing fields of Eton. There are victories other than those of war that are won on playing fields—in self-restraint, in co-operation with others and in making that rounded character which contributes so much to successful citizenship."

The number of papers in institutions in the United States per 100,000 population is now 71.5 as compared with 91.5 in 1910. Although there are millions more people in the country now the actual number of papers has decreased over 35 per cent. The most probable reason for this gratifying result is that under prohibition the people of the United States are saving millions of dollars now, which in 1910 they spent for liquor.

The Dominion government gets on an average \$38 per head from taxation from the people of Canada. It is spent as follows: It costs \$8 to collect the revenue; \$5 for soldiers' pensions and re-employment; \$11 to defray all costs of ordinary government, including administration, military defence, public works and other national expenses. The remaining \$15 per head per year is necessary to pay the interest on our national debt.

There is very slim probability of the Government according to the request of the Canadian Exhibition Association of the modifying of the Criminal Code to permit of wheels of fortune at fair fairs. Very strong opposition has developed, and is increasing. Only the big urban exhibitions have joined in the request. It is sincerely hoped that no such concession will be granted. The general public does not wish any opening for gambling devices at the fairs. It is difficult enough as the law stands to keep out fakers who would fain introduce gambling devices.

Colonel Currie, speaking at Windsor the other day, declared that legislation was intended to allow purchase of liquor by individuals under a permit system and to allow also the sale of beer and wines at tables in hotels by amendments to the Q. T. A. "Colonel Currie," Premier Ferguson subsequently declared, was probably expressing his own views, which any one has a right to do. He is in no sense speaking with the knowledge, approval, or inspiration of the Government." The thrifty Colonel is evidently anxious to create a market for the products of his new million dollar distillery at Port Colborne.

**WEATHER SIGNS IN PROVERBS AND RHYMES**

It might be said that weather proverbs have very little practical use today, since we have a national weather bureau whose forecasts are reliably based upon known conditions reported hourly from every part of the nation. However, the old weather signs are not considered practical to forecast for definite hours or particular towns or localities, and to a large extent accuracy depends upon certain weather signs of which they have learned to understand the significance.

In the old days the observation of weather signs was the only possible way of forecasting the weather. In the course of many centuries there came to be coined an exceedingly large number of proverbs and rhymes about the weather that can now be scientifically explained. A study of these is very interesting, and a knowledge how to forecast the weather for a few hours ahead will often prove of considerable benefit.

Among these old sayings perhaps the best are those regarding the color of the sky, and the appearance of the moon, and stars, because all these depend upon the condition of the atmosphere, and any change in this must be reflected in the appearance of the sky. One old familiar proverb is as follows:

A red sun has water in his eye.  
Now we have found out that the condition which most favors a red sun is a damp atmosphere with a great quantity of dust in it. The blue and lavender-white-red colors are scattered and absorbed to a much greater extent by dust and water vapor than the other colors. The sun is heavily charged with dust particles laden with moisture the sun appears a fiery red.

So you see a red sun indicates the presence of both of the essential ingredients which favor a red sun. The proverb given above is well founded, as is also the one which says: "If red the sun, the rain will fall." It is the sun's rays which fall upon the earth, and the sun's rays will fall upon the earth.

There are an unusually large number of proverbs concerning the color of the sky at sunrise and sunset. One of the best known is: "If the sun is red in the morning, it is a sorrowful warning; if it is red at night, it is the sailor's delight."

Here you notice that an evening red indicates an opposite type of weather from that indicated by a morning red. However, the origin of the red is not quite the same in both cases, and the full explanation of the physical differences which cause the color to include in a short article. You may notice, though, that if the evening sky is red, the sun is low, and the air is heavy with moisture, and the sun's rays are loaded with moisture. On the other hand, if the evening horizon glows with red, yellow, or green, there is a chance for dry weather, for the sun is high, and the condensation that does the gray color. A large number of well-known verses like the following are founded upon this fact:

If the sunset is gray,  
The sun will be a rainy day.  
If the sun goes pale to bed,  
'Twill rain to-morrow, it is said.  
Evening gray and morning red,  
Make the shepherd hang his head.  
Evening red and morning gray,  
Two sure signs of one fine day.  
Here the sun is low, and the air is heavy with moisture, and the sun's rays are loaded with moisture. On the other hand, if the evening horizon glows with red, yellow, or green, there is a chance for dry weather, for the sun is high, and the condensation that does the gray color. A large number of well-known verses like the following are founded upon this fact:

**WHAT YOU GIVE, YOU GET**

A good memory is the one which lets go of useless information and holds fast only to that which is worth while. Not long ago some one complained, "My memory retains me an old-fashioned garret, crammed to overflowing, but without a single thing in it really worth keeping." There are a great many people who could say the same.

No memory will retain everything. Some one has compared an overfull memory to an overfull purse, stuffed with coins and bills, and which is so full that the coins and bills are scattered all over the place. The people who remember all the funny stories they hear are said to be the ones that in job interviews, topics of current interest. Students have been known to stand poorly in the class, when they were asked every ball player in the big league, and come pretty near giving the batting average of each.

Give your memory a chance. Be sure that the treasures you give it to hold are really valuable.

**ONE BEST WAY**

There is just one best way of doing any work. Have you found it for yours? Whether you are washing dishes, cleaning, doing housework, or raising chickens, there is a best way of doing it; and finding that best way eliminates waste and makes for efficiency.

Some girls when wiping dishes wash across the kitchen with every dish, and then back again for the next. That cannot be the best way because it is a waste of energy and time. Some students study the next day's lesson in the living room, stopping every now and then to talk to a friend, or to read a newspaper. That cannot be the best way because it spoils the power of concentration.

What about your own particular job? Are you doing it in the best possible way? Some of you would hesitate to claim as much; yet you should not be satisfied with less. You should consider not only satisfactory results but economy of time and effort. The best possible way is none too good for your job.

**"ONE ARM" AUTO DRIVING**

Of all cases of incapacitated drivers, aside from intoxication from alcoholic beverages, the "one arm" driver, as called, is probably the most dangerous. No man can be expected to keep full control of his car while he has one arm around a woman. We see a great deal of this kind of driving, and understand the reasons for it. The drivers are such drivers will have to be dealt with as severely as those suffering from intoxication. The officers are not only endangering the lives of the persons in their own cars but the lives of pedestrians and the lives of people riding in other cars.

A man who drives on our highways with one arm around a girl is a real menace and should be deprived of his privilege to operate a car. No half-respecting girl should permit such a breach of etiquette to public.

**ONE REASON FOR WAR**

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"It is in the war, eh?"

"Well, if all the Yanks had been as homely as he, we'd be fighting 'em yet!"

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Ray to yourself: "Here am I, a human being just a little different from any who has ever lived before, or will ever live again. I don't have 100 per cent equipment by any means. There are some notable lacks in my make-up, and no notable points of make-up, and no notable points of lack have been dealt me in the game, and I must play it. And I shall be judged not by what I accomplish in contrast with other men, but what I make of myself in comparison with what I might have made."

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An old man limped along life's way. His grief-bowed head was crowned with gray.  
Somebody cheered his dreary day.  
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A lonely child, devoid of guile,  
Looked up, and (ears-bedimmed) its smile;  
Somebody stopped a while to play.  
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There's always someone needing aid,  
Some trembling heart, alone, afraid,  
Some lone child, and he's right, made,  
Can they depend on you?  
—Paul Holloway

The joy of Christmas is in the air,  
It's all about us everywhere.  
May it, we pray, descend on you  
And then remain the whole year through.

**The Season's Greetings**

**GIVING AS A VICE**

There is a lot of giving that must make one's stomach growl. Some old screw that has raked together a heap of shakels that represent unjust gains of a life of avaricious living and dishonesty that would send him to penitentiary if the indictment could only be proven in a court of law, seeks to square his record by discharging a few thousand dollars to endow charitable institutions which make public benefactions. It has become so popular to give in these days that men steal the money to distribute so-called benefactions. It is any wonder that the Man of Nazareth said as he saw the widow drop her "two mites" into the box of the loud ringing contributions of the rich Pharisees, "Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow has put in more than they. The mathematics of Heaven ignore the principles that govern finite calculations in the equating of money motives outweighs all other known or unknown quantities. Loud-mouthed giving will lead to the true level—Solomon, in Shoe and Leather Journal.

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