

THE LAWYER

Who pleads his case 'gainst wind and tide, And swings his robes from side to side, As proud as any new-made bride? The conscientious lawyer!

How glad and happy does he feel, To win a case against a foe? And make defendant squirm and squeal!

To say that justice must be blind, Is but a liberalist's whim— She swings a sword in front, behind— To scare both ladies and gentlemen!

He helps us in our time of need, From cruel wrong or faulty deed— Let's not forget he had to feed, 'Tis well you're faithful!

CO-OPERATIVE EXPERIMENTS Seeds for Farm Crops Available for the Tests of 1926

- The highest yielding varieties of several classes of farm crops in Ontario have been originated at the Ontario Agricultural College through hybridization and selection. Leading varieties of other classes of farm crops have been secured locally or through importation. The co-operative experiments to be conducted throughout Ontario in 1926 through the medium of the Experimental Union will contain some of the very best varieties of farm crops as determined in past years by experiments conducted at the Ontario Agricultural College. The following list indicates the material available for the co-operative tests for 1926:

JUDGMENT RESERVED Judge Green, of San Francisco, was once trying a case in which one of the attorneys was a bright, although not altogether well-educated, Irishman. The Salt Lake City Tribune says that the court ruled against the lawyer on several points in a manner which the lawyer regarded as arbitrary, and finally, just as another decision was to be made, he rose and said: "I hope your honor will not decide against me on this point until he has read the following section from Browney on Pranks: "What did you say was the name of the authority?" inquired the judge. "Browney, your honor—Browney—Browney."

THE ORIGIN OF SANDWICHES Years ago there was a certain Lord Sandwich who was fond of playing cards that he did not care to stop either to sleep or to eat. However, men must eat, so to save time, he ordered his servants to bring him a piece of meat laid between two slices of bread, so that by eating it he should not waste his fingers and soil his hands.

The Free Press' Short Story

TATTOOING A THIEF

RAY STANNARD BAKER

ON the second spring after their arrival in the Queen's Bush, Jonathan Driscoll and his large family of lanky boys opened a sugar-bush on the "back forty" of their homestead. They built a little shanty of basswood and tapped more than four hundred maple trees using log disjoints for troughs, and some spears for plugging the saphophes. Mother Driscoll, with a big shawl wrapped about her jolly, red face, skinned the fragrant syrup that bubbled and popped in the great iron kettles, while Jonathan and his sons chopped the wood and gathered the sap. At that time, maple-sugar was scarce and high and it sometimes paid better than a crop of wheat.

One morning Dirk Driscoll, the tallest and lankest-browed of the boys, started out as usual, clanking his iron bucket and carrying his morning ale. The sun, shining through bare limbs, threw many shadows on the frosty ground, and a chickadee who hopped about the discolored heaps of snow which still lingered in the corners of the yard, based itself on the tip of Dirk's nose. He walked cautiously to the edge of his six-foot-two, and was whistling cheerily.

As the first tree the old mare halted for force of habit and natural inclination. When Dirk stopped to lift the sap trough, his whistle died out in an exclamation of surprise and amazement. The sugar-spoon was broken off short, close to the trunk of the tree, and the bark was cracked and glistening with the wasted sap. The trough had been tipped over, and was covered with a layer of snow. Dirk looked at the place with a gasp. He found a score of marks on the trunk, and many of them were overturned, apparently with the intention of doing as much damage as possible.

Dirk strode up the slope to the little shanty with a dangerous fire in his eyes. Sap-stealing in the maple-country was almost as serious an offence as horse-stealing elsewhere, and although the hand of justice seldom reached so far into the woods, the settlers administered a rude, but effective, justice of their own. "Father," whistled Dirk, as he came in sight, "some one has been stealing our sap!" "Oh, I guess not," drawled Jonathan Driscoll. "But they have, I tell you!" Dirk insisted. "Come down and see for yourself."

"I wouldn't mind their taking all they wanted to drink," said Jonathan Driscoll, when he had seen the marks of the thief. "But they would have had a whole jug of syrup if they'd marched up like men and asked for it." "Had there been snow on the ground they could have traced the marks of their feet," said Dirk. "But there isn't a trace of snow here, and the tracks of their feet are as plain as the nose on their face."

A WEEK IN ACTON, ENGLAND

News Selected From The Acton Gazette of Friday, February 26

The following items of interest from Acton's prototype in England will be presented to the benefit of fellow-members of events and experiences: The Acton Education Committee has granted £2 towards the cost of prizes for South-East-ward Senior Christmas Flower Show.

It is proposed to increase the holidays of Acton School nurses by one day each week's holiday each Christmas. Mr. Pearce Hoakes, F.R.C.O., the gifted organist of the Acton Hill Wesleyan Church, will give one of his much appreciated recitals after the service on Sunday evening.

James Cosh, of Agate-road, Hammer-smith, was fined at Acton Police Court on Wednesday for causing an obstruction in High-road, Chiswick, by offering goods for sale on the side of the street.

Founded 37 years ago by the Rev. C. J. Sharp, vicar of Ealing, when he was Acton curate, the Acton Self-Help Society now has 63 members, with £5,844 standing to their credit. The third prize in the final examination of the Acton Municipal School of Treasurers and Accountants, Incorporated, was won by Mr. E. J. D. Jones, of Acton.

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THE PATRIOTIC ANXIETY

The patriotic anxiety of the Gunnersbury Park Joint Committee to present a complete record of its doings to the Ealing and Acton Town Councils was the cause of a somewhat nervous and excited meeting of the latter body on the last Acton Town Council meeting.

The delights of a fortnight's motorcycle trip through the Western Highlands by the benefit of fellow-members assembled in a committee-room of the Municipal Offices on yesterday night were described by the Municipal Council on Sunday morning.

A pleasant journey was made by members of the Ace Cycling Club, Acton, on Sunday. A number of the members left at 11.45 a.m. for Bovingdon, where a dinner was served. At 12.15 they made for Bourne End, thence to the club's country quarters at Twyford, where they had tea, and were joined by another party of the members who had left Acton at 2.15.

Ontario Temperance Question Compared With A Year Ago We are told by Premier Ferguson and Hon. Mr. Nickle that the introduction of 44 beer would be a great benefit to the Temperance cause, and those who by long experience, in the treatment of the public, have been cleared otherwise, had hurried at them, from the floor of the House, the most bitter invective. Who were right in their contention? Here they found one short year revealed as to its boasted benefits? It was claimed by Mr. Nickle for 1925 that there were 1,000,000 (one million) more cases of alcoholism in the O.T.A. (2) When the average man drinks 100 glasses of beer, it is not wise at all to abstain from drinking; (3) Lessen, if not wise at all, to abstain from drinking; (4) Yield a reverence to the military and naval; (5) Increase respect for law, and the Lieutenant-Governor, in dismissing the House said that this amendment to the O.T.A. would create obedience to law and order generally. Can it be said that any one of these prophecies has been fulfilled? The Government was justified in making any such experiment in direct opposition to the mandate of the people, which was given by their free arrangement and at a cost of about six hundred thousand dollars? And can anyone honestly say that the Government was justified in making any such experiment in direct opposition to the mandate of the people, which was given by their free arrangement and at a cost of about six hundred thousand dollars? And can anyone honestly say that the Government was justified in making any such experiment in direct opposition to the mandate of the people, which was given by their free arrangement and at a cost of about six hundred thousand dollars?

Thomas H. Freestone, Kensington, was summoned at Acton Police Court on Wednesday by his wife, Edith E. Freestone, of Coningham-road, Shepherd's Bush, for £35.19, maintenance arrears.

At Acton Police Court on Wednesday, the proprietors of the Crown Cinema, Acton, were summoned for allowing persons to stand in the gangways, and failing to keep the exit doors open during the performance.

A successful twelve days' mission, which has just been conducted in the O.T.A. building, was held on Saturday. It was held by the Rev. J. W. Cannon, of Leeds, (the well-known Yorkshire evangelist), was concluded on Thursday evening.

Mr. W. J. L. Hooper, formerly of Acton, who has had considerable success in his business, was the guest of the Rev. J. W. Cannon, of Leeds, at the Blind, Manor Lodge, Devonport.

Mr. R. Smith, M.P., Eirkbeck-ave, Acton, has recently been confined to his bed by influenza. He was visited by Mr. Harry Brittain, of whom he is both a collector and a friend.

After the Acton Hospital service on Sunday, Mr. Harry Brittain, visited one or two of his friends who are laid up, and spent considerable time at the hospital, going round with the matron, and having a chat with each of the patients.

The Acton Wednesday Football Club, which is running two teams, will play on Saturday afternoon, having played over 10 matches, held a carnival for its funds in the Grand Hall of Acton Baths on Wednesday evening.

The Scottish Episcopal Church is so little known in England that the services of the Rev. Canon J. W. Cannon, of Leeds, were invited to preach on the Sunday morning in Lent should be of special interest to the church members and newcomers.

The Town Tenants Bill promoted by Mr. Womersley, M.P., for the better protection of tenants was the first subject discussed at the meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting held on Monday evening.

In spite of a twinge of lamppost, caused by our humid atmosphere after the hot, dry days, Mr. Harry Brittain presided at the annual dinner of the Incorporated Photographic Society.

H. M. Inspector has complained of the Rev. Canon J. W. Cannon, of Leeds, for the South Acton Junior Boys' School, and the Works and Finance Committee of the Education Committee to speak to the matter.

Mr. Boswell, of Acton, who happened to be in the Cook Tavern, at Shepherd's Bush, on Saturday evening, was early one morning last week came in for a cup of coffee to this club, and was very much pleased to find a number of prime steaks, enjoyed quite a breezy chat with the royal visitor.

The death occurred at West Ealing, after a illness of three days, of Mrs. C. Brackley, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. C. Brackley, Palmerton-road, Acton. She was 72 years of age and was a devoted member of the Acton Hill Wesleyan Church.

While on her way on Monday morning to the Ministry of Pensions, Acton Vale, where she was employed as a typist, Miss Janet Ella King, aged 64, of Seymour-road, Bourne End, fell at a shop in a bus at Shepherd's Bush.

When Mary Johnson, a charwoman, of Princes-road, Notting Dale, was begging from pedestrians in Church-field-road, Acton, she was unfortunately enough to speak to Mr. S. MacPherson. This resulted in her appearing at Acton Police Court.

Under the auspices of the Acton Adult Schools, an interesting lecture was given to a large audience in the Princes' Meeting House, Avenue-road, Acton, on Friday evening, by Mr. A. Paul, of the Elder Dempster Steamship Co., on "The Alps in British West."

The fate of Acton with regard to its rating next year will hang in the balance until the meeting of the Council on the 17th inst. It is believed that all of an expert, have been burning the midnight oil over the estimates, and to the accompaniment of hot coffee and wet towels to keep their heads cool as they review the varied ranks of the various departments.

An interesting wedding took place at the Acton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, when two members of the Hawthornes' family, Miss E. Helen Dorothy Well and Mr. William Arthur Scrivener, were married. The Rev. W. H. Jones officiated.

A summons against Charlotte Franklin, of Somerset-road, Acton, for the non-payment of rates, was dismissed at Acton Police Court on Wednesday. "Wasn't I up there?" said Annie Nolan, a married woman, of Brunel-avenue, Acton, who was fined 12s. at Acton Police Court on Monday.

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