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LOCAL NEWS.

CIVIC HOLIDAY to-day, Thursday.

PRINTER WANTED for month of August. Apply at this office at once.

Mr. W. L. Dixon has the thanks of THE CHRONICLE for a liberal present of his best strawberries.

THE crops this year are simply excellent, but owing to wet weather the saving of the hay is almost impossible. This bit of information is for our outside readers.

—Mr. R. J. Conkey, pumpmaker, Priceville begs to intimate that he is prepared to do all kinds of repairing as well as first class new work, fully guaranteed or no pay. Any one wanting a pump will do well to give him a call.

Ayer's Ague Cure is the most popular antidote for malaria. All who are exposed to the dangers of miasmatic regions should try it. Always ready for use, and, if taken according to directions, warranted a sure cure for all malarial disorders.

Early on Sunday morning last fire was discovered in Warton, and before the brigade could put in any effective work the flames had got beyond their control and most of the business portion of the town was completely destroyed. Dry wooden sheds and outhouses furnished fuel for the devouring element, and very little could be done to stop its ravages. The losses are heavy and the insurance light.

The garden party in connection with the Baptist Church, held on the grounds of Mr. Ben. Warner last Thursday evening was numerically a grand success, and we judge proportionately so from a financial standpoint. The evening was cloudy and threatened rain, but for all, a number from Orchardville and places outside put in an appearance and enjoyed themselves fully. We must say they were very liberal with their refreshments. The grounds were beautifully lighted with electricity, two rows having been put in for the occasion.

WE wish to remind our readers that a great many have not yet paid their subscriptions to THE CHRONICLE. We do not imagine that many have dishonest intentions, though we have found a few who are evidently built that way. A dollar is a small sum, and this is the way, no doubt, the reader views it, but it must be remembered our income from subscriptions is made up of just such small sums, and if five or six hundred neglect remitting we are just that many dollars behind for the time being, and as we have to pay cash for all our stock it is important that we should request those who have not yet paid to be kind enough to do so. If even ten per cent of those now in arrears would remit it would help us very materially. Let us see if such a percentage will thus favor us, before the middle of August. Who will be amongst those to respond?

Building operations will soon start on the new McIntyre block, to be erected on Garafraxa Street opposite the Knapp House. Two of the old buildings have been removed to the space between Messrs. J. & J. Hunter's store and Caldwell's livery stable. We understand the contract for the stone-work, brick laying and plastering, has been let to Mr. Wm. Richie, who is said to be a first-class tradesman, and will, no doubt, put in some of his best work in the new block. This is only the beginning of building improvements in Durham. Next year is likely to see many changes in the business part of our prosperous little town. Prosperous, we say, and we believe we say it advisedly. True, the business streets do not put on the aristocratic air of many other towns, but for all that we believe there is perhaps as much business, and as much wealth in Durham as in most other places of the same size in Canada. Mr. McIntyre is setting an example, which others are sure to follow. We need a few manufacturing industries now, and before long we'll have them.

—Do you need spectacles? If so get your eyes properly tested and have glasses properly fitted by Mr. T. P. Smith, Scientific Eye Specialist, McFarlane's Drug Store, Aug. 10th. One day only. Eyes tested free.

—Farmers should secure a Roller Ball bearing Massey Harris Binder. They are going fast. The only binder that will handle heavy crops successfully and give no trouble. W. Calder, Agent, Lower Town.

Rheumatism, which is caused by an acid in the blood, is cured by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. External treatment is of no avail. Until the blood is thoroughly cleansed of all impurities, it is useless to expect the cure of any disease. Has cured others, will cure you.

THE Dundalk Herald boasts of the record being broken in long grain a Mr. McCannel having shown a stalk of rye 7 ft. 1 inch long. On Jubilee Day, Mr. Scarf of Aberdeen brought in a stalk which measured over 8 feet, 7 feet 2 inches was our record about six weeks ago. Many can testify to this but no one doubts our word.

An annular eclipse of the sun occurs to-day, Thursday; this differs from a total eclipse from the fact that at the middle of the moon's transit across the sun's disc a ring of light remains visible. The phenomenon here will be observed between 9 and 11 a. m. but only as a partial eclipse. Boys and girls will learn practically about a solar eclipse by observing this one. In doing so use smoked or colored glass to protect the eyes.

A few weeks ago the Departmental Store of the John Eaton Co. Limited was destroyed by fire. Since then the Company has failed, and now two members of the Thompson family are under arrest and a warrant is out for the third. Charges of a serious nature with intent to defraud the creditors have been made against the three brothers and investigations are being made that may reveal some curious and sensational developments.

WE believe the people of Durham and the surrounding country should attend the Firemen's annual picnic postponed till Friday afternoon Aug. 6. From the labor expended by the committee and the special efforts put forth to make this the picnic of the season we expect something that will eclipse every picnic held here in the past. The aquatic performances and the quota of the negro minstrels in their inimitable overtures, will be something unique in the history of picnics. The committee is anxious to have a good attendance and they wish all to understand the terms. Admission to the grounds, —Gentlemen 15c Ladies 10c, Children 5c. Tea served from 6:30 to 8 p. m. for which 10c extra will be charge to all alike. No additional charge to the open-air concert but to prevent monopoly and give all a chance a charge of 5c will be made for a boat ride. Our fire brigade deserves to be patronised and we hope their efforts will be rewarded by a large attendance and a material increase in their funds.

A GREAT deal of interest is now directed to the Klondyke mining regions in the basin of the Yukon and many prospectors, speculators and miners will go there notwithstanding the warnings of the government, the press, and men of experience who know the inelencencies of the winter just setting in, in this northern clime. Gold is reported plentiful and easily reached but with a temperature of over 60 degrees below zero, during a 9 months winter, followed by a 3 months summer with the thermometer often at 100 in the shade, it is not easy to conceive the hardships necessary to endure such extremes of heat and cold. Besides facilities for transportation are so limited that it is almost impossible to get food, and thousands are likely to starve if they take their lives in their own hand. For the information of those who do not know the location of this new mining district we say that the Klodyke river from which the name is derived, is a northern tributary of the Yukon, a large river in the north west of Canada flowing through Alaska.

What does it all mean anyway? The American Dingley Bill has received the sanction of the great president McKinley, and their high tariff wall prevents in part the exportation of our commodities into American ground. Their alien labor laws prevent our working men from getting employment, only on most unequal terms. The one thing now that they can do is to cut off our mutual bonding privileges and deny the transportation of our goods over American lines. Annexation is what they want, but annexation is the one thing they'll never get. The Klondyke mining district is now exciting their jealousy and their greed and some of the blustering organs, knowing we should retaliate, threaten us with national annihilation if we deny their navies and miners the same rights as Canadians. Some time ago we heard a good deal from our Federal government at Ottawa about retaliatory legislation. Now a threat comes from the other side of the line, and a favorable opportunity is offered to put their independence to the test. Surely the loud talk of the past year is not going to remain as mere gas; surely the patriotic sentiments expressed during this jubilee year will show Canadians to be made of sterner stuff than to submit the thralldom under which the United States now wishes to place them. The time has come when an opportunity is afforded to assert our national pride, patriotism and self respect. The better class of American papers are not blind to the unjust and iniquitous legislation of the United States, to Canadian interests. The Philadelphia Record says:—"Citizens might be multiplied to show the ungenerous spirit that prevades recent American legislation affecting aliens. Indeed the pending tariff Bill is confessedly intended to injure foreign industrial workers; and the exclusion by Canada of American miners from her goldfields would be but a feeble retort to that iniquitous measure."

THE W. C. T. U. are contributors to this paper but owing to lack of space we are forced sometimes to give their items the "go by" for a week or so. Their mission is a labor of love and their efforts to save the boys, is one that commends itself to all. We are in sympathy with them because we know they are right and actuated by honest desires to do good. Every body admits the righteousness of the work in which they are engaged. We must however, be liberal enough to grant to those engaged in the liquor traffic the rights and privileges, allowed them by law. They should expect this; they should expect nothing more. The new license act which came into force on the first inst. recognizes too the advisability, we may say the necessity of denying to boys the rights to indulge in intoxicants. We believe drunkenness, is the creature of habit, or the offspring of heredity. A person reaching the age of twenty-one years without forming evil habits may be considered safe. One possessed of inherited tendencies is never safe, and we believe may break out at any time. We quote the following provision of the new License Laws, not for the guidance of Licensed victuallers, because they know it already but for the guidance of minors who may be in ignorance of the laws. The Statutes of Ontario for 1897. The Statutes of Ontario for 1897. page 485, subsection 4 of section 10, chapter 50 reads as follows:—

"Any licensed person who, without proper cause, suffers or permits any person of either sex, apparently or to the knowledge of such licensed person under the age of twenty-one years, unaccompanied by his or her parent or guardian, and not being a resident on the premises of such licensed person or a bona fide lodger or boarder, without good and sufficient reason, to linger or loiter in or about any bar-room or other room on such premises in which liquor is dispensed, shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty of not less than \$2 and not exceeding \$10, besides costs, and any such person so lingering or loitering as aforesaid without good and sufficient cause, and who is not a resident on the premises or a bona fide lodger or boarder, or who is not accompanied by his or her parent or guardian, shall also be liable to a penalty of not less than \$2 and not more than \$10, besides costs."

Canada's Favorite Live Stock Exhibition.

The Western Fair, London, is again to the front and is providing further accommodation and improvements to their already excellent buildings, necessitated by the increase of entries last year in these departments. The Directors of this time-honored Show have had sufficient experience to know the proper course to pursue in maintaining the proud position the Western now enjoys as The Live Stock and Agricultural Fair of Canada.

Twenty-nine years have passed away since the Western Fair was established. Each and every year since has been marked by advancements. This annual improvement is largely due to the thoughtfulness and care of the management and the fact that the agricultural interests are given first place. Over thirty-four thousand dollars were expended in exhibition buildings last year, and others being found necessary are in course of construction for the coming Fair. London's Fair buildings are worth a visit to the city to see.

Exhibitors of first class stock, machinery or produce of any kind, looking for purchasers cannot go to a better place than the Western Fair to get what they want—ready sales at good prices.

The Prize Lists are ready for distribution, and a simple application to the Secretary, Mr. Thos. A. Browne, will secure a copy. It is well just to say the closing date for making entries is September 9th.

While the Association gives particular attention to the exhibitors and their exhibits, they at the same time are aware of the necessity of having some first class special features to edify and amuse their visitors during the afternoons and evenings.

Sie Hassen Ben Ali, the Arab prince, has been engaged, not only to bring with him his wonderful troupe of Arabs, but to secure the best talent in America along other lines. His knowledge of the business and his acquaintance with best artists and his own unsullied reputation is sufficient guarantee that two hours of good, clean, high class attractions will be on hand. The official programme will be published the first week of August, and is free to all.

CORNER CONCERNS.

The Rev. T. Farr preached in the school house Sunday afternoon in place of the Rev. Mr. Conner.

Mr. Z. Clark, of Varney, will hold forth in the School next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Our heavy stroke of Sunday work occurred last Sunday night after we had turned out from the evening service in the School. The foreman of the Markdale Standard had been returning from Durham, and was lost, on the downward road, had three miles of a start and the eleventh hour had come. We turned him unto higher paths, and although he was glad that the change had come was not happy for the horse was off an ash wagon and unaccustomed to extras and would not make the trip very fast, probably not before day light.

Mr. John Grasby has leased Mr. John Graham's farm for a term of years and will make a good acquisition to the prosperous farmers of Glenelg Centre.

Miss Alice Lawrence returned home from Toronto on Saturday for a few weeks visit.

Owing to the prospects of crops farmers have been liberal in the purchase of implements. Several new binders and mowers have been distributed along the line.

Mr. Jas. Hillis's barn was burned to the ground on Sunday night together with a quantity of hay and farm implements. Cause of fire unknown, slight insurance.

Mr. Wm. Chapman who last spring moved from the farm into Mt. Forest was out here last week renewing old acquaintances at haying and turnip hoeing for his relatives in this part.

Our teacher Miss Laughrin was accompanied to her home in Fergus last week by Miss Lucretia Johnson. Mrs. Wm. Chapman, of Shallow

Lake has been renewing old acquaintance around here for the past week.

Mr. John Lawrence and three children of Winnipeg are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Mack.

Mr. Wright and three daughters of Pennsylvania are visiting Mr. A. Lawrence and other friends in Glenelg.

The showery weather has deterred haying, rushed on the weeds in the root crops and helped to ripen fall wheat and barley, consequently farm hands are in great demand. Even the dudes from Varney, Orchard and Holstein are being called out.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. R. J. Conkey, of Priceville called on Saturday.

Mrs. M. M. Gadd, Flesherton, is visiting at Mr. Chas. Browne's.

Mr. James A. Browne left for Richmond Hill on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Mathews, forman of the Markdale Standard, was over on Sunday.

Miss Maggie Hogan, Owen Sound, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. Hartford.

Dr. Jamieson and Mr. John Kilmer spent a couple of days in Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elvidge are visiting friends, the former in Galt, the latter in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kippin, London, were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Wiggins, over Sunday.

Mr. Joseph McCulloch, principal of Hawkesbury Public School, who came home Saturday to visit his parents and friends at Vickers, gave us a pleasant call on Monday last.

For

QUICK SALE

To clear out of some lines we offer you some very attractive prices on seasonable goods.

Ladies' White Straw Sailor Hats.

6 only, regular 25c each. 15c. While they're here

Ladies' Trimmed Sailor Hats, White and Black, 8 only regular 75c, 50c.

Men's White Vests Slightly soiled, 3 only, regular \$1.00, for 75c.

China Silks About 25 yards. Colors, Pink, Rose and Cardinal 22 inches wide reg 30c yd 21c.

Ladies' Button Boots 10 pairs, Imitation Dongola regular \$1.25 pr., \$1.

Men's Cotton Night-shirts Patent Buttonless, size 36 in, regular \$1.50—\$1.10

Some Bargains in CLOTHING.

Having bought largely for fall we are selling present stock away down to make a clearance.

YOU SAVE ON THESE GOODS H. W. MCKLER.