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Local News Items

GATHERED DURING THE PAST WEEK FOR CHRONICLE READERS.

HAVE you paid your sub.

THE early closing By-law goes into effect on Monday next.

ANY one getting out a local paper now must make it purely local, or depend on ancient history to pad up.

WE were unable to attend the Seed Fair on Saturday and haven't been able to get a list of the prizes.

WHEAT is gone up in price and farmers who held on to their crop will now be the gainers.

IF prices are going to cut any figure the Corner Store will move out a lot of goods before the spring opens. Call and see we mean business J. & J. Hunter.

FINGER OFF—Arthur Ramage, son of Editor Ramage had one of his finger cut off the other day while playing around the paper cutter. The little fellow is only three or four years old.

AUCTION SALE of farm, stock and implements at lot 16, con. 1. E. G. R. Glenelg, Friday, March 18th. Ten months' credit. John Hewitt, proprietor, John Clark, auctioneer. See bills.

WE said last week that Mrs. Willoughan's place east of the town would make a good home for somebody and this week we announce Mr. John Hewitt, of Rocky Saugeen, to be the lucky buyer.

THE Furniture Factory is still idle. In fact the only industry that seems to be working is the Cream Separator Co. They are turning out a large number of machines, yet they fear they'll not be able to keep up with the demand.

WE regret very much to learn that Mr. W. A. Anderson, of Crawford, is in poor health, and not making much headway towards recovery. He has not been in town for over a year, he tells us in a letter containing his renewal sub.

IN order to keep the engine alive here the Grand Trunk Co. has to get coal from the Cement Company. Had it not been for the supply on hand by the cement people here our industries and some of our citizens would have been in a bad way for fuel.

ABOUT seventy-five men from Durham and Holstein are shovelling on the G. T. R. between here and Mt. Forest and they intend to go clean through to Palmerston. Below Mount Forest there are only very few at work as the C. P. R. captured all the men available.

A MEETING of the Durham District Loyal Scarlet Chapter will be in Calder's Hall, Durham on Monday, March 14th at 8 p. m. All members of the order respectfully urged to be present. Jas. Eden, W. C. in C. J. W. Blyth, C. Scribe.

THE small amount of mail coming in leaves us in ignorance as to how the Japs and Russians are getting on with their little scrap over there at Port Arthur. There was a load of mail matter driven in a couple of days ago, but no papers of late date happened to be forwarded.

THE Rev. Wray R. Smith will conduct the services in the Methodist church next Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock the subject will be "The True Standard of Beauty" and in the evening at 7 o'clock subject "Lessons from Our Lady of the Snows."

SAD news reached town by telegraph from Fort William, Saturday when Mrs. W. B. Vollet learned of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Sutherland, who died that morning from the effect of a Paralytic stroke. Deceased lady lived for many years in this town where she and her family were well and popularly known. At time of writing, Tuesday evening the remains are being taken by train to Durham but owing to the condition of the roads we can hardly announce the time of arrival though Toronto was reached Tuesday morning. The trains are still blocked and it is quite probable that a drive of some distance may be necessary. Even the driving is bad, and to go to Mt. Forest, Palmerston or Orangeville would be almost an impossibility. Our sympathies go out to the sorrowing family in their sore bereavement. Interment will take place to Trinity Church Cemetery.

THE Krug Bro's Furniture Factory at Chesley had a narrow escape from destruction by fire. The fire originated in the Dry Kiln and before it could be got under control a loss of \$3,000 was incurred. This was partly covered by an insurance amounting to \$14,000.

THE County of Grey seems to be the banner county in Ontario this year for depth of snow, about thirteen feet having fallen in the vicinity of Rocklyn. In the early days of the county that portion of it was noted for its huge drifts, but we are not aware the snowfall was abnormally heavy.

THE Annual meeting of the Walkerton Binder Twine Company was held on Tuesday of last week and the results were not very satisfactory to the stockholders. The Auditors' report showed that the factory was being run at a loss during the year, the loss being chiefly accounted for through the non-payment for twine sent to Manitoba. The company is said to be in good standing, the assets being \$26,000 over both liabilities and bad accounts.

Now that business men are protected in the early closing movement, we hope they will get their ads in early and save us from having night work. Monday is usually the dullest day in town and should be a good day for ad writing. We know also that most of the business men know just as well on Monday as later what special offers they have to make for the following week. Get your ads in early gentlemen, and give us a chance.

THE Ontario Education Association meets in Toronto April 5th to 8th. We have not seen the program, but judging from other years' work we know it will be beneficial for teachers of all grades as well as trustees to take advantage of the meeting. No doubt single fare rates for the round trip will be given as formerly. We have no hesitation in recommending teachers to attend this great annual gathering.

NEARLY everything has been scarce at times during the blockade. One of our hotel men feared last week there was going to be whiskey famine as he had only enough then to last two days. We think the calamity has been averted as we heard nothing of late and we hope this innocent announcement will not keep people away from town.

THE Chatsworth News has entered its twentieth year of publication with good prospects ahead. In fact it has developed into a fine healthy lump of a boy, and in another year will be old enough to vote. The paper is always bright and spicy and any one who knows Editor Blyth knows him as outspoken and fearless in the expression of opinions. The recent installation of a new cylinder press gives more power, and an opportunity of increasing its influence. We hope the News may continue to prosper.

ON Monday last our young townsman, Mr. Douglas Munro, received a telegram from Winnipeg offering him a good situation which he has decided to accept and will leave first train out from Durham. Mr. Munro has been in the employ of W. E. Theobald and is exceedingly popular as a salesman. In sporting circles too he stands high and our lacrosse team loses one of their best players by his departure. We wish our young friend every success in his new field of labor and shall be ever pleased to hear of his prosperity.

THE Postmaster General has issued his report for the year ending June 30, 1903. It might interest people who do their shopping in Toronto to know that 118 letters addressed to the T. Eaton Co. containing \$389,79, went astray and no trace ever found of the money. The gross postal revenue of the Walkerton office was \$5,433.65, 1352 money orders amounting to \$18,398.82 were issued, 2101 money orders amounting to \$2769.17 were paid. The salary of the postmaster including box rents amounted to \$1,656.37.

SPEAKING to a gentleman the other day about the influence of the weather and its demoralization of trade, he remarked that we were just "marking time." This appears true not only in trading circles, but in every line of activity. The mechanic the laborer the artisan in fact everybody seems to have caught the infection and is simply marking time. We unconsciously fall into a feeling of inactivity when things are slow and times are dull, and merely mark time, when it is really necessary that increased energy should be used to counteract the opposing influences around us. It is difficult to do so however, and we fall in line with the majority and "mark time."

People We Know

THE GOING AND COMING OF VISITORS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH.

Mr. H. Watson, of Priceville, was in town Saturday.

Doug Munro will leave for Winnipeg as soon as he can.

Mr. R. B. Irvine, intends leaving next week for his home in the West.

Adam Little, of Lumsden, will return home as soon as he can get away.

Mr. J. S. Drysdale is nursing a sore eye caused by a particle of solder flying into it.

Archie McDougall, of the Chronicle Staff is taking a forced holiday on account of illness.

Mr. Graffaty, of Montreal, left for home Monday, driving to Palmerston to get a train.

Mr. W. L. Kerr, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has our thanks for renewal of his subscription.

Mr. Moore McFadden, of Russell, Manitoba, will accept thanks for renewal and kind words.

Tom Storrey, of Winnipeg, intending leaving for the West some time ago but didn't start yet.

Dr. and Mrs. Mahan, of Detroit, are still in town, being unable to get out on account of the blockade.

Editor Ramage had to send out only a four page sheet last week. Ditto this week again from all appearances.

Dr. Jamieson went to Toronto, Tuesday, to attend his parliamentary duties, but to do so he had to drive to Palmerston.

SOME of our correspondents seem to have grown weary in well doing. We hope to hear regularly from one on the staff. Even if your budget does happen to come late, remember that far away friends will be glad to hear what's going on in their old homes.

THE latest Mail from Flesherton arrived here Sunday afternoon. Mr. Trimble operated the stage himself during the trip. We learn that he had a pretty tough time of it. He made the return trip Monday and hasn't reappeared at time of writing Wednesday.

THE Upper town Bakery has again changed hands, the late proprietor Peter Calder having sold out to A. W. Watson, a practical baker of twenty years experience. Mr. Watson is a native of Priceville, but for the past thirteen years he has been engaged in the bakery business in Cheboygan, Michigan. He took charge last week and has already made a good impression. We have not learned what Mr. Calder intends doing.

Great Rush for BARGAINS At Keeler's last Saturday.



The big Stock that we bought at a low rate on the Dollar is going fast, get your share of the bargains while they last.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

We will have another big snap Window. The price for any article in the window will be 75c. They will go quick, so come early and get first choice. There will be a lot of useful articles in this window, and for every 75c you spend here Saturday you will get from \$1.50 to \$2.75 worth for it.

R. B. Keeler & Son THE PRICE SMASHERS... DURHAM, — — ONTARIO.

C. O. F. Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Canadian Order of Foresters was held Friday night last at the Knapp House, and was well attended by members of the order, about forty or fifty being present. It was the intention to have oysters on the bill of fare, but the blockaded state of the roads made it impossible for mine host, Hahn, to get in a supply of the bivalves. However, there was no one to suffer as turkey and lamb were served in abundance in the excellent style for which the house is noted.

After disposing of a large quantity of the choicest edibles, Dr. Jamieson was voted to the chair, and an impromptu program was disposed of in a very informal manner to the enjoyment of all present. It is not necessary to name the various toasts, and we feel that the speakers who responded will feel no slight if we omit their names.

The Society we are pleased to learn is in a growing and flourishing condition with a membership of over 120 in the Court here. Judging from those who attended the banquet they are a fine healthy lot of young men, and from the work they do as a benevolent and fraternal organization, few societies of a similar nature are deserving of higher praise. They have done a good work here and as a fraternal body they stand high in the community. In sickness and distress the society is ever ready and willing to afford relief and notwithstanding the healthy appearance of those identified with the Society the charitable character of the order has been frequently tested. It affords us great pleasure to be again able to testify, from genuine participation, to the genial spirited character of the Canadian Order of Foresters. The meeting closed before midnight by singing Auld Lang Syne.

STRENUOUS efforts have been made to open up the Durham branch of the G. T. R. About forty or fifty men were engaged shovelling snow for a number of days, making apparently but little headway. On Sunday about forty men were at work all day. A number of pigs and cattle are entrained here for the past week and will surely suffer if not soon removed or more comfortably provided for. The soft weather of the past few days gives hope of better things, but there's a storm brewing.

We have seen members of town councils who did not think it necessary to listen while the Mayor was reading By-laws. It gave us a bad opinion of the cackling members, and we were even mean enough to think it a weakness on the part of the Mayor not to enforce attention. Of course we were only a stranger but the impression left on us by the town parliament did not give us an exalted opinion of the place. Should such a thing ever occur in Durham, we'd be ashamed of the town.

THE entertainers who rendered the programme at the Scotch Concert on Friday and Saturday, Feb'y 26th and 27th are still here and staying at the Middaugh House. They started out on the morning train Monday the 29th inst. but had to return as previously announced and are still snow bound. It is no particular treat to them to be so shut in as they are forced to miss a number of engagements which had to be cancelled on account of the blocked condition of the railroads. By special request they gave a Matinee on Saturday afternoon last to a fairly good and appreciative audience in the town hall. Miss Dickinson sang at the Young People's meeting in the Presbyterian church on Friday night last to a delighted audience of nearly two hundred.

THE Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway companies, have arranged the following tariff for tickets to the St. Louis exhibition. It was decided to sell tickets at the rate of 80 per cent of double the one way first-class fare covering the entire season of the exposition. Tickets will be sold good for thirty days at second-class fare and one third, and for 15 days at the lowest one way first-class fare for one round trip. Military parties engaged by the exposition will be allowed a rate of 1c a mile each way same to apply to bands belonging to military bodies with the provision that both must be in regular uniform. It was determined to allow stop-over privileges on all tickets sold in Canada at any intermediate points in Canada as well as at Detroit and Chicago. It is confidently expected that the stop-over privilege at the last named place will be especially appreciated because of the large number (300,000) of Canadians resident in the Windy City. Chicago ranks next to Montreal in the size of its Canadian population.

Our New . . . Spring Goods

Our stock of Spring Goods are arriving daily, and we are safe to say that we are showing a larger and better range than ever in all the newest designs in New Dress Goods, New Gingham, New Chambrias, Vestings and Prints.

NEW DRESS GOODS.

They are composed of the latest weaves and patterns. It will be wise to see our range before you purchase your Spring Suit.

NEW GINGHAMS.

These goods are in nice checks, stripes and snow-flake effects. From 5c to 20c per yard.

NEW PRINTS.

As usual we have a large pile of Prints to select from and are of the best quality.

S. F. MORLOCK

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

Stormy Weather

MAY prevent the Railroads from giving good service, but it never prevents us from giving our customers good goods at right prices. We are still in the field for trade, and in order to make way for our Spring goods we are determined to move a lot of the stock we now carry such as Overcoats and Ready-mades which must go at or below cost.

The Season is Moving on

BUT there will in all probability be more cold weather before the Spring opens. We have loads of Winter goods left, and purchasers will get the benefit of reduced prices. We cannot give you the figures on all our goods, but we mean business and it will pay you to call and see our extensive stock.

J. & J. HUNTER

THE BUSY STORE ON THE BUSY CORNER.