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Local News Items

GATHERED DURING THE PAST WEEK FOR CHRONICLE READERS.

St. Patrick's Day.

The weather looks better.

The Eaton Brewery at Owen Sound was destroyed by fire last week.

A MEETING of South Grey Farmers' Association will be held in Calder's Hall on Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m.

SNOW banks and bank drafts are about the only thing we hear of these days, and they're about the only things, we don't care to deal in.

MR. JOSEPH CAIRNS was in town on Monday and gave us a call. We learn from him that he has rented his property and is giving up the hotel business at Flesherton Station.

WE regret to learn that Mr. J. M. Hunter is again ill, but hope he will soon recover his usual strength. Mrs. Hunter was laid off with erysipelas for a week or so, but is now quite smart.

SERVICES in the Methodist church will be conducted on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Wray R. Smith. In the morning at 11 the subject will be "The Better Home." In the evening at 7 the subject will be "The parable of the printers art."

THE Furniture factory is still shut down waiting for trains to take away the orders already in the cars and others ready to ship as soon as cars can be procured. The Cream Separator Factory is still busy, but we learn on the side that their stock in some respects is getting low and a prolongation of the blockade will force them to close.

THE Palmerston Branch isn't open yet. Unless another storm comes up the train will get through to day. This is the worst tie up the roads ever had. We are told that in the winter of 1881-2 it was blocked between here and Palmerston for twenty-one days. Exchange clippings elsewhere in this issue speak of the winter of 1874-5 as the year of storms and railway blockades. It seems that the Owen Sound branch of the Toronto Grey and Bruce, then a narrow gauge, was blocked from Feb. 3rd. to March 28th.

THE remains of Mrs. J. M. Sutherland of Fort William reached here on Thursday last, being on the road from the previous Saturday. The blockade made it impossible to reach either Flesherton or Mount Forest by way of the C. P. R. and as Toronto it was necessary to make a transfer to the Grand Trunk and come by that road to Hanover. Interment took place on Friday afternoon at Trinity church cemetery from the home of the deceased's brother-in-law, Mr. W. B. Vollet. Mr. Sutherland and two sons came with the remains.

THE early closing movement to which we referred at length last week took effect on Monday, and we think every place of business specified in the By-law was closed strictly on time. Restaurants and Confectionaries are allowed to remain open, but are forbidden by the By-law to sell anything except soft drinks, candies or perishable fruit. Now that the law is in force we hope that every one will try to live up to its requirements. All stores are still to be open Wednesdays and Saturdays to a late hour, and as soon as this arrangement is thoroughly understood we think there will be no trouble. Merchants violating the conditions of the By-law are liable to a fine of \$30.00.

It seems that Mrs. Stonehouse will never get away to the West. For the past year or more she has been counting on a trip to visit her son and other relatives in the prairie provinces. On three or four different occasions the dates were fixed for starting, and in one or two cases we understand she had her ticket purchased. In every instance sickness or some thing else interfered, and the trip had to be abandoned. Not to be beaten however, Mrs. Stonehouse decided on making the visit this spring and for the past three weeks her goods have been at the station and she was ready to start on short warning. She was ready but Jimmy Livell wasn't and there it was. On Monday morning last she decided on making the start any way, and hearing the Hanover line was open she went over there with a number of others; but finding the roads blocked she returned the same day, and is still here and will start health and weather permitting when the first train pulls out.

Why say "Beautiful Snow"?

PREMIER ROSS is fitting up his old temperance nag for the next Campaign.

NEWS seems scarce, and if we judge by most of our local exchanges, other places are quite as dull as Durham.

THE Chatsworth News came out last week with an Emergency member, about the size of a pocket handkerchief.

MR. MALCOLM MCINNES sold a fine two year old colt to Wm. Court of Bunnissan for the handsome sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars.

SIXTEEN Engines, three snow plows a rotary plow and a thousand men are said to be at work on opening the C. P. R. between Orangeville and Owen Sound.

WE are served with mail now from Palmerston about every other day, which the public have learned to appreciate even if the trips are a little irregular and uncertain.

THE Parliament buildings in Toronto were struck by lightning a few days ago, but the flames were soon extinguished. It's over a year since they were struck by Bob Gamey, and the fire isn't out yet.

WE presume it is generally known that our paper is an all-home print and the inside pages so frequently overlooked in 'patent' insides contains interesting local items, and a host of government reports, of value to agriculturists.

IT doesn't make much difference to us personally whether the lights go out at midnight, or render an all night service, but the dissenting voices we hear show that all are not so indifferent. Of course an all night service is what users have to pay for and what they should get. Let us hope there will soon be plenty of water, and the reason for shutting down will then be set aside.

ON the 16th of February Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcoxson, of Carrollton, Mich., formerly of Durham, celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mr. Allen Wilcoxson and wife, of Bay City, Mr. T. Wilcoxson and family, of Detroit, two daughters, Mrs. Woodland and Mrs. Barbara Kent, being present. The house was beautifully decorated with American Beauty Roses. A number of handsome presents were received, and telegrams of congratulations were read from friends of Grand Rapids and Canada.

WE notice by the Roselawn, (Indiana) News Review that Dr. M. Cook, a Traverston boy is spoken of as a likely leap year catch by some of the young ladies there. This is what the paper says of him under the heading of "Bachelors Auction"— "Dr. Cook is a little sensitive concerning his age, and out of regard for his feelings, we simply say that he is old enough to be married. The Doctor is one of the best men, whom to know is to respect and how he has escaped from cupid's darts until now is singular. Girls don't be backward. There is no reason why the doctor should not marry. If he knows how to put up stove pipes as well as write prescriptions, you will be all the happier. Try and get his consent." A young man as handsome as doctor Cook is may expect the girls of the Hoosier State to hang round him like flies round a molasses barrel. No doubt he will soon come to the conclusion that it isn't well for man to live alone.

Few boys have more genuine friends than Doug Munro, whom we mentioned last week is having secured a position in Winnipeg and few boys especially in sporting circles will be more missed. If we call him a boy and call him "Doug" we know he won't be offended because he isn't built that way. In fact the writer is a few years older and it never hurts his feelings to be called a boy. Well, we said Doug was popular and we may also say that old and young regret to lose him as a citizen, and we can assure him that on leaving Durham he carries with him the good will and good wishes of everybody. On Thursday night last he was but holed on the street and invited into Darling's drug store on a simple pretext. No sooner was he inside than a number who were lying in ambush pounced upon him, and presented him with a handsome purse and \$20 in gold (two tens). This was the most informal send off, we ever knew but informal as it was, it was a genuine manifestation of the respect and esteem in which our young friend was held. With health and strength and every appearance of long life before him, Mr. Munro has our very best wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

People We Know

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

MR. R. B. IRVINE of Grenfell, leaves this week for his home in the West.

MR. J. L. BROWNE went East last week to Hawkesbury, Vanleek Hill and Ottawa.

MISS Christene Jackson is not feeling well and talks of an extended visit to Florida.

MRS. J. W. IRWIN is in Toronto attending her daughter, De Garmo, who is seriously ill.

MRS. (REV.) WRAY SMITH is confined to her room, suffering from a severe attack of La Grippe.

MR. JACOB KRESS is yet quite poorly not having fully recovered from a severe cold which affected his lungs.

MISS Eleanor Kress had the misfortune some time ago to run a needle into her hand. Recently by the aid of the X Rays the remaining portion was located and an attempt to remove it by Buffalo doctors who she is now visiting, proved unsuccessful, and another operation is talked of.

FIFTY hats on bargain Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 20 cts. each at Miss Dicks.

FARMERS were ploughing this time last year. We are informed that some started on the 15th. From present appearances they'll do well this year if they get started the first week in April.

A pie and box social is to be held in Watson's school house No. 1, Normanby on the evening of Friday March 25th. Admission 10 cents Ladies bringing pies free. Good programme.

ON Monday last eleven of our citizens went over to Hanover to take the train for different points, but the roads being blocked they had to return. Amongst the disappointed company were Dr. Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Storrey, Mrs. Stonehouse, Allan Bell, Wm. Calder, Doug Munro, S. Binnie, Man Sutherland, and a couple of others.

FROM the medical profession comes a warning to smokers. If you wish to avoid tobacco cancer don't smoke fast. After careful observation it has been practically determined that this form of cancer is caused by the irritation resulting from the heat of the cigar or pipe. Men who smoke long stemmed pipes, it is said, do not have cancer, no matter how much they smoke, while those who indulge in cigars or short stemmed pipes are afflicted by this malignant growth. Tobacco cancer caused the death of General Grant. He was an inveterate smoker, and he smoked very fast. At the battle of Shiloh he is said to have consumed fifty cigars. In smoking a large number of cigars in a short time the tongue is irritated by the excessive heat, and in time cancer is the result.



THE PEOPLE . . .

Want it. Slap Bang, in it goes. Another big \$ window for next Saturday, March 19th.

The biggest dollars worth of values yet offered. Yes! there will be silverware, clocks, jewellery, spectacles, bibles, albums, books, stationery and fancy goods.

Our big stock that we bought at a low rate on the dollar is going off like hot cakes. Pile in with the crowd and get your share of the bargains.

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

Epworth League Social.

(By our City Editor.)

As advertised the Geographical Social given by the members of the Epworth League in the school room of the Methodist church on Thursday evening was the best of the series this year. The geographical feature of the affair was taken up fully and freely; old and young vying with each other in striving by wit and wisdom, genius and invention, with pen or pencil or picture and emblem to represent the various towns, cities, villages, countries or counties which they had individually selected. A list of the names of the exhibitors and of places represented would be too long for your valuable space and as all were so good it would be folly to select a few. In geographical metaphor we might say: The stream of pleasure seekers reached a full tide of enjoyment. There was many a deep eddy of interest, many a ripple of laughter, cascade of delight, rapids of sweet change and for the artists who entertained the audience with instrumental and vocal selections there were cataracts of applause and for everybody present a whole continent of satisfaction. The equatorial line between the "haves" and the "have nots" was for the time being obliterated.

The geographical class led by the president, C. E. Watson, was a pleasant feature of the programme. The orchestra under their leader, Mr. G. Yirrs, did well and if the members hold together there is no reason why they should rot in the near future be ready to cater to the entertainment of any social gathering. The solos by Mrs. Whitechurch, Miss Lauder and Geo. Wright were sung with grace and finish that was highly appreciated. The effort of F. Vickers in his base solo showed his voice deepening in tone and compass. The male quartette was in its old form and popular as usual. The duet by Bertha Sparling and Rita Irwin showed the progress of our young friends in expression, their voices blended in sweet harmony. The accompanists were Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Smith and George Wright. The singing of "God Save the King" was the air that scattered the members of the gathering to their homes.

Some things the committee of management did not do: Call on C. L. Grant for a cap for the head of a river and the shoe for the foot of a mountain. H. H. Mockler for a collar for a neck of land. On Miss Dick for a veil for the brow of a hill and fringe for a cape. On R. Burnet for a coat for a body of water. On Darling the druggist for powder; or on Swallow or Vollet for a razor for the face of Nature. On J. Kress for a mattress for the bed of a river. On McArthur for a blanket for the cradel of the deep. On the farmers of the surrounding country for some fresh feathers for the wings of the wind. On Shewell & Lenahan for a cushioned chair for the seat of war. On Siegner for oil to pour on the troubled waters and a whetstone to sharpen a blade of grass. On dentist Holt or Pickering for a set of teeth for the mouth of a river. On Macfarlane & Co. or Keeler & Sons for a text book on how water works and frost bites. On Charter Smith at the foundry for a monkey wrench to loosen up the Straights of Gibraltar. On Flarity for a sleeve for an arm of the sea. It must have been because the articles were not advertised in the defunct "Advertiser" now combined with the Chronicle.

- QUESTIONS IN GEOGRAPHY.
1. What country in Europe would you carve at Thanksgiving? Turkey.
 2. What country in Europe describes the perpetual condition of the small boy? Hungary.
 3. What West African seaport can be bought at 25 cents a dozen? Banana.
 4. What Island in the Irish Sea is in great demand because of its scarcity at summer resorts? Man.
 5. What bay in New York should be served with pepper and salt? Oyster.
 6. If you were commencing a dairy business what summer resort in the south of England would you buy? Cowes.
 7. Name two islands representing the breed you would select? Jersey and Alderney.
 8. If all the women were to go to China where would the men go to? Peking.
 9. What country in South America describes your feelings on a winter morning when all the fires are out? Chile.
 10. What geographical feature would then be desirable? Capes.
 11. What South Carolina town is suggestive of pain? Aiken.
 12. What city in Southern France would be dangerous to meet in the desert? Lyons.
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Ladies' Stylish Skirts.

We have a lot of stylish Ready-to-wear Skirts in black and gray Home-spuns and fine Broadcloth that we are clearing at big reductions. Here are a few of them:

\$6.00 Skirt for	\$5.00
5.50 " "	4.50
4.50 " "	3.50
4.00 " "	3.00
3.00 " "	2.00

Ladies' Underskirts.

24 Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts, regular price clearing at \$1.50..... \$1.00

Bargains in Wrappers.

2 Dozen Ladies' Wrappers, regular \$1.25, while they last at (each)..... 75c.

S. F. MORLOCK

CASH AND ONE PRICE.

The . . . Corner Store . . . Still To The Front!

GOODS MOVING: Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather we have been selling off a lot of our winter goods.

PRICES COUNT: The low figures at which we have placed them is a big inducement, and should they not be needed this winter a purchaser buying now will make big interest by keeping them over for another season.

MUST GO: We are determined to clear our Ready-mades and Overcoats at or below cost, as we need room for our Spring Stock, some of which is already shipped, but sidetracked on account of the blockade.

Call at Our Store, Ask for Prices, and you will be Convinced that We Mean Business.

J. & J. HUNTER

THE BUSY STORE ON THE BUSY CORNER.