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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Chronicle. Dear Sir.—In previous years, both local banks had made application for the town account, and the matter was left to a vote of the council. This year, the Mayor, previous to the council meeting, visited both banks and requested the Managers to put in tenders for the account. When the matter came up at the meeting, it was carried unanimously that the account be given to the bank submitting the best tender. Just as the tenders were about to be read, the Manager of the Standard Bank, who was present, came forward and requested that his tender be returned to him for a moment, as he wished to change the wording slightly. This being done, the tenders were read by the Mayor, and found to be identically the same. On examination of the Standard Bank tender, it was found that a slight change had been made in the wording, and that both the rate of discount, and the rate of interest on deposit had also been changed. It now developed that the Mayor had opened the tenders some time prior to the matter coming up, and they had lain openly on the table for some time. This was certainly out of order, as sealed tenders are only supposed to be opened in the presence of the parties interested, and immediately prior to their reading. The Mayor's attention was drawn to this fact, and the supposition made that the Manager of the Standard Bank, must have, in some manner, found out what the Traders Bank tender was, and this was his reason for requesting the return of his tender, "to change the wording," as he said, while in reality he wished to change his figures. The Mayor disclaimed having had any communication with the Manager of the Standard Bank, after having opened the tenders, but the fact remained, that the Manager of the Standard Bank must have, in some way, found out what the Traders Bank tender was, or why did he wish to have his tender returned to him; or how did it happen that he was able to make his figures identically the same as those of the Traders Bank. After some heated discussion on whether or not the altered tender of the Standard Bank should be accepted, it was moved and seconded that the Standard Bank tender do be accepted, and on being put to a vote, was carried by 5 to 2. This does not look to me like a square deal to the Traders Bank, in that tenders were called for, and the original tender of the Traders Bank being a better tender, from the town's standpoint, than the original tender of the Standard Bank, I think, in all fairness to the former institution, its original tender should have been considered more favorably than the altered tender of its competitor. What was the use of considering the tender of the Traders Bank at all, if it was a foregone conclusion that they would not get the account, no matter what their tender was. This was certainly an unjust act on the part of the council, and I cannot understand how an able body of men, such as this year's council is composed of, could countenance such a thing. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I am, Yours very truly, —FAIR PLAY.

Women's Institute Meeting.

A meeting of Durham Branch of the Women's Institute was held in the town hall here on January 3rd. Fifty-eight ladies were present, and listened to a splendid report of the Women's Institute Convention in Toronto, by the delegate, Mrs. J. W. Blyth. The Institute in Ontario has made great progress. There are now six hundred and fifty-four branches, with a membership of 10,091, and the total attendance in the past year was 150,000. There was a large attendance at the convention in Toronto. The meetings were held in Guild and Convocation Hall. A few of the speakers were Dr. Helen McMurphy, on 'Social Service,' Miss Guest, on 'Belleville, on 'The Woman of the Twentieth Century,' Hon. Adam Beck, on 'Electricity on the Farm, and in the Home,' Mr. C. J. Atkinson, on 'What We Can Do for the Boys,' Dr. C. J. Copp, on

'The Work of the St. John Ambulance Association,' Dr. W. T. Connell, of Queen's University, on 'Water Supply' and many other splendid addresses.

After Mrs. Blyth's report, Mrs. Woelard, of Toronto, gave an address on 'Health Culture.' Notwithstanding the fact that this is Mrs. Woelard's third appearance in Durham, her address was listened to with the greatest attention and it was brimming full of good health suggestions. She said there is too much sickness, and too many operations. If there are to be healthy women, more care must be taken of health when young. She warned against cold and damp feet. If the effect of it is not felt in youth, it will be later on in life. One of the chief things in health is to keep the blood circulating all over the body. Wherever there is congestion of the blood, there is trouble. The massage treatment is a splendid thing for a great many diseases. She told how to massage the different parts of the body, and how to massage for bronchitis, stomach trouble, nervousness, etc. More butter, cream and cheese should be used as food, and pure, unfermented grape juice is one of the best tonics.

After her address, she had a demonstration on the most beautiful fancy work.

The singing of the National Anthem closed one of the most interesting and instructive afternoon meetings.

RIVERDALE.

The past few days have been a little like winter. It is decidedly so to-day, Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Atkinson has a gang of men making the timber for the new addition to his barn. Mr. B. Sharp, of town, has the contract which assures a good job.

Monday was a rough day for the new councillors to turn out for the first time this year.

Mr. John McGirr purchased a fine horse from Mr. Blair, of Traverston.

The adult Bible class held their first meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr on Thursday night last. Miss Elizabeth Scott took up the lesson in Philippians, 3rd chapter, and gave a very interesting and instructive talk. A business meeting was held also, when the various committees were appointed. There was a good attendance. The next meeting will be held this Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson.

Quite a number of our farmers took in the Farmers' Institute meetings last Wednesday afternoon and evening. The members of the Literary Society supplied the musical part of the evening's programme. The speeches delivered by the three speakers were both interesting and instructive.

Several of the young people of this part were present at the reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Atkinson, by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of town, on Wednesday night last. All report a fine time.

IN A RAILWAY WRECK.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Horton and child, of Regina, Sask., and formerly of Owen Sound, were in a serious railway wreck last week while on their way through the Southern States to Florida to spend a few weeks. The wreck was caused by a head-on collision, and one of the cars completely telescoped. Several passengers were killed. Mr. Horton was slightly injured, and Mrs. Horton and other members of their party were badly shaken up. They were all able to continue the journey, however.—O. S. Sun.

LATE POSTMASTER NOT THREATENED.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—An item of news has been going through the press lately that the postmaster at Mildmay had suicided because he had been threatened with dismissal. The Postoffice Department gives authority for the following statement of the facts of the case: "The Mildmay postmaster was in no way threatened and had not been communicated with by this department since the advent of the present Government to power. On the 23rd of December, a complaint was received that this postmaster had opened a registered letter, which is a criminal act. The Postoffice Inspector was instructed to investigate the matter at once, and the postmaster admitted his guilt, asking for leniency and mercy. However, the postmaster committed suicide even before the Inspector's report reached Ottawa, and consequently before the department had occasion to take action."—Special to the Toronto Mail and Empire.

PERSONAL.

Miss Barbara Watt left Monday morning for Toronto.

Miss Anna Burns of Seattle, Wash., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed. Lauder.

Miss Dorothy Burns, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed. Lauder.

Dr. R. B. Culbertson, Dauphin, Man., spent a few days with relatives in town and vicinity. He left Tuesday morning for St. John's, N.B., and will sail for England on the 12th. He intends to spend a couple of months in hospital work there, before returning to the West to resume his professional duties.

JUNIOR HOCKEY SCHEDULE

The following schedule for the junior hockey teams representing Walkerton, Hanover and Durham, was drawn up at Hanover on Monday evening last:

- Jan. 11.—Durham at Hanover.
Jan. 16.—Walkerton at Durham.
Jan. 18.—Hanover at Walkerton.
Jan. 24.—Durham at Walkerton.
Jan. 26.—Hanover at Durham.
Jan. 30.—Walkerton at Hanover.
Feb. 1.—Durham at Hanover.
Feb. 6.—Walkerton at Durham.
Feb. 9.—Hanover at Walkerton.
Feb. 13.—Hanover at Durham.
Feb. 15.—Durham at Walkerton.
Feb. 20.—Walkerton at Hanover.

The following are the referees agreed on: Hanover, W. Devlin, H. Lucas; Walkerton, F. Clark; Durham, P. Gagnon, A. Saunders.

The Drug stores have decided to close at six o'clock every night except Saturday nights during the winter months.

The Equitable Life Building, New York was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Loss \$6,000,000. There were \$four lives lost.

The C. P. R. train from Vancouver was 17 hours late reaching Toronto on Tuesday owing to the snow-storm.

Confar Defects in Artists.

It was said of the late Edwin A. Abbey that his nearsightedness had much to do with his close attention to detail, one of the characteristics of his art. An illustrator who does work in black and white, speaking of Mr. Abbey's conscientious drawing in of details, wondered how much ocular defects accounted for certain aptitudes of well known artists.

"A cynical person told me the other day," he said, "that he half believed every impressionistic painter was nearsighted and drew what he saw with his glasses off. It sounds sensible.

"And consider me. I am completely color blind. I cannot even tell blue from yellow, a falling which is rarer than red-green color blindness.

"Yet I would not see colors if I could. When I draw, you see, I put in precisely the effects I get in nature, and they tell me that shade gradation is the chief merit of my work. I lay that to color blindness."—New York Sun.

When They Fined the Servants.

There must have been a servant problem even in the specious times of Elizabeth, if we may judge by a list of rules drawn up by a baronet of that era for the guidance of his domestic helpers and recently brought to light by an English writer. The baronet evidently liked his house kept in order, and if it were not made absolutely spotless on Friday after dinner everybody responsible had to pay three-pence. He liked punctuality, and six-pence was the fine for meat that was not ready at 11 or before for dinner and at 6 or before for supper, while the table had to be laid half an hour before those times, on pain of twopence. Oaths were a penny each, and it was equally expensive to leave a door open which was found shut, while to teach any of the children any "unhonest speech" was fourpence. The fines were duly paid each quarter day out of the wages, and with fine vagueness the baronet winds up. "They shall be bestowed on the poor, or other godly use."

Carried to Extremes.

"She is simply mad on the subject of germs and sterilizes or filters every thing in the house."
"How does she get along with her family?"
"Oh, even her relations are strained."—Stray Stories

Correct.

Defeated Candidate—You encouraged me to run for office. You know you did. You said you thought I wouldn't make a bad aiderman.
Trusty Henchman—Well, the returns seem to show that I was right.—Baltimore Times

A Stickler.

"Say, pa."
"Well, what?"
"What is the difference between seeing your own finish and drawing your own conclusions?"

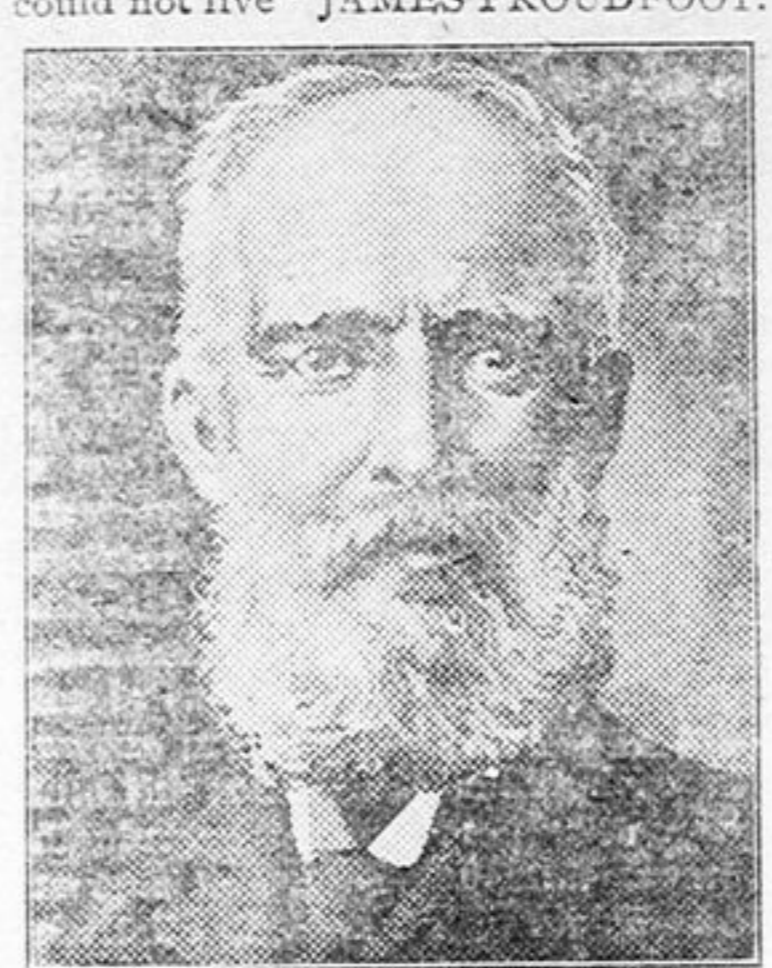
In one completed man there are traces of many men.—Bulwer-Lytton

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According to Orders.

In employing men to work at his Palo Alto farm in California the late Senator Stanford gave strict orders that they were never to strike, kick or whip a horse. On one occasion, while at dinner, one of the drivers insisted that he must see the senator. He was ushered in, with blood over his face, which was badly cut. "John knocked me down," explained the man, referring to one of the trainers. "What did you do?" asked the senator. "Nothing," replied the man. "But you must have done something. I want the truth," persisted the senator. "Well, I only kicked a horse," growled the man, "and John knocked me down." "Those were John's instructions," said the senator emphatically, "and he did just right."

Gallant.

Mme. Squire Bernhardt once told of a gallant to whom she had been introduced. "His compliments," she said, "were so glowing that at last I cried out:

"But, monsieur, remember, I am sixty-four years old!"

"Madam," he replied, "to me you are just thirty-two, for I, seared as I have been by scandal, am too charitable ever to believe more than half of what I hear."

Some Squeeze.

A judge was questioning an old Irishman.

"He took you by the throat and choked you, did he?" asked the judge. "He did, sor," said Pat. "Sure, sor, he squeezed me throat till I thought he would make cider out o' me Adam's apple."—London Telegraph.

Her Aim.

Mr. Binks (after an absence)—And so you shot a burglar while here and unprotected. You are a brave little woman. What became of him? Mrs. Binks—The other burglar carried him off. Mr. Binks—Which other burglar? Mrs. Binks—The one I aimed at—Puck.

Experience Teaches.

She—Dearie, shall I learn to make biscuits the way your mother used to make them? He (with a shudder)—No, darling. She used to beat 'em, and my poor father always thought that was how she developed her music.—Exchange.

No Touches For Moods.

Figg—Well, you know the old saying. "Contentment is better than wealth." Fogg—That's so. People don't try to borrow it from you.—Boston Transcript.

The feat of being found out is often mistaken for the prickings of conscience.

Light and Sound Waves.

With reference to our ability to tell the direction from which sound proceeds, attention may be called to an interesting difference between the eyes and the ears in relation to the size of the waves that strike them. The average wave length of light is about one ten-thousandth of the diameter of the pupil of the eye. On the other hand, according to Rayleigh, the waves of sound proceeding from a man's mouth are about eight feet long, whereas the diameter of the passage of the ear is quite small and could not well have been made a large multiple of eight feet. One consequence of the minuteness of light waves, in comparison with the size of the eyes is that the lenses of the eyes are able to concentrate rays of light upon the retina with great efficiency.—Scientific American

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