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NEWS AROUND TOWN

You will make no mistake by leaving your order for vegetables at Mrs. G. Hepburn's.

Two hundred and one aviators have been killed since the year 1896.

We are pleased to hear from Mrs. W. G. Prew, and to learn that she and Mr. Prew are doing well out west.

Palmerston tax rate is 35 mills. Huntsville hits it at 32, Orillia, 30, and Burk's Falls, 28. Durham's rate is 26½ mills.

A Philadelphia woman supposed to be insane talked for thirty-six hours incessantly. The doctors could do nothing to stop her, and had her sent to an asylum.

The annual exhibition of South Grey Agricultural Society was held here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The prize list will appear in our next issue.

Con. Durham No. 446, C. O. F.—A regular meeting Friday, the 27th. Important business. All members are requested to attend.—Jas. Hepburn, Rec.-Sec.; Chas. Ritchie, Chief Ranger.

We congratulate the Burk's Falls Arrow on getting a brand new office, a new Cranston cylinder press and a lot of other new equipment. The editor, Mr. A. R. Fawcett, was the founder of the Flesherston Advance.

Sir Richard Cartwright, who is 77 years of age, was operated on last week in Kingston General Hospital for strangulated hernia. The report says he stood the operation well, and is progressing nicely.

Henry Hunter, of Rondeau, pleaded guilty to being drunk in a restricted territory, giving the excuse that he had taken it for medicinal purposes. He was fined \$20. Harry Cox, an old offender, pleaded guilty to the same charge and paid another \$20 for his fine.

Graduates of the Mount Forest Business College are sure of good positions. The school has several applications at present for book-keepers and stenographers where the initial salary is \$50 per month or better. Students may enter at any time. The sooner the better.

Mr. F. Gleason, representing the Bell Telephone Co., was in Hanover last week endeavoring to get a sufficient number of phones installed to warrant the company putting in an all-night service. For the size of the town, Hanover has probably fewer phones than any other town in Western Ontario.

Hon. J. W. Sifton died at Winnipeg on Thursday last. He was born in Middlesex county, August 10th, 1833, but went west many years ago. He became a member of the Legislature of Manitoba in 1878, and was elected Speaker. He is the father of Hon. Clifford Sifton, and of Hon. A. L. Sifton, the present Premier of Alberta.

The Durham branch of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. D. McCrie, on Thursday, October 3rd, at 2 p.m. Mrs. McCrie will speak on "Why Slaughter Our Forests? What measures to take to encourage the planting of trees." Ladies are invited to come prepared to take part in a discussion on meats, and engage in a button-hole contest.

The Dominion Parliament will be called it is reported, before the end of November.

Meaford council has decided to submit a local option by-law at the municipal election in January.

Mrs. Samuel Queen, of Egremont, near Holstein, died on Monday morning.

Penetang tax rate is 35 mills for Public school supporters and 30 mills for Separate school, says the Collingwood Bulletin.

Mr. John Adlam, of Mulock, has installed a six horsepower gasoline engine. It was made by the Petrie Co., of Hamilton, and sold by their agent, Mr. Robt. Ewen, in town.

A Saskatoon preacher has given up preaching and engaged in selling motor cars. In a way, his occupation remains unchanged. He still prepares men to meet death.

A load of the young people of Trinity church drove up to Chatsworth on Tuesday, to attend the A. Y. P. A. convention of Grey deanery. Rev. W. H. Hartley read a paper at the convention on "The Ideal A. Y. P. A. Member."

On Friday night last, Mr. W. R. Rombough, a resident of this town for forty-two years, before his retirement twelve years ago, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Hunter, 77 Grenville street, Toronto.

Thomas Armour, of Dunnville, has served sixty-two years in the post-office of that town. He was assistant for twelve years, when he was appointed to the chief position, which he has held for fifty years. He is the third postmaster the town ever had.

Rev. H. M. Langford, rector of Christ church, Listowel, will conduct the services and preach in Trinity church next Sunday, morning and evening, and at St. Paul's, Egremont, in the afternoon. Rev. W. H. Hartley will be in Listowel conducting Harvest services.

A Tilbury butcher who sold diseased meat, was fined fifty dollars and costs, amounting in all to \$125.00. It seems that a good term in the penitentiary would fit the crime much better. The Tilbury farmer who sold the animal to the butcher also pleaded guilty and was fined twenty dollars and costs forty-two dollars in all.

We notice a number of our exchanges carry the T. Eaton Company's advertising. On a number of occasions we refused this advertising at a good rate, out of loyalty to our own merchants and our town. The merchants who get their printing out of town, and citizens who send to Eaton's for wedding and other stationery, are not deserving of much consideration, and we sometimes doubt, if even for the satisfaction of being loyal, we were wise in refusing a good offer. Our candid opinion is that the person who patronizes home is the best citizen generally.

We feel ashamed of some of our boys, and we have good reason. To think that boys have no more pride than to get drunk and disorderly nearly every time they go to other towns, is something we can't understand. Yet such is the case, and too often their names appear in public print in our local exchanges. With the forlorn hope that some day soon they'll get a little more pride into their make-up and conduct themselves properly, we omit the names of a couple of the wrong-doers, who dragged Durham's flag in the mud at the Walkerton fair two weeks ago. But we are unable to decide whether concealment under such circumstances is a benefit to those who so often bring disgrace upon the town. Though young in years, some of them seem to have become chronic toughs, and no surprise will be felt if some of them should soon be serving time in the county gaol. We hate to think of such disgrace being brought home to any family, but in the end it might be the best thing that could happen them. A term on bread and water might do them good.

SYDENHAM DOESN'T WANT IT

For some reason yet to be explained, the township of Sydenham has refused to take any action towards the establishment of rural mail delivery service in that township. Mr. Middlebro', M. P., receiving Government sanction, wrote the reeve asking for the council to take the matter up. Some days later he was surprised to receive a communication saying the council would take no action. Rural mail routes have been laid out in Derby, covering the township thoroughly, and work is now being done to establish a similar service in St. Vincent. Mr. Middleboro will endeavor to give rural mail service to the whole of North Grey.

A TALK ON JAPAN

The Epworth League of the Methodist church had a very interesting meeting on Monday night. A recitation and solo by Miss Florence Barclay, a solo by Mrs. Whitechurch, a duet in Japanese by Rev. and Mrs. Prudham, were numbers on the program, but the chief interest centred on an address by Mr. Prudham, who gave a talk on his trip from Japan, where he labored seven years as a missionary. On going there, he and Mrs. Prudham went west by way of Vancouver, and across the Pacific. On the return trip, five years ago, they came by way of Nagasaki, Shanghai, Canton, Singapore, Colombo, Aden, the Red Sea, Suez canal, Rome, Florence, Paris, London, Glasgow, and across the Atlantic. For an hour and a half Mr. Prudham kept his hearers deeply interested in his very graphic description of the places passed through. By taking the western course homeward they completed a trip around the world.

DEATH OF W. R. ROMBOUGH

From The Toronto Telegram.

Taking his diploma as civil engineer at Montreal 66 years ago, Mr. William Rose Rombough, who died last night at the age of 91, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. David Hunter, 77 Grenville street, was the oldest Dominion land surveyor in Canada. He was born in Napanee, and with the exception of a slight stroke about twenty years ago, from which he speedily recovered, he had never had a day's illness in his life, death being the result of old age.

Mr. Rombough was one of the best known surveyors in the employ of the Provincial Government and in addition to surveying the counties of Brant, Grey, Arthur, and Bruce, he laid out several districts in the eastern end of the province, and constructed numerous large drains. He resided in Durham for about 42 years, and came to Toronto twelve years ago. He is survived by his wife, a lady 81 years of age, the couple having been married 55 years; and he also leaves two sons, John B., of Baltimore, and Marshall A., of Vancouver; four daughters, Mrs. Van Norman, Vancouver; Mrs. F. A. Collins, Winnipeg; Mrs. E. J. Cole, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Mrs. Hunter, Toronto; and ten grandchildren.

WILSON ISSUES WRIT

Mr. J. G. Wilson has issued a writ against the town claiming \$2000 for injuries sustained when he tumbled down the bank at the Lambton street bridge and is said to have had his leg fractured. It will be remembered that two or three weeks ago he drove along Queen street, and, with his horse and buggy tumbled over the bank near the Methodist church. We cannot say to what extent the approach to the "danger spot" was barricaded on the night when the accident occurred, but Mr. Wilson is evidently of the opinion that things were left rather carelessly by the town council and sees a chance to be recouped for his loss of time and the pain he has endured. It was quite a surprise to learn that he decided to take action against the town. We don't know what the decision will be when the matter is threshed out in court, but we think it would be better for all concerned to keep out of law.

JUST SNAKES

Durham's two editors are into a controversy over a snake story, the said snake having become noteworthy on account of its location in a cow's stomach. The Review man claims a snake was found inside the cow and caused her death by eating away the lining of the animal's stomach. The Chronicle man claims only the skin of a snake was found in the cow's stomach. It would, therefore appear from the foregoing that the Chronicle's editor was the more sober of the two, as it is not so bad to see only the skin of a snake as it is to see 'em alive. It is too bad that such stories continue to come from local option towns.—Mt. Forest Representative.

A party of campers at Oliphant whose home is in the States, made a trip up to the Lisle Island and captured a number of rattlesnakes. They were carelessly kept in a box, and some escaped a short time ago. Miss Dunham heard her aunt, Mrs. McIntyre, screaming, and when she reached her, she found a large rattler coiled up beside a stone very near their cottage. She killed it with a stick in a very short time. This rattler was eight years old, and the mother of fifteen more. Imagine now what will happen if any of these are left out there. The place will be ruined as a summer resort because it will be safe for no one, especially children, to go out walking.—Warton Echo and Canadian.

Mrs. Thornton had a little experience with snakes on Sunday that would make most women quake with fear. She was crossing the lawn at C. W. Flynn's when she suddenly came upon a large copper snake, a most villainous looking reptile. Instead of fainting as many of the sex would have done, she coralled the crawling creature and shouted for Mr. Flynn to come and despatch it. This job was hardly completed before two others appeared on the sward to meet the same fate as the first one. Mrs. Thornton, by this time thought she had seen enough snakes for one day and gathered up her skirts and left the limits as quickly as possible.—Creemore Star.

A Montreal woman opened a bottle of milk, and a small snake dropped out. In telling the story the Canadian press coolly explained that "the snake was one of the harmless variety, and it was supposed that it either fell into the milk pail or was in the water with which the bottle was washed." We are glad we do not live in Montreal, where they keep the lids off milk pails, so that snakes can drop into the milk, or where the milk men wash their bottles in water used by snakes anxious to learn swimming. Things are bad enough in Toronto and its rural outskirts, where the family cat is allowed occasionally to lap up half a pint of milk from the pails before the balance is transferred to bottles, and where the hired man is privileged to test the quality of the cream with his finger. To live in a city where snakes take milk baths, and newspaper men treat the matter as a huge joke would be too horrible for anything. Milk is a tea-totaler's drink. Keep snakes out of it and do some real temperance work by confining these reptiles to whiskey bottles.—Johnny Kanuck.

AND THEN MORE SNAKES

Licence Inspector M. C. Beckett, assisted by the police, made a clean-up at the Central Hotel, in Owen Sound, Saturday afternoon, when they made a raid, and a thorough search. Hidden in a cunningly contrived hiding place in the flooring they found one hundred and twenty-seven quart bottles of Imperial and draft whiskey and also about eight gallons of bulk draft whiskey. The find was at once confiscated, and removed to the police station, and a charge will be preferred against Lalonde, the lessee of the house. This is one of the biggest hauls yet made in an Owen Sound hotel.

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