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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$8.90.

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Henry Love is being tried in Owen Sound this week on the alleged charge of murdering his wife at Ceylon last December.

A taffy social will be held in Varney church on Easter Monday, March 24th. Good program, and lots of taffy. Admission 15 cents and 10 cents.

New silks just to hand. Jacquard's, at 40c; our old reliable yard wide, all colors, at \$1.00. See our mousseline "Patricia" pure black silk, \$1.25 per yard. At Grant's.

Mr. Wm. Lougheed rented the Holstein hotel last week, and entered on his duties on Tuesday. The former proprietor, Mr. Frank Jordan, has gone back to his farm.

The Canadian Order of Foresters have changed their nights of meeting from the second and last Friday in each month to the first and third Thursdays. All members will please make a note of the change of date.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Paul's church, Egremont, will be held on Tuesday, March 25th, at 8 p.m. All matters pertaining to the welfare of the church and Sunday school is dealt with at this meeting.

Easter communion will be held in Trinity church at the morning service next Sunday. Special music by the choir, appropriate for the day, will be rendered. Morning topic: "The World's Dream of Immortality"; Evening: "The Message of Easter."

The Baptist minister, Rev. N. McCausland, who vacated his home Saturday on account of the freshet, was unable to get into the house on Sunday morning to don his Sunday toggery, and had to conduct the services in his everyday apparel.

An interesting limelight entertainment was given in the hall on Saturday night under the auspices of L.O.L. No. 632. Mr. Stubbs, of Peterborough, was engaged for the occasion. The attendance was rather small, but the program was quite interesting and instructive. Amongst the scenes which were graphically described by Mr. Stubbs, were a number of Canadian, English, Scottish and Irish views; Jane's Conquest, a sea story of a sailor's wife; the story of Evangeline; the Passion Play of Oberammergau, and many others. Mr. Stubbs gives evidence of considerable ability as a reciter, and a singer. The entertainment was of a highly moral character and although given under the auspices of the Orangemen, had no reference to the society.

On Monday night last, St. Patrick was honored by the young people of the Presbyterian church. For the occasion the walls and ceiling of the church basement were nicely draped in green, and the walls decorated with Irish pennants and representations of the shamrock. The program was decidedly Irish; the music was Irish; the songs were Irish; the instrumentals were Irish; the duets were Irish; the readings were Irish. In fact everything was Irish except the performers, and most of them were Scotch. Mr. Thomas Allan was chairman, and handled the large attendance well. The program consisted of a vocal duet by Mrs. A. H. Jackson and Mrs. Bert. Stoneouse and another by Mrs. Stoneouse and Miss LaDell Lauder, both of which were well rendered and well received. Mrs. A.W.H. Lauder delighted the audience with a fine solo. Mrs. Robt. Macfarlane and Miss Kelsey gave a couple of spirited and well executed piano duets. Dr. Grant read an Irish selection and Miss Vivian Crawford gave an interesting number consisting chiefly of Irish witticisms. At the close of the program a dainty luncheon was served, after which the meeting was closed by the National Anthem.

Earle Maben, a boy nine years of age, fell into the Grand river at Elora on Saturday, and narrowly escaped drowning.

Hay for sale. Will be delivered on short notice. Phone in residence. Apply to Jas. Livingston, Vickers. 363pd

The Ladies' Guild of Trinity church will hold a Mystic Tea in the basement of the church shortly after Easter. Further announcement next week.

We had a letter a few days ago from Rev. Mr. Newton, and regret to say that he doesn't seem to entertain much hope for his recovery. He is still in Goderich.

Litany service will be held in Trinity church on Good Friday, at 8 p.m. Topic: "Our Lord's Mother at the Cross." Collection for mission work among the Jews.

Through the influence of R. J. Ball, M.P., the school here has been provided with a number of the latest wall maps of the Dominion of Canada. The teachers regard them as a valuable addition to their school equipment.

After being in a state of darkness for three years, the town of Harriston had the electric lights restored on Saturday last, only to have them put out of commission by Sunday's flood. The new system is incomplete, but conditions are better than they were when citizens had to grope their way about the streets in darkness.

The annual Easter vestry meeting for Trinity church will be held in the basement of the church on Monday evening, March 24th, at 8 p.m. The financial report of the year, and all matters relative to the welfare of the congregation will be dealt with at this meeting. All male members and adherents of the church are invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. Arthur Wells, who works in the furniture factory, was married last Thursday afternoon to Miss Wilson, of Egremont. The ceremony took place at the rectory at 3.30 p.m. The young couple intend taking up housekeeping in upper town, Mr. Wells having rented R. Macfarlane's house, two doors north of the Roman Catholic church.

We clip the following from a Toronto daily of Tuesday last: "George Fox, the violinist, while on his way from a visit to friends on Manning avenue to his home at 97 Pembroke street used the telephone at R. A. Greer's drug store, 590 College street. When he got through he felt faint and had to sit down. Before anything could be done for him he was dead. He was a well-known violinist, and had played all over Canada. His last engagement was at the Irish Night of the St. Patrick's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. His father is a Walkerton jeweller." Mr. Fox was well known in Durham, and his friends here will regret to learn of his sudden death.

A telegram was received here on Sunday last announcing the death of Mr. Thomas Swallow, at Transcona, Manitoba. No information was given more than that the remains would be sent here for interment, which is announced to take place this Thursday afternoon. The deceased was 42 years of age, and spent most of his life in this town as a barber. Three or four years ago, he sold his property here and moved West, where he has since been engaged in business. He was the oldest member of the family, and after his mother's death a number of years ago, the great responsibility of taking care of his feeble father and a family of four or five younger children fell to his lot, and he fought his battle bravely. He had considerable ambition and for one year held a position on the council board. Interment will be conducted by the Independent Order of Foresters, of which deceased has been a member for a number of years. He leaves a widow and two children, three sisters, all of whom are married, and two brothers.

THE SAUGEE'S ANNUAL OUTING

Overflows Its Banks and Causes Considerable Damage

McGOWAN'S MILL DAM GONE

Cellars and Stables Flooded, but Danger is Now All Over

On Friday forenoon last, the McGowan Milling Co. met with a heavy loss by the pressure of ice bursting the cement dam and carrying away about half of it. That morning, Mr. Wm. McGowan and a couple of men began to cut away the ice to relieve the pressure, but were only at work a short time when the crash came and water and ice began to rush over the breach to the water below. Mr. Miles Wilson, with his horse and rig, was on the ice at the time, and had to make a dash for safety. For a time there was a wild scene as the great volume of water and masses of ice came tumbling down the stream.

A few rods below the dam, the C. P. R. bridge became jammed, and were it not for prompt service and hard work by some of the section men and other employees, their might have been greater damage to report. In a short time the obstructing blocks were released from the piers, and finally the danger was averted.

The huge masses of ice passed under the cement bridge on Garafraxa street in safety, but formed a big jam just above the new steel bridge completed for traffic only a few weeks ago. This backed the water up into the main street stores, but the jam going through the bridge during the night, the water went down almost as quickly as it came up. The gates at the dam had been opened in the meantime, and no serious damage has yet to be recorded, and the chances are that all subsequent spring freshets this year will pass off without causing further serious loss of property.

The loss to the McGowan Milling Company will be heavy. To replace the dam alone will run up to two or three thousand dollars. To make matters worse, nothing can be done until the water goes down, perhaps not until June, and during the interval no work can be done. It is safe to infer that the loss of time, and inability to carry on the business will be even a greater loss than the repairing of the dam. A year ago, a break in the dam, tearing away the north end of it, resulted in a heavy loss, and this additional and unexpected misfortune is regretted deeply by every right-thinking citizen.

The mild weather on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last, caused the snow to melt, and the river rose rapidly. On Friday night there was a heavy rainfall, and on Saturday morning the down town citizens began to fear danger, as the water rose rapidly in the depression through the town, starting at the People's Mills and angling through to the old foundry, then along Queen street, near the end of which the ground falls towards the Saugenee on the west, and towards Camp Creek to the south-east.

Shortly after seven o'clock, the water course provided was unable to take care of the flow, and it soon ran across the street, just south of The Chronicle office. Above this point, the land depression was rapidly filling up, cellars were being flooded, and danger seemed imminent. The Chronicle set out to seek the cause, and a representative made his way to The People's Mill at the east of the town. Here the water was rushing over the south bank and following the depression already referred to. Mr. John McGowan had been expecting an increased water flow, and examined the dam late at night, and again at five o'clock in the morning, when everything seemed to be all right. But the scene was changed when he went out at seven o'clock. In the interval between five and seven, a large quantity of ice had come down the river, and

lodging at the head of the pond in a jam about eight or ten feet high, caused the water to rise, and the south bank began to overflow. Mr. McGowan has a stable near the flume, and here his horses and stock were in water nearly four feet deep and were rescued with difficulty. To reach the animals the top floor above had to be removed so as to get in to untie them, when they were forced to wade to the dry ground above. About noon the water began to subside, but only for a short time, as another lot of ice came down the stream and was again lodged at the head of the dam, when the water rose higher than before, and those who were flooded saw there was nothing for them but to wait in patience till the water subsided.

There was a period of great anxiety and inconvenience, but the monetary loss will be comparatively light. A number of cellars were filled up and left in a bad mess, but above that there was comparatively little damage. As the cellars filled, the furnaces, where they had furnaces, were drowned out, and the houses became cold. The chief sufferers were: Thos. Nichol, W. Noble, Mrs. Carwardine, W. D. Connor, Rev. Mr. McCausland, F. Lenahan, J.A. Brown, G. Harbottle, A. Murray, T. Bartman, Mrs. Hillis, T. Wilson, W. H. Traynor, J. J. Smith, and W. Johnston, all of whom had their cellars filled to the depth of three or four feet. The foundry, too, was flooded, and the molding shop put out of business for two or three weeks.

The flood as it continued to the south-east passed through the property of the cement company and washed out a considerable stretch of the company's railway, which we learn has since been undergoing repairs.

The strip affected is a narrow one, and only once before did the citizens witness a similar overflow. Mill street, near McGowan's mill, has the surface pretty well cut away, and there is also a big washout at the C. P. R. bridge on Lambton street. The washing out of this latter necessitated the calling to Durham of the C. P. R. bridge gang from Walkerton, and repairs were made late Sunday night. A special was also sent from Owen Sound with timber, and one day coach, so that if necessary, the passengers on the morning train could be transferred at this point, and continue on their journey. As the bridge gang found they could put the structure in shape for traffic in time for the morning train, the special returned to Owen Sound. The roadway at Mill and Lambton streets, will be easily repaired.

On Sunday afternoon the town council had a gang at work on the jam, but their efforts to remove were unsuccessful, and another gang were put to work on Monday. Monday afternoon the ice passed through, and now lies at the top of the McGowan Milling Company's dam, and, barring another pile-up from ice coming down the river at the next thaw, all danger of a repetition of the high water of Saturday and Sunday is at an end.

It doesn't do a hungry man much good to swallow his pride.

Mr. Andrew Ford has purchased the Chas. Arnett farm in Glenelg.

After an illness of four or five weeks, Mr. Allan Bell is again able to be around.

Flesherton budget is a day behind in reaching us. It will appear next week.

Mr. Wm. Armstrong is nursing a sore hand. He had the tips of two fingers taken off on a buzz planer at the furniture factory last week.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Arnott, nee Eva Booth, of Deloraine, Man., will learn with sorrow of the death of their youngest child, on Sunday March 2nd.

King George of Greece was assassinated on Tuesday in Saloniki. His murderer is a Greek, of apparently unsound mind, and was arrested immediately after the shooting.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENINGS

You are invited. Everybody is invited to come and look over at their leisure our display. The diversity and charm of the New Hats will at once appeal to the modish woman in search of fashions latest innovations.

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