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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$9.50.
Butter is 20c, and eggs are 17c.
Rennie's No. 1 clover seeds for sale. Call and see them before buying.—Mrs. A. Beggs & Son.
Time is money! Practice economy, and get your chopping done at McKechnies' Flour Mills.

Notice.—We have two cars of bran and shorts to offer at a low price, by the ton.—Mrs. A. Beggs & Son.

All Saints church Anglican choir and the choir of the Presbyterian church, both in Collingwood, appeared in new robes on Easter Sunday for the first time.

John Rudolph, of the Queen's Hotel, Tara, was fined \$200 and costs for having liquor for sale on his premises in a local option town.—Hepworth Progress.

Local option goes into effect in Kincardine on the first of May, and Greenock township will be the only "wet" municipality left in Centre Bruce. The licensed hotels for the township will be at Glamis, Riversdale, Chepstow and Parkerton.

Lionel Walter Hooley, a South African veteran, was arrested in Meaford, apparently under the influence of liquor, and died next day from wood alcohol poisoning. A small bottle containing wood alcohol, and labeled "poison" was found on his person.

The Guild of the Presbyterian church intend holding a sale of home-made baking at the room in the rear of the Standard Bank, facing Lambton street, on the first and third Saturdays in April. Tea and light refreshments will be served.

Mr. Thomas McFadden has been appointed by the Dominion Government as Canadian Government Employment Agent for the vicinity surrounding Durham. Farmers wishing laborers or domestic servants, will communicate with him, so that an order may be placed for such help.

J. Pierpont Morgan died at Rome on Monday last. He had been ill for several weeks, but grew rapidly worse towards the last. He was 76 years of age, and conceded to be the greatest of American financiers. He rated third in the list of American millionaires, and leaves an estate of over \$300,000,000.

An Egremont farmer called at our sanctum Tuesday, after delivering ten hogs, for which he got the neat sum of two hundred dollars. He said that things had changed since the time he would have to give three times the number for the same money. The price on Tuesday was \$9.50 a hundred.

To any of our readers we are prepared to give The Daily Mail and Empire, or The Daily Globe, up to January 1, 1914, for the small sum of \$2.00. The Weekly Mail and Empire, or The Weekly Globe, will be sent to any address in Canada, except Toronto, to Jan. 1, 1914, for 35c. Orders sent to this office will receive prompt attention.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen a very material increase was made in the rates which are now so high that many of the older members will be forced to drop out. The following amendment, however, will be a small measure of relief: It says, "Any beneficiary member of the Order upon reaching the age of sixty years, and in good standing, or any present beneficiary member of the Order having already reached the age of sixty years and upwards, and in good standing, may have the option of releasing and surrendering his or her beneficiary certificate and having issued to him or her in lieu thereof a new beneficiary certificate for an amount equal to the assessments paid in to the beneficiary fund by him or her, and be relieved from further payments of assessments to the beneficiary fund from date of such surrender."

The C. P. R. train was late on Tuesday night. It was nearly one o'clock when it pulled into Durham. We know of no accident.

A large consignment of flour, bran, shorts, feed flour, corn, and feed barley on the way. See us before you buy, at McKechnies' Flour Mills.

Lost.—In Durham, on Saturday night, March 29th, a blue, and black silk neck-scarf. Finder will kindly leave at this office and receive reward.

We referred last week to the roof being blown off the McCrie barn, owned by Mr. Wm. Grant. Mr. Henry Grasby was the late purchaser, not Mr. Grant, as stated.

A man near Paisley is reported to have tapped over two hundred trees on Holy Thursday, and all but seven of them were blown down by Good Friday's wind-storm.

Since the Good Friday wind-storm, there is a big demand for shingles or other substitutes. Some are repairing the damage done with metallic shingles, others are using the different kinds of felt roofing.

Since the report of the Dayton floods, Mrs. Blackburn has been anxious about the safety of her daughter, Miss Tunstead, who is head nurse in the Miami hospital in the flooded district. A letter received on Tuesday afternoon afforded the needed relief.

A local exchange reporting last week's storm, in referring to big trees that had blown down, says: "For the sheer pleasure of seeing what fantastic shapes they could be made to assume, had knotted and curved them into the apotheosis of grotesqueness." Will somebody kindly hand up those prunes?

For being drunk in Shelburne on March 13, Robt. Henderson, of Corbetton, was fined \$20 and costs, the information being laid by constable Wm. Whitehead. Inspector Robinson laid an information against James Small of Melanethon, on a similar charge, and though he pleaded guilty, a similar fine was handed out. Shelburne is under local option, and they are evidently getting after the drunks.

The burglars who broke into Isaac Traynor's house in Dundalk, and failed to get the seized booze of which Mr. Traynor is the custodian, have since been advised of its whereabouts by the local newspaper of that town, and will likely try again. The newspaperman lets the cat out of the bag by saying he understands the liquor is stored in the vault of the town hall, awaiting the decision of the police magistrate as to the trials recently held. Durham boys will please make a note of this.

The old wooden armories of the 31st Regiment at Owen Sound were burned on Sunday morning last about one o'clock. Nothing was saved, as the fire had made too much headway before the alarm was sent in. The arms were of the Lee-Enfield issue, and were being called in, but a case of 20 Ross rifles was among the burned contents, also three cases of clothing received from the Department within the past month. The building replaced the original wooden structure which was destroyed by fire about twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. R. B. Miller died at Owen Sound on Saturday, and the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery on Monday afternoon. She was one of Owen Sound's oldest residents, and besides her husband she leaves the following children: H. H. Miller, ex-M. P. of Hanover; George J. Miller, accountant of the National Trust Company, of Chicago; E. S. Miller, General Manager of the Western Life Insurance Company, of Minneapolis; Surgeon-Major R. P. Miller, of the United States Army; Dr. Hugh Miller, of South Bend, Indiana and Mrs. W. F. Gray, of Owen Sound.

Montreal has been partly under water owing to an ice jam above the Victoria bridge causing the St. Lawrence to overflow its banks.

Promptness is an important feature in the chopping business, and promptness is the motto at McKechnies' Mills. Try us.

Saleslady wanted.—Young lady with five or six years' experience in fancy dry goods. Apply, giving full particulars, to Ryan Bros., Owen Sound.

We learn that Mr. Robt. McCracken is in Columbus, Ohio, which is partly submerged by the recent floods. We anticipate no distressing reports.

Tenders wanted.—For caretaker of Durham Presbyterian church. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars, apply to Robt. Macfarlane, to whom tenders are to be sent.

On Wednesday, for the first time since going West last summer, Mr. David Smith put in an appearance at the foundry. He is not improving very much in health, but is still full of hope.

A barn belonging to Horace Wake, of Mono Road, was struck by lightning on Monday morning of last week. Though badly shattered, it was not set on fire. A horse and cow were killed in the stable.

On Good Friday, Walter Lewis, while driving over a bridge near Walkerton, was caught in a gust of wind and with the horse and buggy was blown into the river below, a drop of ten feet. Neither man nor beast was hurt, but the buggy and harness were badly damaged.

Mechanics are at work now re-roofing The Chronicle office, from which the shingles were blown off in the recent windstorm. The roof was in bad condition and should have been attended to some time ago. Though it will cost some money, the repairs were needed, and the storm only hurried up the work.

From the St. Marys correspondence in the London Free Press we learn that our old friend, Charles Lavelle, is on the managing committee of the lacrosse team at that place. While in Durham Charlie was one of the top-notchers in committee work on sports, and in having him on the business end of their club, we feel safe in predicting a successful season for the team if he has good support.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. J. W. Crawford took train for Unity, Sask., where he will spend the summer. Since going there, he has had considerable misfortune, by way of a crop failure one year, and the loss of a large business building last winter. Mr. Crawford is not a man to magnify his troubles and we sincerely hope he may have unmixed success from now on.

The April meeting of the Durham branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Farquharson, on Thursday, April 3rd, at 2 p.m. Mrs. McIlraith and Mrs. McCannel will speak on different methods of preparing eggs for the table. A paper on "Our Friends the Birds," will be given by Miss Margaret J. McGirr, and Dr. Farquharson is expected to speak. Question drawer. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

We referred a couple of weeks ago to negotiations for the introduction of a small factory to manufacture weather strips and other articles. Progress has been made: the McKechnie planing mill has been purchased by the town, and will be remodelled and fitted up for the work. Messrs. Furber and Jacob, late of Guelph, will have charge of the business, and intend to start right away. In addition to weather strips, on which they have been engaged, they will manufacture screen doors, screen windows, kitchen cabinets and many other articles. They intend to have a salesman constantly on the road, and the development and expansion of the business will depend to a large extent on his success. The electors will have an opportunity to vote on a by-law on the 28th of April.

THE POST OFFICE AGAIN

There's another move on now in regard to the new post office, but we are not yet prepared to say that it has been definitely fixed.

Some time ago we referred to options having been given on the property at present occupied by the town hall and a part of Mr. Hahn's property adjoining the same. We also pointed out that subsequently the Government had written the Council asking them to guarantee the title in case of any action from other claimants, as the title to the Government did not seem to be absolutely clear. It may here be repeated that years ago the late H. J. Middaugh presented the property to the town for a town hall site, and an opinion is entertained that as soon as the property is made use of for any other purpose, the original grant reverts to the Middaugh estate. This is where the title seems to be defective.

A few weeks ago Mr. Hahn received notice from the Government that the price stipulated for by him had been placed to his credit in the Royal Bank, and we presume, will be paid over to him as soon as he fulfils his part of the contract. Last week, both Mr. Hahn and the town council were notified to remove the buildings from the properties named.

We understand the time of the option had expired before the Government accepted the town's offer, but as far as the results are concerned this will make no material difference. If the Government accepted the town's option the town would have to give a clear title whether they agreed to do so or not. To do this the question would have to be fought out with the heirs of the Middaugh estate, and no money would be forthcoming until the title was cleared up. If on the other hand the Government allowed the option to lapse and subsequently expropriated the property, which they have the power to do, the price then to be paid would be fixed by arbitration, and go to the rightful owner, when his, her or their claim was properly established. The only course open apparently would be to pay the arbitrators' award into court, and let the town and any other contending parties fight it out and settle it.

If it can be shown that a transfer of the property causes it to revert to the heirs of the original donor, then the purchase price will go to them; otherwise it will go to the town. In any case, there is difficulty in the way, and litigation is sure to come as a result of the transfer.

Surveyors arrived here on Monday and are we presume preparing data for the use of the architect in drawing up the plans for the new building. Things were about equally far advanced last year, when the government surveyor appeared on the scene to take measurements on the Edge property. We said then the selection had been finally made, but the arrangements were changed without notice. It may be so again, but to be as non-committal as possible we can only say that it seems now that the town hall site will be the final selection.

As for being central and convenient, no better site could be found, but the uncertainty in connection with the title will assuredly cause trouble.

Mr. Hunter, a representative of the Government, assured a public meeting here that an inner lot beside a hotel or skating rink would not be considered for a moment. The reason he assigned was because the Government carried no insurance on their public buildings, and the almost certain fate of hotels and skating rinks was destruction by fire. We have been making enquiry, and up to the present we are unable to find a case where a post office is placed in a position similar to the one selected here. The precaution hitherto used was certainly a wise one, and we do not feel like commending the present action in establishing a new precedent.

The old town hall will have to be moved out, and there is no tell-
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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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