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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$8.25.

Men's and boys' tweed overcoats at Grant's.

The residence of Mr. Harvey Boyce, of Bentinck, was burned on Monday.

Berlin has a population of 18,318, St. Catharines 16,026, and Hamilton 100,508.

Rev. Mr. Pink, of Galt, whose wedding announcement appears in this issue, is just recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

The moving of the town hall from its present site to the one over next the market building, necessitated the cutting of the electric light wires and the consequent closing down of the service for a few days. The holiday is being taken advantage of by placing in several new poles, and other repair work.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church held a pleasant meeting in the parsonage on Friday evening of last week. A good program was provided, consisting of a duet by Mrs. Knechtel and Mrs. Prudham, a reading by Miss Barclay, a solo by Mrs. Whitechurch, a quartette by Mrs. Knechtel, Mrs. Prudham, Mr. Glass and Mr. Saunders, and a short address by Mr. M. K. Richardson. Miss Rita Lewis presided at the piano during the evening, and furnished a number of bright, catchy selections. A sumptuous lunch, furnished by the ladies, brought the meeting to a close about 10.30.

A few weeks ago we called the attention of the town council to the undermined condition of the Garafraxa street bridge, and the necessity for attention and repairs. Since then, the abutment has been strengthened, and is now said to be in good condition. The Lambton street bridge is now showing signs of wear under the abutment placed there last year. The damage may be only apparent, but we think it would be a good move on the part of the council to make a thorough examination, and if necessary, to make repairs. Neither this abutment nor the one it replaced is yet fully paid for, and a prolonged neglect may put us in for bigger tax bills. It will not cost much to make an examination, and if repairs have to be made they will cost less now than later on.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ritchie, who met with a peculiar accident at school recently, is recovering nicely from a serious condition that led the parents to be exceedingly anxious for a time. While playing at school, she was struck in the face with a piece of rusty iron. The injury, it seems, was affected by the rust, and apparently blood poisoning set in. Medical aid was soon summoned, and to stay the progress of the trouble, we understand that some of the child's teeth had to be extracted. For a couple of days last week she suffered intense agony, and for several days was unable to take solid nourishment. We are pleased to learn she is getting along well now, and will soon be her natural self again. She is only eight or nine years of age.

Miss Irene Latimer, who has been engaged for some time with the Durham Furniture Co. as stenographer and typist, has resigned her position and will leave in a couple of weeks to accept a position as teacher in the Owen Sound Business College. We congratulate Miss Latimer, who has been offered the appointment without any advances on her part. It was a pure case of the office seeking the individual, and not the individual seeking the office. Business concerns are always on the lookout for young people possessed of ability and integrity, and during Miss Latimer's attendance at the college as a student, she evidently left a good impression. We have been watching her ever since she was a little tot, and we have every confidence in her desire to render good service in any position she may be called upon to fill.

Monday is Thanksgiving Day.

Found.—At the Glen, a lap rug. Enquire at this office.

Miss Bella Binnie becomes the bride to-day, Wednesday, of a Mr. Beer, from Mitchell. Congratulations.

Omo, for bleaching, purifying and cleansing. Lux, for washing with hard or soft water. Borax soap. At Grant's.

Next Sunday, the third Sunday in October, is the day regularly observed as Children's Day by the Anglican church in Canada. Appropriate services and music will mark the occasion in Trinity church at 11 a.m. and St. Paul's, Egremont, at 2.30 p.m. The offering will be devoted to Sunday school work. All are cordially invited.

An interesting address on missionary work in Japan was delivered Sunday night in the Methodist church by Mrs. Prudham. She spent seven years there as a co-worker with her husband, to whom she rendered valuable assistance. The address was clear and forceful, and delivered with an earnestness and sincerity that held the rapt attention of a fair-sized congregation during the hour she spent in telling only a small part of her story. Mrs. Prudham is a pleasant speaker, clear and articulate in her enunciation, plain in her choice of language, earnest in appearance, and lacking in all labored efforts at oratorical frills and embellishments. Her talk was an inspiration to all who heard her and we feel sure that her reappearance in the near future will draw a large, interested and delighted audience.

The greatest marine disaster since the sinking of the Titanic occurred on Thursday night last, when 136 passengers of the steamship, Volturmo, which sailed from Rotterdam on October 2 for Halifax and New York, were drowned in stormy seas while trying to escape from the burning vessel. The rest, 521 passengers, and crew, were saved by ten steamers that answered the wireless call, but these ships had to stand by while the Volturmo burned all Thursday night, unable to help till the mid-atlantic storm abated. They rescued the survivors in the early morning of Friday, and the Volturmo was abandoned. The difficulty of launching the lifeboats in such a terrific sea made it impossible to save the lives of many in the burning ship. It is reported also that disorder prevailed amongst the crew, many of whom trampled down women and children to escape in the first lifeboats which were dashed to pieces when lowered, and the occupants drowned. The Volturmo was owned by the Canadian Northern Company, and has been under charter to the Uranium Steamship Company for the past five or six years.

The bye-election to fill the vacancy in South Bruce caused by the elevation to the Senate of Mr. J. J. Donnelly, has been fixed for Thursday, the 30th day of October. The candidates are R. E. Truax, ex-M.P.P., of Walkerton, for the Liberals, and W. D. Cargill for the Conservatives. The campaign has been on for a considerable time, both candidates having covered the constituency from one end to the other. Mr. Truax, the Liberal standard bearer, was defeated in the general election in 1911 by Mr. Donnelly, who had a majority of 103. He knows the constituency well and will use every effort to be returned as the people's representative. Both parties have visions of victory, but at this distance in time and space it is hard to predict who will be the winner. It is certain, however, that the Borden Government would scarcely have thrown the constituency open without a reasonable assurance of winning in the bye-election. After the Government's success in winning Chateauguay, a Quebec constituency never before represented by a Conservative, it is hard to conceive of them losing in South Bruce.

A song service will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday evening, October 19.

The People's Mills have completed their new dam, and are again ready for business.

No man ever made a vote arguing politics, but he can lose lots of friends.

Those who went West on the harvesters' excursion a couple of months ago, are beginning to arrive back home again.

We have it on the strongest kind of evidence that an elderberry pie tastes better at eleven o'clock at night than it does at seven o'clock next morning.

At the Masonic meeting on Tuesday night, the members of Durham Lodge No. 246, A. F. & A. M. presented Mr. J. R. Gun, who leaves shortly for Hamilton, with a handsome emblematic ring, as a recognition of the very able and valuable services he has rendered during his membership. He has filled many of the chairs with honor and credit to himself and the Order. The brethren all wish him a full overflowing measure of prosperity.

We omitted last week to mention the burning of Mr. McLeod's saw mill at Priceville. The accident occurred about two weeks ago, and resulted in a complete loss of building and machinery, which consisted of saw mill, shingle mill, planer, lath machine and chopper. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000, with insurance of only \$500. We do not know whether Mr. McLeod intends to rebuild or not, but we presume he will, as the power is a valuable one and the business is good.

This Wednesday evening at five o'clock, a marriage ceremony will be solemnized in the Baptist church, the contracting parties being Rev. Thos. Deayton Pink, of Galt, and Miss Jean May Fallaise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fallaise of this town. The nuptial knot will be tied by Rev. Mr. McCausland in the presence of a large number of invited guests, including Rev. Mr. Clark, of McMaster University, and other college mates of the groom. The Chronicle extends best wishes for a long life of unalloyed bliss.

Two or three days ago, Mrs. Ed. Langdon found ripe raspberries growing on a bush on one of the streets near her home. About the same time a town girl was caught swimming in the Saugeen out at the beaver meadow. Remember, this is the middle of October, and some of "the oldest settlers" never saw finer weather at this season of the year. Perhaps some of us forget, and these extremely mild seasons may have occurred on previous occasions. We remember a year in which a farmer, adjacent to the old homestead, plowed every month except February.

With the introduction of rural mail delivery, some of our subscribers have complained of the irregularity with which their Chronicle reaches them, one informing us he hadn't received his paper for three weeks. In any case where this inconvenience arises, we would ask them to notify us immediately, and we will do all we can to rectify the matter. We are very careful in making any changes in addresses of subscribers, but even with this care, irregularities may occur. We would also ask our readers to render all possible assistance to couriers, who being new on the job, cannot possibly be expected to give the service they will later on when they become more familiar with their new positions. In the case of subscribers who have been receiving their Chronicle through a post office and who have recently changed to a rural route, we would ask them to furnish us as promptly as possible with their new address, always giving the number of the route, the name of the post office from which distribution is made, as well as the old address. Promptness in this will facilitate matters for both ourselves and the courier, and also save subscribers the annoyance of missing their weekly copy of The Chronicle.

INJURED BY TRAIN; LOSES PART OF BOTH FEET

A serious and most distressing accident occurred at the Dundalk station of the C. P. R. last Friday evening, by which Mr. Fred McClocklin, formerly of this place, and now conducting a butchering business at Holstein, lost part of both feet, by having them crushed by the engine wheels of the incoming night train from Toronto.

Accompanied by Mr. John Manary, Mr. McClocklin drove in from Holstein and boarded the morning C. P. R. train for Dundalk, to take in the fair at that place. As Mr. McClocklin had for some time worked in Flesher-ton and the surrounding vicinity, it was quite natural for him to take in these annual events and renew old-time acquaintances.

After a pleasant day at the fair, which was attended by a big crowd from here, and intermediate points, the visitors assembled at the station to await the incoming night train, which was to convey them to their homes. From one who was there, The Chronicle learns that the crowd was, to use our informant's own expression, "something awful," and that when the train was pulling in some of the Smart Alecks, who unfortunately always manage to attend all these functions, started to crowd and jostle, with the result that those in front were practically crowded into the incoming train.

As we understand the situation, both McClocklin and Manary were together, and were fortunately about the only ones shoved off the platform. When Mr. Manary felt himself going, he leaped as far as he could over the track, and was struck by the pilot of the engine and knocked off on the other side of the track practically unhurt. Mr. McClocklin, however, had no chance to jump, but was shoved off the platform, and onto the rails. In this position, he did not have a second to think what to do. If he tried to clear the track, he would assuredly be ground to pieces under the wheels; and the crowd held him from jumping out of danger the way he had come. With great presence of mind he decided that his only chance lay in bracing his feet against the rails, throwing the weight of his body back on the crushing mob, and taking a gambler's chance of coming out of the fray with as little injury as possible. All this happened, as it were, in the twinkling of an eye, and although Mr. McClocklin suffered the loss of part of both his feet, if it had not been for his presence of mind and indomitable pluck, his life might have been snuffed out just as easily.

After the accident the injured man was at his own request brought to Durham, and taken to the residence of his brother, Mr. E. T. McClocklin, where his injuries were dressed by the Drs. Jamieson and Dr. Hutton. Beyond the fact that he is doing well, we have no information for publication. The doctors, of course, are doing their utmost to save as much of the injured man's feet as possible, but it is as yet impossible to tell just what success they will have, as one foot was particularly badly crushed. Besides his feet, Mr. McClocklin is also considerably bruised about the body, from being hit by the tender steps, by which he was dragged several feet before the train was stopped.

Just what will become of the butcher business in Holstein in the meantime is a hard question to decide, though we understand that it is more than likely the shop will be kept open. While the business does a certain amount of counter trade, the bulk is done off the wagon, and it is this part that it is not thought anyone could handle but Mr. McClocklin himself, who is thoroughly familiar with his customers and their wants. However, there is not much doubt but that a way will be found out of the difficulty, and at the least inconvenience possible to his Holstein customers.

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