

**DURHAM CHRONICLE**

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**THE MALTHUSIAN THEORY**

It is thought by some that war, pestilence and famine are necessary to regulate the world's population and prevent its increase from overcoming the earth's capability to produce enough food for its inhabitants, and the Malthusian theory—that population naturally tends to increase faster than subsistence—has found many believers. The idea has been exploded, however, by later writers on political economy. Malthus, from whom the theory gets its name, was an English political economist, born in 1766 and died in 1834. In 1805 he was appointed professor of history and political economy in the East India Company's College at Haileybury and held the position to the time of his death. In 1798 he published an essay on The Principles of Population As It Affects the Future Improvement of Society. His leading principle is that population when unchecked goes on increasing in a higher ratio than the means of subsistence can under the most favorable circumstances.

From the increase in population as shown by the growth of the North American colonies, he undertakes to show that the natural tendency of population is to double itself at least every twenty-five years, thus increasing in geometrical ratio while the subsistence that can be obtained from land under circumstances the most favorable to human industry, could not possibly be made to increase faster than in arithmetical ratio, or by an addition every twenty-five years of a quantity equal to what it at present produces.

According to his theory the population of to-day would be double in twenty-five years, four times the present population in fifty years, eight times the present population in seventy-five years and so on in geometrical progression increasing as the numbers 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc. On the other hand the subsistence under the most favorable conditions would increase in arithmetical progression, or as the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, etc. To explain further, the increase in population in two hundred years would increase 256 times what it now is, while the subsistence would increase only nine times.

With such a rapid increase of population, with such a comparatively slow increase in food production, the necessity for war, pestilence or famine would seem necessary to reduce the consumers of food to a point not in excess of the earth's capability of supply, but the theory, as we said at the commencement, has been exploded by more recent students of political economy. Henry George, in his work on Progress and Poverty, says: "This famous book (essay on Population, by Malthus), which is much oftener spoken of than read, is still well worth perusal if only as a literary curiosity." Those who think war, pestilence and famine a necessity for the reasons given have the Malthusian idea, though they may never have heard of Malthus.

We refer to the matter simply because there are not a few (and all are not ignorant), who are possessed of the belief.

**PLANT A TREE**

For many years at the approach of spring it has been our custom to recommend the planting of trees for shade and ornamental purpose. We must admit the response has not been as generous as we would have liked. Nothing daunted, however, we know the advice was good and the town is not only poorer, but much less beautiful, because of neglect or indifference on the part of many citizens.

No one will dispute that trees have a real monetary value, and all will admit a well-developed and well-formed tree adds beauty to a street.

Let those who have neglected tree-planting in the past make a start this spring, and in a few years they'll enjoy the result of their labors, and regret they hadn't started sooner.

For ornamental purposes we know of no tree superior to our native Canadian maple. Elms, too, make good shade and ornamental trees and with proper care for the first couple of seasons are sure growers. It is not advisable, however, that varieties be mixed on any of the streets. One street might be planted with elms, another with maples. Ash is also good, but we think the maples have no superiors.

For quick results there is no tree we know of better than the Manitoba maple. If planted alternately with the better varieties they would serve a good purpose for a time, and after the others got a good start they might be cut down.

If we could get fifty volunteers to plant and care for at least one tree each it would be a wonderful improvement in three or four years, and the success of the effort would inspire others to do likewise in the years to come.

Any time after the snow leaves and before growth starts is the best time to plant the kinds of trees named. For success, they must be dug carefully so as to keep the small roots in as good condition as possible. To get the trees, we would suggest that some farmer be engaged to secure and deliver the required number at the proper time and let the purchasers plant and care for them till firmly established.

Over thirty years ago the writer planted eleven trees in Flesherston in front of a lot he owned. Very little attention was given them, but every one grew and is now a fine shade and ornament in front of the High School in the village. It may be mere sentiment, but we take great pleasure in looking at the trees now, and making a mental comparison with the slender poles we planted in a single evening in May over thirty years ago. We might add the trees were out in leaf when dug up and transplanted, and we thought at the time we were a little late in doing the work.

**20 YEARS AGO**

From The Chronicle File of April 10, 1902.

Fresh, cracked eggs, 5c. a dozen at the Big Store.

Spring shows are being held this week at Ayton and Mildmay.

The plans and specifications of the new Baptist Church are being prepared by Architect Ritchie of Mt. Forest.

We regret to chronicle the death after a prolonged illness of Mr. Donald McDonald of this town. He was 68 years of age and leaves a large grown-up family. Interment to-day, Wednesday.

The News-Record of Clinton, Mr. W. J. Mitchell's paper, came out last week as an all-home print.

Master Lloyd Bean was shot from across the street a few days ago by a little boy with an air gun. The missile hit him with such force as to break the skin on the side of his head. Had he been struck in the eye his condition would be serious.

March was mild and an early spring was looked for. April, so far, has been disagreeable and looks more like fall than spring.

On Monday night last Chief Carson resigned his position as town constable and was subsequently re-appointed at an advance in salary.

Last week the property of the late W. A. Anderson was purchased by Peter Watson.

Mr. Robert Aljoe, Jr., advertises the blacksmith shop he occupied for sale, and in case he fails to get a purchaser he intends to change it into a dwelling.

Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Gilbert McKechnie and Miss McKechnie returned Monday from a trip to Georgia, which all enjoyed.

Miss Julia Weir left Friday for Alliston, to take a position in the Public School there.

Mrs. Rourke (nee Miss Williams), whose marriage announcement appeared last week, left on Tuesday for Winnipeg. She was the second Durham lady to win The Chronicle as a prize because of getting married in the time limit fixed by us. We have three others to dispose of similarly, having offered five in all.

The Flesherston Advance wants to know on what ground a certain citizen called us "a sneak and a coward," and hazards the prediction that our assailant will soon have reason to change his opinion and learn that "there isn't a particle of cowardice in the Chronicle editor's make-up." (That was twenty years ago, and as the assailant, whose name we suppress is Scotch, we doubt if he has found it out yet.—Editor.)

Miss Charlotte Wiggins of Toronto has been conducting an educational campaign in the Presbyterian Church in the interests of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She addressed several bodies of women and met with much success. She is a talented lady.

Born.—On Tuesday, April 1, to Mr. and Mrs. John Adlam, a son.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, March 26, by the Rev. William Farquharson, Mr. William Bailey of Bentinck to Miss Hannah Kunsenhauer of Hanover.

Married.—In Pittsburg, March 19, Mr. William Joseph Anderson, of Glasgow, Scotland, to Miss Marie McArthur, of Bunesan.

Married.—At Chatsworth, on Friday, March 21, by Rev. John Little, Mr. George McIntosh to Miss Clara Tinkum, both of Dornoch.

Died.—Near Varney, on Monday, April 7, Isaac Wilkinson, aged 68 years, 10 months. He was born in Suiterby, Lincolnshire, England, in 1833, came to Canada in 1853, and to Normanby in 1862. He leaves a widow and six children: Mrs. Thomas Petty, Mrs. Samuel Robinson, Esther, of New York, Harry on the homestead and Annie and John at Dromore.

**Stray Shots from Solomon**

Wisdom crieth without; She uttereth her voice in the street. (The Furniture Journal)

**WANDERING DESIRE**

If some men would bestow the attention on their business that they devote to side shows and speculative ventures they would not have to renew their notes. Far fields look green to those who are not fond of steady effort. Some people delude themselves into the belief that they are doing something worth while when they take out their pencils and figure out what they might have made if they had bought "Lightening Preferred" when it was at 38. It is a dangerous vice that keeps a man from putting his mind on real things. For every man who makes a fortune by taking fliers at stocks or jumps at mining shares you can find a thousand who have seen their money swallowed in the pot without any result beyond the understanding of the words "better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire." Give your business the full benefit of your brain and muscle. If it does not respond or you can find something that will make a more adequate return for your honest toil, change, but this dabbling in outside interests is fatal in more respects than the loss of money. We will never have better times until people realize that "money gotten by greed is vanity."

**The SUPER-GOOD**

A man may stand up so straight that there is a serious danger of falling backwards. There is a good deal of difference between a straight back and a stiff neck. When you find a fellow who shows a tendency to parade his uprightness you are safe in wondering whether his righteousness is straight-backed or bull-necked. "Be not righteous overmuch neither make thyself over-wise." The world respects goodness but will not stand for the kind that parades its merits on a sandwich board. Put on the sign, "I am good" and every man, woman and child wants to know what is really underneath the placard. You can't fool people. They get the slant on a man better than any preacher or prejudiced friend. There isn't a thing in the world to-day that is more revered than common honesty. There is nothing more cordially hated than snivelling "cant." When a man is straight and true he does not need to "tell the world." The real man does not go around splitting hairs and drawing distinctions that would take some of the first century pharisees or fourth century theologians to understand.

**THE DEAF EAR**

Be a good listener, but don't forget that the height of good listening is to know what to let in one ear and out the other. It is not what you hear but how you hear that matters, although some of us would be a good deal better off mentally as well as morally if we took better heed to what we heard. Nevertheless, if we paid attention to half what we hear, life would be a prolonged nightmare. "Take no heed unto all words that

are spoken lest thou hear thy servant curse thee." Many an eavesdropper has got an earful that has lasted a lifetime by listening in on a conversation or paying attention to gossip. Apart from the fact that eavesdroppers never hear any good of themselves, this habit of trouble chasing if it gets hold of a man will finish him. There are people who become so sensitive to the opinion of others that their lives are filled with resentment and bitterness. The man or woman who has learned the art of "forgetting" is on the highway to happiness and success. To "take no heed" calls for a courage in which many good and wise people find themselves lacking.

**CORRECTING THE ALMIGHTY**

There are a lot of people in this world who spend their time trying to help the Almighty to straighten out kinks, whether in nature of government, but who are now and then let down with a thud. We know that God made man upright but that he sought out many inventions. We have all had a hand in putting twists into that which the Creator made straight and may well confess in this respect that we are "miserable offenders." But there has been through all the ages folk like Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, who can hand the Almighty pointers on running the universe, when they are not apologizing for his mistakes. They can straighten out the Pentateuch to fit the "Darwinian Theory" or anything else, or they can "explain" the "Virgin Birth" and "Resurrection" to suit the strongest of intellectually proud "Critics." Four thousand years ago there were apologists for the Almighty to whom Solomon directed the words, "Consider the work of God for who can make straight that which He hath made crooked?"

**REINDEER FOR CANADA'S NORTHLAND**

The value of the reindeer to the native inhabitants of Labrador and Northern Canada generally has led to efforts again being made to build up herds of these animals in the regions referred to. The Hudson's Bay Company has taken hold of the enterprise and recently landed 628 reindeer, most of them at Baffin Land, some months ago. Because reindeer, in common with other animals, are liable to certain diseases and parasitical infestations, the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, through the Health of Animals Branch, has seen to it that the imported stock included only healthy specimens. The inspection of the animals was made by Dr. E. A. Watson, Chief Animal Pathologist, who was sent to Norway to examine the

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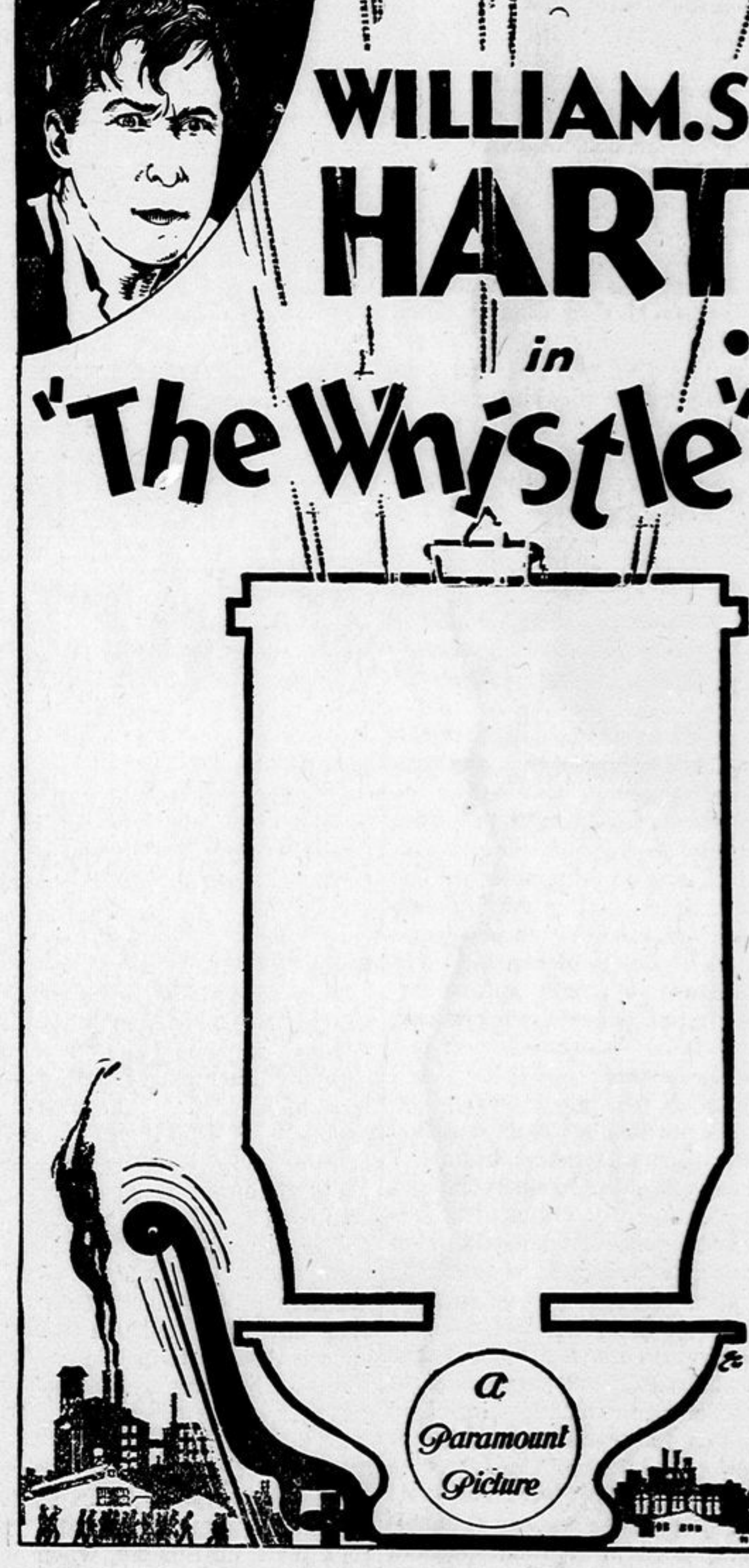
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shipment before embarkation. Some years ago importations were made by Dr. Grenfell in connection with his mission work in the Labrador. The herd prospered well while under the care of Lapp herders, but after the Lapps returned to their native land, the animals became scattered and lost. Most of the 628 reindeer comprising the present shipment have been landed in good condition, and it is hoped that a beginning has been made in establishing a reindeer industry which may prove of great value to Canada.

Anything to Oblige.  
Old Lady (to newsboy)—You don't chew tobacco, do you, little boy?  
Newsie—No, mum, but I can give yer a cigarette if you want one.—Flamingo.

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