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SOME GOOD ADVICE

Mr. Thomas H. Binnie, President of the South Grey U.F.O. has some excellent advice in last Saturday's Farmer's Sun. The only thing we can fault it for is that it did not come sooner. We pass it on without further comment than that it sounds suspiciously like what The Chronicle has often been censured for saying. Mr. Binnie says:

"I did not intend to bother you just now, but I got a little 'hot under the collar' and had to get it off my chest. What is the matter with the farmers of Ontario? Have they gone politically mad? It would look like it, for every time any one says anything politically in The Sun Forum there are about ten or twenty ready to side in with him or take a whack at him. One would think that farmers believe that the only salvation for them is to become powerful in Parliament and go to it, at express speed and 'get while getting is good.' It is all right and it should be, that farmers watch that no legislation is placed on the statutes which will be a detriment to their profession. No matter what party is in power, Grit, Tory, Farmer, Labor, Soviet, Bolshevick, no Government can help us if we do not help ourselves.

"Then let us mend our own fences first and learn to help ourselves and make the very best use of the machinery we have. This is what the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have done and we should and must do likewise if we are to get anywhere. Stop the cry for power and get busy.

"What about co-operative marketing? Surely there are many farmers in Ontario who have had some experience along this line. Why not give this experience to Sun readers? If you had a failure let us know it so that we will not make the same mistake. If success has been your lot we would like to follow your example.—Drop the political game for a while and work with what we have. The old line parties do not want you to forget politics. They know that if you keep hammering away at politics they will soon get you divided so that the U. F. O. and their affiliations will fall. They even have you now where there are very few fees sent to Head Office till the last thing before the convention, and then you wonder why the office can not give you a leadership along marketing or other lines? They can not do it without money! Give them a fighting chance. Another thing is apparent to anyone who stops to think about it. As soon as you get your organization and its affiliated bodies going along the right lines and working together you will be so well organized that you need not fear for the political phase of your work. That will come naturally.

"Finally, make all the use of printer's ink that you can. I have known clubs that would not allow the local reporter to come to their meetings and debates so that he could not give them a good write-up of their valuable undertakings. These things are news to the local and other papers and even if the paper did not agree with you politically you would be sure to get a good notice for these events. Do not hide your lamp under a bushel! Trim it and let it shine so that the people of the province will see that you are alive to your own interests and to the betterment of the country as a whole."

REDUCING PRODUCTION COSTS

Every manufacturer in the country is faced constantly by the problem of reducing his production costs. If he can save a dollar it is just as good as the dollar he may earn. Accidents have laid a heavy hand on industry in Ontario when we realize that compensation for accidents in industry in this Province is costing six million dollars each year. The manufacturer must calculate on this cost with his other problems of manufacture and a reduction in these losses means just that much saved to the country.

Accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board have averaged over five thousand each month for the last several months. This means roughly two hundred accidents every working day and does not benefit either the industry

nor the workers but is, rather, a heavy loss to both employer and employee. An extension of the safety idea seems a logical and legitimate means of cutting production costs in this country.

THE LYING GRITS AND TORIES

We have heard a lot in the past ten years about the perfidy of the "two old parties," how they lied to the electorate and did almost anything short of murder to flay those who were not smart enough to catch them. Even the party press was revived and accused of giving garbled reports to the detriment of all others. Last week Blyth's Corners of The Durham Review said, in reporting a meeting of the Varney U.F.O. Club:

"Discussion bordering well nigh unto vengeance against the action of Dr. Jamieson in supporting what is regarded as one of the most flagrant and autocratic rulings ever indulged in in the history of Parliament, was very evident among the members who regard his action as a most deliberate and barefaced insult to the intelligence of every farmer."

Evidently the Blyth's Corners cor. of our contemporary must have pipe dreams occasionally, especially when politics are mentioned. The Chronicle has it on the authority of a member of the Varney U.F.O. Club who was present at the meeting, that Dr. Jamieson's name was never mentioned at the meeting, and that further, while there was some slight discussion over the action of Premier Ferguson in not recognizing the U.F.O. as official Opposition, it was not at all of the wild-eyed, blood-and-thunder type that The Review correspondent would evidently do anything to have its readers believe.

Editorial opinions may sometimes appear one-sided and bigoted, but there is one attribute a correspondent for a newspaper needs, and must have, and that is—accuracy. Without this, his work is useless. An editor may be bigoted in his editorial opinion and get away with it, but that same editor, in reporting a meeting for its news value, must be accurate, and, even if it does not go down very well, must faithfully report what actually happened at that meeting. He may flail it to pieces in his editorial columns, but his news columns must tell the truth—if his paper is to progress.

We have no doubt that the Blyth's Corners scribe of our contemporary would like to see any meeting castigate Dr. Jamieson. That is well and good, so far as it goes. But he actually reported that the meeting at Varney DID do this same thing when as a matter of fact his name was never mentioned, even by insinuation. The public will have to form its own conclusions.

Old Man Winter must have been overstocked with snow and unloaded it on an unsuspecting public.—Guelph Mercury.

What's That?



EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Conservatives Plan Big, Euchre Party" says a heading in Tuesday's London Free Press. The Free Press doesn't say whom they intend to euchre.

Heavy, wet snow in Alberta on Sunday will add greatly to the moisture for the 1924 crop season. Six inches fell and the farmers are glad. Sunny Alberta will now be Muddy Alberta for a time, but it is worth it.

Edison, the inventor, was once classed as a "dumb-bell" by his teacher, and told his brain was "addled." And there are still a lot of these same kind of people in the world. Think as I think, do as I do, or you're wrong—if not crazy!

Wide, bell-bottomed trousers are not in style this year, according to an edict from New York. That settles it. We were in hopes that this year they would make the pants big enough to get into without taking your shoes off.

A wild steer ran amuck in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a "rookie" policeman fired fifteen shots into him from the running-board of an automobile before he fell dead. It is now in order for some one to remark that that policeman had a perfectly "bully" time.

With the absorption of The Times by The Advance, Wingham is the latest town to adopt the one-paper idea, and the first issue of The Advance and Times came out last week. The old story—increasing costs of publication—is given. Wingham is a town of around 2,500 population.

Four Queen's University students were heavily fined at Kingston for assault when they forcibly took a newspaper reporter before a mock court of their own making. No Ku Kux Klan methods allowed in Ontario was the comment of both the Crown Attorney and the Magistrate.

RADIO

Mysterious waves, that penetrate through every barrier, small or great! To find that which attunes to thee, you circle and, and leap the sea. Dominion hast thou in the air, A wondrous message pulsing there Seeking, seeking, voice to find, In key a tuned and listening mind.

When dies the daytime's busy light, Come, mystic voices from the night, Perchance some far-off star will call From that arched space that covers all. Thou gavest me hope, a heart sent av, May pierce the silence of the grave, Wave on wave in longing self, Lay on in Death's dark wall, And shining through that mystic vale, I'll find with love, beyond the pale, May find the heart attuned to mine, O grant it so, Great God divine! —May E. Hayhurst.

TERRIBLY TWISTED

The following recitation is said to have been given by a boy at a public examination in a country school. After announcing that his recitation was "How Horatius Kept the Bridge," a poem by Longfellow, at least, said he, I think it is by Tennyson, and after fixing his eyes upon a spot in the ceiling, he burst out:

That sails the wintry seas? I, with two more to help me, Will keep the foe at bay. For I'm the Queen of the May, mother.

The boy stood on the burning deck, He stood upon his head, Because his legs and arms were off; So he waved his arms and said, "My name is Norval, on the Gram-pian hills. The village smithy stands, The smith is a mighty man—was wrecked On the pitiless Goodwin sands. And by him sported on the green, His little grandchild Wilhelmine. But the doctors had given him up, sir.

The daring of our crew, And the cheek of Argyle grew deadly pale. While we rushed for the signal rockets. "Let's fire them quick," we cried, And the good Abbot of Aberbroth-och, Plunged headlong into the tide. Now who will stand on either hand And keep the bridge with me, On board the schooner Hesperus.

LACROSSE PLAYED ON SKATES

(Warton Canadian-Echo.) Last Thursday's Toronto Star contained the following letter, which will be of interest to old-time Warton sports. The letter will speak for itself. It is signed by Joe Clarke, of the Star, or his brother, Jim, now of Whitby, both graduates from the office of this great family journal, The Echo.

To the Editor of the Star. Sir: The present year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginnings of hockey. It grew out of a meeting in Montreal in 1881, when rules were drawn up, and a standard shape of shinny stick was authorized. Thirty-nine years ago, in the winter of 1885-6, I was in Warton where I had played lacrosse, and a number of us got together and drew up rules for a game of lacrosse on ice. We discarded the lacrosse ball as too difficult to see and hard to find, as well as dangerous to spectators. So a large hollow ball, such as children play with, was used. It would not stay in the rink, five men a side. A match was advertised, and there was a great turn-out from the town and outside places. It was the most exciting

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Table with market prices for various goods: Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins.

game ever seen. All the players would at times be in a heap on the ice. The net of the lacrosse stick was the hardest thing imaginable for tripping an opponent on skates. But the game was voted a great success and was kept on with. Other towns made enquiries about it, and copies of the rules of the game were sent them. But it was decided that the next winter the net would be removed and crooked sticks used. We played it two winters, and then rumors came of the new game, hockey, and so ice lacrosse dropped out. But Warton came near being the birthplace of hockey, as well as being one of the best of hockey towns.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Alex. McLachlan, who is visiting relatives in Priceville, is spending a few days visiting his relatives here—the Weir and Burgess families in town, and Mrs. Walter Nichol, near here. He leaves for his home in the West next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of the West, visited their relatives, the Weir and Burgess families, Tuesday. Mrs. William Saunders and daughter, Mrs. John Tobin, are at Kincardine this week attending the funeral of the former's brother, Mr. Robert Munro. Mr. Munro was a resident of Kincardine up to a few years ago, when he went West and resided at Edson, Alberta, being in the employ of the C.N.R. at that place.

Miss Janet E. Kerr, graduate of the Victoria Hospital, London, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, of Varney.

Mrs. Charles Urquhart of Port Credit is spending a week or more with her mother, Mrs. T. R. Whelan. Mr. J. P. Whelan of Hamilton spent over the week-end with his mother in town.

Mr. Alex. Lucas, engaged in the office of Lucas & Henry since last July left Saturday in response to a telegram from Vancouver, where he has business to attend there and at Seattle. As he lived in Vancouver for a number of years and has two sons there in the law business, it is like going home to Mr. Lucas. We have no idea how long he may be absent, but as a good neighbor and citizen he'll be welcome when he returns.

Mrs. Breen and infant daughter, of Fergus, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGowan, for a couple of weeks. Miss Lavina Mortley of Dornoch spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Al. McGowan.

They seem to strike oil wherever they do a little boring—even in the shadow of the national capital.—Los Angeles Times.

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Changed His Mind. I used to think you were not a man of your word, but I have changed my mind since I lent you that ten dollars. You said if I lent it to me you would be indebted to me forever, and you are keeping your word like a man.

Veteran Star Theatre TWO SHOWS: 8 and 9.15 P.M. FRIDAY--SATURDAY March 14-15 CARL LAEMMLE presents "The Self Made Wife"

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MAY BE FINAL LEAP-YEAR IN WORLD'S HISTORY

International Fixed Calendar Wants Leap-Day As 8th Day in Last Week of June To Be Called "Leap-Day" Only.

Is this 1924 Feb. 29 to be the last Leap-Day to leap into that location? asks a dispatch from New York. There is a possibility and even a strong probability that it is, because the League of Nation's Special Committee appointed to recommend the best means for improving the Calendar, will from March 1, consider the proposals of the International Fixed Calendar League to move Leap-Day to be June 29 in the improved Calendar of 4-week months. They are urging all nations to adopt on Jan. 1, 1928, before next Leap-Day comes in that year.

The International Fixed Calendar League wants Leap-Day to be included as an extra 8th day in the last week of June, to be named Leap-Day only, (without any week-day name) and dated June 29, in Leap-years. They advocate that it should be made an international holiday, because it is an extra day beyond the 365 days in ordinary years. They declare that it now inflicts injustice upon all yearly salaried and hourly paid workers throughout the world, who by that defect in the Calendar are forced to work each Leap-Day for nothing.

After years of practical investigations, the Fixed Calendar League members in the different nations are convinced that the office work done now done on Leap-Day could be better done on the Monday following as workers would then resume duties more vigorously after being recuperated by the Saturday afternoon. Leap-Day and Sunday they could then most spend in the invigorating fresh air, during that most glorious part of the year.

Leap-Day as an international holiday would be of little benefit on Feb. 29th when the weather is usually about the worst in the year. The late British king, Edward VII, used good sense when he found that he was born in November, who weather for National Celebration, was so bad that it would be better to celebrate his birthday in June, as was done all through his reign. Apparently the reason why Leap-Day happened to be dumped down on Feb. 29th by the Roman Caesars was, that Feb. 28th ended ordinary years, so Leap-Day looked on to the 366th day in Leap-years, Feb. 29th.

Since then the beginning of year has changed to January 1, and nearly 2,000 years have elapsed since Tom Caesars made their error. Mistake in their basis of forming our calendar. The Fixed Calendar League declares we need to improve the Calendar to meet the requirements of our generation. Therefore the Director, Moses B. Ostrowski, is speeding across the Atlantic to Geneva, to help the League of Nations Committee and the Standardization Committees in the leading nations of Europe to internationalize the best possible plan for improving the Calendar, by fixing Easter and all day-names to permanent dates.

The fixing of Leap-Day's insert dates in years, has puzzled dozens of calendars more than 5,000 years. The Leap-Day error of the Caesars caused 41 Leap-Days too many inserted between 46 B. C. and A. D. when the 11 days had left out which changed Feb. Washington's birthday from Feb. to Feb. 22 on which we celebrate. That accumulating error increased to 13 days by 1923, at the end which most nations of East Europe and Northern Asia, left 13 days when they adopted Gregorian Calendar, in preparation for the final change in 1928.

NOT TO BE REGRETTED. "Mr. Chairman," said the orator who was being severely heckled, must appeal on a point of order. He has been speaking now for over a quarter of an hour, but there are many interruptions and so I shall bid adieu to all parts of the world that I can scarcely hear me speaking. "Cheer up!" came a voice, "not missing much."

Coming Home to Roost. (Brooklyn Eagle.) France has made a profound take in carrying on with a dish budget for the past five years, and waste were encouraged by slogan, "The Germans Will." To-day the nation is waking to the truth that, although Germany has been ruined, France has been injured by the same which brought that ruin about.