NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting News of Nearby Towns Clipped From Local Exchanges.

Fell Seventy Feet

Fred Plaetzer, a lumberman, had a narrow escape from death when he fell from a tree a distance of 70 meet while adjusting a cable at his sawmill six miles west of Cargill Wednesday afternoon. Dr. H. C. Joyce of Cargill, who was called to the scene following the accident, found that he was badly bruised and injured about the body, but no bones were broken. Mr. Paetzer, who is a married man about 65 years of age, came here from Auburn, Huron County, near Goderich, about six months ago, and in partnership with Edward Daum of Waterloo, has been operating a lumber camp about six miles west of Cargill.— Walkerton Telescope.

Walkerton's National Flower

The Gladiolus has been adopted by the Walkerton Horticultural Society as our "town flower." The "Glad" is one of the most beautiful of all flowers and one that yields wonderful results for the time and energy spent in its cultivation. Already there are many "Glad" devotees in the town and through the efforts of the Horticultural Society, we may soon expect to see this town luxuriant with "Glads." That Walkerton is becoming more widely noted as one of the most beautiful towns in the Province is due in no small measure to the work of the Horticultural Society and to their leadership in the beautifying of public and private grounds.—Walkerton Telescope.

Death of Bentinck Pioneer

Mrs. James Tulloch, who lived about half a mile east of Elmwood, passed away on Sunday in her 86th year. With her husband, deceased, she same to Bentinck from the vicinity of Paris about 60 years ago and took up a lot in the Queen's Bush. By diligence and thrift, they were rewarded by seeing smiling fields of grain where once the forest grew. There was born to them a family of eight daughters and three sons of whom three daughters and two sons are still on the old homestead. Her husband predeceased her about 20 years. The husband of one of the daughters, Allan Gilmour, now of Port Elgin High School, was a former principal of our High School. The funeral took place yesterday to Malcolm cemetery the pastor of the United Church of Elmwood, Rev. S. G. Steele, officiating.—Chesley Enterprise.

Jews Financing Pastor Russell

The secret is out at last. Many have been wondering for years who has been financing the Russellites in their propaganda as no appeals are made for funds at their meetings. At a meeting held on January 21, 1924, at St. Gallen in Switzerland, Dr. Fehrmann, in the course of the discussion, stated that international Jewry contributed large sums to the Russellites in order to bring confusion into Western Europe Christianity. For this he was charged with libel in the court at Zurich. The case was lost by the Russellites. According to a reliable Swiss paper, a letter was read from high Masonic circles, the genuineness of which cannot be questioned, in which the following words occur:

> We give them, the International Bible students, in the usual indirect ways, much money through a number of brothers who, during the war, have made a pile. It will not hurt their fat pocketbooks. They are Jews.

Dr. Fehrmann brought forward other proofs from which it was clear to the Swiss authorities that this "Earnest Bible Seekers' Sect" are dangerous to the state. The court dismissed the suit brought by the Russellites against Dr. Fehrmann, fined the plaintiff 150 francs and costs and ordered him to pay 450 francs to the defendant for damages. This is a bad blow to Pastor Russell's followers whose watchword is "Millions now living will never die." and in whose Bibles are eliminated those passages of scriptures which do not bear out their belief. The Sunday School Times gives the whole story of the financing of Russellism from Jewish sources.—Chesley Enterprise.

An Ancient Coin

In the course of business the other day we secured a coin that was unique in its appearance, and of sufficient antiquity to make us feel quite young—again.

The coin was a little United States "half-dime" of the size of our late lamented five cent piece—and its vintage was of the year of our Lord, 1851.

Just how the little coin had braved the vicissitudes of commerce and finally found its way to us after 73 years of wanderings, we cannot say. It must have had an interesting experience before it finally arrived! We still have it, and feel so kindly toward the little codger that we purpose hanging on to him until he becomes our "last cent."—Meaford Mirror.

The Stones Were Hot

Three rinks of Walkerton Curlers, bound for Durham on Thursday last to retrieve themselves for a defeat they sustained on their own ice mound at the hands of the Durhamites the previous Tuesday, made a tactical error when they left their granites lie on the platform in the sun, prior to loading them on the train. Arriving at Durham, they lifted the rocks out of a hot car and started right in to curl against the stalwarts of the cement town. It was then the Walkertonians discovered that next to keeping their powder dry in war, keeping the graniteware cool in peace was the first essential in curling. Wherever a Walkerton stone lay, a hole would melt in the ice, and instead of gliding over the crystal, when thrown by local sinew and brawn, the disk would stall in a pathway of water of its own making. It was no go, and the stoutest of the Bruce Capitalists couldn't get a shot across to the other end. Instead of avenging their defeat here, the Walkertonians got a walloping that would make Napoleon's retreat from Moscow look like a triumphant march of victory in comparison. Although one local rink tied the Durhamites in the evening, when the rocks were cooler, yet this was the nearest the Bruceites got to bringing home the bacon on Thursday.— Walkerton Herald Times.

Blinded by Whooping Cough

Gwendolyn Ackeret, aged 7 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ackeret of Holyrood, has met with a sad affliction, losing the sight of her two eyes. For some time past, Gwendolyn has had the whooping cough, and after a bad coughing spell on Friday last, lost the sight of one eye, and on Sunday, the other one went blind. Last fall, she had scarlet fever which left her system in a run down condition. Dr. Thompson, specialist of London, was called to her home on Monday but was unable to state if the loss of sight would be temporary or permanent.—Ripley Express.

WESTERN LAMB BREEDER'S OPPORTUNITY

There is a possibility that an excellent market will develop in Eastern Canada, more particularly in Ontario, for Western lambs for finishing purposes. A trial is being made this year in the feeding of several car-loads of Western range lambs by the Swift Canadian Company at Toronto. Mr. A. A. MacMillan, chief of the Sheep Division of the Live Stock Branch at Ottawa, after examining the lambs being fed, found a number of them lacking in desirable mutton conformation, in being too long in leg, neck and body. Mr. MacMillan drew attention to these observations when addressing the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association at their annual meeting this year, and advised them that a profitable opening is to develop for Western lambs provided they are of the proper mutton type. The market is becoming more and more discriminating in favor of well-finished lambs weighing not over one hundred pounds. Not only do the shorter legged, thick bodied lambs finish into a better selling product, but they incline to easier feeding. Mr. MacMillan prophesied a hopeful future for the Western sheep raiser who will give attention to the quality of the stock he is able to turn out.

AUCTIONEERS BEGAN BY SELLING WIVES

Profession of Auctioneering Had Its Origin in Ancient Babylon.

When the auctioneer's familiar cry of "Going! Going! Gone!" is heard at sales, how many realize that the honorable profession of auctioneering had its origin in the Babylonian custom of selling marriageable girls to the highest bidders at an annual assembly held for the purpose?

The antiquity of auction sales is unsuspected by most people. Auctions were common among the Romans, one of the most famous proofs of this being afforded by the offering of Rome itself by auction by the Praetorian Guard, after the murder of the Emperor Pertinax.

In Britain the method of conducting sales by auction has varied from time to time, says Tit-Bits. From comparatively early times, it was the custom to set up an inch of lighted candle, the last bidder to name his price before the burning of the wick being the declared purchaser. This method was officially sanctioned by an Act of William III. for the sale of goods imported from the East Indies.

"Dutch" auctions, in which the property is offered at a certain price and lowered by degrees until a bid is forthcoming, were also common, and still are in some countries. A law of Henry VII's time, afterwards confirmed by Charles I. prohibited the conduction of auction sales by all persons except certain licensed officials known as outropers.

The first effort of auctioneers to combine for the advancement of their calling was in 1799, when the Society of Auctioneers came into being. The Institute of Auctioneers, now the governing body of the profession in the Old Country, was formed in 1889, the membership at first being one hundred and twenty. Today it totals nearly 6,000.

OUT OF THE BLUE

Occasionally people claim that they have seen a meteorite fall, and these "messengers" from the sky have been known to cause extensive damage. What was probably the largest meteorite known to have struck the ground fell in Alsace, France, in 1492. The gigantic lump of metal weighed no less than 260 pounds. Another large meteorite, the size of a man's head and weighing 54 pounds, fell in Provence, also in France, in 1637, and seventeen years later, a man was killed by one while walking in the streets of Milan.

One of the largest meteorites of recent times fell in 1917 at Perth in Scotalnd. It weighed 38 pounds.

In the British Museum, there are now over five hundred different specimens of meteorites, of which about three hundred were actually seen to fall.

Large masses of iron have been found near the surface of the ground in Greenland, and scientists believe they are of meteoric origin. Similar deposits of iron from the skies have also been found in Mexico.

WESTERN ONTARIO NEWS IN BRIEF

Life in Western Portion of Canada's Banner Province Told in a Column.

Thursday

The home of Senator A. B. McCoig at Chatham was ransacked by thieves during Wednesday night, during the absence of the family in Ottawa. The caretaker was first locked up in the basement.

United States Coast Guards are dragging the little Niagara River for the bodies of two three-year-old children of Cayuga Island, who were traced to the brink and who are missing.

Nearly a million dollars has been spent on the highways of Oxford County since the highway project was begun in 1919.

The First United Church in Shratford was formed yesterday by a gathering of Unionists in Central Methodist Church.

Brantford Hydro Commission was agreeably surprised yesterday by a rebate of $4,000 from the Ontario Commission. It was unexpected, owing to the heavy cost of the Brant substation.

Rev. Dr. John McNair, dismissed clerk of the London Presbytery, has refused to give up the records and books. He will appeal to the Synod and if necessary to the General Assembly.

Hamilton Hydro Commission last night practically decided to build a new substation and garage on Hughson Street North ,to cost $200,000.

After careful consideration of existing conditions in the glove trade, the Ryder and Mowat Glove Company has decided to cease operations and close their factory at Acton. This decision has been reached owing to the failure of an easern wholesale house to fulfill agreements entered with the company as to the output of the factory and the prevailing depression throughout the heavy glove manufacturing trade both in Canada and the United States.

Friday

R. W. E. McFadden was yesterday elected president of the Brant Historical Society. The meeting favored the publication in pamphlet form of the papers presented to the society.

Adolph E. Wilfert of Toronto was yesterday arraigned at Niagara Falls, N.Y., charged with smuggling $25,000 worth of diamonds into the United States. He was remanded till March 26th.

Windsor Police Commission yesterday voted two to one to raise the salary of Chief Thompson by $500.

Gordon Weir of London, held in Elgin County Jail for chicken stealing, last night evaded the turnkey in the furnace room of the institution, and made his escape. He is still at large.

Two fine summer cottages were destroyed by fire during Wednesday night at Port Dalhousie.

Hamilton Cemetery Board last night decided to sell by auction all cemetery lots for the care of which fees have been accumulating for years.

The ice jam at the mouth of the River Thames is still holding solid. The water is rising, and preparations are being made to use dynamite.

Saturday

Irene Thaler of Guelph, 8 years old, was seriously injured when run over by an automobile, a number of serious head injuries being received.

Arthur Reid, Mono Township, near Orangeville, lost his barn, one horse, eight pigs, 60 hens and a large quantity of grain, hay and implements by fire. A lantern, hanging on a hook and supposed to have been knocked down by a horse, started the conflagration.

W. P. Tolton, 87 years of age, a farmer of Waldemar Township, near Grand Valley, was found drowned in a creek on his farm. No one witnessed the accident, but he had evidently been trying to release an ice jam when the accident happened.

Hepworth will build a community church shed, 50 by 100 feet, with solid concrete walls. The shed will be built co-operatively by all the churches surrounding.

Owen Sound is considering a daylight-saving by-law to operate from May 15 to September 15.

A big hog fair will be the feature of the Fall Fair at Woodstock, according to preliminary plans made yesterday by the directors.

Dynamite has been effectually used on the ice jam at the mouth of the River Thames.

Kent Motor Club, at its meeting yesterday, discussed the formation of an emergency road service for members.

As soon as the new Ontario beer bill becomes law, Windsor Moderation League will reorganize for its proper enforcement.

London Street Railway Company has refused to make any improvements unless it is granted a twenty-year franchise. The terms offered by the council have been rejected and the aldermen are without a policy.

The principal of Brantford Collegiate reported yesterday that the Collegiate is crowded and that additional rooms must be secured.

Richard L. Biggs, father of Hon. F. C. Biggs, M.L.A. for North Wentworth, died yesterday. He was 78 years of age.

South Bruce Breeders' Club met yesterday at Cargill, elected officers and decided to ask co-operation in holding a joint field day the latter part of May or the first part of June.

Monday

Mrs. John Rose, a member of the London Board of Education, is in favor of segregating the sexes in the Public Schols, and also of engaging only women teachers of thirty years or over.

A Chatham branch of the Vegetable Growers' Association was organized on Saturday, with W. Murdock as president.

Mrs. Mary Rock, of Chatham, over 90 years of age, was taken to the hospital on Saturday suffering from a malignant growth and with both feet badly frozen. She was discovered in her home leaning on a stove which had blackened her face.

Tuesday

The first instalment of twenty-three immigrant boys arrived yesterday at Burnside Lodge, the Salvation Army distributing home.

The London Council yesterday instructed the city solicitor to take steps to enforce the lower fares on the street railway and rescinded their conditional offer to the company.

A banner year for Fisher's Glen Camp was predicted at the meeting of the promoters from the district at a meeting yesterday in Brantford.

The Hamilton Legislation and Reception Committee last night strongly favored the representation of the Council on independent spending board on a basis of fifty-fifty.

An increase of $40,000 in the Windsor Board of Education's estimates may be responsible for the raising of the municipal tax rate this year.

Nathan McIlmoyle, 58, whose body was found last Wednesday beside that of Mrs. Rose F. Kahn of Buffalo in his Fort Erie house, was buried today in Lakefield cemetery.

Wednesday

J. V. Baird of Hamilton, implicated in the theft of $31,000 from the Union Bank in that city, was sentenced to two years less one day in the Ontario Reformatory. Baird was a handbook operator.

The body of Lloyd Ziegler, the four-year-old lad who was drowned in the Teeswater River at Cargill on Sunday, March 1st, was recovered about noon today by two of the searchers, body was washed up on a little island at a point about half a mile south of Pinkerton, a distance of over a mile from where the tragedy occurred. The lad, accompanied by an elder brother and another playmate, was skating on the river when he dropped through a hole and disappeared under the ice before his companions could save him.

Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, three times Mayor of London and organizer and commandant of the 142nd City of London Battalion which he took overseas, pleaded guilty before Police Magistrate Graydon yesterday to a charge of having misappropriated $8,000 of the funds of the First Division Court, of which he was clerk. He was sentenced to serve six months to two years in the Provincial Reformatory. Col. Graham received the sentence calmly after Jared Vining, his counsel, had made a plea in his behalf described by the Magistrate as the most eloquent in the history of the court. Crown Attorney A. M. Judd informed the Magistrate that he had received a marked cheque for the full amount of the shortage before the opening of court.

At the Brampton Spring Assizes, which opened yesterday afternoon, Chief Justice Meredith was given a pair of white gloves, as the docket is clear of criminal cases. The case of H. A. Dolson, suing Henry Clarridge, both of Norval, for $27,000 for permanent disability owing to alleged damages which it is alleged plaintiff received while unloading hay in the defendant's barn in 1923 was opened.

The provincial bill for $159,000 for Brantford's share of the Brantford-Hamilton and Brantford-Paris sections of the provincial hgihway will be paid, after hanging fire for three years. Debentures will be issued for the amount, and as well for $31,000 for the civic swimming pool dyke, work done for unemployed here, $15,000 for capital expenditure for the Street Railway, and $8,000 for work at the hospital. The city will submit a private bill to the Legislature for validation and also to secure permission to borrow $50,000 a year for ten years to pay off maturing obligations, which will be very heavy for the next decade, owing to large capital expenditures. By capitalizing the expenditures of last year, the overdraft of $72,000 will be wiped out.

Accommodating

Old Lady: "Oh, conductor, please stop the train. I dropped my wig out of the window."

Conductor: "Never mind, madam, there is a switch just this side of the next station."

ONLY LAKE TROUT HOLDING ITS OWN

Great Lakes Commercial Fish Product Declines 38 Per Cent in Last Twelve Years.

"The better, more edible kinds of fish in the waters of the Great Lakes are rapidly being depleted," says Edgar Cochrun of the Conservation Commission. "This is evident by the consideration of statistics in this department from 1891 through 1923.

"Only the lake trout appears to be holding its own, and this appearance is illusory, for the efficiency in taking it has greatly increased. Whitefish, that sold for an average price of five cents a pound in 1891, brought 20 cents in 1923. The whitefish product of 1891 was near 5,000,000 pounds more than that of 1911, while the 1923 catch was 350,000 less than 1911. Herring, which had practically no value in 1870, brought the fishermen $390,000 in 1911. An increase of more than 100 per cent in the market price in 1923 would seem to be a great incentive for the taking of this species, yet the best efforts of the fishermen resulted in catch of 3,600,000 pounds, which is 8,000,000 less than 1911.

"The decline of our commercial fish product during the last 12 years is 38 per cent, which certainly is sufficient to cause alarm as to the future of the industry," says Mr. Cochrun.

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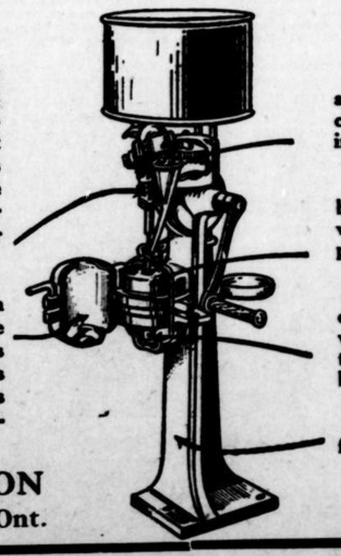

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