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A NEWSPAPER'S DUTY

The duty of a newspaper to a community is easily defined. The name "newspaper" suggests at once that it is a disseminator of news and if it is to do its duty to its subscribers, it must publish all the legitimate news that occurs in the community of which it is a part. By "legitimate" is meant, naturally, news of public interest. Scandal, gossip and the like do not constitute news in themselves, but if included in public court, then the newspaper that fails to publish the proceedings falls down in its duty to its subscribers, especially those at a distance whose only idea in subscribing to the paper is that it will keep them informed of what is going on in the old home town.

There are some people who evidently believe that the newspapers take a real pleasure in reporting court cases, especially if the evidence is a bit "nippy" or sensational. We think we are safe in saying that there is not one reputable publisher in a hundred who willingly tells of the troubles of others, or who publishes in his columns anything of a sensational nature, for the sole purpose of making what some may call "interesting" reading. Many may not believe it, but editors, like other residents of the community, are human. It is a whole lot easier to tell of the joys of life than to report its errors and tragedies as aired in the police court, but public sentiment demands that all that is news should be published. A newspaper that does not do this fails in its duty; in fact, is guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Country newspapers don't make all the mistakes. This month's Success Magazine, a New York publication credits one of its anecdotes to Irwin S. Cobb, the noted writer. We thought everybody would by this time know his name as Irvin S. Cobb.

CRISP COMMENT

Tell the people they can't have something, and watch them get it.—Kingston Standard.

If life insurance companies want a patron saint, we suggest Methuselah.—Brandon Sun.

It will take a very popular non-intoxicating drink to put \$2,200,000 of new taxes into the Provincial Treasury.—Brantford Expositor.

Canada is large, but apparently there isn't room enough in it for both economy and prosperity.—Kingston Whig.

Movie crowds teach us that Canadians are on the side of anybody who is coming to the rescue.—Kingston Whig.

One thing about old codgers who give fatherly kisses is that they always pick out pretty daughters.—Sandusky Review.

Customer—Why do you declare that this machine is essentially a woman's car? Salesman—It's the last word.—London Answers.

And besides an empty 4 pint 4 is something to throw at the umpire.—Ottawa Journal.

Any one can plant radishes. It takes courage to plant acorns and to wait for oaks.—Jordan.

Canadianism: Admiring a success; demanding that he stop work and make a speech.—British Whig.

The Bible is still the world's best seller, three million copies of the book being sold annually.—Guelph Mercury.

A Polish astronomer has discovered a new comet, but it is still beyond the range of opera glasses.—Chicago Evening Post.

French Politics just now has nearly as many exciting features as late Church Union Discussion.—Toronto Telegram.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew says eating is the curse of America. Would Mr. Depew kindly suggest a substitute?—Border Cities Star.

The crossword bug has crippled the business of making Mah Jongg sets. What now will save the nation from the crossword?—Buffalo Express.

ROADWAY CONDITIONS STEADILY IMPROVING

O. M. L. Weekly Report on Principal Highways of Province.

Road conditions on the main highways of the province continue to improve as the season advances. The Ontario Motor League's weekly report, as follows:

Toronto to Hamilton—Lake Shore Road and Dundas Highway in good condition throughout.

Toronto to Niagara Falls—Road good. Burlington Beach road in good condition.

Niagara Falls to Fort Erie—Road good.

Niagara Falls to Detroit via Dunnville, Jarvis, Tillsonburg and St. Thomas—In god condition throughout.

Guelph—Follow Dundas Street to Clappison's Corners, then north. Guelph-Owen Sound—In good condition.

Guelph, Harriston and Kincardine—Road good.

Guelph, Elmira, Listowel and Wingham—Road good.

Hamilton to Galt, Kitchener, Stratford and Goderich—In good condition throughout.

Stratford to Sarnia—Road good.

Hamilton to London and Detroit—Roads via Chatham and Sarnia in good condition.

Yonge Street to Severn—In good condition throughout. Road around east side of Lake Simcoe in good condition.

Barrie to Collingwood and Owen Sound—Road good.

Orillia, Coldwater and Midland—Road good.

Kingston Road—Open to Quebec boundary and in good condition throughout.

Kingston to Ottawa—Good road. Prescott to Ottawa—Road in good condition.

Whitby to Lindsay—All in good condition.

Peterborough—Go via Welcome and Dale, or north from Port Hope.

Cooksville to Owen Sound—Road good.

Markham—Kennedy Road good throughout, Danforth Avenue at end of pavement closed for repairs until July 1st. For Markham follow Yonge Street to Langor north on Yonge Street to Langstaff and east through Unionville. Road good to Stouffville and Uxbridge.

Vaughan Road—Good.

HOLSTEIN DROVER WILL SUE COUNTY OF GREY

Result of Accident on Dromore Road Three Weeks Ago. Mr. John Brown, the Holstein drover has, we understand, entered an action against the County of Grey for damages sustained three weeks ago when his car turned turtle on the Dromore Road at Adams hill, and he was severely injured. The bad condition of the road at the time of the accident is, we believe, the cause of the action, the plaintiff claiming that had the road been in proper repair, the accident never would have occurred.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS WILL ATTEND CHURCH

Next Sunday Evening in Baptist Church.—Brethren Expected From Outside Lodges. The annual church parade of Durham Odd Fellows is being held next Sunday evening to the Baptist Church, when visiting brethren from Hanover, Mount Forest and other lodges are expected to attend and join with the local lodge. Members are requested to meet at the lodge room at 6.30.

Last Sunday evening, two car loads of the local brethren joined Hanover lodge in attending service at St. Andrew's Church at that place and listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. D. J. Lane.

DIED FROM SCARLET FEVER

Mr. O. M. Voiles, President of the Voker Bodies, Limited, was in town this week in connection with the business interests of the company, but returned to Toronto this morning. Since last here, Mr. and Mrs. Voiles have suffered the loss of their two-year-old son, who died Tuesday of last week in the Toronto Isolation Hospital from an attack of scarlet fever. Mr. Voiles informs us he expects to move his family to Durham some time next week, and will occupy the residence of Mr. G. E. Harron on Albert Street.

BUCK JONES PULLS OFF LABOR OF HERCULES

Buck Jones' six feet of brainy brawn saved a big red and white steer from drowning to death in mud and mire on location near Kernville, Cal., where the desert scenes were being shot for "The Desert Outlaw," the rapid-fire William Fox photoplay starring Buck Jones, which comes to the Veterans' Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday.

The steer was up to his nose in a ditch of mire. For two days, cowboys had unsuccessfully conducted rescue operations. Then Buck came along. He braced himself against a tree, leaned forward, took the steer by the horns and pulled. Shortly a very groggy, staggering steer was unscrambled from his mud bath, and gratefully rubbed against his saviour!

Old timers were not more prudish but merely more subtle. They called betting parties playing "postoffice."

"Do you have to see a doctor in this town before you can get booze?" "No, afterwards."

WESTERN ONTARIO NEWS IN BRIEF

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

It has been decided that the Port Colborne war memorial shall take the shape of a veteran's clubhouse. It is expected to cost over \$25,000.

The Government has purchased a site for the new post office at Port Colborne, and work will be started soon on the \$50,000 structure.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boley, Raleigh Township, was struck by lightning, and the couple were forced to escape in their night clothes. The loss is about \$1,000.

A pot of resin, exploding in the Alpha Chemical works at Kitchener caused damage to the extent of about \$1,000.

Hamilton fire and jail committee appointed a sub-committee of three to investigate the question of forbidding the wives of firemen to undertake independent work.

A quantity of goods were stolen from the store of J. R. Inksater, Paris.

In a few days, Windsor will install an electric system of traffic control from Oulette Avenue to the ferry dock at a cost of \$15,000.

Only a light vote was cast on the Brant reserve, but the balloting was 5 to 1 in favor of leasing their oil lands.

Kitchener Light Commission has made an offer to the town of Waterloo to sell them gas at the holder at 85 cents, the town to do the distributing. It figured it would mean a saving to consumers of 35 cents a thousand.

Waterloo County Council authorized the expenditure of \$277,000 on county roads and \$15,000 in suburban areas.

Plunging into his burning home on East Nissouri Township, Wallace Smith succeeded in bringing his three children to safety. The house was completely destroyed.

There is a notable reduction in the number of unemployed at Woodstock, owing to the fact that the spring work has commenced.

St. Catharines Education Board has decided that only under extreme necessity will any new schools be erected this year.

Theffy Moore of Dover was seriously injured on Saturday when the team attached to a roller ran away. The roller passed over him, but the soft condition of the ground prevented fatal injuries.

A branch of the Order of the Eastern Star has been formed at Burford, with Mrs. Wallace Smith as Worthy Matron.

The barn, stable and implement sheds on the farm of Herbert St. Stover, Raleigh Township, were totally destroyed by fire Sunday during the progress of an electric storm.

Hamilton Board of Control opposes establishment of duck farm in Dundas Marsh, with view to having there a bird sanctuary.

Brantford dealers are desirous of securing Alberta coal.

Windsor City Council makes appropriation to purchase new park site.

Thomas R. Noble, C.N.R. employee at Detroit, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of Windsor Board of Education.

Foreigner pleads guilty in London Police Court to drunkenness, and offers his watch to pay his fine.

Stratford City Council decides to introduce cubic system of assessment.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has decided to extend a call to the pastorate to Rev. Dr. Kennedy Palmer of Ottawa.

Chatham Council is willing to make an arrangement to give outlying districts fire protection.

Ill-health has compelled the retirement of R. N. Price, president of the Empire Flour Mills, Limited, of St. Thomas. He will be succeeded by Neil C. Sinclair, vice-president and general manager.

At a special meeting of the Woodstock Council of Women, endorsement was given to the "Save the Forests" campaign.

Action not having been commenced within the statutory time, the action charging malpractice against Dr. D. J. Sinclair, M. P., was dismissed at Woodstock.

Queen Victoria Park Commissioners have granted a suitable site in the park for the Niagara Falls soldiers' memorial, and have ended a long controversy.

The Kitchener and Waterloo Hospital Commission has decided to improve the vacant land belonging to the hospital, and to turn it over for a city playground.

In view of the need for better fire protection at the largest Public Schools and Collegiate of St. Thomas, the Education Board will visit Brantford and inspect the spiral chutes in use there.

Galt police have decided to enforce the old curfew by-law and to hand over the names of youthful offenders to the Children's Aid Society inspector.

St. Catharines Y. M. C. A. Tuesday started a \$5,000 drive.

Ingersoll Council will tomorrow night open an investigation into the Police Department on the instigation of Chairman Henderson, of the

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Police Commission, owing to reports in circulation. James Carson, 15 years old, of Forest, in court admitted forging his mother's name to cheques aggregating \$266.37. He stated that Philip Ross, a barber of Forest, now on trial, prompted the act and received \$100 of the proceeds.

The London Street Railway has been forbidden to use the Ridout Street bridge by the Ontario Municipal and Railway Board, the structure being reported dangerous. The Board also suggested important work on several other structures.

London Board of Education decided to proceed with the demolition of Rectory Street school and the erection of an east-end collegiate on the site.

A. G. Bain was re-elected President of the Hamilton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at the annual meeting. Reports showed an increase in the service department and that a great many more investigations had been held. The membership now is over 700.

John Lukochwek, grocer of Hamilton, died in the hospital as the result of poisoning, but how and when administered, the police were not able to learn.

Hercules Bezaou of Windsor was arrested in connection with a fire which destroyed his butcher shop and is held pending investigation. He told a story of three robbers who entered while he was dressing his window, beat him, locked him in an ice chest and fled with \$600.

Tuesday's Toronto Star contains the following reference to a former resident, Mr. A. E. Kearney, a son of Mrs. A. Beggs of this place, and now manager of the Royal Bank branch at Schomberg:

"While William Thompson, furniture dealer, Schomberg, claims \$5,000 damaged for a broken hip in an action against A. E. Kearney, Royal Bank manager in the same village, following an alleged accident, Kearney disclaims responsibility.

"The case has been set down for trial. Thompson says he was standing on a ladder, fixing an electric light bulb at one end of a pole, when the defendant, driving his motor car, knocked the plaintiff off the ladder."

"Thompson alleges that Kearney was not looking where he was going, that he gave no warning of his approach, that he was not paying attention to the operation and control of the car as he ought to have been, and that he was driving at a fast rate of speed under the circumstances.

"Kearney, on the other hand, insists that the auto was going at slow speed, etc., and that Thompson by his own want of care, caused the damage of which he complains, or so contributed thereto that the accident would not have happened otherwise."

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Betterley of Toronto arrived in town Thursday of last week and have rented Mr. R. E. Richardson's residence on Countess Street. Mr. Betterley is a member of the firm of Voker Bodies, Limited.

Mrs. J. G. Mathevs visited friends in Durham Tuesday, and we were pleased to have a call from her while in town.

Miss Janette Kerr of London spent over the week-end at her parental home in Varney.

Mrs. George McKay has returned home after a couple weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Toronto.

Hon. Dr. Jamieson, M. L. A., and Mrs. Jamieson, returned last week to their home here, where they will spend the summer months. During the winter, they have resided in Toronto, where Dr. Jamieson attended the meeting of the Legislature and presented the report of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee, of which he is chairman.

Mr. J. Alexander Hay of Walkerton, organist in Knox Church at that place, was in town Tuesday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milne. Mr. Hay is enrolling a class of pupils in Durham, particulars of which may be seen in his announcement in this issue.

Miss McDonald and Miss Jessie Croft, after spending a few weeks in Acton, returned to town the first of the week.

Mrs. W. L. Dixon, north of Dromore, is visiting her friends in town and her daughter, Mrs. William Weir, Jr.

Mrs. Annie and J. Weir visited for a few days in Guelph and Toronto.

HAD FOOT INJURED

While taking up one of the big cement blocks in front of McElraith's store on Tuesday morning, preparatory to installing a new water line in the building, Mr. William Hill suffered an injury to his foot which will keep him off work for a time.

When lifting the block, one of the crowsbars slipped, letting the block down on Mr. Hill's toe with such force as to badly crush it.

RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

We were pleased to see the familiar figures of Mr. Thomas Petty and Mr. Nicholas Fagan on our front street again after each having undergone a serious illness.

Mr. Petty, who has been confined to his home for some time from the effects of a mild attack of paralysis, is rapidly regaining his usual health, while Mr. Fagan, whose life was despaired of last winter when he had a ten weeks' siege of pneumonia, was up town yesterday, dropped into our sanctum and engaged in conversation with his old-time vigor.

PURCHASED STALLION

Mr. Charles Mighon of Bentinck has purchased the imported Percheron stallion, "Heron," formerly owned by the Hanover syndicate.

Bess—Did the groom act scared? Belle—Not a bit. He had never been married before.

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Cross-Car Happeni As Told Telegra News From Halifax to ver Boiled Down an Told.

While the thermometer just a degree above zero, pedestrians with displaying the first signs of the season on Winnipeg Tuesday night.

Thirteen Memorial cent arrivals from Russia classed 3,757 acres of land, equipment and Newell Sidings, Man. on Newlinow, on Canal Railway. The sale price

The surplus of the O. Commission for the approximate \$45,000,000 been the average profit the Commission since inception, the province having emitted from that source nearly \$17,000,000 with reaching over \$80,000,000.

A party of pilgrims Year celebration at Quebec on May 5th of Minnedosa. The ship more than 50 people to bee district, among the large number of clergy will be more than 200 parts of the Dominion grams will return to the 26th.

Domion Bank notes were reduced by twelve millions last same time, gold held by about five millions, age of gold to notes in 56.8 to 57.7. On March ion notes in circula \$206,712,088 against \$2 February 28th. Gold in 573,226 against \$124,525

Dan White, recently an Ontario penitentiary, resided at Calgary, Alberta, S. J. Parsons police force on suspicion the lone burglar who, spondible for an episode burglaries, recently, found a "lock picker" possession, and, while quires are being made, his movements of the is being held on a no of vagrancy.

George Barch, alias self-confessed organizer up of the mail wagon Street, Montreal, first case against him, the case against him, the ately handed over to authorities for deport ed States. Barch turned dence at the trial of his patrons, six of whom, sentenced to life in the The hold-up netted the 000 and the police cle

Leonidas Gazon, 50 Montreal a fortnight Lacroix of stealing \$ the Provincial Bank, which he was a mania estin, was sentenced ship to six years in the In pronouncing sentence erix said that for nee people occupy his position been coming before a pally owing to "bad business," and that he to make an example of

By a resolution of the hearty endorsement of ery one of its members. ment. Each and every the oldest established game clubs in Canada gated a by-law that times the hunting a deer on the club preser For years, there has opinion that this plan and unnecessary at game laws of the hee allow it from

of November and ever-growing numbers and good sports availed themselves of John Smecker (ass the late Charles Gas lar sportsman, 5000 Montreal in his 57th. Damage of between \$20,000 was caused to the sugar cargo. Donaldson freighter, berth at St. John, two-hour fight to sub of the total estimat of 1924, totaling 2022 95 per cent of 250,000 reported by crop con having proved to be of quality. Last year's figures, according to by the Dominion B ties, were 96 per cent bushels out of 474,19

British Columbia's anti-Asiatic immitia Canada is still und scenes in a new of questions by W. G. Newell Westminster, the House that the re by the British Golum recommending the est entials had been rec novized, and was sideration.

Taking advantage which thronged the Court for the Carey Alfred Chartrand, of to have appeared in with robbery from made a clean getaw with the crowd wh were bringing the pri jail through the cou disappearance was n his case was called.

The inspection of Canal, which was de