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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil, or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with truth.—WATSON.

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NEWSPAPER FINANCES

Why is it that a lot of people find it difficult even almost impossible, to pay up their newspaper subscriptions promptly? Usually they are "as good as the wheat" but persistently and unthinkingly neglect to renew their paper, sometimes for two, three, four and even five years. This is a question that is as old as the newspapers and is up to the present unsolved. It isn't because they do not intend to pay, and indeed many often give voice to the expression that it should be done, but the psychological moment somehow or other does not arrive except at far distant intervals. A single newspaper subscription three or four years in arrears is no very great thing and does not amount to very much money, and for this reason the individual subscriber may think there is no hurry and consequently neglect to forward the amount.

To the publisher, however, the situation looks entirely different. He may have, say, four hundred of these subscriptions on his books, and if each subscriber is in arrears only three years, the aggregate amount totals \$2,400.00, an amount which to say the least would be a very welcome addition to any business in these days of thirty-day drafts and cash payments. It takes a lot of time and effort to collect all these little bills. It usually costs more than it is worth to collect an overdue subscription account. If these accounts were more promptly paid, the newspaper could use the more regular income in creating new features for the paper, adding to its usefulness and interest and making it constantly a greater credit to the town of which it is the exponent. The irregularity of income is the curse of many newspapers that would be in a thriving position if they could depend on regular renewals of subscription.

There are many citizens who pay their butcher, baker and grocer every month or two weeks, but unthinkingly neglect their subscription account. Some will let it run for years, and if they receive a bill feel indignant because they imagine doubt has been thrown upon their credit. They should reflect that when a publisher or other business man sends out bills, he is possibly in need of funds to pay for the service he has been giving them on credit. Business houses expect and demand prompt settlement of accounts in thirty days, and the business man who does not live up to these demands finds himself without credit and must either send the cash with order or pay for the merchandise before it is delivered to him.

The individual citizen often says that he would like to do something for his home town, but he has no particular gift for any form of public work, so does not know when and where to begin. Here is one way in which he may begin right now. Let him look on his copy of THE CHRONICLE and see if his subscription is overdue. If it is, let him remit the amount and take pride in doing so, realizing that when he performs that simple little act of justice and good business, he is helping an agency that works every day for his home town, to avoid needless burdens and expense.

It has not been our custom during the past couple of years to annoy our subscribers with constant reminders of their arrearages, and we can assure them that it is no pleasure to us to have to call their attention to these matters. But the fact is, we have to meet our obligations, and how else can we do it if those who owe us do not pay?

We trust that all who are in arrears will remit promptly, be good sports, and, placing themselves in our position, feel that they are but paying what is our just due. As in the past, we will endeavor to make THE CHRONICLE a better paper, more representative of the home town, and with this end in view, crave the co-operation of all. Back of this, however, we wish to make our meaning clear. These accounts, especially those that have been running for a considerable time, must be settled. Several of our delinquents have been notified by personal letters, and from many we have had no word whatever. These accounts will shortly be turned over into other hands for collection, and when that time comes, there will be no one to blame but themselves. We think it is reasonable to take the stand that we cannot be expected to continue sending THE CHRONICLE without remuneration, and while we are not desirous of trouble of any kind, we have come to the point where these arrearages must be settled up, or they will be placed in court for collection. It is quite possible that no further notice of this action will be given, but when the time comes, all accounts will be placed in other hands. The time to remit and save trouble for both of us is now.

SPIRIT MEDIUM FAKERS

Possibly nothing in recent years in theatrical circles, especially in the United States, is attracting quite so much attention as the war being waged against spirit medium fakers, and the exposing of the manner in which these slick artists gull the public. Amongst the noted expositors are the celebrated Harry Houdini, magician, who has posted a large sum of money which he will give to anyone proving that his supernatural powers are genuine and that the seances he holds are real. So far Houdini, though he has had numerous applicants for the prize, has always been able to expose their faking. In not one instance has any of these fakers succeeded in convincing a neutral investigating committee that his occult power was at all reliable or even slightly legitimate.

Amongst the latest to take up the cudgels is Edward Merlin, a reformed spiritualist, who, in Science and Invention, checks up on the work of the spiritualists. Mr. Merlin has for years given

seances. He is positive that such a thing as a spiritual manifestation has never been produced and that all mediums that operate for pay are fraudulent. In our opinion it will not be very many months before even stricter legislation is put in force against this class of arch fiends who prey upon the gullible public, upon widows, mothers and orphans, whom they cajole into believing that they can bring them into communication with the spirits of departed relatives—always for a price.

Science and Invention backs up its statement with an \$11,000 deposit which it will pay to anyone who can produce a genuine spiritual phenomena without the use of horns, speaking tubes, dark cabinets, and other paraphernalia peculiar to the trade. The spirit mediums always work in the dark, and in the dark cabinets spirit messages can be read by inserting them into a light-containing cover for a spirit horn. The envelope in which the message reposes is smeared with alcohol to make the envelope transparent.

From the evidence before us as we write, and from the disclosures recently made before neutral committees, we would advise our readers to give the spirit medium fakes a wide berth and save their money for a much better purpose.

A VERBATIM REPORT

Last week we referred to and published the comment of The Farmers' Sun, the official mouthpiece of the U. F. O., on the report of the work done by the Agricultural Enquiry Committee of the Ontario Government, of which Hon. Dr. Jamieson of this town is the chairman. The Sun waxed enthusiastic in its praise of the work of this Committee and published a resume of the address given by Dr. Jamieson before the Ontario Legislature. Believing that the service rendered the agricultural interests of the country was of inestimable value to them, THE CHRONICLE is this week publishing in its entirety, the whole of Dr. Jamieson's address, a much fuller report than that given by The Sun in that it is verbatim, having been taken down as spoken by South Grey's member, and obtained and published at considerable expense by this paper.

It is published for its value to the agricultural community, and we hope and trust that it will be given a careful perusal by all our farmer readers, no matter in which part of the Dominion they may be located. It is a most comprehensive report, logical and workable, and has been compiled from facts, not theories. In fact, so valuable is this report that we would advise all engaged or interested in farming to preserve it and refer to it from time to time. It is without doubt the fullest resume of agricultural conditions that was ever presented to any legislature and has been widely commented on by leading farm journals from coast to coast.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Annual lying contest is almost upon us. Have you made out your income tax return?

"Fox Fur Farming a Leading Industry" says a heading. Just where it is leading to is not told.

Something to think over—Why is it that moths seldom make the mistake of eating a patch?

Who says there's nothing monotonous in the changing weather of our northern climes?

One sign that you are fat and forty is when, at the skating rink, you bend over and attempt to lace your shoes, your feet aren't there.

If this cold weather doesn't soon let up, the local Isaac Waltons will have no fish yarns for the 1st of May.

Boy, oh boy! If a fellow going in late could only get the same seat at the theatre that he does at church—away up in the front!

Some men are light on their feet for various reasons. Some are full of gas, and others are hot-headed and go up in the air very easily.

One of our town itinerants was surely rushing the season on Thursday evening last. In the midst of the snow- and wind-storm, he accosted us with the query, "Do you want to buy any flower seeds?" We did—not.

A St. Catharines man, charged with abandoning his wife, was found dead from heart disease by police officers sent to arrest him. Evidently he didn't have the heart to return home.

The Eugenia Hydro system has again proven its ability to stand up under difficulties. During the Easter week storm, part of the Niagara system was out of commission for three days. While the power was off on the Eugenia system for a time, it was an intermittent interruption and caused little inconvenience.

CRISP COMMENT

The three R's: Rouge, Rolled Stockings, Red Hot Mama.—Melita Era.

We no longer should refer to Germany as "she." You know, the woman pays.—Kingston British Whig.

The arteries are not the only things that harden as the years go by. There is the head.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

One Brandon man who left for Florida three weeks ago has been elected secretary of the Old Settlers' Association.—Brandon Sun.

Let us at least hope that no great men of this era will be immortalized in bronze balloon trousers.—Lethbridge Herald.

Hunger makes all animals savage. Feed him a cup of coffee before he gets up in the morning.—Saulte Ste. Marie Star.

A shingle, a cigarette and knickers make a lot of difference, but they don't fool a mouse.—Sherbrooke Record.

Five babies are born every minute in the United States, and Henry Ford turns out at the same time a rattle for each one.—Subury Star.

Our idea of a real collegiately-dressed fellow is one who has to take two steps before his pants move.—Niagara Falls Review.

FATALLY INJURED AT LONDON CROSSING

Cyril Gordon, St. Marys, Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, Formerly of Durham and Egremont, Fell Under C. N. R. Freight Saturday Night and Died in a Few Minutes.—Funeral Held Tuesday to Maplewood Cemetery.

Friends of the family in this vicinity were shocked Sunday when the news came that Cyril, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon, St. Marys, had been killed at London the evening previous while attempting to board a moving freight train for his home at St. Marys.

The deceased, who was an employee of the St. Marys Cement Company, was born at what is known as Pollock's Corners, on the second of Egremont, and when four years of age, came with his parents to Durham. Details of his life were lacking here Sunday, other than he had met with violent death, but the following from Monday's London Free Press is possibly as much as will ever be known of the sad affair. The Free Press said:

"While attempting to board a moving freight train at the Egerton street crossing of the C. N. R., early Sunday morning, Cyril Gordon, 19 years old, of St. Marys, slipped beneath the wheels and was almost instantly killed. Both Gordon's legs were severed, and his skull badly crushed. When found by three of his companions, the young man was in an unconscious condition. He was rushed to Victoria hospital in the police ambulance, but died before reaching that institution. The crew in charge of the train was unaware that anything had happened until reaching St. Marys, when they were informed of the occurrence by C. N. R. officials there.

Coroner Dr. J. C. Wilson has ordered an inquest. A jury to be impaneled by Detective Harry Down, will view the body at the George E. Logan Funeral Home, Dundas street, today at 12 noon.

Gordon was an employee at the Portland Cement Company's plant at St. Marys. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon of that town. "In company with three other youths, Cecil Grashy, Gordon Kelum and Ted Grosse, Gordon left St. Marys Saturday afternoon on the 12 o'clock C. N. R. passenger train for London for the purpose of attending a theater. On arrival here, about an hour later, the party decided to attend an evening performance, instead of the matinee, so they spent the remainder of the afternoon in the downtown district and missed the evening train back to their homes.

Attended Theater

"Early in the evening they went to a Dundas street theater, where they remained till the end of the performance, when they visited a downtown restaurant. It was there that Gordon told the other youths that he was going to "hop a freight" back to St. Marys. According to his companions, the unfortunate youth told them that his folks did not know of his coming to London, and that he had to get back. They pleaded with him to remain with them at a hotel here until Sunday afternoon, but he would not listen and insisted that his folks would be worried if he did not return home. "He left the restaurant and boarded a street car at 12 o'clock midnight, which took him to Egerton street, where he got off and walked to the C. N. R. crossing. His companions remained at the eating place for about half an hour, thinking he would return. They became alarmed, however, and decided to go to the crossing to keep him from boarding the train, a London-to-Stratford merchandise freight in charge of Engineer Arthur Parker and Conductor Cecil Land, both of Stratford, leaving the East London yards at 1.30 a.m.

"They boarded another street car, but it conveyed them only as far as the barns on Lyle street. They ran the remainder of the distance to the crossing, arriving there just as the train was crossing the intersection at a high speed. "Above the noise and rattle of the train, the youths heard groans, and on investigating made a gruesome discovery of their friend lying in a pool of blood beside the tracks, about 150 feet west of Egerton street. He was alive, but unconscious. His right leg had been severed at the hip, while his left leg was amputated above the knee.

"Two of the lads ran to the Park Hotel, corner of Dundas and Egerton streets, where they summoned the police ambulance. The call was received at the police station at 1.55 a.m. Constables Langford and Lee responded to the call and rushed the injured youth to Victoria Hospital but he passed away just before being admitted. "The boy was taken to the George E. Logan Funeral Home, where it will be forwarded to St. Marys."

The remains were brought to the home of his uncle, Mr. Alf. McCabe, Varney, Tuesday noon, the funeral being held that same afternoon to the family plot at Maplewood cemetery. Rev. J. H. Wheaton, Rector

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, Potatoes, and Sheepskins.

of Trinity church, here, had charge of the service at the house and grave. The pallbearers were four cousins, Arthur McCabe, John Long, Melvin Long and Alvin Gordon, a brother-in-law, Harold Cousins, and Thomas Goodchild.

Amongst floral tributes laid on the casket were those from the St. Marys Cement Company, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lang and family, Clara and Harold Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Black, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grashy, fellow employees at the Cement plant, Beatrice Vessie, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Washington, Mrs. William Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. Loughheed, as well as others from the parents and family.

Besides his parents, the deceased leaves to mourn one sister, Clara, (Mrs. Cousins), Windsor, Bert in Egremont, and Clarence and Glenora at home. His grandfather, Mr. P. Black of Egremont, also survives and, with the other members of the family, will have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MET IN CONVENTION

Annual Meeting of Ontario Educational Association Was Held Last Week in Toronto With Record Attendance.

A record convention of the Ontario School Trustees and Ratepayers' Association was held last week in Toronto. This association, we understand, is one of the four main departments comprising the Ontario Educational Association. The attendance was larger this year than any previous year, there being 1503 rural delegates and 166 urban delegates in attendance, besides 37 school attendance officers. Altogether they comprise more than half the whole O. E. A.

The rural delegates, meeting by themselves on Tuesday afternoon, passed a resolution opposing the proposed Township School Boards Bill. This is not surprising, as many delegates pledged themselves to their boards that they would register a vote against the measure. We wonder why trustees cannot be sent to these conventions with an open mind.

The convention placed itself on record as opposed to cadet training in our public and high schools. Many delegates expressed the view that more emphasis should be given to physical education and provided for the girls as well as the boys.

There was unanimity in regard to the supervision of the noon-hour. School boards are beginning to realize that the noon-hour, organized play activities and the presence of the teacher or some other trained supervisor on the school premises at noon hour may be made a feature of untold blessing to the community.

ROCKY SAUGEEN U.F.W.O. MET ON FRIDAY LAST

Pleasant Afternoon Spent at Home of Mrs. J. W. McKechnie North of Town.

The Rocky Saugeen U. F. W. O. met at the home of Mrs. J. W. McKechnie on Friday last, 29 being present. One new member was secured at this meeting.

After the business meeting, a short program was disposed of, Mrs. James Lawrence contributing a solo. This was followed by community singing, after which Mrs. Thomas Turnbull read a chapter from the book the Club is reading at present. A question drawer was also opened which proved an interesting part. The roll call was answered by giving the name of a spring flower.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Ewen of Bentinck.

QUEEN ST. MISSION CIRCLE MET THURSDAY LAST

The monthly meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of Queen Street United Church was held at the residence of Mrs. G. R. Padfield on Thursday of last week, with Mrs. Padfield in charge.

The meeting was opened with a hymn and the Lord's Prayer in unison, while the Scripture lesson was taken by Mrs. Padfield. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the Heralds' answer to the Watch Tower, and a report of last year's business, given by Miss Ella Twamley, were also important parts of the meeting.

Mrs. Padfield gave a talk on the Interests of the Mission Circle. Miss Twamley also gave a talk on Stewardship, and Mrs. Mark Wilson delighted the gathering with a solo.

Following the collection, the meeting was closed by the singing of a hymn and Mrs. Peters offering a short prayer, followed by the Mizpah benediction.

After the business meeting, a social hour was spent, Mrs. Padfield serving a dainty lunch at the close.

EXPECTS NEW STORE TO BE READY IN SHORT TIME

Workmen are busy renovating the store building recently purchased by Mr. D. M. Saunders and to be occupied by him when completed as a gent's furnishing store. McDonald & McKelvey, the former occupants, who conducted a pool room on the premises, being unable to secure another satisfactory place, have stored their tables and equipment for the time being.

Mr. Saunders is having the rear portion of the building converted into a dwelling, while painters and decorators are at work in the front part putting in new show window fronts. When completed the new premises will present a much improved appearance and will be an excellent location for Mr. Saunders' haberdashery business.

What He Said Went

A tourist who had stopped at a mountaineer's cabin noticed four holes in the door.

Tourist: "Friend, I don't want to be inquisitive, but what are the four holes in the door for?"

Mountaineer: "Wal, yo' see, I have four cats."

Tourist: "But wouldn't one good-sized hole do for all the cats?"

Mountaineer: "Mister, when I say 'Scat!' I mean 'Scat!'"

Some girls don't care how they look as long as they don't look like girls.

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PRICEVILLE CO. HONORED LEAVING

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Family Recipients Valuable Presentations Parture to Take Up Owen Sound.

One of those happy lives long in the participants took place in Kinnon Hall, Priceville, evening, April 9, the a social reception, honor being Mr. MacDonald and family their departure for their

The hall was filled and the meeting was der with Mr. Thomas chair. A beautifully was rendered as follows: music, a vocal solo by Nichol one of his reading, Nellie Mc Illusive Vote," by Mrs. Millan, a humorous political skit. Tones to win the vote in the person of J. one of the Western time of the Reciprocity a vocal duet, "Love Song," by Mrs. Dr. Anna Mary Macdonald, rendering of Pauline's "The Cattle Thief," trude MacQuinn; two appropriate the Blake, "That's What I and "That's What I rendered in this manner; a reading, "Her Shoes," by Will given in his delight. This, interspersed with the orchestra, led to important function of the address and presentation Mrs. Macdonald of the bolstered chairs and twenty dollars, to L. pen, and to Leona a clock. Mr. and Mrs. family were called to and the following add by Miss Lizzie Mac

Priceville, Ont. To Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Leroy and Leona. Dear Friends: It was with very de we learned of your sever your comestic reside in Owen Sound. tionships have been of and your services in especially have been great. Your willingness to help have been felt ated.

Words fail to express ciation of you, Mrs. organizer of the church. Mr. MacDonald, in the leader of the choir, and made it the high in our present church for a long time back. MacDonald have read and whole-hearted se choir and Mr. MacDon intendent of the Sun

Leroy and Leona, to active part in the church, the choir, the and the Guild. We greatly but hope was pleasure of frequent back in Priceville.

We, the Presbytery, Priceville, wish to exp in but slight measure appreciation of your vices and of your ever very highly commended in our midst, but ask you to accept these our best wishes for of services and success. detaking of your futu

Signed on behalf of ian church of Priceville Leona, William Albin Nichol, Archie N. McArthur, Neil McLean Kenzie, Alfred Binkes.

Mr. MacDonald es masterly and thought in which his approach his early association especially in the church of them present, many various reasons not, abroad and some passed beyond. He addressed as friends, which the be, which he hoped to which he liked to th He stressed the va friendship, which was ished far beyond any sions. They had man hope to make as great those that had been prime of their lives.

He expressed their of those tokens of it Presbyterian church, words and the more- pression, those easy relaxed in them, they reminder of friends in Priceville.

He concluded with th the Giver of every good self would bless and extended an invitation to in Owen Sound.

The pastor, Rev. Me then called on to speak as his topic, "Buildings," extracts of which We regret exceeding Mr. and Mrs. MacDon because in the first pla proved themselves real society. Priceville is a lage because of their The world's real heros conquerors but it's only If we had some thing night, a good and appor would be, "Here's to the Holds the Barrel." Th "Here's to the man wh things together, who things. The attitude of ple, together, that is, We need a gre of brotherhood betwe