

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

Contract for Elevator Awarded

The Elevator committee met on Monday afternoon and awarded the contract for the erection of the elevator to Messrs. Carter, Hallis and Allinger, of Winnipeg. We understand the firm erected the seven million bushel elevator at Fort William last year. The contract price will not be disclosed until such time as the contract guarantees, etc., are completed.—Collingwood Enterprise.

Wilson Remanded Until Tuesday

John Wilson, who was arrested at the home of his father near Pinkerton, following the finding of the dead body of Joseph Reid in the ditch near the latter's home in Greenock, came before Magistrate Walker here on Tuesday last, and was remanded to the cells until December 19th, on a charge of illegally selling liquor, which may be increased to a manslaughter charge if the result of the analysis of the deceased's stomach and of the liquor, which are now being made by specialists in Toronto warrant it. Gordon Sawyer, who was with Reid just prior to his death and partook of a portion of the same liquor, has been ill at his home near Pinkerton following his collapse at Cargill the next day after the drinking. Sawyer's condition a few nights ago was described as critical by his physician.—Walkerton Times.

Farmers Trimmed of Potato Bags

Two weeks ago we warned farmers against selling horses to buyers unless they received the hard cash. Since then we have been informed that some potato buyers are also out to trim the hard-working farmer.

The joker in the potato game is that a buyer enters the farm yard, makes a deal with the farmer at so much a bag, the bag being included in the price. The potatoes are loaded on the truck and the buyer produces his roll of bills. Most of the bills are of large denomination and as a rule the farmer has little or no change, so the buyer makes up the amount "as near as he can", which is generally less than the cost of the bags. Of course, the buyer will return the bags and makes a note of the farmer's name and address. The bags never return and the farmer, in some cases, is out a nice tidy sum.—Orangeville Sun.

Lost Tooth and Nearly Ear

When Mr. William J. Lambertus, the local roofing man, undertook to wind up his light Four Overland at Kincardine on Saturday last preparatory to starting out for home, he was subjected to a surprise attack from his car, when the chariot back-fired and knocked a front tooth out of his upper jaw, besides cutting and threatening to sever his left ear. Although stunned for a time Bill recovered his composure, and with the caution of a cat on a tight rope proceeded with the winding up of his bus, which he finally cranked without any further disfigurements.—Walkerton Times.

New Paving Material

A new road surfacing material has appeared and in this instance it is Nature's own product secured by Mr. W. E. Campsall of Thompsonville from an immense mound on his property. A couple of breaks in the pavement on Victoria streets were patched with this material some months ago and today show no signs of appearing again. The substance is common clay heavily impregnated with iodine and some other chemical substances which produce an intensely hardened mass when moisture dries out of it. Mr. Campsall came upon the peculiar formation when attempting to do some digging at the base of the hill on his property. He found it necessary to break up a rock like surface which covered the soil to a depth of six inches. Taking samples to the

science department at the University of Toronto the staff had it analyzed and pronounced it clay with the chemical substances noted. Mr. Campsall has done considerable experimenting with it with so far permanent results. A crossing laid across the east end of Victoria street has stood up under traffic all fall. One peculiarity of this clay is that should traffic or heat crack it the first rain causes it up and no damage results. Patches laid last fall stood up under the winter frosts without damage of any kind. Mr. Campsall is going to ask for the privilege of giving this paving material a practical test on some street in town.—Alliston Herald.

Fire at Chesley

Fire, which broke out in the apartment above A. Steinberg's store, about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning did considerable damage to the west part of the building. Mr. Steinberg was fixing the kitchen range when a can of coal oil tipped over and was ignited and soon the room was a mass of flames. Steinberg tried to smother the fire, but was unsuccessful. During this time he was severely burnt on the arms and face and the hair on his head was singed.

There was a considerable delay in the arrival of the fire truck and the fire had gained good headway before the firemen were able to get the hose streaming water into the building. Flames were shooting through the back window and the fanlight and dense clouds of smoke were pouring forth and at first it was feared that perhaps the whole block would be on fire. However, the fire brigade, once they got into action, did yeoman service and in about half an hour the flames subsided.

The damage was confined to the kitchen, hallways and one bedroom, but the stock in the store was removed as in a short time the water commenced leaking through the ceiling. The building was insured, also the goods in the store, but no insurance was carried on the contents of the home.

The smoke also damaged practically all the furniture and furnishings of Isaac Shapiro who occupies the apartment across the hallway from Steinberg's. Unfortunately Mr. Shapiro had allowed his insurance to lapse only a short time ago.—Chesley Enterprise.

Deer Loses Life in Fence

There are quite a number of deer living in the woods of North Bentinck. Last Saturday a young buck lost his life by becoming entangled in the wire fence along the sideroad past Herman Sachs' farm on the 14th concession. The first to notice the deer in its precarious position was Fred Janke, Jr., who was driving along the sideroad. He told school children about 4 p.m. what he had seen and the children informed Mr. Sachs. Mr. Sachs took Councillor McCaslin out with him and when they got there about 9 p.m. the deer was dead but still quite warm. They notified game warden Albert Rolston of Owen Sound who dressed the deer the following morning and took it in his car to Owen Sound where the venison will be handed over to the manager of the Children's Shelter. In his efforts to get free the buck had become badly entangled in the wire and had bled considerably. His head was badly bruised by coming in contact with a stone as he flopped from side to side when making frantic efforts to extricate himself. The deer was fairly fat and would weigh about 125 pounds. Mr. Sachs will have several rods of fence to repair next spring as a result of that Bentinck deer not clearing the wire in its wild jump.—Chesley Enterprise.

Young Girl Attempts Suicide

A pathetic affair took place in Han-

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

The Patented Inside

Very few weekly newspapers today use the patented inside compared to those who are all-home print. The latest to discard this is the Clifford Express, and in making the change it is now published as a four page paper at home in place of including four pages of ready-print that is printed in some city. The change is naturally of interest to other newspaper publishers as the Clifford editor comes out flat in his reason for doing away with the patent inside. He says the people did not read the inside four pages so that they might just as well be omitted. The weekly press is judged solely on the way it serves its own community and people who have moved away from that community. Both classes of readers want to know what is going on in the old town and the surrounding country. Today every reader of a weekly paper is also a subscriber to a daily. In the daily they can read all about what is going on in China if they feel so inclined and they do not want to see it in a weekly. In a weekly they want to know what is going on in that particular community no matter how small a doing it is. It is their friends who are engaged in those doings and that is what they want to read about. The Clifford paper will find that it just as valuable with its four pages of local news and advertisements, as it was when it carried four pages of foreign matter that couldn't help but be over a week stale.—Kincardine Review.

Want to be Humbugged

There seems no way of keeping people from throwing away their money foolishly. High-pressure salesmen continue to flourish on the back concessions and in towns too with their get-rich-quick stocks. In the small towns another class of smooth salesmen make an easy living by selling advertising schemes to the merchants. These gentry make a town about once a year. Sometimes it is a blotter directory, sometimes it is a business directory to hang in a public place. But they are wise enough never

over on Tuesday last at noon when a young girl under 20 years of age, who has been employed in a local hotel, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing ammonia. It appears she had been a ward of the Bruce County Children's Shelter, and had worked in other places besides Hanover. It would seem that her life of restraint caused her to "step out" rather too lively when she got away from its influence, and complaint had to be made to Rev. R. Perdue, superintendent of the Bruce County Shelter. He came over here Tuesday and in a talk with the girl explained to her that if her conduct was not improved she would have to be taken back to the Shelter. Apparently the dread of going back there was too much for the girl, and running into her room, she swallowed the ammonia. A doctor was called immediately and for a time it was feared that she would expire, but later recovered somewhat and was removed to the Hanover hospital, where she is still in some danger.—Hanover Post.

Must Remove Rail Fences

The County of Bruce has for several years tried to encourage farmers along the County highways to replace rail and board fences with wire so as to avoid the drifting of snow and have offered a bonus of 25c. per rod.

This year the County is determined to rid the highways of this nuisance and as a test case, an action was commenced against James Hunter, residing on the Sauguen Road in Huron Township, and the matter came before Judge Owens on December 7th. After considerable argument about the merits of wire fences and the generous offer made by the County, Mr. Hunter decided to accept the offer of the County and has agreed to remove 160 rods of rail fence. The matter was then adjourned to January 3, the Judge advising Mr. Hunter that, if the fence was not entirely removed within fifteen days, an order would be given allowing the County to remove the fence at his expense.

As a few farmers have been disputing the sufficiency of the bonus and the right of the County to insist on the replacement of rail fences with wire, this was brought forward as a test case and proceedings will be instituted against any farmers who have not complied with the request of the County Highways.—Walkerton Telescope.

Purchased Fire Engine

Messrs. Thompson Bros., proprietors of the Teeswater Creamery, have purchased a Bickle Fire Engine for their own protection from fire. The manufacturers sent up a representative on Tuesday who gave a demonstration of what the machine would do. A pile of wood, barrels and old tires were sprinkled with oil and set on fire and then the compound was turned on the blaze and it was put out in less than one minute.—Teeswater News.

Howick Thresher Injured

Cameron Edgar, son of Robert Edgar, 4th concession Howick, met with a serious accident on November 29, when employed with a threshing outfit on the farm of William Adams, Sr., near Wroxeter. Slipping on a loose board on the separator one foot went into the cylinder, part of the heel being torn off and the foot badly lacerated. The patient is in the Wingham hospital and is making very satisfactory recovery.—Fordwich Record.

Took Law in Own Hands

A farmer in the township of Asphodel took the law in his own hands and shot two pigs that were damaging his crop. He was later apprehended, pleaded guilty and was let go on suspended sentence provided he pay \$60 to the owner of the pigs and the costs of the action. The defendant claimed, through his solicitor, that the pigs had damaged his crops and he had asked the owners to keep their pigs at home, but they did not, so one day he took the law in his own hands and shot the animals.

to introduce the same scheme more than once. There is usually some sort of flim-flam about the scheme and never in our experience have we seen a single scheme of this sort which offered anything like face value for the price asked. Another class of gentry who believe in charging a good price for the service, is the tourist agencies who offer to link up the housekeeper with their system of stopping places. One of these agencies recently canvassed homes half a mile off the highway here, and in one case charged a widow, who lived nowhere near the traffic road, twenty-five dollars for a tiny ad. in their book which in some magic way was to bring flocks of tourist roomers. Of schemes to pry folks loose from their money there is verily no end.—St. Mary's Journal.

Growth of Manufacturing in the West

The opening of an automobile factory in Regina with a capacity next year of over 30,000 cars annually is one more indication of the rapid growth of manufacturing in Western Canada. Only a few years ago it was almost exclusively a wheat-growing country, but today the term "Prairie Provinces" does not give an adequate idea of prevailing conditions. Cities and towns are becoming important industrial centres which will create home markets for local farm products and in turn will supply those farms with many of their needs. An automobile factory on the scale of that in Regina would not have been established if the company were not certain of an immediate demand, with still greater confidence in the future. It means that the wealth of the people on the Prairies must be widely distributed, for a millionaire here and there could account for only a few cars. Production of cars on a large scale annually shows that a very large proportion of the population have the means, each, to buy at least one of them. Last season grain was rushed to railway and elevator points at a speed unheard of before through the use of motor trucks and this is only the beginning of that system of transportation on the prairies.

In the other provinces also manufacturing is making rapid strides. In Calgary recently a bridge-building plant was established at a cost of \$200,000 to employ 150 men, and a rolling mill plant at a cost of \$400,000 to employ 160 men. A report of the Calgary Board of Trade shows that about 150 industries have already been established there which have a capital of \$35,000,000 and about 3,500 employees. The total industrial payroll amounts to about \$5,000,000 a year and the value of the products annually is greater than the total investment. The Industrial Development Board of Manitoba reports that during the year 62 new industries were established and that nearly \$3,000,000 were invested in the extension of existing plants. The industrial output was \$159,252,000, as compared with \$132,000,000 last year. Similar progress is reported from many other quarters in the three provinces.

The growth of manufacturing in the West has modified the free trade ideas so clamant a few years ago. Some of the farmers' organizations already admit the change in public sentiment. The farmers are beginning to realize the advantages of a home market, rapidly increasing, for at least a part of their products and that realization will bring about a greater appreciation of their community of interest. As the West manufactures more and more for itself so will the demand for Eastern products decline, but Eastern manufacturers will not complain. We believe that they will recognize that changing conditions in the West will unite the whole country in demanding a real national policy.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Dundalk Wants the Wardenship

Indications point to Dundalk for the honors of the Warden's position for Grey County in 1929. Reeve Moody was nominated for 1928 but withdrew his name from the contest, preferring to wait.

His long experience in municipal and county affairs, as well as his natural business ability qualifies him for the place. While there may be others in the County Council of equal qualifications, this municipality feels that it is entitled to consideration at this time. The writer is of the belief that Dundalk has never been represented at Owen Sound in the Warden's chair in the 40 years since the village was incorporated as a municipality.

It looks like Dundalk's opportunity, providing, of course, that H. C. Moody is elected as reeve of the village for 1929. We have not heard of opposition locally and the position may go by acclamation. Three weeks or so will tell.—Dundalk Herald.

James A. Patten

The world of finance and speculation mourns the passing of James A. Patten. He deserves a particular niche in the Hall of Fame. It was Patten who first broke the power of Armour and his "Yellow Wagon" following; it was Patten who out-manoeuvred the bear clique and took in millions everytime he was right and the clique was wrong and it was Patten who taught the grain trade that the late Mr. Armour was a bad financier. After that it was easy. Mr. Patten was also the first big speculator who knew enough to quit the game at certain times and invest money in other lines of commerce. Arthur C. Cutten followed Patten's example and is now one of the richest men in the world. Mr. Patten was a great teacher in the tenuous school of speculation. More than that he was kind, he had a broad vision and performed many noble acts of generosity and philanthropy. He was foremost among the real Big Builders of his time.—Chicago Referee.

It's Much the Same

"By this time you ought to know a great deal about politics." "I ought to," answered Senator Sorghum. "But I have a friend who has played poker for nearly fifty years and is no more certain about a one-card draw than he was when he first started."

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