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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 the Truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, February 7, 1929

ORGANIZED BUSINESS

We were rather taken with a cartoon in the last issue of *The Farmers' Sun*, and captioned, "Three Legged Races Are Won Only By Those Who Keep in Step". The cartoon depicted "Organized Business" in the three-legged race, and how they were beating the organized farmers in the picture! The organized business of course was highly trained and in step while the farmer end of the race showed one organized farmer hitched up with one who was unorganized. At picnics in the summer time, anyone knows what spills these three-legged races sometimes cause. The winners were always those who kept in step.

Organization is all right, and the proper thing, provided it is all right. There are some people who want to organize for the reason that they would like to be in a position to tell the other fellow where he can go to, if necessary. The business organization that is organized for the sole purpose of "bleeding" the public is sure to fail. This kind of organization is only killing the goose that lays the golden egg, for without the public, where is the market? and without the market, where are the profits?

There is a lot of truth in the statement that the unorganized farmer is pulling against the one who is organized, but we are not prepared to admit that this kind of thing is common to the farming class exclusively. It is the same in all business.

Organization does not mean that any one business should organize for the purpose of "hogging" everything. Organization really means co-operation in a high degree—co-operation between the firm or firms trying to do business, and the buying public—in other words the organizing of the purchasers to do business with those who have something to sell with the assurance that they will be dealt with honestly.

TWISTING THE LION'S TAIL

Every now and then some United States jingoist breaks loose and makes himself ludicrous by some of his remarks. The latest is Senator Borah, who, if a Washington news dispatch is correct, amused himself last week by throwing out a challenge to the British Empire while talking to the United States cruiser debate. Senator Borah, however, is not taken very seriously, even in the United States, and his periodical outbreaks are regarded in the nature of a passing amusement by his colleagues.

Senator Borah's latest is a challenge to Britain to "guarantee the freedom of the seas" by law or face the United States in a naval race in which American dollars would be sure to outmatch British pounds.

To come quickly to the point, we might say at the outset that Senator Borah, as usual, is simply talking through his hat. Neither is he so foolish as his remark would lead one to believe. The worthy Senator to the south of us knows, as does everybody who has kept at all in touch with the situation, that the United States at present has no more chance of wresting the supremacy of the seas from Great Britain than the proverbial celluloid dog has of catching the asbestos cat in hell. And we say this too, unboastfully.

The United States is not a sea-faring nation. When the war was on, the American Mercantile Marine bought up all the ships they could lay hands on. After the close of the war these were mostly all laid up and subsequently sold for a fraction of their original cost. Why? For the simple reason that there were not sufficient men to man them.

So it is with the United States navy. Even today the United States has many good and serviceable ships of the line tied up in various harbors of the country wearing out their hawsers for the very good reason that while they have the ships of war, they are short the men needed to make them active units of the navy. The boys of the United States, like those of Canada, simply do not want to go to sea, and what is more, if they did, they do not intend to sign up for a period of years in a navy that pays considerably less than can be earned elsewhere.

Referring to Canada, this is the principal reason we have always favored supporting the British Navy with money rather than ships. Canadians do not take to the sea in sufficient numbers to make a Canadian navy possible.

On the other hand, the native born of the tight little Isle take to the sea as naturally as a duck takes to water. They are natural sailors, are proud to belong to the navy, and it has been a long number of years since Britain has not had a "waiting" list for enlistments in the navy. With them the navy's the thing; the pay is secondary. The reverse is true in the United States and in Canada.

Senator Borah knows this as well as anyone. But then, he must feed the great American public something to keep himself on the front page. And

herein lies the mystery. Senator Borah does not believe what he says, he knows the United States public does not believe it, and he also knows that the United States public knows that he himself does not believe it. Then why all the fireworks?

ALDERMANIC WHIMS

At the inaugural meeting of the Orangeville Town Council this month, both old Constables on the police force were discharged and two new ones appointed. Referring to the incident, last week's Orangeville Banner says in part:

"The Banner submits that Mr. Fred Coe, night watchman in Orangeville for several years past, was unfairly treated by the town council when it declined to reappoint him to his old position. Mr. Coe is a good citizen, has made a capable official and was entitled to more consideration than he received from the majority of the members of the council. As far as we can learn there was no charge against him. He was not charged with inefficiency or misconduct of any kind and yet he was superseded in office by a man who is a comparative stranger in town. Coe has been night watchman for several years, has proved himself a capable officer and has the confidence of the business men of the town, by whom his salary was paid."

The first thing that came to our mind on reading the above was how much like other towns Orangeville is. Every year in almost every municipality, there is the annual call for tenders for the position of constable and the innumerable jobs that go with it and the man with the lowest tender usually receives the appointment. This to our mind is a decidedly wrong practice, and such a system of hiring a police officer does not make for efficiency or the proper enforcement of law and order.

For years we have had the idea that a man, to receive a police appointment in the first place, should prove himself capable. Once he gets that appointment he should enforce the law impartially and should be free from all outside interference, the Town Councillors included. To be efficient a police constable should be well up on Ontario law, should know the bylaws of the municipality he represents, have the knack of handling the public, and then be left strictly alone. In fact, this is the law, and any citizen or even member of the Council who interferes with a constable in the performance of his duty is liable to be brought to trial.

Policemen in the larger cities are taught that it is not the number of the arrests they make that establishes their efficiency. It is by the general observance of law and order along their "beat" that they get their promotion marks. Any one policeman in a large city can keep the police cells full and the police court busy, for there are very few citizens who do not lay themselves liable for minor law infractions.

We do not intend this as a correspondence course on "How to be a Policeman," but when we glanced at the comment in the Orangeville Banner, it once more brought to our mind what has often been thought of before: How can we expect efficiency in our police constables if their positions are to be a monthly or yearly appointment, and dependent upon the whims of the aldermanic board?

A police constable to our notion, once he gets the appointment, should hold it until he becomes inefficient, and he should not be removed from office until some charge has been preferred against him and proven. The old saying that nobody likes a constable still holds true, and in the performance of his duty it is not possible that he can do this and remain on friendly terms with everybody.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Great Britain has long been known as the "Mother of Parliaments." Since Senator Borah's address last week, the United States now has undisputed possession of the title, "the Father of Bull."

According to a news dispatch science is to provide a girl with legs. Well, here's hoping they're more shapely than a lot of the ones Nature has passed out.

Five Durham dog owners were fined \$5.10 each last Saturday for allowing their dogs to run at large. An inquiry as to what the 10 cents was for elicited the reply that possibly it was the Amusement Tax.

A Walkerton bride was injured recently in an explosion. The groom was in the cellar at the time. It might be in order now to inquire as to what he put in it to make it blow up.

The Bracebridge Gazette, commenting on motor accidents when ministers were driving, says that, being professional men, who are regarded as poor drivers, they were evidently thinking more of next Sunday's sermons than driving their car. It is also possible that they were thinking of next month's pay-day and how much of their salary would be forthcoming.

An early Easter, it has been said, means an early spring. It is some years now since Easter fell on as early a date as it will fall in 1929. Palm Sunday is March 24, Good Friday the 23rd, and Easter Sunday on March 31. February 13, being Ash Wednesday, ushers in Lent. Let us hope that the old saying is correct and that the Spring of 1929 may be early and pleasant.

Two Toronto policemen were arrested Sunday on a charge of housebreaking. If proven guilty, they should be given the maximum sentence. Housebreaking under any circumstances is bad enough, but when our enforcement officers take to it, a light punishment will not help honest members of the force in keeping law and order.

Editor Bradwin of *The Clifford Express* had his own troubles last week. Getting away to a bad start on Monday, it was next the newspaper for his paper that went astray. Then his typesetting machine broke. To cap the climax he "piled" the whole six columns of the front page while removing it from the press and had to set it all over again. He has our sympathy, but at that we are curious to know what language he used when that front page dropped on the floor.

OBITUARY

ARCHIBALD MACCUAIG

The death of Mr. Archibald MacCuaig at his home in Glenelg, MacCuaig at his home in Glenelg, last Monday, removes one of the best known men in the township, one who for the greater portion of his life was prominent in the municipal politics of the municipality, and a man who held the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Mr. MacCuaig had been ill for the past several months from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered two years ago last June and while he recovered sufficiently to be up and around at intervals, he was never able to take any active interest in the work on his farm. For the past few months he had been failing, had been confined to his bed since December, and on Monday passed away. He was in his 75th year.

The late Mr. MacCuaig was a life-long resident of Glenelg, and was born, lived and died on the MacCuaig homestead on the second concession south of the Durham road. He was an outstanding farmer, a skilled agriculturist, a good business man, and conducted his business with marked success. In the municipal life of the community he was always a leader. He served in the Council over a period of thirty years, was Reeve on several occasions, served on the trustee board of his school section at Top Cliff, and was for years the efficient secretary for the board. With his other business interests, he was for years a director on the board of the Grey & Bruce Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was a devoted member of the Pricerville Presbyterian church. Over the whole period of his active life Mr. MacCuaig was one of the outstanding men of his township and a man whose place in the life of the municipality will be hard to fill.

On February 4, 1884, the deceased was married to Miss Elizabeth McLeod of Glenelg, who predeceased him in January 1909. It is a coincidence that his death occurred on the anniversary of his wedding day.

Surviving Mr. MacCuaig are a family of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters. They are: Finlay, in Bentinck; Archie and John Alex., at home; Mrs. W. Brown (Sarah), Mrs. R. Lawrence (Catherine), Mrs. H. Tucker (Islay), in Glenelg; Mary and Elizabeth, at home; Ida, a nurse in Salem, Oregon; Wilhelmine, teacher, Tiverton, in Bruce County; and Mrs. E. Beard (Gertrude) and Miss Pearl, in Pontiac, Mich. Mr. MacCuaig is the last surviving member of his family.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon from his late residence and interment will be made in Smellie's cemetery. The services are in charge of Rev. J. Corry of Pricerville Presbyterian church.

In the death of Mr. MacCuaig the Chronicle feels that it has lost a personal friend as when in health he seldom came to town that he did not pay us a call and discuss the questions of the day. We sympathize with his family in their bereavement.

DONALD A. SMITH

On January 30th, 1929, there passed away at his late residence, Tilbury East, Donald A. Smith, who has been a prominent citizen of the township since he moved here twenty years ago from Dornoch, Grey County. Mr. Smith had suffered an attack of flu followed by pneumonia but appeared to be making good progress towards convalescence when he was seized by a sinking spell from which he did not recover. He was highly regarded by a wide circle of friends, an active member of Valetta Presbyterian church of which he was an honored elder for many years. Mr. Smith was also an elder of the Presbyterian church at Dornoch before coming to Tilbury. As a member of the township council and of Kent County Council he gave valuable service to the community.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late John McCallum of Durham and five sons, Donald of Detroit; John, William, Dugald and James of Tilbury East. One brother, Lewis and two sisters, Mrs. William Mills and Mrs. Gordon Ross live in the West. Three of his brothers were present at the funeral, Rev. J. Frazer Smith, returned missionary, formerly of Blenheim; Thomas C., Public school Inspector of Perth and William, on the old homestead at Dornoch. Also two of Mrs. Smith's brothers, Neil and Malcolm McCallum of Durham were present.

The funeral took place on Saturday under Masonic auspices. The service at Valetta church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Jamieson. Interment was made in the family plot in Stewart cemetery.

MARY ANN CRAIG

Word was received here on Monday of last week from the medical superintendent of the Whitby Hospital, announcing the death of Mary Ann Craig on the evening of the 27th ult. The telegram was addressed to J. R. Hay, but no one of that name could be located in these parts. The late Miss Craig had been mentally unbalanced, we are told, for the past twenty years and for some time past had been at Whitby. She was a sister of the late George and Sarah Craig, and before her affliction lived with the family on their farm on the fourth concession of Glenelg. So far as we can learn there are no living relatives. Miss Craig would have been about 80 years of age, but having been away from here for so long a period we have been unable to obtain any information.

WALTER LEDINGHAM

Mr. James Ledingham received word this week of the death at Colgate, in Saskatchewan, of his brother, Mr. Walter Ledingham, who passed away on Monday. There were no particulars but it is surmised that the effects of a recent attack of influenza were the cause of death. A short time ago Mr. Ledingham here received a letter from the deceased telling him that his whole family had been down with the influenza but were recovering and that the disease had been severe in that neighborhood. In the absence of other particulars it is thought that this recent illness had something to do with his demise.

The late Mr. Ledingham was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ledingham and was born in Bentinck, near Dornoch, 50 years ago. Twenty-seven years ago he went West, and took up land near Colgate, 18 miles west of Weyburn, where he has since remained, and was one of the district's most successful farmers. Twenty-three years ago he was married to Miss Mary Boyle, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle of Townsend's Lake, Glenelg, who survives with a family of six sons.

Mr. Ledingham is also survived by brothers and sisters as follows: James in Durham, Rev. E. B. in Harriston, Thomas and Mark, Colgate, Sask.; George in Vancouver, Mrs. J. Clarke and Mrs. J. McLarty, also in Vancouver, and Mrs. Frank Boyle, Lyleton, Manitoba.

No information has been received as to when the funeral is being held but interment will likely be made in the Weyburn cemetery.

MRS. JOHN MCLOUGHLIN

Last week we reported the death at London of Mr. John McLoughlin and his sister-in-law, Miss Mahon, who passed away within 24 hours of each other, and whose double funeral was held last Thursday afternoon. On Friday Mrs. McLoughlin died, making the third death in the one household in five days. All were victims of pneumonia.

The late Mrs. McLoughlin was 71 years of age, and was the oldest member of the congregation of the Matlock Street Baptist church, London. She took a great interest in the work of the church organizations as well as in many other charitable organizations in the city, and was a woman much beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by three sons, Rev. John McLoughlin of Seattle, Wash., Fred McLoughlin of Chicago, and Alec McLoughlin of London, husband of the former Miss Florence Limin of Durham. Mrs. McLoughlin's funeral was held Saturday last, interment being made on Woodland cemetery, London.

GERALD VASEY

The funeral of the late Gerald Vasey, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vasey of Dornoch, was held on Saturday afternoon from the parental home to St. Paul's R. C. church at Dornoch. Requiem high mass was sung by Rev. N. Roche of Owen Sound, who also preached a very impressive sermon. The pall bearers were his four brothers, James, George, Maurice and Basil, a brother-in-law, Bert Kinifred and a cousin, William Vasey.

The deceased young man died following a long and serious illness, having taken ill last July. He was apparently making recovery but a month before his death took a relapse and passed away on Thursday. He was born at Dornoch and is survived by his parents and seven brothers, James and Hugh in the West, George of Niagara Falls, Wilfrid, Maurice, Basil and Dennis at home, and three sisters, Mrs. Bert Kinifred, Mrs. F. Lawlor of California, and Margaret at home.

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LAST WEEK'S SENSATION

The only real sensation we noticed in town last week was the day Mark Wilson's butcher horse ran away and came tearing up the street at full speed. Even the pony took pity on us, and realizing that too much excitement is not a good thing, did no damage. The animal knew where it was going, and stopped momentarily in front of the shop, but finally decided to go to the stable where it was easily captured and returned to work.

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CHURCH

PRICEVILLE PRESBY

Rev. J. Corry Services next Sabbath at 7.30 when everyone is to gather in God's House. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock. Bible class at the same hour. The third annual conference meeting was held on Thursday 31. There was a fine gathering of members and adherents. Progress made during the conference which was very encouraging. It was felt that the members were very encouraged and that the meeting was a success. The members may be one of the members of the congregation, which members.

KNOX Y. W.

The regular monthly services of Knox Young Women's Society held in the school room on Monday evening, Feb. 7, 8 p. m. The President, was in the chair. The meeting opened by 457 after which the Psalm was repeated in a devotional leaflet, "The words read by Miss Cairns after which Mrs. Dalrymple prayer. A very interesting fourth and fifth class study book, "The Black's mer", and "Days of Morton was read by Miss An article in the Mission "Our Onda" was read by Hymn 582, "O My Walk With Thee" was the meeting closed in prayer by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

SWINTON PARK PRE

The annual Congregation of the above church was held on Wednesday, Jan. 30. A list of both members and present. The different committees submitted which showed all the activities of the church was very encouraging.

QUEEN STREET

On Thursday evening the A. O. T. S. class room for day School room for meeting. Mrs. Slack, ed President, capable the meeting. In open for Jesus" was sung. Mrs. Fiddes led in prayer. Mrs. Fiddes led in prayer. The meeting was taken from Mar Acts 13: 1-3. The devotion given by Mr. W. G. He spoke upon "What Serve the World Thru He impressed upon us money, or anything the church, is an part, and one which returns to us in talk by Mr. Glass and much enjoyed. omit the February of it interfering with play, being given by 1. An instrumental and a solo by Mr. also enjoyed. The a circle around the Miss Fraser gave a trip East last summer. Those who went on this trip, much was historic part of descriptions of the churches in Montreal. St. Anne's were me one thing we learn the easiness with to be had in this party. Billboards and short intervals add liquors were very velling on the Car ing greatly with th that of the Ame splendid talk was all. The meeting the hymn, "Take all repeating the

LATONA PRES

An harmonious of the Latona Presb noah, was held 4 noon, January 30. William presided opened by singing followed by prayer.