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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is p more in love with his own opinion than with the _ Truth.-WATSON.

Thursday, January 23, 1930

PETTY THIEVERY

One of our town merchants has complained, to Name the Chronicle of the prevalence of petty thievery The amongst a certain class who have cultivated the habit Horn of snatching small articles off the display counters morn in the stores and walking out without paying for the 1them. What should be done about it? Frankly, we Abou do not know. We have known for some months past very that considerable petty work of this kind has been 'cover going on, and some of it by people whose financial the 'position does not warrant it. Modern business meience thods demand a display of nearly everything in the

store and it is rather a hard problem to watch the Re people who might seem to be light fingered. It is direcsaid that kleptomania is a disease, but it is a bad hounone, and one that gets little consideration if one is so Foshunfortunate as to be brought before the bar of jus-Fosh tice. We have been told that the sticky-fingered frewas quenters of some of the local stores are fairly well of aknown but that not sufficient evidence is in hand to boards, slashing and cross-checking were permisstockwarrant prosecution. Like the calf that was given sible. This kind of stuff does not go today and it Mr. plenty of hope and hanged itself, it is thought those is only once in a blue moon that a referee will allow deadly jealousy were stamped out, our town would be one of the best."—Bee-Mcoming for more booty until there is sufficient evid-

tangence to warrant a conviction with its subsequent curr weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and the 'enirrequest that it be "kept out of the paper".

SHOULD GET TOGETHER

Returning from a trip to Palmerston last Friday, where a round table conference was held with C. N. R. officials in an effort to secure better mail service afor Durham and community, the four local representatives of the Board of Trade talked of many things. Principally, of course, the conversation dealt with the courtesy of the officials interviewed, and gradually worked its way to a discussion as to why such "get official in charge. together" meetings should not be held by the residents of Durham and the country surrounding. There is no gainsaying the fact that the Durham delegation went to Palmerston with but little idea that they would get what they went after. It was a more or less pessimistic bunch. Returning, it was different. Then the discussion was in a more optimistic strain. There are times when we misjudge the other fellow for no other reason than we do not know him. We may have misjudged the C. N. R. at times and thought it was just another octopus whose only only thought was for dividends. Following a threehour conference there is no argument that both sides learned a few things. The railway officials, we think, learned that Durham has a complaint on the train service that has been meted out to us, especially in the delivery of our noon mail. The Durham delegation learned most decidedly that the running of a big railroad system is not all beer and skittles.

factions learned that each has problems and that if these problems are to be solved to the satisfaction of both, certain sacrifices will have to be made. The Chronicle has never clamored for a strictly passenger service into Durham at noon. We lay no claim to knowing anything of railroading. But we do ask that an effort be made to bring the noon mail train in on time. We think this is a fair stand to take; we think we are to see it accomplished, and might go even further and state that we believe we shall ultimately get something better than a 1 o'clock ser-

None of these things can be accomplished withbut the co-operation of both town and railway. No good could come out of a conference where the litigants sat around the board with daggers drawn. But to come to the point in the argument as it affects Durham.

One of the business men stated on the trip from Palmerston that there are some other business men in town with whom he has conversation not more than three or four times a year. Why? Just because his business does not bring them shoulder to shoulder. His suggestion was that the town business men should have some sort of an association where they could meet, say twice a month, eat dinner together and discuss town problems. This association should include not only the business men of the place but other citizens as well, and should go even further and try and interest a good many of the farmers in the movement, the only sure way to cultivate goodwill and fellowship.

nard to get the modern man to fight if his stomach s full. There is something about the breaking of read and social intercourse that brings people closer ogether, and we feel that something of the kind sugrested would be a good thing for the town and the ommunity.

COUNTING HIS CHICKENS

The sports writer of the Owen Sound Sun-Times has it all doped out that Owen Sound is to win the local intermediate O. H. A. title. They are called to nose the Durhams out of the running for this section of the grouping and, providing they can dispose of Durham, according to this writer, "their chances of defeating Walkerton are good" as it is understood that "the Walkerton club is not such a very strong

In view of this, would it not be as well for the locals and Walkerton to pass the district honors over to Owen Sound without further trouble and expense? Owen Sound's win over Durham last week seems the cause of all this prophesy, but the Owen Sound management may as well jot it down that they will not be given another chance like this. With competent refereeing, the Owen Sound team would not have won. This is generally conceded, and we predict that never again this season will any of the teams in this section consent to play under the official who handled the bell in the last Owen Sound-Durham fixture.

The practice of razzing the referee when your pet team loses is an old one, and this is one thing the Chronicle seldom resorts to, but there are some things we can stand for, and some we can not. Inferior refereeing undoubtedly won for Owen Sound against Durham, and assuredly left a bad taste in the mouths of the better class of Owen Sound fans who recalled games of years ago when bodying into the this. Owen Sound had its blue moon session in their ton World. last game against the locals and for the remaining games we miss our guess if any of the teams here will stand for any future mix-up in the selection of

As the parent hockey association in Ontario, the O. H. A. executive are looked to to supply good officials and while they may pull a boner once in a while it is not often they repeat. Quite possibly the Durham fans do not take the game seriously enough and when their team is beaten by a better team shed few tears. But they most certainly derive no pleasure in seeing their team the victims of tactics that are strictly at variance with the rules of the game and which are apparently winked at by the

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The sports writer of the Owen Sound Sun-Times is needlessly worrying himself because somebody has insinuated that Owen Sound claims Cooney Wieland as a native of that city. But why worry? In a few that can be brought up, for staying months, if Cooney keeps up his hockey average, there will be some United States city decide the matter of Wieland's birth for all time.

In its report of the Walkerton-Durham N. H. L. senior game at Walkerton, when the final score was a 2-2 tie, the Herald and Times says in part: "If the Durham press is in the habit of handing out bouquets to the home talent they should use up a lot of ink on the way that baby (McDonald, the local goaler) performed at the Walkerton arena on Friday night." What a fortunate thing McDonald does not With the placing of the cards on the table both live in Walkerton! With his performance between the goal posts he would in all probability have to submit to be publicly kissed by Artie Wesley of the Herald and Times!

> A London rector says that people who cough in church should pay a fine, be forced to pay the doctor bills of all those who catch their cold, and that they are a nuisance not only to the preacher but the congregation. That's just fine! Next time OUR rector wants to know why WE were not out to church, we have a perfect alibi.

The town of Wiarton complains of poor electric service and higher rates since the town's lighting and power problems were taken over by a private concern which has been in the limelight in Bruce county recently. The township of Derby reports a reduction of rates by the Ontario Hydro Commission. The Hydro may be arbitrary but it is fair, and rate reductions are the usual thing when conditions warrant.

The law in this country is so strict that a man serving five years for chicken stealing could not be allowed to return to his home at Hamilton to see his ada's prosperity. And like previous dying father, who has since passed away. It is to governments confronted with a much be hoped our judiciary will think of this if some of our bucket shop manipulators are found guilty loans of \$45,000,000 and of \$75,000,000 of defrauding old people, women and others out of their hard-earned money.

We note that our old friend Mike Murray of Neustadt has been appointed returning officer for be seen that Canada during the fiscal South-East Grey for the Dominion elections to be years 1914-15 to 1919-20, raised revenues The idea is a good one. Napoleon, we think it | held some time in the next year or so, the date not was, said an army fights on its stomach. This may yet having been set. It takes Michael to do things and pensions and to apply no less a have been all right back in 1815, but it is rather up right. His last official position was provincial sum than three hundred and fifty milreturning officer for the Drury U. F. O. government in 1926. Which only proves once again that "While wards capital expenditures. For the the light remains to burn the vilest sinner may period from 1914-1915 to 1921-22, the return" or something to that effect. Congratula- and sixty million dollars. tions, Mike! By gorry, we'll have ye over wid the Tories yet, so we will.

The Sleigh Bells

or shafts. In the first place this illegal, as they might creep up noiselessly on the pedestrian and an injury may be the result. This would no doubt be unintentional on the part of anyone driving such a vehicle, nevertheless, this would not undo the harm Apart from this, what sounds more cheerful at this season of the year than the jingle of the sleigh bells. No one objects to moving out of the way of an outfit carrying tiny musical instruments, but should some one overtake you with no sound of warning, but the creaking of old harness; well you do not feel so kindly toward them. Will those who are guilty, please take the hint .-Mildmay Gazette.

Towns Need More Real Friendliness

The editors of the Walkerton Telescope and the Kincardine Review-Reporter are discussing the need of more friendliness. The former introduced the subject by saying that he had beer asked many times, what is wrong with the town? In reply, he says it is not the town, but the people, and in support of this view he says in part "Jealousy is the enemy. The men of the town need a little more backbone and the women a little less card playing and the paying of a few more friendly calls. What is needed is not the so-called social calling, but entering the homes with a friendly smile, a good book, or a in Washington recently. few flowers. What would this mean to Magnetic storms differ from rain, the aged, sick and shut-in ones! To my snow and windstorms which make mind it would be much better than themselves known physically. They baby's ours." a hundred wreaths to place on the rage just as terrifically, but their prescasket. If the spirit of gentleness and ence is not apparent to man until he deadly jealousy were stamped out, our devices which detect their presence.

People who cough in church, said a suggestion is that they be forced to pay the doctor's bills for all those who are infested with colds through the agency of colds spread by the coughs.

There is no doubt that the coughing in the pews. Many are prone to overeven greater nuisance to himself. ing any more than others enjoy hearing him cough.

does not relish the prospect of having to pay out money because of his afflic-Should the English rector's plan ever go into favor there will only be one way for sufferers to avoid financial loss-by staying away from church Surely the preacher in question would not relish such a prospect.

People at times, must cough. Although it annoys them, it does not incapacitate them and they are able to attend services. The London cleric limiting of battleship construction and seems to be trying to supply another the eventual abolition of this class of excuse, when there are already plenty fighting ship. away from church. The average minister would rather have the worshipper present, even though he has to fact a barrage of coughing. -Border Cities

SIR THOMAS WHITE

should therefore not be imposed upon alternative to drastic reduction of the taxpayers of the period of their battleship fleets is prepared to recomconstruction. The Liberal Government mend reduction of the authorized size when it carried on the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway between 1903 and 1911 did not pay out of revenue more than a part of the cost. They borrowed and were justified in borrowing for this and other capital purposes. The Official Year Book of the present government, referring to the national debt of March 1914, says, "It was a debt incurred almost altogether for public works of general utility which, like the Inter-Colonial and Transcontinental Railways and the canal system, remained assets-or was expended as subsidies to enterprises which like the Canadian Pacific Railway, though not government-owned, assisted greatly in extending the area of settlement as well as the productive and therefore the taxable capacity of the country."

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Coughing in Church

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CORRECTS PREMIER KING

(Continued from page 1.)

"Throughout the war and for two or more years after the war, the Dominion government was confronted with the unprecedented problem of completing the construction of the Transcontinental Railway, the Quebec Bridge, tne reconstruction and betterment of the component parts- of the Canadian National Railway systems, and the building of the Welland canal. All these great enterprises and others have contributed or will contribute to Cansmaller program of capital expenditure we borrowed for these purposes. The

and were so announced at the time. "Summarizing the foregoing, it will sufficient to meet all current expendisurplus so available was four hundred

"In every budget speech made during

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS duction was shown in the principal amount of our war expenditure through the application of annual surpluses.

"No Canadian government has ever We notice that quite a number of ben confronted with the burdens and responsibilities of the government of Sir Robert Borden during the period of

> STATIC FORECAST FOR FANS LIKELY

Geodetic Conference Proposal for Daily Reports Made.-Plan to be Discussed at August Meeting in Stockholm.

Static, that bane of the dial twisters the world over, may be forecast. Predictions, just like those for the weather, which would tell the radio listener what kind of reception to ex-

Prevalence of magnetic storms, which produce more or less serious static conditions, would be the basis for the fore-

A proposal that reports of daily magnetic disturbances be transmitted on short waves along with the weather forecasts and seismic activities is to be made next August at the Stockholm meeting of the section of terrestial magnetism and electricity of the International Geodetic and Geophysical

Dr. D. L. Hazard, assistant chief of the division of terrestial magnetism and seismology of the United States coast and geodetic survey, so announced

either turns on his radio or uses other The fact that magnetic storms have had a serious effect on radio reception long has been known. Careful studies have been made, and it has been determined that certain storms will affect London rector, should be fined. His signals differently on different wave

Researchers have concluded that fairly accurate forecasts can be made of such storms, accompanied by predictions of the kind of radio reception to be expected within certain periods.

B. J. Grigsby, president of the Grigsby-Gruno Company, of Chicago, testified before the Senate Interstate Commerce committee that the patent situation in the radio industry was becoming intolerate and that a combine It is also natural that the cougher and create a monopoly. was seeking to dominate the industry

U. S. WILLING TO SCRAP **ELEVEN CAPITAL SHIPS**

Without Replacement at End of Five Year Period.—Unofficial Disclosures Are Made of Attitude on Battleships.

Official Washington has been silent on the reaction of the United States

What have been stated to be authoritative reports of the government attitude have, however, been published in New York.

The latest of these states, "It was learned officially" the United states is prepared not only to declare a fiveyear battleship holiday, but to scrap permanently 11 capital ships which would become obsolete at the end of the

It was further stated, according to erations to come, and their full cost this report, the United States as an



MECHANICAL BLOODHOUND A strange "mechanical bloodhound" which its inventor, John Sterratt (above) claims is capable of locating missing persons. A photograph is placed over the "retina" of an "electric eye", the machine is supposed to pick up the vibrations of the persons whose photograph is being used, thus leading the searchera to him.

Hubby: "I've just paid the doctor the last money owed on his bill." Wifey: "That's fine, dear. Now the

ANOTHER LOT BARGAINS

Boxed Linea Writing Paper including envelopes, clearing at per box

Mercerized Crochet Cotton, all colors, 12 balls for Crochet and Knitting Instruction Books, each Black Shoe Laces, 5 pr.

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Fine Glass Tumblers, with cut pattern, 6 for Blue Lined Envelopes, 100 for 19c. Double Mesh Cap Shape

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The Variety Store R. L. Saunders, Prop.

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* Of course, if you do not know the NUMBER, "Long Distance" will look it up for you.

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QUEEN ST. I The New Year Women's Auxi United church age on Tuesday There was the g six present, seve added to the ro R. Padfield occu 318 opened the prayer by E. H M. Metcalfe gav cember meeting The roll call wa

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