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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.

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PERK UP

About the worst thing we can see with these "hard" times is that we have lost our business morale. In other words, we have lost confidence in our future, and until we regain that confidence these so-called days of depression will be with us.

No less an authority than Roger W. Babson says business is to pick up this early winter. While Mr. Babson is no know-it-all, and these long-range prognosticators are not always right, he is the man who predicted the stock market crash of a year ago and his remarks may therefore be looked upon as having some weight.

It might be a good thing if we were to place some faith in Mr. Babson's predictions. He may not know what he is talking about but his past record as a business barometer is good enough to stamp him as one of the authorities of this continent.

It might be well, also, for those of us who are not financiers or in control of big business to take the blinders off our bridles and get down to actualities. Most of us are not capable of running anything larger than that in which we are engaged.

When the railroad train succeeded the teams in his country as a means of transportation many thought we were ruined; now the same cry is being raised when trucks are superseding the railroads.

PROSPERITY AHEAD

The despatches in the daily press telling of the establishment of industries in Canada that formerly supplied their products in from the United States convince the most skeptical that the public did the right thing when they elected the Hon. J. B. Bennett Premier of Canada and put

the Conservatives in power. The Fergus News-Record frankly admits that the increasing of the tariff has been a good think for Fergus. The Owen Sound Sun-Times recently advised the Board of Trade of that city to get busy and entice some of the United States industries that were sure to come to Canada, to locate in the Scenic City.

THE DR. BLAIR EPISODE

Dr. Blair, the new M.P. for North Wellington, has been called upon to explain his recent statements across the floor of the House at Ottawa when he made the assertion that the Old Age Pensions Act in Ontario was being used for political purposes by the Conservative party in the recent federal election.

The Chronicle is waiting for Dr. Blair's reply. We know of one case in North Wellington where an old age pensioner had his pension cancelled, and he received the notice the day after the election, too, but the explanation as to why it was cancelled will exonerate the Pensions Commission in Toronto or the Conservative party.

The limelight is something we all like to bask in, but we should be sure we have our toilet arranged before somebody snaps the switch.

KEEPING DOWN THE COSTS

Everything is too dear. How often have we heard that expression! But what are we doing to make it any cheaper? A few days ago we did a piece of work for a nearby corporation for which we charged one dollar and fifty cents.

This is but one instance of many, but we think it a reasonable explanation as to why the cost of many things is not decreasing. It may not be a cheque, but it is something else, and we are forced to the conclusion that about all the most of us want to do about the high cost of living is talk about it.

"Who Are Fanatics?" asks the Chesley Enterprise. Easy. They are the fellows who do not agree with us.

It is said that the plug hat is "going out". And why shouldn't it? Imagine a man nowadays, driving a modern low-slung car, trying to look dignified as he drives to church!

The Wellington County Council is now in session. And the Fergus News-Record, which loves county councils like a small boy loves castor oil, is just rarin' to go!

There is no "obey" in the new marriage vow of the United church. Mere married man will now know definitely where he is "at". They simply never did it anyway.

Simcoe county is said to be the centre of population for Canada. Perhaps this is what makes Editor Elliott of the Alliston Herald look so big in the middle.

Last week's Meaford Mirror tells how to prepare turkey for Christmas. What would interest US more than anything else we can think of just now would be for the Mirror to tell us how we were to get the turkey.

And now the two Kincardine newspaper editors are scrapping and washing their dirty linen. We hope to see the final meet down at the Coliseum or at the Arena in Toronto. From the preliminaries so far it looks like a perfectly good scrap and should pull a good house. The winner should take on Gus Sonnenburg.

Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock V. has arrived in England after a tempestuous voyage. We would have liked to have seen the Enterprise, the successful defender, after the three thousand mile passage across the Western ocean.

The use of the Bible in swearing witnesses in court cases has been discontinued in Essex county. This procedure might very well be extended all over Ontario. We have heard evidence given in court that to us appeared anything but "the truth and nothing but the truth," and this despite the fact that the witness had taken his oath on the Bible.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

A Puzzler
One of the anomalies of the times is how the attendance mounts at colleges and universities during a period of depression and falls off in times of prosperity. By the time this year's freshmen class graduates, artisans will probably be enjoying high wages and driving 8-cylinder cars, while the college men with parchments will be looking for employment sufficiently remunerative to provide a living and pay for laundering their white collars—but such is life!—Farmer's Advocate.

Why? Oh, Why?
If protection of industry is such an iniquitous thing as the Globe declares, why did the Globe support so enthusiastically the Feilding budget of 1897 which under Laurier established the highest tariff wall Canada ever had and behind which Canada prospered immensely for fifteen years? It was when the selfishness of the western wheat exporter who cared nothing about industrial employment in the east or anywhere else began to assert itself that Sir Wilfrid Laurier hit upon the disastrous expedient of reciprocity in trade with the United States.

Tariff Helped Fergus
There are varied opinions about the tariff. Some of these are dictated by the party politics to which a person has subscribed for years or for a lifetime, but even these are not certain, as both parties have made tariff changes when they seemed expedient.

While there is plenty of room for discussion under these heads, there is no argument about the fact that the recent raises in tariff, as applied by Premier Bennett and his government, have aided Fergus. The new tariff has assisted in bringing another industry to town. Because of higher duties on incubators, the Buckeye incubators will be made in Fergus by Beatty Bros. Limited.

The raising of chickens has changed considerably in the last few years and the incubator output now consists, to a large extent, of huge machines for chick hatcheries, instead of many small incubators for individual farms.—Fergus News-Record.

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Happiness Is To Be Found, Not in Contentment But By Caring For the Everyday Tasks That We Perform, According to "The Country Gentleman."

"If you don't care for the things you can't obtain you will be fairly happy." On the surface it is not an inspiring message. Not to care for the things we can't obtain is to resign, give up, be supine. And when we quit in life's struggle we pay a dear price, indeed, for our meagre mete of happiness.

Let us reverse the formula. "If you care enough for the things you have obtained, you will be supremely happy."

The humble farmer, on his little farm—if he loves that farm—may be happy beyond compare. If he loves it well, he will till it well, intelligently, thoroughly and it will yield him rich store. The widowed mother, in the little cottage, has her children, and if she loves them well they will be her life. The clerk at the desk, if he loves his work, will be happy in it.

Far away fields are always green to too many of us. Only after many fruitless pilgrimages is the simple truth borne home that if the field at our door is not attractive and verdant it is because we do not water its shrubs and grasses. If we love our field we will tend it. And, more important, if we tend it we will come to love it.

And this to them in whom ambition burns. Only by the degree to which you prove yourself true to the modest task of today can you fit yourself for, or inspire others to entrust you with, greater duties tomorrow.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, life is always kind; Looking ahead, we can hourly find Much that will bring to us strength and cheer. Tasks to be done or duties clear. Looking ahead, we can better plan Work we would do for our fellowman, Every vision and aim will glow Bright with the future's hope-brimmed glow. Promise will gleam with its rainbow light, Love will lead to life's lost delight; Looking ahead, we can still devise A purpose that wholly satisfies, Thus as we live our life, looking ahead, Over the journey a splendor is shed; Courage and power each day dawn anew, Looking ahead to the good and the true.

MOVIES

NINE SUSPECTS COMPLICATE THRILLING MURDER MYSTERY

Can you pick the maniacal killer that menaced the Greene family and committed the startling series of crimes in "The Greene Murder Case"? S. S. Van Dine's famous story which Paramount has made into a gripping motion picture?

Nine persons had the opportunity of committing the crimes, each displays strange symptoms of fanaticism or hate, and each had a motive which could be satisfied with the killings. Can you pick the killer?

Sibella Greene, the out-spoken daughter of the Greene family, who admits her hate for her brothers and sisters and talks in terms of killing. Did she kill the three members of the Greene family?

Ada Greene, the timid girl, twice attacked by the mysterious killer and narrowly escaping death both times. Did she kill?

Mrs. Tobias Greene, the crippled mother, bed-ridden for years but suspected of being able to walk. She hated her children. Did her twisted brain engineer the mystifying murders?

Rex Greene, the unbalanced boy who owned the mysteriously missing gun, outspoken in his suspicions, crazy-acting. Did he commit the crimes?

Sproot, the butler, the first on the scene of the murders, a quiet, sinister character of the Greene household. Do you think he is the murderer?

Mrs. Mannheim, cook in the Greene home, the woman with something to conceal. Her actions are suspicious.

Hemming, a fanatical house-maid, sworn to avenge the sinfulness of the world and the Greene family in particular. Was it her hand that wielded the death-dealing gun?

Mrs. Greene's nurse had the opportunity to commit the crimes. Was she motivated by robbery? Did she kill?

Barton, the second maid, hated her employers for the many slights they had put upon her. Was she guilty?

Baffled Pacifist

Judge: "The two men were fighting with chairs. Didn't you try to establish peace?"

Witness: "No, there was not a third chair."

ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY EXPERTS

There seems plenty of evidence to show that most bad motor accidents are caused by so-called expert drivers and not by novices. The green driver is generally fairly careful. Comparatively few women are responsible for serious accidents. But many a bad smash is caused by "slick" drivers. A driving test does not reveal how reckless or defiant of other people's rights he may be, and these are the things that make trouble on streets and highways.

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MOTHER: "Why ever are you sitting there when you ought to be in bed?"
PETER: "There's a mosquito in my room."
MOTHER: "It hasn't bitten you, has it, dear?"
PETER: "No, but it came close enough for me to hear its propeller."
—The Humorist, London.

SOCIAL AN

Dr. Thos. Mac friends around h Mr. George A Mich., and Mr Detroit spent a their mother. M has been quite i port that Mrs. improved.

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