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Whosoever 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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#### PUBLISHING PENSIONERS' NAMES

We have been chided a bit for our views expressed last week about "posting" the name's of those applying for old age pensions. We still think it would be a good thing, for the deserving would have nothing to fear and the imposters would be more easily found out. It has been said that it is hardly fair to publish the names of deserving pensioners, but there are different ways of looking at the question.

our old age pension system becomes too great they are bound for a tumble. If they are the a drain on the public treasury, it will be done right sort they will adjust themselves to their away with. Already there is considerable fault new condition; if they are not they will likely being found with the Act, not because it is end up in the divorce court or something worse. not properly administered, but because it is costing the province too much money. The old age pensions Act is costing too much money because there are too many people on it who should be doing for themselves. If the present condition of affairs goes on, it will be but a step until everyone who passes the three-scoreand-ten mark will think he should be a pensioner. This is an altogether wrong attitude to take, as many are finding out already.

those responsible for enforcing the Act in Toronto to know who is eligible and who is not. The time to find this out is at the commencement. While the central committee is finding out a lot of things, the county organizations could have found out these same facts with half the peace for the world. trouble and expense. There are a good many people drawing pensions today who would not be drawing them if they knew their names would be "posted" before they were placed on the pension roll.

#### SOME MORE ABOUT RINKS

The Palmerston Spectator thinks that bad news travels quickly. It is referring to the publicity given the financial condition of the Palmerston arena. The Spectator thinks that had the rink been making money other newspapers would not have been so ready to grab at the "news."

and the surrounding newspapers would have tury. They cost millions. had nothing to report. But all rinks are in almost the identical financial position in which the one at Palmerston finds itself-at least those with a similar overhead. It must be remembered that Durham and like situated towns marvelled that other places could afford these expensive ice palaces. When the Palmerston rink was built the report came up this way that it was all paid for. We marvelled. To tell the truth, we were a trifle jealous and wondered where they got the money. The news that it was in financial difficulties came as a shock. The Palmerston and other rinks of its kind in this part of the province were held out to us as "what they could do in Palmerston" or some other place.

We have had our eye on Palmerston and some other places with high-priced rinks for some years, and as more is becoming known we are coming to the opinion that Durham has just about as good and expensive a rink as town of this size can afford. There is one thing, given a fair chance and the cold weather, it will pay its way and then some, something that is going to be hard for some of these \$20,000 affairs. As we said a couple of weeks ago, when the Durham rink was built it was the "last word." In the past ten years, however, it has been outclassed as to size of ice surface, but it is still as good as the average rink in the province, and is capable of making a little money if the seasons break right.

#### LOVE, MARRIAGE AND HOME

Mistakes in love making, bad home making and "failure to use leisure time constructively" are said to be the principal reasons for mar- cially the one at Guelph, teaches a man someriage failures in the United States, according thing. He has something to do. He gets out in imals are known to have been held suffering for to the finding of a Los Angeles society. Of the the fresh air and turns into his bed at night three and four days? Is it not about time that

it does. Other things that might have been in- an appetite than to incarcerate him in a county OTHER PAPERS' cluded are the general cussedness apparently institution where he has time to think over his prevailing all over the country, the failure of troubles and emerge worse than before he went the groom to supply sufficient funds to keep in. The general run of prisoners are just as the home fires burning and the pantry full, and good as the rest of us. They may have slipped, the bride's inability to turn from a life of but they are still human beings with human pleasure to the more solemn occupation of run- thoughts and capable of being moulded into ning the house. Married life can be happy, but good citizens. There are men doing time in it is no joke. Another reason might be the our penal institutions who are no worse than a too liberal use of the can opener instead of the lot of others who hold their respectability for baking board and the soup kettle. If there are the reason they have never been caught. Rathtwo things that will break up a home it is lazi- er than do away with county councils, we would ness, the root of most of our failures-and say to do away with these two-by-four county lethargy.

If the groom cannot show the bride she is to eat, sleep and have a decently good time as well, his part of the home making is a failure. If the bride is a can opener cook, she, also, is a failure. Of course, we would prefer the bride with the can opener to the one who can't cook, for if the biscuits resemble golf balls and the pancakes stove lids there is nothing surer than that the ensuing indigestion will start some- the court. thing. Two chronic cases of indigestion in the one family are not likely to make for love and Ontario today has an old age pension law. happiness. Home making is what you make it. There is no guarantnee that this will be con- If two young people get married and think they tinued if it is to be used as a milk cow for all can continue along the same lines as before they and sundry who reach the age of 70 years. If accepted the responsibilities of home making,

#### DISARMAMENT

believes that world disarmament should be one against the property. of the big parts of any programme sponsored by the League of Nations. It would save a good many billions of dollars annually that could be put to a much better use. This newspaper, however, is not prepared to go so far as to have It is unreasonable for anyone to expect Britain scrap her navy, or reduce it to a point where it would be ineffective, until some such movement is world-wide. Britain has been the mistress of the seas for a good many generations, has stood for the protection of the weaker nations, and with her, naval strength spells

> dirigible purchased by the United States from secured many convictions, from what we can Germany, is now being scrapped because she learn there is still room for further improveis obsolete. Costing millions of dollars in pur- ment. It might be the proper thing to tighten chase and upkeep, it has lasted only eight years up on the law, make the penalties stronger, and and now must make way for something more to even cancel the license of any company or inmodern, which will likely cost millions of dol- dividual who sells seed grains for something lars more. And this is only one instance of the which they are not. world's preparedness programme, and not an expensive one at that.

The writer remembers when the Powerful and get away with only a nominal fine. and the Terrible, two of Britain's naval vessels, were put into commission and sent out to the Asiatic squadron. They were the last word in naval vessels and were wonderful ships. We saw years of age. Perhaps this is where the saying, Not so, brother. Perhaps if the Palmer- them both on several occasions, at Manilla, Hong "The good die young" originated. ston rink had been a moneymaker, the Spectator Kong, and other Chinese and Asiatic ports would not have given it the editorial attention along about the beginning of the present cen-They have been scrapped for some years.

> Disarmament is the thing, but pressure should be brought on those nations who have proven their readiness for war in the past, day. Winter, like the depression, is just around rather than on nations like Britain, whose navy the corner. Would we knew the depression was has for generations stood for world peace and going as well we know winter is coming. a square deal for the little fellow.

### WHY NOT COUNTY JAILS, TOO

We have heard quite a lot lately about the abolition of County Councils, but what of our county jails? What good purpose do they serve? True, they may lock a man up in one of them for three or four months, but that is about as far as they go. Is it fair to lock man up under the average conditions found in these county hoosegows? We think not. Why not make use of our prison farms, and if we have an insufficient number of these, procure some more. In the average county jail a man has little or nothing to do. If he is not a work dodger when he goes in, six months' confinement is more than likely to make him as lazy girls dress like ballet dancers? as a pet coon.

ion was different than it is now. It used to be signed on account of the continued discourtesies considered the proper thing to make prisoners shown him by De Valera and the members of as miserable as possible. This would teach them his cabinet. The more one thinks of De Valera not to come back again. Modern investigation, the more one thinks of the story about giving however, has pretty well proven that this sort the calf more rope. Discourtesies never pay. of treatment hardens the prisoner and turns him against society. Being housed up in a cell, or with the exercising accommodations of the county jail will make a misfit of any man.

On the other hand, our prison farms, espethree, the bad home making will probably have ready for sleep. Anyway, it seems more hu- the citizens of "Ontario the Good" protested the most black marks if it means what we think mane to give a man sufficient to do to work up against this barbarism?

jails which teach an inmate nothing but laziness and turn him out a worse citizen than before he received his sentence.

#### A WARNING FOR ALL

A milling company sold a farmer some seed that was full of weeds. The farmer sued for damages and was allowed \$1,200 damages by

There should be a lesson in this for those engaged in the seed business. It is expensive to sell seed that is full of weed seeds, and sooner those engaged in the business recognize reached a maximum speed of 15 miles this, the better it will be for all. For some years now we have had an almost daily warning in the press and elsewhere of the dangers of this country being overrun with weeds. The gov- nearest police station and told the ofernment has taken hold of it, and weed inspect- | ficer the only previous occasion he had ors have been appointed in practically every township in the province. They are given authority to see that the farmer cuts any obnoxious weeds on his property and, we believe, can hire who laid the charge.-Toronto Tele-The Chronicle is naturally pacifistic and a man to do the work and have it charged up gram .

With prices at the lowest ebb in years, and labor scarce on the farms, the average farmer is pretty much up against it for help. He finds the bank goes to my wife—she can ex- In other words two years ago the Emit hard enough to harvest his crops without being obliged to chase all over his farm for weeds. Knowing this, it is a satisfaction to learn that the government stands ready to prosecute those seed retailers or wholesalers who peddle seeds not fit for use. Perhaps herein lies the commencement of the war against weeds. See that those engaged in the business sell nothing but clean seed. While inspectors have been going We learn that the Los Angeles, the great around the country for some years, and have

> There is little use in hollering at the farmer if seed sellers are to be allowed to flout the law

> Cannibals do not care to eat men over 50

A newspaper heading says: "Most Men in Love Between 20 and 46." After that, we suppose, they decide the first hundred years are the hardest.

The first snow of the season came yester-

Canada's annual Fish Week will be observed soon. Judging from the amount of "free" literature forwarded to proclaim this big event, the Canadian Fisheries Association must think the Chronicle is one of the "suckers."

It is said that the man who squeezes dollar never squeezes his wife. With the Maclin Times, we can say after looking over our mailing list, that "many of the good ladies in this community are not receiving the attention they

A Walkerville preacher points out that while people will pay an extra fee for a front seat at the theatre they mostly want to occupy the back seats in church. We wonder if that parson has ever considered having his choir

Governor-General McNeill, representative County jails were built when public opin- of King George in the Irish Free State, has re-

> Do you know that Ontario, Canada's socalled "Banner Province," and the home of Canada's missionary movements, is the only Province or State in civilized North America that allows the trapping of black bears by the use of steel traps with teeth, in which the an-

Arrested for Speeding at

Fifteen Miles Per Hour "Speed" in a motor car is a comparative term. Traffic rules in Toronto call for a maximum speed of 20 miles an hour. Few people observe it. The average speed on the less congested thoroughfares is at least 25 miles an hour, and unless he is exceeding that rate considerably a motorist is not apt to be molested. The speed limit in the country is 35 miles an hour, and the average motorist if he has a clear right of way is more apt to be travelling between 40 and 45.

Dangerous speed depends on a number of factors, the condition of the road, the condition of the car and sometimes the condition of the driv-

It will interest Toronto motorists to know that a little over 25 years ago, Dr. Winnett, well-known Toronto medical man, was fined for speeding in his Packard car, probably the first of its kind known here, and the charge was of travelling at a rate of "15 miles an hour." He protested the car would not go that fast. Crown officers took the car out and under severe test they and he was accordingly fined.

A short time ago he inadvertently passed a red light and was duly summoned for doing so. He reported to the been accused of violating traffic rules was when he had driven a car 15 miles an hour. To his surprise the police sergeant informed him he was the man

#### A Business Man's Will

my son. He will then have to go to only one fifth of the raw tobacco immy goodwill to the supply houses. They took some awful chances on me and are entitled to something. My e- 3,534,000 pounds in the first seven quipment you can give to the junk- months of 1930 to 8,671,000 in the same man. He has had his eye on it for period of 1932.—Department of Agriseveral years, and I want six of my culture. creditors for pall bearers. They have carried me so long they may as well finish the job."

#### Who Knows?

What has become of the old fashioned boy who thought he had had a successful summer if father gave him a dollar to spend at the county fair along about the last week in August?

#### TURKISH CAPITAL FAMED

FOR ITS MANY MOSQUES

As the tourist gets his first view of Istanbul from the deck of an approaching ship, he is more aware of the mosques than of anything else, says an article in a Boston paper. Their domes, and the slender minarets which rise near them, give Istanbul a real distinction which many great cities lack. Not even Cairo has mosques which show up so astonishingly against the skyline. They are almost numberless, but there are a dozen that are really tremendous in size. They occupy commanding sites, so that the domes and minarets rise above the surrounding roofs. They give Istanbul from a distance, an aspect of wonderful dignity and grandeur mingled with the charm of the Orient.

Of the mosques the most renowned is St. Sophia, one of the most glorious buildings in the world. It was built as a Christain church and dedicated in the year 538. The minarets at the four outside corners were added by the Turks when they converted the structure into a mosque. From the outside, St. Sophia is apt to seem a little disappointing, but within it is hardly surpassed any where in architectural merit. It would be hard to find another great nave so light and so graceful.—Detroit News.

#### TOBACCO EXPORTS GROW

Otawa.-Increased popularity of Empire tobacco in the United Kingdom is noted by increased imports of the unmanufactured product particularly from Canada. During the seven months ending July, British importation of United States tobacco amounted to 58,361,000 pounds compared with 73,107,000 two A merchant was told he had a month | years ago while the imports from Engto live. He called in a lawyer and said pire countries amounted to 21,519,000 "Fix it up so that my overdraft at compared with 15,306,000 two years ago plain it. My equity in my car goes to pire supplied the United Kingdom with work to keep up the payments. Give ports while this year the Empire sent

Imports from Canada increased from

Bridget consulted a doctor about eyetrouble, but she was very reluctant to tell the cause of it. At length she confessed that looking through a key-hole was the cause. "Dear me!" exclaimed the medico.

"Didn't you feel the draught?" "Indeed I did sor," said Bridget,

"but oi didn't notice the hat-pin!"

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