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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Durham, Oct. 22, 1903.

THE MAN ON THE STREET

"A chief's amangye takin' notes. An' faith he'll print it."—REXUS.

How easy it is to start a story. The new bridge arrived here a few days ago and the train was hardly stopped until some one pronounced it second hand. Some examined it and their belief in the yarn was so strong that they could actually see where the bolts had worn in the old structure. It wasn't long before the whole town, at least the portion that was willing to swallow anything from a microbe to a sawmill, knew where the old bridge came from and how much was paid for it in exchange for a new one. Hearing of the huge fraud to be perpetrated on the town, The Man on the Street went down to examine the rickety old thing but he was actually too obtuse to see any signs of wear and he was forced to leave the scene without presuming to guess at its probable antiquity. Whether or not the bridge is good or bad, we are not prepared to say, but we have a sort of satisfaction in believing that it is perfectly new and feel at a loss to know how any one could think otherwise. The Company is now ready and anxious to make it hot for the originator of the senseless yarn. We expect to see the bridge in place shortly.

Teachers now seem to be a scarce article, and the number going in to prepare for the profession is gradually growing less. We are credibly informed that the three Normal Schools have not, in the aggregate, as many students as one of them had a few years ago, and that many who would otherwise go in for teaching are turning their attention in other directions. The reason is not hard to find, and one has only to look at the salaries that many of them accepted a few years ago to find a satisfactory solution. That good brainy men and women have been forced to leave the school room because of the inadequate remuneration they received for their service is much to be regretted, and when one thinks seriously over the situation he is almost forced to the conclusion that ere long our boasted educational system is bound to suffer and decline.

We often hear complaints made against riding bicycles on the sidewalks and it's the boys that are generally charged with this violation of one of the town By-laws. We see and know something about this thing and from our wide knowledge of boys we may be permitted to say that they generally take their cue from boys of larger growth, and these in turn are governed by their elders. To keep continually nagging at the little fellows will only bring contempt so long as the bigger boys and even men are allowed to do as they like without a word being said about their wrong doing. The whole evil can be stopped at a single stroke by simply bringing before the magistrate, and fining well, the first man found on the sidewalk riding a bicycle. The boys will give no further trouble if the men are made to toe the mark. This is free advice but it's worth trying. A teacher in school can never secure order by starting with the poor puny runts, while the big fellows go free for the same kind of sins.

For many years past we have enter-

tained a feeling that the long fall and winter evenings could be used for educational advantages. Many young men and women in their earlier days neglected opportunities, which some of them at least have reason to regret. A good night school, it seems to us, would help to make amends for past neglect, and to young persons whose daily avocation will not permit them to go to school the attendance at a night school would be a decided advantage. Night schools are quite common institutions in large towns and cities and there seems no reason why smaller places could not carry out the same plans on a smaller scale. A few hours a day devoted to study would have a transforming influence on the future of the nation and the very success of many a one might be dated to the benefits derived therefrom.

Some people are natural born thieves and we regret to believe that Durham is not without its quota. A few Sundays ago Mr. Parker was called on to get an ingredient at his Drug Store for a case of sickness, and while putting up the preparation a number of boys, who were in with the purchaser, deliberately stole a number of articles and carried them off. Should Mr. Parker get conclusive evidence against the young culprits, nothing short of a term in the Reformatory will satisfy his requirements. There will be no compromise, and indeed it seems there should be none. The boy who practises theft on a small scale is likely some day to be a hardened thief when he may be brought to a sudden halt with its awful results.

Letter to the Editor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—With your permission I beg to make a few remarks in reference to the By-law now before the ratepayers of this town for the purpose of buying the flowing well.

In the first place, if it is the intention of the Council or the promoters of this scheme to have a general system of water works for the whole town then the whole proposition should have been laid before the electors and the total cost, as near as possible, ascertained so that the people would have some idea what they were voting for and the amount of money necessary to complete the whole undertaking.

If the intention is to furnish only those who can be supplied by gravitation then the scheme would be very unfair to those who cannot be so supplied. So I suppose we will have to assume that the scheme is for a general system over the whole town.

It has been estimated again and again for the last twenty years that a general system of up-to-date water works suitable for the town would cost \$400,000.00 to \$450,000.00. Now, I claim that this town is not in a position to undertake any such debt. Take our population, say 1400, this would mean a debt of \$30 per head on every man, woman and child in town. Add to this our present debt, which amounts to about the same, this would bring our debt up to about \$60 per head.

What shape would this leave us in for building bridges (which are costly), new Town Hall, and many other public improvements which we must have. We would not be in a position to give any assistance or inducement to any other manufacturing business to locate here.

Before we undertake any such expenditure let us have a population of at least 2500 to 3000 and our assessed value about double what it is to-day. If any portion of the town wants to secure the flowing well let them petition the Council in the same way that we are now getting our side-walks, and they can have all the water they want, or form a Company and go into the scheme.

In any case, if we were having a general system of water works we could have it at \$10,000 or \$12,000 less cost than the plan proposed. What is the matter with the fountain head at Smith's creek? only a few rods from the business centre of the town where any amount of good spring water is flowing all the year round and has for ages past, sufficient to supply twenty towns the size of Durham, or the springs of the late Thos. Brown. Yes, we have sufficient spring water of the best quality inside the Corporation to supply the City of Toronto. Why then need we go out side in the township of Bentinck to secure water at an unreasonable cost when we have an unlimited supply close at hand, which can be had almost for nothing? Now, I would not care to say anything uncharitable to anyone, but there is no law to keep you from thinking, and it does seem to me (as well as others) that those who are the strongest advocates of this scheme are closely allied to the Natural Gas and Oil Co., who, like Moses, struck the rock and the waters gushed forth and, like Shylock and a noted Senator, cannot wait and wants us to buy the well for \$2700—rather an expensive well where water is so plentiful.

To those who have votes I would say the scheme has a beginning but you cannot see the end. Vote it down. It is an extravagant proposition and an absurd, foolish scheme. Vote it down. It will decrease in place of increase the population of our town. Vote it down, and the men who brought it



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Thanking you for your space, Mr. Editor.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. CRAWFORD.

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It is with feeling of sincere sympathy for the bereaved parents we chronicle the death of Rita M., the 13 years old youngest and beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Thompson, Collingwood Road, who early on Wednesday morning of last week after three weeks of great suffering succumbed by the terrible injuries received by the accidental burning of her clothing heretofore reported by us. The funeral took place to the public cemetery here on Thursday afternoon and the sympathy felt for Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family in their bereavement was manifested in the very large turnout there being over 75 conveyances in the cortege. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Hurlburt, Rev. Ivison Wilson of this place conducted the burial services at the house and grave side. At the latter place the deceased's school mates added to the impressiveness of the service by singing her favorite hymn "There is not a friend like the lowly Jesus." Among those present from a distance were R. J. McKee and mother from the Soo, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee and Mrs. Geo. Wright, Owen Sound, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pedler, Thornbury, Mr. P. McKee and two daughters, Nottawa, and Mr. Mark Armstrong, Markdale.

On Thanksgiving day business was suspended here and our citizens spent the day much as on former occasions. At 11 a. m. the usual union service was held in the Presbyterian church when an edifying sermon was preached by Rev. Ivison Wilson. The attendance was not what it should have been our Ninrods spent the day in the woods in search of game and others of our citizens holidayed abroad. Among those that went abroad were Mr. W. H. Thurston, Mr. W. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Dr. Carter, Miss Allie Joy, Misses Ethel and Wilda Crossby, at Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith at Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Barnhouse at Dobbington.

On Tuesday evening of last week Mrs. J. A. Boyd entertained the Methodist church choir in honor of the departing members Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fawcett. On Friday evening Mrs. Hickling gave a party to twenty five young people in honor of her guest Miss Hickling, of London, England. Both were very enjoyable functions for all who participated.

Flesherton and Priceville Jr. football clubs played at the latter place on Saturday last and scored one each.

Born on Sunday morning last to Mr. and Mrs. D. McTavish of this place a son. Congratulations.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell has our thanks for a barrel of choice Northern Spy apples and Mr. Munshaw is in like manner remembered for a generous treat from his orchard and garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard visited at Mt. Forest last week.

Rev. Robert Wallace, Superintendent Merchant Home Belleville, was the guest of his old friend Rev. L. W. Thom over Monday night and Tuesday.

Mrs. Buskin, of Markdale, spent part of last week with her son Wesley on the homestead and spent Monday among old friends here.

Mr. R. N. Henderson, of Toronto, spent part of Sunday and Monday among old friends in town.

Mrs. R. J. Gamble, of Aurora, spent part of last week with her husband here.

Dr. and Mrs. Christoe left on Monday to visit the former's sisters in Michigan.

Mr. John Wright Sr. is visiting his son David at Penetang.

Rev. C. L. Mills visited last week with relatives at Hamilton and Toronto. Bad train connections on Saturday was the cause of his regrettable absence from his pulpit on Sunday Mr. J. A. Felstead of this place supplied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning. The League meeting on Monday evening was held at the home of Mr. Geo. Park.

Mr. Mansell arrived on Saturday and took charge of the school on Monday. Yrs. Mansell will come later.

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—OF—

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Everything must be sold as the proprietress has sold her farm.

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Oct. 10th, 1 m. pd. Traverston P. O.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Robert McGowan, late of the Town of Durham in the County of Grey, Miller, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario" 1897, Chapter 129 that all creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the said Robert McGowan, who died on or about the 16th day of August A. D. 1903, are required, on or before the

Twenty-sixth day of November 1903,

to send by post prepaid or deliver to Messrs. W. A. McGowan, or Arthur H. Jackson, both of the Town of Durham in the County of Grey, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Durham this 17th day of October A. D. 1903.

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