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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Fishing tackle at Macfarlane's. Window shades, cheaper than ever: At Macfarlane's Drug Store.

Straw hat cleaners at Macfarlane's Drug Store.

20,000 dozens eggs wanted, this week, for cash, or in exchange for garden tools, paints, alabastine, etc. W. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Murdock and family have returned to town, after a six weeks' sojourn at Bancroft, where Mr. Murdock is at present engaged by the C.P.R.

About 50 per cent. of the farm laborers brought over from Scotland a year ago by Mr. H. C. Duff, are still in the county of Grey.

The Ladies' Guild of Trinity church will hold a sale of aprons, and home-made baking in the room at the rear of the Standard Bank, on Saturday, May 2.

We are pleased to learn of a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. John Collinson, who has been ill in the hospital here for the past three or four weeks from what appears to be a species of paralysis. He is still quite weak and will not be out again for some time.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. John Mitchell, who is now in the Toronto General Hospital. About a year ago she underwent two critical operations, and was apparently well till again taken down suddenly a couple of weeks ago, when she returned to the hospital, where she is likely to undergo another operation.

Next Sunday will be Temperance Field Day in this county. In town Rev. Wm. Kettlewell will preach in the Presbyterian church in the morning, and the Methodist church in the evening. The evening service in the Baptist church will be addressed by Rev. J. B. Kennedy. In the afternoon Mr. Kettlewell will preach at Zion, and Mr. Kennedy at Glenelg Centre.

The horse fair on Thursday last was well attended, but the sales were lower than on any previous occasion. Only about 15 horses changed hands, and these sales were mostly of a local nature. We are not aware that any purchases were made by outside buyers. The prices were down, to what they were a few months ago, but would have been considered high a few years ago. There seems but little outside demand.

Milton T. Moorby, who was assisting in the post-office here for the past 18 months, left recently for Aurora, where he will occupy a similar position. During his term here he proved himself very efficient and obliging in the discharge of his duties, and was always a perfect little gentleman in dealing with the public. He is succeeded here by Master Bobs McKinnon, son of Postmaster McKinnon at Priceville. We wish the young lad every success and hope he may so conduct himself as to merit our good opinion when the time comes for him to make a change.

Some persons of shady character entered Macfarlane's store on Thursday night and committed depredations that qualify them for the penitentiary. To enter, they removed a pane of glass and replaced it when they left the premises. Mr. Macfarlane occasionally leaves a small quantity of silver in the inside steel compartment of the safe, but does not fasten the combination on the outside door. The safe was opened by the intruders and the steel compartment pried out, from which fifteen dollars or more in silver and "shin plasters" were abstracted, together with promissory notes of considerable value. We understand they carried off some other articles, including a small quantity of gin. Strong suspicion lies in a certain direction and a chain of evidence is being established that may lead to interesting developments. We hope the guilty ones will be caught and the full benefit of the law.

Wanted to rent.—House, furnished or unfurnished. At once. Apply at this office.

The Walkerton Telescope is decidedly improved in appearance since it was reduced from an eight to a seven-column paper. A further contemplation is to change it to an all-home print.

Notice.—Prof. E. Katz, the well-known eyesight specialist will be at the Middaugh House, Durham, on Friday, May 1. Will examine eyes by the method that never fails. Guarantees to relieve eyesight trouble, eye-strain headache, in every case. Prof. Katz.

An Old Rubber social will be held in the Baptist church next Tuesday evening, April 23. A good program will be given, also refreshments, and the Yirs Orchestra will supply music. Everyone invited. Admission: 2 lbs. of old rubber, or 10 cents.

A young son of Mr. Wm. Collinson was operated on for appendicitis on Friday of last week. Though his condition was serious we are glad to learn he is making good progress towards recovery. The operation was performed by Dr. Perry of Mt. Forest, assisted by Drs. Bradshaw Jamieson and J. G. Hutton.

The men who talk most of success in life are often those whose whole lives have been a failure. How easy it is to point out the flaws in the actions of others and how hard it is to realize and acknowledge our own imperfections. How astonished we would be if we could see ourselves as others see us—but we can't.

One night about the middle of last week Mr. Andrew Ritchie was upset in a ditch on Garafraxa Road north of town. It was dark, and a horse and rig going rapidly crashed into him. He received injuries from which he is still confined to his bed, but is recovering nicely, and will soon be able to be around again.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Joseph Lawson, who died on Tuesday of last week at her home in Guelph. She was born in Cargill in 1857, and was married in 1886 to Mr. Lawson, a cousin of the Lawsons in this vicinity. After their marriage they resided for many years in Guelph then for a short time in Chesley, after which they moved to Ottawa, and returned again to Guelph about ten years ago. Besides her sorrowing husband, she leaves to mourn her death, Dr. Smirlie Lawson, of Toronto. Mr. Lawson was well and favorably known in this town and his many friends and relatives will regret his sad misfortune. Interment took place at Cargill on Thursday last.

As we were at press last week a large audience was assembled in the Presbyterian church, where Rev. Mr. Whaley was duly inducted, as successor to Dr. Farquharson. An excellent sermon was delivered by Dr. Marsh of Holstein, then came the induction and charges to minister and people. A bounteous supper was served to all who wished to partake of the hospitality of the congregation, after which a congratulatory service was held in the church. Miss Vaddie Caldwell and Mr. Grant McComb contributed each a fine solo, and a few good selections were rendered by the choir. Revs. Mr. Thynne, Mr. Wylie, Mr. Prudham, Mr. Young, Mr. McConnell and Dr. Farquharson were amongst the clergymen present who made addresses of congratulation and welcome. Mr. W. J. Young spoke on behalf of the session, Mr. Thos. Allan on behalf of the Sunday school and Mr. C. Ramage on behalf of the managers. At the close, the newly-inducted minister, Mr. Whaley, made a very fine address to the congregation. He regretted so many good things had been said of him, and hoped they would forget them all and take him as they found him. The address appealed to us, as sensible, eloquent and in good taste. The Chronicle extends a word of welcome.

GUELPH TO OWEN SOUND HYDRO-RADIAL

The surveyors of the Hydro line from Guelph to Owen Sound by way of Arthur, reached the Sound last week. The preliminary survey is completed as far as Bognor, about ten miles from Owen Sound. The remaining portion will be completed shortly, when they will leave for the south to run another line, which will enter Owen Sound from the direction of Chesley, connecting in the vicinity of Arthur with the line already surveyed.

The party left Guelph on the 27th of January and ran almost in a straight line across the country to Fergus, thence north-westerly to Arthur. From Arthur they turned almost due north through West Luther in the county of Wellington, and Proton in the county of Grey, to the village of Flesherston, touching Egerton and Kingscote, and crossing the C. P. R. near Saugeen Junction.

From Flesherston, they went to Markdale, Walter's Falls and Bognor, from where they ran a line to Meaford. The engineers were instructed to run as nearly as possible in a straight line, which led them through orchards, meadows and woodlands. Though there are in the course a great many grades, no serious engineering difficulties have been met with.

While it is possible the road will follow the line of the preliminary survey, it is not a location, and is liable to be changed. The country through which the survey is made is quite populous and fertile, and not well served by any railway line.

A. Y. P. A. PLAYERS SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESS

"Old Boots," presented in the hall last Friday night, was announced as "an entirely new and original domestic comedy drama." Many read the announcement, but thought nothing more of it; many listened to the play and pronounced it an excellent amateur production, of a much higher order than is often presented by so-called professional performers. The play was prepared and presented by the Anglican Young People's Association, whose rendering of Valley Farm a year ago was a delight to everybody and is still remembered with pleasure.

There was a difference, however. Valley Farm was a ready-made affair. It was a "boughten" play, as the street boy would say. All the entertainers had to do was to learn their parts and present them in the best manner they knew how, and each did his or her part well.

Old Boots was different. It was a home-made production; it was never written till written for the occasion by Mr. E. D. McClocklin, the leader and manager of the little company; it was never rehearsed in public until Friday night last, and has never yet appeared in print. The whole plan and plot originated with Mr. McClocklin; the staging of the players was done by him; the scenery was his work, and all the rehearsals were under his management, and it was a marvellous success.

The characters were all good, and each one was in the right place. Mr. E. D. McClocklin was the old cobbler, seated on his bench and surrounded by old boots and cobblers' tools of all sorts and conditions. His stage name was Jerry Mender, and he proved himself the star artist of the evening. Miss Sarah Vollet, under the name of Martha Mender, was Jerry's wife; Miss Flora Meredith was the daughter of Jerry, and Martha and married John Steadman who appeared as Leskie Raymond. Hiram Green, represented by Frank Irwin, was His Mas Boy, and appeared as an overgrown, stuttering, good-natured jump who did errands for his mother and had a hard time to resist the importunities of Miss Kate Firth, a most persistent book agent, who was staged as Sadie Primrose.

Miss Barton, appearing as Mrs. Pepper, was a species of town

gossip, who never did rude things, and "never talked about nobody." Elizabeth Pepper, Miss Alma Hughes, was her daughter, and in her short dress and girlish make-up, had a very "kiddish" appearance, and seemed to give her mother quite a lot of trouble. Tom McClocklin, the money-lender known as Eben Grimshaw, was a real Shylock, and a splendid character. Eric Kelly was Sheriff Goodall, and rose to the climax of his oratorical and dramatic ability when he came to auction off the property of Jerry, who was unable to meet the mortgage.

Little Miss Viola Jacob was the daughter of Bertha and Leslie Raymond. The fairy tale elicited from her grandfather, Jerry, and her sweet singing, were pretty and pathetic parts of the admirable home-made drama, long-to-be remembered by those who heard and enjoyed it.

We have an idea the play would bring repetition and command a full house if again presented. The gross proceeds amounted to about eighty dollars.

The grader is at work on the south end of Garafraxa street making needed improvements.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Alex. McLachlan is again on the mend.

Provincial Inspector Reburn of Toronto, was in town Tuesday investigating the robbery at Macfarlane's store. He is satisfied he is on the track of the right persons.

We regret to learn that a son of Mr. W. J. Blakeston, of Stratford, formerly of Priceville, and well-known here, is at present in Stratford hospital, seriously ill with pneumonia.

It's no sin for a fellow to keep hens, but he should keep them at home. This isn't our whine; it was the other fellow. When the time comes, we'll be on deck, and talk right out in meetin'.

A temperance convention for the county of Grey will be held in the Presbyterian church, Markdale, on Monday next, April 27. The question of submitting the Canada Temperance Act will be taken up at that meeting.

A temperance mass meeting will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening next, after the close of the regular church services. The meeting will be addressed by the Temperance Field Day speakers.

Mr. W. Priel of Saskatoon is spending a couple of weeks with friends near Dornoch. His wife spent the winter with her mother. Mrs. John Barrie, there, and will return west with her husband in a couple of weeks. We learned from Mr. Priel that our old friend, Mr. Jas. Carson, was just recovering slowly from a severe illness.

At a recent meeting of Flesherston council it was decided to purchase a chemical engine for fire-fighting, the small gasoline engine not proving satisfactory. The Chronicle predicted as much when the gasoline engine was bought for the purpose. Though an admirable motive power, we would hate to depend on them for fire-fighting purposes.

The annual meeting of the Durham branch of the South Grey Temperance Association was held in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening for the election of officers and general business. The officers were elected as follows: Rev. W. W. Prudham, President; Mrs. J. M. Benton, Vice President; Mr. Chas. Ramage, Secretary; Mrs. Jas. Lloyd, Treasurer.

It rained quite freely on Sunday night, and the weather on Monday was decidedly colder, with a few slight snow flurries. Winter still lingers in the lap of spring, and the grass is cautiously peeping through the ground. With the frost about all gone, a few warm days will make a wonderful change on the face of nature. The farmers have started their spring work and seeding will soon be general. The weather prophets look hopefully on the prolonged cold, and predict a favorable spring and summer.

New Spring Clothing

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S. F. MORLOCK

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