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NEWS AROUND TOWN

The next horse fair will be held on Thursday, October 22.

One milch cow for sale. Apply to T. Cauldwell, 2nd concession, Bentinck.

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Mr. Caldwell Marshall underwent an operation Saturday for appendicitis, and is recovering nicely. He was taken ill very suddenly on Thursday night and Dr. Groves was sent for, when a satisfactory diagnosis was made.

J. Arthur Cook will organize his vocal class on Tuesday afternoon next at the home of Mrs. S. F. McComb. Appointments for lessons between 2 and 7 p.m. can be arranged on or before the above date.

Charles Nelson Gates, a horse trainer and jockey, died at his home in Toronto last week. He was a cousin of the late Charles Gates, multimillionaire, of Chicago. Mr. Gates at one time managed the Coyne House in Mt. Forest.

The contribution taken up on Thanksgiving Day at the Methodist church service, for Belgian relief, amounted to nearly ten dollars. Any person wishing to assist will kindly hand in his contribution to Rev. Mr. Prudham before Friday evening of this week.

A preliminary meeting to form a choral society will be held in the public library on Tuesday evening next, October 20, at 8 o'clock. All interested in music are requested to make a special effort to be in attendance. Mr. J. Arthur Cook, of Mt. Forest, will be present to outline the plan of work. A broad invitation is extended.

A Sunday school tea and entertainment will be held in Knox church, Normanby, Friday evening the 30th inst. Dr. Marsh of Holstein and Rev. Newnham of Varney, will deliver addresses. The school children will furnish a program of songs and recitations, and the church choir will add to the musical program. Admission 10 cents and 15 cents.

The anniversary services of the Varney Methodist church will be held next Sunday and Monday. The Sunday services will be held at 11 and 7.30. There will be a cold supper in the Orange Hall on Monday, with an entertainment following. Chair taken at 8.15. A good program has been arranged, including addresses, from Revs. Whaley and Prudham of Durham, and Revs. Dr. Marsh and T. H. Ibbott of Holstein. Tickets, 25 cents for tea and entertainment.

On Thursday evening of last week the Women's Institute provided a highly edifying literary and musical program in the hall here but the attendance was so small that expenses were barely made. Dr. Marsh of Holstein gave a very instructive astronomical talk profusely illustrated with many magnificent lime-light views, reproductions of photographs of several of the planets and other heavenly bodies. All who viewed the scenes seriously must have been deeply impressed with the great wonders of the universe and the myriads of worlds that encircle our earth. Mr. Marsh takes a great interest in astronomy and his didactic methods of presentation, coupled with a full and pleasing vocabulary, render his talk on the subject both pleasing and instructive. His son, Mr. John Marsh, attended the stereopticon and at several intervals delighted the audience with able renderings of the most modern and popular patriotic songs. Miss Rita Irwin acted as accompanist and Mr. Ramage as chairman. The proceeds amounted to something in the neighborhood of \$20 or twenty dollars.

It is reported that Mr. Pust has sold out his contract as courier of Route No. 2, to a Mr. Campbell of Welbeck.

Next Sunday is Children's Day at Trinity Church, and the Sunday school will open at 10.30 instead of 9.30 on that occasion.

Mr. T. G. Holt, a dentist in this town some years ago, died at his home in Medicine Hat, Alberta, on the 14th of September.

Mr. Peter Black of Egremont, who was recovering from pneumonia and took a relapse, is in a low condition of health, and his friends are getting anxious about his condition.

The South Grey Teachers' Institute convention is in session today and to-morrow at Dundalk. It is a decidedly one-sided location in the inspectorate, but the trains seem to favor, reaching town early and leaving late.

Rev. John Morris, successor to Rev. Mr. Hartley, arrived in town yesterday afternoon and is getting acquainted with the members of his congregation. His first act was to make a pastoral call on Mr. Frank Grasby of Egremont, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Alex. Grierson has a prize-winning team he may well be proud of. He won first in Durham, Pricerville, Ayton and Dundalk and second in Hanover. In Dundalk he competed against five carriage teams, one of which came from Shelburne, and previously won \$70 in prizes. Besides this, there were four other good teams and to come out first in the face of such a strong competing field is very creditable to our home man. We can heartily congratulate him on his series of successes.

Rev. and Mrs. Hartley left the fore part of the week for their new field of labor at Delaware, in the county of Middlesex, a few miles south-west of London. During their four years here they made many friends, and we are sure their departure was the cause of general regret. We have always admired Mr. Hartley, whose kindly disposition could not fail to win respect, and in his new home we trust he may make many new friends and enjoy the prosperity he deserves so well.

The fool with the gun is ever with us. Complaint has reached us that a few evenings ago a couple of careless gunners were engaged in their dangerous amusement in the old cemetery up town, and that Mrs. George Everette narrowly escaped injury a bullet having passed over the cow she was engaged in milking. There is, we understand, a town by-law forbidding the discharge of firearms inside the corporation, but this by-law, like many others is almost wholly disregarded. In many instances parents are to blame for allowing boys who are careless and incompetent to have the use of fire-arms, and the municipal authorities are too lenient in permitting their by-laws to be so completely ignored. Never, it seems, till an accident occurs, do we hear of complaint.

By request.—At R. L. Saunders' Variety Store, Durham, on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 we will again sell our famous gold-filled spectacles and eye-glasses for \$1.00. These glasses are just the same as are sold regularly at from \$3.50 to \$5.00. Remember, you get a genuine gold-filled frame with best quality spherical lenses, and your eyes properly tested by Messrs. Hughson & Baker, leading eyesight specialists of Toronto. For four years we have been selling these glasses throughout the greater part of Ontario and their popularity is attested to by the ever increasing demand. Owing to the advancing cost of material this may be your last opportunity to procure these goods at the above extraordinary low price. Special lenses at corresponding low prices. A call respectfully solicited and satisfaction guaranteed. Notice—Come early and avoid waiting.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT

We regret to learn of the trouble that has fallen to the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Lawrence, through the death of their son, Edgar, 19 years of age, on Monday last. Stories of the accident, for such it was pronounced by the jury, are so conflicting, that it seems difficult to arrive at the real truth.

On Monday, Joseph Hamlet, a young Englishman, and two other young fellows, were out with guns. During the afternoon they met Lawrence and his younger brother, who were all on friendly terms. As they parted, and were going in different directions on Mr. Lawrence's farm, Hamlet turned and fired off his gun, loaded with shot, striking Lawrence in the face when away from him a short distance. Some say he was about 35 yards away, and others, 75.

The report that reached us first seemed to show that the shooting was done intentionally, but Hamlet claims to have aimed at a post, and, not knowing the gun was loaded, the kick when it discharged, caused the gun to swing round in the direction of the boy, with the result indicated.

Coroner Gun decided to hold an inquest, and after hearing the evidence, a verdict of accidental shooting was returned by the jury, but the matter was referred for decision to the crown attorney.

Though we know the opinion of the coroner, and his opinion of what the majority of the jurors thought, we do not feel at liberty to make it public. The evidence, it seems, was not sufficiently clear to warrant the jury in giving any other verdict. If it could have been shown that Hamlet aimed at the boy with what he thought was an unloaded gun, the punishment would have been severe, but Hamlet claimed he aimed at a post, and evidence to the contrary was not fully established.

No malice could be shown, and the most charitable view, under the circumstances, is to believe that the shooting was accidental. No one can be charitable enough, however, to believe that any man or boy shows wisdom in pointing a gun, either loaded or unloaded, at any individual. Such conduct deserves the severe punishment the law provides for it, and it should be unsparingly administered.

Hamlet, we are told, feels very much distressed over the sad mishap and will never again, in all probability, be guilty of such foolishness.

The accident occurred on Monday afternoon and the unfortunate boy lingered on till three or four o'clock next morning, when death relieved him of his suffering.

The distressed parents have the deep sympathy of the whole community in their very sad affliction.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at two o'clock, and interment will be made in Hutton Hill cemetery.

Hamlet has been in the neighborhood for some time, and from enquiries we have made he seems to bear a good name and to have conducted himself well. We are sorry his careless conduct on this occasion has been the cause of such irreparable sorrow.

A couple of Durham boys, also two from Glenelg were before Magistrate Telford last week on a charge of disorderly conduct at the township hall at the last Farmers' Club. They were fined \$2 and costs each.

Thanksgiving Day passed off very quietly here. Many took to the woods with their guns. Some took advantage of the cheap railway fares to spend a day with friends, or see how things appeared in other places. A Thanksgiving sermon by Rev. Mr. Prudham, beginning at 10 o'clock, was preached in the Methodist church, but the attendance was rather small. A contribution for the aid of the Belgians, not well announced, amounted to nearly \$10. Others will have an opportunity to increase the amount, and may send their contributions at once to Mr. Prudham.

THE WAR

The war is still progressing, with no decided advantage on either side, though the capture of Antwerp and the march towards Ostend by the Germans are sadly dimming the glory of any gains that have been made by the allied armies. The Allies in the west and the Russians in the east are more than a match for the enemy, and the consensus of opinion the world over is an assurance of ultimate victory.

The Belgian Government recently moved to Ostend and later to Havre, France. Should the Germans get possession of Ostend, and it seems as if they will, they will use it as a base of operations against Britain, and may attempt to bring out their fleet from behind their fortifications at Kiel and the mouth of the Elbe. Then and not till then, will be fought the world's greatest naval battle: the mastery of the sea will be established and the result of the war can be more definitely foretold.

So far, the German fleet is afraid to come out in open water to give battle. Her plan to reduce the British fleet with dreadnaughts and submarines is making but slow progress, and the delay caused by a bottled navy, and their failure to trade with the outside world will in time work havoc with the German confederation, whose stores and supplies, both of food and munitions of war, must be rapidly being depleted. If they can be kept bottled in long enough, hunger and privation will bring the war to an end in a more humane manner than the horrors of modern warfare.

But to bring the war to a successful conclusion, starvation alone will not be a satisfactory solution. The military spirit must be crushed, or a cessation of hostilities will only give them a breathing spell to prepare for future action. To destroy German cities, as the Germans have destroyed the property of the French and Belgians, is a woeful waste. To do so however, will be necessary if they cannot otherwise be reduced to submission. Defeated they must be, and defeated they will be, no matter what the cost. It may take the rest of the world to conquer them, but a menace to all the world's future peace can by no means be tolerated.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A meeting of the Federal riding of South-East Grey, was held in Dundalk on Friday last, when the following officers were elected:

- W. Breese, Chatsworth, President
- Dr. Campbell, Markdale, Vice-President
- W. J. Tucker, Markdale, Secretary
- D. McTavish, Flesherton, Treasurer
- W. J. Bellamy and Irwin Morrison, Auditors.

A resolution was passed that 300 copies of the new constitution be printed.

The next meeting will be held in Durham.

The Star Theatre had packed houses every night this week. The Photo-Drama of Creation was pleasingly presented in lime-light views and motion pictures, explained throughout by the use of a couple of phonographs. The entertainments were given free, under the auspices of the International Bible Students Association, of which Pastor Russell is the leading spirit. The Biblical views were the best we have ever seen and the phonographic explanations, so far as we could judge, were wholly unobjectionable. Whatever Pastor Russell's religious opinions may be, and we know he has many opponents, the entertainment so far has been well conducted, and was profitable, pleasing and instructive to all who attended. The series began on Sunday night, and the last presentation will be given to-night, when a noted speaker of the Pastor Russell cult will be present to deliver an address.

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