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BURNS' BIRTHDAY

Robert Burns, the great poet of Scotland, was born on the 25th of January, 1759, just 164 years ago today, and after a very chequered life he died in July, 1796, at the age of a little more than 37 years.

Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us! It wad frae mony a blunder free us And foolish notion.

U.F.O. ASKS FOR RESIGNATIONS

A few weeks ago W. J. Hammill of Muskoka, elected by the U.F.O., signified his intention of going over to the Liberals, and a week or two later Joseph Binette of Prescott, another U.F.O. member, decided to pursue the same course and throw in his influence with the same party.

The members in question were Liberals before the election. Liberals after the election and Liberals at heart, no doubt, when the ballots were being cast.

THE COAL EMBARGO SCARE

A report emanating from Toronto that the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads were to place an embargo on shipments of coal to Canada was emphatically denied by officials of both roads last week.

sions. The very best that can be said is that it sounds fishy.

CARNIVAL ON TUESDAY WAS A SUCCESS

The Ice Carnival on the local rink last Tuesday night was a gratifying success to the rink management, and the program run off was interesting to those who patronized the first ice festival of the year.

Historic or National. Lady—M. R. Kress, Mrs. Moorhead and Mrs. J. F. Irwin. Girl—Ellen Hay.

Fancy. Lady—Katie McAuliffe, Frances Hopkins. Gent.—Harry Kress.

Comic. Boy—Don. Knight, George Hahn. Girl—Lizzie Hind, May Miles.

The Races. Couple Race—Clarence McGirr and Nellie McGirr, Harper McGirr and May McGirr.

Ladies' Race—May McGirr, Nellie McGirr. Men's Race—Sherwood Rowe, Clarence McGirr.

Boys' Race—F. Vollett, L. McComb. Human Wheelbarrow Race—Mac Saunders and Steinocher, Ernest McDonald and S. Rowe.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HELD ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY

The annual meeting of the South Grey Agricultural Society was held on Friday afternoon in the Public Library, for the election of officers and general business.

U. F. O. SHIPPING ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTED OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Durham U. F. O. Live Stock Shipping Association was held in the Public Library Saturday afternoon when the officers of last year were all re-elected.

I. O. F. ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the I.O.F. held on Thursday evening of last week, the following officers were duly installed:

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED

The examination in the extradition proceedings in the case of Lewis Austin and Floyd Nolan, wanted in Mount Forest on a charge of bank robbery, was adjourned on Saturday to yesterday on account of the absence of witnesses who had been summoned from New Orleans.

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PERSONAL RIGHTS

(Written by Dr. J. G. Shearer for the Social Service Council of Canada.)

A young man, intelligent and prosperous-looking, sitting opposite at dining car table, said to the writer "I like a glass of beer at luncheon or dinner and if I want it, I'm going to have it, wouldn't you?"

"Would you feel justified in joining a bootlegger in a violation of the law in order to get it?"

"Yes, I would." A gentleman of high standing in a certain church said recently that he sympathized with the poor bootlegger and considered it outrageous to put any man in jail for violation of a prohibition law.

Of course it is legitimate for any citizen to advocate and work for the repeal of any law of which he personally disapproves. Is it lawful for him to wink at or encourage the violation of such a law? If he does, does he not become an abettor of lawbreaking? Is he any better than the lawbreaker himself?

That breezy Western daily, the Saskatoon Star, recently numbered such violators and abettors of the violation of the liquor laws among "Pariabs, prostitutes, etc., as out-laws and outcasts!" Was not The Star justified? Is not the deliberate lawbreaker a rebel, and in practice, if not in theory, an anarchist?

But what is the psychology standing back of such lawbreaking on the part of otherwise respectable people, as some of them are? It is a mistaken idea about personal rights. They think a man has a divine right to do as he pleases and that the majority have no right to limit this supposed liberty.

What about these personal rights? Have we as individuals many if any rights that are "divine" or "inalienable"? Are not the great majority of personal rights simply social privileges—O.K.-ed by Society? And if bestowed by society then are they not liable rightly at any time to be limited or removed by society? Take the so-called constitutional rights guaranteed to Americans in terms of the Declaration of Independence, viz., "to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Are these rights inalienable? They were suddenly removed for millions during the war, and may be so again for a similar reason. Society gave. Society can take away. But even in peace and in normal times the individual cannot use either life or liberty as he pleases, nor pursue happiness any old way he chooses. He must respect his neighbors' rights. He must respect, moreover, the will of Society expressed in law. Law is essential to personal liberty, and liberty is necessarily limited by every law. That is the price the individual pays for the privilege of living in a state of civilization. The more advanced the civilization, the more limited is personal liberty.

Health laws, laws of sanitation, Sunday laws, laws for the protection of life and property and all civil rights involve invasions of the sphere, the sacred sphere, of personal liberty and individual rights. And all these limitations of liberty are imposed in order to effect the conservation of liberty. The Sunday law is built on the principle that liberty of rest for each demands the law of rest for all. One's own property or life is only safe because all men's lives and property are protected by law. Law is always justified if it is for the general good, no matter what limitations of personal liberty or tramping on personal opinions or desires may be involved.

Can any man who does not recognize this fact and will not respect laws whether they are pleasing to him or not be rightly regarded as a good citizen? Can democracy be safe on any other basis?

SOME "AUTOSUGGESTIONS"

The auto has come to stay, yet it has come to go. Auto thieves have put many a man on his feet.

A telephone pole never hits an automobile except in self-defense. Second-hand cars are never as good as painted.

"And you say you lost control of your car?" "Yes, I couldn't keep up the instalments."

Spin and the world spins with you, stall and you stall alone. The time is coming when about the only thing that will scare a horse will be to see another horse.

POWER NOT AIM OF THE U.F.O.—SAYS J. J. MORRISON

Belief that the United Farmer members of the Legislature would be in a position to wield greater power as a strong, independent group without the responsibilities of government than when they actually held the reins of office, was expressed by Mr. J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U.F.O., in an address on the aims and progress of that movement, before the Independent Labor party's forum meeting at the Toronto Labor Temple Sunday night. He believed the U.F.O. would have been in a stronger position to-day had some other party been in charge of provincial affairs during the last three years.

Mr. Morrison looked with no favor on "broadening out." The U.F.O., he declared, were not in politics for power. All they wanted was fair representation. As an independent group they could exercise a strong influence in support of good legislation, no matter from what source it came.

Replying to a question, the speaker said, however, that if the U.F.O. should find themselves a stronger group than the others, as red-blooded Canadians they would have to again assume the responsibility of government.

The U.F.O. movement was of a threefold character, social, economic and political. By organization and education they hoped to bring about intelligent massed action. They had been trying out co-operation, but it had not yet proved a success, still, it was a move in the right direction, and he was convinced co-operative effort would in the end solve most, if not all, their economic problems. The big trouble with the farmers was they had no voice in the fixing or regulation of prices of any of their products.

In the urban districts the reverse was the case. Labor, through its organization, could restrict production and force up prices for everything it produced. The farmer had to work and toil from early morn till late at night to increase production, knowing all the time the more he produced the lower would be the prices.

Two hundred thousand farmers in Ontario were in competition with each other, and the rest of the world. That had to be stopped, and would be, through the U.F. clubs. These clubs had complete local autonomy, and were in no sense political. If he thought for a moment the clubs were to be utilized for the purpose of the formation of a new political party on the same lines as the old political parties, he would quit immediately.

The old parties had been tried and found wanting, and the people were now looking to groups. They hoped by having the various interests represented in the Legislatures the best brains in each would get together and endeavor to evolve ways and means for the solution of the great social and economical problems confronting the country.

Mr. Morrison expressed the opinion that the women and young people were the hope of the future. They were now full partners with the men in politics, in business and in the homes. The women would struggle against all odds with a grim determination to find a way of solving all problems, and in the end would succeed. It might take some years to do so, but they would do it, and most probably by co-operative effort.

Some unfortunate men speak their last words on the way to the scaffold and others on the way to the altar.

Woman spends half her life wondering how to catch a man and the other half wondering what to have for dinner.

A St. Thomas court is to decide whether or not a horse is dead. If the court can't decide the matter, The Chronicle would advise that it leave it to the horse.

BOOZE AND NARCOTICS MUST LEAVE HOLLYWOOD

A dispatch Wednesday from Los Angeles, California, says that Federal Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes and Colonel L. G. Nutt, chief of the anti-narcotic division, arrived there yesterday to look into the "booze" and "dope" situation in Hollywood. The officials will have a conference with Jesse L. Lasky, for whom Wally Reid was working and then plan to visit a dozen other studios for conferences with a view to securing the fullest co-operation in stamping out the evil.

A drive to purge Hollywood of the drug traffic has already been launched. Half a dozen peddlers who are known to have been operating there have been jailed and along the Mexican border narcotics valued at more than \$100,000 have been seized during the last ten days.

"Dozens of Hollywood peddlers who hounded Wally Reid day and night to sell him dope, each had a hand in his death," according to Camera, the official magazine of the studios. "The death penalty for such men would be none too good and Hollywood will back any fight for stiffer laws against dope peddlers."

A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT

A wife is a person who makes five trips back into the house when you are ready to go somewhere.

When a man looks back and thinks of what a fool he was, he is glad there were no monkey glands to prolong his youth.

Still, parents are permitted to see their daughter's beau at intervals when he stops in front of the house and honks the horn.

There is no particular virtue in loving your enemy if you allow yourself the privilege of licking him first.

Well, why shouldn't the bride have lots of clothes? It will probably be a long time before she gets any more.

Some girls are like that, and some have sensible mothers.

When dad finishes condemning his daughter's rouge he turns to the mirror and combs his hair over the bald spot.

A domestic science course will teach a girl to cook almost all the things a man doesn't care for.

You can't be proud of your ancestors. Adam was a poor sport who told on a woman when he got in a tight place.

Exercise won't reduce your weight unless you take less exercise at the table.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. John Sharp of Hampden spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. John Backus, here, who is ill at present.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Backus returned to Leader, Sask., after spending a few weeks with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan were at Grand Valley on Wednesday of last week attending the funeral of Mrs. Allan's sister, Mrs. Thomas Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macfarlane left Tuesday to spend a few months' visit in Florida.

Mrs. W. A. McGowan, who has been visiting with Arthur friends for the past couple of months, returned to her home here on Saturday.

Mr. O. S. Hunter was in Toronto yesterday to meet his brother and sister, who were returning from Vancouver with the remains of their mother.

Reeve Currey is in Owen Sound this week at the County Council.

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