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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Oldest Orangeman Celebrates.

Robert Johnston, Canada's oldest Orangeman, celebrated his 94th birthday last week at Burlington.

Durham Toronto Club Meeting.

The Durham Club will be entertained by Mrs. Gurney at their regular meeting on Monday evening, March 19, at the Queen Mary Tea Rooms, 32 King street, West.

Flesherton Boy Mayor of Cobalt.

Dr. E. F. Armstrong, who took the 159th Battalion overseas, was recently elected Mayor of Cobalt by acclamation. He is a native of Flesherton, son of the late J. W. Armstrong of that village and came to school to the writer.

Golf Club Held Meeting.

The meeting of the Durham Golf Club called for Friday night was held in A. B. Currey's office and considerable business done. Though no officers were elected a committee was appointed to meet the directors of the South Grey Agricultural Society regarding a lease of the Society's property as a course, a part of the arrangements having been formulated last year. At the present it looks as if golf would become one of Durham's popular games.

Is This Right?

The Meaford correspondent of the Owen Sound Sun-Times says: "Mr. John E. Hammond was complimented on the efficient way in which he prepared the estimates for the year and a resolution appointing him as town auditor at a salary of \$3,020 a year, payable quarterly, was moved and carried unanimously." This is a good salary for the position. In most towns and townships, the auditors' salaries run from \$6.00 to \$40.00 each.

Died At 98 Years.

Mrs. John Bowman of the Township of Derby died on Friday last at the age of 98 years. She retained all her faculties and enjoyed her usual health up to a week before her death. Her maiden name was Miss Mercy Slack and she was born near Ottawa. She was married 77 years ago but was predeceased by her husband fifteen years. For fifteen years after marriage she resided at Hagersville and since then in Derby Township. She is survived by six sons and one daughter. Interment was made Tuesday at Tara.

Papers Cost Money.

The Toronto Star says it costs money nowadays to issue even the smallest kind of a newspaper, and the larger it is and the oftener it appears the more it costs. Paper, ink, type, postage and labor cost double what they did a few years ago and no local paper can be expected to succeed unless every local activity pays it for the publicity which it is supposed to give all local doings. A local paper can't haul a town along unless it secures enough income to pay for the gasoline that will keep the engine going.

Another Postal Convenience.

There is no mail clerk on the Palmerston-Durham branch and consequently no letters can be posted on the train in the regular way. Recently, however, the postal department has, in a measure, overcome the inconvenience by having a box in which letters may be posted if too late for the post office. Such matter may be dropped in the box along the line and distribution made at Palmerston. It will be found a great convenience for travellers and others in a hurry to have mail dispatched that would otherwise have to wait over. Many find the street boxes handy for mailing their letters.

McTier Given Six to Twelve Months.

Thomas McTier, charged before Police Magistrate Creasor at Owen Sound on Saturday morning with obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty and also with assaulting an officer, pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced to not more than one year and not less than six months with hard labor. On the last day of February Bailiff Pearce went to McTier's farm in Sullivan Township west of Chatsworth to execute a writ. McTier ordered Pearce off the place and threatened to shoot him, pointing a gun at him at about twenty feet. Crown Attorney Dyre who appeared for the prosecution pointed out the seriousness of the charge and Mr. Creasor sentenced him as above.

Meaford to Pay 47 Mills.

The Meaford Council estimates the tax rate for the present year at 47 mills.

Favor Church Union.

Bruce Presbytery at a meeting on Tuesday of last week voted 17 to 7 in favor of church union.

Had Nose Broken.

Miss Violet Ely of Port Elgin while playing hockey had her nose broken by a stick in the hands of another lady player.

Vegetables Needed At Hospital.

The hospital is in need of vegetables and any donations of potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips or anything in the vegetable line will be thankfully received.

Dates Cancelled.

Just as we go to press we learn that Mr. D. McPhail is seriously ill of pneumonia and has been obliged to cancel all his auction sale dates until further notice.

Attempted Suicide.

Henry Schaus, fifty-two years of age, living on a farm in the Moltke-Clifford district, attempted to take his own life a week ago Saturday morning by cutting his throat while visiting a sister at Waterloo.

No Lacrosse This Summer?

Just at present it looks as though there will be no intermediate lacrosse here this summer. It seems too bad. There is plenty of good material here, but at present it looks as though it might go to waste.

Will Refuse School as Polling Booth.

The trustees of S. S. No. 9, Arran Township, have notified the Arran Council that in future the schoolhouse will not be available as a polling booth. The three dollars is not sufficient recompense for the loss of a day's schooling.

Orangemen In Owen Sound.

Members of the Orange Order, Black Knights and Ladies of the Orange Benevolent Association are holding a convention in Owen Sound this week. Hon. W. D. McPherson, Grand Master and H. C. Hocken, Past Grand Master of British North America are in attendance.

Will Play At Listowel To-morrow.

Durham High school team, and also the ladies' team go to Listowel to-morrow in a friendly game with the hockeyists of that place. So far this year, the High school boys have cleaned up everything they tackled and our lady speed artists have as yet never had a goal scored against them. May their good luck continue.

Two Presbyteries Against Union.

A dispatch from Toronto says it is reported that more than half of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have voted on the question of immediate consummation of union with the Methodist and Congregational churches. The reports to date, March 10, show that only two Presbyteries have voted against it.

Child Died Last Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore of Albert street are mourning the death of their daughter Marjory, Velma, two years and eight months old, who died last night at the parental home. The little girl had been ill for some time and though she at times showed improvement, it was only temporary and she gradually grew weaker until she passed away. The funeral is being held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home and interment will be made in Durham cemetery.

Fire Hall Damaged.

The wind- and snow-storm here on Wednesday morning made things hum while it lasted and it is marvellous that greater damage was not done. So far as we have heard the only damage done in town was to the old weigh-scale building half way up the hill, the north end of which is used as a hydro storehouse and fire hall. The roof over the weigh-scales was lifted and turned completely over, a portion of about four squares being lapped over on the remainder of the roof. The brickwork was somewhat damaged when the roof was turned over, rafters and all. The damage will be in the neighborhood of \$400.00 which, we have been told is covered by insurance.

THE MEN'S CLASS

Next Sunday the fellows will continue the discussion on "The Crowd." People are beginning to realize better the possibilities of moulding and educating the crowd. When that task is done and not till then is democracy safe. When the crowd's mind and feeling is adequately expressed socially, economically and politically, a new day will have arrived. You are cordially invited to come and take part.

DIVISION COURT DOCKET BIG ONE LAST TUESDAY

The number of cases on the docket for hearing at Division Court here last Tuesday was the largest in a good many years, although in a good many instances the amounts involved were not large and it was more the inability of those interested to get together than anything else that sent them before the judge.

While the docket was a large one, there were only three cases finally dealt with, the remainder being held over till the May sitting, unless his honor, Judge Sutherland, decides to appoint a special day and make a clean-up on the balance.

The first case up was that of Wren vs Clark. This was an action brought by Roscoe Wren against Charles S. Clark for the payment of a promissory note amounting in all to \$34.91. Defendant claimed that he had made payments on said note and that he owed but \$20.00, which he paid into court. On hearing the evidence, judgment was given for plaintiff with costs. Lucas & Henry for plaintiff, A. B. Currey for defendant.

The important case of the day and the one that took up practically the whole of the afternoon was that of Johnston vs Rooney. This was an action brought by Robert Johnston of Bentinck against Mr. Rooney of Mount Forest for the recovery of the price of a cow killed last September by a car owned by Rooney and driven by a young man named Morrison. Readers of The Chronicle will remember the incident when we say that one of the occupants of the car, a young fellow named Steele, was supposed to have got his back broken at the time of the accident.

The evidence on both sides was highly contradictory, but after hearing both sides of the story, judgment was reserved.

Court opened in the evening at 8 o'clock and the case Barber vs Drumm was gone into.

On the 15th of July last year, Mr. Charles Drumm of Holstein collided with a buggy belonging to Mr. Matthew Barber and driven by his son. The buggy was damaged and Barber sued for \$32.58 for repairs to the buggy. Drumm counterclaimed with a bill of damages amounting to \$5.00 for alleged damages to his car. Mr. Barber was awarded the full amount of his claim, with costs.

A. B. Currey for plaintiff, Mr. Clark of Mount Forest for defendant. Several other cases on the roster were held over.

"MARTHA MADE OVER"

The Women's Institute gave a pleasing entertainment in the Town Hall Tuesday evening. This organization is noted for the excellence of the programs furnished at their annual gatherings held in February or March of each year. The event on this occasion was a charming combination of musical and literary numbers followed by a well rendered and well balanced play entitled "Martha Made Over."

Martha, represented by Mrs. McIlraith, as at first she appeared, was a kindly wife and mother, a most picky housekeeper and a common drudge in answering the requests of her children. She was worn out with the multitudinous cares of the home to which she devoted all her time and energies and was always too busy to attend church, parties, or social functions of any kind.

W. J. Ritchie, her husband, was of a kindly disposition and endeavored without success to have her secure help to relieve her of her cares and reduce her drudgeries. Martha felt, however, that none but herself could exercise the necessary care in her domestic affairs.

After a time Samantha, Mrs. Sherke came to help in the home duties. The rough way in which she handled the dishes and furniture set Martha almost wild and the worry was worse than she could possibly picture the work to be.

Eben Cameron, a typical young son, needed a lot of attention and had a boundless capacity for pie, doughnuts and other edibles. Martha

like many indulgent mothers, was ready at every call and gratified his every whim.

Martha's Uncle Joe (Tom Bell) comes on a visit and after noticing the conditions tells Martha she should make the children wait on themselves and help to do the work rather than be a slave for them. In time she is induced to go to a party and decides to mingle more in society. The "making over" process begins. Martha mixes in company and dresses more in the fashion Uncle Joe is thrifty but has a bad cough. He carries a supply of Electric Oil which he uses himself and recommends as a panacea for all the ills of his friends. Of course somebody has to get married to make the job complete and Uncle Joe falls in love and marries Miss Box (Phebe Wolfe) whom he introduces to Martha's children as "Aunt." Mrs. Moorhead in her fainting spell was a spectacular part and was admirably sustained.

The performers were all home talent and all did well. Mrs. McIlraith had the heavy part of the program and discharged her duties most efficiently. Mrs. Sherke's work would be hard to improve on and taken as a whole we have seen travelling shows in which the work was far from being as well rendered. The play was pleasing from first to last and contained a good moral.

Before beginning the play a bright program was given. Mrs. Kearney opened with a piano instrumental, immediately followed by an old-fashioned choir, rendering a selection to the tune of "Old Black Joe." The other numbers were the chairman's address, readings by Miss Annie Smith and Miss Kathleen Firth and a solo by Miss Winnie Blyth, all well given.

Miss Elizabeth Scott had charge of the training and the excellence of the program is the best evidence we can give as a measure of her ability. As a mark of esteem she was presented by the Society with a beautiful bouquet.

McDONALD PRONOUNCED INSANE

Donald (Scobie) McDonald, who was arrested on the 6th of January on a charge of murdering George Nelson Kay at Kincardine and with shooting and dangerously wounding Mrs. Kay, and has been since incarcerated in Walkerton jail, was adjudged insane at the assizes Tuesday and remanded to custody to be removed to one of the Ontario asylums at the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor. The jury after hearing evidence of witnesses and the opinions of the alienists, returned a verdict after an hour's deliberation that the accused was incapable of conducting his defence or assisting his counsel.

The details of the awful tragedy are still fresh in the memory of readers of the daily press and those knowing the circumstances were impressed from the first of McDonald's mental derangement and felt he was not responsible for his actions nor was he capable of realizing the nature of the crime he had committed. He had been overseas where he was mentally shattered by the awful strain through which he passed. It was shown in the evidence he was subject to hallucinations of persecution. He was pronounced a victim of paranoia, a disease from which recovery is very rare.

Paranoia is described by Webster as follows: A medical derangement; insanity; especially a chronic form of insanity characterized by very gradual impairment of the intellect, systematized delusion, and usually by delusions of persecution or mandatory delusions producing homicidal tendency. In its mild form paranoia may consist in the well-marked crotchety exhibited in persons commonly called "cranks." Paranoiacs usually show evidences of bodily and nervous degeneration, and many have hallucinations especially of sight and hearing.

This is the disease with which "Scobie" Dan McDonald is said to be afflicted and we give the definition for the benefit of readers who may be at a loss to know its nature. It may not be very clear to some more than to see that it is a species of insanity, and confirms an idea frequently expressed in this paper that a person giving way to violent passion is temporarily insane. In addition to this we find the definition includes the "crotchety cranks" so often met in most communities. There are people who have a disposition to pride themselves in being cranks and sometimes they are so constituted. It will not be much comfort after this if boasting of being cranky is simply boasting of insanity.

Business Locals.

Wheat Wanted.
Any quantity. Highest price at the People's Mills. 3 15 23 tf

Custom Chopping.
Custom chopping every day at the McKechnie Mills. 10 12 tf

Easter Sale.
Special sale of all lines of corsets and accessories for the next month. —Mrs. J. C. Nisbet

Grain Wanted.
Wheat, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Oats and Mixed Grain wanted. Highest prices paid.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont. 11 21 tf

For Sale.
Two cows (springers) and one 6-year-old horse. Apply to W. G. Firth, R. R. No. 1, Durham. Phone 606 r 14. 1pd

For Sale by Auction.
A number of useful household articles, property of Mrs. Thomas Brown, will be offered for sale by auction on Friday (to-morrow) at Doyle Braithwaite's sale.

Just Arrived.
A carload of B. C. Splashes 5X and 3X; also a car of New's Pine Ship-lap, V-joint and flooring. Get my prices.—Phone 88—J. N. Murdock, Durham. 3 8 tf

Irish Cafeteria.
Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock. Scaloped potatoes 5c, cake 5c, potato salad 5c, sandwiches 5c, coffee 6c.

Resumed Practice.
Dr. Hutton has resumed his town practice and will be in his office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Night visits till further notice.

Irish Social.
Good Irish program and good Irish lunch at cafeteria, Presbyterian Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock, March 19, in the Young Woman's Auxiliary. Admission 15c.

Square Dance Next Week.
Rainford's Orchestra will hold a square dance in the Town Hall on Thursday, March 22, from 9 p.m. to

2 a.m. Good fiddlers and callers in attendance. Gentlemen \$1.00. Ladies please provide lunch.

House For Sale.
A comfortable brick house, four rooms and woodshed; one quarter acre of land; good well; will sell cheap to quick buyer. Apply to W. Pharoah, Durham. 21 4pd tf

Rob Roy Grain Prices.
We are paying 48c. to 50c. for Oats, 68c. to 70c. for Barley, 70c. to 72c. for Buckwheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Peas and \$1.08 to \$1.10 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont.

Harness and Harness Repairs.
I have just received a shipment of Harness, Harness Repairs, Robes, Blankets, etc. See my new line of Bain Cutlers just to hand.—J. M. Noble, one door west of Middaugh House stables, Durham. 9 28 1pd tf

Farm for Sale.
100 acres, Lot 40, Con. 3, West of Garafraxa Road, Bentinck, 4 miles from Durham; 1 mile from school; frame house and barn with good stone foundation; silo; land in good state of cultivation; 10 acres bush; creek running through farm. For further particulars apply to Mrs. Neil Clark, 790 8th Ave., E., Owen Sound, Ontario. 1 25 2m

Irish or Otherwise.
Whether you are Irish or not, you will be sure to enjoy the Potato Social in the basement of the Presbyterian Church under auspices of the Young Women's Auxiliary on Monday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock. Good Irish program and good Irish lunch. Cafeteria scaloped potatoes, potato salad, Irish cake and pie at a good Irish price. Admission 15c. 3 8 2

Change of Day.
Until further notice Mr. Henry of the firm of Lucas & Henry will be in his Durham office on Saturday of each week instead of Tuesdays as heretofore. His intention is to come by the Friday night C.P.R. train and remain until 4 o'clock each Saturday afternoon. The office will be open every day and appointments may be arranged with Miss Reid, who is in charge. 21 tf

Divorce suits are always pressed with the seamy side out.

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