

News From Eastern Ontario

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

In Brief Form the Events in the Country About Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many.

Lanark curlers defeated Perth by three points for the Lanark County Challenge cup.

Fire in Dr. Caldwell's dental parlour in Belleville, did some damage but was covered by insurance.

Austin Tribune, publisher of the Athens Reporter, has been drafted for military service. He will sell out.

Mrs. Samuel White died at Madoc on Sunday. She was an aged lady who lived in Belleville for over half a century.

At Marmora on Thursday, Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shannon, was united in marriage to Harold Keast, Creighton Mines, Ont.

It is said a workman at Trenton was moving along the street when a tele pole from a building striking him upon the neck, breaking it. Death was instantaneous.

Francis Shaw, Higger, Sask., aged fourteen, a student at St. Albans school, Brockville, died in hospital on Monday from gastro-intestinal toxæmia. He was a popular student.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weese, second line Phruilow, entertained a host of friends on Thursday. The evening was spent in card-playing, after which very elaborate and dainty refreshments were served.

On Saturday Joseph G. Stollker passed away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. C. Murphy, Belleville. Mr. Stollker was born in Leeds County in 1838 and for four years resided in Gananogue, where the body was taken for interment. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church. Three sons and three daughters survive.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

When Cross Feverish and Sick Give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit-laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste. Liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

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A Break in Weather

Means a final break in our prices on all winter merchandise.

WE MUST CLEAR NOW

We are offering a few specials that it will pay you to note.

Silk Underskirts in popular colors, \$5.00 values for \$2.98.

Silk hose, black and white, 75c value for 49c.

Corsets, splendid values, 69c.

Suedette Gloves, all shades, \$1.50 values, 98c.

House Dresses, good prints, dark and light, all sizes, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

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MENDELS

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GOOD SAINT VALENTINE

WILL BE WITH US AGAIN ON THURSDAY.

War Times Makes No Difference to the Patron Saint of Lovers Who is as Busy as Ever Assisting Little Cupid.

This poor old world is storm-tossed, weary, the sorrows of the real world, and shuddering under the shadow of the hateful God of War, but right in the heart of the whirlwind of sorrow and doubt there is a little spot of perfect calm, and in that sheltered sacred spot there sits secure the little God of Love.

That is why we have our dainty bits of valentines, and our shop windows gay with crimson hearts and true-lovers' knots all garlanded with flowers and poems, just as usual this year as other years. And isn't it good to think that over all the sad dun smoke of battle, and the crushing woes of war, still rises, in essence-sweet, the rosy sheen of romance which the gods call Love?

Dear fat little Cupid! All the rest of the year he may wear his khaki like the rest of the world, and shoulder his rifle too, but for the fourteenth of February he casts it all aside, and comes to us once more, his own pink, cherubic little self, with bow and arrows poised as usual and hearts galloping at his mercy. No wonder he smiles so enigmatically as he aims his darts here, there and everywhere, for though he is clothed in the innocent sweetness of youth he is old in the wisdom of life and rich in the experience of the centuries that are past.

Many a year has he come safely through with the same inscrutable smile and he knows that the paroxysms of hate and rage may trouble the surface of things, yet, through it all, the heart of the world is as sane and sweet and sound as ever it was, and that he, little Cupid, is king of that heart.

I don't know why we should call this day of his Saint Valentine's Day. This Valentine, poor, martyred man, passed from mortal ken away back in the third century, and certainly left no flaming record of faithful love behind him which might entitle him to be patron saint of lovers. We should have called it Cupid's Day, and given credit where credit was due, but history excuses the misnomer in this way:

At the feasts of Pan and Juno, the Lupercalian festival of Rome, it had always been the custom for the young men to draw lots to determine the partners for the festivities. When spreading Christianity began to oust these pagan festivals, the early Christians gave to this festival the name of Saint Valentine because its date, the fourteenth of February, was also the date of his martyrdom. They tried to have the people instead of drawing the names of maidens in the lottery, draw the names of saints for patrons for the year, or religious mottoes to inspire them to goodly deeds. So poor little Cupid trailed his wings in sad dejection for a while until youth in buoyant indignation sought out his retreat and led him forth, a radiant king unto his crowns.

And ever since, through all these centuries, he has happily wielded his arts and his graces, and if perchance, we in this prosaic 1918 do not give to his day quite all the importance that we might, he may console himself by the memory of his grandmother's day when the flutter of the lace valentine breathed soft whiffs of romance over all the land.

Alas, the dear grace of those days that are gone! It is like lifting the lid of a sandalwood box, just to think of them. The gallant lover of those years did not walk into a store and choose from a stock of thousands, the token for his best beloved. He chose a sheet of thick, creamy paper, sharp-pointed, long, with pen and often spent hours and hours in making. He etched and scrolled and raked his brain for the choicest of poetry in which to extol the charms of his lady fair. Sometimes, sad to say, the children's rhyme could not be coaxied, and then he must perforce turn to some of the many books of valentine sonnets prepared for the relief of love-lorn swains in just such predicaments as that.

The manufactured valentine with all its many variations did not appear until 1800, and slowly and surely much of the old-time glamor faded gradually away with its coming. Certainly no such vision of real devotion is conjured by the valentine of today, but as they are, as bring to life with a glimpse of these quaint affairs which the sighing lover of old evolved from the depths of his own artistic soul.

In the British Museum, treasured with the most important of royal papers, there is carefully kept the very first written valentine that is known. It was written by the Duke of Orleans while he was confined in the tower of London after being taken at the battle of Agincourt in 1415. But even though a prisoner the Duke of Love was still supreme and our wondrous who was the pretty idol of the proud Duke's dreams and where was she while he wrote his impassioned plea:

"Will thou be mine? Dear love reply. Sweetly consent or else deny. Whisper softly, none shall know. Will thou be mine, love. Ay or no?"

Swiftly the years' sped on and century by century young Cupid held his court while swains and lady both held the fourteenth of February in equal seriousness. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it became the custom to choose some person quite

openly as a valentine and whether the chosen one was married or single mattered not at all. Gifts must be forthcoming just the same, and as sometimes the gentleman besides choosing his own valentine, might be the chosen of some other person, it was often a most expensive proposition for a popular young man. For instance, Samuel Pepys, who lived in the reign of Charles II, chronicles in his diary of 1661: "This afternoon my wife and I, and Mrs. Martha Batten, my valentine, to the exchange, and here upon a payre of embroidered and six payres of plain white gloves I laid out 40 shillings on her. Well, he was a real good sport anyway wasn't he and no doubt Madame Pepys saw that an equal amount was "laid out" on her before the same exchange!"

An Old Custom. And the funny old superstitions believed by these old-time maidens! Firm in her faith, she pinned on Saint Valentine's Eve a leaf of bay on each corner of her bed and one on the centre of her pillow. On each leaf was scratched with the thorn of the hawthorne bush, the name of the lad she liked best. Then she took a hard-boiled egg with its yolk well mixed with salt and promptly on the stroke of twelve she ate it all to the very last crumb, and not another word dare she speak till morning. If the charm worked properly, then she fell asleep and sweetly dreamed of the swain she cherished in her heart. Only the shades of ancient indigestion can tell us what happened if the charm did not work properly, but over this phase of the question romance and history each threw a curtain that is thickly and kindly discreet.

Still Ever Welcome. Well, little Miss 1918 doesn't do that sort of thing in these busy days, but she likes her valentines just the same. And she gets them too. Flowers and books and gay cards galore come drifting in to her from the good Saint Valentine, under the shadow of whose name lurks many a bashfully anonymous lover. "He" may be overseas, but the mails are still "carrying on" for him, and so the postie is even busier than usual this year of war. And the little lady loves every single valentine that comes her way, but none, he they ever so wonderful, can compare at all with the very first valentine that ever came for that is just in a class by itself! Can you ever forget its thrill?

You found it in your desk at school, didn't you? And my! how indignant you were when you spelled out the wiggly writing, "you're my valentine," and saw a little girl with "Mary" scrawled on her pinafore gleefully taking a huge red heart from a most polite little boy called "Me." And the other little girls teased you, and you cried, but yet you were a little proud too, because you thought you knew she sent it, and he was rather nice. Then wasn't it awful when you found out it wasn't him at all, but the horrid little, red-headed, freckle-nosed kid across the aisle. Why, your very pitiable shock with indignation, didn't melt? But just the same, you kept that valentine. "I'll bet you've got it yet! Oh, dear, Saint Valentine's Day! It is a busy old world without much time for the pretty things of life, but let us all be glad that there is still a fragrant halo of romance clinging around this fourteenth day of February.

Letters to the Editor

Opportunity to Help Soldiers. Kingston, Feb. 13.—(To the Editor): Next week I shall be returning overseas, and in all probability there will be at least a thousand Canadian soldiers on board ship. These men will have no reading material, and I know from previous experience that books and current magazines would be very much appreciated by the men during the voyage.

May I appeal through your paper to the citizens of Kingston who would be willing to donate a book or magazine for the use of the soldiers on board? With those who desire to assist kindly have their contribution at the Whig office before Saturday noon.

Send along that Christmas novel which you have finished reading, and in helping a soldier through some lonely hours it will serve a useful purpose.—Sincerely yours, A. D. CORNETT, Major, Canadian Army Chaplain.

FIRST COURT SESSION IN OVER A WEEK

Young Man Taken in Charge By Military on Charge of Desertion.

Just when Kingston was making a great record in police court circles, it remained for one Pte. Arthur Newton to spoil the bonanza. There had not been a session of the court since a week ago Monday. Wednesday morning Newton was arraigned on a charge of desertion. He was remanded for a day in order that the Magistrate may be able to secure more particulars regarding his case.

Newton was brought down from Belleville early Wednesday morning by the military authorities.

Due to Defective Eyesight. "When we stop to reflect on the number of street accidents happening every year," says The New York Medical Journal, "does it ever occur to us that perhaps a certain percentage of them is due to defective vision on the part of drivers?"

Dr. James McHoul, a captain in the British army and ophthalmologist for a recruiting board, states in The British Medical Journal that of 500 chauffeurs examined by him recently he had defective eyes and four of them had had accidents, at least one of these resulting in death. He urges that all persons applying for license to drive cars be subject to rigid optical examination and that this be repeated once a year. The New York Medical Journal says this idea is well worth taking up on this side of the Atlantic.

Charity covers a multitude of sins—and so does success.

Strength of the Condor. The enormous strength of the condor is equalled by his voracity and boldness. This immense bird often pounces upon small animals, but from the shape and bluntness of his claws it is unable to carry anything very heavy, so he contents himself with fixing it against the ground with his claws, while with the other and his powerful beak he rends it to pieces. Gorged with food, the bird then becomes incapable of flight and may be approached, but any attempt at capture is furiously resisted.

An American traveler in the Andes encountered a large condor just after it had finished a hearty banquet on a young sheep and foolishly attempted to seize the bird, with the result that he received a gash from its claw. Then he called up two of his guides, and the three men maneuvered to take the bird alive. But every attempt was frustrated, and in the end one of the men killed it by a blow from a hatchet.

Ex-Greek King's Son Weds. London, Feb. 13.—Mrs. William B. Leeds, a wealthy American widow, according to the Daily Sketch, has been quietly married in Switzerland, where Mrs. Leeds has been stopping for a time with a son who is in delicate health.

Prince Christopher is the youngest brother of Constantine, the deposed King of Greece. His father was the late King George. He is about thirty years of age.

We have just received our new goods for your Christmas Cakes and Pudding. Settinases given on all kinds of repairs and new work; also hard-wood floors of all kinds. All orders will receive prompt attention. Shop on Queen street.

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