

Talk of the Town And of the Country

Quite a severe hail storm visited this section of the city on Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday morning.

Everybody seemed anxious to see the change of the moon last night, hoping for warmer weather. Incidentally at the same time came a full eclipse of the moon. The evening was fairly mild and a large number of people turned out to witness the phenomenon. Total eclipse began about 8.15, the middle of the eclipse was reached at 8.51, the total eclipse ending at 9.27. The moon left the umbra at 10.41 p.m. and the penumbra at 11.53 p.m. The spectacle was wholly visible here.

A large number of chevaliers of the Belleville Canton Patriarchs Militant were in Stirling yesterday attending the annual church parade of the Oddfellows of that village.

Last night about eight-fifteen a blaze took place on Bridge St. in front of Bridge St. Methodist Church. A car had been standing on the spot for some time and a quantity of gasoline and oil had run out on the roadway. Following the departure of the car came a youth who dropped a lighted match. A big blaze resulted.

While riding a bicycle on Simcoe street south, Oshawa, near the Pedlar plant, Alfred Bert Naylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Naylor, was struck by an automobile driven by Miss Doris Miller. The accident occurred on Thursday evening last, as the lad was on his way to the G.T.R. depot to meet his father, who was returning from Toronto. The lad's hat blew off, and thinking that the boy would stop and get off his wheel in order to run back and get his hat, Miss Miller swerved to the left in order to leave him ample room to do so. Bert, however, evidently not turning there was a car behind him, turned his wheel to the left, in order to circle back and ride to his cap. He tumbled so quickly that Miss Miller had no chance to escape striking him. The boy's thigh was fractured in two places and Dr. Rundle, chief of town states that it is a most unusual break, but has been successfully set at the hospital.

On Sunday a change in the G.T.R. timetable becomes effective. Two additional trains are put on between Cobourg and Toronto, the 6.10 a.m. morning train going west, and the 7.45 p.m. returning at night from Toronto.

So great is the mind of a sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that we all go in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort; one soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders upon the feverish child; a few words dropped from her lips in the ear of a sorrow-stricken sister will do more to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cozy sitting room, and sees the blaze of fire and meets his wife's smiling face he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits that are wearied by the stern realities of life. The rough school boys find a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smile. The little one full of grief with its large troubles finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers.

Why not join the Belleville Humane Society? It is now fully organized and ready for work. The fee is merely nominal, being only 50 cents a year. There is much work for such a society to do. In fact, such an organization should have been established here a long time ago. The officers are: President—His Honor Judge Wills. Secretary—W. H. Nugent. Treasurer—Miss Ruby Milburn. Chairman of Executive—Wm. Carnew, K. C. Superintendent—Capt. Ruston.

Cases of cruelty to animals should be reported to Capt. Ruston or Chief of Police Newton and proper investigation will be made. A public meeting will be held shortly.

The objects of the Society are: First, To prevent cruelty to animals; Second, To make the lives of animals

more happy; Third, To educate people, especially the young, in humane principles.

The Stirling Agricultural Society is proud of the new grounds and park it has acquired and which are to be opened to the public with a grand demonstration on May 24th. Cabinet Ministers and others are expected to be present and address the gathering. The land recently purchased is within the limits of the Corporation of Stirling and consists of Thirty-five acres on which there is sufficient level space for an extensive park.

During the past twenty years a number of patriotic farmers and land-owners in Eastern Canada have sought to test the possibilities of growing groves of forest trees either from seed or from young plants. In some cases these have been walnut, chestnut, or bucket willow, in others sugar maple, oak, pine, spruce, or cedar. The information as to the success of these plantations and the soil and other conditions is of the utmost value to those studying tree growth in Canada. The Director of Forestry, Ottawa, would be glad to learn from the owner of any such plantation, especially those more than ten years old, particulars as to species, size of plantation, location, etc. If conditions and location warrant, an officer of the branch will endeavor to visit the plantation in the course of an inspection trip.

Excellent Race Track. On the grounds is also a beautiful grove in which is a fine spring of good drinking water, making it an ideal spot for holding picnics etc.

The ferry steamer H. P. Bigelow of the Brockville-Morristown Transportation Co., Thursday afternoon at three o'clock made the first trip of the season after being rebuilt during the winter months. The craft was greatly strengthened with the installation of a new frame and planking throughout the hull which has been thoroughly caulked. New steam piping has been installed and the cabin has been re-arranged for the comfort of the passengers. The craft was inspected by U.S. Government officials on Wednesday and pronounced in first-class condition and up to the full requirements of the U.S. marine law. Commencing at 8 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 7.30 o'clock in the evening the boat will leave Morrystown on the hour and Brockville on the half hour, with the exception of at 12.30 and 5.30 o'clock. Capt. Wilbur H. Chambers is in command and the crew is composed of Ernest Case, engineer; William Reese, mate, and Anson Noble, deck hand.

Since the increase in barber prices at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, there has been a great demand for both clippers and razors. The employees of the Canadian Pacific freight sheds and roundhouses are going to combat the "high cost of barbering" and have purchased the necessary equipment with which a hair trim will be dispensed at a nominal charge to employees of those departments. "We are not wanting a millionaire's haircut when a workman's will do," declared one of the men. "It's the height of nonsense to expect us to pay 75 cents for a few minutes' work like that."

Friday morning about twenty laborers employed at the excavation work in connection with the building of the new Allen Theatre, Kingston, went on strike for higher wages. The men were receiving 40 cents an hour and demanded 50 cents an hour. They were later offered 45 cents an hour, and while some agreed to accepting the compromise, others held out for their original demands and did not work.

If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a knocker. Your turn will come. No one man is the whole show. If you see that the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along, shove a little. Try to get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a chilly old cadaver. Don't waste time feeling sore because some fellow has a little more sand and sense than you have. Do a little hustling yourself. Don't be a knocker.

A sad occurrence is reported from Sheffield township. Michael Carroll, a respected resident and a farmer, was found drowned in Stinson's Lake on Monday. Last Friday he left the house with the remark that he was going to fix a fence in the rear of the farm and did not return, and on Monday his body was found in the lake.

Our old friend, Mr. Henry Sneyd, former manager of the Merchants Bank in this city, was the chairman of the Board of Trade banquet at Preston at which an optimistic note was struck in reference to Preston's future.

"Preston a city in 1925 or 1930" was the motto adopted for the occasion. The Galt Daily Reporter thus refers to the event: "Chairman Sneyd in his opening remarks referred to what a good town Preston was and how rapidly it was forging ahead. He also stated that the local members should attend the Board of Trade meetings the way they are being attended at Kitchener and Galt. He announced that the meetings would be held on the third Monday of every month and he requested a large turnout of members at all the meetings. The speaker referred to the naming and renaming of our streets and also the numbering of the houses. The garbage system was also referred to; also the housing situation was thoroughly gone into by the chairman."

Rev. A. L. Phelps, B.A., of Greenbank, in the Bay of Quinte Conference, and son of Rev. Leonard Phelps, of the Toronto Conference, has accepted an appointment as professor of English in Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, a strong Methodist institution in that State. He takes up his new duties next September.

One argument that has been persistently used against the placing of the railway track in the center of the roadway along Pinnacle street is that it would then be over the sanitary sewer and the railway officials would refuse to place the line in such a position. The argument is not sound for it is based on wrong information. The Pinnacle Street sewer is not, to begin with, in the center of the street but well to one side, having been placed in the center of the space between the railway and the east sidewalk. The track, if transferred to the center of the street, would still be clear of the sewer so that there is no such impediment in the way.

More work in overalls and less parading in them is the only thing that will help.

The proposal to heat the Court House and County Jail at Kingston with a central heating plant is again in the air. A representative of a Toronto manufacturing company was at the Court House Friday morning looking over the situation and will submit a proposal at the next meeting of the County Property Committee. The plan would have the plant in the jail and would do away with the four furnaces now needed to heat the buildings. It is claimed it would mean a saving in coal and labor. The suggestion was first made about ten years ago.

The fifth anniversary of the battle of St. Julian was fittingly observed Thursday, April 22, at the plant of the General Motors of Canada, Ltd., Oshawa. Much after the manner of the celebration of the first anniversary of the armistice last November 11, and as was done shortly after the death of the late King Edward, out of respect to him the work at the plant came to a halt for two minutes. At eleven o'clock sharp the whistle at the factory blew two short blasts and all work came to a halt for two minutes in commemoration of the battle of St. Julian, which took place on April 22, 1915.

The Port Hope Guide says: Trout fishing commences Saturday and so many of the disciples of Isack Walton have promised to decorate our deck so that we do not expect to have space for even the paste pot.

It is well to be charitable in our conclusions, mindful that we often need the cloak of charity ourselves. Fill life with sunshine and strew flowers where others throw stones. Make life a bright spot in this world and where you see flowers cast smiles, and whether it be morn, dusk or night, let the sunny side of nature always be at full meridian.

At the meeting of the Belleville Ministerial Association held this morning at the Y.M.C.A. the annual election of the officers was held as follows: President, Rev. W. H. Wallace; Vice-President, Rev. A. S. Kerr; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Wesley Elliott. The Rev. Mr. Elliott gave a paper on "The Fundamental of Christianity." In the discussion that followed, those taking part were Rev. D. C. Ramsay, Rev. W. H. Wallace, Rev. A. H. Foster, Rev. W. Seay, Rev. George Brown and Mr. F. F. Brockles.

Charles Moore, John Moore and Douglas Moore, were on Saturday afternoon at a hearing in police court committed for trial on a charge of assaulting City Assessor J. A. Kerr and causing him bodily harm. They were granted bail.

The police had a call to the Newfoundland Cafe to settle a dispute on Sunday night. They did it.

For the benefit of the Belleville Consumers' Economy League and others interested in breaking the high price of potatoes by producing more potatoes were smothered to death in their beds as the result of a fire which occurred at their home on Isabella street on Wednesday night. No details are to hand of how the fire started. Mrs. Flin-

terish Cobbler or some early maturing variety for seed. If a large yield is desired for a main crop it is better to defer planting until about the first of June. Some of the sod lots around the city, if plowed and well cultivated, afford ideal soil for the potato. This is especially true of the lighter soils in East Belleville. No fertilization is required where sod is planted. Plant either in furrows or on the surface, with pieces cut with two or three eyes and one in a hill, rows 2 1/2 feet part and hills 14 inches apart in the row. This spacing has been found by exhaustive tests at the Ontario Agricultural College to produce largest yields. If large seed is not obtainable small potatoes may be planted whole and fairly good results obtained. Potatoes planted now should, under favorable conditions, be ready for digging any time after the middle of July.

The finding on Saturday of some seeds and a can of paint belonging to Geen's drug store in the doorway next, led to a belief that some one might have hidden them with the idea of taking them later. A policeman watched the articles but nobody came for them. They were handed over to Mr. Geen.

The Rev. Mr. Seavy, of Toronto, representing the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Africa was the preacher at Holloway St. Methodist Church last evening. His talk was on the brotherhood of man and his subject "Oil in the Vessel." He traced the growth of the church for the colored race in Canada and remarked on the great help the whites had been. He asked for a continuance of that assistance to build up the best type of character among the negro elements of our society. He outlined the emancipation of the slaves and the building up of the church in the United States.

The Rev. W. Harris Wallace, of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. Dr. Scott, who is indisposed. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Baker. In the Baptist Church yesterday morning the Rev. Mr. Brown officiated.

Cheese sold for 30 cents at the meeting of the Frontenac Cheese Board Thursday afternoon, being a jump of four cents over last week's price. There were 310 boxes of colored cheese boarded as follows: Model, 60; Cold Springs, 35; Elginburg, 40; Raitton, 75; Keenan, 30; Sunbury, 177. The bidding opened at 25 cents and rose to 30 cents, at which price Mr. Smith bought Cold Springs and Raitton, while Mr. Gibson bought Keenan and Sunbury, and Mr. Murphy secured Model.

Universities are not to escape the high cost of living. Following up increases to the professional staff of McGill University, the Board of Governors has found it necessary to increase the sessional fees to the students. Even so, the actual cost of the education given by the university is three times as much as will be paid by the student. Not only have the professors' salaries had to be raised, but the price of scientific instruments and all the appurtenances of education has gone up. In applied science the fees has been raised from \$197 to \$205, in arts from \$58 to \$100, in medicine from \$147 to \$200, in dentistry from \$125 to \$200, in law, for those proceeding to the degree of B.C.L., from \$77 to \$150, and for those proceeding to that of LL.B. from \$77 to \$100. In music the increase is expected to be 15 per cent. Part of these increases is accounted for the inclusion of the gymnasium fee of \$5 and the new health insurance fee of \$2. It is not yet settled whether these fees are to be effective for students who have already registered, but the probability is they will be, and they will certainly apply to all students registering in the future.

Some of the automobiles around Kingston are making a bad start this season on the country roads, as already three accidents of a serious nature have been recorded. One man lost his life, four were seriously injured, while five others had a miraculous escape. In two cases, the cars turned turtle and the other one caught fire.

Commencing on May 1 the Peterboro Milk Products Co. will retail milk at 16 pints for a dollar. Only 15 pints have been given up till now but the abundance of milk on the market has necessitated the drop. The price of a single quart will still be 14 cents.

Sergt-Major Flinter and two little sons, aged about ten and twelve years of Pembroke, were smothered to death in their beds as the result of a fire which occurred at their home on Isabella street on Wednesday night. No details are to hand of how the fire started. Mrs. Flin-

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