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NORTH ORFORD.

S. Ellis spent Saturday in Chatham.

H. Patrick returned from his sister's on Sunday.

T. Hogg, owing to ill-health, will have a sale on Wednesday, April 24th.

E. and B. Livingston have begun work on the Robt. McPherson farm.

D. Brown has purchased a manure spreader.

J. Smith is hawing timber for Mr. Norton's barn.

D. Culnan, owing to a sprained sprained knee, is using a crutch.

The East Kent Teachers' convention will be held May 22nd and 23rd, at Chatham.

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CEDAR SPRINGS.

The next meeting of the Cedar Springs branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McCully on Thursday, May 16, at three o'clock. A round table talk on bacteria will be conducted by the president. All the members are urgently requested to be present, as it is the last meeting for the membership year. All ladies are cordially invited, whether members or not.

Herbert McDowell, of Erie Eau, paid his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McDowell, a visit on Sunday.

Charles Dibley and bride, of North Cedar Springs, attended church here on Sunday evening.

A very old resident of the Gore Line passed away on Saturday in the person of Mrs. John Albert. The old gentleman has the sympathy of the community in his sad bereavement.

John Russell, our genial egg and produce buyer, seems to have opposi-

tion this spring in his business, Mr. Paisley, of the village, and Mr. Holland, of Blenheim, both having rigs on the road.

George Ramsdale and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McDowell on Sunday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. Lou Maynard on Friday and left a bouncing baby boy.

Andrew Ransom has completed a fine cellar for Robert McClatchie.

Mr. Kennedy exchanged pulpits with the minister from Oury on Sunday night.

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BEAVER MEADOW.

The farmers are starting to work on the land this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanders spent Sunday with friends in Sarnia.

Miss Olive Veil and Mrs. Jennings were the guests of Mrs. B. Molton Wednesday last.

P. Sullivan has been breaking a colt this week.

Ed. Unsworth has purchased a fine team.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Wise have returned home after spending a few days with Mr. Wise's parents in L. L. ville.

Theodore McDermid is on the sick list.

A number of young people attended the prayer meeting at Mr. Child's last Wednesday evening.

John Pretty, of Thorncliffe, was in Beaver Meadow on business Tuesday last.

G. Veil has returned home after spending Easter with his sister at St. Thomas.

Miss Liddy Unsworth has returned home after spending a few days in Sarnia.

Perry Shaw was here on particular business last Thursday. We were all glad to see Mr. Shaw looking so well after his trip West.

The Latter Day Saints have started revivals at Mr. Shaw's on the 9th concession.

FAMOUS BRIGAND.

Man Who Defied the Troops For Over Forty Years.

The death is announced of Bellacoscia, a famous Corsican brigand, at the age of 80. He was one of the last and one of the most famous of his "profession."

He was always at home except to the gendarmerie. A visitor was much struck when Bellacoscia introduced to him his relatives, a cousin mayor of this town, another mayor of that, and a brother a non-commissioned officer in the Republican Guard.

But Bellacoscia was quite a gentleman in his profession. He engaged in a vendetta when quite young, and made a stronghold in the mountains near Bastia. For forty years he overawed peasants and gendarmes alike, but in 1892 surrendered. The reasons for his surrender and for the low sentence passed against him—compulsory residence in Marseilles—are obscure.

Bellacoscia soon escaped from Marseilles, and when President Carnot visited Corsica two years later he was active as before. His niece intervened on his behalf, and with the help of the deputy, they laid their case before M. Carnot rather dramatically in front of a village town hall where M. Carnot was to be received. A few minutes later the deputy and the niece were able to tell the brigand, who was watching from a window opposite, that his pardon would be granted.

Since then Bellacoscia has divided his time tilling the ground, hunting the wild boar, and telling his reminiscences.

TAX ON BACHELORS.

Hessians, Who Live In Single Blessedness, Pay For Luxury.

A tax on bachelors has been imposed by the Lower House of the Hessian Parliament.

The bill, which came into force on April 1, provides, in view of the prevailing dearth of food, rent, etc., for an annual supplementary grant to be given to persons in the employ of the state whose incomes do not exceed \$500 per annum. The grant varies between \$40 and \$60. As the bill stands, however, bachelors who have only personal responsibilities are to receive only one-half the grant. A clause in the original bill ordained that persons in the employ of the state, who neither are nor have been married, shall receive only half this amount; but an amendment was passed granting the full sum to bachelor employees who have been married for parents, relatives or adopted children.

The Hessian Government does not favor the amendment, as it will necessitate inquiries into the private affairs of employees, but it will probably accept the situation if the Upper House agrees with the Lower House on the subject.

It is stated that locally the preference shown to married over bachelor employees of the state is approved, and considered fully justified, as officials are manifesting an ever-growing disinclination to marriage.

Will Support Canada.

The London Standard says that at present we can only assure the Canadian people that the pending negotiations with the Government and the United States will be closely watched here, and any reasonable protests which they may make or complaints that Canadian opinion has not been adequately consulted will receive strenuous support.

The Morning Post regrets the circulation of sensational rumors regarding the colonial conference by certain sections of the Unionist press, and suggests that the informal conference of Premiers announced by the Express was probably founded on the old report, which may well be true, that the Premiers of Canada and Australia intend to take advantage of the occasion to devise a system of preference such as has already been arranged between the Commonwealth and South Africa.

Replying to the Express representative's question as to whether it would be possible for the colonial Premiers to get together and develop a scheme of intercolonial preference, Mr. Deakin said all things are possible.

Hidden Treasure.

Many New Zealanders find it profitable to dig for hidden treasure. That for which they dig, however, is not gold or Captain Kidd's ill-gotten wealth, though it has a dull yellow color. It is kauri gum, a resinous substance which is the produce of the kauri pine trees.

The gum can be secured from the trunks of trees while they are alive, for it protrudes in lumps, but it is especially profitable to dig for it in the soil about the stumps remaining after the trees have been cut down. Sometimes chunks weighing as much as 100 pounds are taken up from the ground.

Digging for kauri gum is profitable, for the gum is used in the manufacture of varnish, and apparently it is one of those products of nature whose place cannot be filled by anything else which has yet been discovered.

Gaiety Needed.

Writing on the decay of "English as she is spoken" nowadays, Lady Violet Grenville, in The Graphic, says: Much of the sparkle of language and the precision of language and the delicacy of idea which it embodies. A careless thinker is also a careless speaker.

I read not long ago the axiom that the sense of humor militated against worldly success, and I verily believe that is the sentiment cherished by most people. Yet true, wholesome, appropriate, playful wit comes from gaiety of heart.

Just now we want all the gaiety we can get, not in jest, but in earnest, for the world is so full of gloom and darkness that it is the sentiment cherished by most people. Yet true, wholesome, appropriate, playful wit comes from gaiety of heart.

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GOT A PAIN IN YOUR BACK?

You get a pain in your back, and you wonder what is the matter. You perhaps pay no attention to it. Backache is caused by imperfect action of the kidneys, in fact, is the first sign of kidney trouble to follow.

The kidneys, proper, are composed of a close network of fibrous tissue, interlaced with tiny elastic fibres. Their object is the excretion of the uric acid, and other poisonous matter composing the urine, from the blood.

They are continuously at work to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of kidney trouble, but do not suspect it.

Some of the symptoms are: A feeling of weakness in the small of the back, sharp pains in back, puffiness under the eyes, and swelling of the feet and ankles, urinary troubles such as suppressed urination, excessive urination, cloudy, thick or highly colored urine, etc.

Mr. J. L. Whiting, Oshawa, Ont., writes: "I suffered for two years with kidney trouble. I had terrible pains in my back, hips and legs. I could not sleep and had a poor appetite. I took four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, and the pains left me, my appetite returned and I now sleep well. I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering from kidney trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50 cents per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

Emperor to Receive Peasants.
St. Petersburg, April 26.—The Emperor to-day will receive 20 peasant deputies belonging to the Right party and to the Moderates, who will present him with an address, expressing their desire to work in harmony with the Emperor, and their hope of a speedy introduction of a system of general education.

Hundred Buildings Burned.
Miller's Falls, Mass., April 26.—One hundred and twelve buildings at Lake Pleasant, two miles from here, were burned yesterday, causing a loss estimated at \$115,000.

CONSTIPATION CLOGS THE BOWELS

No other cause produces so much sickness as constipation, and therefore it is dangerous to allow the bowels to become clogged up. Bad blood, dyspepsia, headaches, biliousness, boils, pimples, and piles, are all caused by constipation.

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nature's remedy for all diseases of the stomach, bowels and blood. It acts on the bowels and promotes their free and regular action, curing constipation and all troubles which arise from it. It has been on the market for over thirty years so you are not using a new and untried remedy. B.B.B. has cured thousands of others and will cure you. Mr. B. Woodcock, Nashua, Bridge, N.H., writes: "For over two years my wife was troubled with constipation. She tried several physicians but could get no relief, but after taking three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters she was completely cured and is to-day in good health. My wife and I cannot speak too highly of B.B.B."

Canada's Fiscal Policy.

London, April 26.—(C. A. P.)—The Times, commenting on Canada's fiscal negotiations with European countries, says they indicate not only the loss of the fairest opportunity that has yet presented itself for welding the Empire, but the beginning of fresh economic developments, of which the Times cannot lightly predict the end.

Part of the art of doing things is to attempt but a little at a time.

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WORLD'S CHAMPION FASTERS.

Reptiles That Indulge in Long Periods of Abstinence.

The biggest snake in the Zoological Gardens, London, the great, many-colored, reticulated python, who measures eighteen feet from head to tail, and boasts of a circumference of waist almost equal to that of a man, has recently been showing notable signs of unrest, suggestive of awakening appetite. He has been known recently to uncoil and rearrange himself three times in one day, and on occasions he has even lifted his small, flat head and shot out his vicious, forked tongue at admiring visitors.

It is believed that the reticulated python will shortly condescend to take a meal, and, as he has not eaten anything whatever since the early days of last September, which, even for him is a very long fast, that is an event of considerable importance in the Gardens.

Doesn't Get Thin.

The fasting exploits of Herr Sacco are child's play compared with those of the king of the reptile-house. It is seldom indeed that he goes less than six months between his meals, and he has been known to refuse food for ten months. Moreover, unlike professional human fasters, his long periods of abstinence have no perceptible effect on his birth or temper.

The keepers have long since given up worrying over the eccentricities of his appetite. His meal, when he takes one, is a live goat—for the python will not eat dead food—and once every three or four months a goat is put into his cage, in order to see if he is hungry. More often than not the goat spends a pleasant half-hour in the cage, after which he is taken out, and never knows the danger he has been in.

Good-Bye Billy.

The custom of putting live goats into the cage is quite free from any suspicion of cruelty. If the goat is to be sacrificed, its death is as sudden as it could be by human agency. The little flat head of the python starts swiftly upwards; there is a sudden, awful whirl of the great, glittering body, and the goat is mangled to death before there is time for it to experience anything in the nature of terror. The subsequent preparation and swallowing of the meal is, of course, a longer process. Visitors are not permitted to see any of the snakes or pythons fed.

It may not be generally known that the larger snakes, in swallowing their food, dislocate some of the bones in the throat. Owing to the formation of the throat, once the snake starts swallowing he must continue to swallow until he has completely swallowed the object upon which he has rashly begun. This has been the cause of the loss of several valuable snakes in the reptile-house.

Wool Goss Down.

Formerly it was the custom in the cold weather to cover up the snakes at night with blankets. But it was found on several occasions that a snake, attacked by hunger in the night, started on the corner of his blanket, and had perforce to continue. In the morning the keeper found a dilated snake and no blanket. Although the digestion of the serpent is equal to most things, it was found that the loss of a blanket generally entailed the loss of a snake, so the blankets are now discontinued.

Cinch For Big Snakes.

The same unfortunate swallowing difficulty has before now been the cause of one snake eating another. Two of them would start on opposite ends of a piece of food. When they met in the middle they were, unfortunately, unable to stop, and one snake had to disappear inside the other. Sometimes the smaller snake swallowed the larger.

It would be interesting to know whether it is customary among snakes to settle who shall be swallowed by arbitration, or whether the victory goes to the strong.

The dismay of the keeper may be imagined to find, on visiting the cage in the morning, one well-fed-looking snake, with the reptile equivalent to a smile on his face, and no sign of his companion.

Spanish Police Source.

There is no truth whatsoever in the story according to which Alfonso XIII. has entrusted Inspector Arrow, one of the heads of the detective department of Scotland Yard in London, with the reorganization of the Spanish detective police. It is perfectly true that Inspector Arrow has retired from the service of the Metropolitan police in England and has gone to Spain. He has taken service, however, not at Madrid but at Barcelona, where he is now employed at a salary of \$6,000 a year by an association of the leading merchants of the place. Barcelona, besides being the most important commercial centre and busiest seaport of the peninsula, in one word, the Liverpool or New York of Spain, is likewise a nest of crime which the municipal and state police seem powerless to hold in check. The outrages of one kind and another which are so constantly occurring there have begun to affect the prosperity of the city, and that is why the leading merchants have formed an organization for the purpose of not only protecting themselves and their interests but likewise with the object of driving the criminal population from the city. The news will prove somewhat of a disappointment to those who had looked forward to a reorganization of the Government police at Madrid, which furnished such a striking demonstration of its inefficiency at the time of the tragedy which marred the wedding of the King and Queen of Spain last year.

Value of Victoria Cross.

The intrinsic value of the Victoria Cross, the most highly prized decoration in Army and Navy, is about 1 1/2d. It was instituted by Royal Warrant on January 2, 1856, as a reward of gallantry for all ranks, and the first presentation (of sixty-two crosses) was made by the late Queen Victoria in person on Friday, June 23, 1857. It is in the shape of a Maltese cross, and is made to this day out of metal from old Russian cannon captured at Sebastopol.



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DISTRICT

VINEGAR HILL.

Miss N. Campbell spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Russell. B. Johnson spent Sunday at Dover. Archie Russell is on the sick list. The first auto of the season passed along the Ridge Road this morning. The Women's Institute will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McCully.

J. Merritt has purchased a fine new buggy and harness.

FATAL BLOOD POISONING.

Frequently follows the use of cheap corn salves and plasters. The safest is the best and that's "Putnam's," which has a record of fifty years' success. Refuse substitutes for "Putnam's," which costs 25c. in every drug store.

CROTON.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Frank Jones, near the village of Florence, who committed suicide last week while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity.

Service was held in the church here on Sunday afternoon last. Mr. Baxter, Kent Bridge, visited friends in Dawn recently.

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