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**It Never Rains But It Pours.**

As we waddle through life, every day of the strife,  
Is dappled with sorrow or joy;  
We're wretched or gay; it's November or May,  
It's a girl when we wanted a boy.  
We weep or we laugh, we growl or we chaff,  
In the world that is all out of doors;  
Whether plowing or haying, there's truth in the saying:  
It never rains but it pours.  
If you get into trouble it's bound to come double,  
For trouble runs always in pairs;  
If you fall off a fence at your ribs' expense,  
You will certainly tumble down stairs;  
If you stub your great toe, look out for more woe,  
For your heel will be covered with sores;  
Depend upon this, be it a blow or a kiss,  
That it never rains but it pours.  
My friend and my pet, just take what you get,  
And give thanks to the Lord it's no worse,  
If your mug is all mugly, be you lovely or ugly,  
Be sure that you never aspire,  
The Hand that fished you, the Hand that chiseled you—  
It's the Hand that opens the doors;  
Silk cushions or bumps, the measles or mumps—  
It never rains but it pours!

**BOSANQUET COUNCIL.**

Council met on the 6th inst. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Gillard and others applied for a drain under the Municipal Drainage Act, and the clerk was instructed to notify the engineer.

Mr. Wight was appointed to have the McPherson drain on G. McPherson's and Wm. Brander's lots repaired and the reeve and Melville to have the Clark-Humphries drain repaired.

The following orders were given:—  
Wm. Edmunds \$3.90, repairing grader;  
Wm. Bryant \$1 for advertising for tenders for the Wilcocks drain and \$2.50 for posters closing Ridge road and ad. in paper and \$10.95 Duffus drain and postage;  
The Clerk, \$15, bylaws, etc.; A. S. Code \$52.50 survey, etc.; Duffus drain, charged to drain; the Assessor, \$65 salary and postage; Thos. Parson, \$6.75 digging township's portion of drain at con. 8; A. Burch, \$10 work; John Sercombe \$25 putting in township share Sercombe award drain and \$2.50 for tile and \$1 putting them on con. 4 road; Alfred Elliot, \$4 for tile for 27 side road in the 3rd con. and Wm. Brown, groceries for the late Mrs. Adam Kimberly.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday, the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.

The Court of Revision on the Duffus drain adjourned to meet on Monday the 20th inst., at 1 p.m.

**Tree Choppers' Contest.**

That the mere mechanical process of cutting through a tree should confer celebrity on anyone is a phenomenon in itself in the eyes of incredulous Westerners. Yet the same thing does happen in the Antipodes.

The art of using the woodman's axe is so popular and important a feature of Victoria patronizes and supports financial competitions in tree felling in the principal cities. Every competition is presided over by an official handicapper.

At the forthcoming display, in the arena of the Hippodrome, which for the occasion will present a veritable Australian bush, Harry Jackson will repeat the amazing feat that he performed last year at Melbourne of cutting through with the

axe a tree 63 inches in girth in the record time of 1 minute 30 seconds. A man of more than average physical strength would take at least an hour and a half to accomplish a similar task.

Another remarkable display, given again in Melbourne by Jackson last September, was the felling of a giant tree 63 inches in diameter in 1 minute and 30 seconds. On the same occasion he also won, in conjunction with Peter MacLaren, the double-handed sawing championship of Australia, by cutting through a tree 76 inches in circumference in the extraordinary time of 43 seconds.—London Chronicle.

**Ready on the Shelf.**

That's where you'll find "Nerville" in every well regulated household. So pleasant to take that even little children will cry for it. So certain to cure coughs, sudden colds and tight chest that thousands of bottles are used every day. Polson's Nerville does prevent illness, it does ease pain and inflammation, and by being handy will save worry and keep down the doctor bills. Large bottles sold for a quarter at all dealers.

**The Dress of Paris.**

White, used as a foundation or as the entire material of a gown, is in high favor. One sees white mouse lines with black stripes outlined by some bright color on one side, printed mouselines with small black diamonds on a white background with large pompadour flowers forming a brocade.

Lace casaque, or coats, appear everywhere, on afternoon or evening gowns, and even on house frocks. These casques are not lined; they are simply laid, as a rule, over mouse line de soie, whether they be of Irish lace, filet, chantilly, black cluny or made of French lace braid.

The general line in the shaping of garments remains the same; it is just as supple and sweeping, very degage at the neck, and the cape sleeves as simple flounces are so short that they completely reveal the character of the sleeves of the blouse beneath.

The blouse is worn slightly loose around the waist, with a buckle placed rather high in the back, and one lower in front. The new blouses or shirtwaists are in embroidered linen, broderie anglaise, guipure, all-over valenciennes, silk voile or taffeta with brilliant stripes, with the collar and cuffs in lingerie. One of the newest features is a small jabot, descending, at times, to the waist. One of the recent models is of champagne radium, with a flowing bolero, very large at the armholes, trimmed with Japanese blue-and-gold. The gumpie or tucker of cluny lace is ornamented with tiny motifs of changeable green taffeta.

Artistic buttons are very much the fashion. This is a style of ornamentation which will enliven the simplest toilette. The painted china buttons with gilt borders, and the Japanese buttons in gold and enamel, are particularly original and decorate both gowns and simple frocks.—Edward La Fontaine in the June De-lin-eator.

**The Paper and the Bull.**

An Oakland farmer found a score of men putting up telegraph poles all over his best field. He ordered the men away, but they would not go. They showed him a paper that gave them authority to put up their poles wherever they wished. The old man looked at the paper, saw it was lawful, and walked away in silence. He went to the barn and turned a savage bull into the field. The bull made for the men, the men fled at top speed, and the farmer shouted after them:

"Show him your paper! Show him your paper!"

**LOCAL OR OTHERWISE.**

**The late sheriff of Perth County** who died in Stratford on Sunday, was a native of Lambton County, having been born in the Township of Moore.

In many parts of the country farmers are ploughing up the fall wheat, which was practically ruined by the cold winds and dry weather of the past few weeks.

An acceptable change is made in the mode of taking oaths—placing the hand on the Bible instead of pressing it to the lips. The penalty remains, of course, for false statements.

**SCHOOL children in Portland, Oregon,** will take up a collection to aid Commodore Peary in his next dash for the Pole. If the children of this city would take up a collection for Mr. Hanna he might get a new hat.—News.

"But," said the lawyer, "your case seems hopeless. I don't see what I can do for you. You admit that you beat your wife." "Yes," replied the defendant, "but my wife's testimony will discount that. She'd never admit that she was beaten."

**WHAT are you doing for the town?** If you have no confidence in the growth and improvement of the town and country in which you live how on earth do you expect other people to move among you, and cause the country to develop and grow for your benefit.

**THE Dominion government has removed** the duty of 5 per cent., on wires of sizes 9, 12, 13, and this wire is now admitted free. This will be good news to the farmers as the greater part of the wire used by them will thus be cheapened. The duty was only recently imposed and those who have paid duty on such wire will have the amount refunded.

**CHAS. McLEAN,** reeve of Forest, and A. Darvill, reeve of Brooke, commissioners, let the contracts on Tuesday for the erection of two bridges on the Lambton and Middlesex townline; the cement work to Neil McEachern, of Alvinston for \$2,663; the steel work to Jinks & Dresser, of Sarnia, for \$1,340.

**LIEUT.-COL. Mackenzie** and the officers of the 1st Hussars and Army Medical Corps, No. 14, will give a military ball at the Lake Huron Park pavilion, Sarnia, on the evening of Monday, May 20. The celebrated Finney's orchestra from Detroit will supply the music. The ball will be the social event of the season.

**WILLIAM GOWALOCK,** of Appin, a trackman employed on the Grand Trunk, fell off a hand car near Alvinston on Thursday and sustained serious injuries. He was taken by train to his home and Dr. McLachlan, the company's physician, summoned. It was found that the principal injuries were to his spine, causing paralysis of the lower limbs. His recovery is doubtful.

**REGARDING occupations** the Ontario Legislature is composed as follows:—Farmers, 27; lawyers, 17; physicians, 12; merchants, 11; editors, 8; agents, 8; manufacturers, 6; contractors, 4; undertakers, 2; mechanics, 1; hotelkeepers, 1. As regards religion, the figures are:—Presbyterians, 34; Episcopalians, 30; Methodists, 20; Catholics, 11; Baptists, 2; Evangelical Association, 1.

**Ottawa the Railway Commissioners** will take up within a month or so the question of rates charged by express companies in Canada. As in the case of telephone companies, the commissioners will not wait for complaints to be laid as to excessive rates, but will require the express companies to show that the rates now being charged are justified in every way. The first sitting will probably be held in Montreal.

**THE west is a regular loadstone** these days, and the fellow who isn't going to that part to live, or on a trip, just now, almost feels lonely. We know the future of the west is assured, but there are going to be a lot of disappointed people, and there will be a return movement set in, we venture to say, that will surprise many. One of the most certain gettings of the worst of it at present, but her day will come when they come back where they can live with some comfort.—Advertiser.

It is astonishing how many old shoes, rubbers, beer bottles, newspapers, cans and other humble objects fell from the sky during the snow-storms of the past winter. If it were not for the fact that these things do not melt at the same low temperature at which snow melts, nobody would believe they were so numerous. Streets and yards are unsymmetrically bestrewn with the articles aforesaid, and as none or few of them were there last fall, they surely came from above. Many households accept this view for they seem to be following the rule, "what has been brought together, let no man put asunder."

**COUNTRY life has its drawbacks,** but it has its great advantages which overcome them. True, those who live in the country are "Rubbers" and "Farmers" and "Hayseeds" to the cigarette smokers in town, but the boast of the business men of today is, that they were born on a farm. Take away the surrounding evils that beset the young men or women on the threshold of life's journey in the city, and substitute the helpful instances of nature, and you fortify them for the sterner walks of life. The few things they do not know about etiquette, and when it is proper to leave two visiting cards and when but one, they will catch out much quicker than city boys and girls will learn to properly stoke the furnace or make good bread. No boy or girl need be ashamed of living on the farm, for if they have taken advantage of what it has offered they are well fortified for after life.

**Medicine Hat, May 10.**—It is now thought that the losses to ranchers during the recent storms will not be as serious as was anticipated. Hundreds of cattle drifted over into Montana before the severe weather, and were generously cared for by the stockmen there. One local rancher alone secured eighty head in this way.

**The Cost of Paper.**

The consuming public is so used to receiving the information that every kind of raw material has been advanced in price by those who control the supply, that buyers of printing will not be greatly surprised to learn that nearly all kinds of paper have been advanced in price from 8 to 10 per cent. One pulp board receiver notice that another week that all book papers have advanced; then comes notification that coated or enameled papers have been raised in price; that cardboard stock is on the incline and that print paper is to be elevated a notch. This demand for advanced prices in the cost of paper must necessarily fall upon the consumer at large, for the printer has already all the burdens he can possibly carry in the general advance of labor and supplies. Buyers of printing may, therefore, reasonably look for an increased cost in all kinds of printed matter; and the duplication of orders at former prices is scarcely to be expected to continue.

**Ekfrid Farmers Sued by Standard Bank.**

Glencoe, May 7.—In a case before Judge Elliott at Glencoe today ten farmers of the township of Ekfrid were sued by the Standard Bank. The bank holds notes made by these farmers for the amount of \$20 each in favor of the Farmers' Mfg. & Supply Co. of Durham. The defendants claim that the notes had been obtained by fraud and that no value had been received by them. In one of the cases the claims were non-suited, in the others judgment was reserved.

**Thrown From Horse.**

Petrolia, May 9.—Mr. John P. McMillan, while riding a fiery steed down the main thoroughfare of this town, had an unpleasant experience yesterday. The horse, which was of a mettlesome disposition, was evidently not accustomed to spurs, becoming a little fractious just opposite the G. T. R. station. Mr. McMillan was compelled to use the spurs, with the result that the excited animal became quite unmanageable. Mr. McMillan was thrown on the pavement, but fortunately escaped with a slight cut.

**Spain's Queen Gave Birth to a Son.**

Madrid, May 10.—The queen has given birth to a boy. The whole city went wild with enthusiasm as soon as it was announced that the first-born of the king and queen was a boy, and dense crowds surged around the palace for hours shouting, wildly waving hands and handkerchiefs and hats, and in every way displaying intense loyalty to the royal family and the keenest satisfaction that the royal mother had given them a man-child to inherit his father's throne in the fulness of time.

**Manitoba Seeding.**

Brandon, Man., May 9.—Seeding is now in full swing in the Brandon district, and the farmers are rushing the work with might and main. The weather this week has been favorable for getting on the land and with a continuance of the fine weather the wheat should be all in a short time. The acreage may be a little under last year, but it is doubtful, and the outlook is one for encouragement. On the experimental farm, wheat was sown yesterday afternoon. The oats will be sown in one week. Gardens are being plowed very generally.

**BUSINESS CHANCES TODAY.**

**Opportunities Still Await Those Qualified to Grasp Them.**

Opportunity is the watchword of the enterprising business man, whose principles today are, generally speaking, radically different from the progressive, perhaps, than those which were current before the birth of the combinations that have made of men "captains of industry." Naturally, an employer expects that the new workman shall have the enthusiasm to do more and better than his predecessor. In other words, the dominant qualification of a new man should be initiative. To do a thing right at the right time sometimes may be called luck; more often, however, it is the result of intelligent initiative. Push and perseverance will bring the price, young man, just as surely as prosperity and poverty are the negative poles of our existence.

We hear the spirit of progress call aloud: "Give the young man a chance." And back comes the echo: "The arteries of industry need young blood for the nourishment that means prosperity." Go into the counting house, the manufactory, the mine, the mill, or travel on the railroad or the steamship—everywhere, in fact—and you will see proof that the majority of workers are men less than 45 years of age. And yet we hear that the opportunities for the young man today are less than a decade ago.—Michigan Tradesman.

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If physicians dared to be frank and open, hundreds of them would acknowledge that they constantly prescribe Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in severe cases of female ills, as they know by experience it can be relied upon to effect a cure. The following letter proves it.

Dr. S. C. Brigham, of 4 Brigham Park, Fitchburg, Mass., writes:

"It gives me great pleasure to say that I have found Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound very efficacious, and often prescribe it in my practice for female difficulties. My oldest daughter found it very beneficial for female trouble some time ago, and my youngest daughter is now taking it for a female weakness, and is surely gaining in health and strength. I freely advocate it as a most reliable specific in all diseases to which women are subject, and give it honest endorsement."

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, bloating (or flatulence,) weakness of organs, displacements, inflammation or ulceration can be restored to perfect health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If advice is needed, write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. She is daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years has been advising sick women free of charge. No other living person has had the benefit of a wider experience in treating female ills. She has guided thousands to health. Every suffering woman should ask for and follow her advice if she wants to be strong and well.

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FRUITS IN SEASON.

**S. E. THOMPSON.**

Dresden is excited over the discovery of oil in that vicinity. A number of test wells will be put down.