

A Pioneer's Story.

WILLIAM HEMSTREET'S HEALTH RENEWED AT SEVENTY.

He Was Afflicted with Illness for a Long Period, and Thought His Days of Usefulness were Past—He is Again as Hearty, and Robust as He Was Twenty Years Ago.

From the Free Press, Acton, Ont.

No man is better known to the people of the counties of Halton and Wellington than William Hemstreet, a pioneer and much esteemed resident of Acton. Mr. Hemstreet is a native of this country, having been born in Trafalgar township in 1817. In his younger days Mr. Hemstreet conducted a tanning business. He subsequently engaged in the droving and butchering business, and some twenty-five years ago, owing to his superior knowledge of the value of live stock, he took out a license as an auctioneer. In this calling he became at once popular and he was constantly on the road, driving in all kinds of weather, holding auction sales several days a week. Although possessing a strong, healthy constitution, the continued exposure and hard work of selling some days for six or eight hours at a stretch, he gradually lost his strength and vigor, and about three years ago found himself a collapsed and worn-out man. In conversation with a reporter of the Free Press he said:—"I felt that my days of usefulness were over. My strength had departed, my voice was gone, I was to weak to do work of any kind and I was undeniably useless to myself or any one else. My symptoms were peculiar and baffled several of the best local physicians, who differed very much in their diagnosis. I took their medicines faithfully but no improvement resulted. I did not suffer much pain but was a very sick man. Had no appetite, no strength, could not sleep, and both myself and my friends concluded that my days on earth were numbered and that my worn-out system would in a very short time lie down in eternal rest. I had to give up all my business interests." When Mr. Hemstreet's condition was most serious his attention was attracted by the published testimonial of Rev. Mr. Freeman, a minister with whom he was personally acquainted, relating to his restoration to health after using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He was particularly impressed with this testimonial and concluded that these pills must possess singular merit and healing power or Rev. Mr. Freeman would not lend his name to their approbation. Mr. Hemstreet then decided to give them a trial; he first got one box, then three, then half a dozen, and took them regularly. No very marked effects, he says, were noticeable but with characteristic persistence he purchased a further supply. By the time twelve or thirteen boxes had been taken, he felt that new blood was coursing through his veins; that he possessed new vigor and was able to perform all the duties his business calls demanded. "For a year I continued to take the pills," he said. "I knew I was regaining my old time strength and good health and I was determined the cure should be complete and permanent, and I give them the credit for making me the new man I feel myself to be to-day. As evidence that my recovery is complete I have only to state that this spring I have conducted a number of auction sales in the open air with perfect ease and with entire satisfaction to my clients.

"I am as much averse to making personal matters public as any one could possibly be, yet my long continued illness was so widely known and my recovery has been so marked and satisfactory that I feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to the simple but effective remedy which cured me, and this is why I thus acknowledge it, as well as to show to those who are up in years and in ill-health what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me."

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News Summary

The association of German celluloid manufacturers has decided to abstain from exhibiting at the Paris Exposition.

Lord Kelvin, in a lecture in London, stated that as a result of recent investigations it was estimated that the earth had been the abode of life for about thirty million years.

A barn at Enniskillen station, owned by Charles Mooney, and containing a large quantity of hay, oats, farming implements, bobbeds, etc., was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

The French minister of war has decided to direct the work of the intelligence department Sept. 15. It will be exclusively military hereafter, taking no part in the police or espionage services.

At Sedalia, Mo., on Wednesday, Mrs. J. M. Williams saturated the clothing of herself and two-months-old babe with oil and then set fire to the garments. Mother and child were burned to death.

Newcastle Advocate: The shooting season has opened in earnest. Nearly every train brings one American or more who are prepared to go into the wilds of the Miramichi in search of moose or caribou.

The home office has granted permission for the proposed demonstration in Hyde Park, London, next Sunday, to express sympathy with Dreyfus and to appeal to France to do him justice. Twenty-one platforms will be erected.

Walter Wellman, the leader of the Polar expedition, has undergone the first surgical operation in London for straightening his right leg, which was seriously injured by falling into a snowcovered crevasse in the Arctic regions.

The customs returns for the port of Montreal for August show that exports amounted to \$9,862,470, compared with \$5,906,971 for the same period last year. This increase of nearly four millions has never been excelled in the history of the Dominion.

A delegation from Chicago waited on the Governor General and Premier Laurier at Quebec on Tuesday and extended to them an invitation to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Chicago post office. Sir Wilfrid accepted, but Lord Minto postponed his answer.

A sad and fatal accident occurred at West Quaco on Saturday. Mr. Herbert Mosher went to bring in his bull, and the animal turned on him and gored and trampled him in such a shocking manner that he only lived three hours.

The death is announced at Ava, N. Y., of Hiram Cronk, aged 99, the last surviving soldier of the war of 1812, and the oldest pensioner of the United States. Mr. Cronk served for forty days in the fall of 1814, in the militia, and survived the close of the war eighty-four years.

The conference on the uses and abuses of trusts and combinations began at Chicago on Wednesday with less than half the delegates appointed by the various States in attendance. New York whose delegates were headed by W. Bourke Cockran, and Wisconsin were most numerously represented.

Chatham World: In the death of his daughter, Minnie, last week, Mr. Wm. Cherry lost the last of ten children, eight girls and two boys, most of whom died after having arrived at manhood and womanhood, and now he is alone in the world. It is a very sad case, and Mr. Cherry feels his position keenly, alone in the home which wife and children once made happy.

The confederation scheme of the Australian colonies has been formally adopted by New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria. Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania have not yet settled the question. The acceptance of the scheme by three colonies is sufficient for its formation. The imperial Parliament will probably sanction the union at its next session.

John Dibblee, brother of Beverly Dibblee, of the C. P. R. train service, and a native of Norton, Kings county, has returned from Dawson City. He went into the Klondike country last year and came out by way of Atlin in the spring. He has a fine collection of small Klondike nuggets. He thinks the Klondike gold will be exhausted in a year or two.

Two members of the Cincinnati, O. fire department and a child of four years were killed by gases in a vault Monday afternoon. Munroe Dent, aged four, fell into the vault in the rear of his father's house on Clinton street, and the fire department was appealed to for aid. Thos. Bland and Harry Heinsheimer were suffocated by the gases in trying to rescue the child.

Capt. Bailey, of the Manchester Trader, from Liverpool, reports that on Wednesday last he passed the American schooner Era, from New Bedford, flying

signals of distress. A boat's crew was sent on board and found that the captain was ill and seriously in need of medical assistance. The Era was fourteen days out from Hudson's Bay, where she had been frozen in the ice twenty-seven months.

The post office department has been advised by the imperial authorities that the Canadian reply post card will be recognized in England if bearing a two-cent stamp. There is no two-cent reply post card issued by the Dominion department, and it will therefore be necessary for parties desiring to use this class of communication to affix a one-cent stamp on each card. On and after October 1st the suburban rate of one cent per ounce will be abolished and the letter rate made uniformly two cents for the whole of Canada.

A despatch to the New York World from Hong Kong says: Advice that were sent here to avoid Otis's censorship at Manila, bearing date of Sept. 7, say: Gen. Joseph Wheeler only obtained an assignment to active duty after a serious dispute with Gen. Otis, who wanted to sidetrack the veteran fighter by sending him to some obscure place in the southern islands. Gen. Wheeler now declares that he will apply for permission to return to the United States soon unless there is some change in the management of affairs in the Philippines. An Association styling itself the Filipino Liberating Society, has applied for permission to organize in Manila with Gen. Otis as the president. The general has declined to pledge himself in the matter, but thought it might be possible to forward to operations of the association. According to private letters received within the American lines, several of the rebel colonies and two of Aguinaldo's brigadiers intend to allow themselves to be captured when the United States attack Tarlac, because they are tired of retreating. The world correspondent has the names of these discontented Filipino officers, but to publish them would betray them to the vengeance of Aguinaldo.

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, has written a letter to a friend on the Transvaal situation, in which he declares that the only sensible course for Englishmen to take is to trust in Joseph Chamberlain, who is now on trial before the nation and the world. "If," Sir Henry writes, "these complications and wearisome iterations and unceasing repetitions will not soon terminate they must soon pass to the next Government, and Mr Chamberlain will have then proved no better than the mediocrities who make Krugerism possible. 'The British nation also is on trial before the world, and if we shrink from compelling that irascible old man in the Transvaal to deal justly with our countrymen, we shall sink below zero in the estimation of the world, and the decline of our influence and authority in South Africa will be hastened.'"

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