

THE HURON SIGNAL  
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EARLY RISING.

There are fewer subjects, perhaps, which have been more written upon by lovers of hygiene than early rising. Authors have depicted in glowing terms the benefits to be derived from taking an early leave of the couch of slumber, and many a conversion to the much lauded habit (often, alas, to turn out to be a case of backsliding to drowsiness and dallying) has been effected by a perusal of the gospel of early rising.

We have different classes of early risers. There is the old enthusiast, who as he takes his morning "duck" chatters and shivers with martyr-like patience, only to break out into a pean of praise on the benefits of a cold water bath as he briskly rubs his glowing chest with a crash towel. He dresses quickly, seizes his stick, and is off for a walk. The sun has a little more than risen, the morning is raw, and if you accompany him you can perhaps feel the keen morning breeze penetrate to your very marrow. But he is jubilant, and his swinging stride tells how he enjoys his walk. He dilates upon the advantages of early rising, and declares that it is appetizing and strengthens the stomach. You have a sense of the most utter emptiness in that region, and you believe him. When he proposes a little run, "Just to help circulation, you know," you acquiesce, and off he goes like a race-horse; and when, panting and puffing, you again come up with him, he laughingly informs you that you look "pumped out," and remarks that a spurt before breakfast is just the thing to develop the wind. And when you return to your home, limp and languid, too hungry to eat and too tired to find rest, his cheery voice assures you that if you only hold out for a week or two you will overcome any aversion to a fine walk every day at sunrise.

There is another class who rise early—those who are abroad for their morning dram. There are none up earlier. The parched tongue and the feverish brain have roused the tippler from his bed, and, crumpled and shaky, he is on his way to the nearest bar. But there is no swinging stride, no healthful glow, no sparkling eye. He is out because it is torture to remain abed.

And there is the invalid, who has been tossing restlessly upon his bed all the long night. Daylight brings to him a feeling of relief, and when the first rays of the sun peep into his chamber window he is up, and muffled well, is out for a short walk. He, too, has a stick, but he leans heavily upon it, and his pace is slow and uncertain. The morning walk is to him more potent than any sleeping draught, and when he returns he can perhaps get a snatch of the sleep which he sought in vain during the night.

Then there is the spasmodic early riser. He has just read some work upon the benefits of early walks and the folly of lying late abed, and he has determined to get up at peep of day, and closely observe all the rules. He is off now, and is louder in his praises of these maternal exercises than even the old enthusiast whom we have just seen. He has all the fervor of a new convert, and is actually abusing those of his more lazy acquaintances who failed to get up at his solicitations. We follow him for a few days, and we see him faithfully attempting to carry out his good purposes. But as time goes on his flags. His hours of rising grow later, and at last we miss his familiar form amongst those who are early abroad. Let us go to his room. Hark! He is snoring, sound asleep. Call him. Ah, he is too drowsy to be fully aroused; but as he turns himself over in the sheets you can perhaps catch the sluggard's well-worn remark: "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep."

But the breakfast bell is ringing. We have had our walk and have written this article. And perhaps our readers are glad that the bell has rung, and that we have stopped short rather than be late for breakfast.

In another column we publish the comments of our exchanges upon the appearance of THE HURON SIGNAL under its new management. It is from no mere feeling of vanity that we invite the attention of our readers to these extracts. Of course we rejoice that our conferees, irrespective of political predilections, have so flatteringly alluded to us, but we ask our friends to read them in order that they may see that we have made no empty boast in declaring our intention of making THE SIGNAL one of the best papers in the Province.

At what point will fast trotting have reached its climax? When Flora Temple trotted a mile in 2:19 1/2 minutes her name was announced; and when Dexter covered the same distance in 2:17 1/2 it was thought that the limit to speedy trotting had been reached. But a few weeks ago St. Julien passed under the wire in 2:11 1/2 and now the crowning victory of the turf has been won by Mand S., who on Saturday last made a mile in the surprising time of 2:10. Will this touch the two minutes?

THAT TOWN CLOCK.

About three years ago the question of a town clock was mooted in Goderich. Some two years since the subject was taken up by the Council, and a Committee was appointed to attend to the matter. In March last the Council accepted the contract of Messrs. Howard & Co., of Boston and New York, to place in the Court House tower a first-class clock, similar to that which adorns the Toronto Post-office, and complete in every particular, with 8-feet dials, fire alarm attachment, and requiring to be wound but once a week. The price to be paid was \$1,130. This sum was afterward supplemented by \$20, so that the extra duty, involved by the operation of the N. P., might be met; and \$30 additional was to be paid the Howard Co. to put in a connecting attachment between the Fire Hall and the Court House alarm.

As before, stated, the contract was awarded in March last, but Goderich still wants the Town Clock. True, the bell has arrived, and lies at the G. T. R. Station, but the remainder of the apparatus has not yet left the Boston factory. Shortly after the letting of the contract the Howard Co. wrote to the Council to have the measurements for the works made, but our Town Fathers declined to act in the premises, as they had let the contract, and wished to have nothing more to do in the matter except to accept a finished job. The Company then sent an employee to take the measurements, and the work was understood to be progressing satisfactorily until the following letter was received by the Clerk of the Council, about two weeks since:—

New York, Sept. 6, 1880.  
Jas. Thomson, Town Clerk, Goderich, Ont.  
DEAR SIR:—Your council think we are very slow in filling contract for clock and bell made last summer through Mr. Shaw, but we could not act properly in the premises until we could get a proper measurement and plan of the place that the clock was to go in. Mr. Prescott writes that there will be a great deal of trouble in adapting a clock and bell to the place, as it was never intended for such a purpose. If we removed the lattice or blinds, and put dials in their place, it will leave no opening where the sound can come out. If we put up 8 feet dials they will project 18 inches on each side. There is not fall sufficient to run the clock one week unless we put on an enormous amount of weight, but can get along comfortably if you agree to wind it twice each week. If you want the dials white with black figures and hands we must know at once. We want to do the best we can with a hard job, and to avoid future misunderstanding. We want you to appreciate the difficulties before we finish our work.  
Yours respectfully,  
E. HOWARD & Co.

The above epistle tells its own story, and needs little comment. It says in effect that the Howard Co. rue their bargain, and would like to obtain a nice bill of extras in addition to the original estimated cost. The Company also want the Council to "appreciate" the "difficulties" in the work, and thus lay a foundation, as it were, for a claim for extras. Failing in this direction, the Howard Co. would prefer to furnish an inferior clock to that originally contracted for—one that would require to be wound twice a week.

The proposition was exceedingly cool, but it was treated as it deserved to be by the Clock Committee, who instructed the Clerk to inform Messrs. Howard & Co. that no deviation from the original contract would be tolerated. The members of the Committee are thorough business men, and will, we believe, keep a watchful eye upon the clock firm over in the land of basswood hams and wooden nutmegs, and see to it that no inferior article is foisted upon the people of Goderich.

ABOUT the 1st of August last, Mr. John Scobie, an experienced salt manufacturer from Seaford, purchased the Dominion Salt Company's well on Maitland and Britannia street, and he will shortly begin to manufacture salt on a large scale. He proposes turning out from 30,000 to 50,000 barrels per annum, and will employ on an average, about twenty-five men. His works are located on the opposite side of the street from the G. T. R. station, and it is necessary that a switch should be built into his yard. In order to do so, permission will have to be obtained from the Town Council to cross Maitland street, and to run the switch along the side of that street for a short distance. We understand Mr. Scobie has petitioned the Council to have this done, and as the building of the switch is necessary to facilitate work for an industry which is certainly in the interest of the town, we trust the prayer of Mr. Scobie's petition will be granted when the matter comes before the Council.

OUR correspondent "Citizen," in another column, draws attention to the actions of a certain class of persons who at present infest the counties of Huron and Bruce. That "Citizen" is right in his estimate of these worthies, we can unhesitatingly vouch. And knowing the lying propensities and dishonesty of these fellows it has always been a matter of surprise to us that the farming community are so glibly as to allow themselves to be bitten by them. No shoddy peddler is an honest man; and if any of our readers deal with these gentry he will find what we say to be true, to his cost. Show us a shoddy peddler, and we will show you a rogue of the worst stripe.

Chas. Livingston, the man who started to fast forty-two days after completing nine days had to give up. His wife was said to have committed suicide and he found her in convulsions; supposed to be a trick.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributors to the department must signify their desire to publish questions, and be brief.

THE BONUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Huron Signal.  
DEAR SIGNAL:—In looking over your report of the Town Council last week, I see a letter from Mr. Kidd, of Dublin, withdrawing his application for the \$20,000 bonus. I must say that the so-called reasons he gives for so doing seem to me a little childish. He has found out, it seems, that there are some jealous minded persons in Goderich, and they do not want him to get a bonus. Surely Mr. Kidd did not expect that every person would, without question, give the amount asked for, especially as the practice of giving bonuses by good money thought to be wrong in principle. There were some who correctly thought the amount asked was out of proportion to the number of men to be employed, which was, I think, only fifty; then again, the fact that it would give Mr. Kidd a very great advantage over many others who have for years been engaged in the same business, and who have very largely invested, and that without bonus. Now, sir, surely these and many other facts, in connection with this subject ought to be considered. And it was not likely to be done without a good deal of talk and some opposition. But what ever Mr. Kidd's opinion may have been, I have reason to believe that the rate-payers of this town would have met the proposition of Mr. Kidd in a fair and liberal spirit, and willingly by their vote have given to him such a bonus as should have satisfied him, had he not withdrawn it. But if it is for his profit not to build here of course that ends the matter. My main reason for troubling you with this article is to counteract the impression that would naturally be made upon the minds of those at a distance, by Mr. Kidd's letter to the Council, that we are a narrow minded, jealous set of folk. Such is not the case, as I know that the rate-payers of this town are willing to vote a good bonus to any enterprising person or persons starting a good industry and giving the necessary assurances as to permanence and the number of hands to be employed. Of course, we would rather have some industry started that would not conflict so much with those already started and run by private enterprise.  
Yours &c.  
R. H. PATEY.  
Goderich, Sept 21, 1880.

SHODDY PEDDLERS.

To the Editor of The Signal.  
DEAR SIR:—Will you be kind enough to allow me a small space in your valuable paper, to give denial to statements made in respect of the town of Goderich, and surrounding country, by Shoddy Peddlers. These men have been telling those whom they try to sell goods to, that nearly all the business men who deal in dry goods in this town, have bought goods from them. Now, this is as false as it can be. There is not a dry-goods man in the world who has bought one dollar's worth of goods from these peddlers. If shoddy goods are wanted, they can be got much cheaper than shoddy peddlers will sell them. I think it should be about time that the public had their eyes open to the fact that these peddlers are cheating them, by selling shoddy for sound goods. I have had the privilege more than once of examining the class of goods sold to shoddy peddlers, also goods sold by them, and in every case the cloths they sell are not worth making up. If farmers and others will buy goods from these people they must note on the goods of the goods themselves, and not on the opinion that these lying scamps say that business men have passed upon them. Do not be deceived by men who have to call respectable business men to their assistance to sell their trash, by using their names. They have the same old story to tell that has been told so often before, that some ship has been wrecked, and that they have been unusually fortunate in securing a great quantity of damaged goods, which enables them to sell so cheap. It is rather a strange thing that no persons but shoddy peddlers get out about shipwrecked vessels containing damaged goods. Some two years ago this part of the country was infested with a batch of these benefactors; with the same tale (damaged goods), and people who bought from them have some of their goods yet, not made up, for the trimmings would cost more than the goods would be worth made up. If these men sold honest goods, at honest prices, they need not peddle to do business. If those wanting goods would buy from retail storekeepers in the locality in which they live, they would fare better in the end than buying from shoddy peddlers. Thanking you for the space you have allowed me  
I am yours truly,  
CITIZEN.  
Goderich, 20th Sept, 1880.

DISHONORABLE TEACHERS.

To the Editor of The Huron Signal.  
SIR,—As the time is now almost at hand when teachers will be looking for schools, and trustees engaging teachers, I should like to call attention to a practice, to say the least a dishonorable one, which has existed among a certain class of teachers for some time, and is now, to all appearances, on the increase. I allude to the artifice which unprincipled teachers adopt to undermine others of the same profession in their positions, and supplant them by unfair means. It is not unusual during a teacher's absence in the holidays, for the trustees of his school to receive applications from men who offer to teach at a lower salary than their present teacher is getting, and in other ways practise upon the credulity of the trustees in order to obtain the school. Some trustees are only too ready to listen to teachers of this sort, and even to engage them under such circumstances; but to their credit be it said, that many of them believe that men who do not observe the most common principles of honor towards their fellow-teachers, will not be very likely to prove faithful instructors of their youth.  
There has been a good deal said lately by those in authority, and through the

press, as to the making of the teaching profession an honorable one, but the subject upon which I now write is rarely discussed. Thinking, therefore, that I speak the mind of the majority of my fellow-teachers, and knowing that they will join me in my very mild denunciation of such characters, as I have described, I do not think I have done any thing amiss in bringing it before the public. I believe the motto "Honor among thieves" to be a good one, and only wish that it could be introduced into the teaching profession more extensively, and the substance of it as strictly observed there as in other professions where honor is not generally supposed to dwell as a cardinal virtue. Thanking you for your space.  
I remain, yours, &c.  
DOMINER.  
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