

LUESTOCKING CENSORSHIP OF BOOKS SEEN AS ANOTHER MOVE TO HELP U. S. TRADE

Local Dealers Oppose Proposed "Morality Department" Control of Lending Libraries in Ontario.

The proposal of the National Council of Women for a morality department to control the books circulated by the lending libraries in the province is just another move to help the United States...

Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

April Fool! Neither the gas tax nor the new beer is effective yet.

Perhaps the biggest April fool joke was played on the "winners" of Joy Week prizes.

East Collegiate students gave program in French, although it may have sounded all Greek to some.

Pastor says world's greatest shortage is love. He's never seen our park benches on a summer night.

Even the modern dance floor would disprove the statement that there is a shortage of love.

OSWALD, he's so dumb he thinks that a paradox is a couple of wharves.

It's the farthest hope of our hero that Good Friday doesn't fall on a Sunday.

All people who have been held up by taxi men will rejoice to know that a Galt driver has to pay a judgment of \$12,500.

Another idea of an April fool is a man who changes to B. V. D.'s the first of this month.

Cigars and candy will be looked upon with as much suspicion to-day as Hon. Mr. Biggs.

Apple-testing station is urged. Is this an effort to keep all the doctors away?

Crossword uniform for city sanitary inspectors is proposed. Some puzzle fans will absent-mindedly start working on his back.

OUR DAILY PUZZLE. What will the girls start rolling pretty soon. Nine letters, so it can't be dice.

Cats are being stolen and sold for nothing more than advance. We suggest that thieves visit our neighbor's some night.

Every night we're puzzled whether we're awake by a feline chorus or the radio next door.

WISE OLD ABE observes that a picture of health requires a happy frame of mind.

The man who gets by on his looks doesn't get very far.

The height of ignorance is sitting up all night because the washwoman has your pyjamas.

What we need is not more schools for the deaf and dumb, but more schools for the dumb.

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SICK CHINA MAN LONGS FOR HOME

Lee Gong, T. B. Victim, Begged City For Help.

GOES TO SANATORIUM Fellow Countrymen Said To Have Denied Appeals.

Lee Gong, a member of the Chinese colony of the city is suffering from tuberculosis and he has appealed to the city for funds to take him back to his native land.

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G. N. R. BRANCH IS NOT MARKETABLE

Opinion of H. E. Wittenberger, Ontario Lines Manager.

MICHIGAN SENATE PLAN Declares in Interview That Business Is Improving.

The acquisition of the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee branch of the Grand Trunk by the State of Michigan, which is being considered by the Michigan Senate at present, is a dead issue.

The provision of the original charter, which granted the right of purchase, had long been abrogated and there is no possibility of its being revived.

Industrial conditions reflected in the heavy freight shipments of the last few months show an increase over last year.

The shipments across the border from the Michigan lines have been particularly heavy at the present time, according to the report of Mr. Wittenberger.

Mr. Wittenberger was traveling through to Montreal in his special car on the noon train.

LESS BIRTHS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEAR

Total of 1925's First Three Months Shows Decrease.

MORE INFANT BOYS Marriages Decreased, Death Rate Remains Low.

Although the birth rate for the Dominion of Canada is said to be declining, such decline is not very marked in London.

Marriages also are on the decrease. There were 27 marriages recorded in London in March of last year, as compared with 25 for March of this year.

LIVE COONS "OFFERED" FOR SALE ON MARKET

Even Staid Produce Center Succumbs To Spirit of the Day.

Live coons are an oddity. In fact this kind of animal ranks among the chief centers of interest at the Springbank zoo.

Market visitors to-day were attracted by a large-sized box with slats affixed on one side and bearing the letter "C" on the other.

FUNERAL OF WM. THOMPSON.—The funeral of William J. Thompson, whose death occurred on Thursday, was held from his late residence, 908 Wilford street, to Woodland cemetery.

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East London Collegiate Pupils Present French Festival



By The Free Press Photographer. For many weeks the students studying French at the East End high rehearsed for the unique entertainment which was given entirely in French yesterday afternoon.

April First Recalls When Patriarch Noah Used Dove As Scout

Nonreturn of First Messenger Credited With Origin of Day Set Aside For the Perpetration of Practical Jokes.

"The first of April, some do say, is set apart for All Fool's Day; But why people call it so, Nor I nor they themselves, do know."

Thus goes the old rhyme regarding that one great day of the year set apart and consecrated to the playing of practical jokes on friends and neighbors, sending them on fool's errands, tricking them and doing ludicrous things.

Today is April Fool's Day, when one half of London is suspecting the other of being up to some trickery.

The origin of April Fool's Day and its meaning are much in dispute. It is considered a day of bad luck and superstitions will not do this nor will they do that for fear that the wrath of the fates should descend upon them for many months to come.

The old rhyme above quoted first came to light in 1760, in "Poor Robin's Almanac," in the old country, and it is still in vogue.

As true to-day as it was then. Others claim that April Fool's Day first came into existence at the time of Noah and the ark.

However, to-day is April Fool's Day, and it is a day of catastrophe and seriousness.

In England, April Fool's Day did not come into common practice until the late thirteenth century.

Some few days later, it is alleged, the plaintiff was evicted.

SEVENTY CANVASSES FOR LIBRARY EXHIBIT Will Be Put on Exhibition During Month of April.

Some 70 canvasses, the work of the leading Canadian artists, were received at the library this morning in preparation for the all-Canadian art exhibit which opens at that institution on Friday.

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ALD. BOTTRILL EXPLAINS POSITION ON RAZING OF EMPRESS AVENUE SCHOOL

EGERTON STREET CHOIR GAVE FINE CONCERT One of the Most Successful Concerts in History of Church.

The musical concert presented at the Egerton Street Baptist Church last night, under the direction of L. G. Starling, organist and choir leader, was one of the most successful in the history of the congregation.

Not only were the individual numbers outstanding, from the point of view of quality and execution, but the concert was featured with an unique patriotic tableau which, in itself, was a worthwhile entertainment.

The tableau dealt with the history of the British flag. English members supported the cross of St. George, the Scotch members the cross of St. Andrew and the Irish members the cross of St. Patrick.

Other features of the program were numbers by the male quartet, including "Warrior Bold," the Scotch, "Campbells Are Coming," and the Irish, "The Minstrel Boy."

Western Fair Board President Scores Aldermanic Meddling. LIUET. SCRUBY SUSPENDED Alleged Petition Circulated Asking Council Ruling.

President J. H. Saunders, of the Western Fair Board, and a former alderman, scores members of the City Council for preparing to entertain a petition for the reinstatement of Lieut. S. Scruby, who was suspended for a period of five days by Fire Chief Aitken for alleged mistake in taking a fire alarm.

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WOULD HOLD TAX SALE. — In hopes of holding a tax sale in Middlesex in 1925, all municipalities have been invited by Capt. Tom Robson, county treasurer, to furnish him by April 8, a list of all uncollected taxes.

Hands are brains. Most loyal servants. There is very little about an individual which does not tell some story to the student of character analysis.

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WORLD ADVANCES

Harris points out that the present is nothing more than advance of the times. He asserts that the sum of literature swings from one man to the other and that it used to be a man who was socially ostracized, the swing has gone the other way in a few years will go back to the old.

is purely a matter of local opinion. "The class of books on hand reads entirely with literature in the school and the home and try to ban certain books. As sure as to-day is told he can't have a thing he is going to be banned from libraries he is going some place he can get it.

Library Association MEETS IN TORONTO

Coming annual meeting of the Library Association, which is held on Easter Monday and Tuesday at the Public Library, Toronto, is unusually interesting.

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