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Note and Comment

Stop and let the train go by,
Twill only take a minute,
Your car starts out again, intact,
And better still, you're in it.

Canada has one mile of railway to every two hundred and twenty persons, a larger mileage in proportion to population than any other country.

A lady friend of mine asked if she knew the nature of an oath. "Well I ought to," she replied, "We have just moved and my husband put up the stove pipes."

A Canonsburg, Pa., man lost his watch 14 years ago, while he was plowing. Last week a woman on his farm found the timepiece in a big potato she was peeling.

"Every modern girl should have a chaperon," says a writer in a morning paper. We would go further and recommend three chaperons, working eight-hour shifts.

A woman told a police magistrate that six months ago her husband went out, saying that he was going for a shave, and she has seen nothing of him since. We welcome this protest against the way barbers keep you waiting.

Coney Island had a new kind of hot dog this season. The "dog" is encased in dough and baked together. On an average day at Coney Island 100,000 hot dogs are consumed. Many of the hot dog concessionaires make enough during the Coney season to live in comfort the rest of the year.

A farmer near Orangeville was offered \$21,000 for 2,000 pounds of ginseng which he has ready for sale. Several other farmers in that vicinity have ginseng under cultivation and it is expected two tons will be sold. The high price is due to the war in China.

As a result of the amalgamation of the Clinton New Era with the News-Record, the town of Clinton, like many other centres in Ontario, has but one newspaper now. The New Era has been published continuously for over 40 years. High overhead is the cause of the amalgamation.

The small town weekly newspaper will always be a welcome visitor to thousands, performing a mission separate entirely from that of the great daily. Its paragraphs are like "the pies our mothers used to make"—they touch the right spot. Are you sending the Guide-Advocate to your absent son, daughter or friend. They'll appreciate it.

An Ottawa despatch states that the recent bank mergers are certain to be the subject of discussion at the next session of Parliament, and foreshadows a move for the providing of credit facilities through smaller banks, if not for a state bank. This is confirmation of our statement a few weeks ago that "if the process of amalgamation continues, it is easy to foresee a public demand for direct Government ownership or control of banks."

When you get a little gloomy about business, just recall how one of the directors of a big business turned the tide of thought by asking another director this question: "Can you tell how far a dog can run into the woods?" The young director appeared disgusted with such a question, and he answered abruptly, "He can run into the woods as far as he likes." "No," said the older director, "when he has run into the woods half way, he is running out of the woods." And this is exactly what we business men are doing today—we are on the last lap of a long and lonely trail out of the woods, and if this is not encouraging enough, bring on a better illustration.

"Somehow, I never seem to be able to find things where I lay them," remarked the hen.

If you happen to spill candle grease or hot fat on your clothes, remove as much of it as possible with a spoon, but don't use a knife or you may injure the fabric. Then get a hot iron, place a piece of blotting paper over the grease spot and iron over it. The grease will leave the cloth and soak in to the blotting paper. Care must be taken to use the iron not too hot, or you risk burning the cloth.

Loose gravel on the roads is responsible for many automobile accidents, sometimes with serious or even fatal results. All drivers are aware of the danger of running into loose gravel, but often are unable to discern it in time, and come upon it suddenly at ordinary speed, with the result that the car swerves, and then anything may happen. Gravel roads will always be with us and their repair will be necessary with the same material, but more care might be taken in spreading it than is usually the case, and at least on the main roads is should be rolled. If it were made compulsory to mark the approach to these newly-laid stretches of loose gravel, by distinctive road signs or red lights at night, that would be a step in the direction of safety through which many accidents might be averted.

MUSICAL COPS

(A movement is afoot to teach New York policemen to sing.—News item.)

A man of much tenacity
And utmost perspicacity
Once had the wild audacity
To teach some cops to sing.

And they, with much impunity,
Well knowing their immunity,
Went forth in the community
To make the welkin ring.

They sang in woeful aria,
Of desolate Bulgaria;
And cream cheese and malaria,
In nine assorted keys.

And while together they did roar
And spill grand opera by the score,
Some thieves ransacked a jewelry store
With much dispatch and ease.

L'envoie.
Prince, in accents both woebegone
and doleful,
In tones that border close upon the
soulful,

We rise to ask that music be suspended
Until the crooks are safely apprehended.

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Lower Price for Sugar

A marked reduction in the price of sugar is anticipated by officials of the Dominion Sugar Company at Chatham.

The sugar market, it is pointed out, is in a weakened condition at the present time. The Ontario beet crop is unusually heavy. A tremendous sugar beet crop has been harvested in Europe, and considerable cane sugar is available in Cuba.

"With these conditions existing the price of sugar is sure to be considerably reduced," said one official. Asked if the condition of the market would have any effect on the price which the farmers will receive for their sugar beets, the official stated that the rate of pay would not be as high as that of last year.

Lambton School Fairs

Upset all Former Records

Thirteen Fairs Held With 159 Schools Exhibiting—Entries Numbering 9453.

The school fairs held in Lambton county this year constituted a record for success according to the figures that have been compiled by the officials of the county agricultural office. Thirteen school fairs were held. Each township having a school fair. One hundred and fifty-nine schools, with an enrolment of 3617 pupils took part. The total number of entries made by the children numbered 9453. The number of home plots for which the department supplied the seed totalled 6545. Egg settings for bred-to-lay barred rocks were distributed to 451 children.

Plympton Record

Plympton township schools conducted two school fairs, at Camlachie and Uttoxeter. The combined entry for the two fairs was 1289. The largest individual township fair was held at Moore township hall. A total of 929 individual entries were made and exhibited by the children. Warwick village with only eight township schools had an exhibit of 915 individual exhibits. Preparations for 1925 school fairs are under way. The order forms for seeds and other necessities for the fairs have already been received and applications made for requirements for next season's events.

A one-armed paperhanger afflicted with the hives does not work any faster than the busy bees in Manitoba. The honey crop for last year is placed at 3,041,712 pounds.

"Squibographs"

There are few slacker voters in a German election. Many of the polling places are located in beer saloons.

A Berlin man charged with bigamy pleaded that he had no recollection of a former marriage. The court gave him a year to refresh his memory.

The world's record for egg production is said to be 1300 eggs from one hen. Any "biddy" that has contributed that number has something to cackle about.

Undertakers having adopted "Mortician" as a more euphonious name for their vocation, night watchmen in an Ohio city have decided to call themselves "Safety directors."

When the Governor-elect of Texas and the Governor-elect of Wyoming meet, one of them may enquire: "What style of hat are you going to wear on inauguration day?"

Preparations are being made to broadcast the roar of Niagara Falls to England. The din of the big cataract may remind listeners-in of recent political campaign meetings.

Swiss chemists are experimenting in extracting pearl carbons from distilled coal. The fuel problem could be solved if enough pearls could be extracted to pay for the coal.

Stock from the Prince of Wales' Alberta farm will be exhibited at the Toronto winter fair. They are all royally bred and accustomed to moving in the most aristocratic bovine circles.

Hagenback, the well-known Hamburg wild animal dealer, declares that if the mental faculties of the elephant were developed it would be the most intelligent member of the animal kingdom. When this occurs the big pachyderm can blow its own trumpet.

"The Maple Leaf Forever" can be sung with considerable enthusiasm in Quebec. Eighty-five per cent of Canada's maple sugar crop was produced in that province last year—syrup 1,250,250 gallons, maple sugar 8,215,475 pounds.

To promote the consumption of reindeer meat Saturday will be observed as "Reindeer day" in Seattle. With Christmas approaching juveniles fear that Santa Claus' team may be butchered to make a Seattle holiday.

An analysis of the content of the lobster is said to reveal that it contains traces of copper, iron, manganese and zinc. It is possible that this metallic combination of the ruddy crustacean may be responsible for the salad nightmares that disturb many a midsummer night's dream.

Among his other accomplishments General Dawes, Vice-President-elect is a musician and composer. The ample leisure of his new office may give him time to compose the "Hell and Maria Blues."

The wishbones will be the only reminder of a Canadian Thanksgiving dinner when our American neighbors observe the festival. Thursday November 27th, is the date when feasting and football prevail across the border.

Marconi, the "wireless wizard" is confident that the time is not far distant when world communication will be established without the aid of telegraphy or telephone. As the service is to be practically free it will be welcomed by thousands accustomed to receiving messages marked "collect."

A special course in "fish diseases" is being given at the University of Washington. The finny tribe is said to be subject to many of the diseases to which human flesh is heir. While the eel may be free from spinal meningitis, carp may suffer with tonsillitis and dogfish have the mange. The trouble is to get the patients on the operating table without using a diving suit.

The Government of Ontario purpose setting aside a large tract of territory in Northern Ontario as a game sanctuary. Care should be taken to prevent any of the "wildcats" that were accustomed to prowl around Cobalt in the boom days from invading the preserve.

Many wives across the border are said to be taking advantage of the publication of income tax returns to get a line on their husband's financial status. As a result of their investigations substantial increases for Christmas shopping appropriations are likely to be demanded.

THE OLD LOG HOUSE.

O Auld Hoose, O Auld Hoose,
Deserted tho' ye be,
There ne'er will be a new hoose
Ae half sa dear tae me.
—Scottish Song.

Rickety, shingless, old and gray,
Scathed by the storms of many a day
In a wayside spot where the wild
weeds grow
Stands the old log cabin of long ago.

Loftly, haughtily round it stand
Lordly mansions on every hand,
Deigning never a look to cast
On the ruined roof of the humble
past.

Rarely a foot o'er its threshold falls,
Rarely a look at its old gray walls
By a friend or a stranger is cast, I
trow,
Nobody cares for the old hoose now.

Rotting away its rough rude walls,
Tottering and tumbling and like to
fall;
And the rafters round, which its roof
uprears
Are bent by the burden of four-
score years.

The winter wind and the summer sun
On roof and gable their work hafe
done;
And crumbled down since many a day
The quaint old chimney of "clat and
clay."

On egerly side, within and without,
The chinning and plaster are falling
out,
And the sagging sash with its broken
pane
Is a fence no more gainst the wind
and rain.

In and out through its drooping door
The feet of the fathers will fall no
more;
As back and forth on their weary way
They went to their work with the
waking day.

Through that mouldering doorway I
entered in,
And I stood by the spot where the
hearth had been;
Where the backlog fire with its ruddy
light
Had burned and blazed through the
live-long night.

But the fires were out and the lug-
pole gone,
All cracked and crumbling the old
hearthstone,
And fallen the jambs by the fireplace
wall,
Where the weird night shadows had
loved to fall.

Silent I stood on the rotting floor,
While I looked the old hoose o'er and
o'er,
And my eyes with the burning tears
filled fast
As my heart went back to the vanish-
ed past.

O many a year has the grass grown
green,
And many a winter's snow have been
Since a barefoot boy I used to roam,
And that old log hoose was my child-
hood's home.

No sky so bright as its sky o'erhead,
No couch so soft as its humble bed,
No face so fair to my childish sight
As her's whose kiss was my last good-
night.

Again 'mid the bygone years I seem,
And the past comes back like a wak-
ing dream,
Till the ruined walls no more I see,
But the old hoose stands as it used
to be.

Once more by the hearth of my early
days
All the home faces are met by the
blaze,
And loving eyes look bright as when
In my childhood's years I saw them
then.

But the years roll by and the faces
fade,
And one by one in the dust are laid,
Till the last from the empty hearth
has gone,
And I stand 'neath its ruined roof—
alone.

Alas for the wreck of the robber
years,
Alas for our unavailing tears,
O'er the withered leaves of the past
that lie
Strewn thick on the pathway of
memory.

Like a dream we come, like a dream
we go
'Mid the ceaseless years, in their ebb
and flow;
And the crumbling things of the sad
to-day
Were the idols we worshipped yes-
terday.

Yet mouldering away though its walls
to me
Forever green will the memory be
Of the dear old hoose that I used to
know
Where I lived and loved in the Long
Ago.



Figured in Historic Sod Turning

This antique looking wheelbarrow and spade do not appear capable of very hefty service now, but nearly half a century ago they carried the weight of a very important event — the ceremony marking the commencement of the construction of the Canada Central Railway through Pembroke, Ontario. Following the ceremony, the spade with which the first sod was turned and the wheelbarrow into which it was shovelled in the presence of a very enthusiastic crowd, were presented to Miss M. P. Moffat, daughter of the Reeve of the village, the lady who performed the ceremony of the naming of the road and christening it with a bottle of champagne. They recently passed into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which company took over the Canada Central lines in 1881, and will be added to a museum of relics connected with the early days of the railroad which is being formed in Montreal.

So much for the actual ceremony. The Pembroke "Observer" for September 3rd 1875 says: "The assembly then adjourned to a spacious booth that had been specially erected for the occasion, where champagne and beer had been provided for the purpose of drinking several toasts which had been previously agreed upon, by the committee; but a number of individuals, apparently more intent on drinking champagne than doing honor to any toasts, took possession of the tables, and the regular order of the programme had to be abandoned. The Pembroke Brass Band was present and performed some popular airs."

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