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THORNCLIFFE.

Alva Schenckhorne has returned from the Northwest.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Kendall's baby, Lila, is very sick.
Edward Bassett has moved into the house recently vacated by W. Anderson.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, on Friday, March 8th, a daughter.
Little Inez Kerby has recovered from her recent illness.

A number of our citizens have been suffering with grippe.
A prayer meeting was held at C. Pumphrey's one night last week.

P. Smith, who has been laid up with a cut knee, is getting better.
Mrs. C. Bedford attended a rag bee at her daughter's, Mrs. N. Ross (Widow).

Thomas Robertson and A. Brown made a trip to Barmia last week and bought a quantity of lumber, and are busy drawing it home.

Stanley Hannon and Harvey Bedford attended a dance at Croton last week and received the compliment of being the best dancers of the evening.

Edward Brooks has returned to his home in the Northwest.
T. Hazlett is getting better from injuries he recently received by his horse getting frightened.

Stanley Hannon and H. Bedford are cutting wood for T. Robertson and J. Doherty.

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SURPRISE SOAP
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THE MARKETS.

Liverpool Wheat Futures Closed Lower—Chicago Higher—Live Stock Markets—Latest Quotations.

Friday Evening, March 22.
Liverpool wheat futures closed today unchanged to 1/4d lower than yesterday, and corn futures 1/4d to 1/2d lower.
At Chicago, May wheat closed 1/2c higher than yesterday, May corn 1/2c lower, and May oats 1/2c lower.

Winnipeg Options.

Winnipeg wheat futures closed today: March 74 1/2c bid, May 76 1/2c bid, July 77 1/2c bid. Oats futures: March 35 1/2c bid, May 37 1/2c bid, July 38 1/2c bid.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	May	July	Sept.
New York	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Detroit	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Toledo	79	79 1/2	81 1/2
St. Louis	75 1/2	76	78 1/2
Minneapolis	77 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2

Toronto Grain Markets.

Wheat, spring, bush... \$0.71 to \$0.72
Wheat, soft, bush... 0.69
Wheat, fall, bush... 0.74
Wheat, red, bush... 0.78
Peas, bush... 0.78
Barley, bush... 0.65
Oats, bush... 0.43
Buckwheat, bush... 0.43
Rye, bush... 0.65

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

Liverpool, March 22.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter steady, 6s 2 1/2d; No. 1 California, quiet, 6s 5d. Futures steady: March 6s 4 1/2d, May 6s 4 1/2d, July 6s 2d. Corn—Spot American mixed, new, easy, 4s 2 1/2d; American mixed, old, 4s 2 1/2d. Futures quiet: March 4s 2 1/2d, May 4s 5 1/2d, July 4s 5 1/2d.

London—Western, prime, weak, 4s 9d; American refined wheat, 4s 6d.

Truening—Spirits steady, 52s 3d.
Hops—In London (Pacific coast), easy, 12s 10d to 13s 10d.

New York Dairy Market.

New York, March 22.—Butter—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 10,000 lbs.
Cheese—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 10,000 lbs.
Eggs—Firm; receipts, 20,000; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, brown and mixed, firsts to extra firsts, 18 1/2c to 19c.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Steady—Chicago and Buffalo Lower for Hogs.

London, March 22.—Liverpool and London cables are steady at 11c to 12 1/2c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 8 1/2c to 9c per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 150 head; market dull; prime steers, 13.00 to 14.00.
Veals—Receipts, 1100 head; active; 1 1/2c per hundred higher; 10c to 11c; fat calves, 10c to 11c; heavy, mixed, yearlings and pigs, 10c to 11c; roughs, 8c to 10c; stags, 4.50 to 5.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6000 head;

active and heavy, 10c to 11c; yearlings, 10c to 11c; mixed, 8c to 10c; ewes, 4.75 to 5.75; sheep, mixed, 3c to 3.50.

New York Live Stock.

New York, March 22.—Beef—Receipts, 3700; steers dull and lower, except for extra stock; bulls 10c lower; medium and fat cows also lower; bologna cows steady; steers, 14.25 to 15.25; four cars extra, 15.50 to 16.25. Exports to-morrow, 1000 cattle, 20 sheep and 7225 quarters of beef.
Calves—Receipts, 122; market firm; good to prime veals, 10.50 to 11.00.
Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2119; lamb marketable at 10.50 to 11.00; no sheep offered.

Hogs—Receipts, 2700; all for slaughterers;

feeling easier; nominal quotations, 7.10 to 7.30.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1500; steady but slow; common to prime steers, 14 to 17; cows, 13.25 to 15; heifers, 13 to 15.25; bulls, 12.50 to 14.50; calves, 12.75 to 17.75; stockers and feeders, 13 to 14.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; 5c to 10c lower; choice heavy shippers, 14.00 to 16.42 1/2; light butchers, 16.40 to 16.45; choice light, 16.42 1/2 to 16.50; packing, 16 to 16.37 1/2; pigs, 14.50 to 16.45; bulk of sales, 14.25 to 16.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 7000; weak; sheep, 14 to 16.25; yearlings, 13 to 17.15; lambs, 16 to 18.

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TALE OF ITS BENEFITS

WHY UNIVERSAL PENNY POST-AGE IS A NECESSITY.

Henniker Heaton, M.P., Thorn in the Side of Successive Postmasters-General, Tells of Its Advantages—Ambitious Aim of the Man Who Has Been a Boon and Blessing to the People—Preserve Family Ties.

Few persons deserve so well of their countrymen as Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., that stubborn champion of the people's rights in relation to postage. For years Mr. Henniker Heaton has been fighting the battle of postal reform, and in spite of the deadly influence of departmental red-tape, he has succeeded in carrying reform after reform until he has almost made the British an ideal postal office. Sixty important changes have been credited to his great perseverance. It is to him that we owe imperial penny postage and numerous other reforms, and, before long, no doubt, his greatest achievement, the remedy for a universal penny letter post—will be in full swing. Mr. Heaton may be a thorn in the sides of successive postmasters-general, but to the public he is a boon and a blessing. Some years ago, in recognition of his efforts to reform postal and telegraphic arrangements, he was presented with the freedom of the City of London in a gold casket, and he has on half a dozen occasions refused titles, decorations and honors. In December last he was gazetted K.C.M.G. without his authority.

With an Ambitious Aim.

The reduction of the twopenny halfpenny rate of postage to a penny is of such supreme importance that I called upon Mr. Henniker Heaton the other morning (writes a representative) for the purpose of having a talk with him on the matter. Mr. Henniker Heaton's aim is, briefly (I use his own words), to establish universal penny postage so that any inhabitant of our planet, white, black or yellow, may be enabled for the sum of one penny to communicate with any other, at the lowest possible rate, and the highest attainable speed; Englishman with Frenchman, German, Italian or Russian; Australian with American; Asiatic with Australian or African; so that when one soul has something to say to another neither color, nor religion, nor greed, nor diplomacy, nor national anti-pathy, nor any other barrier shall stand between them.

To those who are not overburdened with a supply of shekels, a universal penny post would be of enormous advantage, and it was on this point that I commenced to cross-question my go-ahead host.

To Preserve Family Ties.

"I have had a vast number of letters from poor people dealing with the subject," Mr. Henniker Heaton observed; "and some of them have been exceedingly touching. It is the charge of twopenny-halfpenny, of course, that prevents people from communicating with their friends abroad. When you break into a philatelic stamp change seems to be very small. Universal penny postage would remedy this; it would have the effect of keeping members of a family, some of whom are resident in distant lands, in touch with each other. An emigrant, when an individual emigrates, writes home once a week at first, then once a month, and, finally, he ceases corresponding. If there was a popular rate he would write every week."

"Do you know that last year at least 200,000 people from Great Britain and Ireland went to America. There have been 200,000 letter-writers at once. The poor emigrants sent home during the year no less a sum than \$1,500,000. That is nearly \$5,000 a day—nearly \$5,000,000 a year to the folk-wives, brothers, sisters—in their village homes; and certainly a proportion of it despatched with a view to bringing out sweethearts. This immense sum was forwarded in the shape of money orders ranging in value from five shillings to five pounds."

The absurdity of the opposition that is being manifested in certain quarters towards universal penny postage is rendered apparent on the instant. Every Friday 250,000 British letters pass through France and Italy for India, Hong Kong and Australasia—distances exceeding 12,000 miles. The postage on each of these letters is a penny. By the same boat a few British letters are carried for residents in Alaska—twenty-one miles from Dover; and on these letters the postage is twopenny-halfpenny.

A Question Not Easy to Answer.

"How can this distinction be justified?" Mr. Henniker Heaton, who had alluded to these facts, asked me.

I replied that no sane man could answer the conundrum correctly, upon which Mr. Henniker Heaton put me another poser:

"Why should a letter to New York cost twopenny-halfpenny, and another in the same bag be carried through that city and 1,000 miles into Canada for a penny?"

I again expressed my inability to solve postal mysteries, and we remained silent for a moment, reflecting.

It is fortunate that Mr. Henniker Heaton is not frightened by obstacles. A born fighter, he pursues the even tenor of his way until he gets what he wants. Some weeks back he and several wealthy men offered to compensate the Government if, on the establishment of a universal penny postage, a loss during three years was incurred. This generous proposition was refused. In reference to this event Mr. Henniker Heaton observed:

Confident of Success.

"It is too bad when millionaires offer money to make thousands and thousands of poor people happy that the Government should decline to accept it. No, it won't be much of a battle: We shall have universal penny postage ere long. There will be no peace for the officials and no peace for me until the last ditch has been

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bridged over. They are using the same arguments against universal penny postage as they did against imperial penny postage, and they are once more in the wrong. I calculate that when it is possible to send a letter to America for a penny our correspondence with the United States will in the first year be double what it is now. People will write once a week instead of once a month, and the loss entailed by the decrease in the price of postage will be only \$25,000 for the first year. In the fourth year it will show a profit."

"You've told me, Mr. Henniker Heaton," I remarked presently, "of the appreciative letters you receive; what of the abusive ones?" "I am not the recipient of any abusive letters. Sir William Howard Russell, however, had a rather quaint communication concerning me some time ago. It was contained in a postscript to a note sent to him from a man in Canada. As far as I can remember, it read thus: 'You know that Henniker Heaton. Tell that blackguard that he is the curse of my life. All my relatives in County Clare—your know there are a hundred of them—have written to me, taking advantage of the penny post, to ask me for assistance to enable them to come out to Canada.'"

"I can't recollect having had one abusive letter on the subject of my work in connection with postal reform. Indeed, I have been overwhelmed with kindness."

Of Benefit to Business Men.

"You haven't touched on the business side of universal penny postage, Mr. Henniker Heaton," said I. "The benefits that would accrue through the introduction of universal penny postage are obvious. Since imperial penny postage was established several hundreds of thousands of pounds have been saved to the merchants of the empire, who have the greatest difficulty in competing with foreigners."

"Would you advocate a halfpenny inland postage?"

"No, certainly not. A halfpenny inland postage is about as likely as the abolition of our front doors."

Saying which, Mr. Henniker Heaton bade me good-bye.

How to Make Starch.

To make boiled starch, allow one tablespoonful of starch to two tablespoonfuls of cold water, then add half a teaspoonful of borax and a small piece of wax candle. This keeps the iron from sticking. Pour on boiling water, stirring carefully all the time until these ingredients are well mixed and creamy looking and the starch is cooked. It should then be strained through a piece of muslin and the basin be covered with a plate to prevent a skin forming. The starch is too thick, it may be diluted with cold water, and this should be added as soon as possible after the starch has been made.

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At only one other place in the world is natural soda found under conditions which admit of industrial development, and at that place it must be shipped several hundred miles by rail, and many tons of water must be evaporated by coal to obtain a ton of the product. The lakes are within 300 yards of the sea, and the fierce sun and heat of the desert attend to the evaporation. The world's consumption is large, amounting to several hundred thousand tons annually, and at present nearly all of it is manufactured from common salt and with the use of expensive machinery.

At Adair bay, in Mexico, when the temperature is right the water of the lake crystallizes into pure carbonate of soda, nature doing what man requires expensive machinery and vast amounts of coal to do. The source of the soda is evidently found in the numerous springs of comparatively fresh water around the edges of the lakes. This water contains a small percentage of carbonate of soda, but centuries of continual evaporation of the water, leaving the soda residue, have formed a practically unlimited amount of pure soda. An engineer estimates that there is enough on the surface to produce 100 tons daily for seventy-five years.

COL. J. F. Y. BLAKE.

Man Who Fought for the Boers Killed by Gas in His Room.

Col. John F. Y. Blake, who recruited the Irish-American brigade that fought against England in the Boer war, was found dead in his room on Jan. 24, a victim of gas poisoning. He lived in a New York boarding house.

Col. Blake was a soldier of fortune. He graduated from West Point in 1881, after achieving fame as an expert horseman. After finishing his

course he was detailed to western posts, and fought with Miles and Crook in Indian wars. After this he resigned from the army and practiced as a civil engineer.

He was engaged by Cecil Rhodes to make some investigations in Rhodesia. He was later renounced by him.

Col. Blake went over to Paul Kruger, at that time president of the Transvaal. During the Boer war Blake recruited the "Irish brigade." This organization participated in many fights. Col. Blake's arm was shattered by a bullet at the battle on Modder river, which was the most important engagement in which Blake participated.

New Invention For Treating Flax.

A new Australian machine for treating flax is reported from Melbourne. It is said to produce a much larger yield of fiber, of greater strength and of unstained or natural color, which for the purpose of manufacturing such lines as linen, damask, etc., requires no chemical bleaching in the finishing operations. The Government expert strongly favors this new process after exhaustive trials on account of its expedition in producing fiber of exceptionally fine quality. The flax in its rough condition is passed through a machine consisting of three pairs of rollers, then immersed for an hour in a bath of hot water containing added ingredients (not chemicals). Then the material is drained and dried, put through the breaking machine and finally through the scruter. To make a superfine quality it is washed twice, which makes the fiber pure white.

Relief From Hay Fever.

Breathing through a wet handkerchief at night has given relief to hay fever patients. This has suggested to Dr. A. C. Heath a novel filter, which consists of two rings connected by a bridge, each ring having stretched over it a fine netting of silk gauze. The rings are to be worn in the nose, half an inch from the openings. This device has been tried without discomfort in a number of severe cases of hay fever, and the removal of pollen or dust has invariably improved the breathing within fifteen minutes to an hour.

Hydroplanes on Ships.

Inventors are still experimenting with hydroplanes, or flat surfaces attached to the underside of the hulls of steamboats in such a way that as the boat is forced through the water it is more and more lifted out, much as a kite rises with the pressure of the wind under its slanting surface. Recent tests of devices in the form of submerged hydroplanes show that at moderate speed, say about 15 miles an hour, a boat's hull may be lifted entirely out of the water by this invention.

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