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THE DREDGING OF THE RIVER.

It is of vital importance to the manufacturers, merchants and business men of this district that the Government shall attend promptly and effectually to the proper and adequate dredging of the river—and Mr. Stephens will be distinctly derelict in his duty as representative of this constituency if he fails to use every energy in bringing the matter to the immediate and active attention of the Government.

The emphasis and stress placed upon the matter by the strong and representative deputation of citizens should prove an impetus to Mr. Stephens. It seems evident that this important work has been largely neglected by the Government, notwithstanding many large appropriations are being made daily for similar works of lesser importance elsewhere, and, unless Mr. Stephens now bestirs himself diligently much of theonus must fall upon him.

It is about time the Government did something in this matter and it can ill afford—and Mr. Stephens can ill afford to allow it—to further neglect or ignore such representative and worthy citizens as on Saturday voiced so strongly the mandate of the entire community.

There should be no postponement of this absolutely necessary work. It must be undertaken at once.

DO NOT KILL THE ROBIN.

There are persons in every city, town or village, and in every neighborhood who are thoughtless and cruel enough to take pleasure out of killing the robin, comments the Windsor Record. There is no more welcome visitor than this bird with his rusty red breast, who is looked upon, as James Russell Lowell says, as the "first authentic notification of spring." His only vice is his fondness for cherries, but, as Lowell says, this propensity of the robin is looked upon as a vice only by people who do not value themselves the less for being fond of cherries.

There is a quaint legend which purports to account for the robin's red breast, as follows: "The robin was first a magpie and gray in color and unprepossessing in general appearance, but with a most sympathetic nature. He approached the Cross of Calvary at the time of the Crucifixion, timidly uttering cries of grief. With his wings he tried to wipe off the face of Jesus, and with his beak he tried to draw forth one of the thorns from the forehead. A single drop of blood fell on his breast, and from then until now he has been called 'red breast.' He is the bird of God, the herald of the glad tidings of spring."

Fruit growers have long labored under a mistaken idea that the robin is one of their worst enemies. Lowell, who has perhaps written most entertainingly on the robin, states that if he is a great eater, he is also a great planter, and that much of the widely-scattered wild fruit owes its existence to this feathered husbandman. The Michigan Horticultural society has started a campaign for the destruction of robins as pests. But he is not such a "pest" as is sometimes imagined. He lives chiefly on a meat diet of grubs and insects, which are the very bane of the fruit-grower's life, and if he occasionally partakes of the ripened fruit it is only as desert.

A sentiment should be created in this city in Mr. Robin Redbreast's favor, and he who wantonly takes the life of this little discarded songster should be made to pay the penalty of ostracism so far as the humane sentiment of the citizens is concerned.

THE WINTER WHEAT.

Reports from different parts of the county are very discouraging as regards the condition of the wheat. Farmers take a gloomy view of the outlook, and many assert the crop will be a complete failure. Low lands have been for several weeks covered with water and ice, and even the high lands have been coated with ice, thus creating the fear that the crop has been entirely killed.

On the other hand a farmer of experience, talking on this subject to the St. Thomas Times the other day, said: "I don't think there need be any fears on the score. Some years ago I saw a field of fall wheat near Chatham of about six or eight acres sloping towards the river. The latter had overflowed and covered the field to a depth of six inches. This froze solid, and in cutting through the ice, the wheat was found green underneath. The crop from that field that year was the heaviest and sturdiest in the district. My experi-

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ence has been that ice or snow on wheat fields do not injure the crop, provided the water does not stand after the thaw."

Continuing the same authority said that the present heavy coating of ice, which encases the trees, is an unfailing indication of an ensuing abundant fruit crop, and that all indications point to splendid crops this year.—*Tilbury Times.*

JONAH UP TO DATE.

London Free Press.

The story of Jonah and the whale has received striking confirmation in a "modern instance." James Buchanan, bank president, of Pittsburgh, is teacher of the largest Bible class in that city. Eight years ago he read a story in a New England paper to the effect that a seaman had been swallowed by a whale and spit out again alive. He questioned his cousin, George Garvis, who had sailed in New Zealand waters on the story, who told him it was absolutely correct. Mr. Buchanan pasted the clipping in his Bible and waited eight years before he got a chance to use it. The Jonah story was the subject of the last Sunday lesson. Mr. Buchanan said: "Every anti-believer in the whale story was brought to believe it on the strength of the newspaper clipping after having doubted the Bible story."

ONLY A SUGGESTION

But It Has Proven Of Interest And Value to Thousands.

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump it can only result from the food we eat, and digest and that food should be albuminous or flesh forming food, like eggs, beefsteak and cereals; in other words the kinds of food that make flesh are the foods which form the greater part of our daily bills of fare.

But the trouble is that while we eat enough and generally too much, the stomach, from abuse and overwork, does not properly digest and assimilate it which is the reason so many people remain thin and underweight; the digestive organs do not completely digest the food forming beefsteak and eggs and similar wholesome food.

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If such persons would lay their prejudices aside and make a regular practice of taking after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets the food would be quickly and thoroughly digested, because these tablets contain the natural peptones and diastase which every weak stomach lacks, and by supplying this want the stomach is soon enabled to reach its natural tone and vigor.

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PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Karis, Texas, March 20.—In the destruction by fire of the Eagle Hotel, of Hugo, I. T., John Scott, an employee of the hotel; Minerva Scott, his wife, and his sister-in-law were burned to death. Houston Scott, aged 21 years, was fatally burned.

HUMMOCKY IN SPOTS.

Toronto News.—John S. McClelland of St. Catharines, believes that the earth is flat, but had he to cross one of Toronto's side streets he would hold that it is badly knocked.

THE ONE TO CONVINCE.

As long as the hen is convinced that this is spring, we don't care what the lion, the lamb, or the ground hog think about it.—*Toronto Star.*

Local Briefs

Mrs. Ed. Mounteer, Lorne Avenue, is visiting in Wallaceburg.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses, Phone 181.

R. S. Rankin, cattle buyer, of Dover, was in the city Saturday.

T. C. Burgess, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor Saturday.

Nice room and board at 109 Adelaide St., near water.

Wm. Brown, Queen St., is slowly improving, after a long illness.

Engineer Owen McKay, of the Pere Marquette, Windsor, was in the city Saturday on business.

Asphalt Pavements—a rubber tired "run-about" and a swell set of harness will make summer driving a joy. Come and see us! Geo. Stephens & Co.

There will be an emergent meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, G. R. C., A. F. & A. M., this evening at 7.30, for the purpose of conferring degrees.

James Flowers, an L. E. & D. R. R. employe, who lives in Walkerville, while helping to place a derailed car on the track at Harrow, yesterday, had his left hand pierced with an iron bar. Flowers was injured recently in a wreck near Chatham.

Any friend or friend of education and the University, resident in Chatham or Kent, who will be in Toronto on Wednesday morning next, will confer a great favor and will hear something to his or her advantage by communicating at once with D. S. Paterson, President of the Kent Alumni Association.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday next, at noon, a large delegation from the various alumni associations of the Province is to wait upon Premier Ross to ask for \$200,000 to enable the Senate to erect a suitable physics laboratory and lecture rooms. There are this year 322 students taking physics, for the department of physics provides instruction to students not only in arts, but also in medicine, engineering, dentistry and household science. The total number of students to be provided for this year in the laboratories is 403, the accommodation for whom is so inadequate that four rooms in the basement are being used, and the spaces between the cases in the apparatus room are being utilized.

The Chatham and Kent Association wish to be well represented, and in addition to three representatives who are already in Toronto—Edwin Bell, L. B. W. Mowbray, B. A., and John McWhinnie, B. A.—it desires at least three more from the city and county.

If, therefore, any friends of education and the university, residing in Kent or Chatham, are to be in Toronto on Wednesday next, they will confer a great favor by communicating at once with D. S. Paterson, of the local association.

Delegates will assemble in the main building of the university at 11.30 a. m. and proceed in a body to the Parliament Buildings at 11.45. Luncheon will be served immediately after the deputation in the university dining hall. Members of the deputation will travel for a single fare and a third. It is expected that the delegation will number at least two hundred strong.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

Mar. 21.—Mrs. Brown, who has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. W. A. Hutton, leaves to-night to visit relatives in Winnipeg.

Barleigh Campbell sang "The Vesper Prayer" in St. Andrew's English Church last evening, in a very pleasing manner.

F. N. Scarff, manager of the Merchants' Bank, was in Chatham on Saturday.

Roy Struthers, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. James Struthers.

J. R. Palmer has let the contract for a handsome new metallic ceiling for his restaurant.

Mr. M. Hardy and family, of Tilbury East, leave to-night for the Northwest.

BLENHEIM

March 19th.—The death of Samuel Bagby took place at Cedar Springs yesterday. The funeral will be from the Baptist Church, on Sunday, 20th. The Rev. G. B. Brown will perform the ceremony, and the funeral will be in charge of the L. O. F.

Mrs. T. H. Coatsworth will preach at Roman Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon. The collection will be in aid of the Mission Fund.

The fourth number of the Lyceum course was presented at the Opera House by the Hawthorne Musical Club on Thursday night and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was

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