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NOTE AND COMMENT

An Akron, O., woman who sued a dentist for \$500 because he pulled the wrong tooth was awarded \$100.

Parkhill Gazette—Parkhill girls are playing hockey. We are told that one Parkhill boy opines that they would be "better at home learning to cook." We expect that is what Adam said when Mother Eve swiped that fateful and historic apple.

While general business conditions throughout the Dominion of Canada have shown very definite improvement during the past year, the return of prosperity, in some of its phases, has been less rapid than the prospects of a year ago indicated.

A proposal to abolish capital punishment in Canada is again to be debated at Ottawa, while over in Michigan, where the death penalty was abolished many years ago, there is an agitation to restore it. It's a big question. Some people think that life imprisonment is worse than hanging but they don't know—they haven't tried both.

Our sympathies go out to our brother publisher, W. Cameron Kester, of the Elmira Signet, late of St. Marys, when he makes the following plea to his readers on the front page of last week's paper:—"This paper was late. We have been sick, our machinery frozen, the mails snowed in, the work doubled, and the lord of ill-luck has seized the office. Please don't growl!"

There is plenty of sickness throughout the city just now, but there is no occasion for imagining that every little complaint or cold involves serious danger to the well and healthy. Fussing over "what may happen" is liable to make as many people sick as disease will, and the thing to do if you have a cold or feel indisposed is to exercise common sense and, if necessary, call a doctor.—Guelph Herald.

Music that crashed from a band on election night, cost R. M. Johnson his seat in the house of commons as a member from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In filing his election expense returns, Mr. Johnson neglected to mention that he hired a band to play "Hail to the Chief." The supreme court of Canada dismissed Johnson's appeal from a ruling of a Saskatchewan court and voided the election.

The house of commons accepted the principle of the transferrable vote. Under this principle where there are three or more candidates for the single district, the voter can mark his ballot for first and second choice, so that in the final count the candidate elected will have a clear majority of the votes polled over his nearest opponent. While the principle has been adopted it may not be given effect to in the first election under the proposed rearrangement of constituencies.

St. John Telegraph: Sir Joseph Cook has announced in London that an arrangement has been made for the sending of 500 British boys every month to Australia, where they will become wards of the State. They will be aided in their training and education by Government grants. The Canadian authorities have intimated that a similar arrangement will be made by Canada, and no time should be lost in doing so. Six thousand selected boys a year would be a rich asset for this Dominion to secure.

The Durham Chronicle wonders if the public take the trouble to read the newspapers reports of the county council. If they do not they should if there are any expensive appendices to our legislative system, it is one, and had greater interest been taken it probably would have long since gone the way of all things classed as useless. The Chronicle may stop its wondering and go on publishing, as good papers do, the reports. In time the taxpayer may become aroused and then the reward will come to the newspapers who did their part.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise
Some Newsy, All Readable.

A Kenosha, Wis., man gave shelter to a stray dog which made a meal of five \$50 bills and two expensive plumes he had brought from abroad for his wife.

The Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World reports that promoters of fraudulent oil stock swindled the public of more than \$600,000,000 last year.

Hon. Peter Smith, in reply to a question in the Legislature, declared that a full-page Government advertisement in the Farmers' Sun, the Star Weekly, the Globe and Mail & Empire had cost a total of \$2,484.

The Dominion Government intends to bring down legislation to provide for the breaking up of alleged combines, mergers and trusts, and will see this through the house as soon as it can, according to an answer given by the prime minister last week.

A motorist who was touring in Ireland one day, met a native who was driving a donkey and cart. Thinking he would like to have a little fun at the Irishman's expense, he began: "What is the difference, Pat, between your turnout and mine?" "Oh, not a great deal," promptly replied Pat. "Shure, the donkey's in the shafts in the wan, and on the sate in the other."

A spoken newspaper is the latest innovation in France. The Parole Libre, formerly the Libre Parole, has given up its type and presses and will present its news orally instead of typographically. Subscribers are welcome to semi-weekly lectures where current events are read off by the editors. Experts and men in the public eye discuss questions of moment. This discussion is considered a substitute for the editorial page. The staff is paid on a time basis.

The greatest optimist in the world is said to be the man who can extract sunshine from cucumbers. In these troublesome days it is hard to get much that is helpful out of the newspapers—yet if you read between the lines you sense that the trade outlook is decidedly promising, and the sort of promising that leads to fulfillment. We are in over production on but two things—pessimists and potatoes—and leading financial authorities say there is every indication to bear out the feeling that business this year will show a marked improvement, with a more balanced and continuous prosperity.

It is not necessary to enter actively into the controversy as to the place and influence of the Bible. Some noted authors have expressed varying views, not all of them complimentary to the Scriptures. A reasonably good answer to some of those who deal in smart generalities is found in the official statement of the Bible Society, which has its branches in almost every country, that its distribution of the Scriptures throughout the world last Spring, was twenty-five million copies. There is the added statement that there never was such a demand for the Bible as at present. In this country the Upper Canada Bible Society last year issued 126,517 copies of the Scriptures against 109,000 in the previous year. The Great Book has no real competitors.

Of momentous import was the statement made by Mr. Drynan of Hamilton in a very impressive speech at the Canadian Club luncheon to the effect that every Britisher is today taxed to the extent of twenty-five per cent of his income. This fact will be less surprising to the average onlooker when it is noted that the British debt to the United States totals \$4,746,862,560, principal and interest, the greatest liability ever incurred by any country, even during a period of war. The colossal sum is to be returned to the United States on the familiar building and loan association plan, within sixty-two years, the amount of money to be paid every year to be approximately the same, and to be roughly about 4 per cent of the total debt. The rate of interest for the first ten years is 3 per cent, and for the remaining fifty-two years is to be 3 1/2 per cent. The annual portion of the principal sum is approximately \$188,000,000. Treasury officials say that Great Britain will have paid more than \$10,000,000,000 at the end of the prescribed time if the above interest rates prevail. Little wonder, then, that the Britisher is the most highly taxed individual on the face of both hemispheres.

Read the Want Ads on Page Four.

SOME OF DAD'S LATEST

(Vancouver Province)

Robbing a bank in a fish town is scaly business.

The Rhine is producing more wine than wine at present.

A considerable revenue could be derived in Europe by a tax on ultimatum.

Turkey complains that she is not getting justice, which is a lucky thing for Turkey.

The nearer the diplomats get to the Near East question the prospect of settlement becomes more remote.

Germany may call her army to the colors. The French threaten to take possession of her dye industry.

Britannia is still the gem of the ocean. She sold Uncle Sam nearly eight million dollars worth of diamonds last year.

Modern gambling games appear to have been unknown in ancient Egypt. No faro banks have been found in the tombs of the Pharaohs.

In order to save her bacon Germany must come to terms. The French have invaded Westphalia, which is famous for its choice hams.

An Ohio editor indignantly repudiates the assertion that family discipline is a thing of the past. He declares that scores of parents do what their children tell them these days.

The impression that King Tutankhamen was a mere youth when he died will not be confirmed unless explorers of his tomb find his jackknife and baseball bat.

Two problems in percentage are now engaging the attention of Congress. One concerns the interest on the British debt and the other the alcoholic content of Volstead beer.

Business in the Kansas Legislature was suspended for an hour while the members consumed a barrel of apples presented by a representative from the fruit belt. The janitors got the cores.

There is one prominent educator in Tennessee who is liable to come to an untimely end at the hands of a juvenile mob. He advocates keeping the schools open all the year round.

A bulletin issued by the department of agriculture gives instruction on "co-operative management of bees." A beehive is probably the greatest co-operative organization in the world, outside of an ant hill.

The rivalry between American small towns as to which possess the greater number of flivvers is now dying out. The town that can show the highest percentage of stills is conceded first place for community spirit.

There is no discount on Canadian men or money in Detroit. Another Canadian is a candidate for the majority to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of former mayor Cousins, also Canadian born, to the United States Senate. The diver metropolis knows where the men without "wheels in their heads" come from.

Edmonton has a by-law prohibiting swearing within the city limits. Golfers and persons who have to make out income tax returns protest that it is a restriction on the liberty of speech guaranteed by the British North America Act.

In his prayer at the inaugural of the Governor of Arizona, the chaplain asked the Lord to protect the chief executive from the machinations of mugwump Democrats and designing Republicans. The fact that Arizona is the driest state in the Union alone prevented the indignant members from bringing the offender before the bar of the House.

Even the wily Turk does not escape the eternal grind of taxation. He often has to pay taxes to get an egg to market. He must pay, of course, tax on his land, he often must pay a tax on each hen, on the food he feeds his hen, on the cart he carries his eggs in, on his horse or his mule if he has one, and lastly he must pay a tax on every egg and everything else he takes into the city. He must pay a road tax every year, which is not used on the roads. With characteristic elusiveness he manages to reduce part of his burden by greasing the itching palms of the collectors, who are rarely known to refuse a bribe.

Everyone reads the "Guide-Advocate Want Column" on page 4.

Prudent Farmers
The farmer is prudent, who lays plans now for future profit and prosperity. These plans may call for additional financing. The local Manager of the Sterling Bank will gladly discuss the matter with you and treat your problem confidentially.
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7 reasons why you should demand them
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5. Withstand more moisture
6. Will not glow after use
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MAPLE LEAF MATCHES
Different and better MATCHES
THE CANADIAN MATCH CO LIMITED, MONTREAL

LAKE FREIGHT RATES
(London Free Press, Jan. 31)
The Government has appointed a royal commission to investigate an alleged monopoly of shipping interests on the Great Lakes. This commission is headed by S. J. McLean, vice-chairman of the Railway Commission, and probably the best posted man in Canada on transportation rates. Any report signed by him will carry confidence. It is intimated by the Government that if the commission reports in time there will be legislation, based upon its recommendations, at the coming session of Parliament.
The pioneer in the fight for control of lake freight rates was Joseph E. Armstrong, ex-M.P. for East Lambton. For eight years in succession Mr. Armstrong introduced into Parliament a bill to make lake rates subject to regulation by the Railway Commission. However, the shipping interests fought the measure tooth and nail, and the bill, which was never made a party one, was always defeated. In the last session of the late Parliament Mr. Armstrong circulated a petition for the appointment of a royal commission, but before action was taken the elections intervened. Mr. Armstrong also addressed many boards of trade and chambers of commerce on the subject. Although he is out of Parliament, it must be some satisfaction to Mr. Armstrong to see the move he so long advocated being at last consummated.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA
Fletcher's Castoria is strictly a remedy for Infants and Children. Foods are specially prepared for babies. A baby's medicine is even more essential for Baby. Remedies primarily prepared for grown-ups are not interchangeable. It was the need of a remedy for the common ailments of Infants and Children that brought Castoria before the public after years of research, and no claim has been made for it that its use for over 30 years has not proven.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1923
The Large "SA"
Pleases the Quality—E C A
TOO MANY PEOPLE AF WORK
Premier John Oliver of Columbia in an address to the Club in Hamilton, decried much of the wrong with present, because the ment of its men and women was revival of the rugged hom pioneer was needed, he t one thing, he said, there s many white-collared men afraid to lose a little h but who yet exact a fat l the grime of the toiler. women were crying for b countless acres that wou food for all were lying rewards of industry were distributed. Too many p living on the men who are ducing the wealth of this
WHEN SHOULD A MAN
At what hour should a "Early," said Benjamin "Late," said St. Augusti time," said Rousseau.
Looking backward thro we find a great variety o on this question. Beetho later years, breakfasted a the afternoon. Napoleon I loo because he slept until Sir Isaac Newton was c ing at mid-day. Ruskin p or saw a sunrise. Darwi daily at his studio abou Abraham Lincoln once on court at twelve inst Isben, appearing in his scandalized his neighbor ing at an open window tak ing exercises while the o household were eating lu Oliver Goldsmith's rar house until night fall. D was called every morning t then took three hours t Shakespeare conducted from his bed, and Mark T his last two books there. said the daytime was "lo Dean Swift complained the alty of being a dean was t to live too close to the cat be wakened too early by
The most philosophic ut the question came from Harry Lauder when he s nice to get up in the mo it's nice to lie in bed."
HIGHER TEA PI EXPLAINED
The Salada Tea Com largest distributors of tea recently announced an i price on each of their b course was forced upon cording to information about the situation in orde tain the quality of "SAL when paying the highest recorded on the primary t the unblended leaf. Th riots on the tea plantati strikes in Calcutta to t and the difficulty to ob labor to pluck the tea bushes, all bring home to that the social unrest th everywhere apparent sinc has spread even to the r gardens of India.
TEMPERANCE LEGIS
Six important changes ion liquor legislation were on the Federal Governmen by a deputation from the moral reform agencies of try, headed by Rev. Dr Moore.
The changes urged by t ations were "Stop the n of intoxicating beverag Provinces; stop the ext intoxicating liquor to t States; restrict the right from Canada to any fore; brewers and distillers under strict safeguards, delivery to the country a tion and to the actual address to which it is cons portionately increase th provided by the Inland R the Doherty Act, and t Temperance Act."