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TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

MR. HAMILTON TAKEN.

The sudden passing of W. E. Hamilton yesterday removes from our city one of its most widely known and able residents.

Possessed of a magnificent education, endowed with a brilliant intellect and characterized by a vigorous and strong personality, Mr. Hamilton was destined to become a man among men, to attain distinction, honor, prestige.

Although identified with a sphere beneath that for which his talents and attainments had marked him, the life was not a wasted one. He took a keen interest in all public affairs, and wielded a vigorous pen for the cause he championed. And yet—ah, there are many lessons for us all bound up in the history of that span of years.

And Chatham is indebted to the deceased. He was a loyal citizen and an active one. At times, possibly, theoretical and ethereal, but always elevating, his counsel and advocacy were along lines calculated to public weal and betterment.

And now that he is gone—that he has been taken into the Unseen and left none near and dear to guard and cherish the memories of the future, The Planet trusts the good people of Chatham may mark his resting place by some memorial of the life spent among us.

The tribute would not be to the deceased alone.

BINDER TWINE MEETING.

In connection with the account of the last meeting of the Binder Twine Company, which appeared in Saturday's Planet, Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., has pointed out that certain remarks made at that meeting were inadvertently omitted from the report; thereby, he is led to believe, creating an erroneous impression that he was to blame for the illegality in the election of the new directorate.

Mr. Wilson, in addressing the meeting, as pointed out in The Planet's report, said that he had merely drafted the by-law in question, with which he found no fault, and had instructed the old board of directors to submit it to their solicitor that the subsequent formalities might be complied with. In this statement Mr. Wilson was corroborated by President M. J. Wilson and Director Alister McKay, whose remarks in that connection were not included in the report.

If this omission has, in any way, been responsible for misrepresenting Mr. Wilson, this journal sincerely regrets it.

As has already been said, The Planet has no axe to grind in connection with its counsel and suggestion to the shareholders of this company. It is, to a large extent, a public institution whose success is calculated to be of great value and import to the community. Its prosperity will benefit not alone the shareholders, but prove a material acquisition to the commercial status of the entire district.

The past and present imbroglios are to be regretted, but the darkest hour oftentimes precedes the dawn. There is no reason why—if the concern is promptly placed on a business basis and under the control of capable management—it should not come forth from the fires of initiatory tribulations to a strong, sound, substantial foundation and build up a career of exceptional prosperity for this business and liberal emolument for those who have invested therein.

To this end alone, sinking such petty differences as may possibly have occurred in the past, we trust the

stockholders and directors will earnestly and sincerely devote themselves, and the result, The Planet ventures to predict, will be such as to give perpetual satisfaction to all concerned.

A NATION OF PRISONERS.

Great Britain has now got over 40 thousand Boers in captivity in South Africa, St. Helena, Ceylon, Bermuda, and other places, comments the Ottawa Citizen. The larger proportion have been in captivity for nearly two years. It is interesting to speculate upon the effect of civilizing influences upon this mass of men who really represent the male portion of the Boer race. What will result from keeping these men for a long period in a state of idleness and captivity, well-fed and kindly cared for by their enemy? Travel will have a broadening influence on narrow minds; nearly all will learn the English language; and being thrown in contact with the British soldier and official they will be likely to admit that, after all, he is a very decent sort of chap. As they gain a better perspective view of their country in its relations to Great Britain and the rest of the world they may become impressed with a knowledge of the former backwardness of their national life and become reconciled to, and even satisfied with, the prospect of their future as a part of the world's greatest empire.

Still their lot must be far from a happy one at present, separated from their wives and families, knowing that their country has been almost devastated by the ravages of war and that they have to look forward to almost beginning life over again. The more fair-minded and intelligent among them must view with bitterness the useless and hopeless struggle which is being perpetuated by the handful of irreconcilables in the field when they remember that but for them they might all have been back with their families and in their homes eighteen months ago, but for this guerrilla warfare. At the time of the surrender of Pretoria and even as late as the date of Lord Roberts' Proclamation of the Transvaal and Free State as British colonies in September, 1900, these countries had almost entirely escaped the ravages of war, except for the destruction of public property by the Boer armies. Probably never in the history of war did the inhabitants suffer so little from destruction of property or loss of effects as did the Boers during the march of the British armies from the Orange River to Pretoria, and eastward from Pretoria to Koomatipoort. Not only were farms and houses left untouched, but it was a penal offence to take their poultry without an equivalent of hard cash being rendered at their own prices. If the people had accepted the inevitable and returned to their farms then they would now be comfortable and prosperous.

As the matter stands now Great Britain will have a new problem on her hands when the war is over. Probably fifty thousand men and five times as many women and children will be on her hands, scarcely any of whom will have a home to go to. The farms are devastated, the cattle driven off, no horses left to do farm work. For a year at least after the war ends all these people will be dependent on the nation not only for the necessities of life but for the means of reestablishing themselves in the country. No doubt they will be liberally treated by the Government and there is hope that by the time they have settled down again they will have forever given up any idea of making further trouble.

MIGHT DO WORSE.

Hamilton Times.
 Why not send Sam Hughes out to corral Delaney?

THE DIURNAL HITCH.

Hamilton Herald.
 Rev. W. F. Wilson counts that day lost whose slow descending sun sees not some man and maid by him made one.

SPRING INFLUENCES CAPT. MORRISON.

Ottawa Citizen.
 There are 45,000 more bachelors than spinsters in Ontario. It beats the Dutch how the dear girls keep out of matrimony under the circumstances. And such nice girls, too!

HIS NEGLIGENCE.

Buffalo Express.
 A dispatch from Galt, Ont., says the town constables have resigned, one of them having robbed a store and the others being charged with negligence. Does that mean they should have helped the first?

TAKE WARNING.

Bobcaygeon Independent.
 Something more than a spring, this, it's a leap from a spring-board. But keep your weather eye open, and don't get too gay with your basket phaetons. You might want your sleighs for a day or two before the month is out.

AN ENGLISH VIEW.

London Review.

That Canada should voluntarily prejudice her trade relations with other nations in the interests of Great Britain, who gives her no more consideration than is accorded to the most hide-bound of protectionist countries, is obviously unreasonable.

THE LATEST IN SINECURES.

Hamilton Times.
 The wireless system of telegraphy is even setting the slang of the day. Washington statesmen now say when a constituent seeks an unobtainable position: "I guess I'll have to get him a job as lineman with the Marconi company."

A TERRIBLE KIDNEY PAIN.

Mr. Chas. Welsh of Picton Suffered Intense Pain in his Back and Kidneys.

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