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To-Morrow's the Day of Great Eclipse

9 A. M. SATURDAY

The Most Magnificent Spectacle the Heavens Have to Offer.

THE SUPERSTITIOUS PERSIST IN FORETELLING EARTH'S GRAND FINALE

Watford is Just Outside the Path of Total Eclipse, But the Sight Will Be a Grand One if Weather is Clear.

Long's Corners to date famous largely as a honking place for motorists, five miles south of Hamilton, Ontario, on the Wentworth highway, finds itself suddenly prominent on the maps of celestial spheres as the result of the impending capers of the moon tomorrow (Saturday) morning, Jan. 24th. Experts of astronomy, astro-physics, sky-reading and star-gazing will make that hamlet their Mecca for the purpose of observing the moon's eclipse of the sun that morning.

Mysterious looking buildings, guarded closely by watchmen and barriers, have already been erected on farm property near the Corners. They might be mistaken for cow barns and chicken-coops, but they have no such earthly purpose. They are all of long bellows cameras for photographing the eclipse—if the cloud conditions permit—and other equipment very technical and very delicate for the use of the scientists in the epochal grey dawn of Saturday, Jan. 24.

In The Centre of Shadow

Long's Corners was selected by the Canadian scientists for their important work on the eclipse, because that point is about the centre of the valley of the shadowed of darkness to be created by the eclipse in Canada early on the morning of Jan. 24. The shadowed path cut from 100 to 167 miles in width and cuts a swath in the daylight from the Lake of the Woods, across portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario, New York and Connecticut, darkening considerable portions of the Great Lakes on the way. After leaving Connecticut, (the city of New York is on the edge of the path) the eclipse sweeps across the Atlantic, goes north of the British Isles, and at sunset says au revoir to the earth between the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

Magnificent Effects.

Assuming that the sun and moon and other whirling orbits do their daily dozen according to schedule—and if they don't we had better watch out—there will be some thrills and startling effects for the scientist with all their paraphernalia, as well as ordinary folks with their smoked glasses or befogged films, to witness on the morning of Jan. 24. That is, providing that they are in the shadow path and also providing that clouds are not. We are promised the "most magnificent spectacle the heavens have to offer." The moon, it seems, will obliterate the sun and the narrow strip of the earth affected will be for one minute or more in total darkness. Flames millions of

miles in length say the scientists, will be seen shooting from the sun, behind the blackness of the solid ball of rock and sand composing the moon. Presumably this flame broadcasting is all in the usual day's work for the sun but the obstructive tactics of the moon on this particular day will enable ordinary mortals to view these fire-fingling effects.

Rate of Passing.

On the edges of the shadow path there will not be a total eclipse but some parts of the sun will be obscured, and some of the effect clearly discernible under good conditions. In Canada a line drawn from Goderich on Lake Huron to Niagara Falls will be the centre of the shadow path and the darkest of the total eclipse. The total eclipse will pass over this part of Ontario at the rate of 4,200 miles an hour, doing the trip from Goderich to Niagara Falls in one minute and 55 seconds. Partial eclipse will be in progress in this territory, however, for more than two hours.

Professor C. A. Chant of Toronto university has prepared the following table and program of the event, which will apply, generally speaking, to most points on the "path of totality":

Program of Spectacle.

7.59 a.m.—The moon will start to pass across the face of the sun. To the onlooker it will appear as though some huge mouth had strated nibbling at the solar orb, leaving a crescent-shaped hole as it eats its way toward the centre.

8.57 a.m.—The sky is still clear but there are ominous signs of what appears to be an approaching storm. All that remains of the sun is a crescent so thin that one might be excused for thinking a puff of wind would blow it away. Daylight begins to fall. And then come the "famous bands." Queer banded shadows move over the side of buildings.

9.06—Now is the time to watch for the shadow. Far out to the west the horizon disappears, to be replaced by a line between twilight and daylight, rushing toward you at the terrific speed of 4,200 miles an hour. The sun seems to break up into a series of bright beads—Baily's beads as they are called after the astronomer who first observed them.

9.07 a. m.—All else forgotten in the appearance of the eclipsed sun itself, now completely covered by the moon. For the next minute and 12 seconds the famed corona at comparative leisure, the moon is encircled by a strange, pearly halo the streamers of which sometimes shoot out from its circumference, for a distance of several diameters. Sometimes the spectacle is made still more weird by blood-red prominences just visible at the edge of the moon.

9.08 a. m.—A crescent shaped streak of sun will appear on the opposite side of the moon on that from which it disappeared. The total eclipse is over, not to return to Ontario again until A. D. 2144.

9.08 1/2 a.m.—Second phase of partial eclipse sets in.

10.22 a.m.—Second phase of partial eclipse ends.

Fast And Future Eclipses.

made such a blockade of the sun's performances in this part of the world was on June 16, 1806, when there was a total eclipse visible in Fort Frontenac (now Kingston Ont.) Ogdensburg, N. Y., and Salem, Mass. There will be another eclipse on Aug. 31, 1932, which will favor the eastern end of Labrador, Anticosti Island and possible parts of Newfoundland. Ontario will never see the like again, however, till the year 2144 when on Oct. 26, at 12:34 p.m. to be exact—an eclipse similar to that of Jan. 24 will sweep over the Niagara peninsula to astonish our great great grand children of the steventh generation.

CHOP STUFF

Port Colborne had over 400 Police Court cases during 1924 and the amount of fines collected totals \$11,202.10. Violation of O. T. A. made up 306 cases.

Chimney fires are liable to occur at this time of year, and a handful of sulphur thrown in to the stove or furnace at the outset is sure to check the fire and prevent damage.

The work of slicing the season's crop of beets has been about completed at the Chatham factory of the Dominion Sugar Company. The percentage of sugar content, it is stated, has been exceptionally high.

In compliance with his promise that a strong effort would immediately be made to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act throughout the province, Attorney-General Nickle has arranged to have additional provincial police stationed at various points in Western Ontario, who will give their time to the enforcement of the liquor law in their respective districts.

Petrolia Board of Education cannot agree on the site for their new \$100,000 High School. Four sites were considered, one at \$1,275; one at \$1,975, another at \$2,060, and the fourth at \$2,306.75. These prices include an estimate of cost of sewerage and levelling the lots. These sites were situated as follows:—The north part of the fair grounds, Petrolia street west on J. F. Plumbs property (A. C. Edward Estate), the Southern section of the town, and two in the northern.

The elementary school of science at Bridgen, which is being conducted by the Lambton county division of the department of agriculture, has resumed its post-Christmas term with an exceptional enrollment. The school is under the supervision of W. P. MacDonald, of the department of agriculture, Petrolia, and D. J. Matheson. The men's school is being held in Carroll's hall, while the ladies' class is in the basement of the Bridgen Methodist Church. C. M. Lee, of Toronto, has been outlining "Farm Management" to the students, while Dr. W. E. Bakes, V.S., is conducting a series of lectures on the care of live stock. Miss Chapman, of the National Women's Institutes Association, is giving instructions to 35 young ladies on household science. The school will continue until March 1.

Country Cousin—Wal, by cracky! The papers wuz right. The girls in this show is dressed somethin' scandalous. City Cousin—Shut up, SW The curtain hasn't gone up yet; all you see are the ladies in the box parties.

The chartered banks in Ontario are applying to the Legislature for exemption from the business tax now levied on them by the municipalities. In this way they claim their taxes were raised from \$194,793 in 1918 to \$566,502 in 1923.

Strathroy Age-Dispatch:—The by-law proposing to abolish the old system of statute labor in the township of Warwick, was decisively defeated at the municipal elections recently held. The ratepayers evidently are determined to do their own road work.

The farmers of Germany are agitating the erection in Berlin of a gigantic bakery, to be under their control and free from the manipulations of the middleman. Their purpose is to market their wheat, in the form of bread, direct to consumers in the city.

Colin McKeigan, of Strathroy, has returned from a purchasing trip to the Old Country, bringing with him a string of six fine horses. The return voyage on the Atlantic, Mr. McKeigan, says, was one of the roughest and stormiest he ever encountered.

Five Bothwell young ladies hiked to Thamesville one evening last week, doing the ten miles in two hours and ten minutes. The party consisted of Misses Marjory Willits, Leone Johnston, Madeline Johnston, Emily Brewster and Mary Leverton.

Holidays in 1925—Good Friday, April 10; Victoria Day, Sunday, May 24; Dominion Day, Wednesday, July 1; Labor Day, Monday, September 7; Thanksgiving Day, Monday, November 9; Christmas Day, Friday, December 25; Armistice Day, November 11, falls on a Wednesday. The Kings birthday is Wednesday, June 3rd.

D.D. G. M. Finnan of Ailsa Craig visited Acorn lodge No. 36 I. O. O. F. Camlachie, and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: P. G. Martin Burnley; N.G., John Burnley; V. G., Edward Armstrong; Rec.-Sec., Carman Mathews; Financial Secretary, Samuel Ross, treasurer, Jas. Robinson; warden, Wallace Fisher; chaplain, Andrew Lunam; R.S. N.C., Joseph Lowrie; L. S. N. G., Albert Fisher; R.S.V.G., John Welsh; L.S.V.G., William Smith; I.G., Murray Armstrong; O.G., Cameron McLean; R.S.S., Clinton Moore; L.S.S., Edwin Berry. Lunch was served after the installation.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

In the matter of the Estate of Mary E. Wiley, late of the Village of Warwick, in the County of Lambton, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario (1914), Chapter 121, Section 56, and amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Mary E. Wiley, late of the Village of Warwick, in the County of Lambton, deceased, who died on or about the 30th day of October, A. D. 1924, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver on or before the 16th day of February, A. D. 1925, to the undersigned Solicitors for John McCubbin, Executor of the Will of the said deceased, their names, addresses, and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And notice is hereby given that on and after the said 16th day of February, A. D. 1925, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

A. W. BIXEL,
Solicitor for Executor.
Dated this 21st day Jan. A.D. 1925.
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Local Happenings

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 25th.

Mrs. Florence Kelly has returned after visiting friends in St. Catharines and Toronto.

Thamesville council made a contribution of \$12 to the editor of the local paper for publishing the minutes of the year's meetings of the council.

"LOOK"—Friday and Saturday specials—Any article in our "Bargain"—J. R. McCormick.

One chimney belches smoke and cinder showers to boot, and other chimneys see the same. And promptly follow suit.

See our 5—and 10-cent collection of many useful household articles gathered together and marketed to clearing out prices.—See them first time you're in.—P. D. Son.

If carried at next month's issue of the legislative, the gasoline will be two cents per gallon less. This will amount to about million dollars annually, which will be used exclusively on roads. Truck licenses will be raised from \$14 to \$20.

Men's heavy cottonade lined best value in Canada \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$3.75. Clearing at \$1.95.—Swift's.

"Fish" specials for Friday Saturday—White Fish 17c lb., Herring 10c lb., 15c lb., Fillets 17c.—J. R. McCormick.

In this issue will be found announcement of a number of sales by our merchants. People find it advantageous to buy no trade rightfully belongs to the merchant enough to be solicited through by systematic advertising.

Dr. Hill told the Health audience in Sarnia last week colds were unnecessary. T. pleasing news in view of the from Toronto that handkerchiefs retail at \$5.00 each. That looks paying for it through the nose.

The preacher who can please every hearer, the schooler who can instruct to please parent, the dressmaker who please every patron, the merchant who can please every buyer, the editor who can please all his subscribers, are all dead and buried.

Big reductions in Men's, and Sweaters, \$5.00 sweaters for \$3.50.—Swift's.

The winner of the competition conducted by "Canadian Book Reviews" for reviews of "Elaine" was won by Mrs. Kate T. C. of Watford, Ont. The review with this succinct sentence: "a novel with the Spirit of Hamlet always leading and almost until the last chapter, the reader hopes it is finally over in her grasp." This is in all well-written epitome of the author but with a protest certain ultra-frank disclosure "which in the minds of the critics, the book could well do out." In the completion for of "A Passage to India" the prize review by Kate T. C. of Watford, Ont., follows, as a first prize review by Miss Mae son, of South Vancouver, juvenile competition for review "Those Who Walk in the Rev"

The Fellowship Bible Class the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. on Thursday evening, Jan. 22, eight o'clock. In the absence of president, Rev. S. J. Thomps the chair. The meeting opening and prayer. After the reading of the minutes the speaker gave a report of the number made on the sick and the sent during the month. The names, Misses Lovell, Dun Temple, were added to the list. Mr. Fowler read a selection titled "A Cottage Home" and heartily applauded. Rev. S. J. son gave an interesting "Brotherhood." Dr. Hicks with a short talk on the aspect of the work of the School. Rev. S. Quinn closed meeting with prayer. A thanks was tendered Mr. and Harper and after refreshment served the meeting adjourned \$2.10.