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NOTE AND COMMENT

Wet cellars are drying out gradually and will never again be wet.

Hatfield, the Western rain maker, got his \$8,000. Wonder can he do the trick next year?

Another daily paper, The Ingersoll Chronicle, has failed through insufficient support and high cost of production.

The young people have a little more of everything than their parents had. Even daughter can show a great deal more sunburn than her mother could at her age.

Lemons are selling at six cents per dozen in California and in Carolina watermelons bring 20 cents each. O what a difference when they reach the Canadian consumer!

The decent members of the medical profession and that means the whole body with the exception of a small minority, are going to vindicate their honor by shaking off the "doctors" who were intended by nature for bartenders.

Within another week or two a little army of some forty thousand men will be speeding out to the prairies to give a hand in garnering and threshing the Western crops. The

employment service of Canada regards this number as reasonable estimates since the general expectation is for the best crop since 1915.

Port Rowan News:—The caricaturing of ministers in the theatres is an evidence that the attitude of the people toward the pulpit is not as full of respect as it once was. The world lost a good deal when it allowed that beautiful light of reverence to grow dim. German theology did something to darken the view, and ambitious unfitness for the Holy calling added to the darkness, and the people's precocious breadth of view made the cloud blacker still. So there is no longer any light to check the laughter on the lips and the caricaturist has his way.

Acton Free Press:—It is rather a singular coincidence that just now when Toronto labor unions are striking for an eight-hour day, Sweden, which adopted the eight-hour day a year ago, is now making a determined effort to have the law it enacted repealed. When the Bill was passed it was claimed that the eight-hour day would mean greater efficiency during the shorter hours of labor and consequently as great production as in a nine or ten-hour-day. The result there has been disastrous, and it is estimated that Sweden is losing about \$200,000,000 annually as a result of the shorter day adopted.

Orillia Packet:—When a new Methodist minister comes to town, as come one must every three or four years, a common question is, "What do you think of him?" But there are two sides to the situation. It has always been more the disposition of this page to wonder what the new minister

thinks of the people. Under almost any circumstances the pulpit may be counted upon to measure up to a higher standard than the pew.

The trustees of the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, have decided that the maximum fee any surgeon ought to charge for an operation, no matter how wealthy the patient may be, is \$1,000. It will no longer be possible to apply to John Hopkins the story of the two eminent surgeons who met in the hospital corridor after a busy morning and exchanged a few words. "What did you operate for this morning?" asked Dr. A. "Fifteen hundred," promptly replied his friend. "Yes, yes," said Dr. A., testily, "but your patient, what was wrong with him? What had he?" "Fifteen hundred," replied Dr. B., "that was all he had."

In referring to the recent order issued by the Attorney General instructing police officers to prosecute farmers and fruit growers who sell any fruit on Sundays, the Simcoe Reformer makes the following comment:—"Sic 'em, Raney! Some day, if you only keep at it, the people of the Province will become thoroughly tired of you and all your tribe, and 'Tou-shalt-not' legislation will cease to be as popular as it is. Just consider. The autoist can motor on Sunday. He can stop at hotel and restaurant and buy a meal, including fruit and ice cream. He can replenish his supply of gas. Yet if he stops in front of an orchard and buys a quart of fruit he is to be treated as a criminal. And everyone wonders that there is a crime wave."

Belleville Intelligencer:—Circulars from wholesale liquor dealers have ceased to burden the mails and the mail carriers are devoutly thankful; also householders who could not afford to lay in a stock sufficient to carry them through a prolonged drought. Many people who like a little "toddy" occasionally philosophically refrained from laying in a supply, figuring out that they might just as well get on the water wagon now as later on, for booze supplies, have a habit of quickly disappearing. The daily bombardment of liquor circulars was an aggravation to slim purses and the order to cease firing will be welcomed in many quarters with relief.

We hear much of the deficits of the railway companies. Perhaps if the railroads would go out after business they might be able to come nearer making ends meet. Years ago we used to have excursions at holiday times and on every possible occasion and people planned to travel. These were cut off and people cut out many a little jaunt. The passenger rates were raised and then people took to hiring a car to take them places where they used to go by rail. Freight also fell off, and the companies, to make up the deficit, boosted the price of freight cartage and it is falling off still more. If the railway companies wish to keep up with the competition of the motor car and truck they will have to begin catering to the public a bit more than they have in the past.—Clinton News-Record.

WHERE SHE WAS GOING

There is a story told concerning a careful mother whose three children horrified her one day by producing for her inspection three exceedingly bilious-looking toffee apples. "They are very pretty, my dears," she lied bravely, "but really you mustn't eat them. I've heard of little children dying through eating colored toffee apples." Then she took the sweets away and put them out of reach—as she thought—on the shelf in her dressing room. She imagined that would do the trick; but early next morning she heard a sound out in the landing, and, going to see who was astir so early, found Elsie trotting along the passage. "Where are you going, dear?" she asked. "It's not six o'clock yet." "Going to see if Dick and Arthur are dead yet," replied the eight-year-old miss "I'm not."

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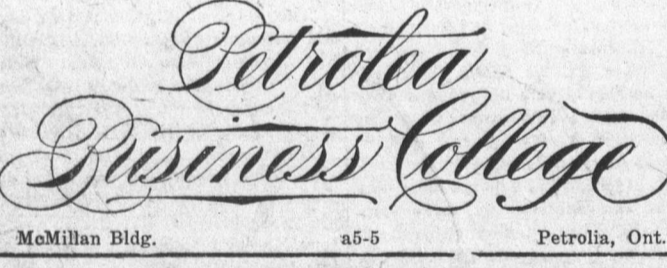
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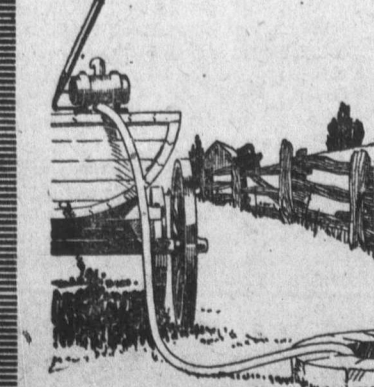
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