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NOTE AND COMMENT

There are 88,000 Freemasons in Ontario.

Pity some of those people who were born tired never get punctured.

Loose leaves of pure gold have been discovered in Benoit tp, in New Ontario. The body in which the rich ore occurs is about eight feet in width.

The Canning correspondent of the Simcoe Reformer says: "We are pleased to see Mrs. Tangle's back in the village." The lady no doubt, as the Newmarket Express-Herald suggests, has adopted V-cut gowns.

Let us never forget that God made home among the first things that He created. Before commerce and trade laws and statutes, thrones and altars there were men and women, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, lovers and friends, hearthstones and homes.

You will find honesty among thieves, truth among fools, but you will find few sparks of manhood, womanhood or principle in a knocker. A thief might have a kind heart; a fool might be a faithful friend; but a man who knocks his home town isn't worth the hole in a doughnut in any sort of human relationship.—Penticton Herald.

An Amherstburg garage in an advertisement says that it has inaugurated a taxi service "with nice clean, smooth-running cars for weddings, christenings, funerals or other picnicking tours." This advertiser must be some relation to a lady who attended a memorial service for a deceased sister in some fraternal order. In giving her report of the affair before the next meeting, she said in closing "We had a very pleasant and profitable time."

In Simcoe they have had some trouble with their high school teachers on the score of impertinent demands for salary. The board sacked them all, and the teachers guild kicked up its heels and tried to make it impossible for the board to get a full staff for next term. But the board succeeded and every town in Ontario is delighted. These little uprisings of the school board may cost the taxpayers something at first, but they will bring ultimate relief.—Port Rowan News.

Hon. R. H. Grant, Ontario's Minister of Education, has the proud distinction of being probably the least criticized members of the Drury Government, yet his Department is now one of the heaviest spenders. For education the appropriation is higher than any former Government dreamed of, yet in or out of the legislature there has not been a word of serious criticism or censure. This is remarkable and is surely in part, at least, an evidence of the confidence reposed by the electorate in Mr. Grant's judgment.—Arnprior Chronicle.

Automobiles from the states of Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Oregon have been noticed in the city during the early part of the week. One tourist from Kansas stated that he passed many cars on the roads in the states and that practically all of them were heading for Canada. "Canada is the big attraction on the other side, this year," he stated. "Any man who owns a car and who has two or three weeks' vacation is planning to spend it in Canada. I like this country; there are no stiff formalities here and everything is so much cheaper than in the middle Western states. I have met many Canadians in my travels who boast this country to the skies, and I can tell you, their boasting is justified. There is no country like Canada," he declared as he started up his engine and left for points in Eastern Ontario.—Chatham News.

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

MOVE AROUND BEFORE THE IVY BEGINS TO CLIMB UP YOUR LEGS

(A vacation editorial—by Geo. Ade)

When the days are long, get ready to file off ball and chain. Wait until the asters are blooming and then, no matter where you are, go somewhere else. Only an oyster remains forever at the old home-stead.

If the all-wise Arranger had meant for you to look out of the same window all the time, he wouldn't have given your legs.

The planet you are now visiting may be the only one you will ever see. Even if you get a transfer, the next one may not have any Grand Canyon or Niagara Falls.

Move around before the ivy begins to climb up your legs.

It is true that a rolling stone gathers no moss, but it gets rid of the rough corners and takes on a lovely polish. Besides, who wants to be covered with moss.

Go on a journey every year so that you may jolt out of your brittle head piece, the notion that our home township is the steering-gear of the universe.

Some hermits are learned, but only the travellers are wise.

If you have earned a vacation take it. The time has come to exchange your cold currency for some new sensations. You are due to accept a reward for all the years of sacrifice and denial. But you worry. If you splurge around and have a good time maybe the children will not have all the funds they need fifteen years hence.

TEACH THE CHILDREN

Parents can do a good deal to prevent serious accidents if they will see to it personally that their children do not play in the streets, and that they are taught to be careful and to keep their ears open when walking along the roads. Too many children have a habit of dodging across the street or road in front of an oncoming auto, believing they can judge the distance and speed of the machine. Others try to be "smart" dodging first one way and then the other, to confuse the driver, and more than one accident has been the result of this. Teach your children that there is danger in an auto, no matter how careful the driver may be, and no matter how closely they watch. It is always the unexpected that happens, and your own little boy or girl may be the next one killed or seriously crippled. We are going to have auto accidents, that is sure. But let us use a little precaution and by warning our children see if we cannot avoid having a little more.

HARVEST 1921

Our August is coming, our August is here; The summer months ending, rewards should appear. A veteran in living, his counsel regard In the flush time of youth respect the reward. It's the law of our being we cannot dispute We all desire fruitage and partakers of fruit; It's the way we're created, we've sowed what we reap, Then why should we grumble be it bitter or sweet. Our tastes often differ, our will has its way; We make or we mar, we refuse or obey. This month is propitious, our life should be gain If we've kept down the weeds, encouraged the grain. An eye for the beauty, a hand for the toil And in doing our duty, we heartily smile. The binders, and mowers, in best of repair, The ropes, and the pulleys, the truck have their share, While the wit, and the skill, the soul of it all Ensuring each harvest tho' ever so small. A holy ambition whatever the style, No life need be empty, a life that's worth while; Our aims, and our efforts, may seem for to fail, But virtue's created and right must prevail. Our blunders, are blessings then heed not the scorn, We learn richer lessons, we character form. Our lamp it is lit, our ambition it burns, There must be misfit if there is no returns; Formation and talents we must not revile. The barn for the harvest, refuse for the pile.

—W. B. L.

SAVING FOR OLD AGE

Insurance companies have a powerful weapon in statistics that prove most men are destined to poverty in their old age. Only fifteen men in a hundred are independent at 65. The other eighty-five are supported by relatives, or the public, in their non-earning days. The Surrogate Court records show that in Ontario only 30 per cent. of those who died in 1916 had estates. In 1920, the proportion was 50 per cent. Out of 11,554 persons who died, leaving estates, in 1920, 9000 had estates valued at less than \$5,000 and much of this was in the form of life insurance. The estate increase in the war period showed the effect of good times for the individual, but the general ratio proves the need of constant thrift.

The preaching of thrift has seemingly fallen into disfavor recently. Salaried men bringing up families that demand a motor car, holiday trips, and means of presenting good appearances, have been almost forced to give up hope of saving. What they may be able to secrete for emergencies is swallowed by income taxes and the unceasing requirements of municipal exchequers. The workingman had a much larger income, in dollars, during the war, but between the high cost of living, and the sudden shooting up of standards of living, he did not on the average save much. In the flush period from 1917 to 1920, pianos, gramophones, motor cars, high-class furnishings, exorbitantly priced clothing, expensive holiday trips had a great call among those who, before then, were content to do without them. Table standards went up. Instead of beef stew there was porterhouse, instead of pickled hock there was tenderloin. The dizzy spending of 1919 and 1920 was not a rich man's jamboree, but a "poor" man's. The theory that obtained was: "Have a good time when you can, because you never know when adversity may prevent you... 'Enjoy life'—that is what life is for. Get into the merry whirl. So when the lean days come, there are regrets over money thrown away, but also memories of a real blow-out or blow-in.

Giving little heed to the future is a mistake that may be bitterly paid for. In some countries, the habit of living for the day only is encouraged by the State, which provides old age pensions, and other relief, regardless of what the person's earlier course of conduct may have been. But the pittance it is possible to pay in this way, though enough to keep a man alive, is a sorry reward. The only real safeguard a person has is constant personal thrift. The motor car has dissipated a lot of the old habit of saving, not only because of the operating expenses, but because of the other expenditures it leads to—trips, dinners, parties, dresses, etc. If a car costs a householder, say \$800 a year, he ought as a counter expedient, to have an endowment policy requiring premiums of a hundred or two hundred dollars, this to be extracted from unnecessary motor expenditures. Deliberate inviting of dependence in old age, for the sake of luxuries in the heyday of life is becoming far too common in this jazz generation.

WORKIN' ON THE FARM

There's nothin' quite so good For the health as choppin' wood, Unless it's doin' chores, For it keeps you out of doors. An' gettin' in the hay Is the healthiest kind o' play. Hoein' 'taters strengthens backs Most as good as pullin' flax, An' 'draggin' in the calf Is a job to make you laugh. It gives you pluck an' brawn To rise before the dawn, An' then come home at night Feelin' tired out, but bright. I tell ye there's a charm In workin' on a farm.

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