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Pledging the Candidates.

A movement that is making headway at present is that carried on by the temperance forces in seeking to secure signed pledges from voters to the effect that, regardless of party, they will pledge themselves to support temperance and prohibitory legislation and to vote for candidates at elections who will do the same. On the pledge card is the following clause under the heading of "Method": "The enactment and enforcement of every possible restriction on the liquor traffic; the nomination and election in every riding where possible of candidates for municipal, legislative or parliamentary positions who are known to be prohibitionists personally, and who will claim for themselves complete freedom from any party domination on all questions affecting prohibition."

It is in the latter part of this object that there will arise the question of whether the advocates of this method have placed theory as having greater weight than practical politics, for after all when any movement gets into the realm of political action it becomes a matter of party policy, or, in other words, plain politics.

The Conservative party is in power in Ontario. There is no use blinking the fact that it is strongly entrenched and well organized. When it comes to the selection of candidates for the next provincial election, will the Conservative party endorse the idea of allowing its candidates to pledge themselves to independent action on a matter that is part and parcel of government policy? Would the leaders of the party not reason it out this way: What we shall do in regard to temperance legislation will be a matter for the government to decide, and we are not going to have our mind made up for us in advance. It is not likely that a political leader would sanction candidates who said in advance that they were going to be independent part of the time and faithful supporters at other intervals.

Or, to make a case that is not so suppositious as might be thought: There are three political parties in Ontario—Conservatives, Liberals and Progressives. In a riding there might well be three candidates; it has happened before, and will happen again. Both the Progressive and the Liberal candidates proved to be satisfactory to the temperance forces, but the Conservative candidate refused to commit himself. What would happen? It is not oversteering the case to predict that the Conservative candidate would get the wet vote of his own party, and from the other he would get what support leaned in that direction; he would also receive the votes of others who were party men above all else. The Liberal and Progressive candidates would be left to split the dry vote between them, and the Conservative would be elected.

That is something that could very well take place. We are not seeking to discourage in any way the efforts of those who are trying to create an active temperance sentiment, but in justice to themselves and to the candidates they will seek to pledge, they should recognize that they are entering the field of practical politics, where party rule must still be reckoned with.

C. W. N. A. For London in 1926.

Members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association leave for Winnipeg to hold their annual convention on June 24, 25 and 26. These prosperous weekly publishers are a roving lot. One year they decide on Vancouver, the next on Halifax, and last year they capped the climax by a trip to Europe. This year it's Winnipeg. Why should they not follow the lead of the chief constables? They met in Winnipeg a week ago and decided to come to London for their 1926 convention. We pass this suggestion on to the weekly newspaper publishers. London is an ideal location for convention purposes, easy to reach, delightful to visit, and with a welcome that takes second place to none.

There will no doubt be other places sending invitations for the 1926 gathering of the publishers and editors of the weekly press of Canada, and they have a perfect right to do so. London is quite ready to enter the competition on the strength of its desirable location, facilities for convention gatherings, and the reputation of its citizens as ideal hosts.

So come along, you pen wielders of Canada. London wants you for your annual meeting in 1926.

Lambton County.

Sheriff Albert J. Johnston of Lambton has completed the publication of "Lambton County Names and Places," and the product is as unique as it will prove to be valuable. Not for some time have we seen so outstanding a contribution made to the recording of local history and placing it at the disposal of those who should know it. Mr. Johnston gives credit for the idea and the gathering of much of the data to the late Daniel Fraser McWatt, senior judge of the county.

The development of names is well illustrated in this paragraph: "Champlain saw Lake Huron for the first time in 1617 and he called the lake 'Mer Douce,' or sweet sea, referring to the waters not being salt. The old Indian name of Lake Huron was 'Karegnondli.' The name was given by the Hurons to the lake. The Iroquois

name was 'Canatara'; later on some of the French maps called it Lake Orleans, and still later as Michigan or Huron, and afterward the maps differentiate lakes Michigan and Huron and show them as separate lakes."

Claim is made that possibly no county has given as many premiers or cabinet ministers, and names Hon. George Brown (1851-1857) and Hon. Alexander Mackenzie (1861-1867), and as cabinet ministers Hon. T. B. Pardee (1875-1889) and Hon. W. J. Hanna (1902-1918). It is worthy of note that several representatives of Lambton east and west had long terms of public service. Hon. George Goodhue was in the legislative council from 1842 to 1867, twenty-five years; Hon. J. F. Lister, in the west riding for federal honors, 1882-1898, sixteen years; F. F., now Senator, Pardee, 1905-1921, sixteen years; J. E. Armstrong in the east, 1904-1921, seventeen years, and Hon. T. B. Pardee in the west for provincial legislature, 1875-1889, fourteen years.

Mr. Johnston's book devotes much space to names and places. The casual reader might be inclined to ask why bother publishing this: "Widder—This was the name given to Pine Hill postoffice in 1856, after Mr. Widder. The postmaster was Utrick Chester. Widder Station—This was the first name of the postoffice where Theford now stands. The postoffice was opened in 1862 with Robert Rae as postmaster."

The answer is that around many of these little centers local history has been made, and with the coming of rural mail service a number of postoffices have ceased to exist. It is fitting that these records be written before they are forgotten.

Sheriff Johnston has performed a public service in carrying to completion the work started by the late Judge McWatt.

A Real News Item.

Cynics may question the wisdom of local news, but they are carried away with their own ability to fathom foreign affairs. There's always a demand for home news, records and reports of events that happen right close to the home hearth.

Thus, for example, the Hanover Post records that "Frederick Helmbecker and Christian Weis were fishing at a nearby lake on Thursday last and secured 17 pike, weighing 70 pounds. The catch was sufficient to make a meal for eleven families."

Now we'll stake our reputation on saying that's news, real, unadulterated news that would grace the columns of any paper lucky enough to get it. In the first place it is of special interest to Frederick and Christian, two fishermen bold enough to strike out for the resort of the big pike. Then it indicates system that weighs the fish with rare mathematical exactitude, and tells of a fine spirit of generosity that dealt out 17 fish to 11 families. That item is as full of news as those 11 families were of pike.

Recognizing Youth.

Tommy Gibbons, veteran of the prize-fighting business, was passed along in the list of has-beens when he met Tunney's right fist. Before the battle the fight follower shook his head and said, "Gibbons will win. He's got everything, he's a clean liver, clever, never drinks nor smokes. He is good for years yet."

But Tunney, who defeated him, had all these qualities—clean habits, careful training, cool-headed, and one thing more, youth. And the Ottawa Journal puts it truly when it says, "So the old story of a good young man and a good old man came once more: the story of Sullivan at New Orleans; of Corbett at Carson City; of Fitzsimmons at San Francisco, and of Jeffries at Reno. Age does wither and custom stale."

Try as we like, we can't get away from the fact that there is in nature a very real working out of the law of diminishing returns. Fake scientists may seek to sweep back the tide of time with monkey gland bribery, and the man of forty may see no reason why he can't clip off 100 yards in ten seconds as he did when he was twenty; but it can't be done.

It is the wise man who uses his youth, middle age and maturity for the pursuits to which these periods find him fitted. When he is through with one he passes to the next; it does not mean that he is decreasing—simply that he is developing.

Note and Comment.

Remember it isn't necessary to get in over your head to learn to swim. Some have a very good time with one toe on the bottom.

The danger of making one lucky piece of speculation lies in the fact that the person's apt to get the idea that he's a shrewd investor.

The Florentine (Ala.) Herald remarks that even if girls have a fondness for nifty clothes, it can't be claimed they are all wrapped up in them.

A local gardener thought he had a pretty fair joke when he put his head in the office door and said: "Tell your readers to plant their leeks next to the watermelons."

Strange, isn't it, how young men laugh at some of the things girls wear when they themselves are all lit up in balloon trousers and balloon-rimmed straw hats.

It might serve some good purpose if cars that were wrecked along our highways could be purchased by the Safety League and left where they landed in the ditch. There are drivers who need the warning.

Insurance man in an address said six or seven hours' sleep was enough for any person. He figured the less time the folks spent in bed the greater would be his opportunity for getting the names on the dotted line.

An expert witness in police court said a prisoner was not drunk, but suffering from "spastic paraplegia." We can imagine the progress of a thick-tongued individual who was trying to explain that himself to the magistrate.

Fickle Weather

Just yesterday the heat it grew and burned my carcass like a wreck, today I search for woolen socks and wind a quilt around my neck.

"Twas only but one day ago my jackass wilted in the sun, he passed away at tea, o'clock before his morning work was done. The brindle cow she fainted too before we reached the milking hour, and when we gave her smelling salts her milk at night was turnin' sour."

The speckled hen it wandered out its mouth propped wide to catch the breeze, the hired man struck his work at noon, he wobbled muchly at the knees.

At nights when I went to my bed I hung my raiment up to dry, for heat had pelted on my dome from out a red and cloudless sky. And when I settled down to snore and clumber on my heated cot, I could not rest my weary frame because it was so blinkin' hot. I cast aside the patchwork quilt and threw the covers on the floor, when I was done of sheddin' such 'twas hotter than it was before.

I walked unto the village street and met friends at the corner store, they urged that I should join with them and quaff a bowl of four by four. They feared I'd perish by the way, that I'd be busted by the heat, for I had sunburn on my neck, great blisters clustered on my feet.

Ah, what a fickle man is Probs, today I follow at his beck, I place wool socks upon my feet and wrap a quilt about my neck.

And when I went to rest last night I gathered blankets from the floor, and spread them gently on my ribs like what I used to do before.

The boys around the village pump don't raise their beer a-temptin' me, for now they sit around the stove and feast upon hot toast and tea. I snub the iceman as he calls, nor fear his pride it be much hurt, for now I'm tryin' to figure out just where I heaved my woolen shirt.—ARK.

25 Years Ago Today

(From Advertiser Files of 1900)

Premier Ross will lay the cornerstone of a new Methodist church at Sandhill, Peel county, on June 19.

Hon. J. R. Stratton, provincial secretary, will take part in the election campaign in North Renfrew.

Bulletin from Hawarden castle: "Mrs. Gladstone grew worse yesterday evening. She is now quite unconscious and is rapidly sinking."

London Bowling club has arranged for a handicap singles. Prizes have been donated by A. Parfitt and John Weld.

London won the district football championship by defeating Glencoe. The teams were: Glencoe—Harris, Harrison, Galbraith, McAlpine, Murray, Johnston, Young, Elliott, Galbraith, Johnston, McAlpine, London—Armstrong, Jackson, Bryant, Henderson, Couss, Russell, McLeod, Johnston, Bartley, Govenlock, Daly. Referee—Fowler, of Watford.

William Fulton, newly-appointed ticket agent here, was presented with a gold watch by the citizens of Galt.

Annual meeting of the Congregational Cycle club elected the following officers: Honorary president, Mr. Oakley; president, B. Chapman; vice-president, W. Warren Goodwin; financial secretary, Miss M. Porteous; captain, W. M. Goodwin; first lieutenant, H. Maule; second, J. Porteous; bugler, O. St. Lawrence; club reporter, G. Bursard.

Revs. Dr. Potts, Courtice, Toronto, and Dyer, Belleville, and Prof. Greenwood, of Whitby, were visitors at the Methodist conference.

Lighter Vein

THE HUMAN DUD.
While he was making his way about his platoon one dark night, a sergeant heard the roar of a "G.I. Can" overhead, and dove into a shell-hole. It was already occupied by a private, who was full in the wind by the noncom's head. A moment's silence—a long, deep breath, and then—

"Is that you, sarge?"
"That's me."
"Hot dog! I was just waiting for you to explode."

HIS GREAT MISFORTUNE.
"Poor ole Bill! 'E's so short-sighted 'e's workin' 'imself to death."
"Wot's 'is short sight got to do with it?"
"Well, 'e can't see when the boss ain't lookin', so 'e 'as to keep on shovellin' all the time."

JOYFUL OCCASIONS.
Mistress—"Miss Elsie is coming out next week, cook."
"ONE THRILL MORE."
"But," said the cautious screen star who was about to perform an apparently dangerous feat, "suppose the rope should break?"
"By George!" cried the director. "That's a good idea!"

DOING HIS BIT.
During the recent prohibition plebiscite in Ontario, a prominent Ottawa man, who is an ardent prohibitionist, was surprised by a visit at his office of his small barelegged son.

"Hullo, young man," the father said. "What brought you to town?"
"I was in a parade," the little boy said proudly. "What parade?" asked his father.

"I don't know," he answered; "but I carried a big sign."
"What was on the sign?" asked the man curiously, and almost collapsed as his son replied: "MY FATHER'S A DRUNKARD! I've got no shoes!"

CONSOLATION.
By Alexander Saxe.
Great City of the Dead!—in whose embrace slumber our dear ones, who have gone into the vast Unknown, and have been borne tenderly to their last resting place:
For them, in solaced prayer, we mourn.
Within thy gates all sleep alike in peace:
The taughty master and the humble slave;
The prince, the pauper—and the silly knave.
When Death is Victor all distinctions cease,
And one and all are equal in the grave,
Great City of the Dead! Some day we too shall lie
Within the holy ground of countless dead:
May we live that of us it be said:
"Such is they had! They did not fear to die!"
For 't gives peace and robs Death of its Dread.

Hydro Street Schoolboy Wins Wheel As First Prize In Dowler's Essay Contest

Wilfred Patterson Argues That City Life Beats Country Life.

ENTRIES NUMEROUS
Result of Popular Contest Is Announced by Judges.

From a large number of entries sent in by boys in London and Western Ontario, the essay written by Wilfred Patterson, 14-year-old schoolboy, of 23 Hydro street, has been chosen as the prize-winning composition on "Country Life vs. City Life." The contest was held by the R. H. & J. Dowler stores. The prize was a bright new bicycle.

The judges were Walter Gunn and Harry Muir. They had a difficult task on their hands to choose the best among the many splendid compositions submitted. Every one of the stories revealing the relative merits of rural and urban life was carefully read, and then the final analysis required a second reading of several to announce a winner.

Wilfred Patterson based his essay upon the physical, spiritual, mental and social advantages, which he claimed were in the city for those who wished to make use of them. He took up each question separately and stated the reasons for his conclusions. The essay is given in full here:

THE ADVANTAGES OF PRESENT-DAY CITY LIFE VS. COUNTRY LIFE TO A BOY

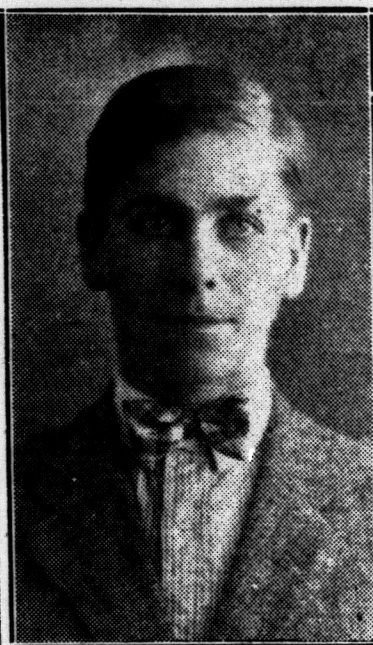
By Wilfred Patterson.
In dealing with the above subject it would be wise to take into consideration the outstanding necessities in the development of a boy's life. The trail tangers and Tuxis Boys say that a boy should receive a training which will develop him physically, spiritually, mentally and socially into a four-sided man.

"The first side for comparison is physical development. The boy must have courage to win the battle of life, and courage comes to a great extent from strength. The city boy has a great advantage, if he uses it; he learns to play a different kind of game to develop each part of the body. He learns how to swim so that if at any time he is called upon to save his own life or that of another in an accident on water, he is able. The city boy has the chance of becoming an all-round athlete through competition and a good sport through many details. The country boy has very few, if any, of these chances. He seldom has any time to play games and go swimming, as he has to work a great deal. When he does have time he has no physical instructor to teach him the best ways to get the most out of his muscles through less exertion."

Spiritual Development.
"The next side for comparison is spiritual development. In this case I would say that the advantages of city life has over the country boy are many. The city boy, through coming in contact with much more than the country boy, learns through experience to go along a straight road, lifting himself above that evil and therefore strengthening his character. The country boy, not coming in contact with the evils of the city, does not learn to combat them. The city boy joins numerous clubs upheld by the churches and the Y. M. C. A. In these clubs the biggest part of the program is set aside for the study and discussion of different chapters of the Bible. Each boy takes part in the discussion, and therefore learns how to address the public. The country boy can learn none of this unless he goes to Sunday school, which, owing to the weather, is impossible some months of the year."

"Another common advantage is the more efficient means of securing an education in the city. In this way, more than in any other, the city boy has the advantage. He has large, modern public schools to attend, with efficient and experienced teachers. When his public school career is ended there is a large collegiate ready for him. It is true that the country boy lives in the open and secures a great deal of knowledge about woods, birds and animals; but the city boy does also. He takes up nature study, which gives him a good knowledge of the country. The city boy sees more things in a day than a country boy sees in his life. He sees things which interest him, and therefore he strives to learn about them. This further increases his education, so that in any respect he is the country boy's equal and in many respects his superior along lines of education."

The Social Side.
"In my opinion I now come to the social part of a boy's life, which depends upon the number and kind of friends the boy has. If the boy goes around with toughs he will be a tough. If he keeps himself neat and clean, if he talks clean, and if he chums with decent companions, he will be looked upon with favor. In this place the old saying holds, 'Birds of a feather flock together.' Plainly speaking, the boy is judged through his friends. The city boy meets many more people than a country boy. These people are both of the lowest and highest class, so, to be socially successful, he has to spend much time and care in the choosing of his friends. The country boy, on the



WILFRED PATTERSON, of Hydro street, this city, whose essay, "Country Life versus City Life," was selected as the winner in a contest conducted by the R. H. & J. Dowler store. There was a large number of entries from Western Ontario.

other hand, has not the opportunity nor the necessity of choosing his friends. As a rule he does not live where there are many boys of his own age. Therefore he often has to be contented by chumming with boys much older than himself, and this does not always prove satisfactory. The city boy has a great many boys to choose from, so he can find good friends if he desires to do so. In this way the city boy becomes a good judge of character, which enables him to choose the path which leads to success and leadership."

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING BRINGS DEATH TO BABY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, Sask., June 10.—Shot through the abdomen by a bullet from a 22 rifle in the hands of her five-year-old brother at Wynyard Monday, Sofia Proznick, aged 2½ years, died in hospital here last night.

PACT TO DOUBLE FALLS DIVERSION

Treaty With Canadian Government Purpose of Corporation's Request.

HAVE RIGHTS OF WAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, June 10.—Attorneys for the recently formed Buffalo, Niagara and Eastern Power Corporation, disclosed before the public service commission at a hearing here today to seek permission for employment of a \$3,000,000 holding corporation to take title to 10 per cent of the capitol stock of the four companies associated in the power merger, disclosed that the purpose of their request was to anticipate a treaty with the Canadian government by which the amount of water to be diverted from the Niagara river for power use would be doubled.

President Paul Schoellkopf of the Niagara Falls Power Company, one of the associated organizations, declared that officials of the new corporation had so far anticipated success that they already had purchased land rights of way from Niagara Falls to Lewiston, and had also bought out the Grand Gorge Railway route so as to be ready for development of the new overland power route as soon as the proposed treaty was consummated.

JEWISH SKYSCRAPER.

Associated Press Despatch.
Jerusalem, June 10.—The first skyscraper in Palestine is being erected here by a United States Jew. The building, which will be the tallest in Palestine, ten stories high, is on Ben Yehuda street, near the Zion theatre.

FISH ARE BITING IN KAWARTHA LAKES.

Enthusiastic fishermen in the Kawarthas district are sending back reports already of wonderful catches of fish. The dozen lakes, large and small, which make up the chain, all have a reputation for fine fishing. Speckled trout are caught in the rivers and smaller lakes; in the larger lakes there are maskinonge, small mouthed black bass and lake trout.

Access to all the lakes is very easy. There is an abundance of accommodation at hotels and farm houses, or you can take your choice of hundreds of fine camping sites. Ask any Canadian National Railways agent for illustrated booklets, rates, or any other information.

NEW GOITRE REMEDY

Great interest attaches to reports of a remarkable method for treating goitre recently demonstrated at the W. T. B. Laboratory, 3090 Minty Block, Battle Creek, Mich. It is used by the patient herself in her own home and it is said that the largest and most hideous goitres begin to recede almost in a day. They gradually get smaller until in three or four weeks they are often gone entirely. The treatment is perfectly safe for anyone to use and many believe it will prove the long sought specific for all goitres. A little issued by the laboratory explains method fully and will be mailed free for the asking to anyone interested.—Advt.

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ACIDS IN STOMACH CAUSE INDIGESTION

Create Gas, Sourness and Pain How to Treat.

Medical authorities state that nearly nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble, indigestion, sourness, burning, gas, bloating, nausea, etc., are due to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach and not as some believe to a lack of digestive juices. The delicate stomach lining is irritated, digestion is delayed and food sours, causing the disagreeable symptoms which even stomach sufferers are not needed in such cases and may do real harm. Try laying aside all digestive aids and instead get from any druggist a few ounces of Bismarck Magnesia and take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water right after eating. This sweetening of the stomach, prevents the formation of excess acid and there is no sourness, gas or pain. Bismarck Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and is the most efficient form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.—Advt.

Cured Her Rheumatism

Knowing from terrible experience the suffering caused by rheumatism, Mrs. J. E. Hurst, who lives at 204 Davis Ave., B291 Bloomington, Ill., is thankful at having cured herself of this kind of pure gratitude she is anxious to tell all other sufferers just how to get rid of their torture by a simple way at home. Mrs. Hurst has nothing to sell. Merely cut out this notice, mail it to her with your own name and address and she will gladly send you this valuable information entirely free. Write her at once before you forget.—Advt.

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