

TRIED TO SET FIRE TO HOUSE OF REFUGE

Thursday last a pathetic scene was enacted before the magistrate, when a feeble old inmate of the County House of Refuge answered to a charge of attempting to set fire to the home. Quite evidently of unsound mind, the aged man stated that he merely wanted to see a discarded match, and piling waste paper at the bottom of a wooden ventilator shaft, started the blazing crackling flame, and gave the alarm. What might have been a terrible holocaust was narrowly averted. The infirm perpetrator was given a weak in the county jail for observa-

tion purposes. The lighter side of this case was presented when the old man, questioned as to dates, devoted for a Liberal M. P.—Goderich Star.

Lloyd Dunbar, aged 25, of Ethel, was fatally injured about 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, on his father's farm, when a board he was ripping on a portable saw splintered, gashing his throat terribly and fracturing his jaw in two places. The young man was rushed to the Lister hospital, where he died five hours later. Dunbar had cut partly through a long board when it split suddenly, one end hitting him directly in the face and the other firing

25 yards away, striking a barn. The jagged edges of the wood pierced his neck and little hope was held for his recovery.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl who saw her boy friends only on Wednesday and Sunday.

A farm journal says that those who were engulfed in the stock market when the recent crack came will be in a position to sympathize with those who bought stockers and feeders at a big price last fall. Any kind of a stock market seems to be desperately uncertain.

BOY CHOKES TO DEATH

The sincere sympathy of their many friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Playford in the death of their youngest son, aged four years, who accidentally choked to death on Sunday night. The little fellow was eating some peas when in some manner some became lodged in his throat and before anything could be done to dislodge them he had choked to death. The family resides about three quarters of a mile west from the county line running to Hepworth and Clavering. It is understood that the parents were in Owen Sound at the time but some of the older children were in charge.—Warton Echo.

PURCHASER CANNOT CHANGE MIND

After buying an article at a farm auction, the purchaser cannot change his mind. It is not take and pay for it. This, in effect, was the ruling of Judge Thompson in Division Court at Whitby the other day. Edgar Sorry sued Chris. Yakely for the price of a potato digger which had been sold by auction to Yakely at the sale of a farmer named Thompson. The auctioneer "knocked down" the digger to Yakely for \$40. It was revealed later that he digger originally belonged to Storry, not Thompson, the former having a quantity of goods in the sale including the potato digger. Yakely never took the article off the place and Storry asked for judgment for the sale price of \$40. Yakely held that the digger was not a good one, but His Honor held that such sales were held without warranty being given and gave judgment in full. On the witness stand the auctioneer said this was his first sale in 27 years that had been challenged.

THEY SAY — WHAT DO THEY SAY? — LET THEM SAY

The human tongue has long been regarded as an unruly member and a great mischief-maker. It is but recently that newspapers reported the death of two young women—driven to suicide by the wagging, slandering tongues of neighbors. One case was in British Columbia where the mean talk of school trustees drove the youthful lady teacher to take her own life. The other story was from Owen Sound where a busy-body neighbor told a young wife that her husband went to see other women. This woman took poison. Of course these women did not act wisely. We are living in a world with a great variety of people and there is no effective way of preventing mean people from saying mean things. A great deal can be said, and a great deal of mischief done without giving ground for a slander action which is the only way the law

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BARN BURNED DOWN

During the Friday afternoon storm the barn on the farm of Mr. Alf. Holland, South Line, about four miles from town, was struck by a bolt of lightning, took fire and was burned to the ground.

Mr. Holland was in the house at the time but his son, Albert, was standing in the doorway of the barn when the bolt struck. The young man was knocked unconscious. Mr. Holland, on hearing the crash, rushed to the barn and when he reached it his son was just recovering from the shock.

All the stock was removed from the barn with the exception of two cows which were burned with the building. Another cow later died from the effects of the fire. A quantity of feed and grain and some implements were also consumed and Mr. Holland's loss is a serious one.—Kincardine Review-Reporter.

APRIL ENCHANTMENT

April taps so lightly
On the window-pane
With the fairy lances
Of the silver rain,
Some enchantment surely
Mut be hers to wield,
She has brought such changes
To the barren field!
She has worked such magic
In the leafless wood
Waking buds to answer
To her joyous mood,
None can doubt her forces
Or her touch deny,
While such wonders flower
In the earth and sky,
April calls but faintly
Through the silver mist,
But man's spirit hastens
To the happy tryst!

REPORT OF S. S. NO. 5, CARRICK

(Easter Exams)
Sr. IV—Norman Diebel 86, Adela Diemert 84, Gladys Diebel 79, Dorretta Weber 65.
Jr. IV—Rita Diemert 62, Edwin Stroeder 44, Loretta Stroeder 39.
Sr. III—Emma Weber 64, Elsie Schmidt 60, Freddie Klages 59.
Sr. II—Pearl Gebhardt 73, Pearl Olfe 66.
Promotion
Jr. I to Sr. I—Roy Schmidt, Joe Stroeder.
Jr. Fr. to Sr. Pr.—Honours—Marie Stroeder, Norman Diemert.
Ervin M. Ernest, teacher.

MUST STILL CARE FOR PARENTS

The Old Age Pension Act has now become a law in Ontario, but before it can be brought into operation, regulations must be framed regarding the various matters with which the Act deals. It is not expected that this law supersedes the Dependent Parents Act of 1921, by which children in adequate financial circumstances, are required to contribute to the support of their dependent parents. If there are any children so unfilial in Ontario, as to try to evade their responsibilities in this regard, they are likely to get a rude jolt, when the Pensions Act is proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor. The pension scheme, as The Echo understands it, is supplementary to any other act in the statutes dealing with like matters, and is applicable only to those who might be eligible for commitment to Homes for the Aged, if they are not being cared for through the kindness of children or friends, or by a sympathetic municipality.—Amherstburg Echo.

The Leading Province

Hon. Charles McCrae:—Ontario on account of its mineral wealth and geographical position, is rapidly becoming the commercial and industrial clearing house for the Dominion. Metallic minerals are essential to the maintenance of the machinery of modern civilization and it is significant, for purposes of industry and commerce, that Ontario has within its bounds one of the largest and most promising pre-Cambrian regions in the world.