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EDITORIAL NOTES.

W. J. Bryan, who received an ovation at New York last week on his return from a tour of Europe is easily the most conspicuous figure in American public life at the present time. Travel and contact with foreign life have enlarged Mr. Bryan's vision, and eliminated much of the narrowness and faddism that characterized his first campaign. It is impossible to forecast what may transpire during the two years that intervene before the next presidential election, but present conditions indicate Mr. Bryan as the logical and strongest candidate the Democratic party can name. His radical platform may alienate a per centage of the silk stocking element in his own party, but is likely to make inroads on the opposite party that will more than compensate for the loss. Bryan will stand a lot of beating at the next election and Roosevelt looks like the only man that can turn the trick.

The almost superstitious regard in which the opinion of an "Expert" was once regarded is gradually given away to a less flattering estimate of these self constituted authorities on special lines. We have the special crop estimator, whose calculations generally prove millions of bushels astray. The expert on hand writing, whose testimony is frequently contradicted by actual facts. The expert surgeon who occasionally sews up an instrument in the patient's interior; the expert lawyer, whose opinion is seldom sustained by the higher courts; the expert electrician who comes to a sudden end by handling the charged wire; expert proof readers who make more mistakes than a country editor, and scores of specialists in science and art. There are experts, and there are others, and their name is legion and their nerve illimitable.

In his address at the opening of the Toronto fair Sir William Mulock sounded a note of warning against the tendency to militarism that should meet with the hearty commendation of every sane Canadian. When we regard the nations of Europe, and even those on the continent to which we belong, loaded down with a burden of taxation bequeathed by former wars, and increased by the never ending preparations for another struggle we would do well to pause before attempting to follow their example. We are too young a country to afford the costly luxury of an established army or navy. The millions of dollars squandered in costly armament might better be invested in developing our resources and cultivating the arts of peace. A prosperous and contented people have no desire for bloodshed and strife, and neither invite or provoke trouble with their neighbors. Situated as we are there is only the remotest possibility of our country ever becoming involved with other nations, and should that occasion unfortunately arise our best defence will be found in the stout hands and loyal hearts of our citizens. The tramp of marching hosts and the trappings of war may well be left to the swash bucklers who glory in butchery and destruction.

Fair Season Is On.

The time for the country fairs has arrived, and indications are that the general attendance will be larger than ever. One reason for this is that the country has been unusually prosperous agriculturally and exhibits in farm products and live stock will eclipse all previous shows. Naturally, the progressive farmer wants to see what the other fellow has to offer, and if his own products are beaten. It is this friendly rivalry in crop growing and live stock breeding that has raised the standard so high during the past ten or fifteen years. The march of progress is still upward and there is no doubt but what this year's shows will be the best in many respects ever seen. Help your home fair by attendance and if possible by exhibit, and it will help you and others.—World.

Supposed Drowning.

Louis Waucaush, an Indian of the Kettle Point Reserve, has been missing since Thursday last and is supposed to have been drowned in Lake Huron. On Thursday he went out fishing on the lake in a small sail boat, and when he did not return his friends became anxious and started out on a search. The boat was picked up on the beach with a few fish in it, but no trace of the missing man could be found. Searching parties on the following days went over a considerable distance on the lake, but their search was without result. It is thought Waucaush was drowned by the upsetting of his boat, as there was a heavy wind and high sea on the lake on that day.

1,500 More Go West.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—This afternoon 1,500 citizens of Ontario left the Union Station, for the Northwest, on the harvesters' excursion.

Something About Furs

We often hear the remark made that coon hides are good any month that has an R in it. If such was the case furs would be improving during the latter part of August and have some virtue left in them the first days of May leaving but two months in the year that coon furs are entirely worthless. Now the fact of the matter is this, furs do not begin to get good till it becomes cold enough at nights to freeze ice. Cold weather makes furs grow just as the sun makes the grass grow. A good rule to go by in coon hunting is not to begin till after the fall of the leaf. It has then been cold enough to make the hides fairly good but not yet prime. The fur on a prime coon hide is so thick and long reaching near to the tops of the guard hairs, the flesh side is white, with a pinkish shade, and unprime, or No. 2 and 3 hide is blue on the flesh side. The blue shade is caused by the roots of the hairs appearing through the hide which has not yet gained its proper thickness. The fur season is supposed to begin the first of November but a good deal depends on the weather. There is an unwritten law among the trappers of this latitude that says "do not put your traps out till after October." The red fox does not become prime till some time in December, the muskrat until later, not getting his winter coat till January. There is a close season for the muskrat from the first of May till the first of Jan., the only fur bearing animal that is protected. At the rate, coon are being exterminated. I think the people of Ontario should demand a close season for them also. We hear of protection for birds in order to destroy the insect pests. Now there is no greater insect destroyer than the skunk, his principal food is black beetle or bug that we see running in the stubble which is the parent of the wire worm one of the worst insect pests that the farmer has to contend with.

JAMES CRAIG.

SALE REGISTER.

Monday, Sept. 17th, Oliver Clark, proprietor. See adv't.

Thursday, Sept. 13th, Herbert Greenfield, proprietor. See adv't.

BORN.

In Warwick, on Aug. 21st, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold, a daughter.

In Alvinston, on Friday, August 24th, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McCallum, two boys.

In Metcalfe, on August 29th, the wife of Mr. E. Denning, of a son.

MARRIED.

In Stratford, at the residence of Dr. O. E. Brandreth, on Aug. 28th, by Rev. Mr. Conway, Emma Brandreth to Mr. J. Leacock, both of Kerwood.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Stratford, on Aug. 28th, by Rev. M. L. Pearson, Miss Emma Cowan, daughter of the late Wm. Cowan, to Jos. Linsley, both of Stratford.

In Port Huron, on Monday, Aug. 27th, Miss Pearl Hyde of that city to Mr. Thos. F. Richardson formerly of Petrolia.

At St. John's church, Wyoming, on August 26th, 1906, by the Rev. J. M. Gunn, Florence Edna, daughter of William D. Ke, of Wyoming, to Frederick Harvey Kemp, of Plympton.

DIED.

In Petrolia, on Friday, August 24th, 1906, David Sage.

In Wyoming, on Monday, Aug. 27th, 1906, Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Morpheus, aged 10 months.

In Plympton, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th, 1906, Mrs. James O'Brien, aged 51 years.

In Wyoming at her father's residence, Aug. 29th, 1906, Eliza Alice Hall, aged 21 years and 3 months.

In Rosanquet, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th, Alfred E. McMillan, aged 25 years, 10 months and 22 days.

In Adelaide on Friday morning, Aug. 31st, 1906, Mr. Samuel Harris, aged 68 years, 6 months.

In Brooke, on Monday, Aug. 27th, 1906, Henry Myk, aged 37 years, 3 months and 24 days.

In Brooke, on Friday, Aug. 24th, 1906, Michael Flannigan, aged 37 years and 12 days.

CHOP STUFF.

Pt. Huron held a big celebration on Labor Day.

Mahler Bros. are building a new evaporator in Stratford.

Principal Macaulay of the Inwood public school has resigned.

Jos. Pulcher has purchased Dr. Pickering's residence in Forest.

Jos. Volway, a Petrolia lad, fell off a wagon and broke his arm.

Eleven car loads of export cattle were shipped from Forest last Friday.

The new evaporator at Wyoming will be ready for business on Sept. 10th.

Petrolia and Enniskillen have each given grants of \$200 to the P. & E. fall fair.

Mrs. John Chimie has purchased Mrs. Jno. Newell's residence in Wyoming.

Alfred E. McMillan, Lake Road, Rosanquet, died last week in his 26th year.

198 tickets were sold at Wyoming on civic holiday for the Detroit excursion.

Anniversary services were held in St. John's church, Aberarder, on Sunday last.

Bishop McEvay opened the new convent of Our Lady of Mercy at Sarnia on Sunday.

Michael Daley, a Moore township laborer, was choked to death in a Sarnia restaurant.

Geo. McGregor, of Plympton, fell off a scaffold, a distance of 21 ft, and was severely injured.

The Qualey school house, Euphemia, was struck by lightning last week and badly damaged.

Geo. C. Symington had his thumb and one finger taken off by the saw in the Vyner mill one day last week.

R. McLaughlin will ship ten carloads of beef cattle to New York for the Swift Company this week via G. T. R.

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