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LOCAL BRIEFS

Jonce Smiley. Barrister Walter Mills, of Ridgeway, was in the city today. Prof. W. H. Hewlett in Victoria Avenue Methodist church on Thursday, April 26. George Baine secured five big mullets in the creek this morning. Jonce Smiley or the boy who had no friends is the title of the new story which commences in The Planet to-day. A full rehearsal is requested in the Victoria Avenue Church to-morrow (Wednesday) evening on the new organ. Jonce Smiley. A despatch from Albert Lea, Minn., says that Alfred P. Casgrain, son of Senator Casgrain, of Windsor, committed suicide Sunday in Fountain Lake. 'The Queen of the Fairies is Miss Annie Dillon. You should hear the solos and choruses in the scenes where "Lalla" is lost in the wood. At the Opera House to-night. Jonce Smiley. Mrs. C. R. Atkinson was resting easier to-day, and appeared somewhat better, though she is still seriously ill. Mr. Atkinson is also confined to the house. In the second act "Lalla" gets lost in the woods and is found by the Queen of the Fairies. Both parts are thoroughly understood by the young ladies who take them. Hear Lalla's song of sadness when she realizes she is lost. Her rendering of Home Sweet Home is exquisite. At the opera house to-night. A full dress rehearsal of the opera, "Lalla," was held last evening. The piece centres on "Lalla," (Miss Debra Tremble), and the part is taken with a clever understanding. At the Opera House to-night. Read what the Woodstock Daily Express says about Prof. W. H. Hewlett, who will be in the Victoria Avenue Methodist church on Thursday, April 26th: As an organist, Mr. Hewlett has few equals, and his fine touch and brilliant execution were fully displayed in several organ solos, the most noticeable of which were the "March in E Flat" and "The Storm." In the latter selection the listener in imagination could easily follow the story in the beginning, the shepherd playing his lute on the mountain side, the first muttering of the storm and then its full fury, dying away at last in the distance.

FIRE AT TILBURY. Tilbury, April 24.—J. L. Scott's grain elevator at Tilbury is on fire and will be a total loss. A spark got in the cupola, causing the blaze. The place was in charge of W. A. Johnston. It contained several hundred bushels of grain. A Montreal civic employee has been sentenced to imprisonment for stealing some of the city's money. The Canadian Mounted Rifles and Strathconas have had their first experience in battle. Manitoba Liberals have entered a protest against the election of the Provincial Treasurer.

Don't miss reading Jonce Smiley.

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Question Occupied the Time of the House of Commons Debate Not Concluded—A Good Deal of Jockeying on the Question. Ottawa, April 24.—The prohibition issue was discussed at last evening's sitting of the House. Mr. Flint began the debate by speaking to the following resolution:—That this House has affirmed the principle that the prohibition of the liquor traffic is the right and most effectual legislation to remedy the evils of intemperance, and has also declared that as soon as public opinion would sufficiently sustain stringent measures, it was prepared to give effect to such legislation. That the plebiscite of 1898, wherein a majority of votes polled throughout the Dominion, including substantial majorities in all the provinces but one, were ascertained to be in favor of such legislation, as well as satisfactory evidence from other sources, shows that such measures will be thoroughly supported by the people of Canada. That this House is now of the opinion, in view of the foregoing facts, that a more suitable and expedient that Parliament should without delay enact such measures as will secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes in at least those provinces and territories which have voted in favor of such prohibition.

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Dynamite SAVED BY BOOZE. The Welland Canal Dynamiters Were Drunk And Banged Their Job or Awful C-1. strophe Would Have Resulted. Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 24.—If Karl Dullman, John Nolan and John Walsh, the dynamiters who last Saturday evening tried to blow out a lock on the Welland canal at Thorold, had not been so free in their use of whisky the chances are that a good many of the people of the village of Merriton and the country round about would have been drowned. The men did that planning when they were sober, but when the time came for their last and most dangerous move they were drunk. They lowered dynamite into the lock at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, when they could plainly be seen from a distance. Had they waited till midnight and gone to the scene sober they would no doubt have blown out the lock. Persons familiar with the region say that had the lock at Thorold been opened the rush of water from the surface level above would have swept the town of Merriton out of existence, destroyed a section of Thorold and devastated a vast area. The Canadian authorities are at present as much in the dark as to the motive of the dynamiters as they were on Sunday. They are also without positive knowledge of the identity of the prisoners. Three men have been advanced—that the men were hired by Boer sympathizers; that Fenians instigated it, and that the men were hired to do the job by enemies of the Government, hoping by the destruction of the Canadian waterway to prevent for this season the passage of any grain through to Montreal.

NEW DUKE OF ARGYLL. He is the Marquis of Lorne, Son-in-law of the Queen. London, April 24.—The succession of Marquis of Lorne to the dukedom of Argyll, owing to the death of his father, creates a vacancy in the house of commons for South Manchester, which the Marquis represented. It is understood that had the seat been vacant for the Unionists a vacancy would have been created some time ago by the Queen making her son-in-law a peer. Now the Unionists are forced to reconsecrate the constituency, which only gave the Marquis of Lorne a majority of 78 at the last election. It is presumed that the Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria, and wife of the Marquis of Lorne, will hereafter assume the title of Duchess of Argyll.

CHICAGO MARKETS. Wheat—May... 64 65 64 65 July... 60 61 60 61 Corn—May... 38 39 38 39 July... 34 35 34 35 Pork—May... 12.55 12.55 12.40 12.55 July... 12.65 12.72 12.52 12.70 Lard—May... 6.97 7.02 6.92 7.02 July... 7.02 7.12 6.97 7.10 Ribs—May... 6.93 7.02 6.85 7.00 July... 6.93 7.02 6.85 7.00

The Toronto railway teamsters, for both the Hendrie and Dominion Transportation Companies, went on strike yesterday, for shorter hours. Both the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. freight yards are in consequence choked with freight. The blockades is complete. The men object to working longer than from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. without being paid for overtime.

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IN MORMONDOM.

Our Old Friend "Bob" Smyth Writes a Chatty Letter

To The Planet About the Utah Colony Now Settled in the Great Canadian West.

To those interested in the settlement and permanent up-building of the great Canadian North West, Southern Alberta offers an object lesson replete with interest. While appeals for aid are going up from the Doukhobor and Galician colonists, the Mormons in Southern Alberta, recently settled upon land commonly deemed inferior to that of the farther north, are doing well. They have no dependent poor, and ask no more than to be left alone.

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OTHER TOWNS GROWING UP.

About 18 miles from Lethbridge, and four and a half miles east of the trail between here and Lethbridge, a new town was started in May of last year. That is Magrath. There are now nearly 40 houses in the town, the town-people being all farmers. A great deal of sod is being turned there this year for the first time.

Still farther east, about 18-2 miles from both Lethbridge and Magrath, is a second new town, Stirling. It is shown on the new maps, there having been an A. R. & C. R.'s water tank at that place for several years.

Leavitt, another little town, lies about seven miles west and two miles south from Cardston. It hides in a hollow of the everlasting hills, and was, in the old days, known as Buffalo Flat. The trail from here to Leavitt is mostly on end. It is all up hill and down, then wade a bog hole and climb up again.

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twain was closed until he had travelled a mile of four farther, rounded the end of a hill and run bump into a little farm house and a small amount of wire fence. Then the traveller knows. The climate there is of an entirely different brand to that which makes this such a delightful spot. There is too much water and too little sunshine. Before the sun bobs up over the eastern hills it is cold. Soon it sinks from sight behind the higher hills of the west, and it is colder. Vegetation is consequently more backward and slower. The fencing in that part has unfitted the place for ranching, and farming has not proven an abundant success. Good crops, though, are a material and temporary consideration. As Latter Day Saints, these are of secondary importance.

THE HEAVENLY HENCEFORTH hinges, in some manner not exactly clear to me, upon the dimensions of his family circle. In this regard, their eternal interests are carefully seen to. If, here as in Lower Canada, the Government strove to popularize the supposedly unlucky number 13, many a good industrial belief might go to ruin in Mormon enterprise.

Naturally enough, they claim to have the one true religion. Who does not? And they are, as a class, temperate, industrious, honest, wary in their dealings with strangers, and worthy of watching in a horse deal. They are exceedingly hospitable, and it is not inconceivable that the stranger within their gates to kiss all the little ones, after the manner of some eastern politicians, to enter into their good graces. So is the wind temperate, and they emphatically deny the present practice of polygamy, though it is a peculiarity of their religion and would, no doubt, be religiously adhered to, did Government permit. Those opposing them as colonists contradict them on this point, endeavoring to bolster up their contention by calling attention to the fact that many of their recognized leaders have a plurality of wives. This is not denied. But they take the same stand as Senator Roberts, of Utah, who, while agreeing to make no further additions to his matrimonial holdings, flatly refused to be "divorced" from any of the ministering angels annexed in the years that are gone.

THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC ROAD. To The Planet.—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words in regard to the proposed electric road. I think that if the electric road ran to the village of Shrewsbury and crossing E. & H. Roads at Ronsdale, thence up the Communication Road to Blenheim to the main line at Charing Cross, it would catch all traffic on that part.

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WALLACEBURG.

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THE BOY WHO HAD NO FRIENDS

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CHAPTER I

"Well, I swan to man!" energetically exclaimed Deacon Abijah Underwood, "if there isn't Peltiah Perkin's brindle cow, coming straight an'nd, like all cows possessed! An'nd there's that young scapegrace, Jonee Smiley, clinging to her back like a monkey in the caravan to the Shetland pony! Why, the little rascal will certainly be thrown and break his dumb neck!"

"Never you fear," said the Deacon's wife—"that's not the way his neck will be broke—and he'll never be drowned neither, I can tell you."

The subject of this pleasant prophecy shot by the deacon's horse on his queer conveyance, to use his own expression, "like a streak of chalk," unmindful of the uncharitable predictions which were shouted as he passed, by more than one kind well-wisher. The fact was, he was used to such things, and any other language would have been to him as scrap alike to the unknown tongue. When Peltiah's cow reached the homestead, Jonathan, or as he was usually nicknamed, Jonee, slipped off like a cat, and took to his heels with a wailing instinct of the danger of Peltiah's cart-whip—for he was used to hard knocks, too, as well as to hard words. He was an unlucky little Ishmaelite, always in disfavor with somebody for cause, and often without cause—as, when any mischief was discovered, the origin of it was invariably imputed to Jonee. If the bars of any body's cornfield were left down, or thrown down by unruly cattle, it was Jonee who bore the blame—if the wind shook off the parson's fruit, it must have been Jonee who pelted down the apples—if the cows came home dry, Jonee had been surreptitiously milking them—if the legal lookers for eggs made a return non est, Jonee had the credit of having been poaching. Was any body's dog been missing? Jonee had stolen him. Did any body's cat disappear? Jonee had certainly drowned her. Shivered glass, stolen melons, tricks on travelers, and all and singular the boyish pranks within a ten mile circuit, were as a matter of course, all accredited to "that dumb Jonee Smiley."

This was decidedly convenient for all the other boys in the neighborhood. In vain did poor Jonathan protest his innocence—he was only whipped for lying. In addition to the original count, and if he persisted in his denial, he received commonly a blow or two for his hardy and unreasonable impertinence, in refusing to acknowledge what every body knew must be his work; and poor Jonee not infrequently saw the real culprit among the edified spectators of his castigation. Under such a state of affairs, as other boys could not be expected to feel Jonee's aches, and as they found it not at all disagreeable to be whipped by proxy, we are not to wonder that the more Jonee was whipped, the more offences multiplied against the peace and good order of the village of Hardscrabble, and the commonwealth of Massachusetts. No matter if he could prove an alibi—that did not mend the case at all. No matter if another boy was caught in the very act of transgression—the real sinner was passed over, and his parent or guardian took the first opportunity to catch and cuff Jonee Smiley, for "putting his boy up to such mischief!"

But the little rogue, far from perishing, seemed but to thrive under such discipline. He could scabble out of a horse trough, or creep from under a pump, and shake himself dry, sooner than any duck in New England. As to kicks, he knew the length and momentum of every leg in the township, and could slide just one inch beyond the reach of the sole of any man's shoe, with almost unerring exactness. He knew whose hand was horny, and whose not, having articularly tasted of every palm in the parish, more than once; and he had a most capital way of defeating the women's wrath, by shaking their knuckles with his elbows, when they tried to rain their up and down blows upon the back of his neck. Broomsticks he could dodge so scientifically that not one whack in twenty intended ones would reach him. Indeed he was rather like the excitement of playing dodge with all he met, and grew in time, almost to consider his position one of enviable distinction, and agreeable pastime, rather than of uncomfortable mishap. He considered those days blinks, at the end of which he was obliged to lie down to sleep without a bruise, or scratch, or other memorial of exciting adventure.

Our hero had few such days in his experience. If nobody else cuffed him, his mother's good night was usually rapped upon his knowledge-box, with her knuckles, and this was about the only punishment that Jonathan cared anything about. He could not, as a dutiful son, accidentally kick her ankle, with his heels, or plant his foot upon her toes, as was his wont when other women administered such discipline to him, and his only method, when the maternal blessing visited his ears was to hold his breath, and bear it. This was rather irksome, but he found consolation in inwardly vowing that he would one day be a man, in spite of his mother and all her abettors. He felt that she was cruel, and, except that she fed him, as she did her cat, (only not so kindly) that she was any thing but a parent to him; but he had reason enough, young as he was, to make excuses to himself for her conduct. He knew that she was every day beset with complaints about his unruly and wicked behavior; he knew that when people come in to complain of his alleged misdeeds, even on occasions when he had been peaceably under his mother's eye all day, that she was assured, and what was worse still, convinced, that he only stayed at home to escape suspicion, while he did his mischief by deputy. So he said, "let her thump, if it does her any good; she'll be sorry for it, one of these days."

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At school poor Jonee was always at the "foot of the class," though he actually knew more than any of his mates. There was no kind of pride in his voice at his ear, when he hesitated, there was no waiting for him to collect his thoughts when a question was put to him—habit had taught the pedagogue to call out "Jonathan"—"the next!" almost in the same breath. And in school he was not less the foot-ball in his school than he was out; for the merit of all misdemeanors was, as a matter of course, his peculiar perquisite. In the play-ground, if the aggressor was by the rules of the game, and a diversion of pelting any one with snow-balls, turf, or stones was suggested, Jonee was the victim; at the foot-ball his shins received more kicks than the ball, in cricket he was avoided as one of the unlucky, for he was always out; at marbles he lost, and games he won or lost; and "come now, that's not fair play!" put him down invariably, whether he was right or wrong. All voices were against him. In short, he had no friends.

No friends! We are wrong. There was among the girls a child as much persecuted by her sex, as Jonathan by his, but in a different manner. Poor little Margaret Smith was an orphan and a charity girl; a child taken from the almshouse, to do double the labor of a well-paid domestic, and receive thereof such of the cast off clothes of the children of the family as could not be tortured into decent appearance any longer. She was decent to school each month in the year; for her indenture secured that she was only whipped once, and that the move was toward this sister in misfortune; and the assistance which she dared not ask of any of her own sex, our hero volunteered to her, loaning her books, and chatting therewith such of the girls as were in their mates both were exiled, by active abuse, and she by that silent and cruel contempt which the fair half of creation understand so well how to visit upon another. The little couple were mutual confidants, and while Jonathan honestly confessed his retaliatory misdoings (for he did occasionally thus indulge) to Margaret, he stoutly denied those of which he was not guilty, and she implicitly believed the sympathy in exception and circumstance which knits even older hearts, was a child to love. A mild blue eye, added to the pensive cast of a countenance which had thus early been schooled into the expression of patient sorrow, and she had natural advantages of which even her hard lot could not deprive her. Quick of apprehension, as she was slow to anger, she was apt and patient beyond her years, and capable of giving her little mate with unerring exactness, and assistance out of school, in return for the aid which he contrived to give her in her studies.

She was the bondmaid of Deacon Abijah Underwood, whose ejaculations open this chapter, and she was not an unmoved eye-witness of Jonee's mad prank, and an ear-witness of the remarks made upon his approach by her master and mistress. She knew that this frolic would not be for the ride, certainly as an additional count in the very next complaint which should be made against him; a thing quite likely to occur within the very next half hour; for poor Jonee's position as scapegrace, as we have already remarked, kept him in continual demand when village spite required to be visited upon some one.

Deacon Abijah Underwood was a deacon of the old school, and held many offices in the state, as well as in the church at Hardscrabble. He was keeper of the village inn, and of the village postmaster, head of the overseers of the poor, and town-clerk. With his business of innholder, he united that of "merchant" or "storekeeper," having on hand articles of all descriptions, from a German flute to a penny whistle—from a stick of tape to one coat pattern of broadcloth, and a prime assortment of satinetts, and pepper-and-salt cassimers, three threads to the inch. The reason, if he has any reference, has doubtless by this time perceived that Deacon Abijah Underwood was the man of his age and his country, so far as the village of Hardscrabble was considered. It was also currently believed in Hardscrabble, that Deacon Underwood was a man of small influence and consequence even in Boston—the political, commercial, and literary Jerusalem of New England; an impression which the Deacon himself was at some little pains to foster; as a German flute is well as in other places of more note, a man's exalted reputation is a capital assistant to his home standing.

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When as heretofore related, Jonee Smiley made his unceremonious entry into the village of Hardscrabble, on Peltiah Perkins' cow, the Deacon, having heard his wife's opinion that the boy's neck would not be broken by accident, retired to his bar-room to settle the public opinion upon the matter; for he well knew that such an event as this must necessarily furnish a subject for comment. The opinion of the public upon the Parson's sermons, upon the Squire's decisions, upon the Doctor's practice, were only so many releases of the Deacon's judgment; and it is only necessary to add that he was the richest man in the township, perhaps in the county.

The boys, faithful copyists of their seniors, also gathered about, and stood next one step behind their parents, the hands of the Juniors being also in their pockets, and their attitudes as nearly resembling their elders as could make copying on such occasions could make them. The women from the houses adjacent, also peeped out—some standing in the doorways, and shading their eyes from the noonday sun with one hand; others, particularly the young girls, slipping boldly out the street. Among these latter was our little friend Margaret.

The greatest, the wisest, and the most prudent men occasionally forget their greatness, their wisdom, and their prudence; we are not therefore to wonder that boys sometimes forget their habits of careful management. The stoppage of an emigrant party to dine under the Deacon's elm-tree was a great event to Hardscrabble generally, but a greater event to Jonee Smiley in particular. He thought that in this foreign invasion domestic matters might be forgotten; and ventured, stealthily at first, outcast as he was, to join the admiring group about the emigrant wagon. For the first few moments he was safe enough. At length Peltiah Perkins, who, we should say, might be considered the Deacon's secretary of state, and head of the department of matters and things in general, had made up his mind that the wheel tires were not put on at any fifteen years old—that the mother of the family had seen a great deal of trouble, and was not too old to see more—that the dog had a cross of the hound—and that, on the whole the wagon might be permitted to pass. Having reached these sage conclusions, his mind was at ease, and he was just turning to report the facts to the Deacon, before he ventured to give them utterance to the world of Hardscrabble generally, when his eye fell upon Jonee Smiley.

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