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Business notices in local or news columns...

IT IS RATHER PLAIN.

THE OFFICE IN WHICH THE C. P. R. PRESIDENT WORKS.

Sir William Van Horne, as judged by his surroundings, when at work...



C. P. R. STEAMER ATHENIAN.

arrangements for the season of navigation on the Stikine...

O'HIGGINS OF CHILLI.

The Man whose Name has been Given to a Battleship.

THE KAISER'S NICKNAMES.

Wilhelm Thinks Them Fit Him and Rather Likes Them.

Acetylene for Driving Engines.

The use of acetylene for driving engines is, according to Revue Industrielle...

Chaperone Provided For.

An American girl who recently visited an English man-of-war was much surprised...

Mark Twain out of Debt.

In the course of the arguments before the House of Lords...

old home in Georgia to live with her other children...

TRAVEL TO KLONDIKE.

Some idea of the C. P. R. Steamers which will ply thereafter.

ALL FOR LENKEN.

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completed, he came to Molly in high spirits...

WHEN YOU ARE OLD.

When you are old and grey and full of sleep...

TRAINING OF FIREMEN.

All are athletes, and so are the Candidates...

FIRE HORSES.

The Quickest Ones in the World are Said to be the Kansas City...

THE RECORD FOR QUICKNESS.

The record for quickness time from the engine house...

SCHOPENHAUER ON WOMEN.

Schopenhauer's mother, Joanna, was a singular woman...

THE NEW WOMAN WOULD RAVE.

The new woman would rave at this satire on her pretensions...

THE LEFT WING.

"In there any portion of the fowl you prefer, master?"...

DAILY OUTPUT OF NEWS PAPER.

The daily output of news paper in the United States is about 1,200,000...

NATURAL SLEEP.

What makes you think this man an impostor when he says he is from Boston?

THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T CLAIM TO LIVE ON THE BACK BAY DISTRICT.

A MAN MAY FLOAT IN SALT WATER.

It is a man may float in salt water with the presence of mind...

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Biliousness is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrefy in the stomach.

Hood's Pills



FOR FINE WORSTED SUITINGS TRY JOHN J. WALSH, Merchant Tailor.

Just Received Large additions to our stock of WATCHES PRICES ASTONISHINGLY LOW

H. R. KNOWLTON, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN, Athens, Nov. 17-1897.

MONEY TO LOAN We have instructions to place large sums of private funds at current rates of interest on first mortgage on improved farms.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. BEST ROUTES TO THE KLONDIKE VANCOUVER \$25 VICTORIA \$25

ST. PAUL MINNEAPOLIS DULUTH \$15 SETTLER'S TRAINS TO MANITOBA ALBERTA ASSINIBOIA

FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS DUNN'S BAKING POWDER THE COOK'S BEST FRIEND LARGEST SALE IN CANADA

The Old Shop A New Prop'r D. R. REED

BLIND TOM, PIANIST.

HOW THE FAMOUS NEGRO IS PASSING HIS DECLINING YEARS.

Tom is now enjoying a well-earned rest in the Highlands of Nevada, N. J. He still plays the piano and serenades and selfishly enjoys his life.

Tom was only a lad then, the slave of a Georgia planter, and his mental weakness, together with his blindness, made him a subject of pity to those who saw and heard his ignorant little slave, with his fingers on the keys of the piano.

The query as to "Blind Tom's" whereabouts can be answered best by a tall, broad-shouldered, nearly dressed old fellow, whose gray hair and sightless eyes increase the impressiveness of his appearance.

Blind Tom and his mother, Mrs. Leroche, have been in this line as a piece of time. "What the Wind and the Waves Told Tom," in which the incidents of the waves, the howling storm, and the crash of thunder.

Money to loan. We have instructions to place large sums of private funds at current rates of interest on first mortgage on improved farms.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Best routes to the Klondike. Vancouver \$25, Victoria \$25.

St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth \$15. Settler's trains to Manitoba, Alberta, Assiniboia.

For twenty-seven years, Dunn's Baking Powder, the cook's best friend, largest sale in Canada.

The old shop, a new proprietor, D. R. Reed.

Nurse Morris' Secret.

Explains how she saves mother's lives.

The Official Time of Maternity and the Methods of a Nurse to Restore the Mother's Health.

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MISSION WORK IN CHINA.

Rev. G. E. Macleod, Missionary of the Protestant Work in Pen Hsien.

Editorial Report. In a former letter it was stated how the Lord led his servants in Pen Hsien to a new station in a city 30 miles distant, named Pen Hsien.

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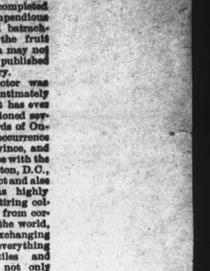
A Will Case. The Court of Appeal in Toronto has decided that a verbal death bed request is perfectly valid and as a result of that decision given last Saturday, Miss Gertrude B. Read, a Brockville young lady, is just 16 years of age, actually attending the high school or collegiate institute.

Lake Street. Saturday, March 26.—W. T. Stevens started two boys playing on the 23rd, and says that the land never plowed better at any season of the year. He says that when one door is shut another one opens; that he never had to run up the road to find a man. "Thank the Lord, they come to him."

Uncle Sam's biggest gun. Now being completed at Watervliet Arsenal, mounted on a carriage.

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A Trackless Sliding Door. The sliding door is now almost universally used in dwelling house construction, but nearly everyone who has had experience with them has at some time or other been inconvenienced by the rolling of the track.



A Chinese Superstition. It is a pretty general belief in China that women who wear short hair will have a future state as transformed into a demon.

There was an outbreak of Albanian and Kurdish troops at Constantinople, and great excitement was caused. Many arrests were made.

The Spanish Government has requested the United States to transfer their fleet from the Bay of Cebu to Manila Bay, to a greater distance from the Cuban coast.

A special despatch from Rome says the Italian Government has sold the steamer Varese to Spain. The vessel is of steel, 6,840 tons displacement, speed 30 knots an hour.

The Italian Minister of Marine has purchased the Carlo Alberto, a steel-armed cruiser of the Italian navy, built in Spezia in 1896.

Major-General Nelson A. Miles, United States Army, says that the only way to get the best of the matter will be to get the matter very serious, but this country is prepared for any emergency.

The stores of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, have been handed over to Major Conly, whose appointment as lieutenant-colonel of the 48th Highlanders was announced in the Gazette at an early date.

BLACKSMITHING WOODWORKING AND PAINTING

C. E. Pickett & Sons have leased from W. M. Stevens his shop, house, etc. on Elgin street, Athens, and beg to notify the community at large that they are prepared to do all kinds of general blacksmithing, including the repairing of wood and iron work on all kinds of vehicles, implements, machinery, etc. Painting done on the premises. Having worked at the trade for many years, we are capable of giving good satisfaction. Horse-shoeing will receive special attention. Call and we will endeavor to please you.

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All the old negatives of A. C. McIntyre, R. H. Gamble, B. and J. Duklow, A. E. McLean, and W. B. Findlay, have been carefully preserved, from which photographs in the latest styles of the art will be made on short notice. Our work is up to date and prices reasonable.

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We have already put in a number of these pumps, which are giving good results in every way.



Extra Cylinders on hand, brass or iron. Call and get prices and see these pumps.

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Two Ounces of Blood Daily

Are added to your Blood Daily by taking ONE CAPSULOID with each meal.

Results in a Case of Severe Kidney Trouble After Only Four Weeks' Treatment

Mr. Fred Latimer of Lansdowne has written us as follows:

Gentlemen,—Twelve years ago I had my first attack of kidney trouble following a heavy cold. The pain in the back was severe and there was swelling over the kidneys. I rapidly lost in strength, weight, and color. I got over my first attack, but my kidneys were left weak and tender. Several small attacks have since weakened them, and about a year ago I had the worst attack of all. I was confined to my room for eight weeks. My doctors attended me constantly and by their ability just now in the same old state and nothing that could be done seemed able to heal and make them sound. A friend of mine—a doctor—told me to try Capsuloids. A month ago I commenced taking them. Now every one of the bad symptoms have disappeared. The pain is all gone and I scarcely ever feel any more. I have gained three pounds, improved in my appetite, lost nothing, and have a good healthy strong appearance, with lots of color in my face. Best of all, all the kidney symptoms that so worried me have disappeared. It is hard even for me to believe, but it is perfectly true. I feel thankful to the Capsuloid Company.

Gratefully yours, (Signed), FRED LATIMER.

THE CAPSULOID CO., Brockville, Canada.

ADDISON. In the absence of our organist on Sunday morning, Miss Ida Heacock, Athens, presided at the organ in a very acceptable manner. The choir was strengthened by Miss Ella Sexton, Miss Ethel Gallagher, Miss M. Muirick, and Miss Cummings also of Athens.

Mr. Follet, our carpenter, has recently taken a business trip to Kingston.

Mrs. J. Frye and daughter, Allie, visited friends at Forfar on Monday.

MALLORETTOWN. MONDAY, March 28.—Mr. John Haffie of Riverside narrowly escaped being drowned while out hunting ducks last week. The ice gave way, letting him through into the river.

Mr. Bennett Dixon of Detroit was in town last week.

One of the James James gang passed through town on Sunday last.

Mr. C. H. Hughes is on the sick list.

Alex. Chisanoir has moved to Yonge Mills. Anson McLean has engaged him for the season.

Mr. Thomas Mallory received a large quantity of farm implements a few days ago.

It is now said that the Knapp roller boat will be brought from Toronto to Prescott and used as a river boat. James Whitney of Prescott, engineer, has paid a visit to the boat and arrangements have been made for her removal. Another roller boat, designed for ocean going, will be built at Montreal.

China Hall, Brockville, selling out. T. W. Dennis has accepted the agency for the now celebrated Giant Pills, which will assist him in closing out his business at once. China, Crocker and Glassware at your own price.—T. W. DENNIS. . . . Giant Pills are for sale by all druggists.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scurvy, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Deaths from natural causes. The verdict of the jury in the case of Wm. Field, Fairbairn.

Mr. and Mrs. Inas Stevens of Philadelphia spent Sunday in Athens, guests of Miss Mary Livingston.

Wanted, at once, an apprentice to the dress and mantle-making trade. Mrs. S. E. Byrns. 311.

Unless the weather changes before tomorrow night, March will pass away without there having been even a flurry of snow in this section.

Now is the time to buy a cook-stove. They say you can get one that burns 28 inch wood, with a reservoir, for \$19, at W. F. Earl's.

The water in Charleston Lake is unusually high and considerable damage is being done to the riparian property along the shore. The pier at Cedar Park is submerged.

Vocal and instrumental music, both sacred and secular, any compass of the voice, for sale at reasonable prices.—IDA I. HEACOCK, cor. Church and Victoria sts., Athens.

A prominent official of the Methodist General Conference is authorized for the statement that the coming meeting of the body will be asked to legalize permanent pastors.

Mr. F. H. Eaton, a highly successful teacher, has accepted a position on the staff of Brockville Business College and expects to remove his family from Athens in about three weeks.

A protest has been entered against the return of Geo. E. Graham for the Brockville riding. The usual charges are made, in addition to personal charges, and the seat is claimed for Mr. Colburn.

Brockville police are about to enforce a by-law regulating the width of wagon-tires used on the streets. All wheels over 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter must have tires 3 1/2 inches in width; under that diameter, 4 inches.

Hiram Davidson, one of the oldest residents of the county of Leeds, died on Saturday night at his residence, 101 St. George street, in this city. He was born in this county in 1815, and had attained the ripe old age of 82 years and 5 months.

An evangelist up in Belleville has been talking on dancing lately and says among other things that as women are cutting off the tops of their dresses to go to dances and cutting off their bottoms to go bicycling it's hard to tell where they will go next.

Rev. Wm. Moore, rector of the Anglican church, Lyndhurst, who has been in very poor health all winter, was obliged a few days ago to enter Montreal General Hospital for treatment, and is still there. It is feared that he is afflicted with cancer of the tongue.

The meeting of the Epworth League on Tuesday evening was devoted to a service in memory of the late Francis E. Willard. Miss M. E. Stone conducted the service, which consisted of the reading of biographical sketches and extracts from current literature respecting the life and work of the great reformer.

Fred White, a young colored man, whose home is near Lynn, had been missing for about a week, when on Sunday last he was found lying dead in a swamp about a half-mile from the village. Deceased was notified of the finding and Dr. Johnson certified that he had valvular disease of the heart, so an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Miss Falkner will hold her millinery opening on Wednesday, April 6th, and following days. New stock of goods, latest styles, lowest prices. Rear of I. & P. Willet's store.

The C. O. F. in Athens. Last week Mr. E. J. Stuart, organizer for the Canadian Order of Foresters, assisted by Mr. M. Davidson, was successful in instituting a court of the order in Athens, on Wednesday evening last the following officers were elected:

J. P. C. R.—Dr. Giles. C. R.—E. S. Clow. Y. C. R.—Mr. C. Davidson. V. S.—A. M. King. R. S.—J. H. McLaughlin. Treas.—S. C. Lumb. Chap.—J. A. Jones. Con.—Dr. C. B. Lillie. S. W.—J. G. Olin. J. W.—A. Robeson.

Ex Phys.—Dr. Giles, Dr. Cornell. Auditors—Dr. Cornell, Dr. Giles. Fin. Com.—C. B. Lillie, S. M. Earl, C. Stevens. Trustee—F. H. Eaton, E. S. Clow. Vis. Com.—J. King, L. Kelly, Ed. Taylor.

The court will hold their meetings in Lamb's hall.

The North Augusta Tragedy. The coroner's jury, appointed to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of the man Scott, of the place of North Augusta, as reported last week, returned a verdict in accordance with the facts stated, without attaching any blame to Pear.

The inquest developed the fact that Sorbier had let fall the right to make his spring beds to Pear, and that during the negotiations he had found time to talk love to Pear's sister, Mrs. McIntosh, and that in subsequent correspondence they had considered the question of getting married.

The widow and son of deceased came down from Bolsover to view the remains. She had been separated from Scribner for about 10 years and desired only to satisfy herself of his identity. Deceased had two sons by a former marriage (of which his second wife had no knowledge), and one of those came from Sterling, N. Y., to take charge of the body.

On Saturday evening Scribner's son laid an information before Police Magistrate Deacon of Brockville, charging Pear with the shooting, and on Sunday was arrested by Chief Ross and taken to Brockville where he was locked up for the night. On Monday he appeared before Police Magistrate Deacon and the case was given a preliminary hearing. He was committed to stand his trial at the June sessions, bail being fixed at \$3,000, which was at once furnished, himself in \$1,500 and Messrs. Ralph J. Joynt and Miller, \$500 each.

While Scribner's death may have been due to criminal cowardice on the part of Pear, nothing more serious is alleged against him, and the people of the district in which he lives are of opinion that to should be dealt with very leniently.

THE FREE METHODISTS OF WESTPORT

insisted erecting a new church this summer.

Mr. James Dalton, a graduate of the Brockville Business College, has a position in New York as stenographer.

Mr. John Gibson, marble dealer of Gananoque, is in Athens this week visiting his brother and other friends.

All the bodies deposited in the Athens vault have been interred, the work being completed on Saturday last.

Mr. Frank L. Darling and Mr. A. Robinson of Smith's Falls, were in Athens this week, guests of Mr. A. J. Black.

A first class, permanent water-way was last week put in by the road commissioners at the corner of Main and Mill streets.

Rem-nber, holiday rates at the Brockville Business College after Easter. Permin system of Short-hand easy to learn, easy to read.

Miss E. Griffith, after a visit of several weeks with friends here and at Greenbush, started on her return to New York on Monday.

Miss E. Pauline Johnson, the distinguished elocutionist, will give an entertainment in Athens on the evening of Monday, April 11th. See advt.

On Monday afternoon the funeral service for Mrs. Clow, widow of the late Mr. Charles Clow, was held in the Methodist church, service being conducted by Rev. J. Scanlon.

Apparently, illegal fishing has been indulged in pretty generally at Charleston Lake within the past few days, and as a result quite a number of good fish have been taken and have been summoned to Athens on Saturday next.

Mr. N. H. Horton, of New Dublin, daughter of Mr. Abraham Robinson of Athens, died on Tuesday last week, aged 32 years, leaving a husband and five children to mourn her early demise.

Mr. John McMillen, who for many years conducted a very successful grocery business in the Times by the purchase of 451 shares held by Mr. Colcock, late editor of that journal.

The fiscal year of the Presbyterian church in Canada was terminated on 1st March. Heretofore the year has run from May to April 30th, but by the action of the last General Assembly the change was made so that it now runs from April 1st to March 31st.

Mr. Epirian Robson of Hard Island, left on Monday for Pennsylvania, where he may remain for some time. He has been in the service of the state, where he will be much missed on the Island, where he has taken a prominent part in all departments of religious work.

We notice a small flock of very fine light Brahma fowl on E. S. Clow's lawn. Mr. Clow imported these from England, and the famous reliable poultry farm at Quincy Hill. He will have a few settings of eggs to spare this spring. Anyone wishing to see should speak early.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, who has conducted a merchant tailoring business here for the past two years, last week took his stock in trade and good-will to Mr. M. Chasels, Athens' "old reliable" tailor, and will return to Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have made many friends here who will sincerely regret their departure. Mr. Chasels takes possession of the premises, and will remove the stock from his old stand.

Accounts were sent out from this office this week to a large number of subscribers who are two years and over in arrears. As it would cost several dollars to pay postage on accounts to delinquent subscribers, we have sent out our mailing list to date and wish all our subscribers to examine same and if they find any error to notify us at once, as if I be I shows that they are in arrears, they will confer a special favor on us by settling the amount due. We have in view a number of important improvements in the Reporter, but can make them only according to the response made by our subscribers to this request for payment of subscriptions.

A letter just received from Prince Leopold reviews the fair ground at New York City, who is under engagement to make an ascension at the Oddfellows' demonstration at Gananoque on July 1st next, states that he has just closed a contract for five ascensions in the city of Mexico, from April 14th to 20th. The contract price to be paid would be a fabulous sum for any city or amusement bureau in this country to pay, which shows Prince Leo's reputation has spread to a large market.

Mr. W. A. King, of the City of Mexico, has faith in his ability to give these a stern people good value for their money. Prince Leo has also made an engagement with the managers of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition for one week at the party fair.

We understand that parties are negotiating with Mr. Phil Willet for the purchase of the plot of 21 acres, north of the B. & W. station, with a view to dividing it up into several blocks and putting lots on the market for sale. As the village of Athens grows in age and importance, the question of a public park and recreation ground will be forced more prominently on the citizens, and as there is now a first-class half-mile track on the property, which cost hundreds of dollars, and as the site is admirably fitted for a public park, a great place of amusement, it is too bad that the public-spirited citizens could not devise some means to secure the property and hold it for a few years until Athens became educated up to the need of having the property thrown open to the public, and we believe the majority of the ratepayers would, if the matter were placed properly before them, be willing to provide the funds for the purchase of the property.

Miss C. M. Sexton has returned to Athens and, with capable assistants, is busily preparing for her millinery opening, which will be held on Wednesday April 6th, and following days. The latest shapes and newest materials and colorings, artistically combined, will characterize the whole display, which the ladies should not fail to inspect. Rooms at the store of Mr. T. Vanaman.

Our former townsman, Mr. J. R. Landers, has attained well deserved prominence in the monetary, commercial, and civic institutions of the city of Annapolis, Kansas. Some time ago we referred to the extent of his business interests in the city, and the following paragraph, clipped from the Republican of March 18th, will give an idea of his ranching operations.

G. R. Landers has bought 4,500 three and four-year-old steers in Texas and will drive them through to his ranch in this country during the summer. With the steers he has wintered in this country, he will have over 6,000 three and four-year-old steers for the market this year which represents an investment of over \$200,000.

Shifting the Responsibility. "It has been proved by half a dozen witnesses that the police magistrate, 'that you are selling bread under weight. Have you any explanation to offer?' 'No, your honor,' replied the honest baker, looking the magistrate fearfully in the eye, 'but my conscience won't let me sell it to the people in greater quantities than I can help.'—Chicago Tribune.

There are 110 mountains in Colorado whose peaks are over 10,000 feet above the ocean level. Forty of these are higher than 14,000 feet, and more than half of that number are so remote and rugged that no one has dared to attempt to climb them.

INTENTIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN

A New Departure in the Chinese Question Mooted.

IS SHE GRABBING TERRITORY? Mr. Gladstone is Happy Awaiting for the Coming of the Grim Monster—Russia Has Resolved Her Policy as to East Asia—China—The Russian Flag Hoisted.

London, March 20.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, applying to Sir William Harcourt, the Liberal leader in the House, promised a Ministerial statement on the situation in the far East before Easter.

The Globe (Con.) says the progress of affairs in the far East is becoming increasingly serious. It is reported, however, from the quarters that the apparent diplomatic defeat of Great Britain marks a new era of the greatest importance, which will give Great Britain a favorable position.

Britain's Intentions. A statement has been obtained in a competent quarter respecting British intentions in China, in view of the naval blockade of the coast. It is stated that Great Britain is to obtain equal advantages with the assistance of an adequate compensation in her own interests. This explains the British naval activity at Hongkong and elsewhere. Therefore, a movement on the part of Great Britain may be anticipated in the future.

The Daily Chronicle says this morning it has reason to believe that an area of 10,000 square miles in the Province of Szechwan, which has been conceded by China to a syndicate of English capitalists. If this be true, says the Daily Chronicle, it is obvious that Lord Salisbury has approved the scheme.

THE RUSSIAN FLAG HOISTED. The Chinese Withdraw from Port Arthur and Tsingtau After a Week's Resistance. Peking, March 20.—The Chinese garrisons were withdrawn yesterday from Port Arthur and Tsingtau. The Russians landed, and the Russian flag was hoisted both places.

Where England Stands. London, March 20.—The Daily News says it understands that after Friday's Cabinet Council orders were despatched to the British fleet in Chinese waters to rendezvous in the Gulf of Pechili, with a view of strengthening the diplomatic position of Great Britain, the British Minister in China.

The Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Sir Claude Macdonald has advised China to refuse to lease Port Arthur, as it is unnecessary since Tsingtau and Weihai has been conceded, but China replied that she is powerless to resist the Russian demands."

The Times, commenting editorially on the extremely serious situation in the far East, where it assumes the British fleet will now resume the attitude in the Gulf of Pechili which should never have been abandoned, says: "England at the present moment possesses practically no naval power in the Pacific Ocean. Neither a Prime Minister nor a Foreign Minister, Mr. Arthur Balfour would make a capital Foreign Minister, if appointed permanently; but he cannot be spared from the leadership of the House of Commons." It is, therefore, stated that Mr. Salisbury will long devote the Foreign Secretaryship upon one of his colleagues.

DEATHS HAS NO TERRORS. Mr. Gladstone is Not Afraid of the Grim Monster—He is Happy.

London, March 20.—The Westminster Gazette yesterday, referring to the health of Mr. Gladstone, says: "It is no news, we fear, to say that Mr. Gladstone's health is not what it used to be. He is in a comparatively short time. Mr. Gladstone is fully informed as to his own condition. He asked the doctors to tell him the truth, and he was thankful when informed that he had no chance of recovery."

His state of mind is one of complete happiness. His life goes on quietly and evenly. He is his chief solace. It soothes the pain."

The death of a black Pomeranian pet, which for nine years had been a constant companion of Mr. Gladstone, has been an additional pang to the whole family. When Mr. Gladstone went to Cannes, the pet was left with the dogs, but he pined, would not eat and was returned to Harwarden the day Mr. Gladstone returned, and he died on Friday.

WHEAT FIRMER. This Was Because of Generally Improved Conditions Toronto and Montreal Live Stock Markets Prices.

London Evening Standard, March 20.—Wheat opened weak in Chicago this morning, but later rallied and closed at a premium. Saturday's closing price, 10 1/2 cents. The improvement was due to the big decrease in the wheat crop in the South, and slightly higher prices gained 1/2 cent, and September 10 1/2 cents. The wheat market today shows some weakness.

Below is a statement showing the visible supply of grain in Canada and the United States today. The figures are in bushels.

Table with columns: Grain, Mar. 20, Mar. 21, Mar. 22. Rows: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Total.

The decrease in the wheat visible is 1,350,000 bush for the past week, as against 1,000,000 bush for the week before. The bush of wheat, as compared with 38,300,000 bush in the week ending March 15th, is 38,300,000 bush. The quantity of corn available for Europe is 1,300,000 bush, as against 1,200,000 bush, and 1,300,000 bush more than a year ago.

Leading Wheat Markets. Following are the closing prices to-day:

Table with columns: Location, Cash, May. Rows: Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Toledo, Duluth, N. Y. Northern, Duluth, N. Y. Southern, Toronto, 1st hard, Toronto, red.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market. On account of the rain and bad roads, there was no grain offered, one load of hay was all the farm produce on the market. Prices therefore, remain nominal.

Duluth—Dull. Straight rollers, in barrels, middle weights, are quoted at \$1.00. No. 2, 84c; No. 3, 82c; No. 4, 80c. No. 5, 78c. No. 6, 76c. No. 7, 74c. No. 8, 72c. No. 9, 70c. No. 10, 68c. No. 11, 66c. No. 12, 64c. No. 13, 62c. No. 14, 60c. No. 15, 58c. No. 16, 56c. No. 17, 54c. No. 18, 52c. No. 19, 50c. No. 20, 48c. No. 21, 46c. No. 22, 44c. No. 23, 42c. No. 24, 40c. No. 25, 38c. No. 26, 36c. No. 27, 34c. No. 28, 32c. No. 29, 30c. No. 30, 28c. No. 31, 26c. No. 32, 24c. No. 33, 22c. No. 34, 20c. No. 35, 18c. No. 36, 16c. No. 37, 14c. No. 38, 12c. No. 39, 10c. No. 40, 8c. No. 41, 6c. No. 42, 4c. No. 43, 2c. No. 44, 1c. No. 45, 1/2c. No. 46, 1/4c. No. 47, 1/8c. No. 48, 1/16c. No. 49, 1/32c. No. 50, 1/64c.

Flour—Dull. Straight rollers, in barrels, middle weights, are quoted at \$1.00. No. 2, 84c; No. 3, 82c; No. 4, 80c. No. 5, 78c. No. 6, 76c. No. 7, 74c. No. 8, 72c. No. 9, 70c. No. 10, 68c. No. 11, 66c. No. 12, 64c. No. 13, 62c. No. 14, 60c. No. 15, 58c. No. 16, 56c. No. 17, 54c. No. 18, 52c. No. 19, 50c. No. 20, 48c. No. 21, 46c. No. 22, 44c. No. 23, 42c. No. 24, 40c. No. 25, 38c. No. 26, 36c. No. 27, 34c. No. 28, 32c. No. 29, 30c. No. 30, 28c. No. 31, 26c. No. 32, 24c. No. 33, 22c. No. 34, 20c. No. 35, 18c. No. 36, 16c. No. 37, 14c. No. 38, 12c. No. 39, 10c. No. 40, 8c. No. 41, 6c. No. 42, 4c. No. 43, 2c. No. 44, 1c. No. 45, 1/2c. No. 46, 1/4c. No. 47, 1/8c. No. 48, 1/16c. No. 49, 1/32c. No. 50, 1/64c.

Barley—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 22c. No. 2, 21c; No. 3, 20c; No. 4, 19c; No. 5, 18c; No. 6, 17c; No. 7, 16c; No. 8, 15c; No. 9, 14c; No. 10, 13c; No. 11, 12c; No. 12, 11c; No. 13, 10c; No. 14, 9c; No. 15, 8c; No. 16, 7c; No. 17, 6c; No. 18, 5c; No. 19, 4c; No. 20, 3c; No. 21, 2c; No. 22, 1c; No. 23, 1/2c; No. 24, 1/4c; No. 25, 1/8c; No. 26, 1/16c; No. 27, 1/32c; No. 28, 1/64c.

Oats—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 12c. No. 2, 11c; No. 3, 10c; No. 4, 9c; No. 5, 8c; No. 6, 7c; No. 7, 6c; No. 8, 5c; No. 9, 4c; No. 10, 3c; No. 11, 2c; No. 12, 1c; No. 13, 1/2c; No. 14, 1/4c; No. 15, 1/8c; No. 16, 1/16c; No. 17, 1/32c; No. 18, 1/64c.

Wheat—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10 1/2c. No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 9c; No. 4, 8c; No. 5, 7c; No. 6, 6c; No. 7, 5c; No. 8, 4c; No. 9, 3c; No. 10, 2c; No. 11, 1c; No. 12, 1/2c; No. 13, 1/4c; No. 14, 1/8c; No. 15, 1/16c; No. 16, 1/32c; No. 17, 1/64c.

Corn—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10c. No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; No. 4, 7c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6, 5c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3c; No. 9, 2c; No. 10, 1c; No. 11, 1/2c; No. 12, 1/4c; No. 13, 1/8c; No. 14, 1/16c; No. 15, 1/32c; No. 16, 1/64c.

Rye—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10c. No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; No. 4, 7c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6, 5c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3c; No. 9, 2c; No. 10, 1c; No. 11, 1/2c; No. 12, 1/4c; No. 13, 1/8c; No. 14, 1/16c; No. 15, 1/32c; No. 16, 1/64c.

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Wheat—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10 1/2c. No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 9c; No. 4, 8c; No. 5, 7c; No. 6, 6c; No. 7, 5c; No. 8, 4c; No. 9, 3c; No. 10, 2c; No. 11, 1c; No. 12, 1/2c; No. 13, 1/4c; No. 14, 1/8c; No. 15, 1/16c; No. 16, 1/32c; No. 17, 1/64c.

Corn—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10c. No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; No. 4, 7c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6, 5c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3c; No. 9, 2c; No. 10, 1c; No. 11, 1/2c; No. 12, 1/4c; No. 13, 1/8c; No. 14, 1/16c; No. 15, 1/32c; No. 16, 1/64c.

Rye—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10c. No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; No. 4, 7c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6, 5c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3c; No. 9, 2c; No. 10, 1c; No. 11, 1/2c; No. 12, 1/4c; No. 13, 1/8c; No. 14, 1/16c; No. 15, 1/32c; No. 16, 1/64c.

Barley—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 10c. No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; No. 4, 7c; No. 5, 6c; No. 6,