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Arrangements Nearing Completion for Irishmen's Celebration March 17th

EXPERTS WILL ADDRESS FARMERS

Saturday evening in Mercantile Hall under the auspices of the Farmers Institute there will be held a meeting addressed by two government experts G. S. Harris and J. C. Readey. The subject of the first address will be "Hogs and Dairy Cattle" and of the second "Fodder Crops". There will be two meeting in the afternoon also addressed by M. S. Middleton and J. R. Terry. The subjects will be "Small Fruit Culture" and "Killing and Plucking" respectively. The afternoon meeting begins at 2:30 and the evening at 8 All persons interested in the development of agriculture and in Co-operative methods, marketing, etc , are earnestly invited to attend.

DUCK CREEK NEWS

Mrs. W. B. Embree spent the week end at Duck Creek, the guest of Mrs. Butterfield.

The rock slide on Friday night caused a little inconvenience to persons waiting to board the Westbound train here.

Although the crowd was small, a most delighttul evening was spent at the Social Club on Saturday night. We did not get as much support as we had hoped for from Alice Siding, but those who did come unanimously declared that they had to hand it to Duck Creek when they wanted a really good time.

Earl and Miss Bertha Pease spent Sunday at Duck Creek.

Miss Anna Hagen left on Monday for Creston where she will reside awhile.

C. H. Black was a Creston caller Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Grady went to Creston Wednesday. She returned on the westbound train accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. A. O. Hook.

An excellent view of the full eclipse of the moon was obtained at Duck Creek Wednesday night about 9:30 p.m

Walter J. Cooper evidently believes in making hay while the sun shines and is putting to good effect the good work he learnt last week at the pruning school. He is employed in pruning Victor Carr's orchard.

Carl Carlson is a busy man these days He is busy with a violin and a troupe of quadrupeds and is determined to teach them to dance. He says they show wonderful adaptability and are quick learners.

E. Butterfield was a Creston caller Thursday.

J. J. Grady had a carload of hay and feed shipped in Monday.

A carload of wheat straw for mulching strawberries arrived on the side track here on Tuesday and once again the ranchers are busy.

Peter Andestad has started operations preparatory to building his new house he has got the ground levelled off and is all ready to put the plates in position.

Fred Hindley was a Creston caller Wednesday.

Bob Dixon returned from Kuskanook on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Lewis were in town Monday.

J. E. Taylor, the Nelson real estate man passed through Thursday on his way home from a business visit to the prairie.

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ANOTHER PIONEER CROSSES BIG DIVIDE

Rocky Mountain Jack, one of the pioneers of the Kootenay passed away Monday last at Kitchener. He had been out trapping and was taken sick. He remained in his cabin for some time hoping to feel better but at last had to admit that he was sick enough to need medical attention. He began the trip to Kitchener, his nearest settlement but became weaker and finally became exhausted. He laid down to rest and resumed the journey. Then forgetfulness came. When he finally woke he felt that he must get to help of some kind, and once more began the torturous journey.

At last the buildings of Kitchener came into view and with renewed courage he faced the last lap of the journey.

Who can tell the thoughts of this man, all alone in the forest battling with the shadow of the Grim Monster and within sight of friends and proper atteution. Such is often the experience of the pioneer, the man who forsakes civilization in the quest for the treasures of the woods.

At last he staggered into the hotel at Kitchener and was soon in a warm bed and in the care of kind friends. Dr. Henderson was sent for and soon came only to shake his head in despair. Too late, the ravages of fever were very apparent and the man was too far gone to be removed to the hospital.

The funeral took place Wednesday at Port Hill, Idaho, and was attended by a number of his old friends from Creston and the Idaho town. Rev. Blake conducted the services.

C. G. Bennett, who has been in command of the Bank since the departure of Mr. Fowler, left Sunday for Cranbrook having been relieved by R. L. Ross, of Golden. The latter arrived Sunday.

Services for Church of England

Sunday March 15, 1914. Creston 11 a. m. Sunday School. 7:30 p.m. Evensong and Address. Erickson 3p.m. Evensong and address. Sirdar Tuesday, March 17th 8 p.m. Evensong and Address. Preacher Rev. E. Bull.

WHAT DO YOU THINK

of the man who complains of hard times and then sends the few dollars he has out of town for the very things he can buy at home? What is he doing to build up his own town and make times better?

Love of Country

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd
From wand'ring on a foreign strand?
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim:—
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch concentred all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonor'd and unsung.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

BAZAAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church held a bazaar and feast of nations on Thursday afternoon and evening in the Mercantile Hall. The big hall was most tastefully decorated and tables representing Ireland, England, Scotland, and the United States were set in most striking an original styles. The menu of each table reflected the delicacies of the various countries and presented the most delectable morsels.

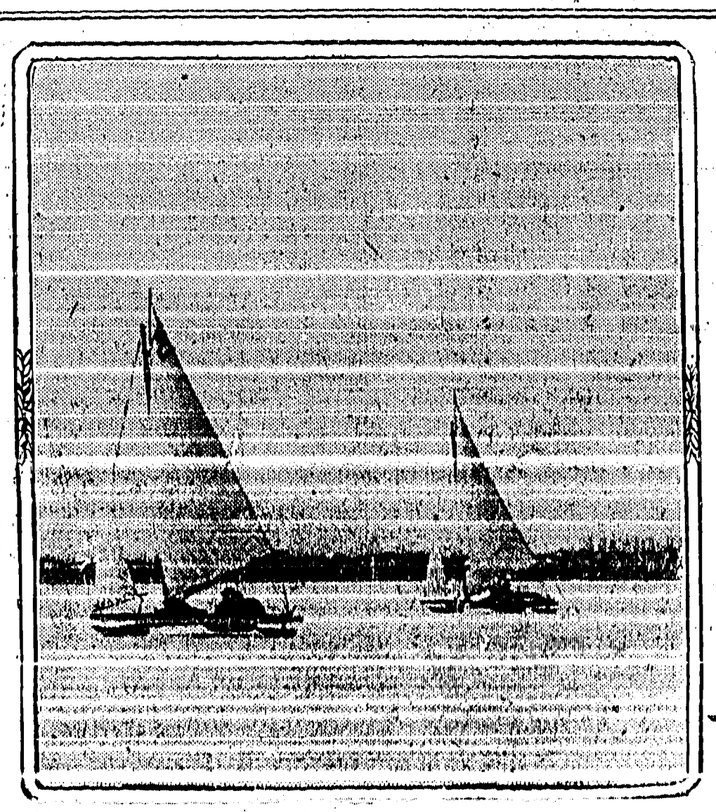
At the different booths articles of apparels and domestic use were sold out of which a nice sum was realized.

A short program followed by a grab bag and auction brought the evening to a close. The ladies besire to thank all those who assisted in making the affair a success.

G. H Fraser, of Nelson, was in town the first part of the week trying to dispose of some fruit trees.

—Send for our prices on furniture, we pay the freight. C. C. S.

The Department of Agriculture are offering small quantities of Fodder Corn Seed Free, also Alfalfa at a charge of 50c. Applications for same to be made to Secretary of Farmers Institute.



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LIBERAL MAJORITY IS FADING AWAY

(From the Daily News)

Ottawa, March 8th.—Owing to the recent death of Sir George Ross and Senator Cox, both Liberals, the standing of the two parties in the upper house has been to some extent altered. The standing in the upper chamber at present is: Liberals 53; Conservatives 32; vacancies 2.

When the vacancies are filled, the Liberal majority will be 19. When the new senators from the west are appointed, the majority will be reduced to 10.

When Mr. Borden became premier, the complexion of the senate was, Liberals 66; Conservatives 19; vacancies 2, the Liberal majority being 47. Mr. Borden filled the two vacancies with Conservatives, leaving the Liberal majority forty-five During the past two years seventeen senators have died, 13 of them being Liberal and 4 Conservatives. With the two vacancies already mentioned, the Liberal majority has been reduced to 21. Their successors will make the majority 19. There are 33 members, of the upper house over 70 years old, 21 being Liberals and 12 Conservatives. Ex-Premier Sir Mackenzie Bowell is the oldest man in parliament, and is one of the most active. He is 91 years old. Two Quebec senators come next in age, Hon. C. C. Dessaulles, of St. Hyacinth who is 87 years of age, and Hon. L. J. Shehyn, of Quebec, who is 85.

Mrs, C. Smith and the Misses Vesta and Vera Smith left Tuesday for Kenora, Ont where they will in the future reside.

R. W. Russell, Expert Optician representing Raworth Bros., Cranbrook is in town Friday and Saturday March 13 and 14. He is to be found at the Creston Drug and Book Co.'s Store, where he will be pleased to examine your eyes. All work absolutely Guaranteed.

The next event of local importance will be the celebration of St. Patricks Day by the Irishmen. The committees have the matter in hand and are making plans for a big celebration. If you are of Irish descent make the fact known to J. H. Moran, A. L. Allen or Andy Miller and you will be enrolled amongst those who will help to make this affair a success.

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FORMER CRESTON PEOPLE IN SKETCH

The following was sent to us by a subscriber in California. It bears a London date of Feb. 16:

"Lady Sholto formerly well known in the San Francisco music halls, is soon to return to America, in a sketch of her own authorship. Lady Douglas, under the name of Laura Leslies. played the Widow Ching in the London presentation of the "Yellow Jacket." She has now written a civil war sketch in which Lord Sholto Douglas, who three years ago, was reported murdered in New York, is expected to be the hero.

Lord Sholto, who is a son of the Marquis of Queensberry, gave up a tobacco shop in Spokane 18 months ago and returned to England with his wife, who got her job on the stage on the ship coming over. They have been married nearly 20 years."

B. C. POULTRYMEN ASK FOR PROTECTON

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28, 1914.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir:

Should you find the following of interest, I trust that you will see your way clear to publish the same.

Yours very truly,

J. R. TERRY,

Sec. B. C. Poultry Association.

Owing to the efforts of the B. C. Poultry Association the authorities at Ottawa are at last beginning to realize that the poultry breeders of this Province have a genuine grievance.

Several resolutions have been forwarded to various officials at Ottawa, asking that the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act be amended so that the Dominion Veterinary Inspectors could inspect all live and dead poultry entering the Province. Considerable live poultry are being imported, obstensibly for the purpose of killing for the markets, but are however, being sold to settlers at reduced prices. In some consignments the majority of the fowls have been found to be suffering from one or the other of the contagious diseases attacking poultry. These fowls have been sold broadcast throughout the Province, the result being that in some districts which have heretofore been healthy, poultry breeders have had these diseases attack their flocks.

Word has just been received by the Secretary of the Provincial Poultry Association, stating that Mr. J. H. Hare of the Poultry Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is to visit the Province and make an investigation into the matter. In the meantime, the Provincial Association is leaving no stone unturned to secure redress, and in March all of the affiliated Associations numbering 28, are forwarding a resolution to the Veterinary Director General, dealing with the matter.

Resolved that Oriental Immigration into Canada should cease is the question for the next debate to be held on Wednesday the 18th The debater's are J. A. P. Crompton and J. Compton for the affirmative and J. Heath and A. B. S. Stanley for the negative.

Keep Tuesday March 17th an open date. The Irishmen are going to invite you to their celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The Review has a complete stock of paper on hand and is always in readiness to do your printing for you on short notice.

For good clear ice refer to Jim Whitehead. Moyie, B. C. For price and particulars.

LIBERAL LEADER IN SENATE IS DEAD

Sir George William Ross, senator of the Dominion of Canada, and formerly premier of the province of Ontario, died Saturday, March 7th after an illness lasting several weeks. He was born in 1841.

By profession a lawyer, Sir George was known popularly as "the father of the new Ontario" owing to activity in the development of that province. He was recognized as one of the best public speakers in the Dominion.

He was called to the senate of Canada in 1907 and was knighted by King George in 1910.

Sir George was a prolific writer on educational subjects, temperance and contemporary history.

A little over a week ago Sir George had a relapse, and had been lying in a state of coma ever since, uniil Thursday of last week when he had a return to consciousness. He was then clear and rational in his mind and was able to talk to his visitors. Friday morning he was still conscious, and Lady Ross and other relatives spent some time with him.

Sir George became worse Friday afternoon about four o'clock and from that time he was unconscious, with more rapid failure at five o'clock Saturday morning. It was evident at that hour that Sir George was sinking fast and he passed peacefully away about eight o'clock. Only Dr. Greer, a nurse and his valet were at the deathbed. Lady Ross had been sent for, but Sir George had passed away before her arrival.

In politics Sir George was a Liberal, and represented West Middlesex in the House of Commons from 1872 to 1883. In that year he became a solicitor and entered the Mowat Cabinet as Minister of Education. This post he retained when Mr. Hardy succeeded Mr. Mowat, and, on the latter's retirement, Sir George became Premier, in October, 1899. On the defeat of his party in 1905 he led the opposition in the House until his elevation to the Senate, in 1907.

WEST CRESTON NEWS

Dan English is going in to the poultry business strong. He has lately built a new extension to his poultry house.

Mike Glazer has just completed a house boat for Mr. Starks of Summit Creek.

Mr. Logan and wife was Creston callers one day this week.

George Seymour of Mountain View fame is skinning poles in the Virgin Forest.

Edwin Simmons of Sunnyside Ranch was one of Creston's callers this week.

H. Peterman was a visitor to Jack Stephens ranch this week,

Still sleighing but the snow is going fast.

Dan English is they taking out building material for a new house which he is going to build this Spring.

John Hobden was a caller to Golden Glow Ranch this week.

Above the Clouds a drama in two acts under the capable instruction of Mr. H. Leonard. Mr. Leonard is devoting his well known abilities not only in giving instruction to the characters but also in painting the scenery and arranging makeups. Sufficient guarantee of success. Mercantile Hall March 20th.

—The C. C. S. of Cranbrook is selling Iron Beds with mattress and spring for $11.

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A. B. S. Stanley - - - - - Editor and Manager

THE LABOR COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The report of the Labor Commission, a summary of which we print this morning, is a document of very great interest, the result of careful investigations made regarding working conditions in the different trades and industries in the Province. Of the wisdom of some of the recomendations we hardly think there will be two opinions, but there are others that will require to be further inquired into before they are incorporated in legislation. Perhaps, excepting the recommendation dealing with the exclusion of Asiatics the one which will arouse greatest interest is that which urges the establishment of the system of compulsory State insurane for workmen who sustain injuries. Sach insurance it is suggested, should be managed by aboard- The employer would be taxed a percentage of his pay roll based on the risk attaching to the particular business in which he is engaged. In the event of a workman sustaining the injuries of a character which prevent his working for a time, he is to receive so much compensation weekly, the amount to be based on his earnings. An insurance scheme of this character will require very careful working out. It appears from the report or rather from that summary which we have received that the entire amount to be payed into the insurance fund is to come direct from the employer and to be deducted by him from the wages of his workmen. It may be that the suggestion means that both the employer and the employee shall pay a proportionate amount into the fund at stated intervals. There is no doubt that the recommendations dealing with State insurance will arouse widespread interest, and we look forward to many suggestions arising out of it, which no doubt will be carefully canvassed before any legislation is introduced.

The recommendation which urges a fortnightly pay day appears a wise one, and the reasons given for it are sound; as also is that which proposes new methods regarding the issuance of time cheques. It was to be assumed that the commission would not go on record in the matter of an eight-hour day, as this is a subject that can more rightfully be dealt with by the Federal authorities. What has been said about the minimum wage is interesting. It does not seem subject on which it is desirable that legislation should be introduced, because so many different conditions prevail in different localities and the establishment of a minimum wage in the Province as a whole might place British Columbia in a position where it would be impossible for the trades and industries here to compete with those in the rest of the Dominion. Closer supervision of the conditions under which men work in railroad construction and logging camps is advocated. In this connection there are many useful suggestions which will receive close attention.

There are many other features of the report, with which we hope to deal on some future occossion. It is sufficient now to say that Mr. H. G. Parson, the chairman and his colleagues appear to have devoted their best energies to the work with which they were intrusted. It might have been thought that the commission would have shown a tendency to avoid controversial matters as far as was compatible with their duties, but, on the contrary, this has not been the case. The report sets out the contentions of the employer and the employee and then the conclusions reached by the investigating board. Generally speaking, we think it will be acknowledged that the attitude towards labor is entirely a sympathetic one. The phraseology of the report is clear-cut and the conclusions in nearly all cases are decisive Mr. Parson and the other members are to be congratulated on the result of their work, which is comprehensive illuminating and conclusive, and which we are certain will prove of very great assistance to the Government in framing future labor legislation.—Colonist.

The fact that the leader of the opposition so readily consented to the proposals of the Government with regard to reserving all radium rights has given rise to the suspicion that the precious "mineral" may possess virtues not known to the general public.—Ladysmith Chronicle.

There are as usual many things to interest the sportsman in the latest issue of Rod and Gun in Canada, the March issue, which has recently come to hand. The Ojibways at Abitibi by Bernard Muddiman; A Walrus Hunt within the Arctic Circle; A Caribou Hunt in the Yukon; The Little Lake of the Big Trout Angling Notes by H. Mortimer Batten; and other stories and articles along what the regular departments devoted to the interests of the trap line trapshooting etc., etc., which are as usual well maintained, are combined to make a magazine that should be read by all Canadian sportsman and by those Americans who come to Canada annually for their hunting and fishing. This magazine which is the only publication devoted wholly to the interests of Canadian outdoor life is published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ontario.

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GEORGE THOMPSON

Dated 26th December, 1913.

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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINIG REGULATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the Yukon Territory, the North-west Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands

W. W. CORY,

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Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

HORTICULTURE is going forward again in the central states after a long period of neglect. Farmers are acquiring business ideas and begin to understand that in a well balanced program fruit is an important feature. It is much more profitable than dairying or grain raising.

To make fruit pay there must be clean, tidy orchards. The grounds cannot be neglected. Cultivation is needed, but it must not interfere with tree roots. If vegetables are grown they should be kept clear of the trees. Old trees may stand pruning, but it is fatal to young ones. A liberal dressing of stable manure before plowing is recommended. Fall plowing is best. Fertilizer is necessary whether other crops are grown or not. There is such a thing as starving trees.

In many cases it will be found that the old trees have exhausted practically all the available nutritive material contained in the soil, and they need considerable nitrogen in order to produce new wood and to put new vigor into them, and therefore they will stand lots of stable manure. But if they were young, bearing trees in their prime they would need only a light dressing of manure.

While the actual fertilizing material contained in a ton of average stable manure is small, not much above twenty-eight pounds, if lime is not considered, it is a great humus producer. Humus adds lots of moisture, and humus and moisture working together release the nutritive material already in the soil and put it in shape so that those little hungry feed roots can gather it in and send it on its mission of supplying leaf and and branch with life and vigor.

If one should want quicker and better results than just stable manure alone, phosphate rock, ground bone and potash may be added in the proportion of 100 pounds of phosphate, 200 pounds of ground bone and 100 pounds of potash, but the user will have to be his own judge of just how much to apply to the acre, as there are so many different conditions to be taken into consideration that the same quantity will not answer for all.

As cultivation is needed anyway, it is well to raise vegetables in the orchard, thus making the land pay a good acreage profit even if the fruit has a bad season. Weeds are to be kept out of an orchard as zealously as out of a garden.

It is also important that we practice a good system of shallow cultivation in young orchards. The trees respond to good tillage just as the corn and other cultivated crops. Barnyard manure, cowpeas and clover are three great fall cover crops for a young orchard. Trees ought to stand about thirty feet apart.

Good drainage is important in the apple orchard as elsewhere. The apple does not like "wet feet." For that simple reason it succeeds more often on naturally well drained, rolling land than in low, soggy places.

Just after the leaf buds in the spring and before the blossom buds open the old orchard should be given a good spraying with the regular bordeaux mixture and paris green or lime-sulphur and arsenate of lead, another one just after the blossoms drop and a third some time later if troubled with the codling moth, which is almost sure to be the case in an old orchard.

This fight against the codling moth must be unrelenting. The worm is migratory, traveling surprising distances in its work of destruction. Spraying should be done in any part of the season when pests are seen, but it always seems necessary just as the fruit has become nicely formed.

Many of the farms that have had one silo before are using two this year. This is further evidence that the silo pays.

Comfortable Winter Range.

Give the hens full range of the barn, stables and other farm buildings during the day, where they will have comfortable, dry shelter and will be able to glean much feed that would otherwise go to waste. Confine them in their own house at night, so they will not become a nuisance in the other buildings.

Keeping Grit From Axle.

When one is hauling sand or gravel axle grease and horseflesh may be saved by the simple device of a piece of tin nailed on top of the axle to extend over the hub of the wheel on the inside. This prevents grit from getting into the hub.

DEPOSITS OF IRON IN CANADA.

It is now known positively that iron ores abound in practically every province of Canada. Only eight iron mines are in operation, and only one of these is producing as much as 100,000 tons of ore a year it is true; but active preparations are being made in the eastern provinces for exploiting the recently proved deposits on a large scale.

At present the chief Canadian blast furnaces draw most of their ore from Belle Isle, in Conception Bay, near St. Johns, Nfld. Newfoundland is very rich in iron ores and nearly 1,000,000 tons are raised annually, most of which is used in Canada. But enormous and rich reserves hematite ore have been found in New Brunswick within easy distance of large coal fields.

Deposits of huge quantity and high quality have also been proved in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia in the east and in British Columbia in the west. Recent investigations conducted by the Department of Mines, coupled with private prospecting, inspire the hope that Canada is as rich in iron and steel-making materials as the United States.—Cassier's Magazine.

THE COCOANUT PALM.

Almost the Life of the People In Many Tropical Countries.

The cocoanut palm is a native of the torrid zone and thrives best on the seacoast of the tropics. But in the United States it is not generally known that the uses of the palm (Cocos nucifera) are as numerous as the days of the year.

Found nearly everywhere within the tropics, almost the sole dependence for food of the palmivorous inhabitants of many countries, this king of low tropical countries furnishes man with food, drink, medicines, domestic utensils, materials for boat and house building, oil for cooking, lighting, lubricating and innumerable other purposes, and is of all the palmaceas the one that yields the greatest variety of products.

It has been truly said by Tennant, the historian, that "of the cocoanut palm a ship can be built and laden too."

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Just as they started two big walnuts fell out of the bag into the road, and one of the boys wanted to stop and pick them up, but the other said: "Oh, let's wait till we come out and then we will get those two." They went behind the wall into graveyard, dumped all the nuts on the ground, and, to divide them equally, decided to choose a nut apiece in rotation until they were all divided. So they started in. The big chose one first, saying "I'll take this one," and then the little fellow, "I'll take this one" It was growing dusk and Uncle Mose a near-by colored tenant farmer, happened to be passing that way. He heard floating out of the sombre depths of the graveyard in deep gutteral tones, "I'll take this one," and again, 'I'll take this one." He listened a moment, then turned and 'hot footed" down the road as fast as his old legs could carry him. He ran perhaps a quarter of a mile when he met his old master, Col. Tolliver, who stoppedhim abruptly with: "Look-a-year niggah what you running away for anyhow?" "For Gawd Marse Bob, I'se runnin' away from dat graveyard; de Lord and de debil back dere 'viden up de folks!"

The Colonel laughed heartily at old Mose and said: Well, come on we'll go back and see what's up anyhow." So back they started. It was getting darker every minute, and just as they reached the gate they heard voices and stopped to listen. In deep sepulchral tones came the words: "I'll take this one," and "I'll take this one;" then a brief pause followed by: "Now, we've got all in here, let's go out in the road and get the other two"—and right then and there the Colonel beat the negro running.—Indianapolis News.

The March meeting of the W. C. T. U. is cancelled. All members are urged to do their best in helping to get up a Gold Medal Contest for the first week in April. Class to be from 11 to 13 years of age and any boy or girl wishing to compete to give their names to Miss Lamont.

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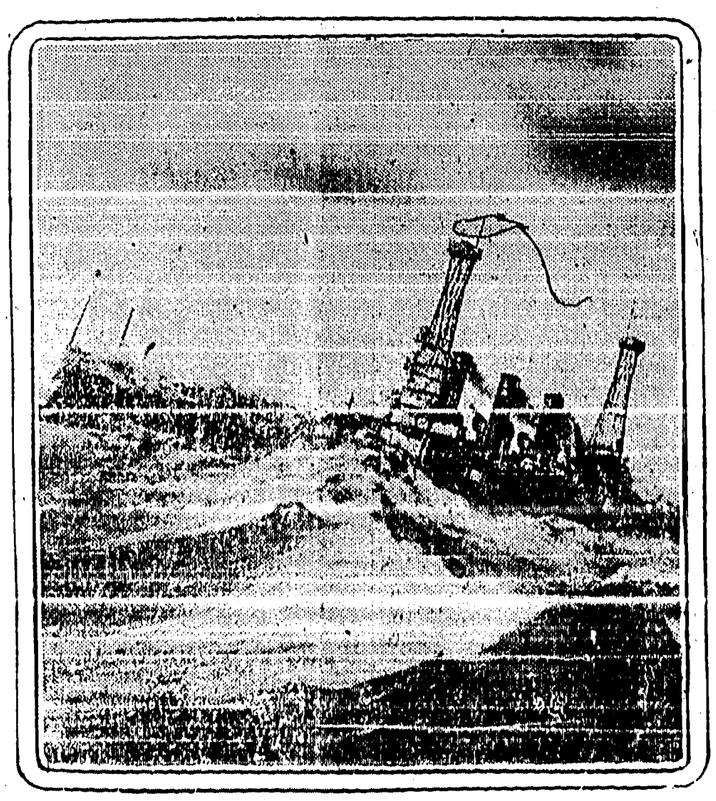

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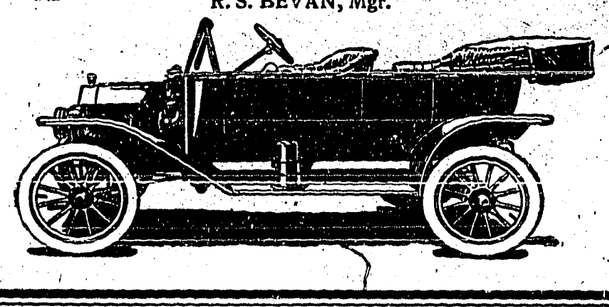

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