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<a href="#">1789_09_23BNP</a>	23 September 1789	Bury and Norwich Post or Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Cambridge Advertiser	The first notice in the local newspapers that the Stowmarket Navigation was being promoted. At the same time meetings were being held to promote a Navigation from Bury St Edmunds to Ipswich to join the Stowmarket Navigation.	The Prince of Wales having advised with his physicians about his corpulence, which has been increasing upon him for four years, they have prescribed riding on horseback, as likely to keep it under. Dr Herschell has finished his new telescope. It is 45 long and 5 feet in diameter. The speculum weighs 4 tons.	The Storming of the Bastille. The March on Versailles during the French Revolution Bill of Rights introduced in the USA. The Mutiny on the Bounty occurred. George Washington is elected the first President of the USA.
<a href="#">1789_12_30BNP</a>	30 December 1789	Bury and Norwich Post	A request for subscribers to the Navigation	Betton's British Oil cures bruises, lameness, swellings, contusions, St Anthony's Fire, and leprous disorders. Also cures stoppage in the maw, maggots and mange in cattle and sheep!	The Constitution of the United States was bought into effect. William Wilberforce makes his first major speech on the abolition of slavery.
<a href="#">1790_01_02IPJ</a>	2 January 1790	The Ipswich Journal, and Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire Advertiser	A further request for subscribers to the Navigation	Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs have reason to apprehend that attempts may be made to export Corn and Grain clandestinely.	The modern shoelace with an aglet was patented in England. Flora McDonald died on March 5. She helped Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape "Over the sea to Skye". An attempt was made to impeach Warren Hastings for misconduct as Governor General of Bengal. The case dragged on for 7 years and he was eventually acquitted.
<a href="#">1790_04_24OJ</a>	24 April 1790	Oxford Journal	A request for contractors to build 14 locks, some timber bridges and widening, deepening and cutting of Bends of the river.	8 criminals were hung for Highway Robbery, stealing cattle, stealing a horse and burglary. They all walked to the place of execution.	
<a href="#">1791_08_20IPJ</a>	20 August 1791	Ipswich Journal	John Dyson and George Pinkerton bought a case against the Trustees claiming they had an implied contract to start work on the Navigation even though no formal contract had been signed. The Trustees dispensed with their services before the work was finished. The Judge suggested an independent valuer be appointed to assess how much they should get for the work they had done so far.	At the Spithead Review in front of King George III were laid out over a distance of 6 miles, 1 First Rate, 7 Second Rate and 28 Third Rate war ships. Along with the ships there were 7 Admirals, 37 Captains, 23,064 men and 2830 pieces of canon. Lord Egremont had his pocket picked at BRIGHTHELMSTONE (Brighton) races. His Lordship was unwilling to disclose his loss but it came out to be £500.	King Louis XVI and his family are caught trying to flee Paris during the French Revolution. Samuel Briggs and Son patent a nail making machine. Mozart's opera "Magic Flute" premieres in Vienna. Britain's "Observer", the world's oldest Sunday paper is published.
<a href="#">1793_08_03IPJ</a>	3 August 1793	Ipswich Journal	Navigation expected to open within a fortnight.	The Great Brewer of Hampton rode 100 miles in 12 hours. The bets were 30gs to 20 that he did not sit up besides all night and drink 3 bottles of wine. He did!!	Louis XVI of France is executed by guillotine. France declares war on Gt Britain. Jean-Paul Marat murdered by Charlotte Corday in his bath. The "Reign of Terror" begins in the French Revolution.
<a href="#">1793_09_14IPJ</a>	14 September 1793	Ipswich Journal	Navigation opens for business.	A huge number of auctions were advertised, a significant number as a result of bankruptcy.	
<a href="#">1794_02_14IPJ</a>	14 February 1794	Ipswich Journal	Report of damage to the Navigation by flooding. It was closed for repairs.	Saturday fe'nnight a most melancholy accident happened in a coal pit near Wednesbury over which a branch of the Birmingham canal passed. A breach was suddenly made by the earth giving way. 4 men were drowned but 6 were bought up from the pit.	King Gustav III of Sweden assassinated. First execution by guillotine in France. The first self flushing toilet is patented. Marie Antoinette is imprisoned.
<a href="#">1805_03_23IPJ</a>	23 March 1805	Ipswich Journal	A barge and chestnut horse were up for sale along with 2 other barges, one horse and an extensive warehouse. All these were at the head of Navigation in Stowmarket.	The Black Boy PH in St Botolph's, Colchester was up for sale. A large sale in the White Lion at Hadleigh of property owned by Thomas Gibbons MD. He must have been very wealthy as they were selling 6 farms, a wood and 2 meadows. The farms and meadows all came with barns and/or houses.	Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned King of Italy. October 21st, The Battle of Trafalgar where Admiral Horatio Nelson defeats the combined French and Spanish Fleet. Napoleon defeats the Russian and Austrian armies at the Battle of Austerlitz
<a href="#">1806_10_11IPJ</a>	11 October 1806	Ipswich Journal	The Commissioners of the Navigation increase the tolls by 25%!	The King has been pleased to grant a pension of £100 a year to the widow of Mr Scott, Nelson's secretary at Trafalgar. The Admiralty were up in arms as there was no precedent for granting a pension to a widow.	I K Brunel born 9th April. The Vellore Mutiny - first mutiny by Indian sepoy. Carbon paper patented in London
<a href="#">1817_09_27SC</a>	27 September 1817	Suffolk Chronicle or Ipswich General Advertiser and County Express	An application is being made to Parliament for a navigable cut from Earl Stonham to join the Stowmarket Navigation at Creting All Saints.	It seems certain that Thornton lately tried for, and acquitted, of the Murder of Mary Ashford may be again put on trial. The monument voted by Parliament in memory of Lord Nelson is now erecting in St Pauls Cathedral. The Prince Regent rode on horseback in Hyde Park on Saturday afternoon.	The Pentrich Revolution occurred when 300 unemployed men from this Derbyshire village had been told they were part of a national uprising and were marching south to capture London. A detachment of soldiers was waiting on the outskirts of Nottingham and 47 men stood trial charged with High Treason. 4 were sentenced to death and 23 transported to Australia.
<a href="#">1818_09_19IPJ</a>	19 September 1818	Ipswich Journal	An application is being made to Parliament for a navigable cut from Diss to join the Stowmarket Navigation at Creting All Saints.	An application is being made to Parliament for deepening and widening the Rivers Wensum and Yare in Norfolk and Suffolk in order to make them navigable. For preserving and beautifying the teeth - the Vegetable Tooth Powder.	Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" is published anonymously. The US Congress decides on its new flag - 13 stripes and 20 stars. The first Christmas carol, "Silent Night" is sung in Austria. Napoleon Bonaparte bids farewell to his old guard before being exiled to Saint Helena.
<a href="#">1819_01_02IPJ</a>	2 January 1819	Ipswich Journal	A meeting will be held at the White Lion Inn, Eye to take the report and estimates for the navigation between Diss and Ipswich	Sarjeant Stow, Drover, informs his friends that he intends drawing beasts and sheep for the London Market at the Compasses Holbrook, the White Horse Capel, Kings Arms Stratford, the Crown at Ardleigh, Rose and Crown Colchester.	British explorer William Smith discovers the South Shetland Islands. First steam powered vessel (Savannah) crosses the Atlantic.

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<a href="#">1819_01_09IPJ</a>	9 January 1819	Ipswich Journal	It is the opinion of the Meeting that ..... the proposal to create a navigable communication between Diss and Needham Market be abandoned. However a Navigable cut from Stonham to Needham was feasible.	Subscription Ball at Bury. Dancing to commence precisely at 9 o'clock. Married ladies will have no precedence after the Ball is begun. New Light Coach called THE INDEPENDENT sets out every morning at Ten o'clock from the Angel, and Wagon and Horses, Colchester to the Golden Cross ,Charing Cross , London.	The Peterloo Massacre in Manchester when a cavalry charge killed 15 people and injured over 500. A mass rally had been called by a radical orator, Henry Hunt to protest about chronic unemployment and the Corn Laws which pushed up the price of bread. A local magistrate summoned the 15th Hussars to disperse the crowd and they charged with sabres drawn.
<a href="#">1834_01_11IPJ</a>	11 January 1834	Ipswich Journal	15 years later meetings were still being held about a Navigation from Earl Stonham to Needham Market. Mr Cubitt had produced an estimate of £15,000. The owners and occupiers at the meeting were somewhat shocked!	Convictions at Woodbridge. Charles Crane of Melton, labourer, an idle and disorderly person, he having refused work and thereby neglected to maintain himself, 14 days hard labour in Ipswich gaol. One of those rare fowls, the Ferruginous Duck or Ruddy goose ( <i>Anas rutila</i> , <i>Faun Suec</i> .) was shot a few days since at Iken, near Orford.	Charles Darwin on HMS Beagle anchors in the Falklands Islands for the first time. 6 farm labourers are sentenced to transportation to Australia for forming a trade union. They became known as the Tollpuddle Martyrs. Sandpaper is patented by Isaac Fischer in the USA. Slavery is abolished throughout the British Empire.
<a href="#">1834_03_01IPJ</a>	1 March 1834	Ipswich Journal	More talk about the Stonham Navigation. A new estimate of £8000 was submitted "founded on the knowledge of practical men, and calculated on a liberal scale."	A public meeting was held at Bury St Edmunds to hear a report from Mr Walker about a railway between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds. Did the residents of Stonham think about their new navigation, I wonder?	Joseph Hansom receives a patent for his famous Cab. Much of the Palace of Westminster is burnt down.
<a href="#">1835_11_14IPJ</a>	14 November 1835	Ipswich Journal	And still the good folks of Stonham propose to go to Parliament to bring in a Bill to obtain an Act.	Meanwhile many influential gentlemen resolved unanimously to build the Eastern Counties Railway from High Street, Shoreditch to Norwich and Yarmouth.	The US National Debt is \$0 (zero) - the first and only time in history. The 1st instalment of Hans Christian Anderson's "Fairy Tales" is published. Charles Darwin lands on the Galapagos Islands.
<a href="#">1841_12_11IPJ</a>	11 December 1841	Ipswich Journal	The Commissioners of the Stowmarket Navigation and the barge masters were of the opinion that a second lock should be constructed in the New Dock. The Chairman of the meeting suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee. No new lock was built!	Miss Sophia Darbon bought an action against Mr Rosser, a gentleman in his 83rd year , for breach of promise. Miss Darbon claimed £10,000. Mr Rosser was married and 79 years old when he made a declaration of ardent passion. The solicitor for Mr Rosser described his client as " a dotting, vain old man" and Miss Darbon "an artful designing girl". The jury retired for an hour and a half and awarded the plaintiff £1600.	China cedes Hong Kong to the British during the 1st Opium War. The 1st detective story published, Edgar Allan Poe's "Murder in the Rue Morgue". Thomas Cook opens his first travel agency. Samuel Slocum patented the stapler.
<a href="#">1842_01_15BWM</a>	15 January 1842	Bell's Weekly Messenger	The sailing barge "Ironsides" was used for carrying ale from Stowmarket to London. Baker the captain fell overboard near a lock on the River Gipping and was crushed between the barge and the jetty. A month later his son was washed overboard in the Swin. A third boy fell overboard and was also drowned. (The "Swin" is a passage in the Thames Estuary near Maplin Sands.)	Accident on the Great Western Railway. Another fatal accident on the line occurred in Sonning Cutting (near the spot of the last catastrophe). The policeman was on the down line signalling the up train when the down train approached unperceived. The poor man left a widow and five children. The rumoured accident at Combe Down near Bath, is, we are happy to state, without foundation.	Charles Dickens and his wife sail to America on board RMS Britannia. Ether is used as an anaesthetic for the first time in the USA. Christian Doppler presents his idea in Prague, now known as the Doppler Effect. John Francis attempts to assassinate Queen Victoria. The Rotherhithe Tunnel opens. Mount St Helens in Washington erupts.
<a href="#">1844_06_15IPJ</a>	15 June 1844	Ipswich Journal	Manslaughter at Shotley. Robert Wilding struck George Clarke on the breast with a boat hook. Wilding said "You shall fight, for I will make you fight." George Clark picked up a handspike and it was alleged he struck Wilding on the head with the spike who immediately fell down with blood issuing from the wound. The barge happened to be "Ironsides" that had recently been in the news following the death of three of the crew.	Superintendent English of Polstead secured two most notorious and desperate thieves laden with bags of flour stolen from the mill in Stoke by Nayland. During the arrest English was threatened with two shot guns but he still made the arrest. He even compared the footprints in the spilt flour in the mill with the shoes of the suspects. What makes it noticeable is the fact that he met the thieves on a footpath leading from the Red Barn in Polstead. This was the location of the famous Red Barn Murder when Maria Martin was shot dead by William Corder.	Samuel Morse taps out "What hath God wrought" in the world's first telegraph message. The YMCA is formed by George Williams in London. Charles Goodyear patents the vulcanisation of rubber. The last pair of Great Auks is killed. The Rochdale Pioneers commence business in Rochdale, starting the Cooperative movement.
<a href="#">1847_07_10SC</a>	10 July 1847	Suffolk Chronicle	Barge for Sale at Ipswich. The SAILING BARGE "GIPPING" was being sold at auction. She was 52ft 9ins by 13ft 9in and could carry 34 tons. This advert is clear proof that it was quite common for sailing barges to ply between London and Stowmarket. If it wasn't possible to sail along the Navigation then men or a horse would be used for bow-hauling.	Election fever was in the air judging by the various letters to the Editor. John Chevalier Cobbold was putting himself forward whilst Young Ipswich sang the praises of Henry Vincent. A Rate Payer wanted Rigby Watson back again. Orlando Whistlecraft was convinced that the 6th July could be guaranteed to produce a storm. One advert mentions the New Street being formed from the Corn Hill to the Railway Station. This was the original station in Croft Street.	Samuel Colt sold his first revolver pistol to the US Government. "Wuthering Heights" was published. The first civic public park, Birkenhead Park, designed by Joseph Paxton opened. Robert Bunsen invented the Bunsen burner. "Jane Eyre" is published. The first use of chloroform as an anaesthetic by British physician Sir James Simpson.

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<a href="#">1862_08_11PJ</a>	11 August 1862	Ipswich Journal	A new weir was being constructed to try and stop the flooding that happened every winter in Handford Road. The weir would take the form of a "tumbling bay" which was actually a semi-circular structure some 150 feet long. This was supposed to help the "Seven Arches Bridge" to let flood water through more readily but considerable doubt was expressed on this point by practical men. They were eventually proved right and a new bridge had to be constructed now called London Road Bridge.	The Directors of the Great Eastern Railway have generously agreed to convey free of charge packages of left-off clothing for the benefit of the distressed operatives in Lancashire. (The distress was caused through the weavers and spinners refusing to handle cotton produced in the slave states of the Confederacy.) A drinking fountain for the Upper Arboretum has been presented by Mr John Brett and is now erected. The total cost to Mr Brett was £60.	The United States is in the middle of a Civil War between the Confederate troops from the southern states and the Union troops from the north. The 1st petroleum shipment (1329 barrels) from the US arrives in London. The Hartley Pit disaster in Northumberland resulted in the death of 204 miners. The beam of the pumping engine broke and fell down the shaft trapping the men below. It resulted in a new Act of Parliament requiring every pit to have at least two shafts. Although the law didn't require it, all new pits had wrought iron beams rather than cast iron.
<a href="#">1864_05_28PJ</a>	28 May 1864	Ipswich Journal	The first serious explosion in Prentice's Gun Cotton Factory took place One girl, Fanny Burrows was killed and three others badly burned. Cobb the foreman was saved from extensive facial injuries through the thickness of his beard! The inquest jury determined that there was insufficient evidence to determine the precise cause of the explosion.	The owner of Felbrigg Hall in Norfolk, William Frederick Windham appeared in the Court of Bankruptcy. He was the last in the Windham line to own the Felbrigg Estate which originated in 1465. It was bought by John and Rachel Ketton and eventually handed to the National Trust in 1969.	The Civil War in the States continues. Charing Cross Station opens. The Great Sheffield Flood was caused when the Dale Dyke Dam broke as its reservoir was being filled for the first time. At least 240 people died, 700 animals were drowned, 130 buildings destroyed and 15 bridges swept away. The enquiry determined that no one individual was to blame but they criticised the methods used to build the dam and set standards for future construction of such large scale structures as the Dale Dyke Dam.
<a href="#">1866_04_21PJ</a>	21 April 1866	Ipswich Journal	A full page devoted to The Progress of Manufacture in Suffolk. It includes articles about Prentice's Gun Cotton Works, Fisons Chemical Manure Works and the Stowmarket Paper Making Company. What it doesn't mention is the fact that all three of these operations discharged their waste water into the River Gipping!		The steamship "London" sinks off Land's End. 220 people are lost. The enquiry determined that the ship was overloaded with 345 tons of railway iron and 50 tons of coal stored above deck. This was one of the shipping disasters that stimulated Parliament to establish the famous Plimsoll Line.
<a href="#">1866_08_25PJ</a>	25 August 1866	Ipswich Journal	The Stowmarket Paper Making Company managed to discharge 500,000 gallons of a noxious liquid into the River Gipping. "The beautiful perfume and the exquisite exhalations now arising from the river render it very charming." "When the fat boiling process is going on, the two combined are enough for the most fastidious."	The Great Eastern Railway Company have caused their steamship "Rotterdam" to be fitted up with every convenience for patients who may arrive here from the continent suffering from cholera. The West Norfolk Junction Railway opened for traffic from Heacham to Wells Next The Sea. A fire was discovered in the stackyard in a farm at Great Bromley. George Sparrow, 10 years of age was apprehended and conveyed to Thorpe Police Station. He admitted he had set the stack on fire.	Jesse James holds up his first bank, stealing \$15,000. The ship "Monarch of the Seas" carrying 728 emigrants from Liverpool to New York was lost at sea. US President Andrew Johnson ends the civil war in all the southern states of America. Fred Grace, brother of W G made his 1st class debut at the age of 15yrs and 159 days. The US passes the 14th Amendment (Civil Rights). The SS "Great Eastern" designed by IK Brunel lays the first successful Atlantic telegraph cable.
<a href="#">1868_01_25SC</a>	25 January 1868	Suffolk Chronicle	A large article about the case in the Court of Chancery over the alleged pollution of the Gipping by the Stowmarket Paper Making Company. In evidence it was said that hair and offal from the Glue Works, discharge from the maltings in Stowmarket, refuse from the tannery at Combs and the sewage of Stowmarket were the real cause of the pollution and absolutely nothing to do with the Paper Making Works!		"Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins is published. First government led by Benjamin Disraeli. Jesse James gang rob another bank of \$14,000. The All England Lawn Tennis Club is founded. Tom Morris records the first ever hole in one on the 8th at Prestwick. "Little Women" by Louisa M Alcott is published. The first traffic lights are installed outside the Palace of Westminster.
<a href="#">1870_02_05PJ</a>	5 February 1870	Ipswich Journal	Edward Abbott, a bargeman, was accidentally drowned in the Gipping near the bridge leading to the station. This bridge was of timber construction and was probably the original bridge built when the station was in Croft Street. A platform had been constructed around the bridge piles to allow the man in charge of the horse to unhitch it before he walked round the platform and re-hitched the horse. The rails on this platform were broken and it was thought Abbott had slipped and fallen.		John D Rockefeller incorporates Standard Oil (later Esso). The first motion picture shown to an audience in Philadelphia. The Vaudeville Theatre in the Strand opens. The Franco -Prussian War begins. The worlds first underground tube railway opens in Tower Subway, a tunnel under the Thames. It used a narrow gauge railway with cable hauled carriages. Siege of Paris begins.
<a href="#">1871_01_14PJ</a>	14 January 1871	Ipswich Journal	Elija Southgate, 15 years old, had been skating on the ice near Handford Oil Mills. That part of the river is now known as Alderman Canal and with very little water movement would have iced up quite quickly. Elija fell though the ice but the evidence given at the inquest suggests that the ice was very thin in parts. A boat was used to break up the ice to try and find the body but it wasn't until the following day that it was discovered.		The Second German Empire is proclaimed by Kaiser Wilhelm and Otto von

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<a href="#">1871_02_18SC</a>	18 February 1871	Suffolk Chronicle	Miss Rachel Charlotte Jobson drowned herself in the Gipping near Handford Bridge. A witness saw her walking backwards and forwards along the towing path before throwing a bundle of some sort into the river and jumping in. He heard her call "Save me". A colleague got a boat and after a couple of hours they managed to recover the body. Evidence was given that Rachel had shown extreme religious views and considered herself very wicked.	Josephine Newson, landlady of the Engineer's Arms was charged with selling wine at 11.45pm. The bench dismissed the case as there was no evidence that the liquor supplied was wine. The first meeting of the Ipswich School Board was held. The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman seemed to go on for ever but they eventually chose Mr Cobbold as Vice Chairman.	Bismarck. The first Rugby Union was formed at a meeting in the Pall Mall restaurant. Paris surrenders to the Prussians. The Communards revolt in Paris. The Royal Albert Hall is opened by Queen Victoria. The Franco-Prussian war ends. French troops attack the Paris Commune. 17,000 die. Jesse James and his gang rob the Obocock Bank of \$15,000 and another in Corydon of \$45,000.
<a href="#">1871-Stowmarket-Explosion-Inquest</a>	26 August - 9 September 1871	Ipswich Journal	Because the UK Government had major contracts with Prentice's for the supply of gun cotton it was felt that the inquest into the deaths of 28 people should have the benefit of the advice of the top chemist in the country, Professor Frederick Augustus Abel. He had invented the process of manufacturing gun cotton and he was the War Department chemist. The inquest lasted two weeks at the end of which the jury pronounced that the deaths were as a result of person or persons unknown adding sulphuric acid to the cotton after it had passed all the Government tests. Reading the reports in the paper suggest that the real cause of the explosion was the poor standards of control over the process.	An anonymous letter signed "Stowmarket Townsman" about the explosion. 1. How far is the Government responsible? 2. Has the Inspector of Factories performed his duties? 3. Is the Chairman of the company morally responsible? 4. Does the Managing Director's lack of scientific knowledge make him responsible? 5. Did the Manager of the Works follow the rules and regulations laid down by Government? 6. Did the local magistrates enforce the license terms? 7. Did the Poor Law authorities exercise their voices? 8. When will the inhabitants of Stowmarket be given a chance to air their thoughts.	The British warship HMS Captain capsizes in the Bay of Biscay. 500 lost. Brigham Young, Mormon leader is arrested for bigamy. The Great China Fire is finally extinguished after 3 days leaving 300 dead, 100,000 homeless and costing \$222m in damage. Henry Morton Stanley utters the immortal words "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" premieres in Cairo.
<a href="#">1876_04_08EADT</a>	8 April 1876	East Anglian Daily Times	GREAT FIRE AT BRAMFORD 'At a quarter to twelve the cry of "fire" attracted our attention to an immense column of smoke rolling up into the sky, spreading as it rose, till it's appearance suggested the pillar of cloud that went before the Israelites.' That's how one poetic journalist started his description of the fire at Bramford Tar Works. Although the Tar Works were heavily damaged, the workmen managed to save the White Elm beer house which, although blackened from the fire, managed to continue serving the workmen and the various fire brigades (two from Ipswich Corporation, one from the Royal Artillery and another from the Great Eastern Railway.)	An interesting case in Chancery when an application was made to sanction the marriage of Lord Howard de Walden (46) and Miss Dickenson (20) who was a ward of court. She would get £160,000 a year. Her intended was the nephew of the eccentric Duke of Portland and who stood to inherit a large fortune. <b>Erratum.</b> The accident reported in our columns last Tuesday was somewhat exaggerated. Samuel Moull only had his middle finger amputated, not his whole hand. Two boys in Beccles aged about 13 were charged with gambling by playing pitch-and-toss and were ordered to be confined in goal for 24 hours.	Alexander Graham Bell applies for first telephone patents. Direct telegraph link established between Britain and New Zealand. A tsunami floods NE Japan killing 28,000. Battle of the Little Bighorn where Custer was beaten by Sitting Bull. The first complete performance of Wagner's Ring Cycle at Bayreuth. Melville Bissell patents the first carpet sweeper. Daniel Stillson patents the first practical pipe wrench.
<a href="#">1881_12_31PJ</a>	31 December 1881	Ipswich Journal	The flooding of the Bramford Road district is occasioned by the Great Eastern Railway Company failing to keep up the towing path of the Stowmarket Navigation		
<a href="#">1884_10_18IPJ</a>	18 October 1884	Ipswich Journal	The annual inspection of the river between Stowmarket and Ipswich took place. Luncheon was supplied on board by Mr E Bridges of the Fox Hotel.	Isaac Prentice age 53, milk seller, committed suicide by cutting his throat. He told his niece that his master had cut his wages to 6s a week and he had spilt 1s 6d worth of milk for which he had paid. Dr G. Edwardes-Ker, surgeon said the windpipe was divided down to the spine. Mr Wm. Burch, his employer, said there was no truth in the statement that he was only paid 6s a week. He was actually paid 11s a week.	1st volume of the Oxford English Dictionary A-Ant published. General Gordon arrived in Khartoum. The Siege of Khartoum begins. The London Debtors prison closes. John Harvey Kellogg patents "flaked cereal". The Statue of Liberty presented to the US in Paris. Britain ceases penal transportation to Australia. Greenwich established as the universal longitude meridian.
<a href="#">1889_02_01IPJ</a>	1 February 1889	Ipswich Journal	A meeting was held to discuss the provisions of a bill to be placed before the next Parliament that would allow the creation of a new company to run the navigation and to abandon that part of the Navigation upstream from Bramford. The meeting agreed to oppose the bill.	Colman's Sinapism - The improved Mustard Plaster - Certain in effect, safe for young children and persons of delicate skin; ready for use at any moment. Does not scorch or blister and is perfectly cleanly.	
<a href="#">1889_03_01IPJ</a>	1 March 1889	Ipswich Journal	Mr Willoughby J G London wrote to W Quilter MP to press the committee's view that the bill should be abandoned. Mr Quilter was not prepared to make any decision either way!		Herman Hollerith receives the 1st US patent for a mechanical tabulating machine. The free Woolwich Ferry opens in London. The Eiffel Tower officially opens.

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<a href="#">1889_03_21ES</a>	21 March 1889	Evening Star and Daily Herald	The Stowmarket and Ipswich Navigation Bill came before a Select Committee of the House of Lords. Statements were made both for and against the bill. Giving evidence, the last occasion the Trustees had attempted to inspect the works using a barge, the banks gave way, the horse that was towing them rolled into the water and a gentleman of the press denuded himself of his apparel and fished the horse out [Laughter]The committee adjourned until Thursday.	At a meeting of the Essex Hounds at Blackmore a fox was being pursued and Major Foster was in the act of taking a fence at Westlands when his hunter slipped on the bank and fell back upon him into the ditch. It appeared that the pommel of the saddle had pressed upon his neck and suffocated him.	The first dishwashing machine is sold in Chicago. The NSPCC is founded in London. John L Sullivan KO's Jake Kilrain after 75 rounds (the last bare knuckle bout). George Eastman (founder of Eastman Kodak Co.) begins selling his flexible rolled film. Edouard and Andre Michelin incorporate the Michelin tyre company. 88 people killed in the Armagh rail disaster, Ireland.
<a href="#">1889_03_26BNP</a>	26 March 1889	Bury & Norwich Post and Suffolk Standard	The final hearing of the Navigation Bill was heard by the Select Committee and after a 5 minute recess the bill was rejected.		
<a href="#">1896_05_02IPJ</a>	2 May 1896	Ipswich Journal	Arbitration hearing between East Suffolk County Council and the trustees of the Stowmarket Navigation. The hearing was held to determine who was responsible for repair and maintenance of the bridges at Sproughton, Bramford and Bosmere. The main problem was the fact that old paperwork had been lost or destroyed by a former clerk to the Trustees.		Wilhelm Rontgen announces the discovery of X-rays. Cecil Rhodes resigns as premier of Cape Colony. Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premieres in Turin. Oscar Wilde's "Salome" premieres in Paris. Henri Becquerel discovers radioactivity. First modern Olympic Games open in Athens. Yorkshire Cricket team all out for 887 against Warwickshire! Guglielmo Marconi applies to patent his wireless.
<a href="#">1905_03_07EADT</a>	7 March 1905	East Anglian Daily Times	An article about the River Orwell and the origin of the name. Although the writer has it wrong about how Ipswich got it's name (it wasn't named after the Gipping) apparently the Domesday Book mentions "the port of Erewell takes it's name from a spring called Erewell in the town of Rattlesden."	James Edward Ransome chairman of Ransomes, Sims, and Jeffries Ltd who died on 30th January had an estate valued at £168,269 12s 3d (approximately £20 million pounds in today's money). The Woolpit Brick Works had hand-made Sand Faced Suffolk Whites available for immediate delivery. We used many of these type of bricks when we restored Baylham Lock.	In St Petersburg Russia a march by workers to the Winter Palace with a petition to the Tsar was fired on by troops in what became known as 'Bloody Sunday'. Albert Einstein finished his paper on the Quantum Theory of Light.
<a href="#">1905_08_04EADT</a>	4 August 1905	East Anglian Daily Times	William Grimwood (14) was charged with indecent bathing. PC Graham said defendant was bathing without any costume on in the Gipping. His mother said it wouldn't happen again if she could get behind him. (Laughter)	Walthamstow Tragedy. Louise Collison was charged with the murder of her two children aged 7 and 8 by drowning them in a tub of water. An excursion train from London to Great Yarmouth collided with another excursion train from Ipswich also going to Great Yarmouth. This happened in Ipswich Station when the local train was allowed to join the main line in front of the London train.	Einstein's paper on energy was published which introduced the equation $E=mc^2$ The worlds largest diamond, the Cullinan, is found in South Africa. Among the people born this year were Albert Speer, Christian Dior, Howard Hughes and Henry Fonda
<a href="#">1906_05_03ES</a>	3 May 1906	Evening Star	A suggestion that £2000 would be enough to make the Navigation between Bramford and Stowmarket fully navigable again.	Several Situations were being advertised - Day girl to take baby out - Respectable lad - a good coat hand - Young girl for fancy business, outdoor (what did they mean!!). Trade announcements included - Artificial teeth, Bradleys New System (without plates) - False teeth, we pay best prices for an Old Set - Now is the time to have your house wired for electric light and heat.	In a Liberal landslide, Henry Campbell-Bannerman invited H Asquith, David Lloyd George and Winston Churchill to join the cabinet and commenced a package of sweeping social reforms. The British battleship HMS Dreadnought is launched, the most powerful battleship in the world. The Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company is founded (Kellogg's) Rolls Royce Ltd is founded. The San Francisco Earthquake kills 4000 and destroys 75% of the city.
<a href="#">1907_05_02ES</a>	2 May 1907	Evening Star	A report on the suggestion that the Stowmarket Navigation should be restored. The report has some very interesting information on the history of the Navigation, lots of it gleaned from a resident of Stowmarket who, around 1840, acted as assistant on one of the boats. He was 76 at the time but he was still hale and hearty and had never smoked a pipe of tobacco in his life.	The Ipswich Naiad Rowing Club had their opening day at the Ostrich Inn as the tide wasn't suitable to launch the boats. Apparently it was the custom of people meeting in the Ostrich to scratch mementoes on the windows. The new landlord asked the club not to do so as "times are hard" and constant replacement of the glass would render his business unremunerative.	The Short magazine Lee-Enfield Mk III rifle introduced to British military service. 2nd oldest military rifle still in official use. English suffragettes storm Parliament and 60 women are arrested. 1st radio broadcast of a musical composition. Charles Collier wins the first IOM TT race at an average speed of 38.22mph. Sir Robert Baden-Powell forms the Boy Scouts movement. The Cullinan Diamond, the largest ever discovered is presented to Edward VII on his birthday.
<a href="#">1907_09_02ES</a>	2 September 1907	Evening Star	The Commissioners of the Navigation made their annual inspection on a steam barge provided by Packard and Co. Lunch was provided on board by the Kings Head Hotel.	More work for the police. Many prisoners all over the country will be released today under the order of the Home Secretary in which their sentences are shortened.	A New York researcher identifies Mary Mallon (Typhoid Mary) as the source of recent typhoid outbreaks in the city. Rudyard Kipling receives the Nobel prize for literature.

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<a href="#">1909_05_26EADT</a>	26 May 1909	East Anglian Daily Times	A Special Committee has been appointed to enquire into the alleged pollution of the river Gipping. They came to the conclusion that extreme care must be exercised before anything was done which might have the effect of closing any of the factories along the river	Many adverts from companies exhibiting at the Essex Agricultural Show, Marks Hall, Harlow including Garrett & Sons Leiston, Joslins Colchester, Britannia Engineering Colchester, Kings Seeds Coggeshall. Percy Brown was summoned for assaulting Harry Mann in Lexden. Brown said some stones were thrown and he struck Mann with a hoe because he thought Mann was to blame. The Bench said it was trivial case and if somebody gave a boy a clout for throwing stones he deserved it. Case dismissed.	The Old Age Pension Law is instituted in the UK providing pensions for everyone aged over 70 with a low income. Ernest Shackleton reaches a record furthest South at latitude 88°23'
<a href="#">1909_06_05ES</a>	5 June 1909	Evening Star	More reports from the Committee over pollution of the Gipping. Nothing actually happened.	An excellent parody from an up-to-date version of Samuel Pepys diary about his trip to the country (Bishops Stortford). " Master Sawyer and I did hurl balls at cokernuts, if we hit them down to have them. Neither of us could come by them and I think they were cunningly fixed for the purpose." " Master Asquith hath been pursued by women from London to Bideford because he will not have women vote for Parliament"	Tsar Nicholas II dissolve the Finnish Diet (parliament). Peary and Henson reach the North Pole Tel Aviv is established by Jewish settlers. Joan of Arc is beatified. Representatives from England, Australia and South Africa meet at Lords to form the Imperial Cricket Conference. The Victoria & Albert Museum opens in London.
<a href="#">1909_06_18ES</a>	18 June 1909	Evening Star	An account of the two bathing places along the Orwell and Gipping. One at Over Stoke which was refreshed by salt water from the Orwell and the West End Bathing Place which had fresh water from the Gipping.	A new White Star liner the " <i>Megantic</i> " left Liverpool on her maiden voyage to Quebec. This ship was the forerunner of another White Star line, the <i>Titanic</i> . On her return from Canada the <i>Megantic</i> carried Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen and his accomplice Ethel Le Neve back to England after their arrest for the murder of his wife.	Louis Bleriot makes the 1st flight across the English Channel. Workers pour the first concrete for the Panama Canal. 1st Rugby Union match played at Twickenham. The House of Lords reject David Lloyd George's 'Peoples Budget' which leads to the Parliament Act in 1910. Leo Baekeland patents Bakelite leading to the birth of the plastics industry.
<a href="#">1909_09_07ES</a>	7 September 1909	Evening Star	The annual inspection of the Navigation was made from Gun Cotton Locks. The condition of the lock gates were such that they could not be used and it was agreed they should be repaired. They also noted the problem with pollution of the Gipping.	Elizabeth Tyrrell of the Egyptian Lodge off licence was summoned for permitting beer to be consumed on the premises. PC Nunn kept watch on the premises and saw about 30 men enter. About 15 men came out with glass bottles and consumed beer in the passage. Defendant said she didn't know anything about beer being drunk in the passage and she never noticed bottles were returned quickly. Fined £1 and 8s 3d costs or 7 days.	
<a href="#">1910_10_26EADT</a>	26 October 1910	East Anglian Daily Times	Wholesale destruction of fish. In the neighbourhood of Coopers Mill. Several bushels, nearly a tumbrel load, of dead fish have been removed from the River Gipping.	The Local Government Board had investigated the deaths of four persons in Freston who died of pneumonia. As far as could be determined the pneumonia had been caused by plague. Further examination of the material failed to find any evidence of plague neither was there any evidence of plague in rabbits or hares. Despite that evidence the RDC decided to appoint a rat catcher.	
<a href="#">1910_11_02EADT</a>	2 November 1910	East Anglian Daily Times	A report from the Chief Constables Department found the river above Bramford to be highly acidic. The next question was, who's fault is it and who is going to deal with? Let's send for another inspector!	Advice from an Anglo Indian. I'm a Police office in India and have seen a good deal of plague. As plague germs live in the ground I would advise everyone to avoid walking anywhere in bare feet and never put your feet out of bed except into good thick slippers. Clearly someone with a very wide medical background! I couldn't find any other reports of plague in the Ipswich area so I guess this one died out quite naturally.	British miners strike for an 8 hour day. 1st British Labour Exchange opens. Typhoid Mary is freed from forced isolation but goes on to cause several further outbreaks of typhoid. She was arrested in 1915 and quarantined for a further 23 years. Halley's Comet passes at 87.9 million km. George V becomes King of the UK upon the death of his father Edward VII. At Edward's funeral the largest gathering of Europe's crowned heads took place - Norway, Bulgaria, Portugal, Germany, Prussia, Greece, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and Great Britain. Within 4 years virtually all these counties would be at war. The first airship with passengers is launched - Zeppelin Deutschland. Duke of York's Cinema opens in Brighton. It is still open making it the oldest continuously operating cinema in Britain. Dr Crippen is found guilty of murdering his wife, Belle Elmore and is hanged in Pentonville Prison.
<a href="#">1910_12_03EADT</a>	3 December 1910	East Anglian Daily Times	Extensive flooding was caused by over 3 inches of rain in 50 hours. The towing path from Station Road Bridge to the Gun Cotton Works in Stowmarket was covered.	It was nomination day for the next general election and in 16 seats there was only one nomination so that individual was elected automatically. This election had been called to force through the Parliament Act which effectively stopped the House of Lords from rejecting Government money bills such as the annual budget. The government had asked George V if he would create sufficient new Liberal peers (over 400) to make sure the bill passed though the Lords. That wasn't necessary as the Lords gave in.	
<a href="#">1910_12_09EADT</a>	9 December 1910	East Anglian Daily Times	There was a heated discussion at East Stow Rural Council about pollution of the River Gipping. One of the Councillors had asked the local police to take samples of the river water and have them analysed. It was not the duty of the Police to do sanitary work. The Sanitary Inspector and the Medical Office would be asked to report.	James Craig, fireman, of no fixed abode pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and wilful damage to glass windows. The damage was 9 broken panes of glass in the window of his police cell. Mary McWalls was charged with assaulting Joseph Oxby, private in the Northamptonshire Regiment. She had obtained a maintenance order against him. He went to her house and she threw a basin and a plate at him.	

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<a href="#">1927_01_08BFP</a>	8 January 1927	Bury Free Press	It's now some 18 years since the first report about pollution of the Gipping. Still not doing anything but now the Ministry of Agriculture has suggested that a local Drainage Board is formed and they can deal with the pollution.	Another huge deficit is practically certain to face the Chancellor of the Exchequer. What is he going to tap? Income tax and beer? The non-political taxpayer thinks it doesn't matter which political party is in power the results always the same - Mr Citizen has to pay!	The first commercial transatlantic telephone service is inaugurated between New York and London. Alfred Hitchcock releases his first film as director "The Pleasure Garden" "The General" a silent film directed by Buster Keaton opens in New York. Chiang Kai-shek begins counter revolution in Shanghai. 1st Volvo car is shown in Sweden. Belgium beats England at football 9-1 Black Friday on the Berlin Stock Exchange Charles Lindbergh makes the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic. The last (and 15th million) Model T Ford rolls of the production line
<a href="#">1927_07_07SEFP</a>	7 July 1927	Suffolk & Essex Free Press	An article on the naming of the Orwell and the Gipping. Also the idea that the stone for Bury Abbey came via the Gipping was firmly rejected.	Talks on Health. Piles come as a result of carelessness, neglect and absurd appetite for drugs. A natural daily action does not lead to piles. A children's curfew is the answer if your girl looks pale and dark under the eyes. The tonics you buy may contain quinine or strychnine! Answers to correspondents. "Try douching your nose with warm water.", "Take a cold bath every morning and sponge the parts with eau-de-cologne "	Scotch tape first marketed by 3M company. 1st solo flight from England to Australia leaves from Croydon (arrives 15 ½ days later). The 125th and final part of the Oxford English Dictionary is published. United Kingdom lowers the age for women voters from 30 to 21. Amelia Earhart becomes the 1st woman flyer to cross the Atlantic. John Logie Baird demonstrates his colour TV transmission system. Penicillin is discovered. The Hindenburg airship bursts into flames as it approaches the mooring mast. The first Mickey Mouse sound cartoon "Steamboat Willie" is released.
<a href="#">1928_08_11BFP</a>	11 August 1928	Bury Free Press	Two Inspectors from the Ministry of Health have been appointed to hold an inquiry and have visited the river at certain points and were both satisfied that there had been gross pollution. The residents of Stowmarket would probably consider that as stating the blindingly obvious!! However they were only looking at the alleged pollution from the Silk Works. The other polluters along the river and particularly the run off from the sewage works seem to have been ignored.	LNER excursions from Bury St Edmunds to Clacton, Frinton and Walton picking up from Saxham, Welnetham and Lavenham. 10 years after the end of WW1 many Suffolk ex Service men and widows joined a pilgrimage to Flanders. The Archbishop led the service at the Minim Gate and asked the question - Was it all worth while? His answer was yes, a thousand times yes. Arthur Guinness & Son declared a final dividend of 12% and a bonus of 4%. This in the middle of the worst depression in UK history! An appeal to raise £1500 to rescue Lavenham Church from becoming a ruin.	Georgy Zhukov appointed chief of Russian general staff. Liberty Ships from the US are announced. Australian and British troops attack Tobruk and Benghazi. Irwin Rommel arrives in Tripoli followed by the Afrika Korps. British troops land in Greece but are forced to leave within 2 months. Citizen Kane opens in New York City. Bletchley Park break the German spy codes. Rudolf Hess flies to Scotland. German battleship Bismarck sinks the HMS Hood but is in turn sunk by a British naval force. Germany invades the Soviet Union. Japan attacks Pearl Harbour.
<a href="#">1941_07_26BFP</a>	26 July 1941	Bury Free Press	A major part of the Shrubland Estate was put up for sale. That included Baylham Hall, Baylham House (now the Rare Breeds Farm) and Baylham Mill.	A huge number of Situations Vacant "Cook General and another maid. Last maid left for war work" "Daily maid, no dairy or cooking" "Dental surgeon wishes to engage mechanic" "Four men wanted to pull sugar beet; light land" " Under porter required. Applications from women would be considered" "Commissionaire at the Playhouse Bury" "Stoker for Brandon Gas Works" and finally in the Wanted to Purchase small adds "Hedgehogs, large, uninjured also Ferrets"	The Transport Act comes into force nationalising the British rail system under the name British Railways. The Act also included canals, sea and shipping ports, buses and road haulage. Mahatma Gandhi is assassinated. The US passes the Marshall Aid Act Israel declares independence from British administration. The Arab/Israeli war ends.
<a href="#">1948_02_27BFP</a>	27 February 1948	Bury Free Press	Now nearly 40 years after the first reports of pollution in the River Gipping yet another Minister of Health Inspector has been asked to report on Stowmarket UDC's application to borrow £135,000 for a sewage disposal scheme.	Hint to Husbands - Grow all the potatoes you can. This will help your wife with many a meal to come. The "dead village" of Sudbourne in East Suffolk is gradually coming to life again as villagers stream back to their familiar homes. In 1942 Sudbourne had been evacuated and the area became a training ground for tanks etc. with Sudbourne Hall as the officers' mess and other village houses serving as army accommodation.	Crickets greatest ever batsman, Don Bradman is knighted. The 45RPM record is introduced by RCA. "Death of a salesman" by Arthur Miller opened in New York City. NATO treaty signed in Washington. Britain's first launderette opens in London. 1st British produced jet bomber, the Canberra, makes it's 1st test flight.
<a href="#">1949_01_07BFP</a>	7 January 1949	Bury Free Press	Now ICI are being blamed for the pollution of the river. The chairman of the Water Supplies and Sewerage Sub Committee said everything was being done.	A demonstration today of the Ferguson System at Stradishall. Save your clothing coupons and your money when you buy ex-Government clothing including flying boots, ATS Slacks and RAF underpants. And don't forget to turn off your electric water heater before 8.00am and only use <i>one</i> bar of your electric fire.	Federal republic of West Germany created. Enid Blyton's Noddy first appears in the Sunday Graphic. HMS Amethyst escapes down the Yangtze River. USSR performs it's first nuclear test. Republic of China (Taiwan) formed on island of Formosa.
<a href="#">1949_05_27BFP</a>	27 May 1949	Bury Free Press	The Needham Market Parish Council sent a telegram to Mr Attlee. "We appeal in desperation to the Prime Minister to stop the intolerable pollution of the River Gipping which has poisoned the life of the town for a quarter of a century."	The Suffolk County Show will be on the 1-2 June. You would have been able to see the National Egg Packers Association on Stand 5, the International Power Drive Baler on Stand 157, H Mudd and Son with Beetle Dust and Wireworm Dust and Lloyds Bank 'The Bank for Farmers'.	