

CITY AND COUNTRY.

What Goes on Within Range of the Editor's Eye and Ear.

We gratefully acknowledge a friendly call and material assistance from His Lordship Bishop Kingdon, which was very welcome in our trouble.

We can hardly approve of the autocratic principle of taxation without representation as adopted in the sewerage question by our city council, any more than we can the robbing of the new Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan of their control over their school system and state lands. What is the good of a freedom given by one hand that can be withdrawn by another. If we are to have popular government we should have guarantees which autocrats cannot overstep.

The move made by Mayor McNally with the object of reducing the poll taxes is one dictated by justice and common sense. It is a standing outrage that poor, laboring men, many of whom do not average a dollar a day the year round and have large families to support, should bear the brunt of taxation, while the men who squander on pleasure in a week enough to keep a poor man's family a year are not taxed at half the valuation of their properties, and banks, the directors of whom can indulge in champagne suppers while the poor man is lucky if he gets pork and pancakes, gets off scot free as do the lazy well fed government employes. It is about time they began to discern the signs of the times, which are breaking forth in the wail of discontent the world over.

We extend our sincere congratulations to "Dodger" Parker, who has always been a friend of ours, in his marriage to Miss Hanson, a daughter of our old friend, G. B. Hanson, the village blacksmith of Marysville, and wish for the happy couple a smooth and easy road through life. We have always liked Dodger and even prayed that he might be spared when he was assisting to perpetrate a great wrong upon a people who had never done him any harm, in the interests of a party who had never done him any good, but believe he is too good a Canadian to assist in imposing on his native country the harsh and humiliating conditions that he assisted in forcing on the Dutch burghers.

Sam Jones, the South African hobo, is again on the rampage. This time he turned out his sister, her husband and seven children into the snow because she would not accede to a proposal that would make any one's blood run cold, and though the police reinstated the family they did not even arrest the culprit. O, Canada, of what stuff are thy heroes made? The citizens would hardly now send a deputation to meet him at the station.

We were pleased to have a pleasant though short call from our nephew, Osgood Butler, and his wife of Danforth, Me., who were married at that place on Wednesday, Nov. 29, and came here on their wedding tour, stopping at the York Hotel. We were very sorry that the sickness of our boy of typhoid fever prevented us from giving them the hospitality we should liked to have done, and hope that the occasion of their next visit will find us better situated.

The proposal to do away with Parish

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Courts and to give the county judges jurisdiction in their place, is another instance of that centralization which has been going on for some time and slowly undermining our liberties. Another instance, was the substitution of County Councils for the old town-meeting, some time ago, at which the people voted directly for their parish officers. Thus one by one are the people's liberties being centralized in the hands of a class.

The city feels keenly the withdrawal of the soldiers and the burning of the Aberdeen and Esty mills, and the money thus diverted from circulation has had a sensible effect upon our city's trade. The council would do better to spend the money it is squandering on needless sewerage and fruitless surveys in inducing manufacturing firms to locate in our midst.

A certain livery stable man who is rather fond of the bottle and shady association, finds by this time that it would have been well for him if he had walked in a more circumspect manner.

The St. Mary's people will have to find some other place to wash their footwear, their Sock basin has disappeared.

Little Martin's Condition.

We are glad to be able to tell our friends, and thankful to God that our 8½ year old son, Martin Albert, who has been in bed for nearly five weeks shows steady improvement. Though weak he has regained his speech and can take considerable nourishment, and is quite cheerful and happy for one in his condition.

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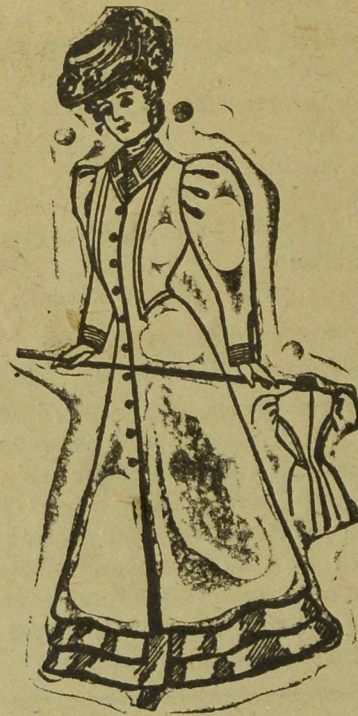
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