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## THE MUSINGS OF THE IMP.

PEOPLE FLOCK TO A POOR, AND SHUN A GOOD SHOW.

An Object Lesson in John L. Sullivan and Johnson and Smiley.—Hurrah for the Circus!—One of the Many Applications to the Imp's Ad. for a Wife.



Some time ago I had occasion to ejaculate that "when a wave of hard times strikes our land and men have to economize, they practise their economy so that the publishing houses and not the breweries are driven to the wall. With all our raving over our mental moral and spiritual advancement in the last hundred years it seems to me that we are only making a great big bluff at civilization. The best work the best men can do doesn't pay. It's trash that takes. Current events are constantly reiterating of the poets lament,

"Right forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne."

John L. Sullivan and gang filled the Opera House as it was never filled before, and the Johnson-Smiley combination, as reputable as the former are disreputable, couldn't fill a drawing room. The men and women who offer us the best, are those we treat the worst. 'Twas ever thus, not only with our men and women, but even with our gods. "The regular way is to crucify your gods, and excrete and trample them under your stupid hoofs for a century or two; till you discover that they are gods—and then take to braying over them in a very long eared manner," says Thomas Carlyle. This, I fear, will be my own horrid fate. The public won't discover what a regular daisy I am till I am gathered to my fathers. No monuments will be erected to proclaim my excellence till I am dead, and then,—my modesty forbids me to go into particulars as to the number of cities that will commemorate my good qualities in Pyrian marble. Politics pays; statesmanship doesn't. There's money in cant, but starvation in true religion. This is an age of moral and spiritual as well as physical padding and tight lacing. Suppose we stop exhorting the Chinese and spend a little cash and common sense in home missionary work.

My advertisement for a wife is still a drawing card. It seems to have drawn the queen of spades this trip. Here's the letter:

ROUSHAGORNISHI, July 1, 1895.

Dear Sir,—Bein struck with the advertisement for a wife in your paper I make bold to apply. I am middlin young, bein only 38, and have no bad habits. Folks consider me very winnin as you will see by my picter which I send. You might wonder why I never got married afore, but it aint because I never had the chance. I had this picter took just apurpose and hope you will be pleased with it as I went all the way to town just to have it taken. I'm a good hand at mendin, so if you should chance to tear your clothes on a bickie, or a barbed wire fence, or have em yanked by a dog I could patch em up as good as new for you. So you see I would be a rare savin to you instead of an expense as most wives is. I can cook to beat nine of a kind (excuse my slang), and as for skrubbin, washin, ironin, sweepin, dustin, and house-cleanin, I'm a hustler, as Shakespeare would say. You and me thinks just alike on the bloomer question. I would scorn to wear the likes. Feelin kind of lonesome myself, and knowin you feel the same way I was thinkin it would be nice if we could hitch. I forgot to say that I'm of a very literary turn, folks consider my stories rare startlin, so I would be a grate help to you with the paper. Hopin that my appearance and accomplishments will find favor in your eyes. I am ingushingly wait for an answer. Yours devotedly,

SUSAN SHANKS.

P. S.—Hope there aint many as has applied ahead of me. I'd ben away and only just seen the paper the other day. S. S.

So the irrepressible circus man with the greatest show on earth is coming to us this summer. Vacant lots around town are at length being put to some use. Speaking of vacant lots, it does seem queer that the owner who keeps them for speculation should have so little tax to pay, while the man who builds on and improves his lot is made to pay heavy for that which is in the interest of the general public. Never mind! Henry George will not live to see his theory carried into practice, but his descendants will. But it is circuses not socialism I started to preach upon. Already I hear the croaker bemoaning the many dollars which will be taken out of the town by the circus people. Perhaps if the croaker would spend a dollar or two in getting up a good day's display in town the dollars would not all go to the circus men. Anyway I brag on the people who come from

outside and take in the circus. They work hard and want some kind of recreation. Let them come to the circus and have a good time, and let old "Penurious" grunt as much as he wants. Goodness knows! we people of Woodstock are blessed tame, and haven't the snap of a thirty-five year old horse in the 4000 of us. Look at our 24th of May and our 1st of July! I hope the circus will be a good one, thousands of people will come from the country and take it in, and that the circus managers will make a pot of money.

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### Excursion to Presque Isle.

The F. C. B. Sabbath school excursion to Presque Isle on July 4th, proved a grand success in every particular. Of the 450 excursionists on board everyone without exception was delighted and speaks in the highest and most complimentary terms of the management of the excursion and the courtesy shown the passengers by the train men and others, each one seeming to vie with the other in trying to make the trip a pleasant one.

Too much praise cannot be given Superintendent Stewart who ever solicitions for the welfare and comfort of the patrons of the C. P. Ry., furnished a train for this excursion which for comfort could not be excelled.

Conductor McGibbon to whom was assigned the duty of "puncher" proved the right man in the right place and he by his genial disposition at once made all "feel at home" and that a good time was assured.

Walter Mathews who has an enviable reputation among his brother engine drivers sustained it on this occasion by always "getting there on time" and as after the day's trip he landed his train safely at Queen street the unanimous verdict of the excursionists as they disembarked and wended their way home was "That a more pleasant trip over the C. P. Ry., they had never taken, and that a more orderly and agreeable crowd had never left or returned to Woodstock on an excursion train."

### Couldn't Find Woodstock.

It is not complimentary to Woodstock, but the truth must be proclaimed at all cost. The town council decided to employ Hendenberg & Kinsey, engineers of New York to make a survey of the town and report as to the best plan for a system of sewerage. The mayor got word last Friday week that Mr. Kinsey had left for Woodstock. Day followed day and night followed night, but Mr. Kinsey did not put in an appearance. About four days after he left New York he arrived in Woodstock. In the meantime lots of dispatches were awaiting his arrival. The reason Mr. Kinsey gave that he did not arrive sooner was that he couldn't find Woodstock. He asked at New York for a ticket to Woodstock N. B. but none of the station agents knew of such a place. He was advised to try Boston, but even in Boston no railway official could be found to point the weary traveller to his destination. He was advised to try Halifax. So to Halifax he went by boat, and then he did find some one who had been to Woodstock. The public will see that he took a round-a-bout way. Truth is stranger than fiction.

### Born in Woodstock.

Word was received Thursday morning of the death of Mr. J. Maxfield Raymond, better known to hundreds of friends in this city and vicinity as "Jerry" Raymond. He had been ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Raymond was born in Woodstock, N. B., in 1850, and came to Boston when he was twenty years of age. He worked as a compositor on several Boston newspapers, including the Herald, for a number of years, and in 1880 commenced with his brother, C. M. Raymond, the manufacture of the Raymond skate, developing a business which attained a remarkable growth. While the roller skating craze died out in this country, it became as much a fad in Australia and in other countries as it was here, and the firm did a large foreign business. Mr. Raymond helped largely in developing his business in Europe, and travelled extensively throughout the continent, having a large acquaintance in many countries there. He leaves a widow and four brothers. —Boston Herald.

### Frowning on Big Sleeves.

The women members of the royal family have passed a busy week in attending bazaars. The Princess of Wales and her daughters opened a bazaar in aid of St. Mary's Hospital and attended another held by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Princess Beatrice presided at a sale of work by the Working Ladies' Guild. The dresses worn on these occasions by the Princess of Wales and her daughters were especially remarked. The new fashion is in marked contrast to the present exaggeration, having the skirts narrow and the sleeves small. The fact that the Princess of Wales and her daughters have worn gowns made in this new style is believed to mark the doom of the inflated balloon sleeves.

## THE QUESTION OF SEWERS

STRANGE ACTION OF THE COUNCIL RE STANDARD TIME.

What the Engineer Had to Say to the Town Council.—Survey to be Made at Once.—Everyone in Favor of Standard Time.—Council Will Decide "Tomorrow."

The members of the town council are, figuratively, though it is hoped not literally, up to their eyes and ears in sewerage. You can't get them to talk of anything else. The first duty of the Hercules is to clean out the Augean stables.

In accordance with instructions from the town council Mr. W. R. Kinsey of Hendenberg & Kinsey, engineers of New York, came here the first of last week, and took a preliminary survey of the town in order to be able to report to the council the best mode of sewerage with an approximate estimate of cost.

A meeting of the council was held on Friday evening to receive a report from Mr. Kinsey. He said that he had gone all over the town. It would take about eight miles of sewerage to cover the whole area of the town, and this would cost about \$30,000. It was generally the custom, however, to put in sewerage in the most densely populated part of a town, having a survey of the entire place made so that when it became necessary to add to the system it could be easily done. A system of sewerage covering the most densely populated portion of Woodstock could, he thought, be put in for some \$15,000. He advised that the sewage should find an outlet in the river, and if any inconvenience were found to arise from this, at a later period, the nuisance could be dissipated by a chemical process. He advised five separate outlets, one on the south side of the bridge near Davis' mill and four outlets on the north side.

The committee received his report and instructed Mr. Kinsey to make plans and specifications for the system. He has employed Mr. C. F. K. Dibblee to do this. He returned to New York on Saturday, and will come to Woodstock again shortly.

Two matters of considerable consequence were dealt with on the meeting of the council on the previous Tuesday.

In the first place Chinaman Wong Hing's case came up. He had refused to pay the license demanded by the town and asked to be placed on the tax list. Rather than pay the license, according to the by-law, he would contend the case in the courts. Never before had a Chinaman been found so full of fight. The town council was dismayed at his obstinacy. If he had followed precedent, he should have cut and run, but to stay and fight was a thing never dreamed of. However, Wong did stay, and the council meekly passed a resolution instructing the town marshal to take a license of \$10.00 from him for the coming year.

There seems to be a hitch about enforcing this by-law of \$5 a day, \$20 a week, \$30 a month, and \$60 a year. It appears to be used more as a bluff than anything else. Perhaps it would be well for the council to confine itself to the by-laws which it can legally enforce. There should be no policy of fish for one and flesh for another.

The committee on standard time reported that they had interviewed manufacturers and merchants on the question of the adoption of standard time. A practically unanimous feeling was expressed in favor of the adoption of it. Coun. Nicholson moved that the council do adopt standard time. But the members of the council are in a peculiar position on this question. They believe in standard time, and yet they don't believe in standard time. They had better adopt "arf and arf." Seriously the council is in a peculiar fix. They have expressed themselves in favor of standard time, their committee reports that the people interviewed are in favor of standard time, and yet the council is running the "tomorrow" racket. Let them do one thing or the other, but to give reasons in favor of standard time, and to persevere in sticking to the present arrangement is not the highest example of elevated statesmanship.

No one seconded Coun. Nicholson's resolution, and the council will again consider standard time "tomorrow."

### A Delicate Matter.

Everyone with any turn towards politics has been watching Ottawa intently to see what the government is likely to do in the matter of remedial legislation. At the time of writing it appears that the Dominion government will not move in the matter at all.

There can be no doubt that the question has caused grave differences in the cabinet.

There are several Roman Catholics, such as Mr. Oumiet, Sir Frank Smith, Messrs. Angers Curran and Costigan, who favor the idea of the government interfering with Manitoba and compelling that province to do something to relieve the minority.

A week ago it was thought that a remedial bill would be introduced but the unexpected has come to pass and parliament will be prorogued without the government having touched the difficult question. Just what will now happen it is difficult to say.

There is some talk of another session before a general election, but those who are on the true scent of news scout the idea and say that nobody who knows anything thinks for a moment there will be another session.

This Manitoba school question is a serious one and the fact of the matter is that neither party can afford to espouse unduly one side or the other.

This journal would not mind being a judge in a horse race or an umpire in a cricket match, but it must decline any overtures by Sir MacKenzie Bowell or Mr. Laurier, to appoint it as arbitrator on the Manitoba school question.

### BRIGHTON ENGINEERS.

Close of a Most Successful Fortnight's Camp.

The Brighton Engineers left Camp Florenceville, on Saturday, after 12 days profitable drill. Major Vince in command, Capt. Tompkins, Adjutant Geo. Anderson, Lieuts. Bell, Courtney and Stevenson, and Surgeon W. D. Rankin. There were 100 non-commissioned officers and men. This is the first year the company has been in full strength. There were a lot of new men in the ranks, chiefly from Tobique, and they did their county credit.

Capt. Huskisson, of the Royal Engineers, at present Prof. of Fortification in the R. M. C., Kingston, was present on Friday to pass the company in review. Major Hartley of the 67th was also present. Instead of a march past it was decided to drill the men in half companies. The right half company received first prize in infantry drill and the left half in engineering. It was a pleasure to listen to Capt. Huskisson congratulate the men on their proficiency.

The firing was not quite so good as it might have been, but this was probably owing in some degree to the fact that a bad wind prevailed when the target practice was in progress. Corp. McIsaac made 62 pts. and received prize for best shot in the company. Serg. Campbell, 50 pts., best shot in left half; Sap. Barney Giberson, 46 pts., best shot in 3rd section; Sap. R. Campbell and Corp. Ronald tied at 43 pts., and received prizes of right half company and first section between them; Serg. Jenkins, 39 pts., best shot in 4th section; Sap. H. Campbell, 38 pts., best shot in 2nd section.

When it came to the inspection of the tents they were all found to be so very neat and clean that it was difficult to award the prizes. Finally it was decided that No. 2 Corp. Hunter's tent, No. 6 Serg. Albright's, and No. 7 Corp. Lewin's were all equally good and the prizes were divided equally between them.

The men had constructed shelter trenches for which the time allowed was respectively one half hour, one hour and one hour and a half, and they performed each task in about half the time allowed. The other work consisted of gun pits, a gun epaulment, 5 rows of military pits, a model single lock and a model double lock bridge, and they traced and profiled a redoubt for a half battalion. The time and execution was excellent. The ubiquitous reporter of THE DISPATCH was present during the day and enjoyed himself thoroughly. If the Engineers are as valorous toward their foes as they are courteous toward their friends we need fear no trouble from foreign troops.

There are a number of men in this company who have been with Major Vince for a long time. George Quick has been with him for 28 years. He was originally a sailor and served in the Chinese war of 1860 in which he got the Chinese medal. Sergeant Major A. B. Lovely has been in the company 15 years, and Quarter Master Sergeant G. H. Tompkins has been enlisted for the same number of years.

### Today's Picnic.

Everyone who can should go up to the Foresters' picnic at Hartland. All previous celebrations the Hartland Foresters have held have been highly successful, and more pains have been taken to make this a success than ever before. The concert under the management of Mrs. W. T. Kerr and E. Alexander will be the best feature of the day's performances. The concert will commence at 5 p. m., being held in the big tent. The last train for the south will leave the grounds at 8 o'clock local time.

## LOSING BUSINESS

BY POOR MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN FREDERICTON AND WOODSTOCK.

Board of Trade Says Our Merchants Suffer. Complaint That Boxes are Not Emptied Often Enough.—A Better Telegraphic Service Demanded.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Monday evening, the president J. T. Garden in the chair. A number of important matters were discussed, and action taken on them.

J. T. A. Dibblee, M. P. P., brought up the question of mail accommodation between Woodstock and Fredericton. He complained that passengers coming from Fredericton by stage to Woodstock were likely to be delayed all night at Eel river. There was practically no accommodation on the stage leaving here, and it was next to impossible to get any goods taken to parties on the river. The town suffered by this lack of accommodation. He moved that the secretary be instructed to write to the post master general asking that a more convenient arrangement be made.

U. R. Hanson said that he had many losses by reason of this poor mail accommodation. He had had orders for fruit from parties along Eel river. Last summer he shipped a good deal to them, but now it was impossible to get an article of any size taken. He seconded Mr. Dibblee's motion.

J. T. Garden said he was thoroughly in accord with what had been said. In his business he had suffered by the lack of proper accommodation on the mail stage.

The motion was carried. Mr. Dibblee then brought up the question of the emptying of the mail boxes in town. They were emptied, he understood at 11.00 a. m. and 3 p. m. A mail goes out at six in the morning but a letter put in a box after 3 p. m. the previous afternoon would not be forwarded by the following morning mail.

J. T. A. Allan Dibblee and W. B. Nicholson were appointed a committee to interview the postmaster in the matter.

The matter of standard time was introduced. Mr. Nicholson explained his connection with the scheme. As he suggested that the council would probably deal with the subject at the next meeting, the board let the matter drop, until it sees what move the council will make.

An important matter which called forth considerable discussion was the telegraphic service afforded the town. It was generally agreed that in a place of the size of Woodstock the office should be kept open throughout the day. On motion of J. T. A. Dibblee the secretary was instructed to write to the superintendent of the Western Union asking that the office be kept open from eight in the morning till ten o'clock at night, and a certain hours on Sundays.

Still another matter on which action was taken was the putting a telephone in the custom house. The secretary was instructed to write Major Vince, asking him to request the government to have a telephone placed in the custom house.

### County Court.

County court opened yesterday. Judge Stevens presiding. There are two criminal cases—the Queen vs. Eliza J. Collins, sending threatening letters, and Queen vs. Shaw, bastardy. F. B. Carvell represents the crown in the first case. In the other case W. M. Connell represents the crown, and Hartley & Carvell the defence.

The civil cases are S. F. Whitney vs. A. H. Sawyer, an action for value of car of lumber. Hartley & Carvell for plaintiff, Fisher & Connell for defendant.

C. P. Railway vs. Bartholomew Maddox, an action of trover for a safe, which defendant claims was his, and which he removed from the railway platform. Fisher & Connell for plaintiffs, Hartley & Carvell for defendants.

The grand jury is made up of the following:—Wm. Balmait, W. R. Snow, Wm. F. Glidden, Robt. Lindsay, B. B. Manzer, N. D. Lister, P. McCanna, Duppa Smith, H. V. Moores, Albert Carr, Arthur G. Bailey, Judson Hale, E. B. Jones, Wendall P. Jones, Wm. Plummer, John Mallory, G. L. Holyoke, Geo. J. Britton, Wm. B. Nicholson, Walter Treacint, John Chestnut, Frank Boyer, Wm. McIntosh, Harry Blakesley.

### President Cleveland's Third Daughter.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., July 7.—Just before five o'clock tonight news reached the village that a girl baby had been born at Gray Gables. This report was soon verified by Dr. Bryant, who announces that the happy event occurred at 4.30 p. m., and that both mother and little one were doing as well as could be expected. This is the third child born into the president's family, all of whom are girls. Ruth is four years old, and Esther two.