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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The civic contest is over and Mr. GEORGE ROBERTSON is mayor for a fourth term. He is so rather by the trend of circumstances than by the will of the people, for he received but a few more than a third of the votes cast. The strength of his opponents was divided between Messrs. SEARNS, McLAUGHLIN, and HALL. Mr. SEARNS came within 63 votes of winning. Mr. McLAUGHLIN had nearly 1000 ballots cast for him while the 175 citizens who were on Mr. HALL's side might have turned the tide in any direction. But Mr. ROBERTSON is mayor and the people will accept him with that spirit of nonchalance that generally characterizes their interest in civic affairs. He has in many respects been as good a chief magistrate as St. John has had—there are things that he has done or rather encouraged to be done that this paper, with many of the citizens, has not agreed with. He has shown himself opposed to the contract system and placed too much power in the hands of a few individuals in connection with the Carleton wharf construction, he has permitted the Canadian Pacific railway to temporize with the city and allowed an agreement of a fast and loose character to stand between the two parties. Beyond all this Mr. ROBERTSON has not been consistent. He was utterly opposed, on principle, to Mayor PETERS being elected for a fourth term. He even went so far as to question the advisability of any mayor being elected a third time, though we cannot say that he made this an essential part of his platform, but in this jubilee year he is as forgetful as the ordinary politician and entered the race for re-election a fourth time. That he was successful is due rather to the number of his opponents than to the will of the majority of the people.

According to a report in the Sun of Monday Mayor ROBERTSON during his speech in Union Hall, Saturday night, paid his respects to PROGRESS and advanced the idea that the statement made in this paper that a requisition was being quietly circulated for him last year while he was supposed not to offer again, made him a party in some way to the transaction. The Mayor had no occasion to take the reference to himself. No insinuation was thrown out and yet taking later events into consideration it would not have been surprising had Mr. ROBERTSON known of the requisition, since the same gentleman who carried it around last year performed the kindly service for the mayor on this occasion. Requisitions and nomination papers are not always what they seem; at least Mr. HALL says they are not, for the names he had upon his would have been enough to elect him—had they all voted for him.

A peculiar form of insurance, common enough in England, but almost unknown in America is illustrated by recent reports of transactions in London. There are many persons who have invested large sums in renting windows along the route of the great June procession have minimized their risk by taking out policies on the life of the Queen. A large number of such assurances have been effected at LLOYD'S at the rate of five guineas per cent for three months. Double this percentage is the quotation for "risks" which guarantee the insurer from loss through the abandonment of the procession from any cause whatever; and as much as twenty guineas per cent. premium has been paid on sums varying from three to ten thousands pounds against the risk of the route being changed. So much business has been done in this connection that nearly all, except the most speculative underwriters, will not touch any more. The lives of the royal family are anxiously

watched by members of LLOYDS, and it is said that an unforeseen accident to any one of the royal house would create something like a panic. Among those whose financial position is, in their own metaphor, ("A") I at LLOYDS."

The uncertainty as to the date of SHAKESPEARE'S birth induced and permitted the lovers of Saint GEORGE of merry England, to place the poets' nativity upon that saint's day. SHAKESPEARE'S death on that very date has confirmed the legend. In the calendar of the catholic church, April 23 is set apart in honor of GEORGE of Cappadocia the soldier saint, who suffered cruel torture at the hands of DIOCLETIAN in the fourth century, and was torn to pieces by an Alexandrian mob. The Western romance of St. GEORGE slaying of the dragon was not put in print so far as is now known, until JACOBUS de Voragine (1230-98) included it in his "Legenda Aurea"—(Golden Legend). Even in that St. GEORGE is a tribune born in Cappadocia, and he fights in the name of CHRIST. He became identified with England through the crusades. RICHARD Lion Heart invoked the aid of this warrior saint, and in 1349 the English routed the French at Calais with that battle cry, Now St. GEORGE is in SPENSER'S words, "the sign of Victoree."

"Timbuctoo the mysterious" as revealed to the modern world by M FELIX DUBOIS, the French explorer, who is the first white man to return with a definite account of this strange realm of the Niger, proves to be the most romantic spot of the Dark Continent. Behind the ramparts of Saharan sands has nestled throughout all these centuries a hidden civilization that can trace its beginnings back to the old Mohammedan days of glory for Africa. Jenne, too, "the jewel of the Valley of the Niger," after which the whole Guinea coast has been named, preserves an even older civilization—that which flourished in the Nile Valley ere the fanatical Arabs drove the native race of Songhais thence. There can be no doubt that M. DUBOIS is of a highly romantic vein and has exaggerated a great deal in his description of this Niger realm, but there is enough of apparent truth to attract the eyes of the entire world to future revelations of Timbuctoo and Jenne.

Honolulu is very much excited over the alleged discovery that Japanese soldiers, in the disguise of students, have appeared in the Hawaiian Islands. Since conscription is general in Japan, and nearly all emigrants from that country have seen service in the army, and are, therefore, soldiers, it is not apparent why they should assume a disguise that could deceive nobody. The Hawaiian Republic has some of the characteristics of the female who always suspects that there is a man under her bed. Formerly the intruder on evil bent was suspected by the Hawaiians to be Great Britain; now it is Japan that has become an object of their hysterical fears.

The Afrikaner leaders in the Cape Parliament, with a view of forcing things to an issue, are reported to be about to present a resolution that the Imperial Government be called on to refrain from declaring war or entering upon any aggressive action against the Transvaal republic without the consent of the Cape Parliament. This motion is to be met with an amendment calling on the Imperial Government to uphold the London convention in its entirety, and it is believed the Cape Government will support the amendment. Under the circumstances it is easily to be understood that the political atmosphere at Cape Town is highly charged.

The fact is noted of the vogue of scriptural drama on the English and German stages, which vogue was not started by WILSON BARRETT either despite the declaration to that effect. Even before "The sign of the Cross," SARAH BERNHARDT presented a virtual Christ-play in "Izlyl," despite its Buddhist and Oriental disguise. Last week she achieved a Parisian success in an undisguised Christ-play, "The Woman of Samaria," by Mr. ROSTAND. Meanwhile GERHARD HAUPTMANN is engaged on a passion play for Germany.

The Swedes do not intend to let their neighbors, the Norwegians, have it all their own way with Arctic explorations, and it is said that an expedition will be sent from Stockholm, Konig Karl's Land, East of Spitzbergen next summer. It is intended that the same expedition shall also explore the islands and undiscovered region between Spitzbergen and Franz Josef Land.

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VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

I Long to Tell You.

I long to tell you Here beside the trees, Where soon the apple blossoms Pink, will face; And in their perfume On the wooing breeze, One golden day with you Again recall.

I long to tell you, All I dream you seek, And what I never first, To you can say; O would the apple blossoms 'Themselves would speak; And say I love you true, Though far away,

I long to tell you All my woman's heart; Can read the truth, You fain would tell to me; Though on a higher plane Of life apart; I still my grief For what can never be.

The hops is vain That you can come where I Must chose to pass My weary days alone, I dare not know you, When I see you night; In toiling life— More blessed than in my own.

I long to tell you, But the barrier stays; I may not make To you the slightest sign, Love yields to pride And we must go our ways, I dare not ever think I would be thine.

I long to tell you, I the lady fair; Though but by daily toil You ever live; There cometh not a day I would not share; With you the love, My faithful heart could give.

CYPRUS GOLDE.

Lily Room, April 1897.

In Arcady.

It was easy to say "I love you!" Under a summer sky, When the hours went slow and the bees hummed low, And the winds went whispering by. For we were young and happy, No hint of life knew we; And what more sweet than with careless feet To wander in Arcady?

Today, in a book forgotten I found a rose you kissed Do you remember the moonlight? The path to the lover's trust? And do you sometimes, I wonder, Think of the past and me? And wish some day we could steal away And wander in Arcady?

Al, no, 'tis a foolish fancy, The dream is dreamed and over, And you have forgotten the dear, dead days When I was your royal lover; For we were two weary workings, Seldom from care set free, And never again can we find the path That leads through Arcady! —Detroit Free Press.

N. S. PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

They Resulted in a Sweeping Victory for the Liberals.

HALIFAX, April 22.—The provincial elections have resulted in the route of the conservative party of Nova Scotia. They were defeated on Tuesday, hors foot and artillery. The result is unaccountable to the party managers and it is safe to say that neither party expected the stampede that was apparent by 10 o'clock on election night. There evidently are more grits than torises in this province. That is an easy way of accounting for the result.

There is, however, something radically wrong with the organization of the conservative party in Halifax. It will be necessary to get at the bottom of the system in this city and build the organization anew. The party's principles may be all right but essentially the party organization here is apparently all wrong, and to succeed it must be righted.

An instance of something wrong somewhere in the organization occurred on election day in ward 4. Ald Foster, one of the candidates in going the rounds of the booths early in the afternoon found the agents and representatives of the conservatives so completely under the influence of liquor that the liberals were doing just as they pleased with the presiding officer. Dear knows how many dead men had voted. It must have made Alderman Foster turn pale when he took in the situation, but he was equal to the emergency. The candidate took off his coat and ran the conservative end of the booth for the remainder of the afternoon, succeeding in making the vote in the inebriated section a tie. Ward 4 is the ward of that temperance apostle—Alderman Hubley.

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NEW MILLINERY STORE.

Mrs. Peabody Carries a Fresh, Dainty Sock of Headwear.

Mrs. Peabody's millinery establishment on Union Street has attracted much notice since it was opened last week and crowds of ladies daily throng the cosy rooms. The work exhibited is all fresh and dainty, and has the seal of the very best fashion authorities of New York London and Paris. On the opening days the rooms were prettily decorated in the shades that this season play the most prominent part in millinery, and the artistic arrangements and combinations, were very much admired. Every creation in the way of hats bonnets and toques had a chic stylish appearance that caught at once the most fastidious taste. All the latest fancies of the season for trimming etc., are kept in stock and Mrs. Peabody attends personally to all orders. The prices that prevail give perfect satisfaction to her numerous patrons.

Concert at Rothersey.

The concert to be given by the Rothersey ladies sewing society on Wednesday the 28th promises to be more than usually attractive. Musical talent of the highest order, both vocal and instrumental, illuminated grounds, dainty refreshments, and a special train to convey the patrons to the scene of festivities, will all combine to make a most enjoyable outing. The concert will be held in the dining room of the Bella View, the hotel having been placed at the disposal of the society by the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Pugsley. The tickets for concert, train and refreshments are \$1 and can be obtained at C. P. Clarke's drug store. The funds are to be applied to payment of the organ in St. Paul's church Rothersey.

SPIDER-CANCER.

The Name is a Misnomer and is a Most Unfortunate One.

One of the blemishes sometimes seen upon an other wise perfect skin is what is known as spider-cancer, though the name itself is most unfortunate and misleading, as there is nothing cancerous either in the nature or in the appearance of the thing in question.

Spider-cancer is in reality a very simple thing. It is not dangerous except in very rare cases, and is caused by the dilation of the minute blood-vessels at some point in the skin.

At any time after birth a small reddish point may be noticed upon the surface of the skin. Radiating from this centre may be seen little hair-like lines, also red. The spot may remain stationary, or may increase in size as time goes on. It is usually not much elevated above the surrounding surface, though it is possible that a veritable tumor may form. The swelling and redness disappear under pressure, but immediately reappear when the pressure is removed.

Spider-cancer may occur on any part of body, but shows a predilection for the face, scalp and extremities. It is because of the involvement of the exposed regions that attention is attracted to the affection and anxiety about it increased.

As has been said, the course of spider-cancer is shrouded in uncertainty. Though present at birth, it may disappear soon afterward. Sometimes it appears and disappears spontaneously; in other cases it rapidly increases in size. In rare cases it may be accompanied by various complications, such as ulceration and hemorrhage.

As a rule, spider-cancer is unattended by any feeling of pain or uneasiness though it the blood-vessels are very much dilated, the continual hum from the murmur of the blood as it flows along may prove annoying. If it swells to large proportions it may cause neuralgic pains from the pressure upon the nerves.

The treatment of spider-cancer depends entirely upon the nature of the case. As there is danger of aggravating the trouble, it is advisable, unless the blemish is really unsightly, or there is some good reason for interference, to abstain from all treatment.

In cases some treatment seems desirable, removal by electricity has come to be considered the only safe method. The electric needle is used to destroy the substance of the mark. This process is tedious and requires the care of an expert in the use of the instrument.

The resulting scar will be more or less conspicuous according to the size of the blemish and the skill of the operator.

Close Calculation.

Natural witticisms are always repeating themselves. Frances Power Cobbe says that she heard two Irishmen in London talking about the distance to Hampstead Heath. At length they met a stranger, and one asked: "Can you tell me how far it is to Hampstead Heath?" "Ten miles," was the reply.

"The Irishman turned to his friend. 'Five miles apiece,' said he. 'We can easily do that.'"

It was a little American girl who made a similar calculation. She and her sister were one morning so long in dressing that their mother came up to investigate.

"What have you been doing?" she called. "I heard you up half an hour ago." "Oh, we don't know! Everything is wrong side out," answered Elsie, despairingly.



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"Well, how much longer will it take you persisted the mother. "Five minutes," called Maud, the dutiful. "I want ten," put in Elsie, "so that makes fifteen."

MATLAND.

APRIL 20.—Mrs. Thomas Dickie entertained the literary club, in connection with Trinity Anglican church on Thursday evening.

In spite of the inclement weather and awful walking the spacious drawing rooms were crowded to overflowing. All present thoroughly enjoyed the programme which was as follows:

- 1. Piano Solo—Etude.....Consett Mr. E. Stuart.
2. Reading—"Our Parson"..... Mrs. Thomas Lawrence.
3. Piano Duett—Siege of Corinth.....Rossini Mrs. Martin and Mr. E. Stuart.
4. Song—"Driftine"..... Mrs. Dickie.
5. Two part reading—"How we managed"..... Mrs. Lawrence and Miss McArthur.
6. Piano solos (A, Improvise C. Sharp, Chopin B, Polacca Brillante, Weber Mr. E. Stuart.
7. Song—"Jack O Hazeldene"..... Miss McNeil. "God save the Queen."

On Wednesday afternoon a quiet and interesting wedding, in which the contracting parties were, Miss Violet Niel and Mr. Mackenzie Etinger, both of Noel, took place at the Rectory. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. G. R. Martell, Mr. and Mrs. Etinger drove to their future home in Kennetook.

Miss R. F. McArthur who has recently been graduated as a training nurse from Christ Hospital, Jersey City, is spending a few weeks at the Rectory the guest of her aunt, Mrs. G. R. Martell.

Mrs. Stephen Putnam is spending a few days in Truro. Mrs. Gavin Stairs, Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Duncan Cameron spent Thursday and Friday in Truro.

Mrs. James Roy entertained a number of her friends at a dance on Saturday evening. The floors had been well waxed and the beautiful music furnished by Oatley's orchestra, was all that was needed to assure a successful dance. Conspicuous among the guests were many of our young ladies and gentlemen home from the various colleges, for the Easter holiday.

Mrs. Everett Eaton who had been visiting Mrs. Drille at Parrsboro, returned last week.

Arthur Putnam of the Merchant's bank here, is spending the Easter holiday among Truro friends. Mrs. Joseph Howe, and Miss Annie Roy are spending a few weeks in New York. GERTRUDE.

PARRSBORO.

PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Book Store.

APRIL 22.—Church services and political meetings occupied last week pretty fully. The local committees Hon. T. R. Black and Mr. A. G. Fraser held a public meeting on Friday evening and St. Georges hall was packed on Saturday evening to hear Dr. McDougall and Mr. McKinnon, W. T. Pipse, Q. C. and C. R. Smith. Q. C. spoke on opposite sides of the political question in the opera house last evening to a very large audience. Mrs. C. R. Smith was in town with Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Gibbons spent Good Friday and Easter with friends at Amherst. Mrs. A. E. McLeod also spent the day with her sister Mrs. Witter at Amherst. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eville went to Windsor on Friday returning today.

The Cantas of the Parities of the seasons is in rehearsal by pupils of the public school and will be given in the opera house in the near future.

Dr. and Mrs. Hayes of Springhill were guests of Capt. and Mrs. Cook on Thursday. Dr. Hayes addressed the young liberal conservative club in their hall on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Townshend returned from Springhill on Friday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parsons and their children. Dr. Townshend and Mrs. Parsons spent part of last week in St. John.

Mrs. D. P. Young went to Amherst on Tuesday and returned on Wednesday. Mr. George Young came down from Mt. Allison to spend Easter Monday with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Young.

Mrs. T. Sullivan and her little daughters are back from a visit to Amherst. Rev. J. L. Downing of River John paid a brief visit here last week.

The Literary club was entertained last evening at Mr. J. G. Aikman's.

Miss Mamie Fullerton came home from Mt. Allison for the Easter holidays.

Rev. Frs. Mihar of Amherst and Curry of the Joggins have recently been guests of Fr. Bresnan. Fr. Mihar held Mass on two mornings in St. Bridget's church. On Easter Day Fr. Bresnan was able to attend to his duties himself.

Mrs. Stanley Smith is visiting her parents at Nappan. The remains of Capt. Thomas Crane were brought home from Pugwash for interment on Wednesday. The funeral took place on Thursday morning.

Miss L. McCurdy was in St. John for a day or two last week.

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