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THE SUMATRAN ECLIPSE.

Before the echoes of the last eclipse have fairly died away the astronomical world is again astir with preparations for the next to occur on May 17th-18th. The moon's shadows will then cross the Indian Ocean, traversing the islands of Mauritius, Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, and the southern coast of New Guinea. In Sumatra, where the eclipse occurs near noon, the totality will last nearly six and one half minutes, a duration almost unexampled in the history of solar eclipses.

The results of the last eclipse, although somewhat meager on account of the shortness of totality, were not unimportant, since they fully confirmed some important observations, formerly somewhat in doubt, regarding the corona spectrum, besides yielding numerous photographs of the corona finer than any before produced.

Still their highest value lies in their bearing upon the methods and apparatus to be used next May. The Dutch government has sent out a large expedition to Sumatra in charge of NEELAND and WILTERDINK, who observed the last eclipse in Georgia, as a preparation for the coming one. Their party will divide into several, occupying different stations, and offering hospitality to visiting astronomers.

Other European nations will also have observers in the field; and from the States four parties have already started—from the Lick Observatory, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and from Amherst College. Astronomers from other institutions accompany some of them.

The long duration and corresponding intensity of the darkness render the coming eclipse exceptionally valuable for such work as the search for intra-Mercurial planets the study of the spectrum, polarization and heat radiation of the corona, and indeed for dealing with nearly every problem that can present itself. It is unfortunate, however, that the weather probabilities are not entirely satisfactory.

FROM GRAVE TO GAY.

The formal opening of the British parliament by King EDWARD VII. was attended with unusual pomp. The old state coach, which had been accumulating dust through forty years of disuse, was furnished up. All the old ceremonials were revived; those quaintly named officials, 'Black Rod,' 'Gold Stick' and 'Silver Stick,' and the rest, performed their prescribed functions, and the House of Lords was brilliant with the scarlet and ermine robes of the peers and judges, and the uniforms of the diplomatic corps.

There was a wild melee when the members of the House of Commons, in obedience to the summons of the gentleman usher of the Black Rod, struggled fiercely to get into the restricted space reserved for them. The scene was impressive as the king took the solemn oath which had come down from the time of CHARLES II; and later, when he read his speech.

There was a meaning in all this pageantry. It represented not only the passing from one reign to another, but from an old order of things to a new. It marked a transition from grave to gay in the social customs of the English people.

Queen VICTORIA's personal bereavement intensified her natural seriousness of temperament, and English society takes its tone from the court. The new king will follow in his mother's footsteps in matters of state policy, but he has tastes of his own which he will gratify in the ordering of the court. London is likely to become

one of the gayest capitals of Europe, and that will be a good thing for the shopkeepers, and not necessarily a bad thing for the public.

Resplendent among all the jewels worn by Queen ALEXANDRA the other day at the opening of parliament and surpassing them in brilliancy was the famous Kohinoor, or 'Flood of Light,' which has been the most valuable of all the crown jewels of Great Britain since it was ceded to the English government of India at the time of the annexation of the kingdom of Punjab, to the reigning family of which it had until then belonged. It is stated to be the most valuable diamond in the world, though there are others larger, and Queen VICTORIA was wont to wear it on all ceremonial occasions, and even at the dinner parties which she gave as a brooch. Its appearance on the dress of Queen ALEXANDRA served perhaps more than anything else to impress upon those who observed it the fact that Queen VICTORIA, with whom it had been so intimately associated, was no more, and that all the crown jewels had passed into the possession of Queen ALEXANDRA.

King EDWARD, contrary to what has been stated in several of the English newspapers, has not severed his connection with any of the leading London clubs to which he belongs. There is no reason why he should, although it is doubtful whether he will frequent the Marlborough, the Turf, etc., as much as in days of yore. He has, however, since becoming king retired from the committees of the Marlborough and of the two other clubs in whose direction and management he was associated.

Mr. GEO. W. FOWLER M. P. was home from Ottawa a few days ago and if one might judge from the evidently friendly conversation that he and Mr. THOMAS GILLILAND were observed to be engaged in on the train he has no scarping knife sharpened for the Rothesay revisor. These supreme court suits and politics are strange things sometimes.

Alderman MILLIDGE is to the front again as an opponent of the ambition of the Council to spend money. He has a good many sympathizers this time. Steel companies are all the rage now but there seems to be considerable steal in them.

MR. GEORGE ROBERTSON wants some more time from the city to promote his dry dock scheme. Time is about the cheapest thing the city can give him.

It would have been better for Hon. MR. MCKEOWN's bill if MR. JAMES BRENNAN had confined his attention to stip laboring interests.

The chief of police says that he is not talking but working.

Working who?

THE MAGISTRATE AND THE CHIEF.

The Former Defies His Position in Relation to the Police Force.

PROGRESS has referred so often to the differences that exist between the police magistrate and the chief of police, that the carefully considered remarks of the former upon the position he occupies in relation to the force are worth reproducing.

"In one of the city churches some time ago, and again last Sunday from another city pulpit, reference was made to certain disorderly houses in this city.

"There cannot be any doubt as to whose duty it is to search out such houses and prosecute the keepers thereof.

"In the police district of the city of St. John there is a police force and a police magistrate. Over the police is a chief of police, who has the same power as any other constable of the force, and whose duty it is to control and direct the internal arrangements of the police force.

"The police force has a legal head—the police magistrate—to instruct it on the law, and to call the attention of the force to alleged violations of the same. It is the duty of every police constable to carry out and take steps to enforce the provisions of the Dominion statutes, provincial acts and city by-laws. Each man prior to going on the force makes oath before the police magistrate to the faithful performance of his duties. \* \* \*

"The police magistrate of the city of St. John is appointed by the local government and performs his duties within the police district of St. John. He is appointed by one, the provincial authority; he is paid his salary by another. The civic authority in whose special interest and welfare, as well as in the interest of public morality severally he discharges his duties. \* \* \*

"In the discharge of these duties he is not subject to any control, nor to dictation from any quarter. \* \* \*

Whatever views may have prevailed on this question within the past few years (in the interest of orderly civic government, within this police district and having in view the utterances of pulpits and press, I would direct every member of the police force, whatever his rank, honestly to act, and earnestly to live up to the obligations of his oath, and search out and prosecute all violation of law in our city, without fear or favor, affection or ill-will.

A New Clothing Store.

A new clothing store is opened in the Opera house block by Mr. J. N. Harvey and he has issued a neat circular giving some idea of his goods and his prices. Hats and caps are also included in his assort-

ment which seems to be a most complete one. Up town clothing stores are scarce and the stand Mr. Harvey has secured is on a popular thoroughfare and should ensure him plenty of callers from the outset.

Title—Who is that cross-eyed woman with hair-lip, talking so loud?

Tattle—Why, that is the Duchess of Stormingcourt, whom the duke married for her fortune. She has ten million.

Title—Hump! The duke earned his money.

'Why don't they start the performance?' impatiently asked one of the spectators at the seance.

'The medium says the room is too cold,' replied some one who seemed to know.

'I should think she could rap up,' grumbled the other, 'and call for spirits.'

Elsie—My papa doesn't like the little sparrows at all. He says they're naughty birds.

Mabel—Oh, my! that ain't so.

Elsie—Yes, it is. I guess my papa ought to know; he's a park policeman.

Mabel—Oh, I know; he's mad because they won't keep off the grass.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY.

Dishevelled Polywogs. Two Polywogs went out to play Upon a pleasant summer day; 'We'll have some fun,' they seemed to say, Those youthful Polywogs.

'We've long been pent in this po or pond, And have not seen the world beyond, And yet of new things we are fond, If we are Polywogs!'

And so these jolly little dogs— These wiggling, woggling Polywogs Struck out from their moss-covered logs— Two dashing Polywogs.

The rushes quickly they got through, And then there dawned upon their view A world beyond, both vast and new, To those two Polywogs.

A mighty deep before them lay With lots of room for them to play And here they thought they both might stay— Two happy Polywogs.

They had been told—yes, o'er and o'er— They must not venture far from shore, Or they wou'd meet with troubles sore, Too great for Polywogs.

But they were wogs that knew no fear And heard advice with scorn and jeer, And felt quite wise, though born that year— Concocted Polywogs!

So each one gave his tail a sweep, And forward sprang with gladsome leap From shallow water into deep— Those careless Polywogs!

Just then a fish went swimming by. He spied those wogs with his sharp eye, And said, "Those chaps have got to die— I'll eat those Polywogs!"

One sweep he made with every fin, Then stretched his mouth and took them in, And so they perished in their sin— Those foolish Polywogs.

So oftentimes do foolish boys Go out to swim in sinful joys, But always find that sin destroys Not only Polywogs.

But other sinners, we are told, Who sin through drink or love of gold; They mostly die before they're old, Like these two Polywogs.

Had they obeyed, those two young wogs Might have grown up to stately frogs; Enjoying life in their own bogs, Nor died as Polywogs.

And so if boys would grow up men There are commands, some eight or ten, That they must follow, now and then, Or they'll die Polywogs!

J. W. Whitfield.

My School-Day Friends.

Sometimes I go, reflectively, On joniays retrospectively, And for the moment dwell amid the scenes of long ago!

And on such outings, as a rule, I wander to the dear old school, And visit with the boys and girls whom there I used to know.

Perchance you were acquainted, too, With many old-time friends I knew; You may have met Ann Aloys and, also, Ann Elize; Or, maybe, chummed with Algy Bray, Or sauntered with Phil Osaphy, Or delved with Ed Ucalton, who was wont to be so wise.

And there was Etta Molroy, Ah, yes, and Ann Thropology, And Polly Gon and Polly Giot and Polly This and Polly That; You may have glanced at Ella Cution, Cast a smile at Eva Lution, Or with Etta Mentary enjoyed a little chat.

Now all those friends I used to see Are half forgotten dreams to me, Yet once within my thoughts they held a quite important place; But they commenced 'commencement day' From memory to slip away Till now I'd scarcely know them if I met them face to face.

Checkers on the Farm. The checker board is all worn out From use each winter night; The checkers have become begrimed, Which once were shining bright; But still the game goes straightway on, Altho' the squares are blurs, While Cynthia pens up Reuben's men, Or Reuben captures hers.

Sometimes the old man takes a hand To show his practised skill, And then the farm hands circle round While everyone is still; They would not say a single word That would distract his play; So breathless they observe him drive Young Reuben's men to bay.

Ah, what would winter evenings be Without the checker board, With double corners, jumps and moves And fun which they afford; Our dissipation oft consists In too much checkers here, Which makes the gossip tell about Our checkered life's career.

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News of the Passing Week.

The Sultan's Government had a majority of ten on the vote on the Budget.

St. John Circuit Court opened Tuesday morning. There was no criminal business.

Nova Scotia has been awarded \$671,000 as its reward in the Eastern Extension claim.

Thos. Pugsley, son of the attorney general, was married at Chatham, Wednesday to Miss Russell.

Count Tolstoi, the novelist has been excommunicated by the Russian church for heresy writings.

Dr. Crocket was elected mayor of Fredericton, Monday, over Ald. Smith by a vote of 544 to 262.

On Wednesday night a Fredericton hockey team defeated St. John by a score of four goals to one.

Moncton curlers administered a severe defeat to the St. Andrews club last week, the score being 68 to 34.

Ex Pres. Gen'l Benj. Harrison died at Indianapolis, Wednesday, surrounded by his family and physicians.

The death occurred on Sunday last of Mrs. Patrick McGoldrick, mother of Warden McGoldrick of St. John.

Admiral Dewey will receive \$9,670 in prize money for the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor.

St. John board of school trustees has eighteen applications for the position made vacant by D. P. Chisholm's death.

A serious revolver fight took place near Shubenscadia, N. S., last Sabbath. Five men took part and one was fatally shot.

St. John's City Council has decided to ask the Legislature to give it power to assist the proposed shipbuilding industry.

It is the intention, if the Duke of Cornwall arrives in time at Halifax to have him open the Nova Scotia Exhibition this fall.

Robt Fitzsimmons the great prize fighter has signified his intention of visiting New Brunswick and hunting moose the present year.

By a majority of fifty Fredericton has refused the involved plan to put down a new sewerage system. The vote taken was very small.

The death occurred on Tuesday at Ormotto of Miss M. S. Allan, eldest daughter of Jacob Allen, first Police Magistrate of Portland, St. John.

The offices of the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford Railroad, New York, were destroyed by fire Sunday. The damage amounts to \$250,000.

The official reports regarding the progress of the bubonic plague in Capetown since the outbreak show a total of 22 deaths and 102 cases.

The Corner's jury in the Nova Scotia revolver shooting case failed to agree, eleven of the twelve held that the shooting was done in self defence.

Early in the week a severe storm swept over the South and West much, damage being done property in the states of Kansas, Kentucky and Illinois.

In the civic elections in Moncton the citizens ticket was successful Mr. H. Atkinson being elected mayor by a majority of 270 over R. W. Hewson.

The death occurred this week at Augustus, Me., of Mrs. Reid, daughter of the late Sylvester Wood of Fredericton and a cousin of the late Sir S. L. Tilley.

The Fredericton curlers have had the most successful session in their history and of any club in the Maritime Provinces, having met with only one defeat.

Rev. Father Gaynor on Sunday vigorously denounced the St. John police force for not stamping out several houses of ill fame in the vicinity of Lower Cove.

A fire in a nest of store houses on Union Wharf, Boston, Wednesday, the property leased by between 40 and 50 tenants caused a loss estimated at \$50,000.

It is probable that the time for ratification of the treaties with Great Britain respecting reciprocity with the British West Indian colonies, will be extended during

the present week, for a period of one year or 18 months, in order that the treaties may be considered by the Senate next December.

Carnegie the millionaire has made a gift of five million dollars for the endowment of a fund for superannuated and disabled employees of the Carnegie Company.

By the explosion of the boiler in the Boremus laundry, Chicago, Monday morning eight persons were instantly killed, 29 were injured and several are missing.

By a vote of 84 to 30 the Canadian senate decided to hold an investigation into the Cook charge of the offer for a seat in the Senate if \$10,000 were paid for the same.

Mr. Arthur Dawson of St. John, has been awarded the contract for making the spring uniforms for the officers and men of the government steamers Curlew and Lansdowne.

The British naval estimates for 1901 02 amount to £30,875,500, an increase of over £2,000,000, chiefly for ship building. There is an increase of 3,745 in the number of officers and men.

The Montreal Chambre de Commerce has unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the idea of borrowing a million from the government with which to erect a two million bushel elevator.

A rear-end collision between a time freight and stock train on the Chicago and Northwestern road at Arlington Heights, Ill., Tuesday, killed two stockmen, fatally hurt one and injured seven others.

Bourassa's motion favoring interference in South Africa Peace negotiations was defeated in the Canadian Parliament by a vote of 144 to 3. The result was hailed with the singing of God Save the King.

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The London Westminister Gazette says it hears there are rumors of imported grain being made to pay a portion of the budget and says it would take the form of the reimposition of the shilling registration charge abolished by Robert Lowe, when he was chancellor of the exchequer in 1868 73.

The state department at Washington has been informed by Consul General Turner at Ottawa that a member of Commons of Canada has given notice that he will move not to allow the preferential tariff of 33 1-3 on English goods unless them come to Canada by Canadian ports. It will seriously affect the steamship lines of Portland, New York and Boston if his motion is carried.

The young men, Henry Keay and Thomas Carey, came to Guysboro, N. S., Monday, from St. Francis and in the afternoon when returning home, they called at the house of John O'Connor, three miles from Guysboro town. After a short stay Keay and Carey left in their wagon and Edward O'Connor, a son of John O'Connor, went with them up the road. Later on in the afternoon young O'Connor was found on the side of the road near Milford Haven bridge, with his skull badly fractured and blood apparent. He died later. The theory is that the trio were drinking and O'Connor was hurt in a quarrel. An inquest will be held.