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ERRORS AS LESSONS

Imagination balks at conceiving the private meeting recently held by the surgery section of the Royal Society of Medicine in England. The program was that well-known surgeons were to confess their mistakes—one mistake each—for the benefit of their colleagues. Also the secretary of the society laid stress on the fact that the proceedings of this confessional would not be publicly reported.

It was the first thing of its kind over there, yet, as one medical journal points out, it is highly important that the lessons be drawn from professional errors; and the "confessional" may prove an enriching medium for study. Mistakes in the surgical profession are, one imagines, particularly tragic. The error in the past has been the professional disinterest in admitting mistake, on the theory, presumably, that there is no use crying over spilled milk.

On one thing the society was right, the decision to withhold extra-professional publicity. Besides surgery is a poor subject for the dinner table and parlor; its mistakes are even more dismal reading. But it is a subject that is warmly recommended to the profession at all and every season, for every recognition of blunder is a lesson on how to avoid it.

Commodore Stewart in his paper the Chatham World has this to say: "Mr. Stewart is confined to his room in Hotel Touraine by the failure of one of his legs to function properly, and says, 'If this is the beginning of a break-up, it is consoling that it should start with a leg instead of with the head.' The Commodore's many journalistic friends throughout the country will be sorry to learn of his indisposition and all will join heartily in the wish that the advent of the new year will see him back on the job with his head and both legs functioning as usual. We hope that it will be many years yet before the Commodore begins to exhibit real danger signals. We also hope that when the time comes for him to lay down his pen and pass out of this world that he will have his time table so arranged that he will not have to take his departure on the thirteenth day of the month or on a Friday.

Friends of Mr. Parker Glasier, ex-M. P. P., one of the political veterans of Sunbury recently waited upon him at his home with a purse of \$800. Mr. Glasier was in public life for many years and his many friends are well aware of the fact that he made no money out of the game. He was a member of the Legislature at a time when considerable grafting was going on and when he could easily have made a haul had he been so inclined but he preferred his self respect to fill gotten wealth. With his assistance others were able to climb to high positions but as is usually the case when the time came to hand out the plums Mr. Glasier's claims were overlooked. He is a poor man today but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he gave faithful service to his party and that no man can point the finger of scorn in his direction.

The Mail is indebted to Mr. F. J. D. Barnjum the millionaire lumberman of Annapolis, N. S., for a copy of Mr. O. Schlenbeck's prize essay on the "Spruce Budworm, Bark Beetle and Borer." It was the writer of this book who won the prize of \$5,000 offered by Mr. Barnjum. The book has been published by Mr. Barnjum at his own expense and he will cheerfully send free copies to all interested in forest preservation. A letter or card sent to Mr. Barnjum care of the New Birds building Montreal, will bring a copy by return mail.

Globe: New Brunswick, by reason of its proximity to the United States can look forward in the years to come to a greatly increased tourist travel if its attractiveness as a fish and game resort is maintained through wise, protective and propagation measures. The time to begin has arrived, for signs that both the fish and the game have become scarce enough to justify alarm are already sufficiently plain enough to give anxiety, not as to the distant, but as to the immediate future.

Albany Journal: When weather predictions inform us that it will be

"much colder tonight; fair and much colder tomorrow," are we to take that to mean that tomorrow's much colder will be much colder than tonight's much colder, or that the much colder of tomorrow will be merely a continuation of the much colder of tonight?

Hamilton Herald: Sir Henry Thornton must be allowed a free hand in the management of the C. N. R., says the Toronto papers. And if Sir Henry decided to move the headquarters of the C. N. R. from Toronto, the papers of that town will exercise a free hand in throwing bricks at him.

One of the income tax officials of New York state says 90 per cent of the people are honest. This would make 10 per cent of the total number of ears in the state burn furiously.

The sanity commission appointed by Judge Bartlett to examine Detroit autoists has decided that an autoist who leaves his engine running at current gasoline prices is crazy.

A letter written by Napoleon in 1805 was stolen from a New York man by a pickpocket, and that is why a letter that is entrusted to one should be mailed at once.

A New York concert singer reports that she was robbed of \$100,000 in gems. When she discovered her loss she probably hit high C and held it.

Our forefathers used to go out and get a Yule log, but we of this age consider ourselves lucky if we can call up and get a Yule ton.

If the noise of the boy's Christmas drum disturbs you, possibly you can persuade his sister to play something on his new tin horn.

Corsets never went, says a Chicago expert, answering a query when they are coming back. In other words, the corset stays.

New York is probing a poker swindle. Charged that the victims got some cards that didn't wish them a Merry Christmas.

If you believe Mr. Lenine, the Russian word for Christmas is bunk. He is the Scrooge of his age.

In a few days it will be cold enough for the ladies to select their new spring hats.

Soviet Russia is abolishing angels. Probably because they are not Red.

Through Our Sieve

Time doesn't fly in zero weather.

Many people make the mistake of thinking worry is easier than work.

To a woman Christmas shopping is an event. To a man it is a painful undertaking.

What we would like to know is how the patent medicine ads find out how we feel.

There is no hope. The man who puts his feet on another's desk would kick a "No Parking" sign into the wastebasket.

One old turkey brought to the market on Saturday had taken anti-fat treatment, and fell into the hands of the health inspector.

What is so often called a "love triangle" comes nearer being what somebody has referred to as a wreck-tangle.

No time to watch the thermometer is when the temperature is going down in Winter and up in Summer.

One reason so many girls dislike to wash dishes is because star dishwashers never get their pictures in the papers.

People are learning that it isn't wise to match a flivver against a railway locomotive. But some of them still think it is possible to knock a fact off the track with a theory.

We feel absolutely sure that a fine man like Dr. Cone wouldn't tell an intentional untruth but we don't believe he ever had chilblains.—Bob Ryder, Ohio State Journal.

He probably always had something pleasant.

New Cancellation Stamp

"Turn to the right in New Brunswick" is now appearing on letters coming through the Fredericton post office the cancellation stamp to that effect having been forwarded here for use.

THE UNUSUAL IN LOCAL EVENTS

As You Know Yourself

"Men being shaved invariably close their eyes during the process," says Bill the Barber. "Some dislike to see the sharp edge of a razor in the hands of a barber, while others simply want to snatch a moment of repose."

Scotch Cows

"I meet with some funny experiences and queer people," said a young lady in a Queen street candy store. "One woman asked me if we called it 'Butterscotch' because the butter used in the candy came from Scotch cows. A man bought a pound because he said, he was for anything that had a little Scotch in it."

Liked His Tone

Sister Mary has been taking singing lessons, and small brother had been much interested in the various terms used in singing. One day recently Tommy, the cat, was shut out longer than usual, and he came to the kitchen door mewing loudly to attract attention. "Jimmy, let puss in," said mother. Jimmy replied, "Yes, I will, but listen how long he holds his tone."

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hubbard of Boston arrived here yesterday on a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoben spent Christmas with relatives in Moncton.

Moncton Transcript: Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Burns and children of Fredericton, N. B., returned to their home Monday afternoon having spent Xmas with Mr. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burns, Park street.

H. R. Peavey and C. S. Butworth of Boston are guests at the Barker House.

E. H. Turnbull of St. John is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winter, who spent Christmas with relatives here returned to Boston yesterday.

M. H. Murray of Boston was in the city yesterday.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Court Fredericton No. 778 Canadian Order of Foresters Elect'd Officers.

Canadian Order of Foresters held a large meeting at Union Hall, Regent Street last evening. Much business was transacted and during the evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- C. R.—D. Earle Gorman.
- V. C. R.—Donald Hersey.
- Fin. Sec.—John D. Chase.
- Rec. Sec.—Arthur Jewett.
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- Chaplain—W. E. Perley.
- S.W.—Frank VanStone.
- J. W.—E. Tapley.
- S. B.—F. Hursey.
- J. B.—Elmer Hume.
- Physician—W. H. Irvine, M. D.
- Auditors—H. T. Brewer and T. W. Segee.

LAST CALL FOR WATER RATES

Consumers of Water will please take notice that Saturday, December 30, is the last day on which discount on water rates will be given. (Sgd) G. R. PERKINS, City Treasurer.

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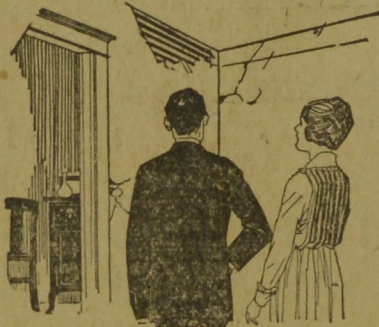
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