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A FAMOUS DICTIONARY.

There is a touch of irony in the fact that a set of proofs of the first edition of Dr. Samuel Johnson's famous dictionary has just sold in London for over sixteen thousand dollars a larger amount than the great scholar received for his work in originally compiling that notable contribution to the cause of literature and education. The proofs contain many corrections and additions in the handwriting of the author and it was this fact that caused them to bring more money than has ever been paid for a Johnson relic.

Those literary aspirants who feel that they are not fully appreciated may take a grain of comfort from this incident. We have had scores of such happenings. The original manuscript of Poe's "Raven" sold for a price that would have kept that unfortunate genius in comfort for the greater part of his days. But for the poem itself he was reputed to have been given the negligible sum of ten dollars. It takes time to create enduring literary fame; and possibly the meagre rewards of the earlier days have to be fixed by the inexorable rule of supply and demand.

THERE'S A LIMIT.

We're strong for the radio and for science generally these days of enlightenment. Indeed some of us are always demanding more speed and fearless outspokenness in certain matters but after all there's a limit and going slow is not to be thrown entirely into the discard.

One of the latest discoveries or inventions submitted to a public kept eternally on the jump is a loud speaker that throws the voice a mile on the air.

We'll have to ponder this thing until we get used to it. At first blush it seems to cut both ways. Be all right for an early morning call or an invitation to a little game that night or to go fishing in the morning but how about the boy friend at all unearthly hours inviting Mabel to a dance?

Have to think whether to declare this an unmixed blessing or not.

EUGENE FIELD.

When Eugene Field wrote "Little Boy Blue" he was inspired by his love for all children. His sweet and sincere nature responded to the trust of a child. The beauty and pathos of the lines that tell of the angel song that awakened the little boy blue can never be forgotten. And now a Eugene Field Memorial cemetery for orphaned and poor children has been established not far from Chicago where the poet lived. It is appropriate that the name of one who so greatly cared for children should be associated with the place where the tired little bodies of the homeless may rest in peace.

WORK AT IT.

A Columbia professor says science is going to try and abolish unhappiness from the home. Well and good. Let scientific methods do their best. But the best way to abolish unhappiness from the home is for those who live in the home to make a real honest to goodness effort to be harmonious, to be thoughtful, to be kind.

Much talk about courtesy as the rule of the road. Let's not keep courtesy outdoors all the time. Why not try making courtesy the rule of the home?

Although the provincial government had a surplus last year of \$15,792 after providing for the Valley

Railway bond interest out of current revenue the Moncton Transcript accuses it of extravagance. It says: "A government that has steadily increased its expenditures at such a surprising rate cannot be expected to stop suddenly at the mark set this year." Our Moncton contemporary seems to overlook the fact that the Veniot government during its last year of office incurred a deficit of \$750,000 while the Baxter government has kept its expenditures within its income.

The exchange of pleasantries by the party leaders a few days ago shows that party feeling does not run as high as was the case in the olden days. One could scarcely imagine the late Sir Charles Tupper saying kindly words of the late Sir Richard Cartwright or of Sir Richard handing bouquets to our own Sir George Foster.

The newly elected mayor of a Massachusetts town in defining his civic policy is quoted as saying: "I'll run this town right or run every moss-back out of it." He also said "I hate prohibition but I don't drink."

PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. C. D. Richards returned yesterday from a trip to Montreal and Ottawa on business connected with his department.

Hon. T. J. Bourque of Richibucto is a guest at the Windsor.

W. H. S. Cox of Sussex is a guest of the Barker House.

G. L. Johnston of Bangor is a guest of the Barker.

J. K. Hopkins of Richmond is among the guests of the Barker.

D. J. Jackson Jr., of St. Francis Me., is a guest at the Barker.

Frank Smith of Houlton Me., is among the guests of the Barker.

Ralph St. J. Freeze of Sussex the new registrar of the Supreme Court is in the city today.

Death at Devon

The death occurred last evening at the home of her son, South Devon of Mrs. Evelina Burlock aged 75 years, widow of Leonard Burlock. The deceased has been an invalid since the death of her husband ten years ago and was beloved and respected resident of the community. She is survived by four sons: Harry C. of Boston, William of South Devon, Sterling L. of South Devon and David B. of this city. Funeral services will be held at the home at South Devon tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. Rev. D. C. Kaine officiating. On Thursday morning the body will be taken to Smith's Corner where at two o'clock service will be held in the Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Styles assisted by Rev. Mr. Crisp. Burial will take place in the Church of England cemetery at Zealand.

Weather Continues Cold.

The zero weather which has been continuing for the past five or six days had not abated much up until noon today, when the thermometer showed a rise of but a few degrees from the zero mark. It was reported last night that the thermometer fell to about 14 degrees below and this morning at about eight o'clock it was as low as eight degrees. This afternoon it is milder and the forecast is that the capital city is in for another thaw.

Death at Hanwell.

The death occurred yesterday morning at Hanwell of Mrs. Margaret Lehr, aged sixty-seven years, after a lingering illness. Deceased is survived by her husband, Henry Lehr, two brothers, James Cunningham of this city and John Cunningham of Hanwell and one sister, Mrs. Harry Nesbit of Harvey. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, service to be at the home at 11.30. Rev. Mr. Fairweather will conduct the service and interment will take place at the Rural Cemetery.

Inhumanity we are told is increasing naturally; it is keeping pace with crime.

In this age of rapid transit many a struggling poet continues to use verse as his only vehicle.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Abstinence from the use of profanity and tobacco is not a guarantee of virtue.

Children soon come to know just when somebody is going to say "don't."

"Huh," said the angry woman "if it's the last word you're after you'll save time by looking in the dictionary for it."

Fishermen always admit the biggest fish got away. It is not probable the biggest illicit still has been captured yet.

Men who were looking forward to the snow shovel to keep them physically fit may have to wait for the lawn mower.

While much was being said about Mussolini's iron hand nobody unless it was the laundryman, suspected he wore an iron shirt.

About this television thing—won't it be horrible when the faces broadcast begin to overlap as the music from interfering stations does now?

Because Spanish women pray more than the women of any other country their knees are pronounced the most beautiful in the world. This is important information if skirts are to get much shorter.

A return to the simple, sweet things of life is being advocated. That will not be easy for the many whose mentality is born of the madness of recent years. They'll have to be taught the simple things of life.

FIVE KILLED AT NEWTON, MASS.

Newton, Mass., Jan. 30—Five persons were killed when an explosion shattered the home of Frank Gorcone, in West Newton near the Waldham line, late today. Gorcone, and his infant son Salvatore, were taken from the ruins alive, but suffering from terrible burns.

Guests at the Windsor

The following are registered at the Windsor today: G. C. Clarke, St. John; J. H. Coleman, Toronto; W. F. Robertson, Moncton; J. E. Cowan, W. J. Hogan, St. John; John B. Williston, Amherst; W. G. Belyea, F. L. Blackwell, R. F. Hummell, M. J. Buckley, St. John; Senator Bourque, Richibucto; G. R. Forbes, St. Stephen; A. J. Fraser, Loggieville; T. F. Rose, Montreal; H. S. Estabrooks, St. John; A. Cameron, W. G. Burton, E. M. Leger, Montreal; B. J. Freeze, Sussex; H. H. MacMichael, St. John; W. L. Lowther, Moncton; H. McGovern, Toronto; L. W. McMillan, St. John; A. M. Dann, Hampton; V. W. Simms, Hartland.

Rotary Luncheon.

The Rotarians held their weekly luncheon today at the Palms. W. W. Lasky acted as chairman of meeting and Dr. G. C. VanWart gave an interesting address on "The Method of Evamination and Licensing of Physicians and Surgeons in New Brunswick." The luncheon was concluded with the usual singing by the members of the club.

Business Changes.

It is reported that several of the local business firms are about to change managements. Already a grocery store in York street has been shifted to other hands and it is rumored that a dry goods store in front street is about to sell out to an out of town firm in the near future. One or two other places are reported as being ready for sale.

Hockey Practices.

Several teams are working out at the Arctic Rink this afternoon in preparation for their schedule games. The University squad and the High School as well as the city team are having practice today. The senior city team will clash with the Sussex Colts tonight at the Arctic arena.

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