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NEWSPAPER AMALGAMATION

The absorption of the Sun and Star by the Telegraph and Times will tend to clear the newspaper situation somewhat in St. John. Six daily newspapers in a city the size of St. John was an absurdity which every one recognized. The appearance daily of so many newspapers was an expensive luxury both for the publishers and the public. The Sun has been in existence for 32 years and has perhaps paid the expenses of publication for two years out of the whole period. The Star's life has not been so long. The Sun was started as a Tory organ and remained such until purchased by some gentlemen representing the Liberal party for a price which represented at least five times its value. An attempt was then made to put the paper on a commercial basis but the new management proved unequal to the task and the proprietors finding newspaper ownership in St. John a continuous drain on their pocket books, did the wise thing in retiring from the field.

It is not possible to congratulate either the owners or the management of the Sun on their course during the past few months. While protesting devotion to the Liberal cause they have made every effort in their power to disorganize and disunite that party. For some years the Sun was in receipt of large sums from the Intercolonial Railway for printing. A parliamentary enquiry revealed the fact that the Sun had no job printing plant and farmed the work out, retaining a commission of 25 per cent. for getting the order. The publicity obtained through the enquiry resulted in cutting the Sun off from further orders. Attacks on the Intercolonial Commission followed and then attacks of a vicious and untruthful character were made on leading members of the Liberal party in St. John. The worst offence of the Sun, however, was its attempt to defeat Mr. Bentley in the St. John bye-election, while at the same time protesting its friendliness to the Liberal party. This was political piracy of the meanest description. An assassin whose thrust is from behind is preferable company to a newspaper man who descends to such a level. No one would have blamed the Sun for coming out straight against a party nomination, whether the reasons given were sufficient or not, or even for casting aside its allegiance to the Liberal party if it sincerely believed that party was not governing the country in the interests of the people. This would have been manful, but the Sun's course was more in line with what would have been expected from a levier of blackmail, than from a decent newspaper.

No one will regret the passing of a paper employing methods of the Sun in its latter days, or of the man or men who were responsible for them. The methods were new to New Brunswick journalism, and it is a matter of congratulation that of those who must share the responsibility for them, none are natives of the province.

The amalgamated papers will enjoy a widespread circulation, greater than ever commanded by any New Brunswick newspaper before. The management, editorial and business, is in competent hands, and will result in two daily newspapers which will cover the field better than it ever has been done before.

MR. MORRISSY'S ANGER

It was scarcely necessary for Mr. Morrissey to have gotten into a white heat on Friday night over the criticisms that have been levelled at his department. They were not harsh criticisms at all but mild in their character, calling attention to the extraordinary charges that had been made by structural superintendents in different parts of the country. While Mr. Morrissey spoke loudly and at some length he failed to explain why the superintendency of the repairs to a bridge in some instances cost almost as much as the labor for doing the work. It is all very well for a man to shout his honesty from the house tops and the proclaim his willingness to back up his employees if they were right and to aid in the prosecution of those who

were trying to deprive decent men of their characters. No one made any charges of dishonesty against anybody. Mr. Morrissey knew this very well when he commenced his blustering speech. A return of the expenditures made under the direction of Mr. Hoar in Albert county has been asked for and is to be laid before the house without the formality of an address. The accounts committee have also decided to call Mr. Hoar before them to explain his expenditures. With affairs in this position Mr. Morrissey might have been content to await results. His attempt to wield the whitewash brush was premature and looks like a great big bluff, and also implies a lack of confidence in the accounts committee which its course in the past hardly justifies. After the proclamation of Mr. Morrissey the opposition members of the accounts committee should make it their business to see that no details of Mr. Hoar's accounts are left unexplained. When he is before that committee tomorrow. It would be premature to express any opinion regarding the expenditures in Albert county, pending the investigation further than to say that the spending of so large a sum of money by one man without tender and apparently without supervision from the department is worthy of the most careful and painstaking enquiry.

NO SAFEGUARD

Mr. Morrissey is of the opinion that it is impossible for a "grafter" to beat his department. From the explanation he gave to the house of the method of paying the accounts of the department nothing could be simpler than for a dishonest man to get ahead of "Honest John" if he so wished. The sending out of individual checks is no guarantee that a payroll has not been stuffed. Neither would it be a wide stretch of imagination to find that the man who would stuff a payroll would refrain from forging a check. These things have been done before and will be done again by men who want money and are indifferent as to the means by which they supply their wants. The Mail does not say that these things are done in the Public Works Department, but it does say that if there are people dishonest enough to do these things Mr. Morrissey's system of paying public accounts is no safeguard. The whole thing rests with the honesty of the man who makes up the list of monies to be paid. If he is honest, everything will be right. If he is crooked, the rest is easy.

ONTARIO TORIES AETER MORE SALARY

(Special to The Mail.)

Toronto, March 14.—A "salary grab" is rapidly reaching head in the local legislature, according to reports in circulation. It is said that some time ago private members of the Conservative party, who have been heading the agitation, were notified by a cabinet minister that if all their signatures were attached to a request to increase sessional indemnities from \$1,000 to \$1,500, such an increase would be forthcoming. This suggestion was complied with, and up to the present it is said every Conservative member but one has signed. This member is refusing point blank despite pressure being brought to bear upon him, which in effect it is alleged, amounts to threats as to his future in the House.

The plan, it is said, is to introduce a measure to increase the indemnity on Wednesday, and push it through.

KILLED BY POLO GAME

San Diego, Cal., March 14.—John Dustin Freeman, one of the most expert polo players in America, is dead here, as the result of injuries received in a practice game at Coronda on Saturday.

NURSE AWARDED BIG DAMAGES

New York, March 12.—The judgment of the lower court giving to Miss Addie N. Hunt, a trained nurse, \$58,000 for the loss of her legs in a railway accident at Great Neck, (L. I.) in June 1905, has just been affirmed by the appellate division.

When her suit against the Long Island Railway was first tried, she won a verdict for \$25,000 which was set aside as insufficient. One the second trial the award was \$58,000 and the railroad company appealed.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD

Dayton, Va., March 14.—Barney Oldfield with his 200 horsepower Bens today drove a mile in 27 2-5 seconds, beating the world's record.

ANOTHER JAR OVER THE PAY ENVELOPE

New York, March 14.—Certain fixed ideas on the subject of domestic administration has Mrs. Fannie Bookbinder, No. 636 East Eleventh street, Ever since her marriage eight days ago she has tried to put her ideas into execution, being of the opinion that if her husband only would listen to her and be guided by her sage counsel their home would be filled with happiness.

The young wife explained to Magistrate Corrigan yesterday that one of her pet theories, is that the ideal husband is he who brings home his pay envelope unopened.

"Henry won't," said Mrs. Bookbinder. "He says he loves me, but conduct like his makes me doubt him. If he really loved me, Judge, don't you think he would let me take care of the money he makes?"

Mr. Corrigan contemplated the husband.

"He does not look like a spendthrift," said he judicially; "mayhap he has an explanation for his reluctance to kick in."

"I've got a good one," said the husband. "It is my self-respect. I never knew a husband yet who let his wife take charge of the money that ever amounted to a —"

"Hold!" said the magistrate in a shocked voice; "you surely would not swear in the presence of your bride?"

"He swore when I first told him I wanted the pay envelope," said the bride. "And I was not unreasonable. I told him I would give him ten cents a day for car fare, ten cents for lunch and five cents for a cigar."

"I ask, Judge, as man to man," said the exasperated husband, "where does my beer money come in?"

"I decided you were to quit drinking," said the wife, "and I'm going to break you of smoking too."

"Some men marry women who have no wills of their own," said the magistrate to the husband. "Permit me to congratulate you on your choice of a manager who knows her own mind."

"I don't want a manager," said the husband. "I want to be the boss." "I'll let him think he's the boss if he only let's me have the money," said the young woman.

The magistrate sighed.

"The Supreme Court of the United States," said he reverently, "could not straighten out this case. I pass."

"Will you order him to bring home the envelope?" persisted the bride.

"No," said the magistrate.

"All the men stick together," sniffed the young woman. "But you have not got me beaten yet. He'll bring home that envelope or there'll be no home to come to."

OLD-FASHIONED TEA MEETING

The ladies of the Methodist Church will hold a Supper in the Vestry on

Wednesday Eve., Mar. 16th.

All the good things of the Season provided, including Turkeys, etc.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE!

Supper From 5 O'clock
TICKETS - - 50c.

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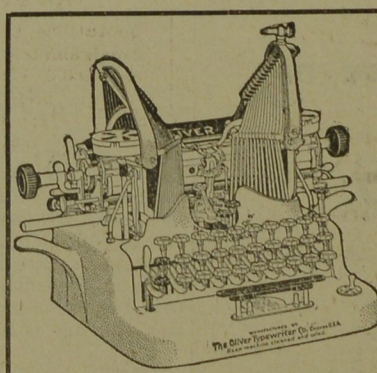
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