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SCOTT ACT SNAIL.

The municipal council seems to have got into difficulty over Scott Act enforcement, and their action leaves the Inspector in a position of ineffectiveness.

The council agrees to pay him \$500 a year for salary and expenses, but he will have to pay any counsel he may employ out of his own pocket.

This is seriously handicapping, if not entirely destroying whatever usefulness the inspector might be supposed to have. One counsel bill already contracted by the inspector amounts to \$175, and at that rate it would not take long for his entire salary to be swallowed up.

If Mr. Colter is to have any reward for his services, he will have to study law, and act as his own counsel, but whether law and theology would mix is another question.

The council apparently expects to make some money out of Scott Act enforcement.

The members of that body are willing to accept for the county of course, all the fines the inspector can turn into them, but object to paying legal expenses incurred in prosecuting offenders.

This is rather an extraordinary position, and one, as we have said, that handicaps the inspector in the discharge of his duties.

On the other hand there is something in the argument that the Scott act committee should not be given a free hand to make expenditure without authority of the council, and it was on this point that Coun. Grosvenor split with the committee and resigned his place.

The present situation then, is this: the council sets \$500 a year aside to cover all expenses of enforcing the law, including the inspector's salary travelling expenses and counsel fees, and it is very doubtful if the inspector can do effective work under such an arrangement. Lawyers do not work for nothing, and unless the inspector can go into court and conduct the cases himself, he will find himself out of pocket.

CURRENT COMMENT

St. John's city council has unanimously adopted the compulsory school law, following Fredericton's good example.

Kaiser William rejoices in being a grandfather, and the new-comer is a boy, who if he lives will some day occupy the German throne.

Mr. George Robertson's dry dock project at St. John is nearing realization. The contract for its construction has been let to a Montreal firm, and work is expected to commence in August.

Count Boni de Castellane, whose wife is a daughter of the late Jay Gould, is having his own troubles. He is sued for divorce by the countess, and his election to the French chamber of deputies has been jeopardized on the ground of corruption.

The young lady who was willing to marry Octogenarian Rowley of St. John for his money, to be delivered before the wedding, and brought suit for breach of promise, laying damages at five thousand dollars because of old man didn't keep his engagement has been beaten in the courts, Judge McLeod yesterday rendering a decision in defendant's favor.

Here's some good testimony to the efficiency of the New Brunswick highway act, and it's from a newspaper understood to be friendly to the opposition party. The Albert county Journal says:—"A gentleman who has been travelling over the roads of Albert County for twenty-five years in conversation with a representative of the Journal says that more work has been done on the roads of the parish of Hopewell this summer than during any preceding five years."

The big fish which gave Col. Tucker such a strenuous hour at Springhill, the other day was evidently enjoying an extensive tour of Canada, but has been stopped in its junketing at Georgian Bay, Ontario, a Toronto despatch says:—"The largest sturgeon ever caught in fresh water was received by the Doyle Fish Company of Toronto this morning, and the remarkable catch reported to S. T. Bastedo, deputy commissioner of provincial fisheries. The mammoth fish was caught near Warton, in Georgian Bay, and weighed three hundred and twenty-three pounds."

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Mr. Foster does not like the government bill to abolish pensions to ex-ministers. He found it very pleasant last year pocketing \$3,500 and when the repealing measure was introduced by Mr. Fielding, the ex-finance minister who happened to be the only beneficiary of the pension present in the chamber at the time, raised the question of the obligations that beneficiaries of this pension might have incurred and the effect that its discontinuance might have in such cases. Parliament was supposed to legislate sanely and action might have been taken in good faith by some of the pension receivers when this question was being dealt with. The pensions however, will be abolished, in spite of Mr. Foster's objections.

BITS OF NEWS.

Prof. Henry A. Ward, of Chicago, the well known naturalist, was struck by an automobile at Buffalo, Wednesday afternoon and instantly killed.

Lady Doyle, wife of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the eminent novelist, died Wednesday at London.

It is reported that the Great Northern Pacific are to join in building a mammoth hotel at Vancouver to cost seventy-five thousand dollars each paying half. They are compelled to this, their first venture in the hotel business, by the competition of the C. P. R. chain of hotels, which includes the city's largest hotel, the Vancouver. The hotel's building is to be completed when the line is through to Winnipeg.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

Sister-in-law of Mrs. C. S. Everett Received Sudden Call at St. Andrews.

St. Andrews, N. B., July 5.—Mrs. Smith, widow of the late Willard Smith, eldest son of the late A. W. Smith, St. Andrews, arrived Tuesday from Montreal to visit her relatives C. S. and Mrs. Everett. After her arrival she was driven through the town and suburbs.

She retired Tuesday night in good health, and Wednesday morning she proceeded to take a bath. Remaining an unusually long time in the bathroom Mrs. Everett went to inquire. She found Mrs. Smith lying unconscious on the floor. She was carried to her room where she recovered consciousness only to relapse again. Medical aid was summoned but the lady did not recover from the second attack. The deceased was a native of Sherbrooke, Que., but for some years past resided in Montreal.

ONCE JUDGE AND SHERIFF

Now Implicated in Kentucky Murder.

Beattyville, Ky., July 5.—(Special)—A sensation was caused here today at the trial of former Judge Harris and former Sheriff Callahan of Breathitt county, charged with the murder of James Marcum, Ashbury Spicer, it was announced, had made a confession implicating the two chief defendants.

On the day Marcum was killed Spicer was in Jackson, Ky., he claims. He said that a few minutes before the killing he was requested by Jim Hargis to get Tom White and was later despatched by Ed Callahan to get Curtis Jett. A few minutes later while Spicer was in the Hargis store two shots rang out and Marcum fell dead in the front door of the court house.

Spicer stated that he was offered \$500 to kill Marcum. The offer, he said, was made a few days before Marcum was killed. Spicer said he had also refused previously to kill "Jim" Cockrill.

ELEPHANTS STAMPEDE.

Herd of Forty Break Loose at Circus.

Chicago, July 4.—The wild stampede of a herd of forty elephants added to the havoc and panic at Aurora Friday when a cyclone struck the show tent of Ringling Bros. circus.

Nearly 15,000 men, women and children were under the huge canvas. Two men were killed and a number of women injured.

The three rings were crowded with the gigantic animals, who had just commenced their performance when the wind struck the tent. They were panic stricken by the storm and immediately broke from their keepers and dashed madly about the rings.

With whips and hooks the keepers attempted to stem the rush of the frightened animals, and, although they partially succeeded, one man was trampled down in their stampede.

CANADIANS BEATEN.

Hanley-on-the-Thames July 5.—In the semi-final for the Grand challenge Cup today, Trinity Hall, Cambridge beat the Argonauts (Canada) by half a length; time, seven minutes and nine seconds. The Club Nautique de Grand (Belgium) beat Third Trinity, Cambridge, by two lengths. Time, seven minutes and thirty seconds. The Belgians and Trinity hall will meet in the final for the Grand Challenge Cup.

CELEBRATED INDIAN CHIEF

Looked Like Lord Beaconsfield and Had Noteworthy Career.

Prince Albert, Sask., July 4.—Waldotta, a well-known Indian of the Teton tribe, was buried here today. Rev. A. D. Dewdney and J. F. D. Parker officiated and a large number of citizens followed the body to the grave.

Waldotta, whose name signified "Grey Eagle," was popularly known as "Lord Beaconsfield" owing to his resemblance to the great British statesman, and was a magnificent specimen of his race. He stood over six feet four inches and years ago was a great warrior. He took a leading part in the Custer massacre, but after this affair came to Prince Albert eschewed the tomahawk and rifle and settled down to peace and domesticity, only returning to warfare in the rebellion of '85, when he rendered valuable and heroic service to the government troops in this vicinity. His children were brought up in the Christian faith and sent regularly to the public school, and for many years he had been a model citizen, never being known to indulge in drink or dissipation of any kind. On holidays a smart plug hat made him a conspicuous figure.

A short time before his death, which was from consumption, Waldotta was baptized and became a member of the English church.

WOMAN'S DEADLY AIM.

Shot a Man Intruder in Her Home After He Had Attacked Her.

Sweetsburg, Que., July 5.—Forest Howard, unmarried, forty years of age, was shot and killed yesterday at Breton Pond, four miles from Sweetsburg, by Mrs. Edward Tracy.

According to Mrs. Tracy's story, Howard came to her house about 9 o'clock and asked to speak with her husband. She was alone at home with two young children, and told Howard her husband was not in, but was working at a saw mill some distance away from the house.

Howard, she further states, who was not altogether in his right senses, forced an entrance into the house and attacked her. She therefore seized hold of a gun and discharged its contents at her assailant. He fell in a heap upon the floor, and died in a few minutes.

The Tracy family is highly respected in the neighborhood.

WELLMAN EXPEDITION.

Party Landed at Dane's Island on Ice Rafts.

Tromsøe, Norway, July 3.—The Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald Arctic steamer Frithjof arrived here yesterday from Spitzbergen where she left Major Hersey and eighteen others comprising the first section of the expedition. The supplies were safely landed at Dane's Island, huge blocks of ice being used as rafts to convey the cargo ashore. An immediate start will be made with the erection of the airship shed within a few hundred yards of the spot from whence S. A. Andree made his fatal ascent June 15, 1896. Mr. Wellman will start for Spitzbergen July 4th.

WINNIPEG TEACHER SHOT.

Wonderful Escape of Miss Bauer From Death.

Winnipeg, July 4.—Miss Bauer, the teacher in the kindergarten here, had an almost miraculous escape from death. She was lying in a hammock on the veranda of her home, talking to a friend, who was cleaning his revolver, which is 28 calibre. It was accidentally discharged, and the bullet struck Miss Bauer on the breast, just over the heart. Fortunately it was deflected by a rib, which it followed almost half way round her body. It was extracted and no serious consequences are anticipated.

Spencer Eddy, diplomat, and fiancée of Miss Spreckles, was praising in Philadelphia a little boy he knew. "Last Easter," said Mr. Eddy, "they put him in trousers, his first suit of trousers, and he was immeasurably pleased."

"He walked up to a young and beautiful lady who was staying at the house."

"Don't I look good?" he said.

"Oh, fine," said the young lady. "Lovely. Do you like knickers better than frocks?"

"Lots better," he replied. "Why don't you take 'em?"

"Are you going to get the automobile which the doctor ordered for your wife?"

"Can't afford it; but we have almost the real thing. She puts on a pair of gasoline-cleaned gloves, then takes a long ride on the front seat of a trolley car and walks back."

Bill Winters is one of the heroes who uses his wit to save his strength. During a camping trip in the Maine woods Bill was easily the laziest man in the party.

Finally his exasperated comrades told him that if he did not do something besides time they would pack him off home.

The next morning Bill borrowed a rifle and went off up the mountain. Two hours later the men in camp saw Bill running down again as fast as he could come, and close behind him was a bear. The men watched the chase with loaded rifles ready. On reaching camp Bill turned and shot the bear.

When the men could stop laughing, one of them said: "Bill, what an earth possessed you to run that distance with the bear so close, when you might have killed him on the hill and saved your breath?"

Bill smiled slowly. "What's the use of killing a bear in the mountains and lugging him in when you can run him in?" he asked.

She—Was the wedding a success? He—Yes, indeed! A man who valued the presents said they must have cleared at least five hundred dollars above all expenses.

GREAT YACHT MASTER.

Capt. Hank Half Died at Islip Long Island.

Islip, L. I., July 4.—Captain Hank Half, the veteran yacht master, died here last night. He suffered from a complication of diseases, and had been failing ever since the death of his wife about a year ago. Captain Harry Half of the sloop Weetamoe, who had been recalled from New London, Conn., and the aged skipper's other son, were at his bedside when he died.

Captain Half was a famous yacht handler. He sailed the Volunteer and Defender in the international races for the America's Cup, and was master of the Vigilant when she went to the other side. He was also captain of the Independence, and had handled many other yachts. Captain Half was in his 69th year.

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