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WHO ARE CRUEL?

Yesterday the grave closed over the body of the young man who in a "sparring match" on Monday night, in presence of hundreds of citizens, was killed.

"Oh! Weren't they cruel!" was the anguished cry wrung from a sister's heart, when she had gazed on the still form brought home to her at the midnight hour.

Who were cruel? Since the affair has cost a human life the question may fairly be asked. Four parties were involved—the promoters, the participants, the police, and those who paid for the privilege of being present.

It may at once be said that the promoters were not inspired by humanitarian motives. With them it was simply a plan to make money, and they could make more money by encouraging the rivalry of local men, thereby inducing the friends of each to be present and watch the contest. The same spirit of rivalry, cunningly encouraged, and coupled with the common but unwise dread of being called a coward, would doubtless influence the principals; who would also be encouraged by their friends to prove their mettle. This, of course, would apply only in the case of the local men who were amateurs. With professional pugilists the money would be inducement enough.

Once the contestants are secured the law permits the issue of a license for a sparring match. The mayor issues this license. He doubtless assumes that the presence of the police is ample assurance that everything will be satisfactory. The assurance may or may not be well grounded. As a rule, because of the nature of their own work and its requirements, policemen are rather partial to tests of strength and skill. A bloody nose, a swollen lip or a bruised body would not appeal to them with the same force as it might appeal to some persons; nor might the fact that one contestant was getting much the worst of a bout.

And then there is the paying and applauding public. Most of those who attend such an exhibition do not go to see a scientific exhibition of boxing. If they saw one, and there was no slugging and "mixing it," as is said in sporting phrase, they would go away disappointed. They are willing to have it called a sparring match, but they want to see a fight; and if there is a personal grudge between the participants, to put more vim into their blows, so much the more pleasing to the crowd.

The truth is that the modern "sparring match" as recently exemplified several times in this city, is a sport that appeals to the savage instincts of human nature, and should be no longer tolerated.

Who are cruel? The men who promote, the police who permit and the public who attend and applaud such exhibitions as that of last Monday night.

If the newspapers treated these affairs as they do some others, and published next morning a list of names of well-known citizens in attendance, they would no doubt incur grave displeasure, but they might be doing the city valuable service.

TEMPERANCE WORK

One of the speakers at the meeting of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance said yesterday that prohibitionists are now where they were fifty years ago. This is not the view held by Mr. F. S. Spence, the well-known temperance worker of Toronto. We quote from the Toronto Globe:—

"The magnitude of the temperance movement, the brightness of its outlook, and the certainty of its success, were Controller F. S. Spence's leading themes in his address, and he said that being familiar, as his circumstances require, with temperance activities all over the world, he never knew a time when the prospects were so bright. He commended the action of the Toronto Railway Company in refusing the request of a deputations for the reinstatement of a motorman discharged for drunkenness. 'I believe in total prohibition,' said the controller, 'but it is not going to come tomorrow, so let us come down out of the clouds and be practical, doing anything we can to cut off license where we can't get rid of them altogether.'"

At present a more vigorous and practical effort is being made in Ontario to restrict the liquor traffic than for years past. It does not take the form of government ownership of saloons, or provincial prohibition. It goes in for local option where possible, and for reducing the number of saloons where they exist.

JOKESMITHS

The Times stated on Wednesday on the authority of Engineer Hunter, that the water from Loch Lomond would be brought into the city this year; the Telegraph yesterday stated, on the authority of the water board, that it would not. These contradictory statements, which were perfectly natural under the circumstances, were seized upon by the Star as a subject for the following titbit of chaste humor:—

"It must be very irritating to the Times to have its blunders continually corrected in this manner and by a paper it doesn't sass back."

As the Times was unfortunate enough yesterday to have the headlines of two

paragraphs transposed, the humorist of the Star should be able today to make Jerome K. Jerome appear but a common joksmith.

The following despatch from Denver shows that they are not after the grantees in the west as well as the eastern states:—
"Capitans were served yesterday on seven well-known residents of Washington and Yuma counties, in the northeastern portion of Colorado, based on indictments returned by the Federal grand jury sitting at Pueblo last week, charging forgery and perjury in the location of government lands in the counties referred to. Those arrested were Peter Campbell of Akron, Col., former register of the land office; P. E. Beebe, treasurer of Washington county; A. A. McKean, clerk of the district court of Yuma county; D. W. Irwin, a prominent politician and former newspaper proprietor of Akron; W. E. Buell, a hotel man of Yuma; E. C. Stoner and O. P. Smith, ranchmen. Inspectors of the land office have been working on this investigation quietly for several months, and claim to have evidence of gross frauds committed by a ring, which included former officials of the land registry office at Akron and many highly respected citizens."

The death of the Russian General Dragomiroff recalls two instances of the Russo-Turkish war, which are thus related:—
"At Shipka Pass, when his forces were being fiercely resisted by the enemy and fell back somewhat, he dismounted and walked slowly up and down a ridge on the firing line a hundred yards in advance of the troops. A storm of bullets whistled about him, but he was not hit. At length he called to his men: 'What are you doing, you geese? Did you think there was danger here? I don't find any.' The Russian troops rallied and forced the Turks to retreat. On another occasion he stood up to his waist in the icy waters of the Danube for an hour and directed his men against the Turks, although exposed to the fire of sharpshooters. For this achievement the czar greeted him as 'brother' in front of the army and embraced him."

Says the Montreal Gazette:—"The failure of the Enterprise National Bank, of Allegheny City, is bringing out things which, coupled with the disclosures of Philadelphia's civic mismanagement, indicate that Pennsylvania's public administration is about as corrupt as New York's ever was. The only difference is that while New York's rogues have generally been Democrats, Pennsylvania's are usually Republicans. The two commonwealths are among the most populous and in many ways the most advanced in North America. There are things happening on this continent which enable readers of history to understand why Rome's wealth became the cause of her downfall."

Mr. Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, presents a cheerful picture of the possible future of the great Canadian West, when he states that "in his opinion the completion of the new transcontinental railway would see the beginning of a movement in grain and grain products to the Pacific coast which would soon increase until the shipments westward would be as great as they are eastward at present. Reaching out eastward to Europe and westward to China and Japan the trade of Canada would enrich its people."

In an article with glaring headlines the Star last evening made a low attempt to create prejudice against a minister of the gospel. Prejudice, in religious matters, is supposed to be rather easily aroused. The Star made a number of statements said to have been secured from "members of the congregation" whose names were not given. Anonymous attack is the most contemptible and least Christian kind of warfare.

The Ontario government has come to an important decision with regard to the sale of liquor in newly organized clubs. The Toronto Globe says: "The Chatham and Ottawa lodges of the Elks will not be granted permission to keep and dispose of liquor on their premises, and this ruling will hereafter be applied to all parties securing incorporation as clubs."

They have public ownership at Port Arthur. The taxes to be levied for the next year amount to \$34,180.40. The additional sum of \$23,145.90 is required, but it is derived from municipal services as follows:—Electric railway, \$5,500.10; electric light, \$13,947.70; telephone, \$3,617.10.

SATURDAY'S CONCERT

No coupon tickets, calling for reserved seats, have been issued for the industrial entertainment to be held in the Opera House on the evening of the 4th, as under the circumstances it was not found practical to do so. Users will be in attendance and will allot a seat to each guest. The number of invitations has been limited as far as possible to the seating capacity of the theatre. The programme on this occasion will be an entire change from the one to be rendered Monday evening.

W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., of Fredericton, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Whitehead who has been taking an active part in having a new survey of the valley route for the G. T. P. made, says that he is confident that the G. T. P. will come by that route, and holds that if it does come that way it would not only benefit the people, but be a great thing for the railway itself.

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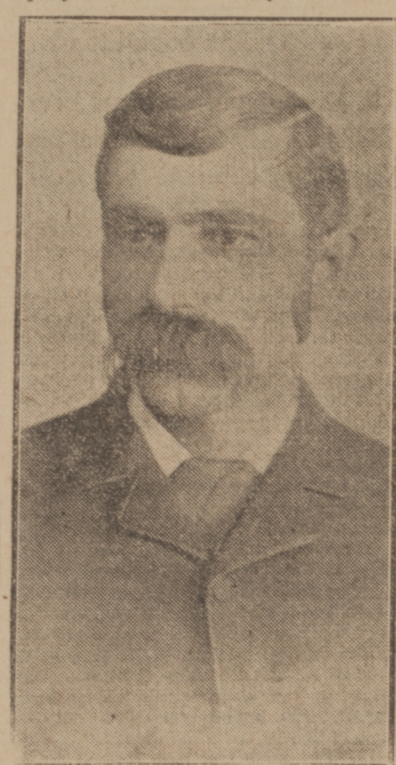
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FRANK H. FLEWELLING

up-to-date cold storage plant was installed which added greatly to their trade facilities. Their staff has also been increased until at the present time the payroll numbers fifteen. This firm carries on a large pork packing business, buying pork and selling the product all over the Maritime Provinces.

In politics Mr. Flewelling is an adherent of the Conservative party, but never took a very active part in political campaigns.

On December 9, 1873, Mr. Flewelling married Miss Gertrude Reynolds, a daughter of William Reynolds of St. John, also of loyalist descent. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, being a member of Hibernia Lodge of this city. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

TREASURY BOARD

The treasury board yesterday ordered a list prepared of all those whose taxes are more than two years in arrears. The accounts of the school trustees were recommended to be paid monthly in future. A further \$10,000 insurance will be placed on the Ludlow. A number of other matters were dealt with. Ald. Bullock occupied the chair and the mayor, Ald. Christie, Holder, Baxter, Pickett, Frink, MacRae and McArthur were present with the chamberlain and common clerk.

The report of the expenditures on the New Free Public Library building was brought up by the mayor and showed a balance in hand of \$119.23. He moved the report be received. Carried.

Ald. Christie moved that a communication should be sent to Mr. Carnegie intimating that there was a small balance on hand and asking for instructions.

Ald. MacRae thought the money might be expended on an asphalt sidewalk at the library.

Ald. Baxter was of opinion that would be outside the terms of the gift.

After further discussion the matter was sent back to the committee with the chairman of the library commission to see how the money could best be used on the building.

The new policy for \$15,000 against fire and collision risks on the Ludlow was ordered sent to the recorder for examination.

On motion of Ald. MacRae a further policy for \$10,000 will be taken out through Messrs. Cowie & Edwards provided it contains the same conditions as the one issued by Wm. Thomson & Co.

MR. TARTE ON TOLERANCE

Speaking before the Caledonian Society in Montreal on Halloween, Hon. J. I. Tarte, who was received by the Scotchmen with great applause, said he came with a message of friendship and fellowship in his heart. The thistle and the lily had grown harmoniously side by side in Canada for a long time. They were now fast blending into one emblem—the maple leaf. On the continent of America, French Canadians were, like Scotchmen, to be found almost everywhere, getting their hands on everything that came their way or could be induced to do so.

After pointing out that the Scotch had been pioneers in the matter of public education, having had good schools in every part of Scotland in a very early age, Mr. Tarte said: "I sincerely wish, friends, that the same could be said of the province of Quebec."

In conclusion, he warmed up to his subject, and he said: "Scotchmen have practised tolerance. They have brought to us a spirit of tolerance, which we will do well to emulate. If we desire to make progress, we must stand together as one people, undivided, though our opinions, in the matter of religion and politics, may differ. We must refuse to recognize any spirit of intolerance. You, most of you, form a part of the Caledonian Society, and you belong to the Scotch race; I am a French-Canadian, and I belong to our society. St. Jean Baptiste, Our Irish friends have their St. Patrick's Society, and our English friends their St. George's Society. But while these are all in themselves excellent, we should all come together more; we should join hands and get to know and understand one another. We are all here to stay, and our purpose is one where Canada, our beloved country, is concerned. Then, let us put aside questions of race and religion, and embrace, not in a spirit of formal friendship, but in a true, deep spirit of brotherly love."

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