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THE LEAGUE TICKET.

The first impression, on looking at the Citizens' League list of candidates for the city council, is one of disappointment, that is not wholly removed by closer study. Since three aldermen, Maxwell, Barker and Robinson, are retiring from the council of their own accord, the league had only to pronounce judgment on twelve. Of these it has rejected six, endorsed five, and stands in doubt regarding its attitude toward the other one. If he should be endorsed, the League would break even on the list of aldermen presented for its criticism, and the result would be as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Endorsed, Rejected. Names listed include Christie, Macrae, McGoldrick, Hamn, Bullock, Holder, Frink, Tilley, Lewis, Brannen, Daley, Carleton.

If this is to be the result, and the new council should contain six of the former aldermen, with nine new men endorsed by the League, it would still be far from what was expected at the beginning of the reform movement.

But there is another consideration. Unquestionably, some of the nine straight League candidates will be opposed. If several of them should be defeated, the influence of the League on civic legislation might be merely a negative quantity.

Since the League could not put up a ticket, without having to include half a dozen of the present aldermen, it might have been wiser during the first year of its existence to act simply in an advisory capacity, in the meantime perfecting its organization for a completely effective campaign next year.

Of the new candidates brought forward by the League it will be at once conceded that they are good men, who should make an excellent record at the council board. They represent varied interests, and several of them have had experience at the board in years past.

And yet, if the new council is to be better than the old, the League must not only proceed to elect these candidates, but must be a living force behind them throughout the year. It is the opinion of the Times that there will be a lively if brief campaign, and that it will be all the more lively because the League has not put up a larger number of new and strong men.

Having said so much, this paper believes that the efforts of the League should be supported by the citizens, and its candidates given an opportunity to improve the administration of civic affairs.

FOR THE NORTH POLE.

The ship with which Lieut Peary hopes to reach the North Pole was successfully launched at Bucksport, Maine, yesterday. The redoubtable navigator will once more adventure forth on the quest that has baffled so many, and still eludes their grasp. A Boston exchange aptly remarks:—

"Our interest is not so much in the undoubted stanchness and up-to-dateness of the ship as in the fact that a death-daring American is to attempt again to win the greatest geographical prize yet dangling before scientific adventurers. It is superfluous to wish Peary success. It is interesting, incidentally, to know that he hopes to keep his ship in constant communication by wireless, with left-behind humanity, and that on his forced marches across the ice he will, he says, feel himself safer than during a corresponding period on New York's streets. This call of the wild that draws men to the pole, or to mountain-tops, or to battle is a strange force that strikes not all of us alike. We who stay at home can be glad it has struck so hard an American with such good chances of success."

Canadians will of course regret if our own Capt. Bernier is robbed of his prize by this aggressive American, but perhaps it is just as well. And, in any case, there is still a possibility that Lieut. Peary may not reach the pole. If he does, he will deserve the congratulations of even his Canadian rival.

There is considerable comment today over the fact that several of the more active members of the city council should be dropped by the citizens' League and some of the much less active and useful endorsed. An interesting contest is said to be contemplated by some of those rejected.

Will Ald. Christie, McGoldrick, Bullock, Frink, Lewis and Daley be better aldermen because they are endorsed by the League?

The Senate at Ottawa yesterday devoted the day to discussing tuberculosis, on a motion of Senator Edwards that the wide-spread suffering

and the great mortality among the people of Canada necessitated parliament taking some action.

With Mr. Monk supporting the autonomy bill, it cannot be said that the conservative party is a unit against it. The line of cleavage is apparently along religious lines, to a considerable extent.

Bangor has a Citizens' League. It interests itself in the general welfare of the city, and has lately ensured the erection of a public library building.

The way is now open for every man who wants to be an alderman to come forth and declare himself.

POST OFFICE GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of the Times. Sir—Attention has very recently been directed to the conditions in the post office in Fredericton, which have made it necessary to have a re-arrangement of the hours of employees.

If enquiry were made, evidence would not be lacking that a similar state of affairs exists in the St. John post office, and that the health of the employees is not only endangered, but in some cases very seriously impaired because of the species of slavery to which they are subjected.

It is charged that there is a system of fines in operation, which makes it necessary for an employee, whatever the condition of his health, to stick to his post, where a reasonable relaxation of the regulations under such exceptional circumstances, would be of benefit not only to him, but to the service.

It is claimed that, without increasing the staff, a re-arrangement of hours could be made by which not only would the employees avoid much overwork, but the public would be much better served.

As an illustration of present conditions, it is stated that one member of the staff, who is now unempowered, had to work from six to eight o'clock in the morning; from 12.30 to 5 p. m.; and from 7 to anywhere from 9 to 10.30 p. m. If he was five minutes late in the morning, he was fined fifty cents, no allowance being made for state of health, weather or any other consideration.

Men on night duty work seven nights in one week. It is claimed a better arrangement of the hours of the staff would give them less overwork, and at the same time give the public as good or better service, it is surely the duty of the department to see that a change is made.

Yours for fair play
A CITIZEN.

MANY IMPORTANT CHANGES.

The Sheeley-Young's Company will return to St. John shortly for an extended engagement at the York Theatre. Since leaving here, the company has filled a highly successful engagement at Halifax, and in some of the provincial towns. Most of the old favorites are retained although several important changes have occurred. The Misses Ray, Carr and Blake, have been obliged to retire, owing to previous engagements. Marie Nelson—a most beautiful and accomplished actress—is filling the leading roles. She will be remembered as the leading lady with "For Her Sake" when it appeared here last season. Camille D'Arcy, also a leading lady, is filling Miss Carr's position, and Vera Hamilton, that of Miss Blake. All of the gentlemen remain. Homer Mullaney, who was so strong a favorite before, is now playing the leading parts, and James Newton Drew, a new member, the comedy. Charles Barringer, one of the best "heavy men" ever seen here—Geo. C. Robinson, T. P. O'Malley, Stage director—Meredith Brown and R. C. Tabor, are all familiar names. Joseph Gillow is the new juvenile man. A big vaudeville feature act, "The Musical Tanaons, is promised, something that will be out of the ordinary, and an entirely new lot of plays will be given, also moving pictures.

HOCKEY AT CHATHAM.

Chatham, N. B., Mar. 24.—(Special.)—A match game of hockey, probably the last of the season, was played here last night. The Miramichi scored 6 and the Crystals, 3. Following is the line up.

Miramichi—D. Gould, H. Loggie, M. Benson, W. Crombie, S. Watters, G. Perry, J. Watson.

Crystals—E. Nealey, E. Watters, H. Morrison, J. Connors, F. Winslow, L. Morrison, P. Winslow.

SNOWSHOERS DINE.

The first annual dinner of the Magnet Snowshoer club, was held last evening, at White's. A very enjoyable time was spent. R. T. Irwin presided and a choice menu was served, the cards being in the form of a snowshoe. A list of toasts and speeches followed as well as a number of musical selections which were very much enjoyed by those present.

AN EXCELLENT SHOW.

The Harkins company presented a dramatization of "The Sign of the Four" at the Opera House, last night, and pleased a very large audience.

Albert Morrison gave a most finished study of Sherlock Holmes; and Miss Van Duser contributed a very charming and consistent performance as Mary Marston. Miss Simmons as the wife of Major John Sholt, handled her part in a most effective manner. The other characters were well sustained.

Last Saturday evening, will be presented several degrees funnier than "A Stranger in a Strange Land." At the matinee tomorrow "The Marriage of Kitty" will be produced.

AN INVASION OF GUATEMALA.

All Indications Point to a Strenuous Time in That Republic.

Mexico City, Mar. 24.—A coasting vessel arriving recently at a lower California port reports having seen many empty Mauser rifle cases floating on the water. It is believed that the rifles taken from these cases have been furnished to the forces which are said to be planning an invasion of Guatemala.

It is asserted that another war in Guatemala is probable. The Guatemalan rebels in the guise of laborers, it is said, are congregating at various points along the Guatemalan frontiers. The government of Salvador is also reported in readiness to aid the rebels, as soon as a revolution shall have been launched.

THEY WANT MORE PAY.

Machinists All Over Grand Trunk System Have Applied For 25 Per Cent. Increase.

Toronto, Ont. Mar. 24.—(Special.)—Grand Trunk machinists all over the system in Canada have petitioned for an increase of 25 per cent in their wages, committees at the different terminal points with their request. Every superintendent will investigate the condition in his locality and report to F. H. McLaughlin, Fourth Vice President of the company, who will decide the matter.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

During the past week a number of citizens have visited the Seamen's Institute. After looking over the clean, comfortable, home-like, old Chipman house, and enquiring into the methods of work, they stated that the Institute was doing a good work.

On learning further that the Seamen look to the Institute to take the place of home, where they could come and enjoy a social evening together, and when in trouble they can get counsel and help, many expressed their delight, and especially at seeing the young sailor lads writing long letters to mothers and friends.

Also hearing of the large number who had sent in requests for Bibles and good reading matter, and looking over the long list of temperance pledges signed, and the very large number who had attended the religious services, they were unanimous in saying the Institute was a centre for practical christianity, and they hoped it would continue to advance just as it had in the past ten years.

THE GOVERNOR'S DINNER.

Fredericton, March 24.—(Special.)—Governor Snowball entertained the following ladies and gentlemen to dinner at the Government House, last evening:—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Osman, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Glasier, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. G. Young, Dibley, T. Carleton Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Flewelling, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Mrs. J. W. Bridges, Captain Carleton, R. S. Parker.

ICE HOUSES BURNED.

Chicago, Mar. 24.—Storage ice houses containing 150,000 tons of ice belonging to Swift & Co., have been burned. Before the first fire company arrived, the building valued at \$3,500 was destroyed and most of the contents, valued at \$60,000 had slid back into the lake from which it was taken during the winter.

THINGS JAPANESE.

Japan has seventy-five cotton spinning and weaving mills, with an aggregate capacity of 1,294,490 spindles, of which 1,065,657 are in regular working. These have a working time of from 12 to 22 1/2 hours a day. The largest individual monthly production is the 2,107,191 pounds, turned out by the Kanegakuni cotton spinning mill. Other mills turn out monthly 1,870,625 and 1,412,533 and 1,211,414 pounds respectively. Many of the mills run night and day for all the days of the month, including holidays.

Japan will in future construct all her war vessels at home, unless circumstances compel her to act otherwise. She has equipped extensive yards, shops and gun and armour foundries. The yards are now busy on an extensive building programme, including the construction of two large armored vessels. Japan's fourth domestic loan is \$100,000,000, half of which is issued first at 90 with interest at six percent, to run seven years. Japanese bankers favor these terms, and patriotism does the rest.

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HARCOURT NEWS.

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Mrs. Thomas Ingram left yesterday for a visit to Nova Scotia. She will stay a few days in Moncton on her way.

Last night the death occurred of Mrs. Hattie Comeau, (nee Nicholson), wife of Amos Comeau of Joggins, N. S. She died here at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson. Deceased was some twenty-three years of age, and was married only last spring. She left no child.

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Mrs. Annie Bryant has moved into the McDougall house which she purchased last week from Alexander Murray.

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DON'TS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

(Pittsburg Despatch.)

BOYS. Don't wear your hat in the house. Don't sit while a caller stands. Don't get into the habit of using slang. Vulgar expressions denote degeneracy.

Don't be ashamed of gallantry toward women and girls. A gentleman is always courteous toward the opposite sex.

Don't fall into bad habits with the fixed intention of "swearing off" as you grow older. Habits formed in youth accompany one to the grave, bad habits opening burying their victims before their time.

Don't speak of your father as "the governor," nor your mother as "the madam." If you do not show respect to your parents, you must not look to the world, to respect you.

GIRLS.

Don't be rude toward your brothers. Boys' feelings are as sensitive as girls'. Don't forget that you owe the same respect and obedience to your father, that you do to your mother. Often the rightful head of the house, is placed at the foot, through sheer thoughtlessness on the part of his family.

Don't forget that it is in most cases the father who devotes his life in work, and worry, to provide for his family, and show him the gratitude he deserves.

Don't have secrets from your mother. Remember, that she was a girl once, like yourself, and that she will prove the most sympathetic confidant in the world, for she holds your happiness and welfare at heart.

ANOTHER DOCTOR'S TROUBLE.

(Harper's Weekly.) A prominent physician in Baltimore had lost his night key; the door was locked; he was cold from a long ride; and the more he rang the night bell the more the suspicion grew in his mind that some one had chloroformed the entire household. Finally, however, his sister was aroused by a long ring of the bell. Hastily throwing a loose gown over her nightdress, she hurried to the door. Opening the door the least bit in order not to present her dishevelled to an intruding eye, she shouted through the crack, in a tone of sleepy impatience, "The doctor's out," and was about to close the door, when the physician thrust one foot through, at the same time exclaiming:—

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TERRY SCORES.

Sweet Lavender at the York Theatre Was a Highly Artistic Treat.

Edward Terry, tagged as the greatest comedian in England, made the acquaintance of St. John yesterday in a singularly unobtrusive manner, but his welcome was a royal one. He gave two performances at the York theatre, both of which were very largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

In the afternoon, he produced "The House of Burnside" followed by "Burdell vs Pickwick." In the first Mr. Terry essayed the role of Richard Burnside and in the latter he played Sergt. Buzhuz. Both were excellently done, and he received capable support from his company.

The chief interest in Terry's appearance here, however, centred in his presentation of Dick Phenyl, in "Sweet Lavender," a part which he created and has played for over 4,000 times.

Terry's Dick Phenyl is a treat and it proved a sufficiently powerful magnet to draw a large and fashionable assemblage to the York Theatre last night. All were thoroughly satisfied as to Terry's great ability as shown in his portrayal of Phenyl. A finer conception has never been seen here.

"Sweet Lavender" is one of A. W. Pinero's earliest plays, written before he became afflicted with the problem play mania. Its name indicates its character. It is sweet, old-fashioned, and wholesome, but, at the same time it is inclined to be crude or amateurish. Pinero's problem plays may be abused, as they perhaps deserve, but they hold your interest. "Sweet Lavender," without Terry's Phenyl would hardly do that, which shows that Pinero's technique has improved, even if his moral tone does not ring true, for his problem plays are much more recent productions than that in which Terry shines.

"Sweet Lavender" contains a few really refreshing bits and one of them is the charmingly frank manner in which Minnie Gilliland releases her former sweetheart when she finds that corroding time has worked material changes in their affections, and they have as a consequence outgrown their mutual love. This little bit was charmingly done by Mr. A. Hyton Allen and Miss Olive Wilton, who by the way is one of the most vicious and pleasing ingenues seen here for many days.

Mr. Lovell, as Horace Broom, a young American, did good work, but the manner in which the character was portrayed evidently as the author intended, if the standard of Mr. Terry's own part may be taken as a criterion, was not true. There may be young Americans whose principal characteristics are impertinence and brass, partially covered by a slight veneer of polish, but in real life, such a character would hardly be tolerated by a young English girl of such evident good-breeding as Miss Gilliland.

But of all the characters in the play there is just one drawn from nature life—a character of such vitality and naturalness, that he brings to mind similar types in real life. Beside him, the others are counterfeits, that have been tagged, labelled, and classified, on the stage many a time.

This original one is Richard Phenyl, Esq., as he styles himself, big of heart, and often of head, fussy, pedantic, quaint, self-sacrificing, and tender—a delightful character, standing out as far above the others as Mr. Terry does above the other members of his company. Mr. Terry's production of "Sweet Lavender" is a one-man play, and he is the man. His technique and knowledge of stage craft, is perfect, and although his part is not a compelling one, yet he aroused much enthusiasm in his audience.

Miss Terry, as Lavender, made the most of her opportunities, but aside from her love scenes with Mr. Allen, she has little to do. Her love passages were exquisite, but on the whole, she seemed hardly sufficiently matured for the deeper emotion of the role.

Altogether, however, the performance was one of those treats that fall all too seldom to the lot of St. John theatre-goers. Mr. Terry and his company left for Halifax, last night, after the performance.

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