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REFORM POSTPONED.

St. John is to have for another year a city council differing in no important particular from the present one. The Citizens' League has thrown up the sponge for a period of twelve months, or, if the present aldermen have their way, for two years.

Of course it is explained that the League will support certain of the present aldermen, and other candidates who approve of the League platform, but there will be no heart in the fight, and it is not very clear that aldermen whom the League executive was pleased to endorse are any better than those it did not endorse.

It is also true that the League will fight against a two-year term, and announces that it will continue its labors until next year and then have a strong ticket in the field. The latter assurance may be gratifying to those who desire a better administration of civic affairs, but matters of greater importance have to be dealt with this year than are likely to come up next year. Moreover, the League in effect gives the present aldermen every inducement to enjoy themselves, this year, since it tells them that next year they may be kicked out. They are not good enough for next year, but they may browse around during the present year, until the League brings up its heavy artillery.

The Times must confess a feeling of keen disappointment at the present failure of a movement which apparently had behind it the hearty support of the majority of the citizens. This paper may perhaps extract some comfort from the fact that the League executive have, even at the eleventh hour, come around to its way of thinking, and declared for a district system of elections. The Times observed some time ago that it would be one of the ironies of fate if the League, because it would not adopt the district system, should fail to secure desirable candidates. That is what has happened.

But if the League confess itself unable to accomplish reform this year, there is the more reason for continued agitation. The League still exists. The names of a great many leading citizens are on its roll, and their pledge binds them to continue to work for the city's welfare. If they continue to exist as an aggressive organization, and have a watchful eye on the doings of the council, their influence will unquestionably affect civic legislation, even if they should have no members at the council board to enforce their views. It would be simply farcical if the League should now disband or relax its efforts for the benefit of the city. Its work has only begun.

A CASE IN POINT.

In view of the city's effort to get a reasonable arrangement with regard to the street railway, the following from the Toronto Globe is of special interest, and is commended to the attention of the legislators at Fredericton.

The earnings of the Toronto Street Railway continue to grow with considerable rapidity. The earnings for March this year totalled \$207,013.72 against \$183,043.18 last year. The return to the city will show a slight increase over these figures, because the company only reckon the fare box figures, while the city calculates all tickets sold during the month as well as the cash fares. The city's percentage will be \$82,000 or a little over.

The Toronto street railway last month paid the city over \$1000 per day.

Gov. Folk of Missouri makes these striking remarks about the necessity of law enforcement:

"There is entirely too little respect for law in America. In every state we find laws a nullity for policy's sake. Such a thing is unknown in any other land. Disregard of one law breeds disrespect of all law. In allowing some laws to go unenforced, we reap a harvest in having all laws broken. The law may not be to one's liking, but the answer 'It is the law,' should be sufficient for the law-abiding. Good men will observe even bad laws. It should be that all men, good and bad, be compelled to keep all law, good and bad, because it is the law."

The public will await with intense interest further information relative to the alleged action of the papal legate in connection with the province of Manitoba. The statement of Hon. Mr. Rogers is very explicit, but it is stated on the other hand that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had no part in the affair. As it now appears, the recall of the papal legate may be expected.

Speaking of the wretchedness of life in London, H. Rider Haggard says:—Unless the evils brought

about by this congestion of the masses in cities is stopped, western civilization is in danger of being swept away by a conquering Eastern people, who hate the virtues of their country, and are not afflicted with the western evils.

A pleasing illustration of the kinder side of political relations is shown in connection with the death of E. F. Clarke, M. P. He was a generous man, and died poor. A testimonial for the benefit of his family was started, and now totals about \$18,500.

In the first three months of this year permits representing a value of \$1,186,768 for new buildings in Toronto were issued, compared with \$477,675 in the like period of 1904. The number of buildings was 275, compared with 150. This is a very notable increase.

Judge Dunne was elected mayor of Chicago yesterday on a radical municipal ownership platform. His republican opponent also favored the principle of municipal ownership, but wanted a referendum before action was taken. The action of Chicago yesterday is a sign of the times.

The St. John board of trade has endorsed the appeal of the P. E. Island people for a tunnel to the mainland, and for immediate service a powerful ice-breaker. All the members of parliament from the maritime provinces should unite in support of this appeal.

The provincial factory act as adopted will not inflict hardship on any manufacturer, nor materially change present conditions. It is well, however, to have such an act on the statute book, to which appeal may be made if serious occasion should arise.

If the government should take over the Caraquez and N. B. Southern railways, there are several others also ready to be absorbed.

OBITUARY.

Capt. J. D. Chartrand.

Capt. J. D. Chartrand, professor of French at the Royal Military College, at Kingston, Ont., died there on April 3rd. He was born at St. Vincent de Paul in 1853.

A LONGFELLOW EVENING.

The St. Andrew's church guild will present a very pleasing entertainment next Monday evening in the vestry of the church. Selections from Longfellow will be read by Mrs. E. A. Smith, and will be interspersed with musical numbers taken from the same author. Among those who will contribute to the evening's enjoyment will be—Mrs. S. Kent Scovil, Mrs. J. M. Barnes, Mrs. F. C. McNeil, Miss Beatrice Sutherland, Miss Munroe; Miss Elsie McLean, A. Chip Ritchie, and others.

HARCOURT NEWS.

Harcourt, April 4.—Lennox P. MacMichael, for the last few months stationed at Campbellton, returned yesterday to resume his position as night agent on the I. C. R. station here. Larkin Morton, who has been supplying for Mr. MacMichael, will take a similar position at Kent Junction. Fred Fearon of Bass River, went to Winnipeg yesterday. Miss M. Ruth Thurber, has engaged to teach the Kent Junction school, the balance of the term. Bass River school, which has been closed since New Year for lack of teachers, re-opened yesterday, under the principalship of A. E. Pearson.

POLICE REPORTS

A child's glove found on Union street has been left at the central police station. A team owned by R. T. Worden broke down on Union street yesterday. One of the wheels was broken and the load which consisted of hay was removed. A piece of skipping rope found outside a King street store, has been left at the central police station. Dr. Berryman was called into Britain street lockup yesterday to put some stitches in a cut in John Duke-shire's arm. The police were called into George Adams' house, on Sheffield street yesterday to suppress a disturbance. The water hydrant at the corner of Waterloo and Peter's streets is broken, and requires attention. The police were called into Gilbert Worden's house on Brook street, yesterday to quell a disturbance.

ANNUAL REUNION.

Tomorrow night Waterloo street Free Baptist church will hold its annual reunion and Roll-call meeting. The pastor has written every member of the church, both resident and non-resident, in the view of receiving responses from each of them. The resident members will be expected to report themselves personally, and the non-residents will report by letter. The clerk will call the roll of members. A large attendance is expected.

ANOTHER CRANK "WITH A MISSION."

He Was Sent by "Pyrus, God of Fire" to Kill a Governor.

Topeka, Kas April 4.—An insane man who gives his name as J. Everett Worthington, whose former place of residence, the police have been unable to learn, has been captured within a block of the state house, where he said he was going to kill Governor Hoch. The man was unarmed, but he is of a powerful build, and undoubtedly would have handled the Chief Executive roughly, had he not been intercepted.

Communication with the man is held by means of written questions and answers, as he pretends to be deaf and dumb. In answer to a question as to what his purpose was with the Governor, Worthington said:

"I was inspired by Pyrus, the God of fire, to come here and kill Governor Hoch. I have sworn eternal vengeance against all statesmen who pretend that they are self-made men. If it had not been for this officer who captured me, Governor Hoch would have been no more, for when I was arrested, I was on my way to the capitol to kill him. One who had risen from obscurity to a high place, is the worst enemy of the impetuous gentee. Therefore, I hate Hoch."

Worthington dresses well, and has the appearance of a man of intelligence. He is tall and strong.

KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE.

No Food Procurable and Great Distress Prevails at Dharmasala.

Lahore, Punjab, India, April 5.—The hill station of Dharmasala, was practically razed to the ground by the earthquake. The native quarter was entirely obliterated, many of the inhabitants were buried in the ruins, most of the houses in the European quarter were wrecked and nine persons were killed.

The people are sleeping in the open air, food is not procurable, and the great distress prevailing is accentuated by keen frost. The entire population is encamped on the adjoining hillsides without protection and without medical aid. A relief party was despatched from here to Dharmasala today.

The Europeans killed at Dharmasala were Mrs. Robinson, wife of the colonial commanding the troops there, and her two daughters, Mrs. Holderness, Captain Muircroft and three members of the Indian civil service.

A DIVORCE BILL.

Montreal Couple Find Difficulty in Severing Marital Knot.

Ottawa, April 5.—(Special)—An act for the divorce of Edward Albert Murphy of Montreal, from his wife, Margaret Dillon, also of Montreal, was up before the private bills committee today. Mr. Lavergne, of Drummond and Arthabaska, pointed out that the parties were Roman Catholics and consequently not entitled to divorce. Suit could be taken in Quebec for a separation. Mr. Monk and Mr. Belcourt said that as the question had been raised, it would be better to leave the matter over for further consideration instead of pressing the objections. The bill was allowed to stand.

IN SORRY PLIGHT.

An immigrant who arrived at Sand Point, Monday, had his baggage stolen, and had to proceed without it. He had left it for a moment to make some inquiries as to the departure of the train, and when he returned it was gone. He was very much disturbed at the loss of his property, saying that it was all he had in the world. Officer Lee was notified and at once set to work to locate the missing baggage. After a long search the baggage was found in a house a short distance away. It had been hidden by the parties who had carried it away, and was accidentally found by the people living in the house.

The owner of the baggage had gone before it was found, but Officer Lee secured his address and will see that his goods are forwarded at once.

EXCHANGING IDEAS

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ENJOYABLE CONCERT AT THE OLD LADIES' HOME.

About thirty or forty ladies and gentlemen friends of the inmates of the Old Ladies' Home, went down to the institution last evening, and presented a most enjoyable concert, which was very much appreciated by all who live in the building. In addition to the programme as listed below, there were a number of old fashioned choruses sung, which were heartily applauded. Among the numbers on the programme was a solo by Mrs. S. B. Blizzard, who, although she is past the four-score mark, has not forgotten how to sing and she was listened to with great pleasure. That the efforts of the party who carried out the programme, were appreciated, was evidenced by the fact that they were urged by the ladies to come again, and come often, as these affairs are very much enjoyed by all.

The programme was as follows:—Solo—Fred McKean. Reading—John Salmon. Solo—Wm. H. Bustin. Violin solo—Miss Nellie Thompson. Solo—Mrs. Tufts. Duet—Mrs. Tufts and Mrs. Dean. Solo—Mrs. S. B. Blizzard. Choruses—Gus Bustin, pianist. At the close of the entertainment, refreshments were served.

FINED FOR DOG FIGHTING.

The case against Albert Holme for fighting dogs on Germain street, was resumed before Judge Ritchie yesterday afternoon. Holme was found guilty and fined \$8.

When the magistrate announced his decision, H. H. Pickett who appeared for Holme, said he would appeal the case and the fine was paid under protest. J. King Kelley appeared on behalf of Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A., who prosecuted. One of the witnesses examined was a boy fourteen years of age, who did not know the nature of an oath. The boy also shocked his honor by his ignorance of the ten commandments and was advised to go home and learn them.

When the name of Margaret McNamee was called by the magistrate the sergeant announced that she was too drunk to appear before the bar of justice.

AT YORK THEATRE.

Another big audience witnessed the second performance of The Golden Giant Mine, last evening, at the York Theatre. That the Sheesley-Young's Co. have made a very strong impression on the theatre-going public of St. John, is proven by the splendid houses which greet them nightly. The Golden Giant Mine is a melodrama, which pleases everybody, being full of good, pure comedy, and thrilling situations. The Barlows in their revolving break-away ladder specialty, present an act which proves them artists of unusual ability. Mr. Mullaney's songs were also much enjoyed. For the last half of the week, the great melodrama, The Streets of New York is announced.

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A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Prospects For a Good Year in the Lumber Business.

If the weather conditions are favorable, it is probable that the lumber mills\* of this vicinity, will start operations in a few days. It is expected that the coming season will be a very profitable one for St. John lumbermen. The American market has never been in better condition than at present, and the prospects are that prices will advance. A recent letter from a New York firm states that the market for laths is very firm, and prospects of prices advancing. There is a strong demand for timber and piling is also quoted as very strong with upward tendencies. There is little or no change in the English market, at present.

With good prices prevailing, and the mills all running, it would appear that St. John would enjoy a summer of prosperity, and it only remains for the weather-man to furnish the proper atmospheric conditions, for the work to commence.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS.

Devoted Priest at Molokai Has Contracted Leprosy.

Honolulu, April 5.—The Star says that Brother Serapion Von Koop, of the leper settlement at Molokai, is the victim of leprosy. His case is similar to that of Father Damien. Brother Von Koop, who is a native of Holland, went to the settlement in 1895—Eighteen months ago he detected signs of the disease in his system and came to Honolulu, where an examination confirmed his fears. He returned to the settlement where he is now living as a ward instead of a helper.

A SPRING NEED.

The Indoor Life of Winter is Hard on the Health.

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. The reason—close confinement indoors during the winter months, breathing the impure air of badly ventilated houses, offices and work-shops. The trouble may manifest itself in a variable appetite, little pimples or eruptions of the skin, a feeling of weariness, and perhaps an occasional headache, or a twinge of neuralgia or rheumatism. Perhaps you think the trouble will pass away—but it won't unless you drive it out of the system by putting the blood right with a health-giving tonic. And there is only one absolutely certain, blood-renewing, nerve-restoring tonic—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Thousands of grateful people have testified that these pills are the best of all spring medicines. They actually make new blood; they brace the nerves and strengthen every organ of the body. They make tired, depressed ailing men, women and children bright, active and strong. Mrs. N. Ferguson, Ashfield, N. S., says: "For the benefit it may be to others I take much pleasure in saying that I have found wonderful benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began taking them I was so badly run down that I could scarcely go about the house. I was also troubled with palpitation of the heart and weak spells, but the pills have fully restored me and I am now enjoying better health than I ever expected to have again."

AFTER AMERICANS.

St. Johns, N. B., April 5.—Premier Bond introduced on the legislature last night, a bill to increase the stringency of the bait act. The government also has despatched the revenue cruiser Perona with Inspector O'Reilly and Magistrate Avery, and a force of regular police preventative officers to begin a campaign against American fishing vessels which may attempt to secure bait in these waters.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Harkins company gave an excellent performance of The Marriage of Kitty at the Opera House last evening. Miss Van Duser and Mr. Jones were loudly applauded for their singing. There will be a matinee this afternoon, when the great melodrama Lost in New York will be presented with singing and dancing specialties by Miss Leslie and Mr. Poland.

Tonight, by request, will be repeated the thrilling detective play, The Sign of the Four, by Sir A. Conan Doyle, dramatized from the Sherlock Holmes stories. It is one of the most intense and interesting plays presented in years. It is in four acts, divided as follows: Act 1, Sherlock Holmes' lodgings; act 2, the murder. The Sign of the Four; act 3, the old boat house on the Thames, the victims' last stand; act 4, Pondicherry Lodge, the treasure of Agra.

Thursday evening will be presented the dramatic sensation of the year, and pronounced by critics to be the greatest play ever written, Meryly Mary Ann.

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