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TROUBLE BREEDERS.

The morning papers devote considerable space to the question of the appointment of Mr. H. G. Hunter as resident engineer for the waterworks extension. These journals appear to take more seriously than it desrves a rather foolish effort of the St. John Star to pose as the organ and friend of labor. The Star last evening printed with scare headlines an assertion by an alleged labor leader that if a "Yankee" engineer were engaged the alien labor law would be invoked. The name of this labor leader was not given. He may have been an imaginary personage, or he may be a gentlemen who is just now an applicant for a government job, and wants the support of the unions, his anxiety for the welfare of the laborers increasing with his eagerness to get a place where there will be little or no labor for himself.

Neither the city council nor the contractors have thus far shown the slightest disposition to discriminate in favor of "Yankee" or other foreign labor. It is time enough to say "good morning" to the devil when you meet him. Any uncalled for attempt to arouse prejudice or stir up strife should be promptly condemned by the labor unions as well as by the general public. It is to the interest of every laboring man as well as of every other man in the city to have the water system extended to Loch Lomond, and to have the work so well done that it will not have to be done over again. If in the opinion of the city council and the consulting engineer it is in the interests of St. John to have as resident engineer a man who has had a great deal of practical experience in that particular kind of work, there should be no objection on the part of those who are not engineers themselves, but who have a personal interest in seeing the work well done.

The cry about "Yankee" engineers is especially inopportune, since Mr. Barbour, a native of St. John, is freely permitted to pursue his vocation as an engineer in the United States. And there is hardly a member of the labor organizations of St. John who has not a relative or friend living and working in the United States.

Let us by all means employ home labor to the largest extent possible, but let us not emulate the ridiculous example of the mayor of Halifax, who shut out Mr. Barbour, a St. John man, because he had his office in Boston.

The labor men of St. John have not as a body said one word against the employment of Mr. Hunter. The Times believes that they will not do so but rather that they will resent the officiousness of trouble makers who have an axe to grind.

The other question, of the employment of men, and the wages to be paid, by the contractors, is not at present an issue, and there is no present need to discuss it.

The contractors say, and the people believe, that as citizens they will desire to employ home labor as much as possible, and until they do otherwise they have a right to protest against efforts to arouse prejudice against them.

RUBBER CULTURE.

An article on the Ubero Plantation swindle, that appeared in this paper on Thursday has been interpreted by a gentleman who is interested in the subject as implying that the cultivation of rubber is impracticable. Such was not, however, the intention of the article. Rubber is being cultivated successfully in Mexico, and has passed the experimental stage in Ceylon. It is native to Mexico, but not to Ceylon, and therefore the success of Ceylon planters proves the possibilities of the industry. A Ceylon planter, writing to The India Rubber World in November last said; —"I am having a very good year here, and shall get very nearly two pounds of dry rubber per tree, and am averaging five shillings net; so shall show a clear profit of £80 sterling (about $390) per acre." A gentleman who is claimed to be the best authority in America, says that Mexico has as bright prospects as Ceylon. There are rubber plantations in Mexico, that are yielding rubber, and others coming along toward maturity. George Cullen Pearson, himself a Mexican plantation owner, in an article to the India Rubber World, writes:—"Rubber culture has no need of false encouragement based on exaggerated estimates as to result. The actual facts as proven by those who have expended much time, care and capital in developing this industry warrant a firm belief in its sure and lasting success."

The Times quotes these statements merely to show that rubber culture has been shown to be possible and profitable. The article of Thursday showed that what is possible and profitable as a legitimate enterprise may be made a trap for the unwary. The like is true of gold mines, industrial enterprises and many others that are perfectly safe under proper conditions and proper management. The distinction between the false and the true must be discovered by the investor himself. That it is not always made is proved by the history of the Ubero plantation.

A FRIEND OF BRITAIN.

Touching the reported resignation of M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, a London cable today says:—

"It is a long time since the fate of any foreign minister has been watched with such keen attention in Great Britain as is M. Delcasse's today. Part author of the Anglo-French entente, M. Delcasse, by his long and skilful conduct of foreign affairs, has come to be regarded here as the embodiment of the new era of stability in French policy, which has raised France to a position of great influence in Europe. It is unanimously admitted that his downfall would be a great victory for the German emperor, and the strongest hopes are expressed that M. Delcasse will consent to reconsider his intention to retire from the French cabinet at this time, when so many delicate questions of policy are requiring the ablest men at the helm."

MAKING HISTORY.

The following soothing and cheering news from the wild west was received in last night's despatches from Glenwood Springs, Col:—

"In spite of the fact that he rode 25 miles from the President's camp yesterday, Secretary Loeb spent several hours in the saddle today after disposing of an unusually heavy mail. Preparations are under way to give President Roosevelt a royal welcome on May 14, when he will arrive from Redstone to spend the night before returning to Washington. The pelt of the bear killed by the President is being prepared as a rug. The skull is to be added to the collection of C. Hart Merriam, biologist of the department of agriculture."

Future generations will remember with pride, as they gaze upon the skull of the Roosevelt bear, that Secretary Loeb spent several hours in the saddle after disposing of an unusually heavy mail. His devotion and endurance have few parallels in the history of Colorado.

The following despatch from Winnipeg illustrates the increasing interest of English immigrants in Canada as a future home.—"That one-fourth of the entire population of a village in England should, with one accord, decide to emigrate to Canada is quite a remarkable movement, but this is what has occurred this spring. "There will be a very strong emigration out from England to this country this year, I am sure," said Mr. Holbridge of the Midlands." Near where I lived was a village of 500 inhabitants, and I know for a certainty that over 150 people from that place alone have come to Canada this spring to build up new homes."

The Ontario government does not believe in permitting corporations to rule municipalities. The Toronto News says:—"Hon. Adam Beck proposed an amendment to an electric railway charter this morning, providing that the government shall be authorized to enter upon the right of way for the construction of electric transmission lines for the benefit of any municipality. This would indicate the adoption by the government of a progressive policy in this important matter."

THE CHOICE OF A PARTNER.

The "Choice of a Partner" was the subject of J. Ritchie Bell's address at the west end Methodist church, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bell first spoke of the necessity of making such choice and then warned young women against marrying dissipated young men in the hope of reforming them afterwards. Such a hope he had never seen realized; but had known men to reform before marriage through the influence of the women they loved. Mr. Bell will conduct closing services tomorrow. In the morning he will preach at the Free Baptist church, where in the afternoon a mass meeting for men only will be held. On that occasion Mr. Bell is to speak on 'The Problem of Problems." In the evening Mr. Bell preaches at the Methodist church, and at the close of the service a farewell meeting will be held.

The Methodist and Free Baptist churches in the west end have been greatly helped by Mr. Bell's visit and quite a number of additions have been made to the membership roles.

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THE COUNTRY MARKET.

There were a great many countrymen in the market this morning, and a large variety of produce of all kinds for the Easter trade. Lamb is scarce and high, $1.50 to $2.00 being asked for a quarter. Veal is very plentiful and price moderate. Butter and eggs are firm and scarce. There is a great display of flowers and the south side of the building is a veritable flower garden. Cut blossoms and potted plants are shown in great profusion.

The retail prices this morning were as follows:—Beef, 8c. lb; veal, 8c-16c; mutton, 10c.—14c; pork, 12c.-14c; corned beef, 10c; hams and bacon, 16c.-18c; chickens $1.00-$1.50; fowl, $1.00-$1.50; turkeys, 22c-24c; rabbitts, (alive) 60c. pr; squash, 4c; celery, 18c; parsley, 5c; radish, 5c-7c; spinach, 30c; pk.; mint, 5c; cucumbers, 15c; beet greens, 12c; beets and carrots, 30c; parsnips, 40c; turnips, 18c; cabbage, 8c.-15c; lettuce, 6c; rhubarb, 12c. lb; cranberries, 12c. qt; eggs, 14c.-15c; butter in tubs, 22c-24c; in rolls, 24c.-26c; creamery, 27c; maple candy, 20c. lb; sugar, 12c.14c; syrup, $1.00-$1.10 a gal.; 30c. a bottle.

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THE CANADIAN LOST AT GOLF.

Geo. D. Lyon and a Partner Beaten in a Four Ball Game Yesterday.

New York, April 22.—A most interesting four-ball match was played at Garden City L. I., between four of the most expert players in the country, and despite the high wind some excellent golf was played. Walter J. Travis, present champion of Great Britain, and George D. Lyon, the Canadian champion, who won the Olympic championship at St. Louis last fall, when he defeated H. Chandler Egan, champion of the U. S. Golf association, in the final round, were pitted against Willie Anderson, open champion of the U. S., and R. C. Watson, jr., one of the most promising of the younger class of players.

Through the able work of Anderson, who was well supported by his partner, the two amateur champions were beaten by 4 up and 2 to play.

Individually by comparing the scores of the four-ball match Travis beat Lyon by 4 up and 3 to play; Anderson beat Lyon by 4 up and 2 to play, and Watson by 6 up and 5 to play.

Further comparison shows that Anderson beat Travis by 1 up and Watson by 2 up, and 1 to play, while Travis and Watson broke even. Lyon did not win any of the holes in the four-ball match, while Travis and Watson each won two and Anderson 5, the others being halved.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

(Montreal Witness.)

Andrew Carnegie sent this message to the newly-elected Mayor of Chigo: 'Tell Judge Dunne not to stop till every public utility that can be made the subject of private monopoly has been placed under the control and operation of the city.' There is no man in America who knows more of the inner workings of corporations than the great ironmaster of Pittsburg. Though he never was an operator in public franchises, he thoroughly understands the value of the privilege of taxing the public by being able to fix the price of articles in general use. He knows how a cent or two, which seems a mere nothing to the individual, means millions to the monopolist and that, consequently, a franchise which confers the power to tax the public in the minutest way has in that power its most valuable asset. Hence it is that every public franchise company capitalizes this privilege and makes the necessities of the public and the period of its contract tangible property worth so many millions, on which dividends have to be paid. In this way the public is not only made to pay for the service rendered more than it is worth, but is also taxed heavy interest or an enormous asset which it has given away for nothing. This is considerably more than Mr. Carnegie was able to do in his iron trade under the operation of a protective tariff. His support of public ownership of public utilities will be accepted as disinterested. He has 'made his pile' and can afford to be sincere. His message to Judge Dunne will help to educate the people to an understanding of the fact that, it is their own fault if they make their servants their masters by giving them the power to tax them.

One great drawback to municipal ownership of public utilities on this continent has been politics in management and the taking over of old plants. Taunton, Massachusetts, which sometime ago acquired the ownership of the lighting plant of the city, has abandoned it and built a new one. Three cities and seventeen towns in Massachusetts have now acquired ownership of lighting plants. Holyoke has the largest amount invested, and it was obliged, by legal provision, to purchase the existing company's plant at a cost of $950,000, whereas an electric lighting plant for only public lighting could have been built for $150,000. Mayor Chapin deplores this necessity, as it puts such a different face upon municipal ownership from what it would have if the initial outlay were concerned only with the present value of the plant and not with past charges heaped upon it and water added to the investment. The Holyoke people moreover find that labor costs them fifty percent. more than it did the company, and that the total gas cost is $1.18 per thousand feet—with the burden of the old plant. The cost of electric lighting has been reduced from $147 in 1896, to $73 per light. Considering the disabilities under which it labored in having to purchase a deeply watered and old plant, and to pay so much more for labor, the city has not done so badly in finding itself able to cut the price of gas from $1.35 to $1.20, and of electric light to 10 cents a kilowatt from a former rate of 25 cents.

There's a Reason.

A rainbow in the sky is the symbol of purity and perfection of color. That is why the name was chosen for Rainbow Cut Plug Smoking Tobacco, which is a pure and perfect smoke for the pipe.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The moving pictures continue to please large gatherings at the Opera House. Few of the pictures at present on exhibition have been shown on previous visits of the Vitagraph Company, and are therefore watched with great interest. The views of the city are attracting much attention, and it is possible to pick out many familiar faces from the crowds which were snapped by the camera last fall.

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