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THE NEXT COUNCIL

The work of organization in every ward of the city should be proceeded with at once, in order that in each one a strong and capable man may be nominated and elected to the city council. The time that intervenes before the date of election is short, and meetings should be held and strong men urged to accept a nomination. The citizens have it in their power to choose and elect the most capable council the city has known for years. The mere fact that a man has ambitions and wants to be elected may in the great majority of cases be taken as evidence that he should be left at home. The responsibility and the call for active work is greatest to those who most favored a return to the ward system. They believed it would result in better candidates. But candidates of the most desirable kind will not thrust themselves forward. The people must take the initiative. Let a group of good citizens in each ward set out to find out the right sort of candidate, and then work zealously for his election. Let every sectional hint or suggestion be disregarded, and a determined and united effort made to elect only the most capable business men.

A GREAT CONGRESS

Canadians will be interested in the first National Arbitration and Peace Congress ever held in the United States, not only because Earl Grey will attend, but because it will be the most important gathering in the interests of international arbitration ever held on this continent.

The congress will be held from April 14th to 17th, and a body of some twenty or thirty distinguished Europeans who are to be present at the dedication of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburg, as guests of Andrew Carnegie, on April 11th, will afterwards attend the congress. The following list of names of these delegates is published:—

From Great Britain—Dr. John Rhys, principal of Jesus College, Oxford University; Dr. E. S. Roberts, master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University; Sir William Turner, principal of Edinburgh University; the Very Rev. John Marshall Long, principal of Aberdeen University; Sir Robert Cranston, lord provost of Edinburgh; W. T. Stead, editor of the "Review of Reviews"; C. F. Moberly Bell, manager of the London "Daily Graphic," Clement K Shorter, editor of the London "Sphere," and others. From France—Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, member of the French senate, head of the French section of the International Peace Conference; J. Th. Homolle, director of the Louvre, Paris; Leonce Benedite, director of the Luxembourg gallery, Paris; Professor Marcelin Boule, director of the Museum of Natural History; Camille Enlart, director of the Trocadero Museum at Paris. From Germany—Lieut. Gen. Alfred F. J. L. von Loewenfeld, general adjutant of his majesty, the emperor, commander of the first division of the infantry guard; Theodore von Moeller, minister of state, member of the Reichstag, privy councillor, takes an active interest in the amelioration of the condition of workmen; Dr. Reinhold Koser, chief director of Prussian state archives, upper privy councillor; Friedrich S. Archenhold, astronomer, director of Theptow Observatory; Professor Fritz Schaper, sculptor, made busts of the emperor, Bismark, Von Moltke, Luther; Ernest E. von Ihne, court architect to his majesty, the emperor. From Belgium—Baron Descamps, minister of state, senator, professor of international law, member of The Hague Court of Arbitration. From Holland—The well known novelist, "Maarten Maartens," who is J. M. W. Van der Poorten-Schiartz.

Among the speakers from the United States who are to address the congress are two members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, Secretary of State Elihu Root and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S Straus; Governor Charles E. Hughes Richard Barthold and other members of congress from both the senate and the house; Judge George Gray, William Jennings Bryan, Seth Low, Archbishop Farley, Bishop Potter, Rabbi Hirsch, Miss Jane Addams and the presidents of at least five leading universities.

Andrew Carnegie will preside at the congress. Those invited to speak at the great public dinner with which the meetings will conclude are President Roosevelt, President Diaz of Mexico, Lord Grey, Governor General of Canada, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. Should these four be able to attend, the function would be one of extraordinary interest, even as the congress itself will be an event of international significance.

GOVERNING CITIES

(The Daily Telegraph.)

While San Francisco and some other large American cities reveal the shocking results of the old-fashioned idea of city government under modern conditions, and while even in so small a city comparatively as St. John, the inefficiency of the old instrument is apparent, and the people recognize the need of a change, there are some cities to which the reformer may point as examples of a new and better order. Chief of these is Galveston, Texas, and Houston in the same state is another. There the government is not by aldermen elected to represent wards, but by commissioners of business men of tried business ability applying business principles. An article in April McClure's deals with this subject in a very interesting way. After contrasting Chicago and Galveston it says:

"The Texas cities are pushing their bills for commission government through their legislatures. In the Kansas and Wisconsin legislatures measures have been introduced providing for the government of cities of a certain size by commissions like that of Galveston; and a large number of individual cities throughout the country are considering charters for themselves along the line of the Galveston idea. Memphis, which for twenty-five years prospered under a form of commission government, but which lost it two years ago through political influence has a bill in the Tennessee legislature to adopt the Galveston plan, with every chance of success. The people of Memphis expressed their preference for a return to commission government last fall by a majority of three to one. Public discussions of this form of government are going on through the entire country—especial interest being shown in the cities of New England."

One of the first acts of the next St. John city council might well be to make a full enquiry into the workings of government by commission, with a view to having business principles applied to the government of this city. "Municipal government," said President Eliot of Harvard in a recent address, "is pure business and nothing else—absolutely nothing else."

The gentlemen of the press awoke this morning to learn the startling fact that in the opinion of members of a local sporting organization they are producing, not newspapers, but "flip-flops." This grave accusation was preferred at a dinner on Saturday evening, when the Marathons were assembled to celebrate a victory. But is it the fault of the newspapers that the Marathons did not draw crowds to their remote hockey rink? Up to the present time the papers have made no complaint about their treatment by the Marathons, but gave the organization quite as much publicity as if their representatives had always been treated with the utmost courtesy. Doubtless they will continue to do so, as occasion offers, despite post-prandial eloquence on the subject of "flip-flops."

Since the Thaw trial began, the "unwritten law" in one case and the "exaggerated ego," in another has saved the neck of a criminal. Thaw's fate is still in the balance, but it would surprise many people if he should fail to get away with a legal certificate of good character.

It will be unfortunate if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not able to attend the colonial conference. The opposition party will doubtless be found willing to facilitate his going. A conference of the leaders of the two parties should easily settle the matter.

The man who wrecked the York Loan and Savings Company goes to prison for five years. This will not console the domestic servants and people of small means whose savings were swallowed up, but the lesson should be of some value.

The mercury went to 92 in Washington and 85 in New York on Saturday. It was up to 70 in Boston. Yesterday a heavy snowstorm swept the coast. March is evidently the same old march.

PATTERSON IS FREE

Mr. Justice McLeod gave judgment on an application under the habeas corpus proceedings in favor of Charles Patterson, who, in January last was convicted of vagrancy, and was serving his sentence in jail.

His honor held that the warrant of commitment was illegal, and the prisoner was given his liberty Saturday night.

Patterson was convicted before the police court judge on Jan. 2 for being an habitual frequenter of a house of ill-fame and was sentenced to six months imprisonment without the option of a fine, and also to pay $50, or three months imprisonment in default.

D. Mullin, K. C., made application for Patterson's release, under the habeas corpus proceedings, before Mr. Justice McLeod, on the ground that it did not appear that the prisoner had failed to give a satisfactory account of himself as required by the statute.

Judgment was reserved and given Saturday in the prisoner's favor on the ground that the warrant of commitment was illegal.

Rev. P. J. Stackhouse has definitely decided to accept the call extended to him to go to the Campbellton church. He will preach his farewell sermon in the Tabernacle the last Sunday in April.

Mrs. E. A. Smith will deliver her popular illustrated lecture on Switzerland, before the Natural History Society tomorrow evening. The lecture will be illustrated with upwards of 80 slides.

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Like scents of withered jasmime do, it clings here, faint and dim,
A shadow of the days I knew—as mellow as a hymn.

"Maxwelton's braes are bonny"—why, I hear her singing now,
Her eyes an echo of the sky, her hair low
Her eyes an echo of the sky, her haid low
And night time creeping from the hills, with murmurs of the dusk
On winds that swept from distant rills a tang of mint and musk.

I hum it over, soft and low, my old foot beating time,
Forgetting how some measures go, and mixing up the rhyme—
Just as we find when life has spent its treasure of the years
How carelessly old time has blent our laughter and our tears.

A plain, old-fashioned song that winds its chains about the heart,
And has soft melody that finds the solace for the smart
That often comes of olden aches, of long forgotten scars—
I hum it in a voice that shakes, out here beneath the stars—

Any mystic fingers press my hand and smooth my whitened hair,
The gap of long dead years is spanned in this song sweet and fair;
And now I know why human hearts have cherished it so long,
Since from the soul is where it starts—this plain, old-fashioned song.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SHE KNEW.

An architect remarked to a lady that he had been to see the great nave in the new church.

The lady replied: "Don't mention names; I know the man to whom you refer."—The News.

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THE SYMPATHIZER.

"Croaker seems to feel a great sympathy for any one who is ill."

"Huh! his idea of sympathy is to get some poor invalid in a corner and tell him how miserable he is looking."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

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AGAIN

"Wellman is about to start for the north pole again."

"Again? He has never been there."

"No; but he has started a couple of times."—Houston Post.

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CASE OF NECESSITY.

Maud—I thought you had made Jack swear off smoking cigarettes.

Ethel—I did. But I had to let him begin again. I couldn't think of a thing to to give him for Christmas that didn't have something or other to do with tobacco.—Life.

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AT A DISADVANTAGE.

"The court fortune teller is going to resign," said one Russian official.

"Yes," answered the other: "he is at a disadvantage. If he predicts bad news, he comes into royal disfavor, and if he predicts good news, it doesn't come true."—Washington Star.

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THE MAN OF SCIENCE.

A scientist, in the employ of the government at Washington, recently met his physician in the street.

"I don't know what's the matter with me, doctor," said the man of science. "I am limping badly today. Do you think it's locomotor ataxia?"

"Scarcely that," replied the physician. "You are walking with one foot on the curb and the other in the gutter."

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SPITEFUL THING.

"I wonder who this Mrs. Tellumwhott is," says the first sweet young thing. "She has written a magazine article which says that the practice of wearing decollete dresses is shockingly immodest and betrays an astonishing lack of that delicacy of thought which should—"

"Humph!" interrupts the second sweet young thing. "I'll bet she has shoulders like a hat rack."

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PLEASANT REMINDER.

Among the passengers on board an excursion steamer making a tour round the coast was a wealthy retired plumber. One day a number of whales were sighted, and the plumber was in ecstasies.

"Pretty sight, isn't it?" remarked a lady to him.

"Beautiful, mum, beautiful!" replied the plumber. "Why, when they scoot out water like that it just reminds me of burst water pipes."—London Tit Bits.

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CORN PLANTING.

I shall not pass this way again,
May Wisdom guide my tongue and pen,
And love be mine that so I may
Plant roses all along the way.
—Clarence Urmy.

Why not plant potatoes, Clarence?—Boston Globe.
Stick to the roses, Clarence—
Dew wet roses, pink and sweet—
Also down the way you're going
Don't forget to plant your feet.
—Houston Post.

PERSONAL NOTES

(New Glasgow Chronicle.)

The minister of St. Andrew's church, Rev. Mr. McArthur, has received, or is to receive, a call from Newcastle, N. B. If Mr. McArthur decides to accept the call it will be a decided loss to New Glasgow, for he is much respected here as a minister and a citizen.

Charles A. Gray, who has been agent of the Union Bank of Halifax in Trinidad for the past few years, is expected home this spring. After a well earned vacation he will probably take charge of the St. John, N. B., agency.

CIVIC REFORM

(New Glasgow Chronicle.)

The inspector and deputy inspector were at last appointed without a nomination from those gentlemen who usually seek to have their nominee appointed. It is now up to the council to show that having administered a good licking to the would be dictators they can preserve the sobriety of the town, and do it in a constitutional way.

WHO'S AFRAID?

(New Glasgow Chronicle.)

March is March, old fashioned, blustry and cranky; it is true to itself and probably will always remain true. Blow your winds! you old ring tailed snorter, for you always do your best to kill people and always will.

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