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THE CITY COUNCIL

Occasionally an alderman charges the newspapers with unfairly holding up the city council to public ridicule, and insists that the members of the council are criticised without knowledge.

What shall be said of yesterday's exhibition at the council board? Here is a new council, holding its first meeting. Instead of manifesting that spirit of harmony which might be accepted as an indication of a desire to advance the city's interests, there was an unprofitable wrangle, with accusations and recriminations of a most unseemly sort. In the first place, the aldermen who made up the slate of the various boards desired to oust the mayor from the position of chairman of the water board. This was quite bad enough, from the mayor's standpoint, but they even went so far as to leave him off the board altogether. He retaliated by getting in an amendment which would have left off the board the man the others desired as chairman, along with another who was likely to be a supporter of that gentleman. Then the mutual distrust and ill-feeling found expression in words, and in the end the mayor lost the chairmanship and refused to act on the board in a minor capacity. One of the aldermen asserted that there was a "ring," and to accomplish anything one must get into the "ring."

What should be the attitude of the press towards this first meeting of the new council? Should its tone be one of commendation and congratulation. How would this sound?

"The city is to be congratulated upon having at last secured a dignified and business-like council. The practical and harmonious manner in which the mayor and aldermen set themselves to the task of organising the various boards, and the fine public spirit displayed in the elevating and instructive addresses delivered, must convince the taxpayers that their interests are in good hands. The utter absence of the log-rolling and clique-forming methods of former councils must give the greatest satisfaction to the citizens. It is now quite clear that the proposed good government association may abandon the field. There will be no work for it to do. St. John has at last secured an ideal city council."

JUSTICE IS HAMPERED

he eyes of the continent will be turned tomorrow on the City of Boise, Idaho, where the trial of the men charged with the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg will be begun. On the one hand, the authorities seek to have justice done. On the other, the friends of the men indicted are determined to effect their release. It is even feared that further tragic occurrences will mark the course of the trial.

A murder trial in a man-killing country, where the primal passions hold sway to an extent unknown in law-abiding communities, presents aspects that are equally foreign to the latter; and in the present instance the course of justice will not be unhampered. As an illustration of the conditions surrounding the case we quote from the Houston Post:

"This oasis of the American desert to which the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners have been brought to answer to the capital charge that they compassed the murder of a former governor in revenge for his activity in suppressing disorders in the days of violence in the Coeur D'Alene seems to grow in exterior placidity as the day of the trial approaches. But under the surface of calm there is a strong undercurrent of apprehension and nervousness, tragic in many of its aspects. Violence is the ever-present fear. The position of the prisoners and their activity through years of bitter labor warfare, the dissension over their arrest in Colorado and removal to Idaho, the rallying of thousands of workingmen to their support and the radical propaganda undertaken in their behalf, together with the intense feeling against the Mine Owners' association and other incidents have served to make the case a contest between the classes rather than a trial for the alleged crime of murder. In but few minds is there belief that Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone, their friends or the men affiliated with them in labor union circles would approve, much less encourage any acts of violence at this time, because such act, it is believed, would be a fatal error. But there is a feeling that from the ranks of the violent radicals there may come a man or men desperate enough to attempt assassination or that the agitation may give sinister suggestion and inspiration to some crank or irresponsible persons.

"Letters that threaten every form of violence are pouring into Boise from all over the country by hundreds and most of them are directed to Governor Gooding, who is made largely to bear the brunt of all this celebrated case involves. Detectives, police and friends of the governor generally are constantly on the alert to block the blow. Governor Gooding may be in no danger from any source, but he and his friends live in the chill atmosphere of danger. Another man similarly marked, in the belief of many, is Harry Orchard, alleged to be the assassin hired by the three prisoners, whose alleged confession is the basis of the state's case. Harry Orchard may live to die on the gallows for his confessed part in the murder of Governor Steunenberg, but such is not the belief of all the men in this community. This same apprehension offers a difficulty from the standpoint of the prosecution in securing a jury. This has been a man-killing country, and under the shadow of a strong suspicion that there may be avenging murders by cranks or others, it may prove difficult to secure twelve men willing to run this suspected risk."

THE IRISH BILL

The long expected Irish bill was introduced yesterday by Chief Secretary Birrell. It is a compromise measure that will not be entirely satisfactory to any party. It is not home rule, which Mr. Redmond and his friends demand, and on the other hand, as Mr. Balfour points out, it leaves Irish members in the commons with a power to interfere in English and Scotch affairs, which English and Scotch members will not have in relation to Irish affairs.

The bill in some form will doubtless be adopted, but it will have the effect of increasing rather than decreasing the discontent which it aims to allay. It is a half measure. The government feared to go farther along the road that leads to home rule, but sooner or later the journey must be completed. Mr. Redmond's speech was a dignified and evidently an able and conciliatory one, in strong contrast to the fighting speeches of some former Irish leaders. The attitude of the Irish party will have much to do with the fate of this bill, and it is fortunate that their leader is not a firebrand. There has been a change amounting almost to a revolution in public sentiment during the past decade, and actual home rule is not now regarded with the same degree of distrust in England, while in Ireland the feeling of bitterness is much less intense. The spectacle of Botha and Roberts exchanging compliments in London, and the assertion of the former that he is a loyal British subject who stands for the unity of the empire, is one that cannot fail to impress the public mind in Ireland as well as in England. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's historic phrase, "imperial unity with local liberty," is not less impressive. Apart from and more significant than party discussions in parliament is the trend of public sentiment toward unity and a stronger mutual confidence. If the Irish people justify the confidence of Mr. Redmond, they will win to the goal.

The local Council of Women will once more urge the enforcement of the anti-spitting law in this city. In this connection the Halifax Chronicle says:—"In view of the steps which are being taken to enforce the anti-spitting ordinance in Halifax, it is interesting to note that the Massachussetts law may be made more drastic. A bill pending before the state legislature provides that an officer may arrest without warrant any person violating the law. This is somewhat summary, but it is held to be necessary. It is urged that one or two arrests and fines, or even imprisonment, where the offence was particularly flagrant, will do much to put a final stop to an inexcusable public nuisance and danger."

The dining room at White's was taxed to its capacity at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday, by representative citizens eager to hear Mr. Archibald's message relative to the modern treatment of criminals in Canada. The fear of some members that there would not be a large attendance to listen to such a discussion proved groundless. There is a vigor and enthusiasm in this Canadian Club which promises well. The membership is now more than three hundred, and includes men young and old, in all walks of life. Its influence must become an important factor in the moulding of the higher thinking of the people.

The board of trade does well to appoint a committee to learn what is doing relative to running rights for the C. P. R. over the I. C. R. The interests of this port are involved in any such arrangement.

A case of measles in the royal palace at Madrid brings the palace and its inmates into closer touch with the sympathies of commonplace folk. We've all had 'em.

The new postal rates went into effect today, but the department will endeavor to soften the blow to the publishers of Canadian newspapers. "For these mercies," etc.

Earl Grey, Mr. Fielding and Mr. Fisher will join Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messrs. Borden and Brodeur in London. There will only be a few of us left, but we will do our best.

A New York paper thus tersely puts the case of Wall street:—"Money is today less of a factor than is the weather."

The Haley-McArthur case was concluded in the circuit court yesterday afternoon and his honor gave judgment in the plaintiff's favor for $840.69, allowing $15 deduction from the original claim, which yas $855.69. A. A. Wilson for the plaintiff and C. N. Skinner for the defendant. The action was brought by R. G. Haley against Geo. McArthur, to recover $855.00 by the defendant for lumber supplied to him for the detention buildings on Partridge Island. The case of Olive Dorion and Stroud vs. Kierstead was made a remanet; Tilley & McInerney for the plaintiffs and H. W. Robinson, and L. A. Currey, K. C., with him for the defendant. There being no other business the court adjourned sine die.

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The common treasures of tranquility?
Will you forget your high and fierce endeavor
The hinted island and the hidden seas,
Defeats, escapes, adventures ,that forever
Left you more sad, and never more at ease?

When the west wind on summer evenings blowing
Brings to your ears the sound of sails that fill,
And moving ships eclipse your starlight going
To lands unseen, and fates that beckon still,
When you shall see beneath the moon new risen
The hissing wake of other vessels' foam,
Will not this land-locked harbor seem a prison
Where calms and shadows mock the name of home?

Ah, when your longing for the open ocean
Captures your heart, and bids you set your sail,
Feeble will be the bonds of my devotion;
Little will love—your own or mine—avail
Happy to you will seem some ship-wrecked stranger,
Keener than love the zest of being free.
Sweeter than peace ,the summoning of danger—
Some day at sunrise you will put to sea
—Alice Duer Miller, in the April Scribner.

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EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

Uncle Silas—"What would I be willin' ter do fer a nice dish o' pre-digested oats? Well, I'd be willin' ter tackle a pre-sawed an' pre-split wood-pile."—Judge.

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SELF-EVIDENT, BUT—

We hold this truth to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, but in order to leave no possible room for doubt about it, we insist on the dress coat at all formal affairs.—Puck.

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THE LIMIT.

"Do you expect to make the people believe all you say?"

"No," answered Senator Sorghum; "it will be a pretty good job if I convince them that I believe all of it myself."—Washington Star.

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

"I got de faith of Joshua!" exclaimed the colored brother.

"Yes," replied an old deacon, "but de sun won't stan' still long 'nuff fer you ter make a reduction in de gas bill!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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A WONDERFUL MAN.

"Mr. Wappleson," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "has a heart of gold."

"Dear me," replied her hostess, "is that so? I know he'd got hurt in the army so he had to have a silver plate in his jaw, but I'd never heard about the other."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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AMBITIOUS POET.

Magazine Editor—"Your sonnet has literary merit, but I can't use it because it does not conform to the established rules of sonnet writing."

Ambitious Young Contributor—"That is its chief merit, sir. It establishes a new form for the sonnet."—Chicago Tribune.

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UP TO TIME.

"Now," said Freddie's mother, as she got him ready for a visit to her sister, "be sure you are not late to breakfast, as you so often are at home. That won't do when you are visiting your aunt. Get right up and don't dawdle while you are dressing." Freddie promised, and came back triumphantly.

"Was down every mornin' soon's any of'm," said he in answer to her questions.

"I am so glad; hope you'll keep it up."

"You won't let me."

"Won't let you? Why not?"

"You see I just put my 'nighty' on and slept in my clothes, so's to be ready in the mornin.' "

THE SAVINGS OF CANADIANS

Canadians have an aggregate amount of savings of over $650,000,000 in the savings banks throughout the Dominion. Of this amount over $490,000,000 is deposited in the banks on notice, carrying on an average a three per cent return to the people. Of this sum an annual disbursement of nearly fifteen million dollars is required to meet the interest charges. A table is published on the financial page today whereby it can be seen where the bulk of the savings are deposited. The thirty-six chartered banks control about $404,000,000 of the entire amount deposited on notice, and of this volume seventeen banks are responsible for $351,567,000, or over eighty per cent of the chartered bank holdings. The post-office savings banks had in February a sum of $46,897,000 at the credit of depositors' accounts. The City and District Savings Bank held almost twenty million dollars, and the government savings banks nearly fifteen million dollars, while the Caisse l'Economie held over eight million dollars. The figures are making most satisfactory increases yearly.

THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The St. John Local Council of Women held their quarterly meeting in the rooms of the King's Daughters, Chipman's Hill, yesterday afternoon.

The principal business was the discussion of resolutions to be brought up at the annual meeting of the National Council of Women to be held in Vancouver, B. C., during July. The local delegates will be Mrs. D. McLellan, president of the local council; Mrs. deB. Carritte and several others who are to be appointed at the next meeting of the council.

A committee was appointed to frame a petition to the city council asking that measures be taken to enforce the bye-law regarding expectoration on the sidewalks.

During the meeting the president read an extract from a Detroit (Mich.) paper, which in its report of a meeting of the local council there, had the following reference to Miss Peters, of St. John: "The especial treat of the afternoon was a paper by Miss Peters, of St. John, N. B., Canada. Miss Peters told of the great amount of work accomplished by the Canadian council and its local branches."

The closing exercises of the young ladies' gymnasium were held in Trinity school room last evening before a good sized audience. An excellent programme was carried out and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

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