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CIVIC AFFAIRS

There is always room for an active public interest in civic affairs. In this city there is need of drastic measures of reform in the conduct of civic affairs. Such measures will not be taken until the citizens generally unite to bring forward and elect to the council their ablest men. Mere meetings to protest against this or that particular measure excite but little attention and no lasting interest. There is to be a meeting tomorrow evening, apparently to discuss one or two civic measures now before the legislature. This is not the right way to bring about reform. Nothing could be more absurd that for the people of a city to choose a city countil and then appeal against its acts to the legislature of the province. While such a course might be deemed necessary in regard to some measure with even a very able council at the head of affairs, it would be very exceptional; and always it would convey to the outside public the impression that here was a city which did not know its own mind.

The remedy for the civic ills of St. John lies deeper than the realm of protest. It lies in constructive action, promoted by the best minds of the city, and resulting in the election of a board of aldermen whose policy in every department would produce satisfactory results. If tomorrow night's meeting heads in this direction it may be fruitful of much good, whatever system of civic elections may for the time prevail. A council composed of such men would soon provide the right kind of system, and we should not have the annual spectacle of warring factions at Fredericton.

BRYAN ON RAILROADS

Mr. William J. Bryan agrees with President Roosevelt that reform in the methods of railroad managers, and greater publicity in connection with their affairs, should not be blocked by protest or panic. It is a hopeful sign when democratic leader joins republican leader in assuring the people that they have nothing to lose but much to gain by a course which, while it may overthrow the one-man power in railway finance, will in the end make for better service and more secure investment. Mr. Bryan, in an interview last week, said:

"The most interesting phase of the situation just now is the refusal of the people to lend money freely to railroads. Railroad managers say this is due to hostile legislation, but this is a mistake. There has been no hostile legislation of sufficient severity to impair the real value of railroad securities, where railroads have been honestly conducted upon honest capitalization.

"If the investing public is alarmed it is because railroad managers in a vain effort to terrorize legislatures have carried matters too far. If any other answer is needed for a hesitancy on the part of investors, the investigations furnish it, for inquiries have shown to what extent railroad stocks have been watered.

"But what is the alternative? Must the government refuse to investigate rotten management for fear mismanaged railroads will no longer be able to get the public into buying inflated securities? The sooner the railroads are put on an honest basis the more secure will the investing public feel."

THE MONEY MADNESS

To the ordinary reader the story of a panic on Wall street is interesting, but to the man on the floor it is a terribly serious matter, especially if he is on the wrong side of the market and sees his fortune melting away. Millions were lost in last week's remarkable decline, and the scene on the floor is thus vividly described by the New York Commercial.

"At the worst of the collapse in the afternoon there were no buyers at all; at least it seemed that way. It was 'sell, sell, sell.' Brokers tore around the floor of the exchange with the perspiration pouring down their excited faces. They were in a frenzy, shouting at the tops of their voices as they threw over stocks by the thousands of shares Fortunes were being swept away in the maelstrom, and fortunes were being gathered in by a few of the biggest bears. The ticker was merciless as it sung out the story of the awful slaughter at the exchange. It was a song without words—a song of figures only, but it told the story eloquently to the traders, who with blanched faces stood over the tape. They had looked on, powerless to stem the tide which was washing their money away."

THE CLERGY IN FRANCE

There seems to be no doubt, says an exchange, that the attitude of the French Government towards the Vatican has reduced many of the poorer French priests to a position of extreme apostolic simplicity. The Bishop of Digne, in a letter acknowledging the receipt of some subscriptions for the benefit of his distressed clergy, writes:—

"I occupy on the second floor a modest lodging belonging to an official. I have no valet, only an old maid-servant who does all the work. I travel second class and I live on my savings. My priests are astonishing in their poverty and admirable self-denial. . . . You should see their presbyteries. Ten francs ($2) rent is paid by many of them, and not by special favor. Numbers of them have been obliged to remove as the roofs fell in or let in the rain. . . . The fee for masses is at the lowest figure and is not always paid. . . . Some of my priests earn their living by mending watches or manufacturing beehives. Others till the soil, knit jerseys, or follow agricultural pursuits. All that is not very noble or worthy of the sacredotal calling; but how can it be prohibited? Necessity knows no law, and poverty is a plea."

STILL SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

Curiosity and unrest are still characteristic of the inhabitants of the Garden of Eden. This we infer from the New Glasgow Chronicle, which says:

"The people of the Garden of Eden complain that they don't get their mails regularly and locate the blame on the carrier. Will the inspector of post offices please look into the matter? Out in the country people look for their mails, as it is often the only visit for the day; but to look in vain for the expected letter or the welcome newspaper is disheartening."

Universal symptahy will be extended to the modern Eves, who no doubt want to learn about the millinery fashions for Easter, and whether fruit is to be one of the trimmings this season. The modern Adam is, perhaps, indifferent on this score, but doubtless he does want to read the latest story written by the snake-editor of his favorite weekly. Unquestionably the post office inspector should improve the Garden of Eden mail service.

The incongruity of expert testimony, says the Boston Post, is fully illustrated in the Thaw trial in New York. Mr. Delmas produced a handful of illustrious scientists and alienists to solemnly swear that the killing of Stanford White was done by an insane person. District Attorney Jerome brings forward half a dozen equally eminent specialists in the same line to swear with equal solemnity that the man who did that dastardly deed was sane, knew what he was doing and was conscious of the consequence of his act. "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" The patient twelve in the jury box, who have listened to all these conflicting judgments, must bear the burden. Will they toss up a cent?

Irish affairs will be the topic of discussion in the British parliament soon after Easter, when a bill providing a degree of home rule will be introduced. The Crimes' Act will also be repealed. The outlook for Ireland is brighter than it has been for many years. Mr. John Dillon, in a speech yesterday, declared that in the political victory of the Boers in South Africa the Irish party's policy had been vindicated, and Mr. John Redmond might yet be premier of Ireland as Botha is of the Transvaal.

The departure of Rev. P. J. Stackhouse from St. John will deprive the city of the services of a very earnest worker in the realm of practical Christianity and social reform. Mr. Stackhouse takes his work very seriously, and has never spared himself; and the earnest congregation he has drawn together and the aid he has given to all good causes are in evidence to prove the value of his services to the community.

The Canadian Club is fortunate in securing an address from Mr. J. S. Willison of Toronto, who will speak at a club luncheon this week. He is an able speaker as well as a brilliant writer, and the members of the club in this city should not fail to embrace the opportunity of hearing him.

The theft of a mule is said to have been the chief cause of the present war between Nicaragua and Honduras. The rival nations were evidently as stubborn as a mule, and apparently quite as stupid.

It is announced this week that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will give away $50,000,000. It was last week the advance in oil was announced.

WHAT ONLOOKER HEARS

(Onlooker in New Freeman)

One suggestion is that Surveyor General Sweeney, who was formerly a resident of St. John, will remove to the city, and take the place of Mr. Lantalum on the Liberal ticket. In other quarters it is said that Mr. Sweeney is to retire from politics and will either succeed Judge Wells of the Westmorland County Court or receive another appointment equally attractive. In that event rumor has it that Mr. Lantalum will enter the cabinet without office and that some Northshore man will be made surveyor general. Speculation does not end here, however. Onlooker hears that if Mr. Sweeney retires, Solicitor General Jones will take the vacant Surveyor-Generalship, and that the appointment of Mr. D. Mullin as Solicitor General will be put forward by his friends. In the meantime the newspapers with less prescience than that of Onlooker, or with more limited access than he has to sources of inspired information, mention Mr. George Robertson and Mr. D. J. Purdy as the cabinet possibilities.

After the session of the Ludlow street Baptist church Sunday school yesterday a handsome gold locket was presented to Hunter Parsons from the scholars of his class as a token of their esteem, it being his birthday. The presentation was made by D. S. Ring, the superintendent of the school.

At the Queen's Rollaway on Saturday evening there were two good races. The first was between Dearborn & Knodell, the former winning in 1.57 1-5. The second race was a mile between Olive and Hunter, the former winning in 3.32 1-5. This was the first of a series of three races.

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DANGEROUS CAPITALISTS

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(New York Evening Post.)

Whether or not this week's extraordinary break in prices forebodes trouble elsewhere; whether the much-discussed "Standard Oil clique" is purposely-smashing the market which it built up last August, or is tumbling into the pit which its enemies have dug—the conclusion which will express itself deeply on reflective minds is that certain of our largest capitalists are a dangerous nuisance in the community. It has often been necessary to point out in this column, that the disreputable conditions prevailing in American finance in 1869 and 1870, the halcyon days of the Drews and Fisks and Goulds, have been largely reproduced on a wider and more dangerous scale.

It did not need long for high financiers, who learned in 1900 and 1901 to "think in hundred-millions," to learn how to speculate in hundred-millions. Dragging with them into such speculation, as some of them unquestionably did, banks and corporations in which they held a controlling influence, they became a portent whose dangerous possibilities could be averted only by exercise on their part of infallible and sagacious judgment of a financial situation. But when the long-suffering financial public has learned, from such chapters of high financial adventure as last August, that this power is enjoyed, in very large measure, not only by unscrupulous men, but by men whose judgment is now, and rightly, the laughing-stock of intelligent people, a situation was created which might lead to anything—which is responsible, among other things, for the events of the past two days. If Wall street will steadily keep in mind that the demoralization of today and yesterday are in their way no more abnormal than the 10 to 30-point rise at the close of August, in the face of a formidable money stringency throughout the world, there will possibly be less mystery in the matter.

It was no more evident during today's wreck of values who was attacking the market and who was being forced to sell, than it was yesterday. On the face of things, it was plain that some operators of large resources were throwing over ballast remorselessly. Were not the very similar experience of 1903 so close behind the market—when sales of the same volume and the same character went on for three months or more without causing any first-class failures—the day's events might have caused still more alarm. But the rather extraordinary fact was that Stock Exchange commission houses, through which the outside public trades, were in many cases advising customers as to the proper time to buy. The day's liquidation did not come from the general public.

Saturday afternoon the members of the writing and business staffs of the Sun and Star presented John S. Leighton, the retiring manager, with a handsome gold-headed cane and an address expressing deep regret at his departure for Woodstock. Charles Crandall, editor of the Sun, made the presentation.

Rheumatic sufferers can have a free sample of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy with book on Rheumatism by simply writing Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. This book will explain how Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy successfully drives Rheumatism out of the blood. This remedy is not a relief only. It aims to clear the blood entirely of Rheumatic poisons, and then Rheumatism must die a natural death. Sold by Druggists.

Rev. E. C. Jenkins delivered a temperance lecture in Union Hall yesterday afternoon, George Cromwell presided. In the course of his lecture Rev. Mr. Jenkins said: "Abolish the saloons and in ten years the tax rate will be $1 instead of $2 and in twenty-five years the national debt would be liquidated." He referred to liquor sellers as "capitalists in human souls." "They get a man's money, a man's brains, a man's soul, the broken heart of his wife and the poverty of his children and are they satisfied?"

The Minnie Robertson Mission Circle of Queen Square church will hold a tea and sale in Queen Square school room tomorrow evening. An excellent concert programme will be rendered during the evening.

The west side fire department was called out Saturday evening about 6 o'clock for a slight fire in the residence of Charles Coster. About $100 damage was done.

SONGS OF THE VALLEYS

Songs of the valleys, sweet valleys, over the hills unto me
They come like the song of the mystic that sobs in the voice of the sea!
Songs of the valley, I hear them, from valleys of violet and dream,
They come like a ripple of music, breezeborne on the breats of the stream!

Songs of the valleys, forever, their echoes sweep by many fold;
They sing of the birds and the blossoms, the meadows blooming over with gold;
Of quiet, green cloisters of clover and wind over wavering wheat,
And poppies, vast acres of poppies, in the valleys down under our feet!

Songs of the valleys, sweet valleys, far back in the infinite years
They echo the songs of life's laughter, they echo the signs of its tears;
Ah, beautiful, beautiful valleys, I never shall have any rest
Till I lie down where the blooms of their beauty swing down through the dream of my breast!

—Baltimore Sun.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ONE LAP AHEAD.

"You are beneath my contempt, sir!"

"So you are beneath mine, and I'm piling on more every minute."

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THE TRUANT.

Father—"Why do you loaf around here all day?"

Son—"Well, I wouldn't if they didn't make the school hours so long."

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EACH IN HIS TURN.

"May I ask your father for your hand tonight, Miss Ketchem?"

"Can't you wait until tomorrow night, George? I think Charlie Chumpley is going to ask him tonight."

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TWO GOOD REASONS.

Schoolmaster—"Why did you stay away from school, Frankie?"

Boy—Me muther brawke 'er arm."

Schoolmaster—"But why did you stay two days?"

Boy—"She brawke it i' two pla-aces!"

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KNEW WHAT HE WAS.

The university professor looked superciliously at the plain citizen. "My friend," he asked, "are you not a neophyte in political science?"

"No, I ain't," replied the plain citizen. "I'm a Republican."

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THE ONLY ONES.

"I notice, major," said the inquisitive man, "that you always take your whisky straight. Don't you Kentuckians ever put water in your liquor?"

"Some Kentuckians do, suh," replied Major Bluegrass.

"Indeed?"

"Yes, suh; but they sell it."

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WAS STOCKING UP.

"What are your opinions on that question?"

"My dear sir," answered Senator Sorghum, "this is no time to ask a man his opinions; the chief use in adjourning congress is to give great men a chance to get out among their constituents and stock up with opinions."

SOME STORIES ABOUT SNAKES

Which Prove Conclusively That We Will Have An Early Spring.

Count on an early spring and summer. This is not from the scribes, nor is it a statement deducted from foolish actions on the part of a groundhog, or the condition of a goosebone. The only real way to know about spring is to watch for the snake stories. This news, from Mount Vernon, Ill., for instance, is gratifying and self-explanatory:

Charley Bumpus was looking over his winter wheat in his east forty yesterday when he saw a black snake five feet long. While Charley is not much on snakes, he got after this one and killed it. . . . Some of those who think they can tell what next season's crops are going to be say it is a sure sign of an early spring.

If that isn't enough, it is only necessary to go over these:

MUSKEGON, Mich.—Ed. Dunscomb, who lives on Winter Creek, seven and a half miles north by west of this city, was out on his 320 yesterday looking over his winter wheat when he came suddenly upon a copperhead nine feet long. Ed does not make a specialty of snakes, but he reached after this one, caught it by the tail, and dashed its head against a gate post, killing it almost instantly. Those who ought to know declare that the appearance of copperheads of this length at this season betokens an unusually early spring.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—Tobe Crabtree, eldest son of Elias Crabtree, one of the earliest settlers of Jackson County, and a young man who has always stood high in the community, was strolling over his 640 recently, kind o' planning for the spring ploughing, when he stepped into a nest of rattlesnakes. Some of them escaped, but he succeeded in capturing two beautiful specimens, measuring fourteen and fifteen feet respectively. They are mottled in a charming manner, and the longer of the two was found to have no fewer than twenty-six rattles. Tobe is not very much on snakes, but he is now hunting for the remainder of the family and feels confident that he will get them. Old settlers say that when rattlesnakes are found unfrozen at this season of the year we may look out for an unusually early spring.

HAMMOND, Ind.—Aleck Huggins, who resides three miles southeast of Butler's crossing, was walking over his farm yesterday planning how he could spare another forty acres for the United Steel Company, when suddenly he was bumped into by a hoopsnake that came sailing down Wilson's hill and evidently with such momentum that it could not check itself. Aleck was thrown off his feet, but, recovering himself, he captured the hoopsnake before it had a chance to recover itself. The strange part of the story is that almost immediately after being set upright it broke up into small lengths and scattered in all directions. Old settlers down this way say that the appearance of the combination hoop and joint snake at this season of the year invariably presages an early spring.

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