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CIVIC AFFAIRS

The members of the city council did not distinguish themselves at yesterday's meeting. There was more than the usual amount of fruitless talk. The departments are not to be reorganized for some time longer—if they are to be reorganized at all by this council. That which strikes the ordinary observer most forcibly in reading the report of the meeting as set forth in the morning papers is the lack of any definite scheme for reorganization. Since last July the matter has been formally before the aldermen, and apparently the problem is no nearer solution. Now it goes over for another month, with little prospect that it will in the meantime receive any more serious consideration. It is true that the city hall enquiry and some other matters have called for much attention, and have taken up much time, but it is fair to assume that if the departments were properly organised there would be less reason for such enquiries or for much of the discussion that is heard at council and board meetings. The trouble with the council appears to be that it tinkers at small matters of detail when it should reorganise the system. What St. John needs is a bold and vigorous city council, which will take the grip with the situation and place over the departments men who can be depended on to relieve the council of all these petty causes of worry and [illegible]sion. Or, happy be that the re[illegible]med of the city [illegible]vernment by commission. Certainly [illegible]sent conditions are not satisfactory. Last night's long and rambling and largely fruitless talk was sufficient evidence of the need of a more business-like system. If the members of a large business corporation wrangled over their affairs in such fashion the concern would soon go into bankruptcy. The affairs of the city of St. John are not so complicated as to give rise to any confusion if only the right principles were applied in a practical way.

AFFAIRS IN INDIA

The agitation in favor of home rule in India has developed some interesting features, as may be gathered from the following cable of Dec. 27th. from Surat, in Bombay:—

"After two days of futile efforts to elect a president, the Indian National Congress broke up this afternoon in a free fight, during which the police had to be called in. The congress, which meets annually, was of especial interest this year, owing to the agitation for home rule in India. When the delegates assembled today, their overheated passions broke loose a second time, and the platform, from which moderation and constitutional action had been advised was rushed by the extremists in a body, who loudly demanded the speedy establishment of complete home rule. The Moderates have issued an announcement that the congress is adjourned sine die. They will meet alone tomorrow and sign a covenant to carry on the movement for colonial self-government on constitutional lines."

The danger involved in this agitation is the possibility of proceeding too rapidly. Impartial observers agree that to grant home rule to India in the present state of civilization in that country, with its numerous divisions of population having different ideals, and without experience in self-government, would be nothing short of disastrous. It would set back for generations the progress of the country toward real self-government. The problem which confronts the British government in India is a very serious one, and the most hopeful feature of the situation is the fact that there is a strong party of moderates, who will not agree to any other than constitutional means to achieve their ends. The press of Britain and of India can do no greater service than to endeavor to impress upon the leaders of the movement for a larger measure of home rule a sense of the grave responsibilities their leadership involves, and the importance of avoiding any action that would tend to arouse fanaticism or stir up a feeling of unrest among the more ignorant masses of the people. India must be educated before it will be capable of home rule in the sense implied by the National Congress.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

[illegible] is said the impression now prevails [illegible]dericton that the government at its [illegible] on [illegible]. 7th will decide to hold a short session, repeal the highway act and then go to the people. This is merely a guess, and there may be no session. The signs of an election multiply. It is quite clear that if a session is held it will be because the seriousness of the task of getting candidates has convinced the government of the danger in an immediate appeal to the province. The troubles of the government appear to be increased by developments in Gloucester, where Mr. Turgeon, M. P., is said to be dissatisfied with the ticket which the St. John Sun says will be the ticket of the government.

Labored efforts are being made by the government press to persuade the people that the financial statement issued a few days ago is a rosy one, although on its face it is quite the opposite. Mr. J. K. Flemming gives an analysis of that statement, which is worthy of the serious attention of the electors.

In Queens county Dr. Pugsley is paving the way for an election by having certain wharf sites surveyed. The minister of public works is relied on by Premier Robinson to lend him assistance wherever the public works or railway departments can be utilised to influence the people.

It seems to be clear that the St. John Valley Railway, in some new form, is to be exploited for the purpose of the elections. The people will hardly be surprised at any scheme proposed by Dr. Pugsley. Neither will they be deceived thereby.

THE LAW'S DELAYS

There is no provision in the laws of this province for the proper protection of children. But for the recognition by the law that a child is an animal, there would be little or no protection at all for children from the brutality of parents. When it is found that parents are neglecting or otherwise ill-treating their children, the secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is notified, and the case is brought before the police magistrate. If, as in a recent case, the secretary is too busy to take up the case one day, and the police forget to give the required notification the next day, and give the wrong notification on the following day, there is little prospect of prompt and effective action. And yet St. John is one of the oldest of Canadian cities, and its people pride themselves on their culture. It is even affirmed that they are a law-abiding people.

ADVANCED THOUGHT

The Times has received the November number of The Balance, a magazine of advanced thought, published in Denver. The statement of contents of the December issue shows that there is much in it to provoke earnest thought. The list of articles includes Science and Religion, by Frederic W. Burry; Notions of Right and Wrong, by R. A. Johnston; Life, by Norris C. Sprigg; What Is Truth, George L. Lipscomb; Impressions and Intuitions, by Henry Harrison Brown; Some More About Sin and Evil, by the editor; The Code of Hammurabi, Charles Feihl; Electricity the Effect of Motion, George W. Carey; Supplication, a poem by Julia Seton Sears, M. D.; A Woman's Love, poem by Wilber Thomas; and Good Old Times—Not for Me, Saint Nihal Sing.

The Balance is a monthly, at one dollar per year, issued by The Balance Pub. Co., 1744-46 California street, Denver, Cal.

New Saying of Christ Unearthed

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30—The Daily News today says:

"A new saying of Christ, lost to the world for thirteen centuries and found in Egypt, was given to the world for the first time today by Professor Henry A. Sanders, of the University of Michigan, in addressing the members of the Archaeological Institute now in session at the University of Chicago. The fragment is part of an old Bible dating back to the Moslem conquest of Egypt and on its face is so authentic as to disarm hostile criticism.

The long lost fragment belongs in the sixteenth chapter of the gospel of St. Mark and follows the fourteenth verse. It relates to the story of Christ's appearance, following his death, to eleven of his apostles in Jerusalem. "With the new verse in, the Bible reads:

"'Mark xvi., 14: They answered saying that this age of unrighteousness and unbelief is under the power of Satan, who does not permit the things which are made impure by (evil) spirts to comprehend the truth of God and His power. For this reason 'reveal thy righteousness now,' they said to Christ; and Christ said to them: 'The limit of the years of the power of Satan has been fulfilled, but other terrible things are at hand and I was delivered unto death on behalf of those who sinned in order that they may return to the truth and sin no more to the end that they may inherit the spiritual, indestructible glory of righteousness which is in Heaven.'"

BUTCHER'S INFERENCE.

One day Emperor Francis Joseph was entering a village in his domain on horseback, and was met on the outskirts by a butcher who had gone out in hope of catching an early glimpse of the Austrian Kaiser. The Emperor asked the butcher the way to an inn, and after directions had been given the butcher in turn enquired:

"Have you seen the Kaiser?"

"Very recently," answered Francis Joseph.

"Are you sure? Do you know him certainly?" asked the eager butcher.

"Well, I ought to," replied the monarch, puffing out his chest. "I have shaved him often enough."

"Ah, and you are the court barber," said the abashed butcher in awestruck tones, as he doffed his cap and backed to the roadside.—Washington Post.

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Alone, of the things of sense bereft,
Yet Life and Beauty and Love were left.
Among the myriad pictures wrought
On my weary brain in the womb of thought
Was one of a woman petite and fair,
With a red, red rose in her nut-brown hair,
And my spirit swooned in its glad surprise,
Neath the radiant glance of her glorious eyes.
Eyes so gentle and good and true
That the pure, white soul seemed shining through,
And in their light—Oh, can it be,
That a woman's heart was revealed to me!

One blissful moment they gazed in mine
With a look so tender it seemed divine—
Now I know that all the years can bring,
A woman's love is the "greatest thing."
—Wilber Thomas in The Balance Magazine for December.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE WAY TO FISH.
(From Punch.)

First Cockney—"What's the best way to ketch fish, Bill?"

Second Do.—"'It 'im on the 'ead when he come up to sniff."

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REJECTED.

Vaudeville Manager—I can't book your act—no profanity is permitted in this house.

Vaudeville Artist—There's not a profane word in our entire sketch.

Vaudeville Manager—I know, but we don't like our audiences to swear either. —Pittsburg Leader.

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THE SOLE DESIDERATUM.
(From Puck.)

"Hugh!" pessimistically ejaculated the Hon. Thomas Rott. "I don't take no stock in these 'ere colleges! What good is a college education to a statesman, anyhow? Just so's a member of the Legislature knows enough Latin to translate the words, 'per diem,' what more does he need or have any shadder of use for?"

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A FISH STORY.

The talk around the table shifted to fish and fishing, with the usual consequences.

"Well, gentlemen," said the man who was fortunate enough to tell the best story, "the best day's sport I ever had was off the coast of southern California. There were three of us in the boat, each of us had three lines out and we simply couldn't pull them in fast enough."

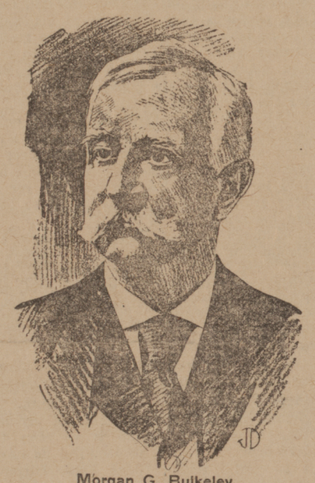
"What kind of fish were biting?" asked an indulgent listener.

"I don't know what the natives call them," said the fisherman, "but they were big enough to be ichthyosauruses."

"Maybe they were whales, Frank," suggested an ironical member.

"Whales!" exclaimed Frank, with a look of disdain, "whales, indeed! Why, man, we were baiting with whales!"—Life.

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Morgan G. Bulkeley

Hon. Morgan G. Bulkeley United States senator from Connecticut since 1905 was born at East Haddan, Conn., on December 26th, 1837. He was educated in the schools at Hartford and in early manhood went to Brooklyn, where he entered into mercantile pursuits. He became a successful merchant in Brooklyn and amassed a comfortable fortune with which he returned to Hartford in 1872. He later became president of the Etna Life Insurance Company and was mayor of Hartford until 1888 and served as governor of his state from 1889 until 1893. The Bulkeley's make their home in Hartford.

Asks for Explanation

Ottawa, Dec. 30—The secretary of state, Hon. R. W. Scott, has written to Washington to ask the United States government to investigate an alleged illegal action of a North Dakota official, who recently held up two Canadian farmers driving along the boundary line at Emerson, forcing them to cross over into United States territory and on threat of keeping them in jail compelled one of them to sign an affidavit implicating him in an attempt to smuggle wheat across the boundary. The affidavit was signed under protest and the men were then allowed to return to Emerison.

Hon. Mr. Scott has represented to the Washington authorities that the action of the Dakota officer was contrary to international law and has asked that if an investigation bears out the contention of complainants the United States government compensate them for any damage sustained.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 30—Because they believed Harry Smith had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant here 1,500 men raided the oriental quarter late Christmas night and left a wreck behind. Restaurants and laundries were smashed, doors and windows and the entire fronts of buildings were reduced to splinters.

The regular police were powerless and a brigade of mounted police had to be called out to quell the riot. The rumor of Smith's death proved to be without foundation.

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