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THE MAYOR APPROVES

Mayor Bullock has expressed his sympathy with the movement for ward prohibition and it may be assumed that a majority of the members of the city council will be of like mind. At least, it may fairly be assumed that they will grant the reasonable petition of the temperance workers to ensure a secret ballot and a square test of public opinion in the four wards affected by the movement. The address of Rev. Mr. Graham, printed on another page, is worthy of a careful perusal. He states the case clearly, and also makes it clear that this is no agitation by a few cranks, but a well considered reform movement, backed by all the churches of the city. Hence, there can be no reasonable objection to such action on the part of the city council as will put the matter fairly to the test. The only fair test is a secret ballot, and this could not be secured in a separate polling booth on election day.

THE CUBAN SERVICE

The value of the new market opened up by the steamer service between St. John and Havana has impressed itself upon the minds of leading merchants in this city, and an effort is being made to secure a federal subsidy, in order that the service may be regularly maintained. There is always some difficulty in gaining new markets, but the Cubans need much that this part of Canada can supply. Moreover, many Canadians are interested in Cuban enterprises. It would be an advantage to St. John to have a regular and well-established direct service, but it would also be of benefit to the whole country. The statements of local merchants, quoted on another page of today's Times, should very favorably dispose the federal government toward a subsidy for the service.

LICENSE REDUCTION

The opponents of license reduction in the city of Toronto contend that a reduction in the number of liquor saloons would not decrease drunkenness but that the concentration of drinking which would follow would produce the opposite result. In a circular they put forth the following statement: "In 1887 the number of hotel licenses were reduced from 215 to 150. For the four preceding years the number of arrests for drunkenness had averaged 3,700. The next four years under license reduction, they averaged 5,139, and this with but a slight increase in population."

Controller Spence, who is a pronounced temperance advocate, replies with a statement, which by comparison shows a reduction from 41 arrests per 1,000 for drinking in 1887, the year of the last reduction in the number of liquor licenses, to 14 arrests per 1,000 for the same offence in 1897.

The complete statement given by Controller Spence is of sufficient interest to be given in detail:

Year	Arrests for drunkenness	Pop-ulation	per 1,000
1883	2,974	90,131	32
1884	3,407	105,211	32
1885	3,864	111,800	35
1886	4,283	118,403	36
1887	5,209	126,169	41
1888	4,882	144,035	34
1889	5,441	160,141	34
1890	5,022	167,439	30
1891	3,758	170,651	22
1892	3,657	169,099	22
1893	3,644	167,653	22
1894	3,292	174,309	19
1895	2,773	176,858	16
1896	2,670	178,185	15
1897	2,529	183,172	14

The population figures given are accord-

ing to the returns of the assessment commission.

To this statement the Toronto Telegram adds another, to the effect that while the arrests for drunkenness New Year's Day, 1908, all bars closed all day were only 7, those on Christmas Day last with all bars open part of the day numbered 130.

The Boston Herald gives the following statement as an illustration of the effect of the observer's point of view:—The Twentieth Century Club philosophers met together to consider what is the greatest social need of today, and no two of them were agreed as to what this greatest need might be. Coincidentally, several eminent people are asked to name the most important or significant event of the year now drawing to a close, and their views are equally divergent. One points to what has been accomplished in aerial navigation, another to the inauguration of the great national war against tuberculosis, another to the return of the Chinese indemnity, another to the peace pact made by Secretary Root and Baron Takahira, as representatives of the United States and Japan, and another to the election of William H. Taft to the presidency. From which it is easy to infer that there are still many men of many minds, and that much depends on the point of view.

"Columbia University," says an exchange "alive to the needs of New York city, has arranged to co-operate with the Bureau of Municipal Research in training young men for service in scientific administration of city affairs. A later announcement tells of President Butler's appointment of a committee of scientists, physicians and economists to report upon a plan for establishing a school of sanitary science and public health in connection with the university, the aim being to train youth to fill positions as public health officers and sanitary inspectors. Action of this kind by Universities proves adjustment to environment a modern conception of what universities are for and a worldly wisdom that insures more generous support by communities which they endeavor to serve."

A London music hall song tends to discourage emigration to Canada. The Toronto Telegram does not regard this as an unmixed evil. It says:—Emigration from the centres of England to the cities of Canada needs to be discouraged. Canada offers agricultural workers a career in this land. The music halls of England are not ideal recruiting stations for the grand armies of Canadian agriculture. This nation has no just grievance against a song which may emphasize the truth that Canada is no paradise for old world clerks and artisans."

Judge Wilson's remarks concerning the Queens county jail should cause some agitation for improved conditions in that municipality. It is well to discourage crime, but in Christian communities one does not expect to hear of jails that are not fit for a human being to occupy. The county council is the party directly responsible but the whole people share the reproach.

Reuf, the corrupt San Francisco boss has been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The sentence is severe, but many a common thief fares worse. Reuf was of the aristocracy of plunder.

The Sicilian earthquake proves to have been one of the most destructive recorded in modern history. The loss of life was appalling in its magnitude.

Murderous Italians are on trial today in two counties in this province. This is part of the price we pay for railway construction.

The gentleman who as President Castro landed in Europe but a few days ago is now plain Senor Castro. Interest in his movements will soon subside.

While the United Kingdom has blizzard weather the winter in these provinces continues fairly mild, and without any severe storms.

NORTH SHORE MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR I. C. R. TRACK

Peter Lawlor, of Jacquet River, Had His Neck Broken and Was Badly Frozen.

Campbellton N. B., Dec. 29.—Peter Lawlor, a resident of Jacquet River, was found dead beside the I. C. R. track near Jacquet River Saturday morning by section men going to work. When found the unfortunate man was lying just outside the rails in the snow. Upon examination it was found that his neck was broken but no other serious marks were found on his body. His hands and face were badly frozen and the condition showed that he had been dead for a considerable length of time.

Coroner Ellis, of Jacquet River, has the matter in hand and is making a thorough investigation.

A young man named Savoy was creating a disturbance on No. 35 train Thursday evening. Officer Culligan was called upon to arrest him, which he quickly did, placing handcuffs on him and conveying him to the baggage car where he was left while the officer went after his chum. While the officer was after Savoy jumped from the train into the soft snow and made tracks for the tall timbers. The train was stopped and search made but no trace could be found of the prisoner.

Stores open till 8 p. m.

St. John, December 29, 1908.

The Odd and End Sale Include: SUITS as well as OVERCOATS

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A LITTLE HAND

Perhaps there are tenderer, sweeter things
Somewhere in this sunbright land,
But I thank the Lord for His blessings,
And the clasp of a little hand!

II

A little hand that softly
Stole into mine that day,
When I needed the touch I loved so much
To strengthen me on my way.

III

Softer it seemed than the softest down
On the breast of the gentle dove,
But its timid press and its sweet caress
Were strong in the strength of love.

IV

It seemed to say, in a strange, sweet way,
"I love you and understand."
And calmed my fears, as my hot heart-tears
Fell over that little hand.

V

Perhaps there are tenderer-sweeter things
Somewhere in this sunbright land,
But I thank the Lord for His blessings,
And the clasp of a little hand!

—Atlanta Constitution.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

OVER AGE.

Humorist—"I suppose this little joke will go at the regular rate accepted?"
Editor—"Yes, I guess so. It is too old to travel for half-fare any longer."

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

Father (who has helped his son with his home lessons)—"What did teacher say when you showed him those sums?"
Little Freddy—"He said he thought I was getting more stupid every day."

QUITE SO.

Newcomer—"You told me Miss Yellowleaf was as pretty as she could be, why, she's a perfect fright."
Crawley—"Nevertheless, she is as pretty as she can be."

EVEN POETRY

"Why do you think Mr. Pennington, that your new book of poems will have a large sale?"
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LOVELY OF HIM

"What a kind man Mr. Wigham is. He always does all the Christmas shopping for his wife."
"Isn't that lovely of him! It gives her a chance to put in all her time just looking around and pricing things."

ON THE SAME TERMS

Diner (who has run up a heavy bill)—You are manager here, eh? Well, six months ago I dined here, and unfortunately, being unable to pay my bill—er—your clerk kicked me down stairs.

The Manager: Very sorry, indeed, sir, but business, you know—er—I had to—er—
Diner: Oh, that's all right, old chap—but—might I trouble you again?

SARCASM OF THE ROAD

"Lady," said Plodding Pete, "dat buldog o' yer's mighty near caught me."
"He did?" exclaimed the woman with a firmly set jaw.
"I'll give him the worst beating he ever had!"

"Lady, be merciful. If dat dog finds it as hard to get anything to eat around here as I do, I don't blame him fur reachin' fur anything dat comes along."

FATHER, DEAR FATHER.

Father, dear father, come home with me now.
The clock on the dashboard strikes one.
Don't fuss with the car any longer pupah:
You can't get the old tub to run.
The cylinder's cracked and the timer won't work.
And mother's been waiting since tea.
So tether the car to a post, father dear,
And come home on the trolley with me.
Come home, come home, etc.

THE

INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER
of Kennebecasis Bay.

A few days since the death of Donald G. Mitchell, aged 84 years, occurred at Edgewood, near New Haven, Conn. He who glances casually at this column may question "Why refer especially to such an event? Thousands are passing into the silence every day, and when he was alive I opine Mr. Mitchell was not especially boisterous; I never heard of him before in any event."

Very true. There are multitudes of men and women who never heard of King Alfred, Elizabeth Fry or your next door neighbor, whose examples, if followed, would render the business of the professional reformer unnecessary, but as the multitudes have never heard of them their examples are of little practical value.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Norwich, Conn., April 12, 1822. He prepared for college at the school of Dr. John Hall, at Ellington, and entered Yale, whence he graduated in 1841. As his health was fragile, he spent the next three years in European travel and on his return he entered a law office, intending to make the practice of law his life work, but his health would not permit him to do this, so he decided to give his whole attention to literature.

In 1850 Mr. Mitchell (now well known by his pen name, Ik Marvel), married a Miss Pringle, of Cheshire, S. C., and in 1855 he bought a farm near New Haven, which he named "Edgewood," and it was at his home there that he died. At Edgewood Mr. Mitchell was at home though his health did not permit him to follow the plow or swing the scythe, and it was there he wrote most of the books that have made his name and the name of "Ik Marvel" illustrious, and made him very dear to thousands and hundreds of thousands of readers. He wrote but one novel, "Dr. Johns," but he was the author of several volumes of European travel, "My Farm at Edgewood," "Wet Days at Edgewood," "Fudge Doings," in the Knickerbocker Magazine, and delivered many lectures connected with literature and agriculture. "Queen Anne and the Georges," published in 1895, was his last volume.

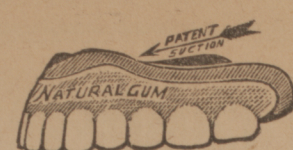
But it is on "The Reveries of a Bachelor," and "Dream Life," published in the early fifties, that Mr. Mitchell's fame rests. The first chapter of the "Reveries" appeared originally in the "Southern Literary Messenger" (Charleston S. C.) to which at that time Edgar A. Poe was a frequent, and I an occasional contributor. The author was immediately flooded with letters from all over the country, asking all sorts of personal questions and like Oliver Twist, soliciting "more." "Ik Marvel" had won fame, almost by a pen stroke, and when the book was completed the demand for it was something enormous. The "Reveries" were followed almost immediately by "Dream Life," written in a similar vein, and the two books enjoyed and still enjoy a popularity unique in the history of American literature. The secret of this lies in the deep human interest which they possess for the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned.

With Irving's "Sketch Book," Geo. W. Curtis' "True and I" and "Potiphar Papers," Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" and "House of the Seven Gables" and Mitchell's "Reveries of a Bachelor," and "Dream Life," at his elbows, no one need feel lonely even in a desert.

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SUSSEX MASONS

HAD MERRY TIME

Zion Lodge Observed St. John's Day by Installation, Presentation, Dinner and Dance.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 29.—Zion Lodge, F. & A. M., held its annual dinner and ball last evening, the anniversary of St. John's Day. The lodge opened at 8 o'clock and immediately proceeded to the installation of officers. Past Deputy Grand Master George Coggon conducted the ceremony and the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Wor. Bro. Rev. Scovil Neales, W. M.; Wor. Bro. James Lamb, J. P. M.; Bro. H. P. Titus, S. W.; Bro. H. G. McLean, J. W.; Wor. Bro. Jas. T. Kirk, chaplain; Bro. E. DeLois Bailey, secretary; Bro. Fred R. Conley, S. D.; Bro. George H. Ingraham, J. D.; Bro. W. H. G. Clarke, S. S.; Bro. W. H. Hayes, J. S.; Wor. Bro. J. R. McLeod, D. C.; Bro. Dr. D. S. Cleveland, I. G.; Bro. Thos. Coggon, Tyler. At the close of the lodge the members and their guests repaired to the dining hall down stairs which was decorated for the occasion. About 150 people sat down to the tables, which were beautifully decorated and laden with all the good things desirable. The toast that was short to enable the lovers of dancing to make the best of their time. The Sussex orchestra, under the leadership of George H. Warren, rendered splendid music.

A number of members from outside lodges with guests were present. The retiring master, Wor. Bro. James Lamb, was presented with a past master's jewel by Wor. Bro. Rev. Scovil Neales, who, in a few appropriate words, referred to his faithful work during his period of office. Wor. Bro. Lamb, who was somewhat taken by surprise, made a fitting reply. The Masonic building, which has been undergoing extensive repairs, is now finished and is one of the best in the province. The lodge room, up stairs, presented a beautiful and homelike appearance. The walls, woodwork and ceiling are newly painted and tinted and in the ceiling are placed 100 electric lights, which are handled in sections by means of switches for the working of degrees and down stairs is an up-to-date dining hall and ball room.

The organ recital held in the Church Avenue Baptist church this evening was a grand success. The proceeds went toward paying for the new pipe organ, which has recently been placed in the church. Prof. D. Arnold Fox, of St. John, presided at the organ and rendered several splendid

selections, assisted by the choir. Among others taking part were a vocal solo by Mrs. D. A. Vail; anthem, the choir; soloists, Miss Pearl Veysey, Measie, McKenna and Plummer; vocal solo, J. D. McKenna; anthem, the choir; soloist, Miss Pearl Veysey.

HEARING BEGUN IN GOODSPEED CASE

One Witness Examined Yesterday and Case Adjourned Until This Afternoon.

The preliminary examination of Edna Goodspeed, alias Edna Gibson, on the charges of theft against her, was begun in the police court yesterday afternoon. She was remanded till 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it is expected that Mrs. Travis, from whose boarding house jewelry was stolen, and Frederick B. Francis, manager of the Bank of Commerce, will give evidence.

Miss Jane Kincaid was on the stand yesterday afternoon. She described the manner in which she became acquainted with the prisoner. Their rooms were on the same floor and to get to hers the defendant would have to pass hers. They were never in each other's rooms, as far as she knew, nor had Miss Kincaid ever told the prisoner anything about having money in the bank. The first time she was aware that the bank book had been taken from the bureau drawer in which she usually kept it was on Monday when she wished it to make some further deposits. She identified the bank book found on the prisoner as hers and when shown the order for the money presented by the bank, stated that it had not been made out in her writing.