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CARLETON COUNTY

In the person of Mr. George W. Upham the Liberals of Carleton county have selected a strong candidate, who will make a worthy representative in the legislature. The convention was unanimous and enthusiastic, and there can be no reasonable doubt of the result. Mr. Carvell, whose defeat in the federal contest was so confidently predicted by his opponents, was present at yesterday's meeting in Woodstock and paid his respects to the provincial politicians who had so vainly sought to compass his defeat. He was able to show that the Hazen government had violated its pledges and forfeited public confidence. He emphasised the fact, which should be especially borne in mind, that those who were elected by Liberal votes in the provincial contest threw all their influence against Liberal candidates in the federal elections. In relation to the road law, the lumber industry, school books, appointments to office, and all matters of public concern, the government had disappointed the people. The speaker was able to give specific instances in Carleton county to emphasise his charges against Mr. Hazen and his colleagues.

There should be no serious difficulty in electing Mr. Upham. He is a good Liberal and a capable business man, who understands the needs of his county and the affairs of the province. A campaign so auspiciously begun should end in a splendid victory. The Hazen government has not measured up to the standard set by its members were in opposition. Carleton county should join Northumberland and send an opposition member to Fredericton.

THE KAISER

The surrender of Emperor William to the Reichstag is a fact significant of much in European politics. The Emperor of Germany has been regarded as a world figure, and a ruler whose opinions and influence counted for much in international affairs. His voice, in general belief, was the voice of the German people. His tendency toward imperialism and his great ambition made him one whose utterances were to be seriously weighed in the chancelleries of Europe. While it was recognized that something of the theatrical was associated with his attitude upon any question there was no strong evidence that he did not fairly interpret and express the views of the nation. He was, therefore, a formidable figure in the affairs of the continent.

The change that has occurred has been epoch-making in its effect. The German parliament has practically not only censured the Emperor for discussing matters of grave import without first consulting his ministers. There has been an outburst of popular resentment and the German press has criticised the emperor with unexpected freedom of expression. His chancellor has plainly told him that he must mend his ways, and the Reichstag stands behind the chancellor. There was much curiosity, not unmingled with grave concern, to learn in what spirit he would accept the rebuke. His reply is a surrender, and the result will be far-reaching. The emperor is not an autocrat. The people rule.

One cannot but contrast the Emperor of Germany with the King of England. The latter gives out no interviews. He understands the spirit of his people, and respects the unwritten constitution under which he is the head of the state. This does not imply that he has no influence, for his influence in international affairs is greater than that of any other European ruler. When delicate matters of international concern are to be discussed, there is none more prudent, diplomatic and impressive than King Edward. He does not thrust his own personality into a discussion, after the manner of a man who seeks personal glory. When Edward

speaks it is the voice of England, and that to which he gives expression is well-considered, politic, and to the point. The imperious and impulsive dreamer who dwells in the palace at Potsdam would do well to study the system which prevails at Buckingham.

Yesterday's cables state that the Radicals and Socialists will at once press for an amendment to the constitution, making the ministry responsible to the Reichstag, but that this will be successfully resisted for the present by the Conservatives and more cautious Liberals. Doubtless this is true. The German nature is not partial to sudden changes. Nevertheless the change must come, and the emperor's recent action has hastened the date of its accomplishment.

DOES IT MEAN REVOLUTION?

The death of the Emperor and Dowager Empress of China gives rise to much speculation as to the possibility of swift revolution, as a result of the reactionary tendencies of the new regent. He is described as the enemy of modern ideas, and one who will resist the liberalizing tendency of the times. The Brooklyn Eagle sums up the situation as it is understood by that journal in the following interesting article:—

"There exists in China a marked tendency on the part of certain elements toward the revolutionizing of the army, the navy and the civil system. To say that these elements are organized as a party is, perhaps, going too far, but that they have been able to concentrate in the interest of some tentative reforms has been made apparent on several occasions. Much as she may have disliked their policy, the Dowager Empress adopted it in a modified form in partially remodelling the army, in simplifying the complications of the civil service and in holding out to the people, through a proclamation, the hope of a constitutional government. The supreme authority passes for the moment to Prince Chun, a servicable tool of the Dowager, who becomes regent for his three-year-old son, now declared Emperor. Chun is a reactionary, opposed to anything that savors of progress. He would keep the empire with its vast population and undeveloped resources in the groove in which it has moved throughout the sleepy centuries of Manchu rule. Whether he will be able, either by a policy of half concessions or one of iron despotism, to maintain himself and his line in full power at Peking will be revealed as the months pass. Anything like a wholly representative and responsible government is impossible in China under the present conditions of popular ignorance, superstition and indifference; but it is not impossible that some leader shall arise who will fuse the intelligent classes in a demand for a modernized government, by which an end may be put to the corruption and inefficiency now prevailing. Educated Chinese are not unmindful of what has been achieved by their neighbors, the Japanese, nor can the movements for free government in Turkey and Persia have been without an effect upon them. It will surprise no one should they seize the opportunity presented by the removal of the Dowager Empress and press their demands upon the regent even so far as to precipitate a complete revolution."

The developments in Northumberland have placed Hon. John Morrissey in a delicate position. He has endeavored to keep federal and provincial issues apart in Northumberland. The Conservatives have repudiated a candidate who was satisfactory to Mr. Morrissey, and have nominated a straight party man, at a straight party convention. Mr. Morrissey has in turn repudiated this candidate. The Chatham World has vigorously assailed Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Hazen. The Liberals, on their side, will have a straight Liberal candidate in the field. Mr. Morrissey is a Liberal.

The Liberal government in Prince Edward Island is sustained, but by a very small majority. The defeat of three members of the government is a feature of the contest. The opposition cry for better terms from the federal government, and for cheaper school books, appears to have had considerable influence upon the minds of the people. Moreover, the Liberals have been in power for seventeen years. One result of yesterday's contest will be constant watchfulness and keen strife between the parties in the new house.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson is confident that the federal government will take over the branch railways along the I. C. R. An immediate result would be better service and more business.

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—Washington Star.

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(By W. J. Lampton in the New York Times.)
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In an idyllic dream Of color, rich and tropic. Moves the throng of wealth and fashion In its rustling silk and lace. While the jeweled that adorn it, Like a million stars ablaze. Flash the signals of their beauty To a world's admiring gaze. The circling seats are crowded With the throng of society, And bewildering bedazzlement Is rampant everywhere.
Around, the grand procession, Resplendently alight, Swings gliding in its orbit, Illuminating the night. The air is filled with music, As if the leader's hand Had taken from Gelsonda, Its gems to deck his hand. Not Egypt's wondrous temples, Nor India's purple skies, Could give in form and color Such feast to mortal eyes. No Babylonian gardens, With their high-walled courts, Could vie with half the lustre And beauty this affords. This is the gorgeous Garden, Of Allah and the best, The story of our fashion And of our wealthiest. Here come the golden thousands, Their names in the programme. As Horse Show of all horse shows— But, say, where is the horse?

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A DEFINITION.

Teacher—What is a surrogate? Wilfred—A female sufferer.—Puck.

THE KICKER.

He was the last to register, To vote he cheerfully forgave. But when it came to growling, he Was Johnny on the spot.—Buffalo Enquirer.

HIS INTERPRETATION.

"I want a kiss, darling," he murmured. "What check?" she declared. "Either will do," he answered.—Baltimore American.

THE FOOL FAMILY.

Mrs. Benham—There's a fool born every minute. Benham—Yes, and they get together in June and one of them pays the minister five dollars.—Lippincott's.

IN HER MIND.

Mrs. Knicker—Where do you keep your auto? Mrs. Newrich—In a mirage, of course.—New York Sun.

WANTED TO SEE HER.

Captain Ocean Liner—What's giving us such a list to starboard? Cargo shifted? First officer—No, sir; the passengers. A woman has just come out on the promenade deck with a sheath skirt on.—Puck.

ALL SETTLED NOW.

Mother—Johnnie, you left out part of your prayers. You didn't say "God bless Aunt Hattie and make her a good mother." Johnnie—Why, mother, I don't have to put that in any more. Aunt Hattie's engaged.—Chicago Tribune.

HE WAS IMPRESSED.

"I will wait a few moments," said the lecturer, who had delivered an eloquent and instructive address on "The High Mission of Women in Our Modern Civilization," "to answer any questions that may be asked." "There's one thing I'd like to know, Mr. Croxton," spoke up a dyspeptic looking man with a thin, straggly beard, "where do they get the names for all these breakfast foods?"—Chicago Tribune.

SOME APHORISMS.

Be sure you're right, then lose your head. A ring on the hand is worth two at the door. A fool and his money are soon married. A little debauchery is a dangerous thing. Proposals make cowards of us all. There's no fool like a hold fool. The longest way round is the sweetest way home. One good kiss deserves another. The love that makes the man come 'round. Kisses speak louder than words. He loves best whose love lasts. People who live in glass houses shouldn't hold hands. The woman who deliberates is won. Where there's a will there's a way.—Carolyn Wells, in Harper's Weekly.

THE MOVEMENT FOR PLAYGROUNDS

What Was Done in Boston During the Past Season—Used 24 Parks.

(Bangor Commercial.)

Since the editorial on the need for public playgrounds was published in the Commercial of last Saturday, we have received two reports which give much information on the condition and uses of the playgrounds in Boston for last year. One of these is the report of the board of commissioners on the part of the superintendent of public schools. The park department of Boston gave over to the school board the entire control of 21 parks for the use of pupils as public playgrounds. These parks vary in size from one-half acre to that of 77 acres. Franklin Field, which is the largest playground in the Boston park department. Sizes of the various playgrounds are two, six, ten, 14 and 18 acres respectively. On these parks all kinds of out-door games are played in summer, while they are flooded in winter and make safe skating fields. On Franklin Field, in fine weather, from 8,000 to 10,000 people enjoyed themselves on Saturday afternoon and on holidays, cheering and giving support to their friends, contestants in the games. The expenditure of the parks and playgrounds in the city for the year 1907 was \$28,144.

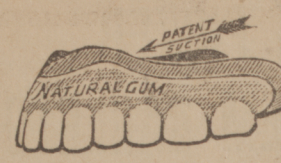
The report says: "Additional playgrounds are needed, and an additional fund to make more available those we now have. We call the attention of our public-spirited and benevolent friends to the fact that the enduring value of a present of a playground to the city. No one could desire or obtain a better, or more lasting monument than such a gift. We wish we had room to transfer to our pages what the members of the report of the committee of the Boston school board has to say of the schoolyard playgrounds—what a revelation to the eyes of the Bangor people. Besides the 25 schoolyard playgrounds, the school committees also had charge of 21 public parks, portions of which were set aside for playgrounds. These playgrounds were located in the crowded centres of the city proper, South Boston, East Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury, Dorchester and Brighton. In addition, play corners were established in 18 parks, many of them equipped with apparatus, and all supplied with material useful in playground work. During the months of May and June the daily sessions were from 4.30 to 5.30 o'clock on each school day, and from 9 to 12 o'clock on Saturdays. During the months of July and August daily sessions were from 9 o'clock to 5.30 o'clock, except on Saturday afternoons. When the schools opened in September the playgrounds were again used as in summer—with a change of hours—and they were in use until the end of the year. During the present year the playgrounds were opened after school hours and on Saturday afternoons from May 4 to the close of school daily during the vacation, and after school hours; and on Saturdays from September to Thanksgiving, Nov. 26. Each playground is in charge of a first assistant and as many assistants as may be needed. These schoolyard playgrounds are used by girls, boys and the smaller children. The attendance of children at these playgrounds the past summer was: In May, 75,890; in June, 82,400; in July, 126,502; in August, 125,290.

BE WHAT YOU ARE.

Be passion's slave, be pleasure's thrall— But be it utterly, all in all! Be not to-day, to-morrow, none. Another when a year is gone. Be what you are with all your heart, And not by pieces and in part. —Henrik Ibsen.

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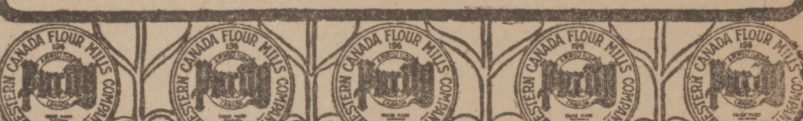
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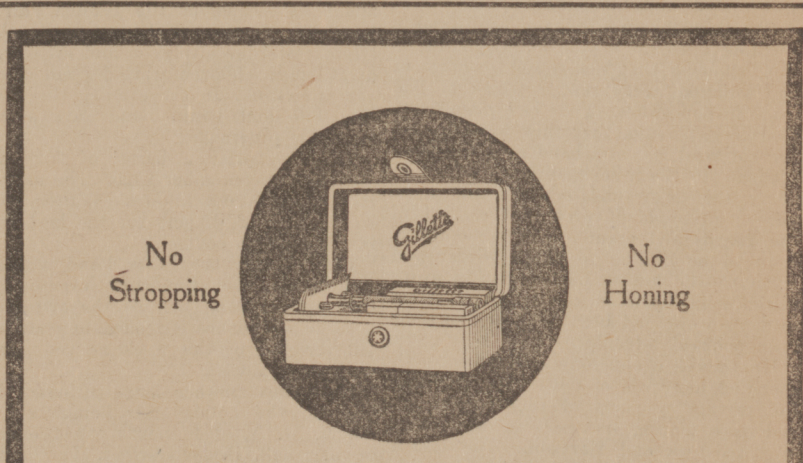
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