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LOWER THE RATES

The extension of the waterworks system to Loch Lomond has proved very expensive, but it has done what was promised. At Market Square last evening eight streams were simultaneously sent into the air to a height greater than that of the highest buildings. It is now possible to do without fire engines more than could formerly be done with their aid. It is very gratifying to know, since the cost was so great, that the result of the extension to Loch Lomond is so satisfactory.

The secretary of the board of fire underwriters has expressed his belief that the promised reduction in fire insurance rates will soon be made. It was to accomplish this end the extension was undertaken, and since the tests of the new service have proved satisfactory the rates should come down without delay.

St. John has added to its other advantages a gravitation supply of the best water, under high pressure. There is still some work to be done, replacing old pipes here and there about the city, but the effect of the new pressure has been less destructive in this direction than had been feared.

BRITISH POLITICS

The by-election for the Pudsey district of Yorkshire on Saturday last resulted in another defeat for the government party. A Liberal majority of 3,502 at the general elections gave place to a Unionist majority of 113 on Saturday, in a three-cornered contest. There was a Labor candidate in the field, but he only secured 1,291 votes, compared with 5,441 for the Unionist and 5,331 for the Liberal. The London press regards the result as another victory for tariff reform. The London Standard's reports from Leeds showed that throughout the contest the rival claims of free trade and tariff reform were especially prominent.

The record of the recent by-elections is practically all against the government. The new premier has been unable to convince the people that he is any more capable than his predecessor, and the force of foreign competition is felt with increasing keenness in the industrial centres. As the London Post says, "The rapid growth of the essential policy of union may bring a change of government sooner than expected."

IMPRISONING CHILDREN

There was a very interesting discussion in committee recently of the Children Bill, before the British parliament. The committee was opposed to imprisonment for any long period of time of young boys as a punishment, even in a reformatory. The following report of the discussion is interesting, and worthy of attention on the part of those having to do with juvenile offenders.

"Mr. Herbert Samuel moved that where a youthful offender or child is under the supervision of the managers of a reformatory school it should not be lawful for the parent to exercise any parental right or power in such a manner as to interfere with the control of the manager over the offender or child. The amendment was accepted.

"On Clause 67, which gives power to reformatory managers to send to court for a sentence of imprisonment up to three months a boy who has wilfully broken the rules of the reformatory provided he is not less than 14 years of age, Mr. Tennant moved that the age be raised to 16.

"Mr. Samuel said that he wished he could accept the amendment because the government were most anxious to abolish the imprisonment of children in all cases, and he quite agreed that it was a most undesirable form of punishment in all cases of boys and girls under the age of 14. In this case, however, the offender was no ordinary offender, but one who had already been before the court, and whose offence had been so grave that he had been sent to reformatory. Having been guilty of a serious breach, the managers had no other alternative but to send him to prison. In the future, when they had abolished imprisonment of children under 14, and practically abolished it under age 16, there would be a larger number of boys sent to a reformatory. This power of imprisonment would be a weapon in reserve in the hands of the managers, enabling them to get discipline in the institution.

"Mr. Leif Jones said that reformatory institutions were not always very well managed, and he believed that this imprisonment power would be used where the management was not so efficient as in other places.

"Mr. Acland Allen pointed out that the influence of a boy returned to the school from prison would be bad on the other boys, and said that to send a boy to prison for three months would do him no good, but probably make him a good deal worse than he was before. It would be better to send the boy to prison for two or three years under the Borstal system.

"Ultimately Mr. Samuel accepted the amendment."

BLUEJACKETS WANTED

A London cable states that there is a serious shortage of men to man reserve vessels for the naval manoeuvres. The situation is interesting. We quote:—

"Arrangements are now being made for the mobilization of the Devonport Division of the Home Fleet to take part in the forthcoming naval manoeuvres. It has been discovered, however, that there will be a serious shortage of men when the nucleus crews have been completed to full strength and the special reserve ships are to be commissioned. The commodore of the Royal Naval Barracks has furnished returns of the available strength under his command to the Admiralty, from which it seems clear that the necessary ratings can not be found to man the light cruiser division. This force consists of the Gibraltar, carrying a nominal complement of 399 officers and men; the Aeolus, with 272 officers and men; the St. George, with 399 officers and men; and the Sirius, with 272 officers and men. Imperative orders have been received that these ships are to be got to sea somehow, for the Admiralty are manifestly apprehensive that the revelation of this serious shortage would call forth hostile criticism. But the Devonport authorities are terribly puzzled as to how the problem is to be met. One expedient has already been decided upon. The Gibraltar was to have taken out the crew of the Doris to form a relief complement to the Challenger, on the Australian station. This ship is overdue for relief, and has been waiting some weeks at Colombo. Now, the Gibraltar is to go through the manoeuvres with the relief crew on board, instead of a mobilized crew. This means that she has no crew at all, and is being worked by the complement of another ship. Meanwhile, this procedure is inflicting a hardship on the time-expired men who are waiting to come home."

ROOSEVELT ON TAFT

It is interesting to know what President Roosevelt thinks of the man who will probably succeed him in office. Immediately upon receiving news of the nomination of Secretary Taft for the presidency, President Roosevelt said:

"I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him intimately for many years and I have a peculiar feeling for him because throughout that time we have worked for the same object with the same purposes and ideals. I do not believe there can be found in the whole country a man so well fitted to be president. He is not only absolutely fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs without and within and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a president of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagogy, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind. He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of and sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage-worker, of the business man, of the property owner. No matter what a man's occupation or social position, no matter what his creed, his color or the section of the country from which he comes, if he is an honest, hard-working man who tried to do his duty toward ing man who tries to do his duty toward can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Ta t the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions. Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well.being."

The Conservatives of Westmorland have nominated Mr. F. W. Sumner as their candidate for the commons, and it is said he is likely to accept. The honor was tendered to Mr. H. A. Powell, a veteran of former campaigns, but he declined to accept. Mr. Sumner would make a very strong candidate.

Mr. Justice Hanington advises total abstinence from liquor in early and middle life. If this rule were adopted there would be no demand for liquor during old age.

SNAKE TIES UP AUTOMOBILE.

Lenox, Mass., June 22.—As Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts and party, of Trenton, N. J., were touring past Lake Mankeenac, in Stockbridge, they saw a black snake five feet long in the middle of the road.

They tried to run over and kill it, but instead the reptile got tangled up in the running gear of the machine, and the women nearly went into hysterics. It took half an hour to unwind the snake and get the automobile going again.

SENTENCED FOR BRIBERY.

Columbus, O., June 22.—Frederick J. Immel, who recently was ousted from membership of the Columbus board of public service today pleaded guilty to accepting a bribe when in office and was sentenced to four years in prison and to pay a fine of $1,000.

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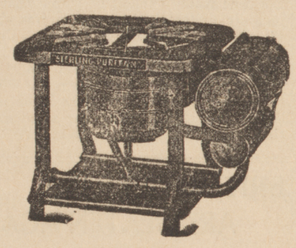
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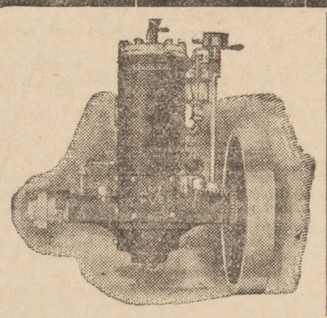
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"Yes, that's what I mean."—Philadelphia Press.

CONSCIENTIOUS.

(Tit Bits.)

One of Manchester's sextons, in making a report of burials, is explicit to a commendable degree. For instance, such entries as this occur:

"Died, John Green, male; aged three days, unmarried."

EXTREME FRIENDLINESS.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

Senator Crane came smiling from the White House.

"You must have hit it off pretty well with the president," remarked a friend.

"Hit it off! I should say so," answered the senator. "Why, he was so good-natured that he unconsciously called me Mr. Stork."

THE GIRL FOR HIM.

(Everybody's Magazine.)

A Scotchman, wishing to know his fate at once, telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the lady of his choice. After spending the entire day at the telegraph office he was finally rewarded late in the evening by an affirmative answer.

"If I were you," suggested the operator when he delivered the message, "I'd think twice before I'd marry a girl that kept me waiting all day for my answer."

"Na, na," retorted the Scot. "The lass who waits for the night rates is the lass for me."

DISAPPOINTING.

(M. A. P.)

Mr. Chamberlain's love of the orchid is well known, and at one time of his political meetings some years ago his fondness for this flower was responsible for an amusing incident. In the midst of the proceedings an old man pushed his way through the crowd, and demanded of his nearest neighbor to be told which was Mr. Chamberlain. "That's 'im," was the answer, "that clean-shaven man with the eyeglass."

"Well, if that's Chamberlain, I thing 'e's a reg'lar fraud," exclaimed the old fellow, in a disappointed tone; "they told me as 'ow 'e wore a little orchard in 'is button-'ole an' it ain't nothin' more than a 'tater blossom, after all!"

MAUD WILL GO TO MANCHESTER

Canadian Dancer Will Do the Living Statuary Act There When She is Ready.

(London Standard.)

Thousands of people in London, drawn from every class of society, and including the highest in the land, have during the past few months witnessed the wonderful dancing of Miss Maud Allan; but, if the Manchester Watch Committee adheres to the attitude which it is stated to have taken up, the probability is that audiences in that city will not be afforded a similar opportunity. The manager of the Palace Theatre of Varieties at Manchester wished, it appears, to arrange for a series of performances by Miss Allan at an early date, and had mentioned this to the Watch Committee, with the result that the latter has, without expressing any opinion on the lady's performance, intimated that it cannot agree to her apearance on the Manchester stage. The decision is understood to be based on general grounds of policy with regard to entertainments of the "living statuary" order, by which the committee has been guided for some time past, and which, it appears to be thought, should be made applicable to the present case also.

On the part of the committee it is denied that the action taken means the banning of Miss Maud Allan's performance. The chairman, indeed, says, "We have not prohibited Miss Allan's performance; we cannot act as censors beforehand. We can simply stop a production if we disaprove of it." But the powers of the Watch Committee over houses of entertainment are, of course, extensive. Although not expressly stated, it is thought that exception may have been taken to Miss Allan's "Salome" dance; but it is pointed out that her repertoire is not limited to this particular dance, and that any objection which, rightly or wrongly, might be taken to "Salome" would not apply in the case, say, of the Chopin "Marche Funebre," or the Rubinstein "Valse Caprice," in the illustration of which Miss Allan has achieved high distinction.

One of our representatives yesterday had a conversation with Miss Allan on the subject, and found that, so far as she herself was concerned, she had no intention of visiting Manchester, at least for many months. She admitted that she felt hurt when informed of the attitude of the Manchester Watch Committee, not only on her own account, but because it reflected to a certain extent on the many prominent people who had approved her work and invited her to their houses. Nor did Miss Allan think that the people of Manchester endorsed the view taken by the Watch Committee. She produced a number of letters from people in "Cottonopolis," saying how greatly they desired her to visit their city, "and when I am ready I shall go," concluded Miss Allan.

FOLLOWS DIVORCE WITH MARRIAGE

Providence, June 23.—Millionaire Warren R. Fales, who, after a most sensational divorce case, was freed from his actress wife a week ago, is rumored as engaged to wed the pretty housekeeper, Mrs. Minnie Fitz, who figured quite prominently in the divorce case.

This will be Mr. Fales' third plunge into the matrimonial sea, for his first wife divorced him years ago when his two children were small. In 1891 he married Catherine Howard, one of the most popular members of Edna May's London company, and it was considered a love match pure and simple.

It wasn't, however, for the couple soon separated, and the recent sensational suit was the result. In that suit Fales' wife accused Mrs. Fitz, the housekeeper, of being responsible for her husband's attempt to get a divorce. She also asserted that Fales was getting the divorce for the very purpose of marrying his pretty housekeeper.

When the decree was granted Fales his wife cried bitterly, and declared that he could now marry "her," meaning Mrs. Fitz. Six months must elapse before the decree becomes operative, and Mrs. Fales' attorney intends bringing the case again into court before that time is up. Her attorney, Thomas E. Farrell, says that an important witness was spirited away by Fales during the last trial, and that new evidence will be submitted to keep Mr. Fales from getting his divorce made absolute.

$500,000 FIRE AT PORT CHESTER.

Port Chester, N. Y., June 22.—Defying the efforts of firemen from this and several nearby town, a fire, which was raging uncontrolled for two hours late today before it was checked, destroyed a block of buildings, occupied chiefly by business firms, rendered forty families homeless and entailed a loss of $500,000.

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