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NOTHING DOING.

Between the new city council and the old there will be a distinction without a difference. The hope of many citizens that a ticket of strong men would be in the field has been dispelled. The choice is limited to members of the present council and a few gentlemen who are not any better qualified to conduct the affairs of the city. Public apathy, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the indifference of leading busines men, is responsible for the conditions that exist. The members of the present council and those who desire to supplant them are all well-meaning citizens, but they would not be the first choice of the people for the important task of putting civic affairs in more business-like shape than at present. However, the opportunity to secure extensive reforms has gone by for another year, and it is for the friends of the various candidates to exert themselves for a week in their behalf. The net result will be that some of the ins will be out and some of the outs will be in.

The men who are in have this advantage in public estimation, that they at least have had experience and are acquainted with civic matters. They would not have to spend a year acquiring knowledge. It is safe to assert that the majority of the old members will be returned.

VILE HABITS.

It is typical of the general disregard for what may be termed the decencies of life by a great number of persons in this city, and of the laxity of law enforcement, that the police magistrate should be compelled to berate certain undetected persons for expectorating upon the floors of the court room.

This filthy habit is so much in evidence as to seem almost universal. It is indulged in by men in all public places, to the disgust of orderly citizens.. There is supposed to be a law against spitting on the sidewalks, and yet, on any evening men may be found by scores standing in twos and threes in the doorways of stores spitting on the sidewalk in front of them, and in many cases making remarks which are no credit to them concerning ladies who pass. The habit has become so confirmed that it is a positive nuisance; and it is, moreover, a disgrace to the city. The arrest and conviction of a few of the offenders would doubtless have a salutary effect. It is idle to say that no convictions could be secured. The police are entirely too lenient in this matter. The complaint of the magistrate proves it, for men who will deliberately defile the floors of the court room are evidently in no fear of police intervention or remonstrance.

It is humiliating to be compelled to call attention to such matters, for there are some rules of personal conduct so elementary that all men should be expected to observe them. When, however, there is gross violation of them the duty of the police is clear.

DR. PUGSLEY AGAIN

The people generally will read with amazement the statements of Dr. Pugsley in parliament yesterday on the subject of dredging. If he were not the minister of public works one would almost regard his words as those of a man pleading the cause of the owners of dredges.

He holds that "it is no crime for two men to get together and put in tenders at different figures, each knowing the figures of the other." He does not deem it at all strange that a man should tender for work at 57 cents and afterwards do it at 27 cents. As to measurement, the government had to depend upon the honesty of its inspectors and sometimes these failed to do their duty. There were heavy losses as well as profits in dredging. It was quite proper to give certain contracts at Tiffin and Victoria harbor at former prices and without tender.

It was not without reason that Mr. Haggart called the government's attention to the findings of its own royal commission, and pointed out that under the present system contracts may be given to favorites and to relatives of members of parliament.

The minister of public works is somewhat unhappy in his political experiences since he asumed office. Those, and they were many, in this province who predicted for him a brilliant career at Ottawa, are reluctantly compelled to admit that their expectations are very far from being readized.

THE ADVISERS

The Sun this morning charges that other journals misrepresent the reasons for the postponement of the Liberal convention, which it says was entirely due to the fact that the house was summoned to meet after Easter on the day before that set for the convention. The Sun expects its readers to be guileless enough to believe that Sir Wilfrid could not have delayed reassembling the house for a day or two, to please his friend, Dr. Pugsley, and his other friends—the Liberal members from New Brunswick who desired to attend the convention. We commend to the Sun the remarks of the St. John Globe, as follows:

"Party opinion may now employ itself in considering whether it was wise to call a convention, but, having called it, whether it was best to postpone it. However, there can be no doubt that the president of the Liberal organization is in need of some competent advisers."

The Sun and Dr. Pugsley were the president's advisers in regard to the convention. In the opinion of the Globe, their competency is open to question. Is the Globe right?

An Ottawa correspondent writes this concerning the long-drawn session of parliament:—"When the present session opened on November 29th last, the grass was green on the 'hill,' and the page boys played baseball until the winter swooped down. Today the page boys are out with the bats and balls; the snow has disappeared, winter has gone, and the government has awakened to the fact that if prorogation is to take place before the snow flies again there will have to be some activity shown."

The Railway Age states that about one-third of the railway mileage of the United States reports 345.000 less men employed than on October 1st. An exchange points out that if the remaining two-thirds have discharged as many men proportionately, a million railway workers are without jobs. In addition to saving the pay of these men, railway men report increased efficiency on the part of those who have held their jobs, due in large measure to fear of being laid off.

Referring to the civil service enquiry, an Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Gazette says:—"Some startling revelations are anticipated when Mr. Justice Cassels gets to work. An effort will be made to have the investigation a public one, but it is more than likely that the government will resist this suggestion.

The death of Mr. H. W. Barker removes the last of the older male members of a family associated with the wholesale and retail drug business of St. John for two generations. The late Mr. Barker was a man of quiet tastes, a successful business man and a good citizen.

The removal from office by the Hazen government of certain officials here and there, who were either incompetent or violent partisans, appears to cause no little worry to certain journalistic minds. The public, however, will approve of the course of the government.

The Conservatives of Westmorland evidently approve of the effort made in the provincial elections to conduct a pure campaign. They have declared themselves in favor of a similar course in the federal elections. The example should be generally followed.

It would be a very wet blanket for the Quebec ter-centenary celebration if Quebec city failed to enter with enthusiasm into the affair. It would, moreover, be rank folly on the part of a city which would be the centre of an imperial demonstration.

Despite the editorial and other statements in the St. John Star, the action of the general committee relative to the band stand on King Square was final. The stand will be erected, despite the opposition of that journal

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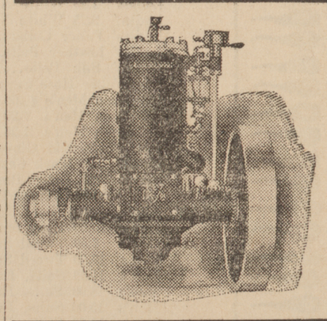
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Chicago Record-Herald.

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Chicago Tribune.

A FAMILY TRAIT.

He couldn't play ball;
Couldn't hold it at all,
But would drop it in some way or other,
Till at last they found out
How it all came about;
He was little Miss Muffett's big brother.

JUST WHAT HE MEANT.

(Exchange.)

"Good morning, doctor; how are you today?"

"I'm enjoying very poor health, sir."

"You mean suffering poor health."

"Oh, no, it's the poor health of my patients that I am enjoying, sir."

HUMILIATION.

(London Telegraph.)

"I tell you, sir, kissing the hand that smites you is nothing to what I saw in the hotel this morning."

"What was that?"

"The porter blacking the boots that had kicked him last night."

AN ADROIT DIPLOMAT.

The sultan of Turkey had sent the queen of Spain a diamond bracelet. She had the stones reset in earrings and called the fact to the attention of Fuad Pasha, the Turkish envoy.

"His majesty," replied Fuad, will be delighted that your majesty gives an ear to what comes from Constantinople."

EXPLOSION IN GASPE P.Q.

Campbellton Newspaper Reports a Tragedy Near Port Daniel East.

(Campbellton Graphic.)

The Graphic last evening received a despatch from Port Daniel East of an accident whereby four Italians were instantly killed and three injured in an explosion of dynamite in the tunnel under course of construction there.

The details are very meagre, but so far as can be learned these men, with others were engaged in blasting in the interior of the long tunnel being made at this point for the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway, when either by a premature explosion or from a charge failing to explode the accident took place with fatal results.

A large number of Italians have been employed on this work, as it was found impossible to procure local labor to do it.

HELD UP BY ICE.

St. Johns, N. F., April 15.—The police here have been notified that the steamer Rosalind, from New York, has a man on board who is said to be a suspect in the Arlington, Mass., murder case. It was reported that Chief Urquhart of the Arlington, police would be here, but he has not put in an appearance. It is supposed that the chief is detained at Sydney, C. B., by the ice blockade. The mail steamer is caught in the ice floes.

DEATH OF A MUSICIAN.

Portland, Me., April 14.—Edward C. Webb, for half a century a prominent musician and member of Chandlers' Military Band, serving with that organization with the First Maine Regiment in the civil war, died suddenly this evening as a result of a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Webb was 74 years of age, and for a number of years has been a bailiff of the United States court.



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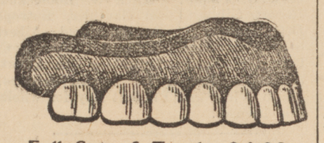
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