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THE PUBLIC HEALTH

You will be asked to authorize the appointment of a commission to inquire into and point out the best means of preventing and fighting tuberculosis.

The above sentence appears in the speech from the throne at the opening of the Quebec legislature. It may be hoped that the New Brunswick legislature will do something more than appoint a commission.

At a meeting of the St. John Medical Society last evening the subject of tuberculosis was discussed, and the view expressed that every case should be reported to the board of health. The members are also in favor of the appointment of a medical inspector. These matters should be kept before the public until action is taken. The public health is of quite as much importance as wharves and granaries, new industries or tourists, but it does not receive its proportionate share of public attention.

LITTLE ITALY GROWS LARGE

Is New York to become an Italian city? This rather startling suggestion comes from reading an address delivered in New York the other day by William Dean Howells, the eminent novelist. We quote from the New York Herald's report:

"Mr. Howells explained that New York is the third largest city outside of Italy in Italian population. He said that when he first gave serious attention to immigration statistics he was staggered by the problem this city faced in assimilating the arriving army of Italy's sons. Then he realized that it was not the New York people who had to do the assimilating, but the invaders who would assimilate the New York people, just as the Dutch had assimilated the original inhabitants of this island until not a trace remained but the name of one chief, which was adopted by a political organization. Following the Dutch came the English, who so completely engulfed them, he said, that only a few 'Yan's' and a strain of 'blue' blood remained. After the English both the Irish and Germans held sway, and now, Mr. Howells believes, the Italians are soon to have their day."

Of the commercial relations between the West Indies and Canada a recent member of the West India Committee's Circular says:—"What is now required is uniformity of action on the part of the West Indies. It is becoming increasingly evident that Canada will not care to negotiate with individual islands, though she will not go so far as to insist upon reciprocity with all the West Indian colonies or none. Effort should then be concentrated towards securing uniformity of action. Barbados has already approved a provisional preferential tariff, which, with one or two slight modifications, will be understood, probably prove acceptable to Canada, and legislation in the other colonies should follow on similar lines." A sufficient number of the West Indian colonies have agreed to the principle of preference, and the Circular asks for a government inquiry "as to the best means of bringing it about."

The transfer of the inshore lots on the west side to the C. P. R. will doubtless be approved by the city council this afternoon. The majority of the aldermen will not care to place themselves in opposition to the government's programme of harbor development. Any fear that the C. P. R. will be placed in a position to injure the port, even if it cared to do so, has been dissipated.

Although there was nothing in the correspondence between Mayor Bullock and the minister of public works that could injure the minister, there was a frantic desire on the part of some aldermen to have it published. Now that it has been published they are waddling when they wanted it done.

Mr. Todd, M. P., cannot understand why a majority of the members from the province should favor giving the Dominion exhibition grant to Chatham. They certainly cannot be animated by a desire to make the fair of the greatest service to the greatest number. St. John is the only rational site for a Dominion fair.

Premier Whitney declines to pledge himself to abolish treating in bars or drinking in clubs, or to permit the majority to rule in local option. His attitude will make more vigorous the agitation for the abolition of the saloon.

Premier Hazen has an opportunity, by co-operating with the Dominion government, to secure an experimental farm for this province. Will he do it?

If Judge Russell of Halifax finds it possible to come to St. John and address the Canadian Club, a treat is in store for its members.

An ocean steamer is lying at Berth No. 6, and the boulder controversy rests for the present. But boulders will out.

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(From the Chicago News)

When the grasshopper went to the ant he adopted a lachrymose tone and requested the latter to grant a small loan.

And the ant with a welcoming smile said: "You haven't been round here for ages."

I imagined you had quite a pile. Pray, where are your last summer's wages?"

Then the grasshopper promised the ant: "He'll not all through his bull life like you. And the ant sadly murmured: "I see."

Do a thing.

I am struggling myself, for my coal. All the surplus I've hoarded engages, still, I thought that you'd saved up a roll. Pray, where are your last summer's wages?"

Said the grasshopper then to the ant: "Ask the leaman who called every day. For he chinks that were awfully scant. I'd to pay."

This is not quite the fable, it's true. That we read in the story book's pages. But it shows what the most of us do. With the money that's paid us for wages.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNCLE EZRA SAYS:

"It takes tew fish to make a bargain a shark and a sucker."

A NEWLY DISCOVERED EPITAPH.

"Here lies Hen Hills—it ain't nothin' new. He's died all through his bull life like you. Now he's lyin' in wait at St. Peter's gate. An' he'll have to lie more of he gets in."

"You've made a mistake in your paper," said the indignant man, entering the editorial sanctum. "I was one of the competitors at that athletic match yesterday, and you have called me the well-known 'light-weight' champion. Well, aren't you?"

"No, I'm nothing of the kind, and it's comendably awkward, because, you see, I'm a coal merchant."

SCOTTISH AMERICAN.

EPICUREAN EPIGRAMS.

Laugh and grow fat is good advice, but one must stop laughing long enough to eat.

Too many cooks spoil the broth and too few cooks spoil the disposition.

It is all right to rest one's elbows on the table if they are needed to fill up gaping space.

If an overloaded stomach produces a good-sized nightmare, how much would one have to eat to be held down by a touring car?

PAVEMENT PHILOSOPHY.

If it is up to you, be up to it.

He laughs best who laughs last.

The man who is overjoyed disagreeable looks the part.

If the stage is elevated too high a good many people will not be able to see it.

The man who lurches with a watch side of his plate is to be pitied; he ought to be clubbed.

There are a lot of people who know enough to go in when it rains and get some one else's umbrella.

It doesn't make much difference what kind of spring bitters you take so long as it is spring and the bitters are bitter enough.

Teacher—is there supposed to be any vegetation on the moon?

Shaggy-haired Puppi—Yes'm. There's lots of things planted in dark of it.

"Do you mind poultry keeping pays?"

"Well, no, I can't say that it pays me, but I think it pays my boy Jim."

"How's that?"

"Well, you see, I bought him the towel. I have to pay for their keep and buy the eggs from him, and he eats them."—Illustrated Bits.

"Do you approve of the plan of teaching pupils to be kind?"

"Not unconditionally," replied the country pedagogue, remembering his husky nineteenth-century-old. "Might all right, though, if you'd authorize the teachers to carry guns."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

RAILWAY PORTER WEDS RICH GIRL

This English Love Story Reads Like a Novel—Young Lovers Married in Groom's Dinner Hour.

London, March 2.—A love story which comes from Shropshire reads like a chapter from one of Fielding's most famous works, even to the name of the hero, Tom Jones, a young railway porter, son of a house decorator residing at Pant, four miles from Oswestry, has secretly wooed Miss Evelyn Dorothy Hopton, a charming young lady who is reputed to be heirless to some £10,000.

The young lady, who like her husband, is only nineteen, has been residing at Pant with her mother, with whom she came from Herefordshire some four or five years ago. Her father, a retired British officer, who is at present big game shooting in Uganda, is a Protestant, while her mother is a Roman Catholic. The father, in 1902, during a brief visit to this country, took steps to make his daughter a ward in Chancery.

Two years ago the young lady says she was sent to a Roman Catholic convent at Brussels. Being a bright, cheery girl, she disliked the quiet of the seminary, and in less than two months she returned. Five months ago she struck up an acquaintance with a young man, and as her mother was arranging, she says, to send her to another convent abroad she decided to get married. So one day Miss Hopton, asked her mother in a casual sort of way if she might marry. The mother thoughtlessly answered:—"Yes, if you can find anyone to have you."

To a similar question put by the young man to his father, the latter replied:—"You can get married twice over if you like."

The young people took their parents at their word. Archdeacon Wynne Jones, to whom the applicant granted a special license, and the marriage took place in the porter's "dinner hour" at Morton Parish Church, the vicar, Rev. C. R. Garnett Botfield, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by the bridegroom's sister and by an Oswestry bird fancier.

After the service the couple parted. Jones returning to his official duties, while Mrs. Jones returned to her home to break the news of her marriage to her mother. At first Mrs. Hopton refused to believe her daughter's statement, but the girl showed her the wedding ring. This convinced her. When she had recovered from her surprise, Mrs. Hopton at once sent a telegram with the news to the family sojourner in Liverpool, and despatched a messenger to Welshpool to a Catholic priest. When the priest arrived the girl herself admitted him, and then left the house and rejoined her husband. She has not seen her mother since. The young couple moved late to some furnished quarters.

The priest and the family solicitor have had an interview with young Jones, and he was asked to leave the district until he became a free, meanwhile letting his young wife return to her mother.

But the young couple will not hear of this. Young Mrs. Jones seems quite happy with her position, and says she requires no other society than that of her husband.

"I was christened in a Protestant church," she remarked, "and baptized in a Catholic church, and I returned to a Protestant church to get married."

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AFTER TODAY ROOSEVELT WILL BE AN EX-PRESIDENT

His Great Achievement was that He Roused the Moral Sense of the Country and Set in Motion Forces that Make for Regeneration

(New York Journal of Commerce)

At noon Thursday, March 4, 1909, the term of Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States will come to an end. He will have held the office about seven years and a half, first as successor to President McKinley from the office of Vice President, and then for the full term to which he was elected by the suffrages of the people. His administration will hold a conspicuous place in the annals of the country for its moral effect upon the conduct of its material interests, and it will mark the beginning of an era of far-reaching consequence. It has checked perilous tendencies, and set in operation regenerative forces, the results of which will be more clearly appreciated as time goes on and the controversies excited by his energetic methods subside.

The rapid development of the material interests of the country and the opportunities afforded for acquiring wealth had excited a spirit of greed which led to unscrupulous methods in the use of the power of capital and to corrupt influences in private and public life. The organization of great corporations and their amalgamation for the control of industrial operations and the transportation and interchange of products resulted in abuses of the money power which threatened the rights and the well-being of the mass of the people for the enormous enrichment of the few, and it was serious menace to the administration of justice and the conduct of a government designed for the equal protection of all. It was a question of asserting over this growing money power and its direction by coteries of men of great ability in its selfish use, a regulation by law that should bring it into subjection to public authority and make it subservient to the general welfare instead of dangerous to it and ultimately destructive of it.

To grapple with the problem required a keen perception of the dangers and the difficulties, a quick sympathy with the rights and interests of the many, an abhorrence of the greed unscrupulousness of the magnates and monopolists, a clear distinction between the good and the bad and honorable among business men, and, above all, a vigor, candor and courage with which few men are endowed. It is not too much to say that Theodore Roosevelt was as much the man for the exceptional tasks of his time as the leader of his time who have risen to meet great emergencies in national life. He had the high moral sense and the courage to challenge the forces of evil, the tireless energy to combat them, and the enthusiasm to awaken the conscience of the people and summon them to his support.

It is not necessary to recall the particulars of the contest that he has been carrying on, especially in the last four years, the achievements and the failures to be attended by the admiration and gratitude of his countrymen. The result that he has achieved is reversing a movement that was tending to destruction and setting in motion forces that make for regeneration.

The rousing of the moral sense of the country, the appeal to convictions of right and wrong, the call for justice, fair play and common honesty in dealings among men and in the relations of the people to the government, will have an enduring effect that can only be maintained by a continued influence inspired by a great example. For this we may hope, and it will be best promoted by a full recognition of the service of Roosevelt to the country.

There has been much to criticize, and that will not be wholly forgotten. The qualities that fitted him for his peculiar task had their defective side. The strong impulse that urged him to exposure of wrongs, to denunciation of evil and to justice upon action for the remedy of abuses led often to extremes of hasty utterance and to excess of zeal, but without the force which it betokened he could not have accomplished this chief purpose so far as it has been accomplished. His errors have been due to qualities from which his merits have sprung and not to innate weakness or essential defects of nature. With haste and inconsistency of speech has gone no intent to deceive or to wrong, and there has been readiness to recognize a mistake and work away from it rather than obstinately to adhere to it. With the occasional appearance of prevarication or duplicity, which enemies have been quick to detect and magnify, there has gone a general truthful intent and honesty of purpose, which have prevented a forfeiture of confidence.

It is as a moral force in public life, and in private life in its relation to the government of the nation, that Theodore Roosevelt will be chiefly remembered. With the joy of his character, his vigorous and energetic temperaments, he has been a power for peace, because of his intense moral conviction which would allow him to fight only in the cause of right when it could be maintained in no other way. If this side of his character has led him to indulge in homilies and platitudes, to meddle overmuch in affairs that only remotely or indirectly concern the authority for which he stood; if it has spurred him to arrogate more to the National Government than belonged to its jurisdiction and to disregard the technical limitations of authority; if it has betrayed him into violence of language and resentful conduct, it has, nevertheless, been part of his equipment which has been most serviceable to the country and to the world. The faults during claim to its gratitude. The faults have been in the occasional display of the "seamy side" of a nature that had rough tasks to deal with and could not always keep its noblest aspect to the common view. There has been much detracting of late and subtle efforts to impair the prestige of the most popular president this generation has seen, but these efforts have not succeeded, and Roosevelt will leave the White House under no cloud and will be attended by the admiration and gratitude of his countrymen. The seed that he has sown with so much zeal for righteousness in the nation will bear fruit a hundredfold.

MONCTON ADOPTS BROAD MINDED POLICY

Council Decides to Abandon the Attempt to Tax Non-resident Workmen—Labor Council Holds Meeting in Interest of Union Made Goods

Moncton, N. B., March 3.—A mass meeting in the interests of organized labor was held here this evening under the auspices of the local council of the trades and labor congress. The principal speaker was E. W. A. Odell, general organizer of the body, and shoe workers, the main object of whose visit here is to get merchants to sell union-made goods. Odell also addressed a meeting of ladies along the line of purchasing union-made goods. Revs. F. E. McLachlan and J. B. Champion also spoke briefly.

The Moncton hockey team having won the Starr trophy are beginning to wonder when they are to get possession of the cup. Although trustees awarded the trophy to the Victorias after the disqualification of the Fredericton team last year, the trophy has not been seen in Moncton, but is held in Halifax.

The city council has practically abandoned the proposal to ask for legislation licensing or taxing outside parties working in the city. At tonight's meeting of the council a letter was read from a St. John alderman stating that similar legislation, in force in St. John, was only obtained as a result of an agitation against outsiders being brought in there to work for the steamship companies in the winter of 2,000,000 spruce laths.

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