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THE PROHIBITION PLAN.

A meeting has been called for this evening for the purpose of selecting delegates to appear before the government in a few days, when petitions widely signed, asking provincial prohibition, will be presented. It is sincerely to be hoped that those who are promoting this movement have at least glanced at the possibilities, and will not allow themselves to be drawn into such a bungle as marked the recent license-reduction campaign. For that failure—which was of course directly due to the hostile attitude adopted by the common council—the temperance workers were themselves largely to blame. While they deserve all praise for the activity displayed and the well-meaning earnestness attending their efforts, still it must be admitted that they exhibited a lamentable lack of ordinary common sense, and by reason of this were drawn into a blind alley, from which a dignified withdrawal was impossible. If these temperance workers were less idealistic and a little more practical, they would bring to their aid less theoretical reasoning and stronger business instinct, their progress might be greater. Secret meetings, leaders and workers pledged to silence regarding every step in the work, cannot bring about any good results and the absurdity of the original plan, tended in no small degree to the license reduction fiasco.

Temperance workers as such must learn what they as business men and professional men already know, that no one can expect very much for nothing. If a member of the Legislature is asked to support any particular scheme, he will naturally look for the approval of some of those whose votes he needs. It is unreasonable to vote against a man, and then if he is elected demand something which may stall him in the Legislature. In order to make temperance a distinct issue—which it must be to succeed—there will need to be a stronger bond between the temperance workers, a bond which will overcome personal or political prejudices. In short there must be a temperance party. At present such a party does not exist. Those who so stoutly demand prohibition are brotherless, arms so long as they are talking, but when they separate and each man gives way to other sentiments which are his own, they are ready for restriction of the liquor traffic.

However, the question now under consideration is provincial prohibition. Presumably those who are asking for it, have carefully studied the situation. This is to be hoped, at least, for it will be in their own interests to present the strongest possible argument when they meet the government. Let there be no uncertainty as to the thorough presentation of the case, and let it be understood—if possible—that the request is backed by the support of a very large number of New Brunswick voters.

NEGLECTED SPORT.

St. John is the greatest skating town in America. At this distance we hardly know what is doing in Norway and Sweden, in Switzerland and in certain other European countries, where winter sports are made a popular feature of national life. But in this western continent at least, there is not a city which in proportion to its population, turns out as many fast skaters as St. John. We have produced an almost endless list of champions, and the material is here for a great many others. Yet in spite of this St. John today is seldom credited with any honors in skating. There is a deplorable lack of interest on the part of citizens, and even young men who are anxious to shine in this particular sport find many difficulties. We look back with pride to the times of Hugh McCormack and Fred Breen and several of those others who became famous. But McCormack in his very best days was never a patch on Fen Parker, and Fred Breen could not have lasted very long against Fred Logan. This of course is only a matter of opinion, but it is probably correct, for even if the young men of today may not possess all those particular qualifications which made the old time champions, they have the advantage of a more scientific system of training, which leads to a higher state of development.

In St. John today there is one man, who in the opinion of many, is qualified to become the greatest skater ever produced in the Eastern provinces. This is Hilton Belyea of the West side. He is not a sprinter, on the contrary it takes him a quarter of a mile to get fairly well started, but when once Belyea settles down to speeding, his competitors have to move to keep up with him. Logan,

the present champion, will shortly try conclusions with Walter Evans, who is this year said to be skating better than ever, and to be particularly good on short distances. Young Wright and Whitebone and a score of others who infest Victoria Rink are also rapidly coming to the front and will give the better known men some close contests. But of what use is it all? No encouragement is held out to these young men, and in fact it is only with much difficulty that they are able to enter any of the more important events. Training costs money, which they cannot always afford to pay. They lose time from their work and the employers are often not sufficiently interested to permit the boys to absent themselves for the purpose of practicing and when it comes to entering outside contests it is, through the apathy of St. John, practically out of the question.

St. John skaters have won honors in the United States and in Upper Canada during the past few years, but they have not skated as St. John men, in the greatest skating town in America, there is not sufficient sporting spirit to send these men abroad as representatives of home clubs. This should not be. St. John ought to take sufficient pride in its own skaters, in its own hockey players, and in experts along other lines of athletics to assist them in every possible way. There should be a well organized, well governed athletic association here under which all our skaters might appear, and which would retain for St. John the honor now passed along to other cities.

THE VOICE.

"Come out from the house of brooding,
Where Life sits dumb and drear;
From the sweating and the fear!
Come out from your fruitless waiting
The end of the world's despot!
There is a gleam across the heath
Which beckons through the night—
"Little one, what of the dark,
The quaking bog and the clutching stream!
Little one, what of the bones so stark
That hang from the gallows beam!"

"Christ welcomed a thief in heaven,
Though the crows might eat his flesh;
The dead swings free on his windy tree
While you writhe here in the mesh.
Better to dare the darkness,
Better the clutching stream,
Than never to know through wail and woe
The secret of the gleam."
"Little one, what of the mist!
Darkling and drear, still home is home.
Nay, go not, little one! Little one, hie!
I'll come! Wait while I come!"

The small voice sang through the darkness,
And a child gleamed while at the door.
He knew not whose—not what drew him
As he followed it out to the moor.
And there was a sound of groaning,
Of water and earth at strife,
Yet never and never and never before
Had he felt such lust of life—
"Little one, is it far?"
He looked for the child, and he was gone;
Only a moving spark like a star
Beckoned him on and on.

Headless of swamp and shadow,
Headless of rock and thorn,
He followed the gleam through the clutching stream,
Weary and wild and torn.
The dead laughed out on his gallow—
And, lo! the ridge of a down.
And the spark he had traced by wind and waste
Was a star swung over a town—
Over a sleeping town
It swung in a silvery mist of light,
And straight, in a mood he never had known,
His tears fell fast at the sight.

For now he could read the secret
Hung up there in the sky,
Which Death looks
The wonder that never dies,
Oh, what, could he gauge the meaning?
But dust and death and the end!
Little one, hie to the dark,
The quaking bog and the clutching stream!
Little one, hie to the bones so stark
That hang from the gallows beam!

"Oh, the spirit of all flies on,
And no end is ever found.
No ring on a weary ring are we,
Travelling round and round.
But ever by death and darkness
He kissed his hand to the merry star,
And he turned him home through the night—
And, lo! his own window through the mist,
And there was the gleam on the pane!
BERNARD CAPES.

KEEPING BUSY.

The Artist (to new model)—What is your specialty?
The Model—I used to pose as Venus, but since I took on flesh I've been doing apple Venus.

A REMINDER.

"You were South, weren't you?"
"Yes, And it was so interesting watching the peasant women carrying around great heavy jars" on their heads."
"Yes, They are almost as strong as some of the New York women carrying their hair."

FICTION IS STRONG IN SPRING BOOKS

Publishers' Lists Contain Announcements of Many Interesting Volumes.

Bernard Shaw, Nietzsche, Anatole France and Other Philosophic Writers Examined by Alger Thorold

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Judging from the spring lists of books which are on the eve of appearing publishers have far from reached the end of their resources, though it would seem certain agents would try to make out otherwise. The fiction announcements will be found to be considerable both in numbers and interest for a spring season. Within the next few days Cassells will begin to publish their spring novels. One of these is a sensational story, "The Interrupted Kiss," by Mr. Richard Marsh. Another is a society story—at least there is a "society" in it—by Miss Katharine Tynan, entitled "Peggy, the Daughter."

Mrs. Alice Perrin has written several attractive and thoughtful novels on Anglo-Indian life. A new one from her pen will shortly appear from the firm of Chatto. "Idolary" is its title. It deals with the struggle between the world and the spirit, as portrayed in the development of the two central characters of the book, a girl who has been reared in the artificial atmosphere of London society and a young missionary who for the sake of his calling, has renounced all earthly advantages. These two contrasts are brought together in the sacred city of the Hindus.

"SANDFORD AND MERTON." Desmond Coke, who has written one of the best school stories of the time, has a long modern novel appearing under the title "The Golden Key." It will be published by Chapman & Hall, who also are issuing a new edition of "The Secret of the Sahara Desert," by Mr. Coke wrote when he was an undergraduate at Oxford. It was called "Sandford and Merton," and is a story of a boy's college and to the famous books, and it was a skit on a woman novelist. That being so, Mr. Coke has been careful, so as author he signed himself "Belinda Blinders."

Mr. Robert Hichens has a novel called "Barbara Sheep," coming through Methuen's house. Mr. Hichens, as in his most famous book, "The Garden of Allah," lays the scene of his story in Northern Africa, in Algeria, to be more exact, at the gate of the Sahara Desert. "Barbara Sheep" is a story of an extremely modern, capricious, self-indulgent woman of the West, who comes under the spell of a man of the East.

Mr. Bernard Capes is also bringing out his next story, with Methuen. It is good to hear that Mr. Capes has gone for his subject back to the Middle Ages, where his talent for descriptive writing will be more at home than in his recent story of England and Wales. Scenes in the days of St. Catherine will provide the atmosphere of the story, which, however, will be mainly an idyll of disillusioned love.

MASTERS OF DISILLUSION. Bernard Shaw, Nietzsche, Anatole France and other destructive thinkers, are said to be dealt with from the literary and philosophic point of view in Alger Thorold's "Six Masters of Disillusion," which Constable is to publish in the near future. Thorold, it is said, attempts to throw some light on the genesis or "the persuasive type of thought" which leads to destructive, nebulous or disillusionist.

PHRAISE FROM KING EDWARD.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Miss Agnes Weston, the "sailors' friend," has received a letter from Sir Dighton Probyn conveying a token of the King's appreciation of her work, in the shape of a signed photograph.

FORGETFUL BRIDEGROOM.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A wedding had to be postponed on Boxing day at Colchester because the bridegroom, a corporal in the Norfolk Regiment, failed to appear at the church. He was found at Maldon suffering from loss of memory.

PANTOMIME IN A SWIMMING BATH.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Edmund Payne's new pantomime, "Bluebeard," was produced in the swimming bath at the Polytechnic last night, and all the actors were well-known racing cyclists. The stage was set up at the deep end of the bath.

THE UNDESIRABLE LIFE.

"I hear Bander has married an actress."
"Yes, He says he can't bear the idea of settling down."

THINKING OF BASEBALL.

Benham (reading to wife)—Although the church was filled with wedding guests and the bride appeared, the bridegroom failed to show up.
Benham Jr.—And what happened then, pa—was the game forfeited?

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION.

Teacher—Cold, you know, is merely the absence of heat. To what simple phenomenon do we owe the absence of heat during the winter?
Class (in unison)—The janitor doesn't turn it on!

JUST THINK.

Pipkin—Are you going to ask Bounder to the dinner?
Mrs. Pipkin—Dear me, no. He is dumber than a professional humorist.

OPPOSE KISSING OF COURT BIBLES

Sanitary Reasons are Urged Against the Practice.

Many London Magistrates Favor Change, Though Some Say Objections are Made Only by Faddists.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The ancient controversy on the none too savory subject of the English manner of taking the oath, an agitation against the practice of kissing the Testament in court—nearly always an odd, greasy, ill smelling book, kissed in turn by hundreds of thousands of foul lips—has broken loose in a more sensational form than ever it did, and during the last few days has reached something like fever heat. Colonel Maple once cited the case of a well known prima donna who contracted a distressing malady of the throat, which involved heavy expense for treatment, and the loss of her occupation as a direct result of kissing a filthy court Testament. Doctors, with their usual distrustfulness strongly oppose the prevailing oath-taking form of the oath in English courts, and certainly it needs some hardihood to press one's lips to the repulsive looking covers of some of the police court Bibles. To the suggestion that witnesses can open the book and thus avoid saluting the grimed covers, which are kissed with varying degrees of fervor by a very miscellaneous assortment of human beings, it is urged that all books open most readily at one particular page. There have been proposals for an act of parliament enforcing the Scottish oath or affirmation or making it requisite to hold the book in one hand only, but the government loaded down with so many unfulfilled promises as it is, is not likely to give time to such a measure.

Mr. Gorell Barnes, president of the divorce division, stated at the sitting of his court yesterday that as so few witnesses avail themselves of the Scottish alternative to the English oath, instructions have been given to the attendants to remind people of the option before they were sworn.

Other justices are now also asking witnesses how they want to be sworn, the magistrates likewise alleging that the people may swear as they please. Justice Bacon, however, shows a different front. He is very much annoyed at the fuss which people are making all of a sudden. "It is only a fad," he said, "but an instance of the disutility of such a fad was shown in his own court."

When Judge Bacon noticed that a doctor, who was called as a witness, kissed his thumb instead of the book, he said, "You can be sworn in Scottish fashion if you wish it. It is alive and not becoming to a gentleman the practice, which dates back to medieval times, when a malignant itch of the chin, mouth or throat was believed to be caused by kissing the Book. Is a just and proper one, and that the only real remedy is the abolition of the practice altogether."

The kissing of the Book is akin to the kissing of images. Some of the results of taking the oath in the traditional way are very funny. That it is Scotch is sufficient for some indignant Cockneys to refuse to be sworn other than in the English fashion, be it never so active, but I have not heard that native resentment at the attempt to introduce another Scotch custom to London has had any effect in reducing the consumption of mountain dew.

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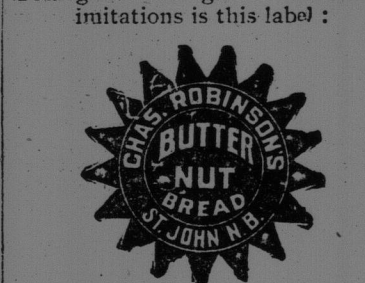
U. S. STREET RAILWAYS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—A total of 1,236 street and electric railway companies, capitalized at \$2,508,648 with a gross income of \$429,744, 24 and a net income of \$40,540,286, are reported for 1907 in a preliminary report issued by the census bureau today. These companies operated 34,405 miles of track, carried a total of 5,523,097,666 passengers and employed an average of 209,229 wage-earners and paid them \$138,081,633 in wages.

THE ANIMALS' FRIEND.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Police Constable H. Cotes obtained his 100th conviction for cruelty to animals at Brentford yesterday. No case that he has brought has ever been dismissed, and the persons whom he has summoned have paid \$100,000 in fines.

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BIRTHS.

HOWARD.—At St. John, Monday, January 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howard, a son.

DEATHS.

SINCLAIR.—Suddenly, on Jan. 18th, James, son of the late Archibald and Jane Sinclair, aged 38, leaving a wife and daughter to mourn their loss.

Funeral Wednesday, 20th inst., from his late residence, 154 Waterloo street, at 3.15 p. m. Service at 3 o'clock.

Stores closes at 7 p. m.

Tuesday, January 19, 1909.

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