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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22.

CIVIC PETITIONS.

The City Council held an important special session yesterday afternoon and decided to submit three petitions to the Provincial Legislature asking amendments to the municipal law.

With two of these The Planet is in hearty accord.

The request to have our Water Commissioners elected for two years, with the members retiring alternately, strikes us as a splendid one. The management of the civic waterworks department is quite intricate and involves a large financial interest, in the guarding of which experience is a most valuable—almost indispensable—qualification. It is well, then, that, in the event of changes of the personnel of the Board, at least one experienced commissioner should be retained.

The advantages of electing our public school trustees by the city at large no one will dispute, while example of the aldermanic amendment is most encouraging. Petty jealousy and wire-pulling is eliminated and the responsibility of representation enlarged.

The proposal to take the charge of the police department from the hands of the commissioners and turn it over again to the Council, however, strikes us as being a retrograde movement and one which will not be endorsed by the best thinking citizens. The Planet believes the efficiency of the force can best be conserved under the existing regime. The commissioners, by virtue of their positions, are better qualified to deal with matters of police discipline and internal management than are the busy and overtaxed aldermen. Besides, changing councils have changing views—some, perhaps, fairly loose, others sternly rigid—and the different dominations must prove to a certain extent disastrous and prejudicial to the proper and uniform discharge of duty.

The Planet would prefer to see the Council withdraw the police commission petition, but is a most energetic advocate of the two other enactments asked for.

TWO WARS.

In a recent number of the Fortnightly Review, H. W. Wilson points out the parallelism between John Bull's war and Uncle Sam's war, and in the course of the article says:—

The parallelism between the South African and the Philippine war is then close, and extends even to the management at home in either case. That the same faults should have been committed in either instances is almost startling, and points, perhaps, to the fact that ignorance of war in the administration at home, which is the essential feature of similarity in the American and British constitutions, may be the cause. It is most dangerous to entrust the conduct of a war to men who know little of military history, for foresight is simply the power of predicting the future which arises from a profound knowledge of the past. In both instances we see insufficient forces employed and hampered by the order to be "kind" to the enemy; troops withdrawn when they were most needed; generals asserting in perfect faith that the conflict is over; conciliation essayed with grotesquely futile results, and insufficient arrangements made for the steady and continual flow of reinforcements to the field. In each case an Anglo-Saxon people fails clearly to grasp the problem before it, or to understand that in a war of conquest what is needed is to break down the opposed will by the infliction of suffering.

Commenting upon Mr. Wilson's article the New York Commercial-Advertiser says:—

To see ourselves in war as the British see us has not often been a vision either pleasant or reassuring, but during the past three years there has been a noticeable change in this respect. If it is reassuring now to be

considered British-like, then we are duly qualified in confidence. It seems that we only needed to discard our continental isolation and go out into the world to discover how remarkable is our resemblance to our over-the-sea cousins in many ways hitherto unsuspected. The latest interesting illustration of this is afforded by H. W. Wilson in the current number of the Fortnightly Review. Mr. Wilson is a well-known writer on naval and military topics, and has paid especial attention to our Philippine campaigns. In them he finds a close analogy to the South African war. By this he means that the American way of preparing for those campaigns, the way in which, as he says, we bungled and waited, and let the main chance slip victimized by plots of the enemy and by the way in which we were almost by more nefarious plots at home; the way in which our easy optimism beguiled us into thinking that the war would be a matter of a few months—all these features can be recognized in the war in South Africa. Mr. Wilson follows the analogy with sleuth-like tenacity in what the evidently considerate copper-head spirit of the pro-British compared with our anti-imperialists.

Really we did not know what a surprising duplicate of the old country we were in war operations until Mr. Wilson pointed it out.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

A week or so ago the Rev. Mr. Hincks, of Trinity Methodist church, said in a sermon upon the Influence of the Press:—

"Study the list of shareholders of the newspaper companies and you will see how near the truth the editor will dare to go."

The Socialist weekly paper in Toronto, Citizen and County, takes Mr. Hincks to task for certain of his utterances and retorts thus:—
"Study the list of shareholders in the churches and you will see how near the truth the preachers will dare to go."

Both are right. Editors and preachers are, like other people, influenced and governed by their environment to a great degree, more or less, according to circumstances. Those who roar loudly for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, are frauds; they don't mean what they say, or they don't know what they are talking about. There are certain occasions when it is right to speak out plainly and with courage, but it is not necessary or wise to go through the world handing out alleged "truths" broadcast. A little ordinary common sense ought to make this apparent to both preacher and editor.

DIRTY MONEY.

This is from the New York Journal. A banker of Montreal and his wife are dead of small-pox, caught from handling infected money. All the bills used in the village now are fumigated.

That is a proper precaution. But why should it be necessary? Why should our people have to handle money so filthy that it needs to be fumigated before it can be touched with safety?

The Bank of England never sends out a note a second time. Every one of its bills that comes to it, no matter how crisp and fresh, is retired and a new one issued in its place.

Why should not our government pay out new bills exclusively, and require the national banks to do the same? Paper currency is a loan from the people without interest. It is a very small thing for the people to ask that the notes which they accept in place of cash shall not be falling to pieces and reeking with the germs of disease.

If the new secretary of the treasury wants to distinguish his administration, at the start by some strikingly popular action, here is a cheap and easy way to do it. Let him go into history as the secretary under whom the government stopped the circulation of dirty money.

The Hamilton Spectator has frantically protested against the dirty money nuisance and rightly so. The government bills are even worse than the bank bills, and a large proportion of both are unfit to be handled. In these days of cheap paper there is no good excuse for the re-issue of soiled bank or government bills. But the banks and the government allow their notes to remain in circulation as long as they hang together, and as long as the denomination can be ascertained.

With small-pox nests here and there throughout the country it is absolutely impossible for some of those dirty bills to be clear of the infection, and if the owners of the bills will not withdraw them the boards of health might take the matter up and try a little compulsion. In ordinary times the dirty bills carry with them all manner of disease germs; but when small-pox is prevalent in various sections of the country the nasty paper money ought to be replaced with fresh, clean notes as soon as possible.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Hamilton Herald.
Wireless telegraphy having been proved practicable in Paris, it is not hard to foresee dark days ahead for telephone monopolies.

Salt Rheum

It may become chronic.

It may cover the body with large, inflamed, burning, itching, scaling patches and cause intense suffering. It has been known to do so.

Do not delay treatment.

Thoroughly cleanse the system of the humors on which this ailment depends and prevent their return.

The medicine taken by Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md., was Hood's Sarsaparilla. She writes: "I had a disagreeable itching on my arms which I concluded was salt rheum. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and in two days felt better. It was not long before I was cured and I have never had any skin disease since."

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is positively unequalled for all cutaneous eruptions. Take it.

A LESSON IN CHESS.

Why Willie's Papa Ended It Almost Before It Was Begun.

Paterfamilias, with a laudable desire to keep Willie at home at night, offered to teach him to play chess. The boy was delighted, and the game began.

"Put the little ones, pawns, all along the front and the big ones behind, as I show you."

"I think that is cowardly. The big ones ought to be in front. Ma says—"

"Oh, but that is the rule. Now, see—so; put that rook in the corner."

"Rook! What's a rook?"

"It is a kind of bird."

"Well, that ain't a bird. It looks like a castle."

"Call it a castle, then—and put the knight next—"

"Why is that called a knight? It looks like a horse's head."

"And then the bishop," went on paterfamilias, ignoring the question; "so, and then—"

"Why the bishop's head split in two, pop?"

"Oh, that is his hat—a cardinal's hat."

"But I thought he was a bishop?"

"A cardinal is also a bishop. Now don't talk so much, Willie. Then you put the king and queen—"

"The queen is bigger than the king, pop?"

"Well, so she is. Who said she wasn't?" said paterfamilias, with a trace of impatience in his tone. "And then another bishop; so."

"Why are there two bishops, pop?"

"Because the rules say so. Now, I shall move first."

"What, after all that trouble, are you going to move them again?"

"Say, Willie, I believe my head is aching. I shall show you the rest some other time," said paterfamilias as he swept the men into the box.

CONSUMPTION

Right food—right medicine—right time—these three things are of the utmost importance to the consumptive.

Right food and right medicine—these are contained in Scott's Emulsion of pure cod-liver oil.

Right time is at first sign of disease. Right time is now.

Scott's Emulsion always helps, often cures. Ordinary food helps feed. Fresh air helps cure. Scott's Emulsion does both. Begin early.

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4 only, Ladies' Coats, short length, fitted back, in kersey and fine beaver, sold regular up to \$35.00 each, clearing at \$2.00.

6 only, Ladies' Coats, this season's latest cut, in heavy frieze and boucle cloth, 27 in. long, semi-box back, lined and unlined, regular price \$4.50 and \$5 each, clearing at \$3.48.

16 only Ladies' coats, latest New York styles, 27 inches long, in fine brown, kersey and frieze, in black and fashionable shades, satin and mercerized, lined, some unlined, all beautifully finished, regular values \$3.50 to \$12.00 each, clearing at \$5.48 and \$6.90.

Girls' coats, long lengths, for ages 6 to 12 years, in fine, brown, boucles, frieze and tweed mixtures, smart up-to-date garments, beautifully trimmed and finished, regular \$4.50 to \$6.50, clearing at \$3.98.



8 only, Ladies' Coats, heavy all wool frieze, fine beaver cloth and rich boucle curls, cut in latest styles, 27 in. long, coat or storm collar, lined and unlined, in black, navy, Oxford and fawn, regular price, \$6, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8, clearing at \$4.48.

Ladies' Long Coats, in heavy, all wool, black and Oxford frieze, semi-box and fitted back, coat or storm collar, extra well finished, regular price \$7.50 and \$8.50, clearing at \$4.98.

11 only, Girls' Reefer Coats—Fine cloths, natty styles, in fashionable colors, sizes, 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$2.50 to \$4.50 each, clearing at \$1.89.

19 only, Ladies' Dress Skirts—Fine heavy cheviot, in grey and navy, cut in latest styles, extra well tailored, good linings, velvet bound, assorted lengths, clearing at each, \$2.48.

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SOLID FOOD MEANT AGONY

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets cured her Indigestion—made her stomach strong and well. To-day she eats anything she wishes, enjoys it and suffers no pain.

Mrs. Ellen Butler, 37 Colville Street, Toronto, suffered so from indigestion that for years she ate a bit of solid food in her stomach meant agony for hours. She had tried many remedies without any permanent relief, but when she commenced using Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets she immediately improved. After taking three boxes she was able to eat anything without the slightest distress. Sixty tablets, 35 cents.

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

Rage is essentially vulgar and never more vulgar than when it proceeds from mortified pride, disappointed ambition and thwarted willfulness.

A GIFT OF 500 ACRES

Would be no temptation to Mr. Beemer in exchange for Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Nothing like seven years standing took to themselves wings after a few applications.

Mr. M. Beemer, of Kootenai, Mich., says in a letter of recent date:—"I have had itching piles for seven years. I have tried most everything that was ever recommended as a cure but never got the least bit of relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Ointment, and I haven't words to express the thankfulness I feel for the great cure. I would rather have the wonderful cure than 500 acres of land. 35 cents."

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.—Washington Irving.

Coke as Fuel

The following letter from Mr. McLachlan, who has made thorough tests as to the relative merits of Coke and Coal as fuel for furnaces, range and coal stove, will explain itself:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your enquiry as to my opinion of the use of Coke for heating purposes, I can speak in nothing but the highest terms of it. We have had considerable experience in heating large space and have made ample tests as to the comparative merits of Coal and Coke for heating purposes, with the result that we can recommend coke as having a most decided advantage, and I believe that if its heating facilities were better known it would be much more largely used than it is.

Yours sincerely,
D. McLACHLAN.

The demand for coke has always exceeded the supply in Chatham, but with the installation of new apparatus, a much greater quantity is being produced, so that we are now able to supply our customers promptly.

Coke is sold at \$3.25 and \$3.75 in different sizes, for a full cartload of 30 bushels—less than half the price of the same quantity of coal—or will be sold in smaller quantities if desired. Try a load!

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