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## ST. JOHN STAR.

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### THE NEW COUNCIL.

The newly elected council has assumed control of civic business. At the organization meeting the plan of reducing in number the various committees was adopted. This was a good move and will no doubt facilitate the conduct of business by doing away with some of the futile discussions which have in the past made board meetings very monotonous. Five of the capable men can carry on business just as well as twelve or thirteen, that is such business as is brought before any of the St. John boards. Another change which has been made is not on the face of it, clearly in the way of reform. The old harbor committee has been abolished and a new one, classed as a standing committee, has been established. By this change the board of trade, formerly represented, has been dropped, and harbor matters hereafter will be left with the aldermen alone. The operation of the board of trade was desired in the past in negotiations with the government and in considering plans for important developments. Ald. McGoldrick is the head of the present harbor board, as he has been for some time, and still is, head of the board of public works.

Without attempting to bring about a revolution the new council can introduce further important reforms by insisting that civic officials assume responsibility for the work of their own departments, and carry out all works according to instruction from the council. This should relieve the aldermen from the necessity of dealing in detail with the infinite number of petty affairs arising every morning, and reduce the number of meetings and would in time lead to a more business-like system than has prevailed in the past. The council has many opportunities; it can scarcely do anything worse than has been done in the past.

### THE KIRKADALE INQUEST.

The Kirkdale inquest which for several months has aroused more or less interest throughout Eastern Canada, has come to an unsatisfactory close. The jurors have brought in an open verdict, and ask that the investigation be continued by the crown. No doubt the suggestion will be adopted. Scarcely a murder case evoked such concern as this affair. Although the crown has not succeeded in bringing out anything of direct importance, the impression is general that if Florence Kirkdale and her mother were not actually concerned in the shooting they at least knew something more than has been told. Yet whether this belief is or is not well founded, the brutal methods of examination employed by the crown council have been justly criticized. Throughout the whole proceedings witnesses have been abused, and the sensational element has been made the dominant feature. Time and again the lawyers have announced the discovery of important evidence, and have endeavored to excite popular feeling in the case. Just as often it has been found that their promised evidence has been wholly unimportant, and that they endeavored to force from witnesses something in corroboration of their unsupported theories. In favor of the suspected girl there is much to be said. If she had been directly concerned in the murder of her sister surely some clue must have been found. A young woman of her class could hardly carry out such a crime in a manner which would baffled the best detective skill of the east. The very fact that the police have found absolutely nothing by which they can connect Florence Kirkdale with the murder, is proof either of amazing ingenuity or innocence on her part. Whatever may be the solution, the affair is today as much of a mystery as ever.

### LIQUOR LEGISLATION.

There appears to be considerable uncertainty as to the proper interpretation of the amended license act. Mr. Hazen declines to instruct those whose duty it is to enforce the law. Is Mr. Hazen afraid of offending some of his supporters? It would be much better to have the provisions of this act made perfectly clear now than to experience complications hereafter.

It is said that some of the temperance workers are not wholly satisfied with the manner in which the law is being enforced. At a meeting held last evening it was asserted that the no-screen provision is being disregarded. These temperance workers will endeavor to secure the appointment of one of themselves to the board of license commissioners in place of Col. Blaine, who is shortly to retire. Really, in view of the very marked change in the appearance of barrooms

since last Friday, the temperance people have no ground for complaint. Such changes in the law as have been enacted cannot be rigidly enforced in ten minutes, and certainly what has already been done is most satisfactory. Screens have generally been removed and although there is not in all cases an unobstructed view, still the liquor dealers cannot be expected to voluntarily go beyond the fair reading of the law. They will do nothing more than is required of them, and the fact that already they have arranged to make such changes as have been ordered, without serious objection anywhere, is gratifying. The inspector has decided that hotel bars need not necessarily be brought to the street, but must be seen from the street. This is reasonable, and will obviate a great deal of unprofitable inconvenience.

It is unkind to intensify the grief of those who have lost loved ones by suggesting that they are in any way contributory by negligence, to the tragic deaths of their three children. Their little ones were left in care of an older person, the fire was not caused by the children themselves, and the result might have been the same if the parents were home.

Presumably the newspaper reading world is to suffer for the next two or three months from daily announcements of Walter Welman's airship plans. The Chicago Record-Herald knows the value of advertising.

Members of the senate think the proposed Fundy Power Co. is asking too much. It is applying for the control of fifteen streams along the bay. New Brunswick people are inclined to agree with the senators. What is this province to receive in return for the valuable privileges it is asked to grant?

The yacht club has arranged a fine programme of sport for the coming season. How about the Neptunes?

### MA'S NOOY BEEN

A-mestlin' up with brother Frank this mornin', him a lookin' black And out o' kilter, same as me, "What tarnation's a-tacklin' ye?" Say I, "For is it what I think, You're dyin' daily for a drink Like them that used to find the place Our glasses into business and pleasure."

"Along down in the shank-o' May, With all his seedin' under way, Don't you remember, Frank, how dad The same old fashion feelin' had? He'd sort o' sag back in his chair Behind the dinner table there, And see if things are up enough As mother filled his coffee cup. Then: 'Where's them boys?' he'd sudden ask."

Like he was lookin' through a mask At us a-waitin' to begin; For the same old fashion feelin' had? About what time it was last year We tapped that keg o' ma's root beer."

"Mind how we'd 'tucker out' next day, And lost aroun' till mother's say: 'W'y, Washington and Franklin, you Don't seem to have a thing to do. Pike down and tell yer tired paw To put you sproutin' later—law! Hunt up the hatchet and a hoe, For come t' think I guess we'll go To put you sproutin' later—law! To get a batch o' brewin' stuff. Skeddadle, while I fix a lunch, And see if we need another hunch! Did Wash or Frank 'arise to state, Or any further 'legislate?' 'W'y down in Hutchin's gin and woods In where we went t' get the goods That went t' generate the cheer And 'gim' that grew in ma's root beer."

"'Twas wonderful the barks and weeds Ma found to fortify our needs, Birch, spicewood, spikenard, prince's pine And liverwort are all in line, With wintergreen and sarsaparilla, Squills, sassafras, and 'quonukadilla.' Yep, there went yabs into the brew The pagan injuns only knew. But never pore-wor lived could blend Their virtues to so live an end As what," says I, "we're yearnin' fer To put you sproutin' later—law! O' boy, an' 'bout the feelin' queer That tackles us this time o' year—A roarin' keg o' ma's root beer!"

### OSBEN DREW LEWIS.

**DISTRIBUTING PENSION SILVER**  
To Meet Old Age Grants, British Government Pays Out Weekly £150,000

LONDON, May 5.—The difficulties the post office has had to meet in providing each week the silver required for payment of old age pensions have been entirely overcome and regulated. At the beginning of February a postal official calculated that £15,000 a week was being paid to the pensioners. This sum represented more than 2,000,000 coins. Now, according to the postmaster general, Mr. Buxton, the total weekly payment has reached £120,000. The silver is paid out in half-crowns, two-shilling pieces, shillings and sixpences. What such a weekly distribution means may be better appreciated when it is stated that, if packed in the cans in which banks usually deliver £100 worth of silver, the silver coins to make up the £120,000 would more than fill two seven-ton railway trucks. "An elaborate system of payment has had to be built up," a banking ex-

## KIRK BROWN PRESENTED THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Another Success for This Favorite Actor  
and His Company—"Pudd'nhead Wilson" Tonight.

The audience which again crowded the Opera House last night was treated to a dramatic performance of unusual merit. The play, which was The Sign of the Cross, was presented in a spectacular manner that left little to be desired. The story gives opportunity for unusually rich effects in costume and settings and the scene with which both these features were attended to added greatly to the attractiveness of the performance.

Mr. Brown gave a very strong interpretation of his role, which is one of the most difficult in which he appears, and was given repeated curtain calls. The evening was the occasion for another triumph for Miss Purnell, who completely won the audience by the strength and sincerity of her acting, combined with the sweetness and womanliness with which she invested the role.

The other parts were all handled in a most satisfactory manner, every member of the cast doing his or her part to make the play the success which it was. Tonight Mr. Brown will be seen in one of his season's successes as "Pudd'nhead Wilson" in his production of "Pudd'nhead Wilson." This play is one of Mark Twain's greatest efforts, and while Mr. Twain's stories are world-wide famous, this will be the first opportunity local theatre goes will have to see one of them in a dramatic form.

## ECZEMA CURABLE? PROVEN!

Attorney at Moline, Ill., Convinced by Bill of Wintgreen Compound.

There is nothing that will convince a lawyer as much as a bill of exchange. Now, here is some rather startling evidence of a simple home cure for eczema, which convinced a lawyer, F. C. Enright, attorney at Moline, Ill. He tells how ill of wintergreen compound mixed with thymol and glycerine, as in D. D. Prescription, cured him in thirty days after thirty-two years of suffering.

"For 32 years," writes Attorney Enright, "I was troubled with eczema. It was on my face, body and hands. I could run a hair brush over my body and the floor would be covered with scales enough to fill a basket. I tried everything—salves, internal medicine, X-ray—all without result. 'Just a minute ago I was induced to try D. D. Prescription. The itch was relieved instantly, so I continued. It is just a month now and I am completely cured. I have not a particle of itch and the scales have dropped off."

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## POLL CALLS MAN

CROOK; ROW, AND  
JUDGE O. K.'S BIRD

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 5.—"You're a crook, you ought to be in jail," for the sample bottle write to The D. D. Laboratory, Department 8, E. 23rd Street, Toronto. For sale by all druggists.

Burns resented the bird's sneaking insight into his affairs, and knocking it off the perch. The organ-grinder

Interfered, and Burns blackened one of his eyes. The Y. O. leader was held in, and when taken back in April 1907, so relations continued till Feb. 17, 1908, when, without the smallest effort, the organ-grinder was at all defendant wrote to Miss Morgan a letter which (said counsel) was the most beautiful and brutal any man could write to a girl. There has been no quarrel or excuse; defendant simply wrote and said in effect: "This is mocking hypocrisy of love. I don't want anything more to do with you."

**FATE'S CRUEL HAND.**  
This letter was written in 1908, the year when his client expected to be married; and he, having pursued her with an affection which appeared to the letters to be extraordinarily ardent, monopolized the very best period of his client's life for five years, then, in this cold and brutal way, he turned round and said, "I'm done with you." He had no excuse. His parents approved, and the young lady would make a wife of whom anybody might be proud. Whether there was another young lady in the background, concluded counsel, he could not say.

While Miss Morgan was giving her evidence wedding-bells could be heard ringing from the neighboring church of St. Margaret's, Westminster. She said the defendant sent her flowers, and gave her a gold bracelet, as well as brooches, rings, and a gold watch.

She bore out counsel's statement as to the events leading up to her engagement to defendant. Letters written to her by the defendant began: "My very own fond darling sweetheart," or in some similar way. In one he wrote of being lucky in living with his own people, and went on: "But what is the use of it, Annie darling, when the whole lot of them put together cannot fill your place? When you are in town I feel ever so happy, but now, in the cruel hand of fate, I am left here to brood over your loss. When she went to South Africa de-

## THREE TRUNKS OF LOVE LETTERS

Music Hall Artist Sues Medical Student for Breach.  
Awarded \$300 Damages—Tired of 'Hypocrisy of Love' After Five Years' Courtship.

LONDON, May 5.—"He wrote two or three letters to her every day, and in the intervals sent telegrams. Altogether they filled three portmanteaux." The author of this voluminous correspondence— which was Miss Mary Annie Morgan, a music hall artist, who she filed three portmanteaux.

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When that horrible bell rang to signal your departure last Saturday, at Waterloo Station, I felt as though I would choke with grief. It was too terrible to have to part with you, Annie darling, for I do love you with all my heart and soul. I did all I could to keep up my spirits when that horrible train of yours left the platform, but it was no use, sweetheart mine, for the house came rushing into my eyes in volumes after your departure.

Oh, Annie darling, I feel as though I could do nothing else but my devoted love for you, for my heart and soul belong wholly to you. What happiness I have in thinking of you, that to be loved by a true and admirable girl like you? . . . There is no getting away from the pillow thinking of you, Annie darling, and how you were out at sea at that very moment, wondering how you were getting on.

**COULD KISS NO OTHER GIRL.**  
Defendant also wrote that he had had many opportunities of kissing girls under the mistletoe, but added: "I love you so much, darling, that I could never kiss any other girl in my life." His love, he also wrote, called for tears, and his heart was full of flattering women's tongues should the occasion offer itself.

When she was in Birmingham pantomime, Miss Morgan added, defendant went to see her, and made love to her as before, and when he left her he cried: "I shall never see you again."

On Feb. 17, 1908, he wrote: "It is no use our going on in this foolish manner. I have no doubt that you have seen for some time past that my feelings to you have been very strong, and I want to confess to you that I could never be the same to you again, for the love which I had for you in the past has now utterly died away. It is because I am growing sick of this hypocrisy of love that I am writing you this letter. I have had my heart to you, knowing that at the same time all the risks that I could take to see you at your home."

"I would be better for both of us if the worst is to come it comes now. Oh, how I sometimes wish that I wasn't the son of such honorable parents. It is needless for me to tell you how much I love you, for you know you would have it on your conscience that you have dealt the final death-blow to my poor old mother, who has loved you as a daughter. I am bound to try to appeal to your better feelings for your sake, for you know as well as I do that she is not a woman of the world, but with a heart of gold. Now you came I feel that I could tear my very soul from my body when I think of what an unfaithful son I have been to her. I feel the slightest sympathy, for I deserve none, and what is more, my dear girl, I feel ashamed of my own conduct to lose by public exposure. I am a man with an income of £11 a month, and that is all I possess in the wide world, and I can assure you that I have to work hard for my bread and butter."

Poor old dad, I very often think what a miserable life he spends in spite of everything. He has had such a lot of financial troubles within the last year, as you know very well. For the last three years I have not been able to concentrate my mind on anything, and night after night I lie on my pillow thinking what a swindle I have made of my young life.

I don't really know what I would not give to have the last three years of my life over again. Before I met you I was a happy and contented man but you came into my life with all your beauty and set my heart aglow with a passion which I found very difficult to overcome at the time. Little the hot-headed fool that I was at the time, and having nobody to give me good advice, I made up my mind to follow you and have you for my own at any cost.

It was not love that made me pursue you at that time everywhere, my dear child, but mad infatuation and conceit to win you from the hands of other men. . . . I am sick and tired of it all, and much rather we come to some sort of agreement than continue this strange alliance of ours under the cloak of misplaced love. Plaintiff said that after one receipt of this letter, she asked defendant to meet her, and he agreed. Afterwards, however, he declined to keep the appointment, and referred her to his solicitors. She had never seen him since. Because she believed her marriage was approaching she had declined to book engagements.

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## CAMPAIGN WILL START AT ONCE

Laymen's Missionary Movement

## MEETING YESTERDAY

Decided to Start Vigorous Campaign—Co-operative Committees

As a preliminary to a vigorous campaign throughout the province in the interests of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, a meeting of those prominently identified with the work hereabouts was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Dufferin Hotel. The meeting was the outcome of a resolve reached at Toronto during the recent Canadian conference—a resolve that has for its purpose the immediate awakening of New Brunswick laymen to the need of the mission field. Yesterday the movers of the matter met to definitely decide upon dates and other details and as a result of their deliberation it has been finally settled that the campaign is to open tomorrow evening.

It is proposed to organize co-operative committees in every town in the province and to infuse a more general interest in the systematic giving of money to missions. Meetings are being arranged for at the principal towns and speakers prominently identified with the movement will be heard at these.

J. N. Harvey, in the absence of Judge Forbes, presided at yesterday's meeting. The following were in attendance: Messrs. Messrs. Stackhouse and Higginson, Wm. Downie, J. Hunter White, W. H. White, J. N. Harvey, Thos. Finley, H. Stanton, Spurgeon and Percy Steel. After discussing generally the financial outlook the following programme was agreed upon:

Thursday, May 6—Charlottetown. Speaker, Thos. Finley. Friday—Summerside. Thos. Finley. Saturday—Y. M. C. A. this city, 4 p.m., mass meeting for men. Speakers, Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, H. K. Coskey, Thos. Finley.

Monday—Sussex. Speakers, W. S. Fisher, Thos. Finley, W. T. Stackhouse. Tuesday—St. Stephen. Speakers, W. S. Fisher, Thos. Finley, W. T. Stackhouse. Wednesday—Fredericton. Speakers, Thos. Finley, W. T. Stackhouse, H. K. Coskey, Thos. Finley, W. Stanton, R. M. Curry.

Thursday—Woodstock. Speakers, Revs. H. K. Coskey, W. T. Stackhouse, Mr. Spurgeon. Meetings at Moncton and Campbellton to be arranged. The meeting also discussed the possibility of a maritime conference to be held during the fall. Although nothing definite has been decided as yet it has been suggested that a conference be held during the coming autumn and that the general secretary of the movement throughout the Dominion be invited to attend.

Of those who are actively identified with the New Brunswick campaign movement, Thos. Finley is the superintendent of the Masses Harris agency, Rev. H. L. Crosby is the general secretary of the missionary movement in Canada, W. Stanton, local manager of the Masses Harris company; R. M. Curry, manager of the Campbellton steam laundry, and E. Spurgeon, ex-manager of the People's Bank at Fredericton.

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## NIGHT OF MEETINGS CITY COURTS

COURT ST. JOHN, No. 470—Orange Hall, Germain Street, 1st Friday in month.

COURT UNION JACK, No. 548—Orange Hall, Germain Street, 4th Wednesday.

COURT NORTH END, No. 187—Union Hall, Main Street, last Tuesday each month.

COURT YUKON, No. 723—Orange Hall, Simonds Street, Third Wednesday.

COURT HIWATHA, No. 735—Temperance Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.

Palmer's Chambers, 54 Princess Street.

R. W. WIGMORE, District Deputy.

D. R. KENNEDY, District Organizer.

## A 33RD DEGREE MASON.

One of the most impressive Masonic funerals ever held in Alberta took place at Hillhurst on Sunday afternoon last, when the remains of Bro. T. A. McLean were buried with full Masonic honors. Mr. McLean was a past grand master, grand master of Prince Edward Island, and a 33rd degree Mason. As general secretary of the Hillhurst lodge, and company, he was brought into close contact with a great many people, and the respect that he was shown in his life was a reflection of the respect that he was shown in his death. The funeral was held at the Hillhurst lodge, and the remains were taken to the cemetery by a large number of people. The funeral was held at the Hillhurst lodge, and the remains were taken to the cemetery by a large number of people.

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## WILL TAX BACHELOES AND MERRY WIDOWERS

SANTA FE, May 5.—A bill was introduced in the New Mexico Legislature providing for the taxation of bachelors and widowers and levying of a tax against them. Bachelors between the ages of 25 and 45 are to pay \$10 annual tax, and widowers will be required to pay \$25 annual tax. The revenue from the source is to provide support for unmarried women.