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GOOD TESTIMONY FOR SAINT JOHN

On various occasions in the past statements have been made relative to port charges here and the expense involved in loading steamers as compared with other ports on the Atlantic. As bearing upon this issue, the testimony of the White Star line is both interesting and pertinent. The manager of the Canadian service of the White Star said the other day that the ships of his company, which are now going to Portland in the winter, would come to Saint John if they could get cargo here in the same volume as at Portland. He added that his company would prefer to use Saint John rather than Portland, not only for patriotic reasons but because the ships could be loaded here more cheaply than at the American port.

This is an unqualified statement from an excellent authority, and it should be of material assistance in securing more business for Saint John. Why is the cargo for those ships not available? We should have them.

In this connection we may cite also some statements made yesterday by Captain MacLean of the C. G. M. M. steamer Canadian Rancher, in praise of the efficiency of the navigation aids in the Bay of Fundy. While coming up the bay in a driving snowstorm he was constantly in touch with the direction-finding stations at Red Head and Yarmouth, and he was much impressed by the speed and accuracy with which bearings were given him.

With these modern aids there is no difficulty in making this port safely in the thickest weather. Captain MacLean, who knows most of the ports of the world, and who is therefore in a position to make comparisons, considers the stations at Red Head and Chebucto, off Halifax, the best with which he has been in touch, and he speaks highly also of the service given by the stations at Yarmouth and Cape Race.

PRINCE ALBERT AND AFTER

The expected has happened in Prince Albert, where the election of the Premier yesterday by a sweeping majority is announced. There were three candidates there in the general election on October 20, the Liberal winning and the Conservative running third. The Conservatives, after some hesitation, decided not to oppose the Prime Minister, and the Progressives took the same stand. In view of the record of the constituency there was little likelihood that an Independent candidate would make much of a showing against Hon. Mr. King. His return to Parliament will probably be followed by an early adjournment and other by-elections to permit of cabinet reorganization.

The Government wanted an adjournment of six weeks, but evidently it will have less than a month in which to set its house in order by strengthening the ministry, and even to-day the Conservatives are apparently determined to keep the House in session long enough to move other amendments in the hope of defeating the administration and bringing on a general election. Judging by the attitude of the Progressives recently, the Government will command sufficient strength to get its adjournment and to meet the House after March 10 with some additional cabinet tinkering.

In the House last evening when the returns in Prince Albert were announced there was considerable rejoicing on the Government side of the House. Hon. Mr. Meighen remarked that Captain Burgess, the Premier's opponent, was an Independent, not a Conservative, and that the result afforded little cause for Government elation. Something will depend upon the calibre of the Government candidates in the by-elections, and the Liberal hope is that Premier Dunning of Seabrook will accept a portfolio. The Liberal plan is to carry on and trust to improving business conditions to give them a better hold upon the country before another general contest, but the Conservatives still contend that an election cannot be deferred beyond summer at latest.

The Minister of Public Works in Parliament yesterday made reference to Canada's favorable trade balance, and to the gain in connection with the financial position of the Canadian National Railways. So far, so good. But he intimates, also, that there is an improvement in the quantity of Canadian grain handled by our own ports as compared with American ports. It is true that Vancouver is getting more grain this year, but the figures recently made publicly at Ottawa with regard to the grain shipments of six months past showed that so far as our exports of grain to Great Britain are concerned—and most of the crop goes there—the amount shipped through Canadian harbors is very small as compared with that going by the American route. While the last crop was nearly double that

Just Fun

NOTHING like possessing the rocks to smooth life's rocky road.

A STREET CAR, rather overcrowded with passengers, was flagged down at a crossing yesterday, and a handsome young lady boarded the platform. The conductor opened the car door and shouted, "Say, can't you all squeeze this lady in here?" And about twelve able-bodied men rose up and said they'd try, if it started a divorce suit.

THE fellow who says "I hate to bother you," rarely hates it had enough not to.

HUSBANDS: Let me have three or four of those biscuits, dear. Wife: What do you want with them? Husband: I want to drown some kittens.

A CANOE is like a small boy—both behave better when paddled from the rear.

THEY'RE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR. The mule, he's a gentle beast, And so is man. He's satisfied to be the least, Like man, he may be taught some tricks. He does his work from 8 to 6; The mule, when he gets mad at his kicks, And so does man.

"THIS orange is tough," said the sous, trying to peel a tennis ball.

HOW'S your wife? How's her kitchen? Waco, Texas, man found his missing wife getting paid for cooking.

A POOL there was and he saved his rocks, even as you and I. He took them out of the old strong box when a salesman called with some wild-cat stocks, and the fool was stripped down to his socks, even as you and I.

COULD you say of a dogwood tree that its bark is worse than its bite?

THERE are more men living as expensively as two than there are two living as cheaply as one.

LOTS of advice is taken but not used.

IF WEARING gloves at night keeps you hands soft, some folks must wear their hats to bed!

"AND Elijah went to heaven in a chariot of fire," began the Sabbath school teacher. "Well—good gravy!" ejaculated Skinny Simpson. "I didn't know they had chariots in them days!"

THE modern society play could be done in about half the time it takes if the modern men and women in it didn't have to keep lighting and testing away cigarettes.

PEOPLE with dreadful coughs all seem to think they can cure them by going to the theatre.

THE man who starts out to do something has at least made a start.

REPRODUCERS. THESE gramophones are excellent reproducers," said the salesman. "Yes, but I don't want a lot of little gramophones running about the house," replied the customer.

SAM WAS AWAKE. "SAM! Sam! Wake up!" "Can't!" "Why can't you?" "I ain't asleep."

SHE WANTED IT CHEAP. SHE (enthusiastically): I would have given anything in the world for that vase. He: Well, why didn't you buy it? She: Buy it? Why, the man wanted five dollars for it!

MOST SINGULAR. "Yes, my boy?" "Are politics plural?" "No, my boy. There's nothing in the world more singular."

unique appeal to those indebted to him for payment of their accounts. He used his regular double column display space in the local paper and urged his claim as follows:

"THERE ARE TIMES. When the fellow who makes the biggest howl is the one who gets his money first. But this would not work with us, and we are placing you in a position where we would not."

"Rather than bother you with repeated 'duns,' we just want to appeal to your sense of fairness. If you owe bills older than ours, we will think it only fair to let us have our money next."

"If you are unable to pay us at once, give us a nice idea of when you think you can pay it. We certainly will appreciate this little courtesy; it won't take much of your time, and it will indeed be a help to us."

It Cuts Overhead. (Brandon Sun). "I can't afford to advertise," said a young merchant the other day, "because my margin of profits is too close to permit it."

His reasoning was twisted. His margin of profit was small because he did not advertise.

Advertising increases business; it adds to the volume without adding to overhead. More business is done at the same expense and the net profit on the whole volume is larger.

That is a business fact that has been demonstrated in every line of trade without exception.

What Would He Have Said of Radio? It can never be required that we should attend to those things, the existence whereof is neither manifest to the senses, nor the explanation of them probable by reason.—Sir Francis Bacon.

That Black Bag. A certain doctor in an old Cathedral town had two extremely pretty children. One day a lady passing two small boys, heard one say to the other: "Those pretty little girls over there are the doctor's children." "Yes, I know," said the other, "he always keeps the best for himself!"

Odds and Ends

Things That Endure

(Ted Olson in Forbes.) "Honor and truth and manhood—These are the things that stand. Though the sneer and jibe and the cynic tribe Are loud through the width of the land. The scouter may lord it on hour on earth, And a lie may live for a day, But truth and honor and manly worth, Are things that endure away. "Courage and toll and service, Old, yet forever new—These are the rock that abides the shock. And holds through the storm, flint true. Fad and folly, the whims of an hour, May flicker and rant and shrill; But the living granite of truth will tower Long after their rage is still. "Labor and love and virtue—Time does not dim their glow; Though the smart may say, in their anguished way, 'Oh, we're outgrown all that, you know!' But a lie as it was of yore, And a lie that has lasted a million years Is good for a million more!"

The Realtor's Lament. (Huron Barnes in Life.) From Tampa, in the Sunny South, I am returned from Florida. I said, "Old man, thou lookest all in. I can't tell me what's the trouble." He answered, "I am very faint. Assist me to that vacant chair. I am returned from Florida. And it is strenuous down there."

In Florida in Florida! Where winds are warm and zephyrs play, Are lots and lots and lots of lots—and lots change hands three times a day!

"But then I put the same five hundred up on a site for an hour. And sold the site for fourteen million. In notes—but got no cash as well. On paper I am now worth, brother, a fortune which is just immense. But you must see the situation—So could you lend me twenty cents?"

In Florida! In Florida! Where you may buy and later pay, Are lots and lots and lots of lots—and lots change hands three times a day!

Locarno and the Empire. (Manchester Guardian.) The Locarno Treaty is based, primarily, upon the Covenant of the League of Nations, to which the Dominions are as warmly attached as Great Britain. General Smuts is himself one of the chief architects of the League. There ought not, therefore, to be any essential disharmony between Great Britain and the Dominions over the Locarno policy, even though it applies certain principles of the Covenant to a certain part of Europe with a rigidity and precision which the Dominions, for themselves, do not welcome. That is due to the accident of geography rather than to a divergence of principle. Nevertheless the hesitation of the Dominions over Locarno holds a warning. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming Economic and Disarmament Conference will yield even the semblance of disunity between the different parts of the empire.

Pay Up. (Manitoba Veteran.) In a recent issue of a Manitoba weekly, a local druggist made a rather

The Tight Rope Walker



Italy (to herself): "How funny she is! And to think I used to make such an exhibition of myself!"

Mussolini has expelled all the members of the opposition from the Italian parliament.

—From H. Travass, Rome.

Poems That Live

REVERIE AT GLENMARY.

I have enough, O God! My heart tonight Runs over with its fulness of content; And as I look out on the fragrant stars, And from the beauty of the night take in My priceless portion—yet myself no more Than in the universe a grain of sand— I feel His glory who can make a world, Yet in the loam of the wilderness Leave not a flower unfinished!

Rich, though poor! My low-roofed cottage is this hour a heaven; Music is in it—and the song she sings, That sweet-voiced wife of mine, arrests the ear Of my young child awake upon her knees; And with his calm eyes on his mother's face, My noble hound lies couchant—and all here— All in this little home, yet boundless heaven, Are, in such love as I have power to give, Blessed to overflowing.

Upon my brimming heart this tranquil ere, Knownest its fulness, as thou dost the dew Sent to the hidden violet by Thee; And as that flower, from its unseen abode, Sends its sweet breath up, duly to the sky, Changing its gift to incense, so, oh, God, May the sweet drops that my humble cup Find their far way from heaven, send up, to Thee, Fragrance at Thy throne welcome.

—Nathaniel Willis.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

DR. CHARLES GRAY SHAW, professor of philosophy in New York University, is quoted as saying some of the best advice he has ever received is to post a price of \$100,000 for an invention of a reason for living.

There's no use in any one worrying himself frantically over the question, "Is life worth living?" Foolish men have been doing that for a long time. The most important thing to learn in life is not whether life is worth living, but HOW TO LIVE.

THERE is nothing men are so anxious to keep as life, and nothing they take so little pains to keep well. This is no simple matter. "Life," said Hippocrates, at the commencement of his medical aphorisms, "is short, Art is long, Opportunity fleeting, Experiment uncertain, and Judgment difficult."

WHEN we ponder life, one thing we can set down as certain.

However varied the forms that human destiny may take, the same elements are always present: And so life is everywhere much of a piece, whether it is passed in a farmhouse or a city apartment, in the bar or in the cloister.

"After the circumstances as much as you please," it is written, "There are in adventures, successes, failures, life is like a swashbuckler, when there is a great variety of color—odd in shape and diverse in color—one and all made from the same paste."

And when men speak of some one's success, the lot of the man who has failed is not so very different as it seems.

The inequalities of the world are like the combinations in one of those old-fashioned kaleidoscopes; at every turn a fresh picture strikes the eye, and yet, in reality, you see only the same bits of glass as you saw before.

Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

AN AMALGAMATION was completed of the Union Telephone Company and the Central Telephone Company.

THE agreement between the Mowry Safety Nut Company was signed by the Mayor and the Common Clerk on behalf of the city.

THE call from the city had prepared a petition asking for \$200 a year instead of \$100.

Who's Who IN THE DAY'S NEWS

CHARLES M. STEDMAN.

A PROMINENT figure in the ever changing ranks of Confederate veterans is Charles M. Stedman, Democratic representative in the House from North Carolina. Fellow congressmen recently honored him with a birthday party at the old Confederate member of the House of Representatives.

He was born in Pittsboro, North Carolina, January 29, 1841. Immediately after his graduation from the University of North Carolina, he enlisted in the army of General Robert E. Lee and served in it during the entire war although wounded three times.

After the war he was admitted to the bar in 1867 and practiced law at Wilmington for 31 years. In that year he removed his law business to Greensboro, N. C., where he still resides when not in Washington.

Judge Stedman's first political appointment came when he was made a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1880. Five years later he became lieutenant governor of North Carolina which office he held for five years. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1888, but sustained defeat. In 1911 he was elected to Congress and has remained his seat ever since.

The University of North Carolina numbers him among its former trustees and he has also served as president of the state bar association.

Other Views

THE PROGRESSIVE M. P.'S

Ottawa Journal.

It is curious what a large proportion of the Progressives in parliament are other than Canadian-born. Of the twenty-three Progressive members, only thirteen are native Canadians.

There are, in alphabetical order: Beaulieu, Boutillier, Brown, Campbell, Car-michael, Coote, Faneher, King, J. W. Lucas, Agnes MacPhail, Millar, Steedsman, Ward. The other members of the Progressive party and their origins are as follows: Bird, came from England, 1911; Evans, came from England, 1890; Forke came from Scotland, 1882; Gardner, came from Scotland, 1908; Garland, came from Ireland, 1909; Jeff, came from United States, 1902; Kennedy, came from Scotland, 1903; Lovie, came from Scotland, 1883; Speakman, came from Scotland, 1891; Spencer, came from England, 1890.

IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Detroit Free Press.

President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, says that if the operators will wait a while, the strike in the hard coal fields will be ended in twenty minutes. If this is the case, the strike can be ended in a third of an hour if the union officials will agree to the situation. For the operators' sake, some time ago made a definite statement that the men go to work at their old wages pending a general arbitration of all disputes, with the understanding that any pay increase would be retroactive. Neither Mr. Lewis nor any other union head has ever given any satisfactory reason for refusing this proposal and thereby re-

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WATCH OUT FOR SCENERY.

Harrison Review.

An immense quantity of rock, weighing probably more than 150 tons, has fallen from the side of the cliff of the Grand river ravine at a point about a quarter of a mile below Florio, near to occur.

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Timely Views On World Topics

JOSEPH McCABE.

FIFTY per cent of the things students are required to learn in schools and colleges today will be absolutely useless either in business, professions, or in their personal intellectual life.

Art is long, Opportunity fleeting, Experiment uncertain, and Judgment difficult."

WHEN we ponder life, one thing we can set down as certain.

THEY sat each at an extreme end of the horseshoe sofa. They had been courting for something like two years, but the wide gap between had always been respectfully preserved.

"A penny for your thoughts, Sandy," murmured Maggie, after a silence of an hour and a half.

"Well," replied Sandy slowly, with surprising boldness, "I tell you the truth, I was at it—think how fine it was if we were the girl and me."

"What are objections," simpered Maggie, slithering over, and kissed him plumply on the tip of his left ear.

Sandy relapsed into a brown study once more, and the clock ticked, twenty-seven minutes.

"An' what are ye thinkin' about noo, anither, eh?"

"Is it, laddie?" asked Maggie softly. Her heart was going pit-a-pat with expectation. "An' what might it be?"

"I was just thinkin'," answered Sandy, "that it was about time ye were paying me that penny!"

Florida

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Dinner Stories

THE head of a large business house bought a number of those "Do it now" signs and hung them up around his office. When after the first few days of those signs, the business man counted up the results, he found that the cashier had skipped out with \$20,000, the head bookkeeper had eloped with the stenographer, three clerks had asked for a raise in salary, and the office boy had lit out for the west to become a highwayman.

Text books used in schools throughout the world are full of the details of history and geography now taught should be eliminated. Modern methods of education are nothing less than cruelly to children.

The United States, for instance, has the finest schools and the finest body of teachers in the world, yet you permit them to be brushed aside by a few ignorant people. You are paradoxical people. With ten times the social activities of any other country, you have the worst historical record of political corruption and the worst criminal statistics in the world.

I refuse to be classed as a critic of America or Americans, for I have lived among your people and like to be with them, but it is none the less true that you are guilty of the crime of indifference. You are such intense individualists and do such a fine job of minding your own business that you make the fatal mistake of taking no interest in public matters.

In all the world there is not one university professor in any of the right sciences wherein evolution is a vital factor, who will admit the least doubt about the fact of evolution. Science is absolutely inconsistent with fundamental theology; and nowhere will you find the educated clergy fundamentalists.

Mankind is 10,000,000 years old. Science, however, has made rapid strides in the last twenty years and we now have a fair history of the human race for the last 600,000 years.

HE'S NOT CLEVER. "WHAT have you been doing, Edward?"

"A clever wife never asks what her husband has been doing."

"But a clever man may ask if his wife—"

"Oh, my dear, a clever man never has a wife."