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TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

MAYOR WILLIAM E. McKEOUGH.

The magnificent majority by which the citizens yesterday selected Mr. William E. McKeough as their chief magistrate for the year 1903 was beyond the biggest expectations of his most sanguine supporters. It establishes a record for Chatham. Never before have its people honored any man with a plurality of seven hundred votes and such a unanimous and magnificent vote of public confidence and appreciation.

The people are to be congratulated on paying this splendid tribute to honesty, energy, enterprise and uprightness. They have issued an emphatic mandate in favor of earnest and conscientious service as against wire-pulling and political manipulation; they have spoken in an unmistakable manner for straight-forwardness and sterling integrity in civic affairs. And it will be well for the future of our prosperous young city if the verdict is heeded.

In Mr. McKeough the people have chosen as their Mayor a man who will do them credit, whose abilities and energies will be devoted wholeheartedly to the public welfare, who has unbounded confidence in the future of Chatham and who is fired with zeal for the prosperity and development of the municipality.

Mr. McKeough enters upon his arduous and honorable duties backed with such a sweeping expression of confidence as no other man was ever accorded by the people of Chatham. It will strengthen him in the good work we are assured he will proceed to inaugurate. Mr. McKeough has a splendid municipal record and we predict a prosperous and profitable year under his regime.

Here's to you, Mayor McKeough! The people of Chatham have paid you a magnificent tribute of confidence and esteem. It was well deserved.

To the health of his worship, Mayor McKeough, and to the prosperity of our good city!

THE MAYORALTY.

One of the most satisfactory features of the wonderful victory of Mr. McKeough in the mayoralty contest is the complete vindication of clean campaigning which has been recorded. It is evident that the day is past in Chatham when candidates and their hirelings can secure votes and influence by crusades of offensive personalities, unfair and untruthful insinuations and the application of uncalculated epithets.

Mr. McKeough has fought a clean, honest and manly campaign, he has discussed the issues, he has appealed to the electorate on a vigorous and progressive platform and he has spared to descend to any lower means of obtaining support.

And, if we mistake not, a liberal share of his overwhelming majority resulted from this manly course.

In the hour of victory one can afford to be generous, and it is with no unkind or hostile spirit of exultation that The Planet asks Mr. Cowan and his supporters to read the lesson of the vote. We would hesitate to believe that gentlemen responsible for many of the vulgar and offensive utterances which characterized the campaign against Mr. McKeough, but he was unfortunate in associating himself with men beneath his calibre, men whose campaign ethics are degradation and abuse. Men like Henry Smyth may be permitted the indulgence of a passing hour but their career inevitably ends in defeat and disgrace.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

Although it cannot be denied that certain good men have been "left at home," the personnel of the new City Council gives great promise. With Mayor McKeough and Ald. McKeough, Mounteer, Edmondson, Robinson, Scullard, Marshall, Martin, Piggott and Taylor the Maple City should have a vigorous and progressive civic board.

This is well, for, as was pointed out during the campaign, the present year will not prove an unimportant one in the municipal annals. There are many important matters to be dealt with, including the Bell Telephone franchise and the settlement of the Lake Erie railroad difference. The people will look to their representatives to deal with these questions freely, fearlessly and fairly—and we do not think they will be disappointed.

Many citizens have requested a full audit of the city's books and we trust that the new council will see their way clear to take up this matter. A careful and official government audit of the civic finances at the present time would be a judicious and progressive move.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

It is an undeniable fact that during the past year splendid progress has been made in educational matters in our public schools, under the regime of the present Public School Board. And to this fact we believe is due the return of the members who yesterday went before their constituents.

This is satisfactory to the extent that it demonstrates the interest and encouragement the public are prepared to extend to the development and progress of this important branch of civic service.

Mr. H. S. Clements, the only new member of the Board, is to be congratulated on the phenomenal run he made. The Board is fortunate in securing the services of this energetic and progressive young man and The Planet bespeaks for him a long and efficient service at the Board.

The suggestion has been made—and it is a happy one—that the Board this year honor Dr. Geo. T. McKeough with re-election to the chairmanship of the Board. It would be a graceful and appropriate tribute to his extended and splendid service in the educational interests of Chatham and furnish a very pleasing and unique coincidence in placing the McKeough brothers in two of the principal civic seats of honor for the same year.

Glove Etiquette.

No unduly thick or fat hand should ever be incased in anything lighter in the way of gloves than a mouse colored tint unless the wearer be all in white, declares an authority on gloves.

White gloves should never be worn by anybody who is not wearing another distinctive touch of white on gown or hat. The contrast is too crude. The woman with a large hand, if it is well shaped, may wear white, but not a pure white; rather the "oyster" white, with black stitching. Black gloves should only be worn with black gowns and coats. For your gown in every shade of brown, from chocolate down to the range of mastic and pastel lines, you can have gloves to match. The same with gray. For evening dresses it is harder to choose. For pale pinks, blues, yellows, mauves, unless there is some particular lace trimming or embroidery in white or ivory, the palest mushroom or mastic tints are safest.

Are High Heels Harmful?

A young lady vehemently defends the use of high heels. She maintains that they are much more in accordance with the laws of nature than heavy, stodgy, so called "common sense" shoe heels.

"All the finishing schools" which teach young women how to attain a graceful carriage," she says, "have one inextinguishable law that is dinned into one's ears morning, noon and night, 'Do keep off your heels, my dear, or what is the same thing, 'Walk more lightly, Miss Blank.' And when you step lightly you invariably rise on your toes more. Try it yourself and see. If you will keep an eye on your low heeled girl, you will see that her movements are anything but graceful. The reason lies in what I have told you. She settles back on her low heels, and the result is a lousy, stodgy, stiff and uncomfortable gait."—Exchange.

Baked Bananas and Rice.

Place in a double kettle two cups of new milk, a teaspoonful of butter and a half teaspoonful of salt and let come to a boil. Then add gradually, stirring, a half cup of well warmed rice, cover closely and boil half an hour. Lay six ripe, large bananas in a pie pan, pour over them hot water until the bottom of the pan is well covered, place them in a good steady oven and bake until soft. About fifteen minutes will do this. Take from the oven, pour off water, if any, set back and dry off five minutes. Put a spoonful of the warm boiled rice on a plate, spread out a little and place on the top the baked banana, from which the skin has just been removed, bend the banana into a neat circle on the rice, drop a bit of good butter into the center and carry to the table hot.—Good Housekeeping.

Personal probity is the best prop in the time of testing.

HER FRENCH A FAILURE.

The Tragedy of a Blacking Bottle in the Latin Quarter.

She was spending her first month in the Latin quarter of Paris. She spoke English fluently, with a Boston accent; also she spoke German, could make a fair stammer at Italian and knew a few words of Hindoostanee, but of French not a syllable.

One morning she found herself in a wrestling match with a bottle of French shoe blacking. The pesky bottle, understanding that it had to deal with an alien, refused to give up its cork. She had no corkscrew of her own and did not know how to ask for one, even if she dared suspect that her next door neighbor might be possessed of the luxury. The time of her pet fork she had bent on the obstinate plug, the point of her best penknife she had broken off short, and nothing remained except to throw the bottle out of a window to get at its contents. She decided as a last resort to try breaking the neck off the bottle. With a "stove lid lifter" she administered several cautious taps in the region of the jugular of the obstinate neck. "Nothin' doin'." Then she tapped harder still, and the blacking came. All over her fingers it came, all over her light woolen skirt and over much of the floor and window sill.

She decided to have the skirt cleaned and, packing it into a bundle, tripped off to an establishment where she found embarrassment questions. Finally she got the drift of the conversation. The cleaners wanted to know what had caused the spot. Fortunately a bottle of shoe blacking was standing near by, and she pointed at this and "ould" and "ould" until she left in heightened spirits, feeling that she was not helpless and that she had made the cleaners understand. When the skirt was duly returned the following week, it was dyed black.

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

Breton sheep are not much larger than a fair sized hare.

The mandarin duck is one of the most beautiful of aquatic birds.

The queen is always at the mercy of the bees and is a slave instead of a ruler.

A beetle one-third the size of a horse would be able to pull against more than a dozen horses.

The greyhound, which can cover a mile in a minute and twenty-eight seconds, is the fastest of quadrupeds.

The giraffe, armadillo and porcupine have no vocal cords and are therefore mute. Whales and serpents are also voiceless.

The glowworm lays eggs which are themselves luminous. However, the young hatched from them are not possessed of those peculiar properties until after the first transformation.

To escape from dangers which menace them, starfishes commit suicide.

This instinct of self destruction is found only in the highest and lowest scales of animal life.

Hebridean Proverbs.

The daily talk of the Hebrideans has a shrewd picturesqueness. "Let the loon go laughing home," they say. That is, "Be careful of whatever you have borrowed."

If a person were to be met coldly on going to a friend's house, he would say:

"The shore is the same, but the shell fish is not the same."

The impossible is denoted by "blackberries in midwinter and sea gulls' eggs in autumn."

"Better this kneading than to be empty." That is, "Half a loaf is better than no bread."

"The man who is idle will put the cat on the fire."

"He that does not look before him will look behind him."

"A house without a dog, without a cat, without a little child, is a house without pleasure and without laughter."

Homes in Italy.

Speaking of homes and ways of living, Mr. Luigi Villari in "Italian Life in Town and Country" reveals a curious state of affairs. In Italian cities there are no slum districts. The poorest of the poor may be lodged in the same palace with people whose income runs over \$25,000 annually. The poor are packed away in the garrets or the cellars, to be sure, and their misery must be rendered all the more acute by the sight and scent of such lavish living. High class Italians have no objections whatever to dwelling over a shop or place of business.

Forgot Himself.

Mrs. Henpeck—We've bin married twenty years today, Hiram.

Hiram (with a sigh)—Yes, for twenty years we've fought—

Mrs. Henpeck (scowling)—What? You old wretch!

Hiram (sighing)—Life's battles together, Mirandy.

Too Valuable to Lose.

Mr. Grogan—Sure, Molke, an' what did yer do with yure dog?

Mike—Oh, he was wort' \$10 an' Oi kep' thinkin' if some wan sh'd stail um Oi could ill afford th' loss, so Oi gave um away. D'gorra!

Awfully Benighted.

Dasherly—Is he so very ignorant? Flasherly—Ignorant? Why, actually, he doesn't even know a cure for colds!

I wonder why it is we are not all kinder than we are. How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered!—Drummond.

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Mucilage Betrayed Him.

Some time ago a registered package sent from the New York postoffice, containing a large sum of money, was received at its destination apparently intact, but on being opened was found to contain nothing but waste paper. Suspicion could not be directed to any one clerk of the many who had handled it. The inspector had often noticed that the glue used at each postoffice had an odor distinguishable from that of any other. He investigated along this line and was finally rewarded when in an office near the destination of the package he discovered an identity of smell between the registered package and a gluepot on the counter. He caused a watch to be set upon the clerks in the office in the usual way and finally caught his man spending a portion of his ill gotten gains.

Lighthouse Without a Light.

The most extraordinary of all British lighthouses is to be found on Arnish rock, Stornoway bay—a rock which is separated from the island of Lewis by a channel over 500 feet wide. On this rock a conical beacon is erected, and on its summit a lantern is fixed, from which, night after night, shines a light which is seen by the fishermen far and wide. The way in which this lighthouse is illuminated is this: On the island of Lewis is a lighthouse, and from a window in the tower a stream of light is projected on to a mirror in the lantern on the summit of Arnish rock. The consequence is that, to all intents and purposes, a lighthouse exists which has neither lantern nor lighthouse keeper.

One of Mrs. Stanton's Retorts.

Once a fashionable woman of Newport expressed to Elizabeth Cady Stanton a fear that it was not entirely modest for a woman to speak in public. The dignified president of the suffragists looked at her with mild surprise. "Why," she said, "there are not so many people at our convention as there were at the ball last night, and surely it is more modest to make a sensible speech in quiet costume than to exhibit one's bare arms and shoulders at a public dance in the embrace of a strange gentleman."

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25 pieces flannelette, good firm quality, in large range of desirable stripe patterns, fast colors, fine soft finish, worth 70 yard, special at 6c.

5 pieces fancy wrappperette, good patterns and colorings, 28 inches to 36 inches wide, regular 10c and 12 1-2c yard, special at 8c.

Plain flannelettes, fine soft fleecy finish, full weight, 31 inches wide, fast colors, in sky, pink, cream and white, worth 10c yard, special at 8c.

20 pieces heavy prints, good strong quality, 32 inches wide, choice range of dark colors, fast dyes, worth 12 1-2c yard, special at 10c.

2 pieces metallic skirting, fine heavy quality, 33 inches wide, coin spot and figured designs, regular 25c yard, special at 15c.

3 dozen men's heavy all wool under-shirts, fine soft elastic rib knit, double breasted, flesh color only, extra good value at 50c each, special at 30c.

10 dozen men's heavy all wool Sox, dark grey, elastic rib top, seamless feet, special a pair 12 1-2c.

Men's Heavy Loch Lomond Top Shirts, in dark checks and stripes, extra full sizes, collars attached, sizes 14-17 in, special each 50c.

Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear, fine jersey knit, heavy, arctic fleeces, double rib wrist and ankle bands, woven neck, sizes 4 to 16 years, at 50c, 40c, 35c, 30c, 25c and 20c.

25 Doz. Boys' Heavy Rib Hose, extra good quality, double heels and toes, all sizes, special a pair 25c.

4 Doz. Children's White Wool Boas full, fluffy quality, pure white, 36 to 40 in. long, worth 35c each, special at 25c.

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7 pieces fine Wool Homespuns, Cheviots and Costume Suitings, 54 in. and 56 in. wide, medium and heavy weight, colors light, mid and dark grey, navy, brown and green mixtures, regular 75c, 90c and \$1.00 yard, clearing at 49c.

1 piece Rich Black Mottalasse, 44 in. wide, bright, silky finish, regular 75c yard, special at 25c.

8 pieces Black Dress Goods, plain and fancy black mohairs, all wool, black serges, etc., 40 in. to 44 in. wide, regular 25c, 35c and 40c yard, special at 17c.

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NURSERY NOTES.

Rich, greasy diet and a badly ventilated sleeping room will give a child constant colds.

Train the children to eat things that are good for them rather than indulge their extravagant whims and notions.

Powder well all the little creases in the arms and legs of the baby as well as the body. The delicate skin chafes easily.

Children should eat lean meats properly cooked, eggs, milk, cheese in small quantities, cereals and "whole wheat," peas, beans and lentils.

Give a young infant drink from a saucer instead of a cup or spoon. The uncertain little lips will close upon it more easily, and there will be no slopping.

If a child has been exposed to a cold, six or eight drops of spirits of camphor on a lump of sugar or in a little water given as soon as he gets home will often prevent the cold from developing.

In taking the small person out always put on a veil, shetland preferred, if there is the least bit of wind. In every case keep his back turned to the direction from which the wind will come.

Women as Jewelers.

Time was, not so very far back either, when the woman of artistic talents who sought to earn her own living found no outlook beyond selling an occasional picture or giving lessons in painting. Now the artistic sphere for women has widened to include so many departments that there is almost an embarrassment of riches from which to make a choice.

One of the latest to be taken up by women is the designing of artistic jewelry. In England particularly women have been meeting with much success in this line, and there seems to be no reason why it should not be more widely taken up. It is a craft to which a woman's light and dainty manipulation is particularly adapted. Certainly the present renaissance in the jeweler's art seems to have come to stay. It has spread from France to England, Austria, Germany, Denmark and Belgium. It recognizes the art of the metal worker as an important factor and quite independent of costly stones. It considers beauty of form and color rather than a display of costliness of material.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Some people give out, some give in and others give up.

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