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## Don't Bother About Truth.

Our morning contemporary which has its destiny guided by a gentleman who claims to be an honest and upright man, is very fond of casting slurs upon other papers which do not coincide with their second fiddle idea. That paper has made the erroneous statement that The West does not care whether the news it publishes is correct or not. The following quotations will prove to the public, if not to the editor of the Leader, that it is the managing editor of the Leader who does not care whether what he allows to be published in his paper is correct or not.

On the examination for discovery on October 5th, 1908, the managing editor of the Leader whose company was the defendant in a civil action over publishing statements made by Premier Scott about H. W. Laird, answered questions as follows:

Q. You have no information in your possession which would entitle you to plead that the charge was true?  
A. No, I have not in my possession.  
Q. You have no such information?  
A. I have no such information.

Q. You hope to get information by which you can plead the truth of this libel, don't you?  
A. I don't hope for it at all.

Q. The fact of the matter is that you are prepared to publish this thing if Mr. Scott tells you without enquiring whether it is true or false?  
A. I have full confidence in Mr. Scott's statements.

Q. And you publish these things without enquiring whether it is true or false, if Mr. Scott says so?  
A. If Mr. Scott makes that statement I am prepared to publish it.

Q. Have you made any enquiries to verify this matter one way or the other?  
A. I have not.

Even after the articles were published and their truth denied, the editor of that paper did not make any attempt to find out the truth or falsity of statements made in his paper. On his examination for discovery on 25th of January, 1909, he answered questions as follows:

Q. Now on your previous examination, Mr. Kerr, you stated that you had no knowledge or information of the grounds for believing the truth of the alleged libel, didn't you?  
A. Yes.

Q. Have you any grounds now?  
A. No.

Q. No more than you had then?  
A. No.

Q. Don't know any more about it?  
A. No.

Q. Have you tried to verify it?  
A. No.

Q. Taken no steps in the matter?  
A. No.

Q. You have no information other than you had at that time?  
A. No.

Q. You have taken no further steps to verify this matter?  
A. No.

Q. Yourself or your company?  
A. No.

From the above quotations it will be seen that the editor of the Leader cares not whether what is published in his paper is true or not so long as it serves the purpose of his master, the pigmy premier.

## Editorial Notes

The Leader will publish whatever Walter Scott tells it to publish, whether true or false.

Will the provincial government government speak out and let the farmers know how they are going to

give protection to the farmers against hail for the coming season. Mr. Langley made a promise on behalf of the government at the recent Grain Growers' convention that protection was to be afforded.

What is to be known as an Eastern Farm-life Promoting Association has been formed in New York, the object being to deter if possible the young men from going west. While everyone will appreciate the motive of this campaign, the west has such attractions that Horace Greeley's advice will still be followed to a very large extent.

Mr. Wainwright at the Board of Trade banquet at Quebec, denied that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had projected the Grand Trunk Pacific, and claims that the idea originated with Mr. Hayes, says the Mail and Empire. The Grand Trunk proposed a sensible and business like line, that would have given us a second transcontinental at little expense, to the country. Then Sir Wilfrid Laurier added what railway men describe as "the fool end" of the railway, namely, the part that runs through the Far North, and threatens to ruin the intercolonial by duplicating that line. The sensible part belongs to Mr. Hayes, the fool part to Sir Wilfrid.

Some idea of the amount of money that is sent out of the country, chiefly by immigrants who establish themselves in Canada, was afforded by a return in the House last week showing the total amount of post office money orders issued last year. In 1908 over \$9,000,000 was transmitted in this way to 12 countries, which amounted in the aggregate to the sum already stated. Nearly half the total amount went to Great Britain \$4,200,000, while Italy comes next with \$2,300,000, and Austria third with \$1,541,000. Incidentally it would seem that there has been a large immigration from Denmark since 1906 when only 641 money orders were taken out, and none during the previous year. In 1908, \$16,500 was sent home by Danes resident in Canada.

## Press Comment

(Nokomis Times.)

The Regina Leader should imitate the example of the paper it tries to imitate and daily remind Hon. Walter Scott of at least one of his promises: "If I cannot prove my charge against Mr. Laird, I will certainly resign."

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Over 81,000 people die in Canada every year, and it is estimated by scientific men who have studied the question of public health that one-third of that number die of preventable diseases while yet wage earners and of value to the state as citizens adding to the wealth of the community. From a monetary standpoint Canada loses every year over \$27,000,000 from lives sacrificed unnecessarily.

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It was pointed out that a strong agitation was being worked up in order that measures might be taken to prevent loss of life at level crossings, but while 207 people were killed in this way last year, over 27,000 died of diseases that are just as preventable if proper measures were taken.

A large annual expenditure is taken to guard against, and stamp out, cholera. Not a cent was expended to stamp out tuberculosis. "The moral is," said Dr. Black, "that it is better to be a hog than a man, and thus be worth saving." Polluted water supply causes typhoid fever and is only a matter of supervision and expenditure of money to detect the pollution of the water supply and prevent typhoid epidemics. A polluted milk supply is peculiarly fatal to children, of whom we lose 31,000 every year under five years of age, most of them done to death by bad milk.

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

The King has proved his winning manner in Germany. Now let him try it in Ireland. If royalty had done its manifest duty by visiting Ireland once a year, we should never have heard of Home Rule, and the United Kingdom would not be, as it is now, in imminent danger of dismemberment. What the Irish peasant wants is not a republic, for which he has neither aptitude nor taste, but his potato field. Even George IV., a figure far from imposing or fascinating, was received with enthusiasm and made an impression, which forced O'Connell to strike a loyal attitude for a time. Queen Victoria, when early in her reign, she went to Ireland, had a rapturous reception, and she would always have been as safe in Phoenix Park, as she was at Osborne or Balmoral. She knew she was falling in her duty and resented any hint upon the subject. A court officer, who lured to it, received a rebuke which obliged him to resign his post. Down to the time of George IV., that people so manifestly disposed to personal loyalty, had never seen their king, except as an invader. The case of John, who went, not exactly as an invader, but for a hostile purpose can hardly be treated as an exception. Why do not ministers press the point of the importance of which they must be conscious.

(Toronto World.)

President Roosevelt has resolved to inaugurate a movement for the organization of a world conference to consider a scheme for saving the wood, water and fuel of the universe. All civilized nations are asked to participate and the general invitation was issued by the assistant secretary of the state department on Friday last. With it went a statement showing the need for co-operation in conserving the world's natural resources. This general invitation, it is expected, will act as a sander of international sentiment on the subject and enable the scope and character of the gathering to be gauged.

About the value and importance of such a conference there can be no doubt. More especially as regards the timber supply the world, it experts everywhere are to be believed, is now within measurable distance of a famine. Not only so, but in countries where extensive denudation of the forests has been allowed, the volume of the streams has been sensibly, in some cases largely diminished. At the present rate of consumption the more readily available coal resources are also being rapidly depleted and the president and his advisers are confident that a convention where ideas can be exchanged and some general policy adopted will be strongly supported.

At a luncheon on Friday President Roosevelt took occasion to express himself earnestly in favor of the project, and was heartily supported by the Canadian and Mexican representatives at the North American conference. Mr. Gifford Pinchot, the United States chief forester, has suggested that as a preliminary measure such a world conference should undertake a complete inventory of the natural resources of the countries that agree to entertain a general scheme of conservation. This might be followed by a discussion of the methods already in force for reforesting and otherwise guarding watersheds, the economic mining of coal and profitable grazing of pastures. The proposal is really an extension of the united conservation program adopted by the North American convention. New countries are just as deeply interested in the object as the older nations now suffering actually from the wasteful methods of the past.

and the Canadian governments, federal and provincial, have no more serious problem in hand than the wise administration of our natural resources.

(Brandon Times.)

The dire effects resulting from hasty and unwise marriages has been productive of late of a good deal of newspaper comment, and this social evil has been made the topic of numerous lectures delivered in various points on the North American continent.

The question of race suicide has occupied the attention of probably every civilized legislature to some degree, and it ranks with the housing question as one of the most vital problems of the day.

Race suicide may assume a multi-farious sequence of phases, but it is with immoderate marriages that the world today is seriously imbroglioed.

Whatever may be said to the contrary, the number of unions effected each year which ought not to take place, is steadily on the increase.

Conspicuity is one of the forms of this social evil to which exception is taken by many students of the problem, and rightly so. Centuries of research go to prove this custom to be fraught with physical deterioration, and in many known instances productive of absolute idiocy.

Intermarriage with victims of the taint of insanity or that insidious malady, tuberculosis is ever a deadly menace to the maintenance of a race standard of physique, and under the moral code is criminal to an extreme.

As matters stand, however, at the present time, such unions are legally perfectly valid, and as a result the world is constantly admitting additions to its already well filled ranks of the unfit.

How then is this side of the social problem to be solved and the evil remedied? Many suggestions have been offered, often too radical to be of working value, but perhaps the most feasible yet is that put forward last night by Dr. Ferguson, whose panacea is a wider knowledge of medicine, its uses and effects, for the people.

The knowledge of a curative may be taken to infer an equal knowledge of the malady, hence much of the ignorance concerning the physical system would be dispersed.

Extremists have advocated a thorough medical inspection before marriage. Such a course might be the means of preventing a proportion of unions contemplated, but a preventative for the necessity for such examination would be infinitely more conducive to the general well.

This can be obtained through education alone, and it would seem that Mr. Ferguson's argument is the strongest yet brought to bear on this important problem.

(Calgary News.)

Come on, let's make fun of the farmer.

Let's repeat some motherly jokes about the "rube."

Let's call his son a "hayseed" and his daughter a "jay." Let's sneer at his wife.

For we are city folks.

Let's make the farmer ashamed of his job and drive his children to the study of the law and the grimy mill with our city-bred outcasts.

And then when we all get to be city folks we will be a "smart" nation. We will be up-to-date.

And then we will all starve to death.

Isn't the farmer a joke? Haven't all the "funny" papers said so for 20 or 50 or 600 years? Do we realize that there are only two classes of people in the world: people who live on farms and people who live on cities?

Do we realize that ever in the world's history there have been more farmers than there have been of all other people combined?

Think then, that not a mill, mine, factory, shop, theatre or railroad could exist were it not for the farmer. He furnishes the raw material from which our food and our clothes are made. All our luxuries represent the profit on the farmer's produce.

There is just man and earth in all this great problem of life. The earth yields a living to man and exacts his labor as her price.

The farmer applies his labor to the earth and brings forth grain and timber and wool and leather and meat. Then the rest of us take what the farmer has wrested from nature's storehouse and, giving him as little as possible in return, proceed to juggle with the fruit of the farmer's toil in order that we may each have an excuse for eating three meals,

wearing clothes, and sleeping shelter. The mines are needed to furnish materials for machinery to work up the farm product; for railroads and ships to haul it; for coals to measure it with; for wires with which to fence the land or upon which to telegraph market quotations.

The brokers gamble in it; the bankers loan on it; the lawyers argue about it; the doctors care for the bodies of the farmers and the rest of the world which is working over farm produce.

The preachers are paid out of the crops to care for our souls.

Stop and think if you can conceive of a single human being—including hopes—whose very life does not depend, daily upon the skill and industry of the farmer. There is no one.

## COMIC AND SERIOUS

He (in despair)—How shall I ever make an impression upon you? You have a heart of adamant.

She (coolly)—You might try a diamond.

Johnnie, I will give you a quarter if you will get me a lock of your sister's hair.

Gimme four bits an' I'll git you de whole bunch. I know where she hangs it nights.—Houston Post.

"I notice," said Mr. Sharp at the boarding house, "that Miss Flirt gets a great many letters in gentlemen's handwriting."

"Perhaps," said young Mr. Pert, "she has been inviting sealed proposals."—Baltimore American.

He was her "very best young man" and she was doing all she could to encourage him. "Did you know," he asked, "that I passed your house last evening?" "Of course I did," she answered promptly. "Did you think I wouldn't know your step?" And the young man grew thoughtful and grave, for he had passed in a cab.

A lady on board an ocean liner seemed very much afraid of icebergs and asked the captain what would happen in case of a collision. The captain replied:

"The iceberg would move right on madam, just as if nothing had happened," and the old lady seemed greatly relieved.—Success.

A young teacher whose efforts to inculcate elementary anatomy had been unusually discouraging at last asked in despair:

"Well, I wonder if any boy here can tell me what the spinal cord is." She was met by a row of blank and irresponsive faces till finally one small voice piped up in great excitement:

"The spinal cord is what runs through you. Your head sits on one end, and you sit on the other."—Rochester Herald.

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## PAYS DAMAGE FOR LIBEL.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 24.—The case of M. A. Harpell, of Wainwright vs. the Chronicle Publishing Company, of Strathcona, was heard in the supreme court before Mr. Justice Stuart, and resulted in judgment of \$500 and costs against the Chronicle.

The action arose out of certain statements published in the Chronicle before the recent Dominion election, in which the plaintiff was charged with being a certain notorious Michael Harpell, who was accused of ballot box stuffing in connection with Ontario elections some years ago. The statements played a prominent part in the election in Strathcona constituency and were repeated from platform to platform. Judge Stuart in giving judgment, severely censured the defendants, stating that they were in no way justified in making the assertions they did.

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## MALONE SENTENCED

Simcoe Chief of Police Gets Life Sentence for Attempting to Murder His Fellow Policeman—The Judge's Address to Prisoner.

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 24.—Imprisonment for life in the Kingston penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Chief Justice Mulock on Archibald W. Malone, found guilty by a Norfolk county jury of attempting to murder his fellow constable, William Wilkins, on the morning of December 1st last. The jury was out two hours and ten minutes. The jurors returned to the court room at 7.35. "Have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk. "We have," said the foreman, "It is guilty."

W. E. Kelly, K.C., counsel for the defendant, asked that the jury be polled. Every man of the twelve said "guilty" in a clear voice.

"What have you to say, Malone, why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon you?" said his lordship.

"My counsel will speak for me, my lord," replied the prisoner.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that his client had four children, that his record had previously been good, that he had served in South Africa, and had soldiered for Britain for eight years.

The judge said he had no doubt of the correctness of Const. Wilkin's evidence. Addressing the prisoner, he said: "You were employed and trusted as a police officer, sworn to protect the people of the town as to lives and property. Shortly after your appointment to the force you engaged Wilkins as your assistant."

In some way you obtained the mastery over him; your mind was apparently the stronger. It was not unnatural that he should feel to some extent compromised by what he had done. His duty was to report to the authorities; he did not do so. From that moment he seemed to become as clay in your hands. In November there were three crimes in rapid succession. At the end of that month, it seemed to come to your mind that your duty lay in the removal of your comrade. You seem then to have prepared details for your crime. Nothing but a kind providence prevented his death. You sought to take the life of the man you had made a criminal. The criminal code says your act made you liable to imprisonment for life. In the case of imprisonment for life there is always an opportunity for executive clemency."

His lordship then passed sentence of life imprisonment. Malone showed no emotion while sentence was being passed, but Mrs. Malone broke into tears when the sentence was pronounced. Mr. Kelly asked for a reserve case, but was denied. Malone was given a few days to straighten up his personal affairs.

The crime for which A. W. Malone, former chief of police of Simcoe, Ont., was sentenced to life imprisonment, was the shooting of his assistant Constable Wilkins. The latter met his chief about 1 o'clock on the morning of December 1, 1908, in a park in the town. As he approached the appointed spot he was fired upon several times, and received wounds which it was believed at the time would cause his death. He had a miraculous recovery. Immediately after the shooting he named Malone as his assailant and the latter was arrested and tried on the charge, the evidence indicating that Malone had coerced Wilkins into a career of crime during which the two men acted in conjunction, accomplished the robbery and destruction by fire of several business places in Simcoe.

## The Chinook.

Sweet wind of God, thou Chinook breeze!  
The crocus blooms, the willows burst  
Where mothers, with their trembling knees,  
Went stumbling at the winter's worst.

Dumb silence held the cursed land,  
And man and horse were equal brutes;  
But lo! last night the mallard band  
Came whistling, sweet as southern flutes.

The rolling prairie's all a-stream;  
The gladden'd cattle hillward drift;  
In bluest skies the white clouds dream,  
And water flows by bank and rift.

Winter's keen smart and wary ride,  
The sodden brown of last year's grass,  
Are gone like smoke, for far and wide  
The range is greening as we pass.

The pinto strikes fresh gopher-mine  
Upon the Chinook's fragrant path,  
And we forgot in spring's sweet signs,  
We ever knew the winter's wrath.

—S. A. White, in The Canadian Magazine for March.

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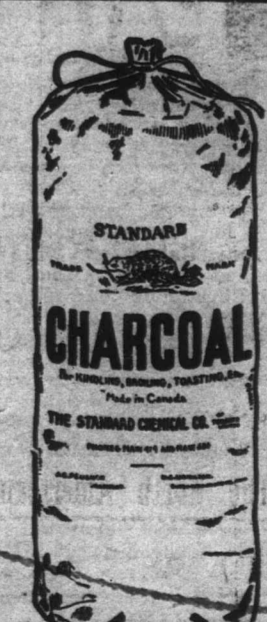
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