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PETTY PREJUDICES.

The public is not particularly interested in the scrap that The Herald has on with Commissioner Samis. It must be quite apparent by this time that that paper has started out to "get" Commissioner Samis, and is using every effort to satisfy its spite upon that gentleman.

No person should object to fair criticism. That is part of the duties of a newspaper, and the paper which neglects to criticize is slothful, and usually cowardly. But this is different. The Herald is "playing" for the commissioner.

There is nothing too paltry for it to display. There is nothing too unfair for The Herald to undertake. The last attack is the most paltry of all.

Here is the astounding accusation. Richard Iwerson, once superintendent of parks, left the service of the city. As superintendent, he had a house in the cemetery. On leaving the service, his solicitor asked that he might have a few days in which to look about for another house and get out of the house in which he was living. The city is not in the eviction business, and Commissioner Samis consented to give a reasonable time for the evacuation, but insisted that he should be out before April 20, which was not two weeks away at the time. On that date Mr. Iwerson asked to rent the house from the city, and Commissioner Samis consented. The rental was a fair one. The city had no particular need for the building. The house would have either gone idle, been rented to some person else, or to Mr. Iwerson.

To The Herald this is a terrible misdemeanor. But that is not the worst of it. Commissioner Samis did all this without telling the mayor or other commissioner anything about it. Why should he? It was in his department. Commissioner Samis is responsible for it. The Herald evidently does not understand or appreciate the commission form of government. It means a division of labor and a division of responsibility. When a horse in the scavenger department throws a shoe or goes lame, it does not cause a special meeting of the board of commissioners. This Iwerson incident was a paltry one, the renting of one of the houses owned by the city. It was in Commissioner Samis' department. He is a good renter, and made a good bargain for the city. Why should such a trifling incident be referred to the mayor and commissioners, and perhaps then to a special meeting of the council, or passed on by them to a referendum of the ratepayers, and eventually carried by some circuitous route to the foot of the throne? The entire incident is a paltry one, and had Commissioner Samis not been concerned in it, The Herald would not have noticed it.

At the same time, Commissioner Samis is paying too much attention to the paltry criticism, and would be doing himself a better service if he ignored the whole thing.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE CHURCH.

Several prominent clergymen have referred with caustic sarcasm to the recent remarks of The Albertan in support of the efforts of Dr. Ward, professor of Calgary University, to further the de-

velopment of social service departments of the various churches. The resentful and somewhat sneering remarks of these ministers are not, however, convincing proof that Dr. Ward's efforts will be misdirected and unnecessary.

The letters of the reverend gentlemen already published in The Albertan indicate that the church has already enlarged its program to include a great deal of work outside of that of preaching the gospel. But they are not convincing proof that the church has been successful in keeping pace with the problems of the community.

The church in Calgary is making an effort to meet the conditions and to create much-needed social centres; but that effort is, in most cases, puerile; and it was with this fact in mind that The Albertan called attention to the effort of another institution to come to the assistance of the church. The church has nothing to lose, and may perhaps gain a great deal by accepting the proffered co-operation of Calgary University toward the expansion and improvement of its social service schemes.

The Albertan is well aware that several of the churches in the city are equipped with gymnasiums and club rooms, that chess and carpet ball and various other games may be played in First Baptist church, that certain young people's clubs flourish in the First Baptist, St. Andrew's, Central Methodist, Hillhurst, Knox and Grace Presbyterian and other churches—these are all evidences of the fact that the church realizes its obligation and concedes the necessity, but they do not constitute a successful solution of the problem.

The program of prayer meetings, boys' brigade meetings and choir practices, which Mr. Bell outlines as the sum of the social service work of Grace Presbyterian church, cannot be said to be an organized effort direct to assist the young people of the church from one Sunday to the next. It does not afford healthy, attractive amusement. The work of First Baptist church and St. Andrew's church is considerably in advance of that of the majority of churches, but, while very good in its way, it is not sufficiently attractive nor well organized to appeal very strongly to all classes of young people. The several church gymnasiums are serving a comparatively limited number of young men and women in proportion to the number that might be attracted if the organization of classes were in the hands of thoroughly trained experts.

This lack of trained leaders, and of adequate equipment properly adapted to attractive work, is apparently chiefly responsible for the failure of the church's efforts so far.

The Sunday school, as it exists in almost every church in Calgary today, is a very good example of what the church can accomplish along any direction with trained leaders and proper equipment. Within a period of ten years or so it has developed into a very successful and very efficient institution, recognized as a necessary and important department of church work. The same success in social service departments can be attained by similar efforts.

The Albertan, by its recent remarks, wished to emphasize that the time when the church people of the city are on the verge of expending several millions of dollars in permanent plant is an opportune time to analyze the situation, to recognize the shortcomings of the present methods, and to cast about for a means of improvement. The church buildings erected within the next five years will be in use for the next forty years. The social work of the church is bound to expand, as the Sunday school has expanded. Therefore the money should be spent wisely, with full consideration of the future necessities.

The ministers, who are the church leaders, cannot afford to be merely sarcastic about evident facts, which must be considered carefully and seriously sooner or later.

There is much to be gained by co-operation, and any effort which may be made by the Calgary University should be welcomed rather than resented by the clergy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Church Work for the Youth
Calgary, May 17, 1913.

Editor The Albertan:

Dear Sir—Re the article in your issue of 14th inst. about the Church, I would

crave your indulgence at this late date.

At the time of the appearance of the

article I, with some twenty others,

interests of one of the institutions which

was thus directly engaged hence

upon the merits of the above referred to

article, "The Church: A Social Centre."

Now, Mr. Editor, I candidly believe

you to be a fair man—generally speaking

(of course leaving political issues

what you possessed you on the occasion

of writing the above referred to

article.

I need not quote from your pen. To

interested persons the remarks are

well giving a sting which will rankle

for some time.

To have fathered the idea you men-

tioned as the church's duty would have

been a thing upon which you might

have reflected with a great deal of

pleasure for the remainder of your

life, but to have been a resi-

dent of a city where the very thing

you advocate was in operation, and you

are ignorant of it is unbelievable.

Now, I am not particularly desirous

of "advocating" "isms" or specializing in

work performed by this or that church

or denomination, but I cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that I know of several churches in this city where a splendid evidence of interest in the young is apparent. But I would particularly as to the work of the church of which I form part, viz: Grace Presbyterian church.

If you care to hear the announcements upon a Sunday morning you would hear some such remarks as:—Monday evening, Christian Endeavor; Tuesday evening, Boys' Brigade; Wednesday evening, Boys' Brigade; Thursday evening, Boys' Brigade, or Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, or something calculated to give comfort in keeping with the church; Friday evening, choir practice; Saturday evening, prayer meeting, particularly for the blessing of the Almighty upon the services of the following day.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you can crowd all these services into four or five hours of a week (which by the way is the length of time you say the church is open) then you are an adept at the business.

The church to which I referred above was at the time your article was being read, actively engaged in a campaign to raise funds for the completion of a building which for modern activities will be unsurpassed, and it will have one of the best gymnasiums to be found anywhere in this country. Added to this it will have reading and rest rooms where young people may congregate and advance themselves as seems best to them—either in reading, writing or in games, etc., calculated to hold their attention and save them from the allurements which present themselves in places to which otherwise they might drift.

No, Mr. Editor, the church realizes that her doors must be open every hour and her young people thus be saved from the entanglements of the conscienceless and unscrupulous leech which is sucking the lifeblood out of our young and promising Canadian manhood and womanhood.

the up-to-date church is alive to the interests of the youth, and I venture to say, Mr. Editor, that were it not for the churches, whose tactics you never have existed, let alone being doing the excellent work they are doing now.

Fear that I have already trespassed upon your valuable space precludes any more than a passing reference to the torian churches of Calgary for the unfortunate girls who have drifted from the paths of virtue and are today outcasts.

Look around, Mr. Editor, and you will be surprised at the work now being done and for the perpetuation of which ample preparation is being made.

Trusting you will give these lines a place in your columns, I remain, Yours in applied Christianity,

JOHN A. BELL,
833 Fifth Ave. W.

Wedded 72 Years.

Beloit, Wis., May 18.—The oldest married couple in the middle west, it is asserted, is Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Phillips of Beloit. They are each 91 years old and have been married seventy-two years. Mr. Phillips served under Gen. Sherman in the civil war and participated in the march from Atlanta to the sea.

MISS MADELINE SULLIVAN—who killed Indian Chief Plenty Hawk. The Indian has now married a squaw of Medicine Hat. Plenty Hawk is said to be one of the richest Indians at Sheridan, Wyo. The Indian made violent love to Miss Sullivan several years ago when she was out west. She is now in Chicago.

MONK GETS REPRIEVE FOR NOTORIOUS MURDER

Robbed the Famous Image of the Virgin in Poland and Murdered His Brother Who He Had Forced to Marry His Paramour—Granted Absolution to His Victim.

NOW HAS ONE-THIRD OF HIS SENTENCE REMITTED

Image Which Was Despoiled Among Poles for Many Centuries—Value of the Jewels Reached Far Into the Millions and Cannot Be Replaced

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The Czar has remitted one-third of the sentence of the monk Father Macoch of Czenstochowa, of murder, notoriety, and his paramour Helene.

The monk, it may be recalled, was accused of murdering his brother, the woman's husband.

Story of the Crime.

The crime for which Macoch was sent to jail three years ago was one of the most notorious ever known. The jeweled robe and crown of the famous image of the Virgin and Child had been stolen from the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Czenstochowa. This image once belonged to the mother of Constantine the Great, and had been in the cathedral since 1382. According to the legends it was invested with miraculous powers, and 300,000 Poles visited it every year. It was covered with \$3,000,000 worth of jewelry, which had been presented by Popes, Emperors and Kings. A crown presented by Pope Clement in 1719 was valued alone at \$50,000.

Suddenly the image was found to have been stripped of all these valuables. No trace of the thief could be found for a long time. The fathers of the Pauline monastery had charge of the cathedral, and one of them, Father Damascus Macoch, disappeared after the theft. Suspicion was directed toward him. He was arrested and made a full confession.

But the monk got to further trouble later. On the body of a man sewed up in a sofa was discovered in the River Warta. It was that of a postman named Wenzel Macoch, a brother of the monk. Subsequent developments showed that the monk had not only stolen the jewels but had murdered his brother and had run away with a woman named Helene Ostrowska. He had been living with this woman in grand style after the robbery at a palace in Warsaw.

Gave Victim Absolution.

When the monk had exhausted all of the money he had received for the stolen property he persuaded his brother to marry the woman. The brother, through the woman got hold of the story of the details of the robbery, and the monk, fearful that he would tell the authorities, enticed Wenzel to an underground cell, gave him drugged wine, and then after he gave him a hasty confession hit him over the head with a hatchet. Then the monk granted him absolution and finished the deed by strangling him to death.

The monk then had the body carted away to the river. The driver of the wagon in which the body was carted away was sworn to secrecy and was told that it was part of the rites of the church.

There were many other sensational incidents in connection with the affair. Macoch in his confession said that many of the supposed jewels were fakes, that the monks had stolen them and replaced them with imitations, as he found out when he attempted to sell them. He said there was a regular syndicate in the monastery for exploiting the reputation of the shrine to their own advantage, and that the monks spent the money in dissipation.

The affair created a great sensation throughout Poland, and the Vatican sent a delegate to take the cathedral out of the hands of the monks and place it in the hands of secular priests.

Place the suffragettes never fail to go to church regularly, even if it is only for the purpose of planting a bomb near the altar rail.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY



A BARGAIN Duet In PRETTY WAISTS

LADIES who need an extra waist or two or those who don't need them just now will find these very good buying, for we are out after record business this week with special inducements from the popular white wear store. Whatever else you may need it will be well worth your while to at least see these when in the store today.

\$1.75 TO \$2.95 TAILORED WAISTS, \$1.25

240 ladies' tailor-made waists of fine quality linen-ette, together with some stripe effects in black and white, navy and white, blue and white; some soft collar and cuffs, others laundered collars and cuffs; all sizes, 34 to 44; regular \$1.75 to \$2.95. Today \$1.25

\$1.75 TO \$2.50 DAINTY LAWN WAISTS, \$1.25

180 ladies' white waists of a fine sheer quality lawn, prettily made with square neck and high collar, beautiful embroidered fronts finished with Valenciennes lace and fine tucks, some with crochet buttons; long and three-quarter sleeves, nicely trimmed; all sizes, 34 to 44; regular \$1.75, \$1.95 and \$2.50. Today \$1.25

The "Hudsonia" a Guaranteed Glove

The world's most famous makers contribute to our splendid stock of gloves, in both kid and fabric. Among the notably commendable is the "Hudsonia," a fine kid glove we guarantee to give every satisfaction.

It comes in brown, tan, black and grey, embroidery self points, pearl dome fasteners. Beautifully finished and splendid value at the price. Pair \$1.25

NEW AND LOVELY LACE TUNICS

These lovely lace tunics are the mind pictures of the cleverest European designs, beautifully executed by the cleverest looms and most painstaking workers. They are strong in fashion's favor this season for both street and afternoon wear and add immeasurably to a silk or muslin dress or with colored slip dresses.

They are made of a heavy and durable Bretonne net in white, cream or black, with beautiful fancy floral designs in punch lace; handsomely embroidered guipure lace in lover's knots and rose patterns; lengths vary from 24 to 40 inches. See them in the window. Prices

\$6.75, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$13.50

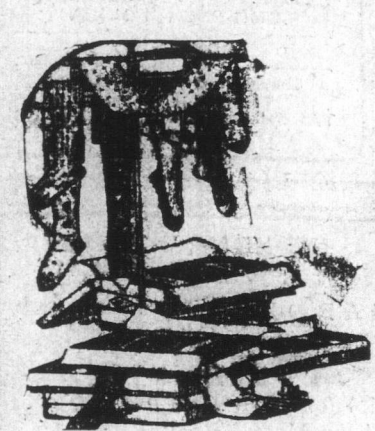
Dainty New Neckwear--Will You Choose Early?

THOSE ladies who like daintiness in the little finishing details of their summer dress will appreciate the careful attention given to those points in this popular neckwear store. Every new and dainty idea created for this season is here in a wide diversity of choice. We hint at early inspection because we are anxious you should see the collection while it is fresh and complete. Here are a few of the new things:

Pretty Dutch collars of fine net, satin lined, and heavily embroidered in Bulgarian and Futurist colorings. These also come in white and cream. Priced \$1.50 to \$3.75

Dainty Dutch collars in Bulgarian and self colors with jabot attached, edged with heavy lace. The very newest ideas in neckwear. Priced \$1.00 to \$3.00

Gimpes in fancy, plain and shadow effects, and in garter shades, and finished plain nets, in the new Bul with dainty buttons. They also come in plain net.



"The Bay" Hosiery Of Course, here are Splendid Values

EVEN ladies with the pleased recollection of the splendid value they are accustomed to from this store, look forward with expectant anticipation. All the most dependable and satisfactory makes of ladies' and children's hosiery are here in complete assortment, representing the best values this store can give. All the new things are here, as well, including the new shade of gray which matches the new shade in shoes.

Ladies' god quality cotton summer weight hose that will give splendid satisfaction, double soles, high spliced heels, full fashioned, fast dye. Comes in tan and black only. 7 pairs \$1.00

Ladies' best silk hose, in grey, pink, blue and white, double suspender tops and soles, high spliced heels. Pair 50c

Our range of Children's Hose is now complete and ready to satisfy the most exacting mothers. One particularly popular line comes in child's cotton socks, in white with blue and tan, black and pink check tops; in sizes 4 to 7. Pair 15c

Season's Newest Footwear at 'The Bay'

NEW ARRIVALS of the better makes in both Canadian and American makes. Footwear that has more of the fine elements of style and comfort incorporated into its make-up than has ever distinguished footwear of former seasons, either in this store or elsewhere. These are shoes of character shoes that give one the idea of not merely being satisfied, but distinctly well fitted, a sensation that is often lacking, even in wearing the highest priced footwear on account of these many excellencies of style and fine workmanship.

We have been called upon this season to show Calgary's particular dressers in larger and larger numbers, for the world has gone around.

Button Oxfords are to be fashion's favorites this season, and whether your fancy runs to patents, gun metals, tan calf, white buck, Champagne, or red velvety kid or grey buck, you will find them here in your particular size and width.

Pumps are again in strong favor for this season, for they are cool and extremely dressy. They come in the same range of popular leathers and colors as the button Oxfords.

The new button boots are here in a most complete range of styles, in the newest colors, including red and Champagne, velvety kid, white buck, pearl grey buck, etc.

All priced in the popular way.



Taxicab Commission.

New York, May 18.—Traffic policemen and apartment house runners and hall men "boost" the trade of the taxicab companies in return for tips, the average of \$150,000 a year, giving 15 cents for each taxicab call obtained from apartment house employees, and

grand jury investigation of the board of aldermen's failure to pass a city ordinance regulating the taxicab rates.

The taxicab companies pay out an average of \$150,000 a year, giving 15 cents for each taxicab call obtained from apartment house employees, and

more to policemen. "Gruff" lists, containing names of persons thus paid and of persons entitled to free rides were interchanged by the companies, and a number of aldermen, police officials and city employees are on these lists, according to a former city officer of one of the companies.