

The Planet
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9.
FORERDORAINED CANDIDATE.

The Grit Nominating Convention for the County of Squigglechunk has just opened with a full attendance of delegates, chiefly self-nominated. There was a keen contest for the honor (and incidentally the emoluments) of representing the riding between Ananias Limberjaw, K. C., and Dr. Pignusuffe.

An enthusiastic supporter of the former was the first to obtain the floor.

"Mr. Chairman," said he, "I beg to nominate Mr. Limberjaw as a fit and proper person to represent this constituency. I feel sure you will agree with me when I say that, in addition to his brilliant intellectual qualifications and standing in the community, he has a confirmed habit of treating (applause), which will enable him to extend generous hospitality to the electors during the campaign without endangering his seat, should he be returned."—The Moon (Independent) Toronto.

LETTER BOX

DOVER TOWNSHIP SUIT VS. GIVEN ROAD.

A short time ago it came out in the Chatham papers that Dover lost the suit re Given Road, which was somewhat misleading. I will explain the whole case as briefly as I can. Last spring Mr. Gore and Mr. Poissant came to the Council and asked for a part of the Given Road, between lots 6 and 10 in the 5th Con., to be diverted so as to make it more convenient for them to work their land by running this road between their farms. Now, there was a strong opposition to this, and I, as reeve, advised the Council to have nothing to do with it, as it was more of a private matter; but the councillors were bound to grant Gore and Poissant's request. In case there was a suit they agreed to pay all costs and indemnify the township, giving bonds to that effect. I then joined my fellow-councillors and went in to win.

The formal routine was gone through by passing by-laws and confirming the same in township and county councils.

Needless to say, the fight began. The township had to take the case for Gore and Poissant, with Messrs. Wilson, Pike & Gundy for, and Mrs. Felotte, with Mr. Rankin, solicitor, against.

Mr. Rankin won the case against us. This coming just at the time of municipal elections, there was only one thing to do, either pay costs or appeal, and we thought it best to appeal for a short time in order to give the new Council a chance to deal with the matter. After the election was over I called the voters together, and tried to make the best arrangement we could. We met in Mr. Rankin's office, for they would meet me no other place. After explaining the matter to Mr. Rankin I asked him what was the very least money he would take if the case were withdrawn and no more costs added. His answer was \$225.00. I sent word to Messrs. Gore and Poissant and strongly advised them to accept Mr. Rankin's offer. At different times I advised them to accept Mr. Rankin's bill of \$225 and Mr. Wilson's bill of \$315.00. All my persuasion was of no avail. They thought it too much, so they got another solicitor to tax Mr. Rankin's bill, which brought it up to \$374, also Mr. Wilson's bill, which brought it up to \$361.68.

As there has been much talk one way and another on this suit, I thought it my duty to explain to the ratepayers. All the money has been paid in by Gore and Poissant, without any costs to the township except a little committee work.

Yours very respectfully,
C. PURSER,
Reeve of Dover Tp.

Insanity in New South Wales.

Some New South Wales insane figures. Cause of madness in 1901 (out of total of asylum admissions and re-admissions, 771): alcoholic intemperance, 74; worry and overwork, 27; religious excitement, 14; opium, 5; love, 7; vice (of various sorts), 23. These are the causes for which the patient is, so to speak, responsible, and leave out of the question epilepsy, brain-disease, etc. There are 4,272 persons in N.S.W. asylums. Unmarried men seem to be twice as liable to insanity as married men; unmarried women only exceed married ones in insane asylums by ten per cent. Proportionately to population, Roman Catholics predominate in the N. S. W. asylums. Nearly 50 per cent. of the cases are other than N.S.W. natives. As regards occupation; miners, laborers, seamen and shepherds contribute 1,570 to the total of insane persons, domestic servants 633, "no occupation" 700, commercial men 223, agriculturists and pastoralists 183, professional men only 70.

When Salisbury Was a Boy.

In a recently published memoir of Lord Salisbury there is an amusing story of his childhood.

"Oh, Betty," he sighed one day to his nurse, "I wish I was a cat!"

"Why?" asked the astonished Betty.

"When I think," said the child, "of the many times I must dress and undress before I die, I wish my clothes grew on my back!"

There are more little things to do than big ones; so do them.

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A Fighting Bishop.

On one occasion Bishop Selwyn was going down the river Walkoto with a Maori when the latter, who was very lazy, left off paddling the canoe, at the same time muttering that if Selwyn were not a bishop he would—well, "go for him." In a moment the bishop told the man to turn the canoe ashore, where, stripping himself of everything episcopal, he said, pointing to his robes, etc.: "The bishop lies there; the man is here. I am quite ready; come on." The Maori did not "come on," however, but quietly resumed his work without another murmur.—London Tit-Bits.

New York Sheriff.

The reason why the sheriff of New York cannot be elected to two successive terms is this: It is the sheriff's duty to carry out the process of courts against official delinquents during trial and after conviction. Should a sheriff endeavor forcibly to hold over for a second time after having been defeated for re-election he would be the instrument of the court's process against himself, a paradoxical position which the law avoids by making him ineligible for re-election.

Slow.

Wabash—How long did it take you to do that picture?

French Artist (proudly)—I am on stage upon set for sex months!

Wabash—Just as I thought. You're dead slow over here. Why, I've saw fellows in Chicago turnin' them things out while ye wait.

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BOER LANGUAGES.

The Different Kinds of Dutch Spoken in South Africa.

It seems a strange thing to say, but there are three Dutch languages in South Africa. The earliest Dutch settlers at the Cape were largely Dutch sailors and others belonging to the lower orders of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and other Dutch seaports. Their language was a low Dutch dialect to begin with, and although the sprinkling of Dutch officers at the Cape did their best to preserve the language of the Netherlands they could not prevent the dialect of the settlers from still further degenerating into a mere colloquial patois. Its degeneration was doubtless largely brought about by domestic servants and slaves—Hottentots, Malays and Mozambique Kafirs—who spoke it very imperfectly and introduced into it many strange words and idioms. This, then, is the genesis of what is variously known as "Cape Dutch," "Kitchen Dutch," "Patriot Dutch," "Afrikaans" and "Afrikaner Taal." Its basis is Dutch, but the nouns have lost their declensions and the verbs their conjugations, while grammatical gender and syntax generally have gone by the board. To the educated Hollander of today it is a literary atrocity, and he cannot away with it, but to the Afrikaner it is his mother tongue, the language of his home and his childhood, the exponent of all that he knows of humor and pathos. It is full of expressive idioms, pithy proverbs and pawk expressions, like those so dear to the lowland Scot, and yet it is not a language, for it has no literature.

The second of the three Dutch languages referred to might be called "ecclesiastical Dutch," or, if you like, African Dutch. It is the language of Holland as that language was written about 200 years ago. It is the language of the Dutch Bible and very much resembles our own authorized version in its simplicity and directness of style. It is the language of the Dutch psalm and Gesang books and of the devotional works of old Dutch divines, which make up the balance of the Dutch farmers' literature. In it are also written many tracts and a few devotional works by living ministers of the Dutch Reformed church. To the Boer wherever you find him it is the language of his church and of his religion. This is the Dutch language which the leaders of the Dutch Afrikaner party are determined to preserve. It is never spoken by Afrikaners among themselves, however, and it is never written grammatically by them in their correspondence. The Boer has no fear that his "Huis-taal," Cape Dutch, will die out, but fears that his children will forget or neglect to learn the language of his church and of his forefathers.

The third Dutch language might be called modern literary or "high Dutch"—that is, the language written and spoken by educated Hollanders of today. It is florid, involved in construction and very artificial in style as compared with the language of the Dutch Bible. Its pronunciation has also changed considerably in the interval, and even an educated Dutch speaking Afrikaner listening to a voluble Holland can hardly make head or tail of what he is saying.—Scotsman.

A Legend About Cats.

The ancient Greeks thought that all creatures except cats had souls and that that animal lost its soul through a bargain made between a bridge architect and the devil. The architect had besought the devil to get his help in constructing an exceedingly dangerous bridge structure, and his Satanic majesty only consented to lend aid on condition that the first creature to cross it should lose its soul.

This was agreed upon, the bridge finished in due time and the devil sent to the opposite side to await his prey. The shrewd architect took good care to send a cat over before any human being was allowed to cross. On learning of the bargain the cat recrossed the bridge and scratched the architect's eyes out.

Naming a Town.

According to a local tradition, probably invented, Sayville, N. Y., received its name in a peculiar fashion. The settlers were gathered in debate upon the shore, trying to agree upon a name for the place, and one after another proposed his suggestion with, "Say, how 'll this do?" After many suggestions had been rejected some one barren of imagination but sensitive of ear proposed that the oft repeated word "Say" be made the first syllable of the name and that "ville" be added as the second syllable. The idea took, and, says the legend, then and there the settlement was christened Sayville.

Favored the Clarinet.

"So you're goin' to make yer b'y a musician," said Mr. Rafferty.

"I am," answered Mr. Dolan. "I'm goin' to have 'im learn to play the clarinet."

"Why don't ye learn 'im the violin?"

"Because I want 'im to have every advantage. A violin makes fine music, but a clarinet is a heap more to be depended on in a scrimmage."

Casey's Generous Gift.

"When Mr. Casey died, he left all he had to the orphan asylum."

"Indeed! That was nice of him. What did he leave?"

"His twelve children."

Literal.

Misses—What in the world are you putting ashes on the floor for, Bridget?

Bridget—Shure, ma'am, an' didn't ye say to doost the parlor?—Town and Country.

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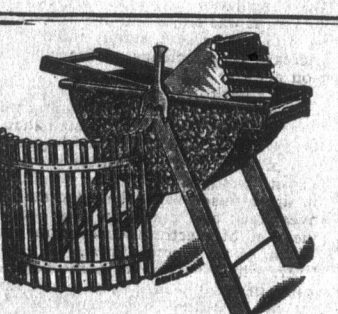
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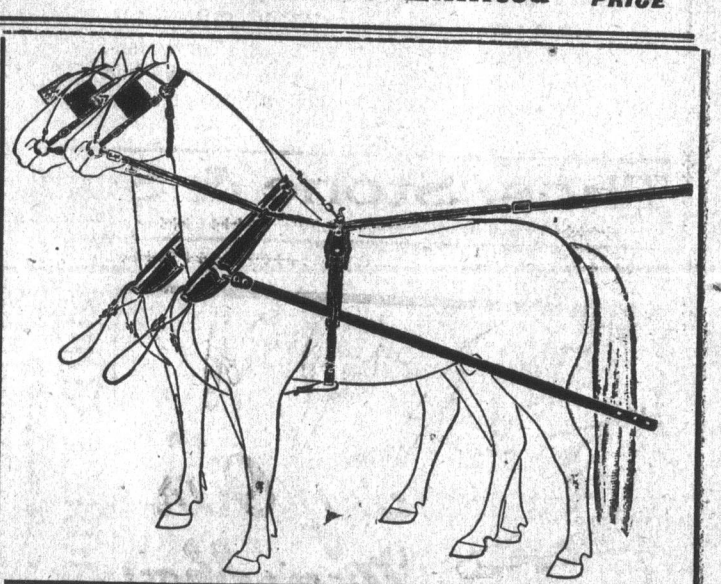
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