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REMANDING PRISONERS.

Some interest is noticeable in the announcement that Sheriff Ritchie yesterday released from jail a number of prisoners who had been remanded by Magistrate Ritchie and who had not been dealt with within the proper time. As a matter of fact, this is not a rare occurrence but has happened frequently in the past without any particular fuss being made about it. When prisoners are brought before the police court and remanded without any definite time being announced the period of remand is made for three days. If such prisoners are kept in jail for a longer time than this, the sheriff having no authority to hold them becomes liable for false imprisonment. It is naturally his desire to avoid such complications and in the regular course of his official duties he discharges those who are not dealt with by the court. It is apparent that no close check is kept on those who are sent into jail and this is no doubt due to a looseness of system in the police court. Such cases should not arise. There is no reason why prisoners should be forgotten in jail and a good many people think there is no particular reason why so many should be remanded.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

There is nothing in the results of the elections in Ontario and Quebec to bring particular joy to the hearts of either political party. Whatever changes have taken place have been unimportant. In Quebec the Conservative leadership have been defeated; that party although slightly stronger than during the past four years has lost its recognized standing giving place to a Nationalist opposition of which Mr. Henri Bourassa is the head. The government which carried the whole Province in the last elections by an utter disorganization of the Conservative forces has now lost those few seats which it never had any claim. The value of the result is in indicating just what strength the Conservative party has under proper organization and the knowledge cannot be regarded by members of that party as satisfactory. The opposition in the new legislature will undoubtedly be vigorous—Mr. Bourassa knows how to keep people awake—and the young Nationalist leader now faces the greatest opportunity of his career. He has ability, he holds strong support, and if he shows himself to be possessed of a true appreciation of the fitness of things, able to exercise calm judgment, he may eventually rise to a much more responsible position than he now occupies.

There will be no change in the policy of the Gouin government which during the past has been eminently satisfactory to the people of Quebec.

In Ontario it is apparent that the minor local issues over which the contest was fought have not appealed to the voters in a manner sufficiently serious to overcome party prejudice. No doubt the analysed result will show that Premier Whitney has secured a smaller proportion of the total vote than in the last contest, this being chiefly due to the dissatisfaction of the temperance party with his policy. But the changed vote has been so thinly distributed that it has not affected the result in any one constituency. The Liberal opposition has held its own.

Judging from the total result in the two Provinces there is nothing whatever indicative of a change of feeling one way or the other.

The limit of labor legislation appears to have been reached in Britain. Under the Workmen's Compensation Act a widow claimed £170, equal to three years' earnings, for her deceased husband because the latter was killed when employed at a wind-mill near Newmarket. The windmill was struck by lightning and the woman's husband was so seriously injured that he died two days later. The facts of the case were not denied, the only point at issue being as to whether the accident arose out of the deceased's employment and as to whether the risk run in this particular employment was more than normal. The judge gave his decision in favor of the plaintiff, ordering £250 to be paid at once and the remainder in quarterly instalments.

Lloyd's weekly newspaper rather sarcastically prints a paragraph to the effect that Wu-Ting-Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, enjoyed a bath and that New York reporters appeared to be keenly interested in his ablutions. This is described as modern journalism.

Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, will find many to support his criticism of the church's policy of boosting of foreign converts while workers at home are neglected. He might have gone further and spoken of the lavish expenditure of funds to Christianize the happy South Sea Islanders while thousands at our own doors are living in ignorance and misery.

A boy arrested in Detroit on the charge of truancy and larceny was sentenced in juvenile court to learn the ten commandments and to read a chapter of the Bible every week. His ability to explain what he has read is to be taken in lieu of punishment.

The Waltham Watch factory, doing business on tick and running on slow time, has stopped until its balance is adjusted.

OPEN THE NORTH GATE.

The West has other resources besides timber, mines and wheat. She has poets. One of the best of them is Charles Blair. If his advice had been taken in 1885 the Riel rebellion might have been prevented. Twenty years ago he saw the possibilities of the Hudson Bay route to Europe. He saw more. He saw that the West would never be satisfied till she got another eastward outlet, and he put this first underlying belief into words in the following poem:

Open the Bay, which o'er the North-land broods,
Dumb, yet in labor with a mighty fate!
Open the Bay! Humanity intrudes,
And grooves prophetic round its solitude.

In eager thought and will no longer wait.
Open the Bay which Cabot first espied
In days when tiny bark and pin-
nace bore
Stout pilots and brave captains true
And tried—
Those dauntless souls who battled far
And wide,
With wind and wave in the great
days of yore.

Open the Bay which Hudson—doubly crowned
By fame—to science and to history gave.
This was his limit, this his utmost bound—
Here, all unwittingly, he sailed and found
At once a path of empire and a grave.

Open the Bay! What cared that sea-
man grim
For towering iceberg or the crash-
ing foe?
He sped at noonday or at midnight dim,
A man and hence, there was a way
for him.
And where he went a thousand ships
can go.

Open the Bay! the myriad prairies call;
Let homesteads rise and comforts multiply;
Give to the world the shortest route
of all
Let justice triumph though the hea-
vens should fall.
This is the voice of reason—man-
hood's cry.

TERRITORIAL TROUBLES.

Recruit—Please, sergeant, I've got a splinter in my 'and. Sergeant-Instructor—'Wot yer been doin'?' Strikin' yer 'ead'?

BEYOND HIM.

"Tomorrow," announced five-year-old Sidney, proudly, to his kindergarten teacher, "is my birthday." "Why," returned she, "it is mine, too." The boy's face clouded with perplexity, and, after a brief silence, he exclaimed, "How did you get so much bigger'n me?"

NO CHANCE TO TALK.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—John, you yawned twice while we were talking on that lady, Mr. Crimmonbeak—Well, dear, you didn't expect me to keep my mouth closed all the time, did you?

STAGE PRESENCE O' FMIN'D.

The villain (when the carriage failed to explode): Take that lead pin in your heart, curse you! By George! What a wonderful invention these new noiseless guns are.

EXPERIENCED.

"Never mind, dear," he said, reassuringly, as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder, and they both saw the white blur on his coat. "It will all brush off." Oh, Charlie, she burst out, sobbing, hiding her face again upon his whitey shoulder, "how do you know?"

Young Wife—How did you like that food I cooked it myself? Fed—Oh, please, don't apologize! I was formerly a sword swallower.

Woman Suffrage Advocate (to Speaker Cannon): I maintain that woman has always been the prime factor in this world. Uncle Joe (blandly): Oh, I don't know. In the very beginning woman was only a side issue.

SOCIETY WOMAN DIVORCES MILLIONAIRE HUSBAND

May Marry an Attache of King of Greece and Become a Lady in Waiting to Queen.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 8.—Mrs. E. Franklin Brewster, whose husband is a millionaire of Rochester, N. Y., has been granted a divorce here and left today for the home of her son in law, Senator Freelinghuysen, of New Jersey.

Mrs. Brewster has said here that she might marry an attache of the King of Greece. Her daughters, Mrs. Ashton Knight, of Paris, and Mrs. Freelinghuysen were present at the Grecian court and at that time Mrs. Brewster met the court official. If she marries him she will become a lady in waiting to the queen.

DEVIL'S AUCTION.



(Halifax, N. S., Recorder, June 2, 1908.)

Those who went to the Academy of Music last evening for the first night of the annual engagement of the Devil's Auction had a novel experience in seeing all the scenery played in position, and being in the theatre until a half hour past midnight.

The company played in St. John's, Vermont, Saturday night, and were due to arrive here on the Maritime Express at 5 p. m., but through a drawhead on one of the cars being broken, they were delayed and did not arrive until after 7 p. m. All their carload of scenery had to be taken off, loaded on trucks, and brought to the theatre, and through the splendid work of the Transfer Company this was done in quick time. M. W. Wise, the general manager, explained to the audience the cause of their delay, asked them indulgence, and then gave them the opportunity of witnessing what they had never seen before—the scenes being placed in position in front of the audience. It was a few minutes of ten before the performance commenced, but the audience were patient, and en-

joyed the popular Auction so much that all remained to the finish at 12.30. The Auction is in many respects better than before; there is plenty new scenery, new costumes, and a number of new faces, and for those who have never witnessed the piece before it is the greatest novelty which comes to the Province.

Geo. Topack as Toby, W. H. Lorella as Pere Andoche, and Henry P. Thomas as Moustache, are with us again, just as clever as ever. Maud Scott as Carol, Alma Merrill as the Countess, Bertha Williams as Madeline, and Marie Wilson as the Fairy Queen, are all new comers. They were all good in their respective roles, and Marie Wilson was enthusiastically applauded for her songs. Emma Wise is a dainty Janet, and as the principal danseuse gave a clever exhibition of toe dancing. The ballet is a feature, the best in years; they are all good dancers. The Hill Bros. are among the best acrobats seen on the Academy stage.

The Auction remains but two nights longer, and the only matinee will be tomorrow.

A NEW SERUM TO CURE RABIES

Will be Effective in Urgent Cases, Says Discoverer.

Chief of Pasteur Institute Laboratory in Paris Obtains Fluid From Sheep Which Will Immunize Even Dogs.

PARIS, June 7.—Dr. Auguste Marie, chief of the laboratory of the Pasteur Institute, has been experimenting for several years with the modified treatment for advanced cases of rabies like the recent one of Mr. Marshall, who was bitten by a mad dog on June 13, returns, Dr. Marie having supplied him with enough of his serum to fill the needs of the New York institute until it is able to make its own serum.

With the Pasteur treatment, as used since its discovery in 1885 until now, full immunity is not reached until great by five weeks after the first injection is given, the treatment lasting a minimum of eighteen days now. In cases of severe bites on the face the disease may develop in three weeks or even less.

Dr. Marie has succeeded in obtaining from sheep which had been immunized against rabies a serum which, when mixed in certain proportions with fresh virus of rabies, renders the latter innocuous when injected into animals and human beings. This mixture of virus and serum permits the beginning of the Pasteur treatment with a material which secures immunity much quicker than when the ordinary method is used. It is precisely what has been needed for severe cases and the results obtained within the past two years have amply fulfilled Dr. Marie's hopes.

Furthermore the new form of treatment will be of great practical value in immunizing dogs, inasmuch as two in-

jections rapidly immunize a dog against rabies, and this immunity lasts for a year or more. The new method will be introduced in the New York Pasteur Institute when Dr. Ramland, who sails on La Poveance on June 13, returns, Dr. Marie having supplied him with enough of his serum to fill the needs of the New York institute until it is able to make its own serum.

WORKS SUNDAY BEST TO DIE. Lovestick Maiden Threw Herself in Front of a Train.

MASSILLON, O., June 7.—Leona Hoidy, sixteen, of New Philadelphia, employed as a domestic, tried to commit suicide by throwing herself in front of a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Her right foot was crushed and had to be amputated near the ankle.

The girl left the washbasin, took her best clothes, and went to some bushes beside the railroad tracks, where she changed her garments. Despondency on a love affair is said to have been her reason.

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BIRTHS.

WILKINS.—On Thursday, June 4th, to the wife of C. A. Wilkins, a daughter.

DEATHS

GILCHRIST.—Entered into rest, 8th June, 1908, Barbara Renfrew, daughter of the late Wm. Martin, Aberdeen, Scotland, and widow of the late Thomas Gilchrist, of Gilfoot, Carlisle, Scotland. (Scottish papers please copy). Funeral on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 2.30 o'clock, from the residence of her son, Wm. Gilchrist, 77 Elliott Row.

THE SWAN.

The common or mute swan (the latter is the correct name) is really an English bird, though it is better known less rare and less expensive than the three American breeds, the whistling swan, the trumpeter and the whooping swan, named obviously for the peculiar note each sounds. American swans are less common than the others because of the fact that they will not breed in captivity and also because they are being killed in great numbers by hunters, especially by the Eskimos during the breeding season, when the birds fly far north. The swans molt early, before the newly hatched birds are able to take care of themselves, and it is a peculiarity of the molt that all of the wing feathers drop off almost at the same time, leaving the bird helpless. While the swans are in this condition the Eskimos slay them with clubs, and the destruction of one pair of adult birds of course means the death of a nestful of little ones.—St. Louis Republic.

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END OF FAMOUS WRITERS.

Literary Geniuses Who Died Miserably Poor and Destitute.

That Ouida should have died as she died in poverty and loneliness, an exile though a voluntary one, from the land of her birth was an undoubtedly pitiful ending to an exceptionally brilliant career, says "Tit-Bits." Equally sad has been the fate reserved for some literary geniuses in the past.

For instance, Richard Savage, the gifted poet died in a debtors' prison at Bristol, after enduring the pangs of semistarvation for years. Chatterton, driven desperate through hunger, poisoned himself at the age of 18. Swift died mad, as he had all along predicted he would.

Doctor Dodd, whose "Beauties of Shakespeare" is well known, was hanged for forgery. George Gissing, after suffering hardships that embittered his whole existence, died just as fame was beginning to be assured to him.

Stow, the famous antiquarian, author of the survey of London, became in his old age a licensed beggar, asking alms from door to door. "Through 24 counties," Wycheley, from being the spoiled idol of society, fell to the lowest depths of destitution and was eventually consigned to the Fleet Prison for debt, where he remained several years. Cotton also spent many years in a debtors' prison and eventually died there by his own hand.

Robert Burns, writing only 14 days before his death, implored his friend, Cunningham, to use his influence with

the Commissioners of Excise in order to get his salary raised from £25 a year to £50. Otherwise, if I die out of disease I must perish with hunger."

Liberte, the learned and talented historiographer of the Inquisition, was glad during the close of his brilliant and unfortunate career to hire himself out for a few sous a night to keep watch over the dead bodies at the Paris Morgue, and died eventually of starvation. Camoens begged his bread from door to door until compelled to take refuge in an almshouse, where he died.

It is told of Ben Johnson that when in his last illness King Charles sent him a small sum of money he returned it. "He sends me so miserable a donation," cried the dying poet, "because I am poor and live in an alley. Go and tell him his soul lives in an alley."

Very sad was the fate of Ulrich von Hutten, one of the greatest writers Germany has ever produced. Unable to earn a living, he was reduced to tramping through the country, begging food and shelter from the peasants. One bitter winter's night he was refused both, and next morning was found frozen stiff and cold in the drifting snow outside the village. "The only thing he did possess of besides the rage he wore," says his biographer, Zangius, "was a pen."

Saint-Simon, the celebrated French author, who wrote "The Reorganization of European Society," was driven by want to attempt his own death in the end it was among the most lamentable surroundings. "For 15 years," he says, "writing to a friend just before the end came, 'I have lived upon bread and water, without a drop I have even sold my clothes.'"