

HER KIDNEYS THE CAUSE.

Seventeen Years Mrs. Henry Was Treated for Lung, Heart, Liver, Stomach and Female Troubles Without Benefit—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Her in Seventeen Days.

Shelburne, Jan. 1, 1894.—Mrs. Geo. any, of 2111 East Third street, Ashland, Wis., writes an interesting story in the Free Press. She says she has been sick for ten years, that the physicians consulted differed in their diagnosis. The United States and Canada ascribed illness to the lungs, heart, liver, stomach or female diseases, but none ever cured her. All the physicians' prescriptions and patent medicines failed to help her, and she was growing worse. About two months ago she read of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the Free Press and sent to Toronto for them. Now she is cured. Doubtless there are many others suffering from kidney trouble, but like Mrs. Henry, they do not know what is the matter with them.

The Tallest Extinct Animal.

Compared with their extinct allies of other periods of the earth's history, it is laid down as a general rule that large animals of the present are decidedly inferior in point of size to the later portion of the tertiary period, for instance, before the mountain glacial epoch, when large mammals appear to have attained their maximum development, there lived animals of which ordinary individuals of the existing species would have looked most dwarfs, while the cave bear and cave hyena attained considerably larger dimensions than their existing representatives, and some of the sabre-toothed tigers must have been considerably larger than the biggest African or Bengal tiger. Again, the remains of the mammoth and other extinct elephants of this country indicate animals superior in size to their degenerate descendants of the present day, while the extinct hippopotamus of the Siwalik hills of northern India might be compared in stature to a tapir rather than to the ordinary wild boar of the present day. The Siwalik hills, in spite of its dimensions having been considerably exaggerated, greatly exceeding in size the living tortoises of either the Mesozoic or the Cenozoic eras. The fossil rocks have also yielded the remains of a long-necked crocodile, allied to the crocodile of the Ganges, which measured from fifty to sixty feet in length, whereas it is very doubtful if existing members of the order of crocodiles are larger than the smaller ones. Moreover, we took into account to extinct types, such as the megalosaurus and mylodon of South America, contrasted them with their nearest allies—in this instance the sloths and anteaters—the discrepancy is not so large as it seems. It is scarcely analogous to the present day.

On every rule there is, however, an exception, and there are a few groups of large mammals whose existing members appear never to have been surpassed in size by their fossil allies. Foremost among these are the elephants, which now appear to include the largest members of the order which have ever existed. The so-called "mammoth," the mammoth of the North American continent, and the mammoth of its extinct ancestors, and the mammoth of the present day, which may exceed any of his predecessors in this respect. Whether, however, the fossil giraffe, of which there were two or three species, was the tallest of the largest members of the giraffe family living, there is no question but that it was by far the tallest of all mammals, and that it was only rivalled in this respect by the extinct forms of the giraffe family. Moreover, the extinct members of the giraffe family, which, so far as is known, had no unfair advantage as to size by living on their hind legs in a kangaroo-like position, and limit our comparison to the tallest of the present day, which walk on four feet in the good old-fashioned way, we shall find that the elephants are not only the tallest mammals, but likewise the tallest of all animals that have ever existed.

The records of the height attained by the tallest of quadrupeds, which, unfortunately, a lack of positive information, and since it is probable that the majority of those now living are inferior in size to the largest individuals that have ever existed, it is not likely to be remedied. The height of the tallest of the present day is given at sixteen feet and that the female at fourteen feet, but these figures are certainly below the reality. For instance, H. A. Bryden states that a female lion in southern Africa measured fifteen feet to the summits of the ears. From the evidence of a very thorough study of the bones of the extinct Natural History museum it may be inferred that fine males of the lion reach the imposing height of eight feet.

A Damp Watch.

Stepping from the sidewalk to the street, Mr. Owen's foot slipped and he fell into the water. In an instant he had disappeared, and at once examined his watch to see if it had stopped. "No," he said, "it is going just as usual, and continues to go for some days, when it stopped. He took it to a well known jeweller in the metropolis and had it examined. As the expert workman opened the watch he began to read the owner a lecture on the value of his watch. "You have reason to think your watch is wet and damp, drop it at once into alcohol. The alcohol has a great affinity for water, and will carry it off." The owner, however, did not do this, but after wearing it for some days, when it stopped again, he took it to the same jeweller, and he was told to drop it into alcohol. The owner, however, did not do this, but after wearing it for some days, when it stopped again, he took it to the same jeweller, and he was told to drop it into alcohol.

After getting the estimate of the jeweller as to the cost of repairs, Mr. Owen consulted another expert, and received a similar lecture in substantially the same words. The timepiece was put in a box at a cost of \$11. Twenty cents, or, less, of alcohol, promptly applied, would have saved the larger outlay. The owner had known what to do under the circumstances.—Christian-Ad.

MEETING AT SPRING RIDGE.

Alderman Bragg Re-Nominated at a Gathering of the Ratepayers.

MANY SPEAKERS WERE LISTENED TO.

Mayor Beaven Charged With Working Against North Ward—He and John Teague Addressed the Gathering—Also Ald. Bragg, Baker and Robertson.

The ratepayers of Spring Ridge met last evening to discuss municipal affairs. Mayor Beaven and John Teague were both present. Ald. Bragg was nominated for the meeting as alderman, and the Victoria West plan of having the three districts of the ward represented, with the nomination of W. J. Ledingham for alderman, was endorsed.

S. Perry Mills was unanimously chosen chairman. He explained the object for which the meeting had been called. In referring to municipal matters, he said that he did not believe that a taxpayer should be deprived of his vote for a ratepayer, and that a ratepayer should be a taxpayer. He was in a definite of paying his rates. It was in fact a question of a hardy work, and was opposed to a tax on improvements. Were it taken off entirely, it would encourage building. He said that in the sinking fund, a good return on real estate securities might be realized. He favored the ward system, and believed that with a few needed changes all tinkering with the municipal act should end. The speaker cautioned candidates that they were fully qualified. He was moved and seconded and carried that owing to the limited time and the number of speakers, that no speaker be given more time than fifteen minutes to talk.

Mr. Haughton was the first speaker. He said that he hoped the ratepayers would select the best possible material as their civic representatives. In the past year there had been valuable time lost in cavilling over minor questions, and more had been spent for which there was nothing to show. He believed that the aldermen had given way on many questions to avoid a deadlock with the mayor and that the mayor had usurped unusual power. He believed Mayor Beaven was a very fine man, an exception among men, when he had his own way. (Laughter.) He referred to the naming of Sanitary Inspector Murray, holding that the mayor had carried his point as to his personal choice. He did not believe that the North ward had been treated fairly. He instanced the failure of Mayor Beaven to place Ald. Baker back on the committee after his reelection. He pointed out the fact that Ald. Henderson had been re-elected to his committee. The North ward was not represented. It was as large as the other two combined and had as many people. He charged that in the matter of improvements the North ward had not been fairly treated. As a voter in the Centre ward he had been treated fairly. The money spent there had been spent properly. There should be harmony between the business men and the municipal government. He charged that the mayor had erected the isolation hospital in spite of the will of the people. There was no emergency. Closing, he said that the ratepayers had been hard on the mayor and that times were hard. In view of the precautions of the Dominion government there was no danger of smallpox. He was glad the scheme to purchase the land around the hospital had failed. He closed by advising the ratepayers to elect men of backbone, who would not be under the rule of the man at the head of affairs, even though it caused a deadlock. He did not believe it was any worse to sell the land than to keep it. The law in the matter was all right, he had no doubt.

Ald. Bragg announced that a deputation from Victoria West was present, and it was decided to hear what it had to say. Henry Callow came forward and read the resolutions adopted at the Victoria West meeting, held several weeks ago, at which Mr. Ledingham was nominated. The resolutions, which were published in the Times, proposed that each of the three districts nominate a man to be a candidate for alderman. He proposed that each district should have the idea of nominating only three candidates be adopted, should select an election committee of three or five members. He pledged the support of Victoria West to the candidate nominated by the district. The letter was by a unanimous vote accepted, and the project was thereby approved.

Ald. Bragg was the next speaker. He said he had made a statement at the public meeting Wednesday night that the one man rule should be done away with. Mr. Beaven had asked him whether the mayor had exceeded the powers given him by the municipal act. He wanted Mr. Redfern to read the municipal act and judge for himself where the mayor had exceeded his powers. He reviewed the matter the mayor receiving and the communications addressed to the mayor and aldermen and directing the business of the council. He charged that the mayor did not follow any regular order of business, but took up just what he wanted at will. As to the communications, there had been a general complaint around the council board, with the possible exception of from Ald. McKillop. He held that the water commissioner was like a committee, and the council should receive and consider the many important communications sent to him. It was the same with sewerage matters. Ratepayers came to him and made complaints as to communications of which he knew nothing. The clerk should do his work and the mayor his. The mayor was a good financier, but the city had an auditor who was paid a good salary. He did not want any personal feelings to enter into the matter, and wanted Mayor Beaven to understand that the city started by ex-Ald. Miller, and told of the defeat of the by-law. He believed the new aldermen from the North ward should be united on the question. The system of general representation would be better than the present situation. In the matter of water works extension the ward had been very fairly treated. Last year the department had placed about six miles of new pipe, of which the North ward had received about four miles. Eighteen

hydrants had been put in, of which the North ward got seven.

Mr. J. Dwyer was called for. He said that the solicitation of a number of ratepayers he had agreed to become a candidate for the North ward, and had been left off the voters' list. He had applied to a judge of the supreme court to have his name added to the list. He was in favor of abolishing the tax on improvements, but under the municipal act it could not be done. He pointed out the difficulties of having the city re-divided or the ratepayers' list. He was in favor of the general application of the local improvement by-law. The local improvement by-law before it was amended was very unjust. He believed that the aldermen should make themselves very familiar with the municipal act. He hoped there would be no sectional feeling stirred up in the ward and that the ward should send no critic or fault-finder to the council. Work should be done there in peace and harmony. (Applause.) He believed all public work should be done early in the season. He was in favor of the limitation of time would prevent his going into municipal matters as fully as he desired, but said he would have the opportunity to speak again before long.

W. J. Ledingham said from what he had heard he was a "dead man." In Victoria West everybody favored local improvement, while here everything was the opposite. He could not understand that, because he thought that beyond the city limits the property benefited by improvements should pay for them. The benefits should be considered, and it was impossible to get the improvements without paying for them. A man living in Victoria West should not pay for a sidewalk in James Bay, while here he would be asked to pay for a sidewalk in the mud. Every man would be willing to pay for his own improvements if he were assured that he would not have to pay for those of any one else. The present system permitted influential men to get improvements while others were ignored. He favored the broad tier system. In the matter of improvements, a system should be adopted. The work should be done in regular order and there would be no tearing up. The local improvement system changed improvements to where they had been made, and he gave an instance of the manner in which it should be worked in spreading the payments over a number of years. If it was proposed to go on under the old system, he wanted to drop out. They were making no progress. It was Victoria West that was asping, not the speaker. He was the victim.

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