

MULCHING SHRUBS FEW GARDEN HINTS

Parks Commissioner Pearce
Writes on Interesting
Subjects.

While I notice that many citizens have already mulched their shrubs, there are very many others who have not done so. The work is quite inexpensive and the advantage to your shrubs is most beneficial, protecting them from the sudden changes from freezing to thawing and also giving them vigor next spring. In fact, all kinds of perennial plants as well as shrubs should be well mulched every fall with good stable manure. Then in the spring rake off the straw portion of this mulch and then fork in around these plants and shrubs the balance. You will be well repaid for this trouble.

But don't cover your lawn with stable manure. This, to me, is most untidy and unsightly. Good fertilizers are clean and tidy and then fork in around these plants and shrubs the balance. You will be well repaid for this trouble.

Another very reprehensible practice which I notice some have adopted, of burning the leaves on the boulevard, thereby destroying the grass and making the street most unsightly. Better by far burn them on the street or roadway close up to the curb. There should be no objection to this when done when the leaves are dry and burn up in a flash. But trying to burn damp or wet leaves is an intolerable nuisance.

I also notice that very many lawns are still covered with leaves, as they have been falling all season. This is a mistake and injurious to the grass and your lawn, making it grow sickly and spindly. It is not yet too late to clean them off, and let the sun and fresh air get to the grass.

J. S. PEARCE,
Parks Superintendent.

Local Items

The ice skating season opens to-night at the East End Rink, York street.

Miss Olga Mackay, of Woodstock, is visiting Miss Irene Somerville, of East London.

Mr. Ward Sutherland, of Galt, formerly of London, will visit this morning after a trip abroad.

Board of Education.

The board of education will meet tomorrow afternoon. There is but little of importance to come before the board.

Mr. Carr Her.

Mr. C. E. A. Carr was in the city today on his way back to Helena, Montana, where he is located. He says that so far as he has been able to observe there is no money stringency in the west. Business is booming there.

No Conference Today.

President Everett, of the London street railway, has not yet arrived from Cleveland, and the conference between the finance committee and the directors of the street railway will not take place today. He is expected to be in the city almost any day this week.

Nothing in It.

The Sarnia Observer says: "A report is being circulated that the Grand Trunk intend moving sixty engineers from Sarnia to London." When questioned today the officials in this city say that the report is absolutely without any foundation as far as they know.

Council Meeting.

The council will meet this evening. So far there is but little business in sight. The power bylaw will come up for its second reading. There will probably be considerable discussion on it. The hospital intemperance matter will also come up. There will be little other business.

A Belated Todd.

Ex-Adel Taylor is not a nature fakir, but he reports that a toad was killed on the Pere Marquette tracks yesterday, Dec. 1. This is a rare occurrence, and of Pere Marquette interest. Roosevelt is likely to be called to the matter. Of course, any frog or toad who ventures out on Dec. 1 has a right to be run over by any old train or anything else. Its judgment is all to the bad.

To Help the Poor.

An effort is being made to bring Mrs. Edna Chaffee Noble to this city, that she may lecture before the women of London on literary expression. Mrs. Noble has traveled and met engagements all over America as well as in Europe. A rare literary expression of art from her has gone out, one of the greatest influences in the world. The proceeds will be devoted to relief of the tubercular poor.

Wants More Time.

A Toronto dispatch says: The first applications for legislation to be brought before the Provincial Parliament have been already made, although some months will elapse before the House meets.

The Southwestern Traction Company is promoting a bill under which it can obtain an extension of time in respect to the completion of the works which the company has been authorized to carry out under its original act of incorporation.

Conditions in Britain.

Mr. Victor Mitchell, of the city engineer's department, who went to Scotland for a three-months' holiday, expects to come back before Christmas. He reports that his health is much improved, and that his wife's health is also much better. Conditions in Scotland and England are very bad, he declares, work being very scarce, and any number of unemployed men. In England there is not much improvement, work being scarce, and a great number of people are idle. Many are preparing to come to Canada next year. Many more would come if they could get hold of money enough.

The World's Champion.

Bennett's new bill, which opens to-

day, is headed by Col. Bordeverry, the world's champion rifle and pistol expert, who should prove here, as he has in other cities, the biggest of big sensations. Col. Bordeverry's act is beyond a doubt the greatest and most sensational exhibition of marksmanship ever offered publicly. Col. Bordeverry was first imported to this country for the New York Hippodrome, where he remained for over five months, a record-breaking engagement, to record-breaking attendance. Miss Betha Waltzinger, the famous comic opera prima donna, will present a high-class number, while Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes are offering the \$1,000 prize playlet, "Suppressing the Press." Monroe, Mack and Lawrence have a strikingly funny farce, and Dora Ronce, the gypsy violinist, will delight with her selections. Mile. Nadje, the queen of equivoque; Harry Johnson, the black-face comedian, with his operatic voice, and the Benetto-graph, complete this fine bill, which will be seen twice every day during this week.

In the Police Court.

An unfortunate accident happened to Wm. Pollock in the courtroom this morning, when he was seized with a fit and fell heavily against the railing of the cage, cutting his head very severely. Dr. James D. Wilson was called and dressed the injury. Pollock is well known in this city, and came from near St. Marys. The charge of being drunk against him was dismissed owing to the circumstances.

Thomas Sullivan was fined \$10 or 21 days for being drunk. He took the fine.

Jerry Fitzpatrick was given a week in which to pay a fine of \$2 inflicted upon him for being drunk.

Philip Steele was drunk and tried to interfere with an officer while he was being arrested. He paid \$3 for his offense.

Richard Scott was fined \$5 for being drunk.

Pay Police by Check.

In future London's policemen will be paid by check, issued by the chief, instead of going to the city hall, and then shawling a book and receiving their money. The men are glad enough to get their money in any form, but some of them are not used to handling checks, and it is not considered a little just now.

The new system is said to be the result of an error which occurred a short time ago, when one man received quite a lot more money than was really coming to him.

The mistake was rectified, but in order to prevent any further occurrences the matter has been placed in the hands of Chief Williams to look after.

C. P. R. RUSH CONSTRUCTION

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ENTOMBED IN GAS-FILLED MINE

Careless Miner Causes Explosion
and Death of Thirty of
His Mates.

Fayette City, Pa., Dec. 2.—Between 25 and 30 miners, possibly more, are entombed in the Naomi Mine of the United Coal Company, located three miles west of this city, and there is practically no hope that any of them are alive. Their imprisonment is due to an explosion of black damp about 8 o'clock last night, soon after the night force went to work. It is said that a miner entered an old working with an open lamp, which caused the explosion. Had the disaster occurred on any other night except Sunday the number of victims would have been twice as large. The mine employs about 255 men regularly, but on Sunday nights only about half the regular night staff go to work.

About a hundred feet from the entrance is located the first air shaft, and from this deadly gas is pouring in. The gas in the mines in this territory is so poisonous that no human being can live in it for more than a few minutes, and it is not believed that a single one of the entombed men is still alive. One man, an unidentified foreigner, managed to climb to the top of the first air shaft. No sign of the others has been seen. Just after the night force entered the shaft there was a roar as tons of slate crashed down into the entries crowded with workmen. Then utter darkness followed, the explosion putting out of business completely the lighting and air facilities of the mine. The mine immediately filled with gas and several victims of the explosion perished while running to get in the fresh air.

The shock of the explosion shook the buildings in Fayette City and could be heard for miles. In the homes of miners the explosion felt like a death signal, and emptied every miner's cottage in the vicinity. The occupants of the cottages—men, women and children—gathered around the mine to watch the fruitless work of the rescuers.

The Naomi mine is the oldest operated by the United States, and gave work to from 200 to 300 men, all the year round. The property loss will be enormous, as the mine was equipped with thousands of dollars' worth of up-to-date apparatus and machinery.

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Balm-Zoin

Balm-Zoin is a delightful lotion for healing and softening the skin. We have made it for a long time, and we never heard anything but praise for it, and its sale increases all the time. It is used by a very large proportion of the ladies of this locality. We believe, as a perfect preparation for the skin, and removes all roughness and redness of the skin. It is not greasy or sticky. Gloves can be worn immediately after applying.

Price 25c

W. T. STRONG

Chemist and Druggist,
164 DUNDAS STREET.

time demanding 10,000 roubles as

reward. The chief consulted the

military deputy governor, the money

was paid, the information given, and

two men and one lady arrested in a

train near the Prussian frontier.

As the king's trunk were found copies

of numerous plans for military mobilization

in the Western Provinces, the number

of trains and troops, the quantities of

munitions, and ammunition—in a word,

the entire scheme of railway transport

for the mobilization of the army.

The three alleged criminals, of whom two are officials

of the mobilization department, the

Vistula Railway, were on their way to

Thorn, in Prussia, where a member of the

general staff was waiting to receive the

documents and pay the price agreed upon.

Several numerous other arrests have

been effected, including trusted members

of the staff of the military district and

employees of the mobilization department.

For a considerable period these individuals

are alleged to have been in relations

with the Prussian general staff.

BRITAIN WAS PLEASED

King's Decoration of Florence Nightingale Loudly Acclaimed.

London, Dec. 1.—Nothing the King

and the present government have

done has surprised the country more

or given more general satisfaction than

the bestowal of the Order of Merit

upon Florence Nightingale. This is

regarded as the highest honor with

any sort ever made by the British Government to a woman outside of royalty.

It will be regarded in some quarters,

perhaps, as a concession to woman

sufrage agitation. At all events, it is

the country unanimously approves. It has

necessitated a change in the constitution

of the order as originally framed, and it would not be surprising

if the innovation proves the forerunner

of other measures for rewarding the services of women to the nation.

CEMENT BURNER KILLED

Heavy Pea Jacket Caught on Shaft—Was Carried Man.

Owen Sound, Dec. 1.—Joseph Anderson, assistant burner at the Owen Sound Portland Cement Company's plant at Shawbury, was so badly injured by being caught in a belt shortly after 7 o'clock this morning that his death followed about half an hour later.

The unfortunate man had just come on duty and was in the act of throwing about three feet of heavy pea jacket which he was wearing caught on the shaft and he was whirled around several times. His left arm and right leg were broken in several places, besides his head being badly bruised and lacerated. His death was due to the shock following his injuries. He was 28 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

HIRED BABY FOR BOMBS

But the Real Spanish Crown Prince Was Sent on Ahead.

London, Dec. 1.—A story concerning the baby Spanish prince, which was widely circulated at the beginning of the royal visit to England is again current in court circles, and receives credence. The Queen of Spain is again forgotten the dastardly act of the anarchists on her wedding day. So when the visit to England was arranged she directed her beloved baby two days ahead, safely and surreptitiously in the care of nurses and detectives. Then she and the king brought with them another baby, and it was only when Kensington Palace was reached that the baby which had been clasped her own infant in her arms.

Had the king and queen been blown up with the substitute baby the real one would have had a poor chance of recognition. It is easy to imagine the Carlist onslaught on such a pretence.

But a mother's love did not concern itself with this. All she wanted was to safeguard her child.

As a sidelight on this story it may be mentioned that the baby which accompanied the royal couple was extensively photographed there in its nurse's arms when the party stopped there en route for England. Nobody there seemed to think it was a bogus prince.

DR. HANNA'S CANDIDATURE

Rome, Dec. 1.—Most Rev. P. W. Riordan, Archbishop of San Francisco, is expected in Rome this week. It is reported that he comes to support the candidature of Rev. Dr. Edward Hanna, of Rochester, of the office of Coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco.

Dr. Hanna's name was first in the list of three sent to the Propaganda for that office. Besides being vigorously recommended by several American archbishops, including Farley, his selection seemed certain when the Propaganda issued denunciations against him, describing him as being infected with modernism and giving as evidence of this some of his writings in the American Catholic Encyclopedia.

The matter is now being strictly investigated, and the question of the appointment has been temporarily postponed.

Dr. Hanna's candidature is also supported by Cardinals Agilard, Satolli, Oreglia and Rampola.

Young's for Christmas Gloves R. J. Young & Co. Young's for Christmas Silks

ROUSING SALE OF Christmas Handkerchiefs

Our entire stock of Christmas Handkerchiefs go on sale this week. Hundreds of dozens of new season's designs unusually advantageously bought. You have never seen like value, neither have we, from the plain Hemstitched to the dainty "Shamrock" brand blind embroidered lines, every kerchief is a special.

Hemstitched Lawn, Embroidered Corners; Hemstitched Linen; Sheer Hemstitched Lawn; Fine Hemstitched Lawn With Dainty Cross Bar

Four Handkerchief values for early Christmas selling that you'll not duplicate during the next three weeks. Buy these by the dozen, at each.....5c

Embroidered Waist Frontings

Advance shipments of goods bought for next spring's selling. New designs in beautifully sheer Persian Lawn. One special is a range of shadow embroidered fronting, worth \$1.25, at, per yard.....75c

Christmas stocks to hand of Wash Organdies, Sheer Lawns, etc., to match.

Prettily Embroidered Linen and Sheer Lawn Handkerchiefs

The patterns for this Christmas season are unusually attractive, even in the lower lines, while the 25c to 75c ranges are works of art. Neat "Shamrock" brand, blind and fine open work embroidery work will interest lovers of beautiful embroidery. Special each

10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c

Fine French Val Laces and Insertions for Christmas Handkerchiefs and Christmas Fancy Work

These, too, are Laces intended for spring that we have had rushed forward for Christmas selling. Prices were never so low on similar qualities. Special, yard .5c to 25c

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Manufacturing is increasing in New South Wales. Figures for 1906 show increase of 138 factories and 5,833 workers. The increase is most marked in the building trades, in metal works and in establishments using raw materials.

A Hindoo prince is a candidate for the football team at Cornell.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

Today's Quotations and Prices On Montreal, Toronto, New York, Chicago Exchanges

OTTAWA EXCHANGE CLOSURES.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—Ottawa stock exchange after a precarious existence has closed down. The financial stringency was the last straw.

H. C. Recher, stockbroker, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, Dec. 2.—Noon.—American demand for gold is less at London, and part of the offerings in the open market went to the bank. Premium on currency here is less than 1 per cent, and curb trading in the commodity has vanished. The New York market on the board followed London, and shaded at the opening, and showed further declines on advanced call money. Street bids and offerings for bonds are less active, though railroad notes are said to be stronger on offering price. Many stocks and bonds are undoubtedly away below their values, and we believe that a strong rally will improve, but the political ingredient should not be forgotten. It is not the quantity of money in the country, but it is the quality of confidence and the quantity of credit that are the points at issue. The policy at Washington, from this morning's reports, is a "go slow" policy. Mr. Recher says that the situation is simply a matter of having money by being quick to complete your contract.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. December.....96 1/2 96 1/2 95 1/2 95 1/2

May.....98 1/2 98 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2

July.....99 1/2 99 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2

Corn—December.....55 1/2 55 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2

May.....56 1/2 56 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2

July.....57 1/2 57 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2

December.....46 1/2 46 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2

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