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ABOLISH THE WARDS.

It is to be hoped that the members of the Public School Board will heartily co-operate with the City Council in the project to abolish the ward system in the election of trustees.

The movement is a decidedly popular one. The citizens have witnessed the excellent results which have accrued by adopting the amendment to the act in municipal elections for aldermen, and the principle is certainly a right one, in that it is the only system which can make the trustees thoroughly representative and responsible to the people at large.

Then, again, the trustees who seek to perform their responsible duties in a fair and impartial manner and devote their energies loyally to the educational interests of the whole community, must necessarily be anxious to have the endorsement and verdict of the people at large. It is only the ward heeler, the man with petty prejudices, who is afraid of a representative verdict on his public actions, who is usually found in opposition to a project placing the power in the hands of the people at large.

In Chatham the abolition of the ward system of election would be of especial benefit. It would effectually do away with the remnants of the old jealousies existing between the North Chatham and South Chatham schools, for which, we believe, the ward system has been largely responsible, and be a splendid impetus to loyal and united effort in this most important of all branches of public enterprise.

A SENSIBLE VIEW.

The Ottawa Citizen takes up in a brief editorial in its issue of Thursday last the oil situation in Raleigh, and condemns the wild and fictitious yarns of great gushers and big strikes with which a local contemporary has been deluging its readers for the past month and, in conjunction with the big oil corporations, which are endeavoring to enlist the support of private investors, has been sending out in the shape of press despatches.

The Citizen says: There appears to be some ground for the charge that the oil find in the vicinity of Chatham is being exaggerated and that a large discount may be deducted from the reports sent out from there to the press. Intending investors should govern themselves accordingly and thoroughly investigate proposition before putting money into them.

This is the sensible view of the situation and is along the lines advocated by this great home journal. In exposing the utter untruthfulness of the Banner-News' repeated reports of "wonderful wells struck," and the intrigue with certain oil corporations who were utilizing these false reports to secure money from private investors, The Planet has acted solely in the public interests, besides preserving its valued reputation for authentic and accurate information. It has, it is true, incurred the enmity of a chagrined and jealous contemporary and the vindictiveness of the big oil corporations whose schemes it frustrated. This is, of course, unfortunate, but it was to be expected.

There is nothing to be gained by feeding fake news to the people, even if a temporary monetary consideration from the oil corporations appears to make it worth while. The journal that is to enjoy the confidence, esteem and patronage of the public must devote its energies to the recording of facts, rather than the manufacture of fictitious stories, whose object must be to mislead and do injury.

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In the space between Mars and Jupiter there are hundreds of little planets called asteroids which have been discovered during the last century by astronomers all over the world. Some of them are hardly bigger than a big western farm, and very few are large enough to be seen without the aid of a powerful telescope. Nowadays they are noted chiefly by photography and are interesting to professional astronomers only for their eccentricities.

It has been found, for example, by a computation made by astronomers that one of them approaches nearer to the sun than any other known planet, and at the same time describes a greater ellipse around that body. This special asteroid was originally discovered on one of the photographic plates taken at Arequipa, from which the entire sky south of the equator and extending to the antarctic pole is photographed as a matter of routine once every month.

Astronomers do not take any special delight in finding asteroids, which, in fact, cause more trouble than they are worth, since, once discovered, they have to be first catalogued and then constantly watched in order to keep them in their proper relation to the other heavenly bodies in the more essential business of cataloguing the important stars. One German observatory accordingly makes a specialty of taking care of all asteroids and wherever found carefully numbers, names and describes them as rapidly as possible for the benefit of other astronomers with other work to do.

Ignorance of Canada.

The London Globe, in commenting on an article entitled "Canada and Imperial Ignorance," which appeared in a recent issue of The Monthly Review, says: "Not only do we fail to grasp the historical and political problems of Canada, but the great mass of working men are wholly unaware of the potentialities of that vast country. A Canadian lecturer in this country was once tackled by a working man, 'Mister,' said the interrupter, 'can you tell me what's the good of all this talk about Empire and federation and ships when lots of us here are starving?' This was the lecturer's opportunity. He told the audience that in the land he came from were millions of acres of rich land untouched. 'It is a country as big as the United States of America, and has only 5,000,000 people—no more than you have here heaped upon each other in this sweltering city.' The lecturer's speech, which appeals to the common sense of the English people and asks whether it would not be wisdom to spend the £12,000,000 devoted every year in this country to the maintenance of paupers in some bold and comprehensive scheme of emigration. In spite of emigration officers, the subject does not get home to the bosoms of men, and until Carlyle's hero arrives to lead our surplus population forth to the Golden West, something might well be attempted by the State to render emigration easy and attractive."

Electrical Farming.

The agricultural district of Hannover, Germany, has witnessed a remarkable growth during the past few years in the use of electric current for agricultural purposes. There are at present 88 villages, representing a population of 37,500, connected to the tramway mains of the local railway. The greatest demand for power is for the driving of farm machinery, threshing machinery, pumps, hay presses, straw cutters, etc. Where a local system exists, the tractors already exist supplying a trolley or factory, the occasional demand of the farmer can be profitably catered to, but if a special system had to be installed it could hardly be made a paying investment. This results principally from the fact that the consumption of power is very spasmodic, and it is not for any great length of time. The same applies to its use for lighting, as the farmer and his family naturally retire early and rise early, thus cutting down the time during which lights are usually burned.

Home of a Prince.

Very ingenious is the home of the Prince of Agra, in India, which is a floating palace of the most stupendous and magnificent proportions. Although of only two stories, its height is immense, the rooms being grand vaulted chambers, furnished in the most gorgeous oriental manner. All the chairs have golden arms, and precious stones are set in the backs. The wall decorations are beautiful beyond description, while the ceilings are tinted to represent the sky, with stars appearing here and there on the dark blue background. The palace is made of both wood and stone, but so constructed that it floats with ease. When not in use, it is moored to the banks of the river Jumna.

Here the prince and his royal retinue betake themselves on sultry afternoons, and lazily the palace glides down the river to the soft, sweet music of harps. Up and down the tide it majestically floats like a huge white swan, while within the royal guests sip cooling beverages and idly dream away the sultry hours.

A Quaint Relief.

Attention has been called to the survival of folklore in rural parts of England by evidence given in a stabling case tried at the Essex Assizes. To quicken the healing of the wounds, the knife with which they were inflicted was smeared with grease and laid on the bed of the patient. The purpose served by the application of grease or oil to the knife, or to any steel instrument that has inflicted wounds, is to prevent it from rusting. For if the steel is allowed to become rusty, the festering and mortification follow the progress of the rust. Another quaint belief is that the application of an oiled knife is a certain and quick remedy for scalds and burns.

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This card gives locations of regular water stations, yard limits, situations of standard clocks, maximum speed of freight trains between different towns, what days are holidays, speeds at which trains may cross bridges at various hours and a list of all stations and trains. It is likely, of course, that were similar cards furnished to the traveling public there would be no abatement of fool questions. Besides, it is not to the interest of a railroad company to take the public too entirely into its confidence.

Who Executed Charles I?

In the burial register of Whitechapel under the year 1649 is the following entry:

"June 21st. Richard Brandon, a man out of Rosemary lane. This Brandon is held to be the man who beheaded Charles the First."

A less distinguished candidate for the infamy was one William Howlett, actually condemned to death after the restoration for a part he never played and only saved from the gallows by the urgent efforts of a few citizens who swore that Brandon did the deed. Brandon was not available for retribution. He had died in his bed six months after Charles was beheaded and had been hurried ignominiously into his grave in Whitechapel churchyard. As public executioner of London he could hardly escape his destiny, but it is said that remorse and horror shortened his days. In his supposed "Confession," a tract widely circulated at the time, he claims that he was "retched out of bed by a troop of horse" and carried against his will to the scaffold; also that he was paid £30. all in half crowns, for the work and had "an orange stuck full of cloves and a handkerchief out of the king's pocket." The orange he sold for 10 shillings in Rosemary lane.—Harper's Magazine.

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