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VALEDICTORY

Three gentlemen last evening bade at least a temporary farewell to municipal life. His worship Mayor McKeough leaves a splendid record. He has proved a capable administrator and a worthy chief magistrate, and the tributes paid him last night were well deserved. Ald. McCaig has been an energetic and efficient chairman of the Board of Works. He, too, leaves a good record and a clean slate in this most exacting of civic offices. Ald. McCaig's departure is especially unfortunate and sad, because he leaves a creditable five years' municipal record and the probability of higher offices for a forlorn hope and a cause he has honestly and conscientiously condemned. Ald. Mounter lays aside municipal aspirations for the time being on account of his health. He has established a reputation as a careful, thorough and able alderman. The whole city suffers a loss in the retirement of these men.

THE SERIOUS SIDE OF IT

This is the 24th day since The Planet first published Ald. McCaig's honest and outspoken opinion of the Ross Government. And he has not yet denied it. But Ald. McCaig remains as the candidate of the Ross Government.

In view of his having made this statement and consequently being unable to truthfully deny it over his own signature, would it not be well for Ald. McCaig to follow the example of Mr. T. L. Pardo, who refused to remain a candidate of the Ross Government? of Mr. Lee, who refused to remain a candidate of the Ross Government, and of Mr. Cochran, who now refuses to remain a candidate of the Ross Government?

The people will expect nothing else than an explicit denial from Ald. McCaig over his own signature; otherwise it would be impossible to believe that a Minister of the Government he declares to be "rotten" could come here to speak in his behalf.

LET US HEAR FROM MR. GRAHAM

It is announced that Hon. Mr. Graham, the man who was recently called upon to appear and give evidence in the Byron Lost bonus ballot box scandal, and who "succeeded" "Hon." Mr. Stratton in the Ross Cabinet, will speak in Chatham to-morrow night.

This is good news for there are some things the people of Kent would like to hear Mr. Graham explain. Let that gentleman may overlook them. The Planet will specifically draw them to his attention. They are matters for which the Government is specifically and directly responsible, and cannot be blamed on the heelers and hangers-on that Ald. McCaig talks about.

The people of Kent would like to hear from Mr. Graham, 1. Why the constituency of North Kent was disfranchised for over a year and a half by what right such an outrage was perpetrated by his Government and upon what grounds.

2. Why the session of the Legislature was suddenly called to head off the election trials of men of his party, every one of whom have since been unseated for corrupt practices.

3. Why the House was suddenly dissolved and a telegraphic message sent to the Court to stay the election trial of Hon. Mr. McKay, one of the new cabinet ministers, against whom charges of corruption were being tried.

These are three things for which the Government, and not its emissaries, was directly and personally responsible.

These questions are asked of Mr. Graham on behalf of the people of Kent.

And the people will wait with interest to hear WHAT ANSWER OR DEFENCE MR. GRAHAM WILL MAKE ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

Let as many as possible attend the meeting and note his answer to these simple and straight-forward questions. They are matters the people have a right to know. Watch him seek to avoid them.

Local Briefs

Goose stamping is quickly done at The Planet Store.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Brisco and son, Clarence returned to Niagara Tuesday, after spending Christmas with Fred H. Brisco.

Miss Mabel Wemp, of Toledo, is spending the Christmas holidays with friends at her former home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Richardson, of Sarnia, who have been spending Christmas in the city, returned home Monday night.

Parties having accommodation for boarders, ladies or gentlemen, should leave their names and addresses at the Business College.

Miss Agatha Bennett has returned to Detroit, after spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Harry Andrews.

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Ex-Ald. John Waddell and family spent Christmas at Port Lambton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Waddell.

Miss Mary Bodkin, who has been spending a few weeks with friends here, has returned to her home in Florence.

The death occurred Tuesday, at the General Hospital, of Miss Velvetta Vincent, at the untimely age of 18 years and six months. The remains were taken to Wallaceburg, yesterday morning, where her parents reside.

Having purchased the shoe stock of the late G. J. Peace at 2 cents on the dollar, we will be able after to-day to give excellent values in all kinds of high-class footwear. Wm. Somerville & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Humphrey have returned from Brigid, where they have been spending Christmas. Mrs. Humphrey has been spending the past two months in Brigid.

Mrs. Martha Fenton passed away on Tuesday at the residence of her son, E. S. Fenton, Laorois St. She was 58 years of age, a native of Stony Creek, and leaves a grown-up family. Her husband died some years ago. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to Louisville Cemetery, Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, pastor of the Park St. Methodist Church, of which deceased was a member, officiating.

Visit Wm. Somerville & Son's Shoe Parlors at Peace's old stand. Special prices on all Fur Coats, for the balance of the season, at Patterson's Hardware, first Hardware east of the Market.

Two dining room girls wanted at once. Apply at Merrill House.

Mrs. Flater and daughter Marjorie have returned to Petrolia, after spending a very pleasant Christmas vacation in the city.

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The Children's Aid Society wish to acknowledge a generous donation of \$12.30 from the teachers and pupils of the Central school.

When you want an artistic design, call on or visit Victoria Ave. Green Homes, Phone 181.

Miss Sylvia Post, of the Western College, of Oxford, Ohio, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Post, at the Sanitarium.

MAHOGANY WOOD.

The Way It Came to Be Used in the Making of Furniture.

Chippendale owes his reputation to the fact that he published a book of designs with over 200 copperplate engravings, so that today any one who wishes may get them and reproduce them exactly or with such changes and improvements as suit his fancy.

They are capable of improvement. Chippendale himself was the first to declare. Chippendale was one of the first makers of mahogany furniture.

Before his time this precious wood was valued only for the medicinal qualities it was supposed to possess. The idea of making furniture of mahogany wood appears to have been the result of chance. A certain physician in London had a great many mahogany planks, and, wanting a candle box, he sent for a cabinetmaker and instructed him to use the mahogany for the required article of furniture. The man objected that the wood was too hard for his tools, and the doctor told him to get harder tools. The man did so, and when the doctor saw the box he was amazed at its beauty. Patients and friends talked about it, and at last the Duchess of Buckingham came to see it. She was enraptured and persuaded the doctor to give her wood for a similar box. As a result mahogany got to be the fashion.

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The Unit as It Was Originated and Defined by Watt.

When steam engines were employed to drive mills, pumps and other machinery which had been previously driven by horses, it was natural to attempt to express the work done by them in terms of the working power of the horse.

James Watt was the first to define the unit of horsepower, which by experiment he found to be 33,000 foot-pounds a minute. In other words, a one horsepower engine would raise 33,000 pounds one foot every minute, and so on proportionally to the number of "horsepowers" indicated by the engine.

He arrived at this conclusion by observing the work done by heavy draft horses in breweries working eight hours daily and found that a horse going at the rate of two miles and a half an hour could raise a weight of 150 pounds by a rope led over a pulley, which is equal to 33,000 pounds raised one foot in one minute.

Watt, for the credit of his engine, selected horses of more than average power.

A CIVIL WAR CAPTAIN

TALKS TO THE POINT.

"Until about two years ago I had had piles for about thirty years, at times bleeding and very painful. I got a fifty cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure at the drug store, and used it and was entirely cured; got another box in case I needed it, and as the piles did not return in six months I gave the remedy to a friend of mine who wanted the doctor to operate to cure him. My friend said he would use the 'pyramid' but he knew they would do him no good, but they cured him of piles of twenty-five years standing. I am free from piles to-day, and have been since using Pyramid Pile Cure. I was Captain in the Civil War." James Adams, Soldiers Home, Cal.

The majority of people labor under the impression that an operation necessary in severe cases of piles, hemorrhoids, and are very skeptical regarding the remedial virtues of any medicinal compound. Testimony like the above should certainly have a tendency to dispel this impression, although it is odd that such a fallacy should prevail, and still more odd that so many people should think an operation effects a permanent cure, whereas the contrary is more often the case.

We advise all sufferers from this painful complaint to buy a fifty cent package of Pyramid Pile Cure at any drug store and try it to-night.

Those interested can not be too strongly urged to write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book describing the causes and cure of Piles, as it contains valuable information, and is sent free for the asking.

He Lost His Dignity.

A pompous individual from the east, says a Texas newspaper, happened to be traveling in western Texas and stopping at a hotel, when trouble started among some cowboys, who prepared to conduct the argument with revolvers.

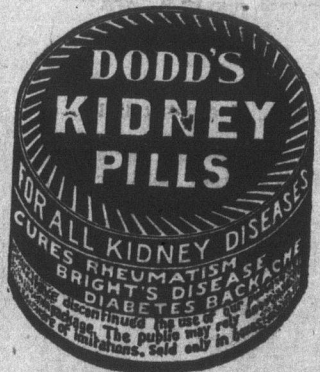
"Stranger," said a Texan to the pompous man, "it would be a good idea for you to lay down on the floor till this dispute is settled."

It does not comport with the dignity of a Boston gentleman of my professions," said the pompous gentleman, "to wallow in the dirt on the floor."

"You may be right, stranger," answered the Texan as he prepared to decline, "but my opinion is that you had better lose your dignity for the time being than to have the daylight laid into your system by a 44." He lost his dignity.

Progress is the real cure for an over-estimate of ourselves.

High ideals don't amount to much unless we try to live up to them.



ART TREASURE STOLEN.

British National Portrait Gallery Loses a Miniature.

One of the most valuable possessions of the National Portrait Gallery has been stolen.

It is a miniature portrait in oils of Baron Thomas Dimsdale, painted by Andrew Plimer, one of the most famous miniaturists of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The theft took place on Wednesday, October 5th. At midday the miniature was in its place; at three o'clock in the afternoon it had disappeared.

It is believed that the thief was either a private collector or some one who had a prearranged market in view, and was thoroughly conversant with the value and history of the portrait.

The frame of the miniature was screwed to the wall in four places. Three screws were extracted, and the other, which was covered by the bracket of a picture above, was torn out. The Screen Room, where it hung, is sub-divided, and visitors are not frequent at the time of day chosen by the thief.

The police have issued a description of the miniature, which is 1 1/2 in. by 1 1/2 in., and is in a gilt frame about 6 in. by 8 in., marked "N. P. G. Cox," and has on the back a small square yellow label inscribed, "National Portrait Gallery, Register No. 600."

In addition to the description the police notice reproduces the miniature in half-tone in a very successful manner.

A description is also given of a man who was noticed in the National Portrait Gallery before the theft was discovered. He was about twenty-eight years old, was 5 ft. 5 in. in height, had dark hair and a slight dark moustache, and was dressed in a dark grey jacket, dark trousers and a hard black felt hat.

Baron Dimsdale was an ancestor of Sir Joseph Dimsdale, who was Lord Mayor in the Coronation year, and was presented the miniature to the National Gallery.

The barony was given by the Empress Catherine of Russia as a reward for a successful inoculation of herself and her son against small-pox.

A Canadian's Pride.

Mr. H. G. Tyrrell, engineer, author and journalist, formerly of Toronto, and now chief engineer of the Brackett Bridge Company, of Cincinnati, recently gave an address on Canadian education in Cincinnati, which he concluded thus: "The Canadian educational system is one of the newest in existence. In its make-up it has taken the best features from the schools of many lands. It has borrowed from the various countries of Europe, from Great Britain, the Mother Country, and from various States of the American Union. For Canadian educators claim that it is the most effective system in existence. At the World's Fair in Chicago in 1894, and later at St. Louis, it has received the world's very highest commendation.

The results of the system are best shown by the lives of its graduates, for not only do men of Canadian education mould the thought and control the destiny of their own nation, but here also in the United States we see the influence of Canadian leadership. Canadian money and institutions are annually educating large number of its best and brightest people, who, failing to find a sphere at home for the employment of their energies, seek a home, as we ourselves have done, in the United States. Were all these people to expend their energies in their own country, what an impetus it would give to the Dominion, to its industries and institutions!"

The Wedding Ring.

In France there is a peculiar significance in the ways in which the wedding ring is used. It is not only the utterance of the ancient words of the marriage vow. If the bridegroom slips the ring at once over the second joint it is a sign that he gives of the sovereignty of his own house, but if as he repeats the words he merely holds it over the end of the finger, but does not let it slip down till afterward, it declares that he intends to remain master and protector.

Around the absence or presence of the wedding ring in such a matter is considered dishonorable for a man not to bear the sign that he is married. In modern Greece the husband of a gold-circlet, the wife a silver, a reminiscence of the ancient sun and moon worship, which still prevails in India.—London Madame.

How to Find Out by the Footstep.

Quick steps, says Health, are indicative of energy and agitation. Tiptoe walking symbolizes surprise, curiosity, discretion or mystery. Turn-in toes are often found with pre-occupied, absent-minded persons. The miser's walk is represented as stooping and noiseless, with short, nervous, anxious steps. Slow steps, long or short, suggest a gentle or reflective state of mind. When a reverent purpose is hidden under a feigned smile the step will be sinking and noiseless. The proud step is slow and measured, the toes are conspicuously turned out, the legs straightened. If the direction of the step wavers, and follows every changing impulse of the mind, it inevitably betrays uncertainty, hesitation and indecision.

Plague of Rats in Berlin.

The extraordinary number of rats which have shown themselves lately in the Berlin suburb of Grawwaud, has proved such a nuisance to the inhabitants that the municipal authorities are offering 10 pennies for every rat's tail delivered, says The London Standard. In this connection it is interesting to note that the vigorous action of the Danish Society for the extermination of rats in Copenhagen is considered by Prussian medical authorities of such importance for the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, that the establishment of an international league for the extermination of rats is under consideration.

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