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MISUNDERSTOOD

Did not some one in one of Kipling's books make the wise, if somewhat depressing, remark that we are all so many islands shouting at each other across seas of misunderstanding?

There is truth in most of these wise sayings, and this is probably no exception to the rule. We are not sure that there is not so much truth in the "Solomon" who said: "A rolling stone is worth two in the bush" and: "A bird in the hand gathers no moss"—or words to that effect.

We remember that poets have written, with tears in their eyes, of the pain of being misunderstood by one's fellow mortals. Everyone will admit, however, that it would be foolish to quote poets when one can quote John Gravity Watson.

John Gravity has been misunderstood. He is not shedding tears, because he is not a poet. He chooses rather to vent his feelings in explanatory prose.

John resents the suggestion that his resignation from the council has placed him among the "has-beens" and made it inevitable that he must remain plain "John Gravity" when he might have been "His Worship".

In short, John Gravity knew just what would happen if he remained to lead the forces of reform against the reactionaries. The slaughter would have been no less terrible, but, says John, "When the smoke of the conflict had cleared from the field the dead enemy would have risen and declared that it was Watson who killed them."

Now, they are all dead, but they can't get up and say that John Gravity killed them. John, therefore, is poking his head out from under the ammunition wagon and waiting the plaudits of the populace.

He may even allow them to encircle his brow with the laurel wreath when the honors are distributed in December. One consideration, however, may deter him from accepting the honor which he believes the ratepayers are anxious to confer upon him. He is afraid that they are "not educated up to" the kind of performance that he would give them next year.

COWBOYS ABDUCT CHORUS OF THE "WONDERFUL WIZARD" SHOW

Delhi, Tex., July 10.—Ten cowboys belonging to the Carter outfit, sixteen in all, were in the city, caused a great deal of commotion here last night when they abducted the entire chorus of the show, the "Wonderful Wizard" consisting of six girls, put them on ponies and made them go to a lunch at Keewah's restaurant.

An incident which happened in the city is being much talked about here. Mayor Walker who is a candidate for re-election, entered the place and was introduced to the girls by the show manager. One of them had been set down by her. The mayor received only a few minutes, but when he was dropped from his pocket.

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We do not like to discredit the intelligence of the electors. We are disposed to think them wise enough to know what they could expect with John in the mayor's chair. We are afraid, however, that their minds are not sufficiently acute to appreciate the subtlety of the strategic move which took him from the firing line to the more secure position under the ammunition wagon.

THE SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS

The announcement of the result of the elections to be held today in the neighboring province will be awaited with great interest, not only in the West but everywhere throughout Canada. The first provincial election to be held in the prairie provinces since the Conservative government was returned to power in September, it will be regarded by Conservative leaders, and perhaps to some extent by leaders of the opposing party, as indicating in some measure at least the attitude of this section of the West towards the administration at Ottawa.

It is unfortunate that the parties in the provinces cannot be left to fight their election battles on the issues that are of domestic concern. It is to be deplored when the Dominion government, of whatever political complexion it may be, obstructs its influence into a provincial election campaign. Any government in power at Ottawa can, by ways that are diverse, dark and devious, bring influence to bear on the electors in any provincial contest.

From the start it became evident that the provincial Conservative party would not be content to fight the battle on the record of the Scott administration. The banner which they flung to the breeze when the call to arms was sounded, bore the device: "Saskatchewan for Borden and Hautain," and the local forces which faced the Scott government were augmented by auxiliaries under the command of the Hon. Robert Rogers.

The revival of the issue of wider markets, on which the people of Saskatchewan expressed themselves so unmistakably last September, was therefore inevitable. The Conservative leaders could not reasonably expect to appeal to the electors to support Hautain in order that they might aid Borden, without inviting attention to the fact that to aid Borden is to hinder the cause of freer trade.

It is to be regretted that this issue was introduced, but Mr. Hautain and his supporters must not complain of conditions for which they are wholly responsible. As matters now stand there are undoubtedly many electors who in their action at the polls will be influenced in some measure by their view of this question. Whether they will be sufficiently numerous to make the result of the polling a fair indication of the state of feeling on this subject in the province, it is difficult to say.

Whatever the fortune of the Scott government, it will doubtless be indebted for a measure of the support received to the strong sentiment in favor of freer trade. If the Conservatives by any chance should succeed in gaining control of the province (which Heaven forbid—if Heaven has any interest in elections), they will undoubtedly claim that their victory was due to a growth of protectionist sentiment.

The campaign has been marked by more bitterness than is usual in such contests. Every inch of the ground has been fought with the vigor of desperation. The record of the Scott government, however, is clean, and there would seem to be good ground for the hope that it will be returned. To say that the government will certainly be returned, would be to give the lie to the statement that the result is awaited with interest, and would leave out of account the possible interference of that spirit of mischief whose perverse impulses so often make the political prophet look ridiculous.

UNCLE WALT

The Post-Philosophical

A COMMON WEAKNESS
Old Biddad and I are neighbors, and oft when the day is through, and done are our divers labors, we argue an hour or two. And thus, in our pleasant tittle we thrash out a hundred themes: I jump on the pomes of Milton, he says that those pomes are screams. I spend quite a while contending the Glasts who rake things in; he labors away defending the Pirates, and says they'll win. We spend many hours discussing the nebular thingumbob, with never a bit of fussing, and never a sore heart throb. We spend the long eve debating, and then, when the oryx ends, to home and to bed go slaking the best kind of chums and friends. But gone is our friendly manner when politics is the theme, when under some statesman's banner, we stir up our lungs and scream! Discussing some party matter that makes not a bit of odds, we stir up a bug-house chafeer, and argue with blots and smudges. My ally white nose is broken, my collarbone's in a sling, for Biddad, some words I'd spoken, regarding everything, and Biddad is blue with bruises since we had our last debate; I argued with fists and shoes, but couldn't convince the skate.

VEST POCKET ESSAYS

By George Fitch

MOTOR BOATS.
A motor boat is a small, frail vessel, afflicted with a gasoline engine and an amateur mechanic. When the engine is in full cry and the mechanic is making threats, the boat sometimes develops a speed of 50 miles an hour in its efforts to get away from both of them. Motor boats are used by men fond of machinery, and keep them from doing more valuable things, smart and repairing them. When a man has a motor boat and two bushels of tools he is perfectly happy and will not stay at home except on talking politics—for motor boats take precedence over politics or the cost of living when two boat owners are conversing.

Some motor boats are very powerful in their action, and are powerful, not only in strength, but in noise and stubbornness. It takes as long to start these engines as it takes the official candidate to get up and over a bribery investigation, but when they are once in action the boat presents an inspiring sight as it leaps from the water, its propeller, its sheets of water on either side and sinking gloriously two miles from help. These boats are not comfortable, have a mechanical smell, and are an accident policy, but they are the only craft made which are able to overtake a porpoise and but him from the rear.

SIDEWALK SKETCHES

By Howard L. Rann

Popularity is something which never deserts a man until he becomes a candidate for office. Nothing else on land or sea will cause it to lose its hold on a man's mind as a mechanic on an accident policy, but they are the only craft made which are able to overtake a porpoise and but him from the rear.

HERO OF THE CAPTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

RESIGNS

Constantinople, July 10.—Chekfat Pasha resigned as minister of war today. He is said to have been disgraced by the troops' growing dissatisfaction towards the government, and worried by threats of parliamentary investigation of the report of irregularities in the military department. His resignation was immediately accepted. He was the hero of the capture of Constantinople.

ARRESTED 501 TIMES

Pittsburg, July 9.—True to his promise made to Magistrate Matthews a few days before the Fourth that he would be back immediately after Independence Day for sentence if allowed to spend the holidays in celebrating, something he had not been able to do for 27 years, Robert Hughes was arrested last night on a charge of drunkenness.

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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

THE BIGGEST BARGAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON---TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS

Regular \$2.25 for \$1.45

As luck would have it, these Corsets arrived just in time to be included in our July Sale. In the ordinary way they would command \$2.25, but because we secured them from the manufacturer at a special price we are able to offer you this exceptional value. They are made of fine summer weight batiste and have strong hose supporters. They are so well boned and finished and trimmed at top with fine lace and ribbon; white only; 180 pair altogether; sizes 18 to 28. Regular \$2.25. July Sale..... \$1.45

Hemmed Sheet Specials

Here is a splendid opportunity for housewives to replenish their supply of sheets at small cost. These sheets are made of round strong thread cotton and are hemmed ready for use. We draw particular attention to the extra large sizes because sheets of this good quality and size usually sell for much higher prices. About 200 pairs; size 72x90 inches. \$1.75 July Sale special, pair..... \$2.00

25c Duchess Ribbon 19c

This is a splendid grade of all silk ribbon, which was good value even at its regular price. Commencing today, however, we will offer for quick clearance about 750 yards at the reduced price of 19c. These ribbons are of a good weight, soft and specially suited for hair ribbons or millinery purposes. Apart from quality their outstanding feature is width, which is in some cases 4-1/2 inches, and in others 5-1/2. In all the leading shades. Regular 25c. July Sale Special... 19c

Women's Night Gowns, Regular up to \$1.35 for 95c

For the small sum of 95c you can buy well made, neatly trimmed and stylishly cut night gowns that usually sell for as high as \$1.35. There are about 60 altogether and they are made of good quality cambric and cotton, etc., and nicely trimmed with floral embroidery, tulle, lace, ribbon and embroidery beading. They come with long or kimono sleeves and in the slip-on or open front styles. Regular up to \$1.35. Commencing today, special..... 95c

Drug Sundries and Toilet Preparations 25 per cent. off

Not often that you can buy high grade toilet preparations and drug sundries at less than regular prices. However, we are doing this owing to lack of space and are offering them at this big discount, for clearance, 25 PER CENT. OFF.

Special Values in Ribbons

This offer comprises a wide assortment of our staple plain ribbons in widths of 1 to 2 1/4 inches. Being specially priced in the regular way, our patrons will realize what exceptional values they are at these sale prices. Reg. 6c, for 4 1-2c; Reg. 8c, for 6 1-2c; Reg. 12 1/2c, for 10c.

FRIDAY IN THE GROCERY

- Corn Flakes, Friday Special, 4 pkgs. 30c
Hobbrook's Worcester Sauce, Friday Special, 1-2 pt. 25c
Hobbrook's Worcester Sauce, Friday Special, pt. bot. 40c
French Peas, genuine "Fina", 20c tin, Friday Special, 30c
Strawberry Jam—Pure, whole fruit, Friday Special, tin 75c
H. B. Co's. Imperial Blend Tea, Friday Special, 3 lbs. for \$1
H. B. Co's. Imperial Blend Coffee, Friday Special, 3 lbs. for \$1
FRUIT SECTION
Finest B. C. Potatoes, Friday Special, a bus. \$1.40
Fancy Navel Oranges, Friday doz. 30c, 40c and 50c
Fancy California Lemons, Friday doz. 30c
Fresh Peaches, Plums, Cantaloupes, Raspberries, Red and Black Currants, etc., lowest prices.
AT THE CANDY COUNTER
Pascall's Barley Almonds, Friday and Saturday special, lb. 50c
Sugared Almonds, Reg. 50c lb., Friday and Saturday 30c
Buttermilk and Coconut Caramels, wrapped, Friday and Saturday 30c
Fresh Shipment of Peter's Milk Chocolate, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 40c cakes.
Saturday Treat Chocolates, Reg. 50c, lb. 30c

Extraordinary Values in Dress Goods

- Gold Cloth—1 piece 19 inches wide Paisley design. Reg. \$15.00 yd. Sale Price..... 50c
Point-d'Esprit Net—1 piece each cream and Eau-de-Nil. Reg. 60c yd. Sale Price..... 25c
Paisley Chiffon—1 piece, 50 inches wide; Reg. \$3.50. Sale Price..... \$1.00
Silk and Cotton Crystals—44 inches wide and in colors of Copenhagen, champagne, grey, navy blue and cream. Reg. 60c yd. Sale Price..... 35c
Paisley Nylon—2 1/4 yards only, extra fine quality, 45 inches wide, Reg. \$8.00. Sale Price..... \$2.50
Crepe de Chine—11 1/2 yards only, extra fine quality, 45 inches wide, Reg. \$11.00. Sale Price..... \$5.00
Salome Dress Net—2 pieces, short lengths, 44 in. wide and with shot effect. Reg. \$2.25 yd. Sale Price..... 50c
44 inch Meteor Silk—In colors of Strawberry, Wisteria, French grey, reseda, light tan, navy, black and cream. Reg. \$1.75 yd. Sale Price..... \$1.00
Paisley Oriental Satin—In 3 different colorings and 46 inches wide. Reg. \$2.50. Sale Price..... \$1.25
Silk Cashmere—44 inches wide colors terra cotta and electric green, French grey, electric blue and champagne. Reg. \$2.25 yd. Sale Price..... \$1.00
Colored Chiffon—In reseda, light navy, slate and tan. Width 48 inches. Reg. 60c yd. Sale Price..... 25c
Nylon—46 inches wide, colors, old rose, reseda, and gobbler. Reg. \$1.00 yd. Sale Price 65c
Fine Worsted—11 yards only, extra good quality, color brown with white pin stripe. Reg. \$3.00 yd. Sale Price..... \$1.00

Extra Specials from the Shoe Department

- Infants' Soft Sole Boots, in lace or button styles, assorted colors. July Sale Special 25c
Ladies' and Big Girls' Boots and Oxfords, sizes 2 1/2 to 4, reg. \$2.75 to \$5.00. July Sale \$1.95
26 pairs Men's Oxfords, in patent leather and vici kid, sizes 6 to 10 1/2. Reg. \$3.50 to \$5.50. July Sale..... \$2.45
Boys' Oxfords—A few sizes only. Reg. \$3.00. July Sale \$1.95
School's Tri-Spring Arch Supports—Made of the finest German silver and guaranteed rust proof. Reg. \$3.50 for 10. July Sale..... \$2.25
15 Pairs Boys' Boots—with good stout soles; very durable boots for school wear. Each Splendid value..... \$1.50
Watch for a One-Day Sale of Fine Imported Automobile Rugs.

MEN'S SUIT SALE

- REGULAR \$18.50 to \$30.00, JULY SALE \$16.85
REGULAR \$12.50 to \$15.00, JULY SALE \$9.65

Boys' Suits

- ALL BOYS' TWEED SUITS, regular \$5.35 to \$7.50. July Sale..... \$5.35
ALL BOYS' TWEED SUITS, regular \$8.00 to \$11.00. July Sale..... \$7.65
ALL BOYS' BUSTER AND BLOUSE SUITS, regular \$4.00 to \$6.50. July Sale..... \$3.85

STAIR AND PASSAGE OILCLOTHS

Better study your needs in this Oilcloth and get a good supply while these prices prevail. Cannot promise such good values again for long time. Made in a medium weight and in neat tile and floral effects; limited quantity; 18 inches wide. Special, yard..... 15c 22 inches wide, special, yard..... 10c

Dress Trimmings Half Price

When purchasing dress goods during this sale you can also buy the dress trimmings, but at half the price you usually pay. The collection comprises a great variety of styles, in beaded, braided and embroidered effects, and at all prices. To clear HALF PRICE.

MRS. WILSON PROUD WIFE

Find Joy in Belief That She Complements Her Husband
Seagirt, N. J., July 10.—Imagine a woman on the maidenhood of middle Mrs. Axson, of Rome, Ga. "The happiest life for a woman," said Mrs. Wilson, smiling, happily, "contains three elements—a husband with whom I share your sympathies, your home, and your children. I've often said—and I'm sure my husband, practical theorist that he is, agrees

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with me—that husbands and wives reach their truest and noblest development when they are complementary to each other. That's the way I felt about my husband. I want him to feel that I am always at his side." When she speaks of her husband, Mrs. Wilson's fine eyes light with enthusiasm, and her conversation proves her splendid grasp of big social and political topics.

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