

SHADES OF CITY LIFE.

BRENNY PARAGRAPHS OF ORDINARY HAPPENINGS.

The Mayor's Presentation of a Silver Medal to Richard Callaghan—Young Men and Women who Work for low Wages and those Keep Deserving One out of Employment.

The St. John Amateur Minstrel club, or rather what's left of that once active organization with some additions, intend putting on Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" some time in the future.

Twelve sleds, the extent of last winter's crop, are reposing in the shed of the North End police station. What a flood of tears, departed joy and official glory is represented in these captive playthings.

A provincialist prominent in horse racing circles said at a recent meet, "when the two-minute horses arrive I want to die." Not more than two days later Star Pointer, that wonderful animal, scaled that heretofore unsurmountable height and paced a mile in better than "two" our friend is still living, but don't be surprised to hear of a suicide.

A polish chemist has invented an anaesthetic which so acts upon the air when it is exposed that all around are put immediately to sleep. This new article would have a great sale in St. John especially among our midnight perambulating young men and perhaps on the police force—but no when I come to think of it the latter individuals have no need for it whatever—enough said.

Baltimore has passed Boston in the National baseball league race across the line and as a result the anxiety of some St. John enthusiasts who confidently staked their little pile on Boston has reached slow fever heat, but the majority of baseball lovers in this city care little as to the outcome of the big schedule as long as Toronto maintains her lead over the Yankees in the Eastern league.

This term will be a notable one, no doubt, for some hundreds of school girls in St. John. For the first time they have come under the tutorage of male teachers, which to the majority of these gentler pupils is quite a novelty. Their first impressions of school under man's regime as breathlessly expressed on the opening day were highly amusing, the general opinion seeming to run in the "just sweet!" channel, but that's what these ecstatic girls say of every new thing.

If you want to be bounced at once into the lap of popularity simply express yourself as about to purchase a wheel. In less time than it takes to do a day's work you will have a mob of bicyclists around you all trying their utmost to palm off upon you their '97 wheels. Prices ranging from \$20 to \$50 will be asked, the figure as a general rule being started at the half hundred mark.

Another has been added to the list of folding bed victims in the untimely death of a well known Chicago sporting character. Such accidents seem to be supplanting the "didn't know it was loaded" class but nevertheless the beds are proving quite useful as burglar traps.

Only a few weeks ago a noted thief was severely caught in the loving embrace of one of these space-saving contrivances in this fashion. He entered the room and was about to gag the sleeping occupant when he (the occupant) jumped out and crawling underneath the folding bed pushed it up with a slam just as the burglar was crawling over the mattress in pursuit of the householder.

We may look for other such incidents if the mantle bed rage keeps on.

With considerable of an oration and no little amount of patronage Mayor Robertson presented a silver medal to Richard Callaghan last week for saving the life of a boy who fell off one of the lower cow wharves. Callaghan was undoubtedly deserving of recognition nor did he receive any too much of it, but his worship apparently discriminated with considerable latitude when he made flesh of one and bones of another. The case of life-saving under most trying circumstances as occurred in North End not three weeks ago is equally as deserving of special regard as the one mentioned. The hero is a mere lad who came very near losing his own life

in saving that of a more able-bodied young fellow, beside suffering the loss of his Sunday clothing. But perhaps the Mayor thinks he's "solid" enough in North End.

I have in mind the case of a mercantile house in this city which is paying an assistant bookkeeper three dollars a week. It is needless to say that the young man's home is in the city and it is quite as needless to say that he does not pay any board. His desire to work himself into a position that would give him a better experience and money for cigarettes, was the means of keeping the situation—I am aware that 'position' is the proper word, but pardon me—from a most deserving young man, a member of a family where every cent is made to do the work of five. This last young man applied for the vacant post, and was told that he could have it at five dollars per week with the promise of an increase later on. Scarcely had he left the premises when the three dollar man also applied, and without any hesitation accepted, a curt note informing the former applicant that other arrangements would prevent, etc., etc.

Would it not be well for those good people who are engrossed in philanthropic work to turn a little of their attention to matters of this kind just for a change, and try for once to find out how the other half of the world lives, moves and has its being, in face of the most unfair and unjust competition.

You may extol the virtues of the curfew bell, deliberate with all solemnity as to the government of the rising generation and in many other ways meddle with well-known social problems of the day as they come under your notice in your own particular sphere but have you ever thought of the great injustice being done our less fortunate young men and women, girls and boys, by the sons and daughters of parents, well able to keep their children at school or college, instead of allowing them to accept employment in the various establishments at lower rates of wages, in many cases to the exclusion of those upon whom is depending perhaps the keeping of parents, orphan brothers and sisters or the living of the laborer himself or herself. I am not an anarchist nor do I feel that I could swallow any of their doctrines without considerable mastication nevertheless there are occasional streaks of natural justice in their teachings which cannot be discounted and I consider this matter I have just mentioned as one of them.

Instead of the motto "equalization" as upheld by socialists the above case might come under the head of "individualism" or every person attend to his or her own department; rather a keeping distinctly apart than an intermingling of classes. Let those work who are forced to do so for the support of themselves or others, but those who are not obliged to labor, and who do so at much lower wages simply for a business education, workaday experience, pin-money or diversion should not be allowed to use up the scant resources of their less blessed sisters of whom there is a vast majority. The practice is not only unjust but grinding in the extreme.

And not a little can the employer help to overcome this growing evil. If he prefers to accept a young woman because she is able to work for dead low wages, and is not wholly dependent upon her own resources, then I say, and there are others, that he is doing a direct injustice and only helping to lower the scale of humanity rather than to elevate it.

We find in the offices of our professional men girls occupying positions as stenographers and typewriters, while their parents are in a measure able to support them, and in consideration of this fact girls and young women are quite willing to perform office duties at a scale of wages away below what is just and proper. A poor or even comparatively poor person could not live on the paltry sum of \$1.50, \$2.00 or \$2.50 the average weekly pay of most of these girls who have the full benefit of their envelope for frivolities. It is just this fact and it alone that is forcing so many of our young women into factories and sweat houses where humanity and the unwritten law "live and let live" are in

a great measure disregarded. If it is new wumlike to act in such a manner why the sooner all traces of this over-cared product is eliminated the better for society and the world in general, her presence would be a menace to the peace of a nation and although "puffed up in her own conceits" she would only be acting the tool for the inflammable classes who are just waiting the chance to insert the lever with which they intend to turn over the universe. It was, and is yet, the Divine plan that man shall rule the world and anything contrary to such an arrangement cannot be guaranteed to succeed with any degree of success.

VALDEMIER PLANET MARKS OF THE BODY

Assertion That Every Person has one at Birth—Governed by Stars.

I assure you I have no moles, say some people, but this is impossible; every human creature when it is born bears on some part of its body the mark of the sign or planet which governed at the hour of its conception and nativity, and moles are contingent on these, impressed by the influence of the celestial signs, and answering thereto, not only in their formation position, but varying according to the dominion of the several planets.

Moles are of the three colors, red, honey color, and black, flat or raised like a wart, those on the right side of the face or person being usually symbolical of good, while those on the left, mostly denote ill and misfortunes.

After a long and exhaustive study of the science, a savant says he is convinced that not only the character, tastes, and disposition of an individual, but the future itself to a great extent may be determined by the local position, relation, and general appearance of these natural marks.

If the sun, at a nativity, be in Aries and ascendant, the mark of that sign will be found on the head, probably on the left ear. When Venus is lady, a flat violet mark will be found on the thigh.

When born under Gemini the mark is on the arms.

If born under the first part of the sign of Cancer, the mark is above the breast, and has no feeling if pierced by a needle.

Those who are born under Capricorn have the sign on the knees.

When Leo is ascendant the marks are on the left breast.

If Mercury be lord, the marks are on the left side, or upon the legs.

The nativity being under Virgo, there are black or reddish spots upon the stomach.

The last of the signs, P. aces governs the feet, and those born under this dominion are of pleasant countenance, brave and ingenious.

A man having a mole on the right side of the forehead will be exceedingly lucky. To a woman it denotes gifts from the dead. One on the left side of the forehead foretells, to a man, long imprisonment; to a woman, that she will have two husbands, and probably live out of her own country.

If it be in the midst of the forehead, it denotes, in a man a cruel mind, and it shows a woman to be foolish, simple and idle.

A mole on the binder part of the neck predicts a happy life, but threatens untimely death by drowning.

A mole on both sides of the neck, opposite to each other, foretells dangers and perils with ill fortune.

A man having a mole on the left side of the upper lip rarely marries, and in a woman it denotes trouble and suffering. If on the under lip, it shows her to be improvident, and a man had best beware of her.

A mole in the hollow of the chin denotes a woman to be contentious and quarrelsome. On the edge of the chin it shows good fortune, happy marriage and a long life, of whatever color it may be, excepting black.

To possess a mole upon the throat is very unlucky, indicating that the individual will die by the hand of justice, or should it appear as a wart be perished by water.

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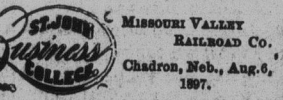
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