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TWO PAIR SPECIMENS.

Two of the worst cases of corruption of public officers ever revealed in America are now attracting attention in the United States. One is the exposure of Abe Ruef's methods in San Francisco, the other the stealing in connection with the state capitol at Washington. In the California city, the eighteen members of the board of supervisors are self-confessed thieves, the mayor is indicted on several criminal charges, and Ruef, the boss, has enough indictments hanging over his head to send him to prison for several years. The plan adopted in San Francisco was the simplest form of bribery. Big corporations desiring valuable franchises, paid Ruef to secure them. From various companies he received very large amounts of money, and bought up all the supervisors, paying from two to five thousand dollars for each vote. Mayor Schmidt came in, of course, for larger shares than any member of the board, but Ruef was the one who retained the bulk of the money. On one occasion a telephone company believing it could bring about the desired result without Ruef's assistance, bribed all the supervisors, paying from six to ten thousand dollars to each. A rival company engaged the boss, and Ruef was successful, with an average expenditure of thirty-five hundred dollars, in re-converting two-thirds of the board and securing the franchise for his clients. The supervisors deemed it their duty not to return the money, which had been given to them by the first company. On the whole it would seem that not one of the higher officials in San Francisco is free from corruption, and the trial which is now pending, will no doubt be followed by a revolution in civic government. Ruef has announced that all the costs of his trial must be paid by those corporations for which he worked, or otherwise he will expose the whole affair, giving definite details regarding the identity of the men who hired him. In San Francisco, while the different bribing corporations are well known, there is some uncertainty concerning the directors who actually attended to the handling of the money and through fear of prosecution it is probable that these corporations will comply with Ruef's demands. The trial will be a notable one.

In Philadelphia sums aggregating nine million dollars were spent on furnishings for the capitol, and the value of the material supplied was less than two millions. The board of commissioners very generously called for tenders, and when these were received it was announced that none would be considered excepting such as contained bids for every article required. This had not been mentioned in the call. Only one offer was found which met this requirement, the contractor being an intimate friend of several of the commissioners. He was given the whole job, and it is estimated, made for himself a profit of \$4,000,000, and for the commissioners \$2,000,000. At an instance, the mahogany chairs in one of the chambers turn out to be birch faced with colored putty, which cost \$2,000, and for which the contractor received \$90,000. The windows were to have been of fine imported glass, and cost the state \$138,000, but the commissioners generously permitted the contractor to use home made glass, valued at \$12,000. Plans for chandeliers, which the architect was supposed to furnish, netted the contractor \$17,000. One of the bidders offered to do the painting for two cents a square foot. The successful contractor received over five times this amount, and his profit on the painting alone was not less than \$200,000. In short the capitol is furnished with rubbish, for which the people have paid three times the price of genuine material. Criminal prosecution will likely follow.

WANTED, A NATURALIST.

Now that the province of New Brunswick has undertaken the introduction of a modern forestry system, and in connection with this a chair of the painting for two cents a square foot. The successful contractor received over five times this amount, and his profit on the painting alone was not less than \$200,000. In short the capitol is furnished with rubbish, for which the people have paid three times the price of genuine material. Criminal prosecution will likely follow.

most modern methods of destroying those forms of life which are harmful to growing crops. It would seem that some department of natural history, such as could cover this work might well be incorporated in the government's plans. It is time New Brunswick had the services of an all-round man whose duty it would be to help the people to guard against enormous loss caused to both timber and crops by insects, rusts and other such causes. Experts in each particular line would prove too costly, but there are available qualified men who at a salary of \$1,500, would give to the people information worth many times that amount. Such a man, placed in charge of a provincial bureau, would identify and classify all specimens which might be sent; could impart information by letter, by lectures, and by printed circulars, on the treatment of the various pests; and could also impress upon the people the value of birds, and such other forms of life which nature has created as a help to man. The establishment of such a bureau would of course necessitate the maintenance of an institution in which the various specimens might be kept, and no better place in the eastern provinces is available at the present time than the Natural History rooms in St. John. The society has through years of enthusiastic work succeeded in bringing together a magnificent collection of forms of animal and vegetable life, and of minerals. The government officer if appointed, might secure rooms in this building, and all specimens hereafter received be added to the collection. As the Natural History Society exists for the people of New Brunswick as a whole, there could be no serious objection to this plan. There are on the other hand many points in its favor. The greatest advantage would be that while an individual worker could in a lifetime get together only a very limited collection, the thousands of specimens already housed would make available a collection which the government could only secure after many years and at an enormous cost. In no other way than by this plan could the province so quickly attain a position by which valuable information could be furnished the people. It would be a simple matter to publish under the same system as now prevails in handling the society's bulletins, pamphlets dealing with different subjects of moment to persons of all classes.

THE DIFFERENT MEN YOU MEET.

This old world is a brisk one, Time moves like a fiery steed, And oft when the day is over You hardly have time to read. How pleasant in thinking moments To shut your ears from the street, To ponder with mind discerning On the different men you meet.

There are men you meet in business, There are men you meet in church, Different men you'll find all over "Matters not where you look or search. This gent was made for a traveller, This dude for a beauty's "sweet." You will find them made for something All the different men you meet.

Some men are stale and gummy, Others are fresh and gay; Lawyers make houses of "blackstone," Farmers live well on hay. Most all seem to pull together, Yes, both the rough and neat. There's some link that makes for sameness In the different men you meet.

And thus as you look at them closer, You find out why Pat and Mike, Though widely distinct outwardly, Are inwardly framed alike; The soul is the linking symbol That binds their unwilling feet, And puts the same hope in the mind's eye.

Of the different men you meet. —LENN WILSON.

THE FIRST OFFENCE.

Old Noah hunted up a barrel stave and started off for the stern of the ark. "Where are you going?" asked Mrs. Noah. "I am going to whale that boy Ham," replied Noah with a frown. "But, my dear, that lad is only playing on his banjo."

"Yes, but it is the tune he is playing."

"And what is the tune?"

"Wait Till the Sun Shines, Lizzie."

A CANADIAN OBJECT LESSON.

In 1903 the street railway system of Toronto, Canada, was capitalised at only \$5,000,000 stock and \$3,000,000 bonds, although the company was operating eighty-eight miles of railway. In the city limits. By the terms of its contract with the city the company sells ten tickets for twenty-five cents to school children. For use during morning and evening hours, when people are going to their work or coming home from it, tickets are sold at the rate of 7 for 25 cents. Tickets good at all times are sold at the rate of six for 25 cents, or 25 for \$1. At the same time the company pays the city \$800 annually for each mile of single track, and also a percentage of gross receipts on a sliding scale, starting at 8 per cent. on all receipts over \$3,000 a year. Moreover, the company is bound to lay rails on such streets and run cars in such number as the city authorities may direct. And yet the company's stocks and bonds are sold at a premium, making regular returns to their holders.

THE QUESTION.

John Wanamaker superintends, as all the world knows, one of the largest Sunday schools in the world—Bethany Sunday school in Philadelphia. It is said of Mr. Wanamaker that one Sunday he delivered before the infant class of Bethany a brief but eloquent address on the lesson. At the end he said:—

"And now is there any question that any little boy or girl would like to ask me?"

A girl of eight or nine arose.

"Well, Martha, what is it?" said the superintendent, smiling on the tot in kindly fashion.

"Please, Mr. Wanamaker," said the little girl, "what is the price of those large wax dolls in your window?"

A STREAM OF WATER TO DISPERSE STRIKERS
Novel Plan Adopted to Deal With Excited Women

Mill Operatives, After a Fierce Attack on the Police, Were Cooled by the Hose

WEST WARREN, Mass., April 11.—A powerful stream of water from the mill's fire hose dispersed a crowd of strikers at the gates of the Thorndike Mills yesterday after the police had been attacked by twenty infuriated women, who slapped their faces, pulled their hair and called them names. One of the women, Zofia Kogon, was clubbed and badly injured. The police squad, numbering six officers, were powerless to break up the mob until the mill officials dragged out the hose and turned a good-sized stream on the crowd. The street was cleared in a few seconds.

Although it was announced that the three mills of the Thorndike Company where there has been a strike since Monday, would shut down yesterday, a few of the help appeared at the gates in the morning and were admitted. With their assistance 240 of the 1,000 looms were started and kept in operation during the forenoon. The operatives went home for dinner but on their return they found a crowd of strikers at the gates. The mill officials called for police assistance and six sturdy officers lined up in front of the gates. The array of force seemed to infuriate the mob and twenty women strikers were massed in front of the crowd and pushed toward the officers. In the confusion which followed the policemen's hats were knocked off, their faces slapped, their hair pulled and they were called all sorts of names.

The officers withstood the attack and the abuse for a few minutes and then drew their clubs and revolvers. The officers claim that one of the women Zofia Kogon was particularly abusive in her attacks and one of the officers struck her on the head. Finding that the policemen were unable to handle the crowd, the mill officials ordered the fire hose and a couple of hands pushed the nozzle through the gates. A minute later the water came through with a rush and the stream struck full in the face of a dozen strikers who were within ten feet of the gates.

Sons of those who were hit were thrown down by the force of the stream. The others scattered in every direction and within ten seconds the street in front of the mill was clear. The operatives were not molested as they left for the night.

GREAT INCREASE OF TRADE WITH UNITED STATES

OTTAWA, April 10.—The trade returns of the dominion for the past fiscal year indicate that the increase in Canada's trade with the United States has been considerably more than double the increase in trade with Great Britain. The trade with the other British possessions has remained comparatively about the same in volume while the trade with foreign countries, other than the United States shows a fair increase.

The figures for the last month of the fiscal year are not yet available but for eleven months ended Feb. 28th last the increase in imports from Great Britain over the corresponding period of 1905-6 was \$13,640,512, and in exports to Great Britain \$9,024,000, making a total increase in trade with Great Britain amounting to \$22,664,512.

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ANOTHER SHIP FOR ALLANS.

MONTREAL, April 10.—The Allan Line has ordered another ten thousand ton steamer, the City of St. John, to be built at a similar type to these now building, resembling the Bavarian.

WILL RUN IN HANTS.

WINDSOR, April 10.—At a Conservative convention held at South Maitland today, E. A. O'Brien, merchant, of Noel, was nominated to contest the seat in front of the Nova Scotia Legislature, made vacant by appointment of Hon. Arthur Drysdale to the Supreme Court bench.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of Harold Ernest Armstrong, died April 12, 1905.

DEATHS.

CHREED.—At Fredericton, on April 10th, Vega Lillian, daughter of Dr. H. C. Creed, aged 25 years, leaving father, mother and three brothers to mourn.

FUNERAL on Friday at four o'clock. CRAIG.—On April 10th, Frank Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Craig, in his thirty-second year. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p. m., from the home of his parents, 231 King St. Friends invited to attend.

HUNAN BATHED IN HUMAN BLOOD
Terrible Story Told By Missionary in Shanghai News

From Five to Ten Executions Every Day in One City—Sullen, Dogged Temper Manifested by Rebels.

VANCOUVER, April 10.—The last issue of The Shanghai Daily News states that troops have been sent to the northeastern corner of Hunan. A missionary writing from that district paints a terrible picture of the state of affairs. He says:—

"This place is now being washed in blood. Every day from five to ten heads come off in the city. The troops are quartered in the various parishes, and every family is being questioned and searched. All who can be shown to have joined the secret society, Hsueh-ping, are doomed. Orders for extermination of the society are being rigorously carried out. The work is distasteful to many of the officers and soldiers. Most of them take a gloomy view of the future. The rebels to a man (I mean those of them that have been decapitated) want to their deaths confident that they would soon be avenged. I find a sullen, dogged sort of temper manifested on all sides. It bodes no good."

"The hottest fight took place only half a mile from here. A bridge at the end of the street was the scene, and for over twenty hours a howling mob faced the fire of the troops. At the commencement only a handful of soldiers guarded the bridge, and the mob was not so large as it ultimately became. Things were queer for some time, and the city was deserted. At the finish all died except our own people. At the south gate a body of troops was surrounded by thousands of rebels. The troops had only a few rounds of ball, and for several hours they maintained a fight made up of bayonet charges. The rebels did not know of the shortage of ammunition, or it would have gone hard with the soldiers."

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MASSON ON TRIAL

FOR MANSLAUGHTER

CORNWALL, Ont., April 10.—Charles E. Masson, of Ottawa, was put on trial on a charge of manslaughter to answer for the killing of Bud McCourt in a hockey match March 6.

After addressing the jury Mr. Preston, crown prosecutor, called George Airey, a spectator, who stated that he had seen Masson strike McCourt, who staggered and fell on the ice. Airey was in the witness box about an hour and told how McCourt had pursued and struck Chamberlain after the latter had struck him. It was after McCourt struck Chamberlain that Masson struck McCourt.

Jack Hunter, the Cornwall goal keeper, saw Masson strike McCourt, who fell. He helped McCourt off the ice. There might have been other blows, but the only one witness saw was from Masson on McCourt.

The crown had ten witnesses yet to call, and the defence had fifteen subpoenaed. The case may last a couple of days.

LeROI WILLIS TO SEND

ROCKING CHAIR TO DELMAS

SYDNEY, N. S., April 10.—LeROI Willis, proprietor of the Sydney Hotel, is forwarding in a few days to Lawyer Delmas, the distinguished member of the San Francisco bar, engaged in conducting the defence in the Thav trial, a rocking chair made of Cape Breton wood. The following letter of acknowledgment has been received by Mr. Willis:

"New York, April 4, 1907.

"E. LeROI Willis, Sydney:

"Dear Sir: I shall be pleased to receive the gift which you are kind enough to offer, to send as an expression of your good wishes for my success in this case which seems to have won your interest and sympathy.

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