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CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The policy of dividing the city into six or seven districts for civic election purposes, suggested in the Times the other day, would lead to a greater degree of independence among the members of the council.

Under the present system, if one alderman openly censures, or makes a motion condemning another, he does so at the risk of incurring bitter opposition in that alderman's home ward in the next civic election. If he had only to appeal to his own division he would not be subject to any such influence. It may be argued that he should not be so influenced in any case, but experience teaches that even aldermen have an eye on their own future chances. With only their own district to appeal to, they would unquestionably be more independent in all such matters.

It has been argued that under the district system most of the time would be spent in wrangling over what the different districts should get out of the public purse—every man fighting for his own constituency—and that no works of general importance could be carried out by the council. Such a result could only follow the election to the council of men of very small calibre, which the Times believes would not be the case under the district system. As a matter of fact there is plenty of wrangling under the present system. Let any alderman ask for some new sidewalk in his ward and every other alderman is on his feet with a like demand. It could not be any worse under the district system, and if the right kind of men were elected there would be no such bickering at all.

The statement is also made that under the district system a man might make himself so popular that he could not be defeated. In answer it may be said that if he were a good man there would be no objection. If he were not, it would soon be found that he could be retired.

As was pointed out the other day, it would be easier to get a representative man to stand for the council if he had only one sixth or one seventh of the population to appeal to, than if he had to canvass the whole city. And if a rearrangement of the boards were made so that one alderman would not have to serve on several boards there would be less sacrifice of time, and a greater inducement to active business men to become candidates. When an alderman is on several boards and perhaps also on several committees he must either sacrifice his own business or that of the city.

With six or seven districts, having say three aldermen for each, it would be possible to have each district represented on all the boards, without putting one man on any two of them. There would thus be less pressure on the time of each member, and the city would get the benefit of more concentrated thought and energy in the affairs of each department.

THE WHEAT CROP.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce issued toward the end of October an estimate of this year's wheat crop in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The report is thus summarized by a western paper:—

"It places the year's crop at 60,000,000 bushels, as compared with 51,473,000 bushels last year, and 68,833,000 in the year before. The great bulk of the grain is ranked as high grade, and should, therefore, bring good prices. In fact, the bank figures that the farmer will get at least 80 cents per bushel for the greater portion of the wheat which he ships. Some of the lower grade article will sell as low as 50 cents per bushel, but even so, the country is believed to be better off than in preceding years. In 1903 the farmer received an average of only 65 cents for his product, and in 1902 the average price was 55c. Taking these figures as a basis it is calculated that the wheat crop in the Canadian West is this year worth $43,800,000, as compared with $33,457,000 in 1903, and $35,108,150 in 1902. An increase of $10,000,000 over last year, and a gain of nearly $9,000,000 over the year before, constitute on the whole a very satisfactory showing. It is true that the money thus produced from the ground has this year to be divided amongst a considerably increased population, but, nevertheless, it is clear that the West is steadily progressing, and that it is no longer dependent upon one crop, one interest, or one locality."

Some authorities estimate the wheat crop at over 60,000,000 bushels. In any case it represents a large amount of wealth for the farmers of the west.

The Ontario crop, on the other hand, has not been as good as usual. The Toronto News tells a rather gloomy story about it, as follows:—

"As for the wheat crop in Ontario this season there is a very different story to tell. The yield is seriously deficient, both in quantity and in quality. In fact, Ontario's wheat harvest of 1904 is the poorest in fifteen years. The Department of Agriculture estimates the fall wheat crop at 9,160,623 bushels, as compared with 17,242,763 bushels last year, and the spring wheat crop at 3,471,103 bushels, as against 4,650,707 bushels a year ago. Thus, this year's total yield is 12,631,736 bushels in comparison with 21,893,470 bushels in 1903. The quality of Ontario spring wheat has for years been of the down grade, but heretofore our fall wheat has held its own. This season both are inferior samples. In fact, The News has it on the highest authority than an extremely small percentage of Ontario grown wheat is this year fit either for export or for mixing with hard wheat from Manitoba, to produce flour for the domestic market. Practically the whole of the season's output in this Province will be used as feedstuff for live stock and poultry. Turned into beef, pork and dairy products, the wheat harvest of 1904 may be worth $10,000,000. This compares with a rough estimate of $15,000,000 as the value of Ontario's wheat crop of 1903."

But Ontario has compensations. It is pointed out that there have been heavy crops of hay and oats, with good pasturage and a now improving market for dairy produce. In 1893 the Ontario oat crop was 58,000,000 bushels; in 1903 it was 110,000,000. There has been a great development of the live stock industry. In 1902 Ontario produced $58,000,000 worth of beef, bacon, pork and cheese, an increase of $27,000,000 over the value in 1896. Thus a partial failure of the wheat crop is not so keenly felt in that province as in former years.

So far as can be gathered from the reports, the temperance legislation endorsed by the Ontario liberal convention is of an exceedingly mild character, and likely to prove very unsatisfactory to prohibitionists. But there is no prospect of the conservatives making prohibition a plank in their platform.

The great battle near Mukden, which it is expected will be the most fiercely contested of the war up to this time, has not yet begun. There are signs, however, which point to an early struggle. Armies lying in trenches within easy gunshot of each other are not likely to spend the winter in idleness.

According to a statement in this morning's Sun the directors of the street railway company have met with many difficulties in their eager efforts to enlarge their service. The evidence of a live company is its ability to overcome difficulties.

Many women in New York are Wall street speculators, and many of them lose money either through unwise investment or through dishonest brokers. They are the "ewe lambs."

The Japanese besiegers are slowly but surely making headway at Port Arthur, and the position of the beleaguered garrison must now be extremely critical.

Many old friends in St. John will learn with regret of the death of Mr. E. R. Burpee, who passed away today.

GRAND FALLS.

Victoria County Court Hears Interesting Cases.

Grand Falls, Nov. 24—The Victoria County Court opened at Andover on Tuesday. His Honor, Judge Carleton, presiding. The slander case of Dr. Rouleau vs. Guay, of which notice of trial had been given, was not entered, and hence the plaintiff must pay the costs to the defendant. Only one cause—Rogers and Porter — was entered on the docket. This was brought by the plaintiff to recover the value of certain sheep unlawfully taken and sold by the defendant. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for $39.27, and court adjourned Wednesday noon.

The new steel ceiling has been placed in the court house which has been re-painted and repaired throughout. A new steam heating furnace maintains an equable temperature. The costs of the repairs will approximate $5000, and Victoria County may now boast of the handsomest court house in the province.

There will be a grand ball in Van Buren, this evening, which is Thanksgiving with our Maine friends, and a large number from Grand Falls will attend.

J. J. Power and Chas. A. Owens, St. John, are in town to-day.

Chas. O. Maguire, Guysboro, N. S., and T. F. Bookman, Sydney, N. S., members of the Grand Trunk Pacific survey, arrived here last evening.

The Grand Trunk Pacific survey to Woodstock, under the direction of Charles Garden, C. E. averages, about a mile a day in progress. They are experiencing no difficulty in running a line with a low gradient. C. O. Foss' party, which finished operations between here and Edmundston, are now working between Chipman and Boiestown.

A SINGER HONORED.

Munich, Bavaria, Nov. 24.—The Ludwig medal of Bavaria for the Department of Science and art, has been conferred on Albert Reiss, the singer, now engaged at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.

Her complexion is very clear, said the casual acquaintance. Yes, indeed, her dearest friend agreed; anybody can see through it.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford Have Been Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford of Birch Ridge, Carleton county, will on Monday next see the fiftieth anniversary of the day on which they were made man and wife.

Mr. Crawford is a prosperous farmer on the Tobique. He is a native of Donegal, Ireland, and was born there in 1823, being now eighty-one years of age. Mrs. Crawford, who was formerly Miss Byers, was born, at the same place in 1825, and is now in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. Crawford is in possession of all his faculties and is almost as smart as he was twenty years ago. The same is true of Mrs. Crawford, who manages her household with the same regularity and system as in her earlier life.

Mr. Crawford was a shipbuilder by trade and for many years was engaged in this business in St. John. He was employed at the Courtenay Bay yards. Mr. Crawford continued in this city until 1879, when he took up land on the Tobique and with his wife and two younger sons went to Birch Ridge where he has since resided.

While in St. John Mr. Crawford was an active worker in the Orange order and was a member of Albion lodge, No. 13.

Of the marriage seven children have been born, five of whom are now living. The children are: Henry, who conducts a plumbing establishment on Union street, St. John:

Mrs. Elizabeth McClary, wife of Henry McClary of Andover:

The late Mrs. John B. Ganter, formerly of Woodstock.

William Crawford, tinsmith, of Brussels street, St. John;

Robert Crawford, member of the St. John police force;

Alexander, who is engaged in lumbering on the Tobique.

Another son, Joseph, died in infancy.

It is the intention of all the children to attend the anniversary celebration at Birch Ridge on Monday next.

Robert, Henry, and William Crawford will go from St. John and possibly Mrs. James Dunlap and Mrs. William Scott, who are sisters of Mr. Crawford.

"TRUMPED UP PLOT"

This is Unat Labor Leader Valentine Says Caused His Arrest.

Cincinnati, Nov. 24.—President Joseph F. Valentine, of the Iron Molders' Union of North America, who was arrested in Cleveland on a warrant charge out by President Gossiger of the Eureka Foundry Company, on the charge of aiding and abetting in the malicious destruction of property, arrived in Cincinnati, tonight, accompanied by Detective Callahan.

Several officers of the Moulders' union who were in waiting, were cordially greeted by Valentine. He then went to police headquarters. There Edward Denny, secretary of the Iron Moulders' Union of North America, awaited him with a bond of $2,000, on which Valentine was at once released to appear in police court next Monday.

President Valentine said: "The first news of the alleged plot reached me in Cleveland, where I had gone on official business. I consider the whole thing a trumped up plot to persecute and intimidate innocent men.

I am determined the whole plot shall be revealed and the public will then know who the real conspirators are."

BLEW UP A BANK.

Robbers Use Nitro-Glycerine on a Baltimore Institution ...$3,000 Stolen.

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—A special from La Plata, Charles county, says that several men blew up the building of the Southern Maryland Savings Bank, early today, securing $3,000 in cash. Nitro-glycerine is supposed to have been the explosive used. The robbers escaped, cutting the telegraph and telephone wires before leaving. The government line from the government proving grounds from Indian Head to Washington, was found in working order and the police of that city and Baltimore were notified of the robbery.

HARCOURT NEWS.

Harcourt Nov. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Davidge have removed to Moncton. Miss Miriam Bulmer, the latter's sister, who lived with them, has returned to her home in Harley Road.

Mrs. Stephen M. Dunn has opened a new general store at Oulton's Corner, Weldford.

Mrs. Benjamin MacLeod has enlarged her business here by opening a branch store in the shop lately vacated by Mrs. Gordon Livingston.

A. J. Morton, who has recovered from his illness, has taken the express agency here, in succession to J. W. Lutes, who resigned about a month ago. In the interim all express matter for Harcourt came to Kent Junction, and from there by freight.

L. P. MacMichael, assistant station agent here, has been transferred to a more important situation in Campbellton I. C. R. service. He was an obliging official and deserved promotion. The duties of assistant here are being performed by Aubrey Hetherington.

Daniel Young, who lately returned from the Cumberland Co., lumber woods with a badly cut foot, will soon be able to go to his home in Weldford. He is staying at the Canadian House.

LOVE LAUGHS AT BARRIERS.

An Up-to-Date Portland Me,, Girl Wins Husband in Original Manner.

(Bangor News.)

A love romance which for daring and startling features is rarely equalled, was carried to a successful termination in Portland last week. If the story is a true one, and nothing has been learned to prove it false, the up-to-date popular novel is put very much in the shade by this tale of love and adventure beginning on Great Diamond Island, with the action being carried to Portland, and ending again on the island.

The principals in the affair are said to be Sergeant Mert. J. Whitty, who created so much excitement on Portland Pier several weeks ago by going suddenly insane and acting in a very threatening manner, and Miss Maria Gardiner, who, it was announced at the time of his going insane, he was to marry.

The story now told about the two is as follows.

One night last week Mis Gardiner by a piece of strategy succeeded in breaking open a window in the hospital at Fort McKinley, where Whitty has been since the affair on Portland Pier. After he had crawled out through the window he and Miss Gardiner hurried to a small row boat which she had ready to receive him, and somewhere abgut 10 o'clock, as near as can be learned, the two started on their long row to the city to get married. Half a gale was blowing at the time and it is said that it is a wonder that both were not drowned, and as it was they had all they wanted to do to keep the boat afloat.

On arriving in Portland the two went immediately to a justice of the peace and the marriage ceremony was performed. Before Sergt. Whitty had his attack of temporary insanity on Portland Pier he had made full arrangements for the marriage last week, even to the engaging of the justice of the peace.

As near as it can be learned it was nearly 1 o'clock in the morning before the party was ready to start back, and then the trip was again made in the little boat to the island, and like the row up it was an extremely rough and dangerous journey and their lives were in danger several times.

The island was reached at length and Sergt. Whitty went back to the hospital and was just climbing in through the window through which he had made his escape when he was discovered by the guard. He was immediately placed under arrest and conducted to the guard house. He is now spending his days in the hospital, but each night he is placed in the guard house and what the consequences of his escapade will be are not certain.

So far as getting married is concerned he had a perfect right to do that but permission was necessary from the commanding officer of the post. The whole plan fell to pieces in his being discovered when he was re-entering the hospital, for he had succeeded in getting in without being discovered no one would have been the wiser about his getting out and getting married.

The officers at Fort McKinley refuse to say anything about the matter and in fact, the affair is known to only a very few. Miss Gardiner is a Boston girl employed in the house of Lieut. Col. Cailff, the commander of Fort McKinley, and Sergt. Whitty is from Richmond, Virginia.

NICE TO BE RICH.

One of the women of the Vanderbilt family employs a young woman to dust her bric-a-brac. The young woman receives a big salary for her work and her hours are short and time is practically her own. In the Vanderbilt mansion she occupies her own suite of rooms and when she goes out to drive she has her own hansom. A saddle horse it at her disposal. "If I were to employ a green girl to dust my bric-a-brac," reasons Mrs. Vanderbilt, "it would soon be all broken. She would break more in a minute than I pay her in a year. I must get a refined, cultivated young woman, who will realize its importance and its beauty and its value." And so she pays, $5,000 a year to a college graduate to keep the numerous pieces of bric-a-brac dusted.

HATES STREET ORGAN.

Theordore Hansen, first secretary of the Russian embassy, in Washington, is an accomplished musician, being devoted especially to the piano. Most of his spare time is passed fingering the keys of a concert grand which he has in his apartments. But he is haunted by street pianos, which seem to have a satanic propensity for cutting loose just in front of wherever he happens to live. Three times he has changed his quarters on this account, and he solemnly declares that unless he can effect permanent escape from the torment of "popular music," he may be driven to resigning his position.

AN ELECTION STORY.

Among the local political campaigns in Missouri none was more lively than that between Edward Gibbany and Edward Ernest for prosecuting attorney in Gentry County. Gibbany was electioneering in the country one day when he stopped at a farm where a woman was milking a cow. Thinking about votes, he gallantly offered to finish the milking. As he milked he told the woman he was running for prosecuting attorney against Mr. Ernst. "Yes, I know the fellow," said she. "He's 'round behind the barn now holding the calf."

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NOTICE.

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