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THE OFFICE SEEKER.

He Too Frequently Engages in Practices That Are Reprehensible.

It is a melancholy and unfortunate thing that in a form of government where so much depends upon the character of the persons who fill the public offices there should be so strongly marked a tendency in office holding and in office seeking to debauch and undermine the moral nature. The charm and fascination of office holding seems to be both perennial and irresistible. Once a man has held an office he may be considered as for the rest of his life given over to the political struggle, and the exceptions are so few to this rule that they may be regarded as not worthy of notice. Whether it is that the vanity is touched by the trifling consequence that one wins while holding some trivial place and that immediately the heart of the office holder stirs within him at the thought of the increased importance which he would gain were he but elected or appointed to a higher, or whether it is but an unconscious effect of the instinctive struggle for precedence which underlies evolution, he may settle who can; but of the fact there is unhappily no doubt. Men otherwise honest will fawn, flatter, bribe, cheat and do for a paltry office a thousand things to which they would never have condescended in the ordinary course of their lives. They will identify themselves with things which they secretly loath and become hail-fellow-well-met with persons whom is the most violent effort for them to tolerate at all. They will sell their manhood and do all these things with an apparent unconsciousness that they are doing anything of which they have reason to be in the least ashamed, so completely does the struggle for office seem to blunt their sense of right and wrong.

Once a man is in office all his pride, moreover, is enlisted to keep in and to advance. It is looked upon as a confession of defeat to retire. The office holder knows that if he gives up nobody will believe his excuses, no matter how true or how plausible they may be. It will be universally supposed that he was turned out of office. The voluntary resignation of a place does not come into the scheme of life which the general public is able to comprehend. The worst of it is that there are always unscrupulous men who are willing to use the most dishonorable means to obtain or retain an office, and it follows that it is often all but impossible for an honorable man to beat them by fair means. The usual course of the experience of the office-seeker is that in the beginning he refuses to have anything to do with the tricks by which votes or appointments are to be obtained. Then he comes in time to conclude that if others are willing to take the responsibility of such things that he is not required to know it, and he cultivates the habit of shutting his eyes to things which would be unpleasant to know. As time goes on, and his political conscience becomes more blunted, he is able to know some of the tricks by which his henchmen have outwitted other workers in the same field, and to smile at the cleverness and effectiveness of these unholy devices. The man who is in the enjoyment of the fruits of a campaign is not in a position to sit in severe judgment upon the acts by which he has secured victory, and in the end it is remarkable how natural it becomes for the henchmen to apply to their chief in situations which at the outset of his career it would have devoured him with the most burning shame to think of as possible in connection with himself.

All this is the more melancholy as we need the best men in office; but it is a severe sacrifice to pay if the service of the country demands the surrender of our moral integrity. That there are men who find it possible to remain honest in the midst of political corruption may be granted, but it is to be feared that they are few, and that the ordinary man is so far from possessing the extraordinary gifts which make it possible for them to retain at once their ascendancy and their self-respect as to be unable to follow in their footsteps. It is a thing not to be denied, that there can hardly a greater misfortune befall a young man, especially if he be a man of strong ambitions, and not over robust moral fibre, than to get into politics. The father who advised his son to earn his living by digging clams rather than to accept a federal appointment, doubtless put the matter strongly, but on the whole was he not right in principle at least?

—Boston Courier.

When the police run onto the man with the dancing bear there's generally trouble bruin'.

DRAMA AT THE "POINT."

Thursday Evening was the Opening of the Season, and the initial performance by the Burton Dramatic Club of the highly interesting melo-drama "The Silver King," which had been chosen for the occasion. The Grand Trunk Reading-room Hall was well filled with the residents of the "Point," all eager to welcome back the "Burton" favorites of last winter. This club is to be congratulated on the rapid strides it has made during the short life it has had. Some of the old faces of last season were missed, notably Mr. Alf. Dougherty, but the club has secured excellent substitutes for those who are gone. Too much cannot be said of the success of "The Silver King," and the Burton Club deserve the encouragement of not only the residents of Point St. Charles, but those of the city also. Of the lady artists in the cast, Mrs. Nell Warner, as "Nellie Dewar," was, of course, the attraction. Her rendering of the part was artistic and natural, and it is doubtful if it could have been improved upon. Little Miss Eva Vineberg was also good as "Crissy," her daughter. The other ladies were also well trained in their respective parts. Of the gentlemen, special praise must be given to Mr. A. Fabian for his splendid acting and portrayal of the character, "Wilfred Denver." Mr. James Beattie, as "Combs" was also excellent, with but one little fault, and that is, that he is at times inclined to raise his voice to an unnecessary high pitch when it is not required. Messrs. Corner, McLaughlin, Graham, Canfield, J. Dougherty, Leduc and the other members of the cast were all first-class. On the whole "The Silver King" was the most successful drama yet produced in the Grand Trunk Reading-room.

Last night the play was again produced to a crowded house, with the substitution of Miss Kitts as "Crissy," and was if anything more successful than the production of the preceding night. The Burton Club has now in preparation a new play to be given about the sixteenth of next month.

THE WIDOW FLYNN CASE.

The following additional subscriptions to Widow Flynn Fund have been received:—

Central Trades and Labor Council	\$100.00
Bricklayers' Union	50.00
H. Jacobs & Co.	10.00
T. J. Winship & Co.	10.00
L. O. Grothe & Co.	5.00
C. Horstol	.25
J. P. Moncel	.25
Jno. Taylor	.25
D. McLean	.25
T. J. Finn, jr.	.25

OBITUARY.

By the death of Michael McNamara, longshoreman, of 194 Ottawa street, which occurred last week from consumption after a lingering illness, River Front Assembly of the K. of L. loses a steadfast and consistent member. Mr. McNamara joined the Assembly on its formation and has ever since remained a member. His brethren, accompanied by a large number of Black Diamond Assembly, headed the funeral cortege which was a very large one and showed the esteem in which Mr. McNamara was held by his brother workmen. The pall-bearers were Messrs. L. Callaghan, J. Fuller, J. Warren, J. Kennedy, S. McKeown and M. H. Brennan. Mr. Tracey, the well-known funeral director, had charge of the arrangements.

THE WATER TAX.

Quite a large number of people assembled last Monday evening at St. James market, on the invitation of the Central Trades and Labor Council, to hear addresses on the Water Tax question and the shilly-shallying policy of the City Council in connection therewith. Mr. U. Lafontaine presided, and the principal speakers were Messrs. Rodier and Godin who went exhaustively into the whole question, reviewing the negotiations entered into by the Trades and Labor Council with the City Council and the consequent law proceedings up to the present time. A resolution endorsing the action of the Trades Council was carried enthusiastically and the meeting adjourned.

There will be another meeting next Saturday evening in Chaboillez Square on the same question.

Mr. Balfour denies the statement that he has been appointed leader of the House of Commons.

THE TRADES COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting—Water Tax, Cases—Ottawa Strike, Etc.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday evening last. L. Z. Boudreau, President, in the chair.

Credentials were read and accepted from J. McGrath, representing Cigarmakers' Union, No. 226; D. Rochon and Jean Bte. Meilleure, Carriagemakers' Union; J. B. A. Trudel, Monleam Assembly; H. Gravel, F. Duval and A. Thibault, Grande Hermine Assembly; J. H. Garrigan, W. Chambers and M. Cairns, A. F. Glassworkers' Union.

Several credentials from organizations in arrears for per capita tax were also read, when it was moved by Delegate Ryan, seconded by Delegate J. Brennan, that the representatives of the organizations in arrears be accorded a seat on condition that they pay their arrears within a month.

In amendment by Delegate Pigeon, seconded by Delegate Lafrance, that the organizations in arrears be not admitted, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write them, stating that on payment of their arrears they will be entitled to representation by delegates.

The amendment was carried by 17 to 15. Delegates A. Chabot and Thos. Fisher were appointed on the Legislative Committee, in place of Messrs. Cohen and Courtemanche.

The Special Committee on the Water Tax matter, reported through Delegate J. A. Rodier, having held their first public meeting on Monday evening last, at the St. James' Market, where several speakers condemned the manner in which this question was shirked by the City Council, and urged upon those present the necessity of opposing every alderman who will not pledge himself to have the water tax re-adjusted.

The Committee also notified the Council that another public meeting would be held on Saturday evening next, on Chaboillez square at 8 o'clock.

The Committee also reported having interviewed Messrs. Barnard & Barnard with reference to the judgment rendered by Judge Wurtele, awarding \$50 damages to the four plaintiffs, and that these gentlemen refused to entertain the Council's claim for a return of the damages and costs allowed them by the judgment; holding that as the cases had been discontinued by the Council they were not entitled to any reimbursement.

President Boudreau here explained that it was clearly understood by the committee who waited on Messrs. Barnard & Barnard that in the event of a favorable judgment the amount of the costs would be returned to the Council.

It was then moved by Delegate Cousineau, seconded by Delegate Corbeil, that the committee with whom these arrangements were made, Messrs. Boudreau and Keys, be instructed to interview Messrs. Barnard & Barnard in this connection and report at next meeting. Carried.

The Widow Flynn fund committee reported that satisfactory progress was being made.

Several bills were read and ordered paid. A communication from D. A. 19, asking for a loan of \$100, was then read.

It was moved by Delegate Lafrance, seconded by Delegate Pelletier that the communication be laid on the table.

A secret ballot was taken on this motion, resulting in the defeat of the motion by 26 to 19.

It was then moved by Delegate Darlington, seconded by Delegate Martin that the request of D. A. 19 be granted.

At the request of the President the regular order of business was suspended to permit Mr. N. Page, the delegate from the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council, to report his success so far, and to explain the apparent collapse of the strike. He said that the mill owners approached the committee of the Ottawa Trades Council some days ago and informed them that if the men on strike would return to work the concessions demanded by them would be granted in two or three days. As the concessions had not been granted at the end of that time the committee waited on the mill owners. All the satisfaction that could be got from these individuals was "Well, the men have returned to work and we don't care to discuss the matter any further." The committee reported this answer to the mill men, and as a result over 800 men left their work and the strike is on with renewed vigor. Mr. Page warmly thanked

the committee and the labor organizations who so promptly answered to his appeal, and requested that, as he was leaving for Ottawa Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, all those having subscription lists in their possession would return them to him before that time. On motion the meeting then adjourned.

SCRAPS FOR CIGARMAKERS

Sometime ago I expressed my opinion on the Two Union system as it exists in this city among the Cigarmakers and expressed a desire to meet those who upheld such a system through the columns of THE ECHO, but up to the present time I have failed to hear any of those persons who favor the continuance of this evil attempt to give any satisfactory reasons why the system should be continued. Now I claim that the two union system in one trade, and city, in which there are but a small membership such as will be found in most organizations in this city, is one of the principal causes to which can be attributed the disorganization and lack of energy which is so prevalent among labor organizations. The amalgamation of all unions which are now working under the two charter system would be a move in the right direction, as it would tend to bring about unity of action and increased energy on the part of all the members, which would result in placing such organizations on a sound basis, and in a position that they could practically and successfully carry out the aims and objects for which they are organized.

In looking over a card which comes from what is supposed to be one of the oldest and best conducted unions in this city, I found that about one-half of its members are in arrears in amounts of from one to eleven dollars each, which, if collected, would reach close on to one thousand dollars, and what is to be regretted is that little, if any, progress is being made to collect the same, or re-organize. This trade is working under the two charter system.

The shop-pets which are to be found in a number of factories, and who were conspicuous in organizing shop picnics, seemed to have met their just reward by being wiped into oblivion. It is to be hoped that the holidays which are fast approaching, and which seem to be long looked for by some people in order that they may distinguish themselves by opening a subscription list for the purpose of presenting the boss or foreman of the establishment with a present, will meet with a prompt refusal and be nipped in the bud. Remember that the winter prices are soon at hand, and that the reduction which you will have to submit to is more than sufficient to buy a present for the foreman and boss included.

A very unpleasant scene took place in one of our large establishments on Tuesday in which one of the players of a well known lacrosse club took a leading part. The prompt interference of the referee, who warned the stars that he would send them to the fence, should they resort to such conduct again, had the desired effect. The match was declared a draw. It appears Montreal was not on the map that was used by the convention recently held in Indianapolis. Where was representative No. 58?

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I record the death of our deceased brother member, Mr. Edward Frechette, who died early in the week, after a long and painful illness, at the age of twenty-five years. Universal regret is expressed at his death, as he was a faithful member of Union No. 58. Resolutions of condolence were passed by the Union, to the deceased member's family, and the Charter was draped in mourning for 30 days. The members attended the funeral in a body.

There is some talk among the fraternity of presenting an illuminated address to the gentleman who is known as a good, square man.

Lou Gruenwald, a bunchmaker of New York city, attempted suicide on Sunday, Oct. 8rd, by jumping from a third story window. His injuries are not serious.

The longest session ever held since the foundation of the International Union adjourned on Tuesday, Oct. 7. There were 188 delegates in attendance, representing some 800 local unions.

"SCRAPS."

Don't Swear.

A newspaper man, who evidently believes in telling things just as they are, says: Do not swear. There is no occasion to swear outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof reading and indispensable in getting forms to press, and has been known to assist in looking over the paper when it is printed, but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit.