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And over it circling bats
And the sound of the klondike's crying,
And around it the sigh of the wind in a network
of shivering weeds.

Dash on the wide, low plain,
And a star in the distance peering
Over the surly peaks of shifting, vanishing blue,
And an oak tree black on the sand,
And a hare leaping off through the clearing,
And, out where the tarweeds toss, the bleat of a
wandering ewe.

Dash on the wide, low plain,
And a crane to the pools descending,
And soft where the multitudes wait the fit of a
ground owl's wing,
And a hawk beating home to his perch
Where the clouds with the crests are blending,
And shades of the hastening night round the less-
ening foothills cling.
—William Higgs in Youth's Companion.

HE ATE ANOTHER DINNER.

And Even at That He Didn't Get His Money's Worth.

"Speaking of the man who 'wants to get even' reminds me," said the room clerk, "of something that happened last season when I was working in Chicago. A man from South Bend, Ind., put up at the hotel on the American plan one day and took dinner outside with a friend. When he came to pay his bill that evening, he found he had been charged for the meal and immediately raised Cain. The clerk tried to explain that the American plan was based entirely upon time, and if he chose to eat elsewhere it was his own lookout, but the man from South Bend couldn't get it through his head. He paid the bill under protest and inquired whether dinner was still on."

"Yes, sir," said the clerk, "it lasts till 9 p. m."

"Then, by jings!" he exclaimed, "I'll just go up and tackle it! I've eaten one dinner already, but you bet I'm going to get my money's worth out of this old house if I bust!"

"He rushed into the dining room, grabbed a bill of fare and ordered everything he could think of, his sole idea being to get even for that charge. It was a sumptuous repast, and what he couldn't eat he messed up so it would be of no use to anybody else. When he finally got through, the waiter handed him a check for \$4.10."

"What's that for?" he asked in surprise.

"Your dinner, sir," said the waiter. "But I've already paid for it in my bill," he protested. "I'm staying here on the American plan."

"Then you should have gone to the other dining room," said the waiter. "This is the European plan cafe."

"The man from South Bend paid the bill in silence and walked out. When he reached the sidewalk, his pent up emotion exploded, and he said things that shocked even the cab drivers."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Alien From Arkansas.

"When I was on the bench," relates Judge J. J. Du Bose, "I was once making up a special jury for a murder trial. The lawyers were examining the venire, and I wasn't paying much attention to what was going on till one of the lawyers attracted my attention by saying:

"Your honor, this man is incompetent for jury service. He's a foreigner."

"I looked at the man under examination and didn't think he looked like a foreigner. He looked, anyway, like he was acclimated. So I asked him:

"Have you ever been naturalized?"

"No, sir," he answered.

"And you say you're a foreigner and not naturalized? What country are you a native of?"

"Arkansas."

"Well, everybody in the courtroom laughed. I told the man he could go. He wasn't much of a foreigner, but too much to sit on a jury in my court."—Memphis Scimitar.

Secret Drawers.

"Most people seem to think," says a maker of furniture, "that secret drawers and hidden receptacles in furniture only exist in novels and plays, but this is by no means so. I very frequently take orders for such items, and I employ a clever woman designer, who shows positive genius in planning places of concealment, which no amount of tapping or measuring could reveal. In most cases, even were the hollow receptacle discovered, the wood-work around would have to be cut away, so complex are the fastenings. Most of the orders come from women—and rich people, of course—and I have no doubt that a desire to hide articles from too curious servants dictates the orders."

A Grave Request.

A solicitor in a Georgia court is responsible for the following:
He overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing a recent funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said:

"When I die, don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old watermelon vine, and when it gets ripe you come dar, and don't you eat it, but jes' put it on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble down through de ground."—Youth's Companion.

Not Particular as to Weapons.

The waiter girl knew a thing or two about table etiquette, so she sniffed scornfully as she said, "It's not our custom to serve a knife with pie."

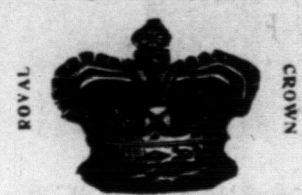
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There are Good Reasons for Believing That it Will Supplant the Use of French in Drawing up international Treaties

Considerable comment has been occasioned among officials of the State Department within the past few days over the fact that the new commercial treaty between Mexico and China is written in English. The use of the English language in drawing up international agreements is something unprecedented. French has had the distinction of being the diplomatic language, but the State Department officials now think that the drafting of the Mexican-Chinese treaty marks the beginning of the end of the general use of the French in this particular.

For the past 200 years in a large majority of negotiations looking toward the formation of international agreements, the language of the French people has been widely used by diplomats in official correspondence and in the actual drawing of the treaty itself. This rule, while general, has not been universal, but the few exceptions have only gone to prove the rule. French has been the social language. Nearly all men of education have been taught it, and in the social intercourse of Europe it has been generally spoken. From the fact that the diplomats of the world have been familiar with it, it has crept into diplomatic intercourse to the almost total exclusion of other languages.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was written in French, as have also been the majority of international documents during the past two centuries. With in recent years a rule has been made in diplomacy by which a diplomatic representative in official correspondence may employ the language of his own country, or that of any other if he chooses. Notwithstanding this rule the French has been retained in perhaps a majority of instances.

The German Ambassador now uses German in his correspondence with the State Department, and England's representative the English. The Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, Belgian, Turkish, Italian and Greek diplomatic representatives all employ the French, while those of China and Japan use English.

In a large measure English is supplanting the French both as a social and commercial language. The statistics of the International Postal Union gave the number of letters addressed in English from all parts of the world as being about 75 per cent.

In foreign universities the tongue of the Anglo-Saxon race is taking the place of the French, and the fast becoming the social medium of intercourse. From the general prevalence of the language it is thought that it will, before a quarter of a century, be the diplomatic language.

—Washington Times.

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HOWARD COUNCIL.

The municipal council of Howard met in the township hall on Thursday, Dec. 7th 1899, as a Court of Revision on McGregor creek drain. All members present.

The clerk reported 32 appeals against their assessment and one against the whole assessment as being unequal and unjust. 33 persons gave evidence as to their assessment, and also, B. McDonald in reference to his appeal against the whole assessment, claiming that the drain as proposed is too large, also the amounts allowed for damages, roads and farm bridges are excessive and should not be borne by the ratepayers on the drain, and consider that persons receiving the drain through their farms should be assessed higher, as they receive immediate benefit, while the people being on the high land had to contribute largely to drains to carry the water to a proper outlet.

Court adjourned to Jan. 8, 1900, at 2 p. m.

The council of Howard met on Dec. 15 as per statute. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed.

Communications.

From the Law Clerk's Dept. Toronto, asking the council to give them their opinion in reference to the changing of the financial year from the first of January to the first of December.—No action.

From S. R. Walters asking refund of dog tax.—No action.

From A. McDonnell, C. E., wishing balance of account McGregor creek drain.

From Orford Tp. appealing to the Referee against the assessment on the McGregor creek and Buller drain, asking that same should be abandoned or modified and that said assessment be illegal, unjust and excessive.

Reports.

E. D. Mitton, treasurer, presented his financial report which showed \$7,372.35 assets and liabilities.

The commissioners for the various divisions reported amounts expended for 1899.

No. 1 Div. and township, A. F. Campbell, \$499.35; No. 2, C. Williams, \$47.95; Div. 3, J. S. Boothroyd, \$504.40; Div. 4, John Crowder, \$234; Div. 5, G. W. Handy, \$286.

The following persons addressed the council:

N. P. Weeks and Chas. Buller in reference to sheep killed by dogs.

Joseph Whitsell wishing council to grant privilege to bore for gas on Erie street.—No action.

Robt. McKay, John Luch and R. Galbraith in reference to tile on Clark drain, stating that tile was never properly covered.—Left with commission.

Frederick Fysh in reference to placing tile opposite S. S. No. 13 to Arnold creek.

William Scarlett in reference to refund of dog tax. Refunded \$1.

Accounts amounting to \$235.15 ordered paid and charged to their several accounts.

Edward Erien was refunded \$7.80, Alfred Hunter \$1.84, John Robertson \$1.35, and Jas. Coll \$5.05 being error school tax.

N. P. Weeks \$6.66, Chas. Buller \$10, and A. Robinson \$2 for sheep killed and wounded by dogs.

A. McDonnell, C. E. \$60, Buller drain and \$50 on McGregor creek in full of account.

A. Martison refunded \$8 re tile de-benture.

The petition of John Duck and 92 others requesting a vote to be taken at the election to be held next Jan. for the prohibiting of animals running at large was granted.

The treasurer's financial statement was received and clerk authorized to get 200 copies printed for distribution.

Jas. Wright refunded \$3 to statute labor.

The reports of the various commissioners were received and orders drawn on treasurer for the commissioners.

Appeals from Orford on the McGregor creek and Buller drains were received and placed on file.

Adjourned to meet Sat., Dec. 16, at 3 p. m.

The council met Sat., Dec. 16 as a Court of Revision on Buller drain. All members present.

The clerk reported 19 appeals. 15 gave evidence in reference to their assessments.

Court adjourned to Jan. 8, 1900 at 3 p. m.

Council resumed for general business.

Petition was presented by A. Cole and 21 others, asking the council to refrain from granting to any person the privilege of boring for gas on the public highway in the proximity of the Methodist church, Morphet.—Request granted.

The clerk reported \$37, amounts allowed for clerk's fees on the various drains for 1899, same should be credited to general fund.

Treasurer authorized to have same done and charge to various drains.

The reeve was asked to vacate the chair and Geo. W. Handy take same. Moved by J. S. Boothroyd, seconded by J. C. Williams, that this council extend our best thanks to the reeve for the very courteous manner in which he has presided over this council for 1899.—Carried.

The reeve made a very suitable reply, stating that the past year had been a very pleasant year.

Council resumed and adjourned sine die.

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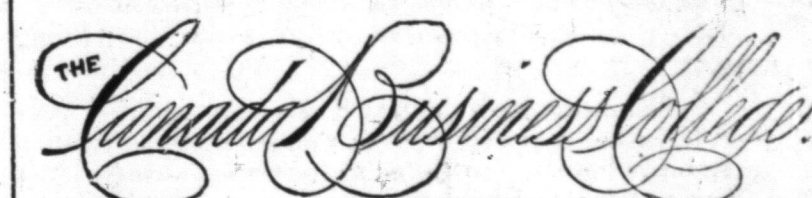
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