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JURORS AND EXCUSES.

The protest made by a number of jurors in the Circuit Court yesterday was along the line of comment in yesterday's Star. This paper pointed out that the sheriff meets with considerable difficulty in securing a sufficient number of men to act, but it is also to be suspected that the excuse offered by numbers of those who are summoned are frequently arranged for the occasion. The natural desire of a merchant is to attend to his business and jury duty means neglect. Consequently the average man racks his brain in order to discover some satisfactory reason by which he may escape serving in court.

Yesterday five who had been selected to serve on a case protested. Two, at least, of them had been chosen for the third consecutive case. They had been practically confined to the courthouse for fourteen working days. They thought this was a little too much of the good thing, and so it was. It might not have been if the other thirty-one men of the thirty-six originally summoned had under- stood the same treatment. But the majority of the petit jury called at the opening of the court found means to evade service, some by convenient business trips to outside points, others by speedily arranged illnesses and perhaps one or two for honest reasons.

There are some men who rather like jury duty; they are so situated that their pay goes on all the time they are absent from work and while serving on the jury they are able to avoid their creditors. These men are, however, comparatively few in number and they do not make very good jurors anyway. As a rule those who are summoned are men who have business interests which must be looked after, and it is extremely unfair to demand of any small group of such men more than a fair proportion of their time. Mr. Hall, Mr. Kaye and the others, who protested yesterday, had good reason for complaint and it is such conditions as have been imposed upon them that make jury service unpopular as it is today. The effect on justice is not beneficial, for the man who is continually thinking that he should be away attending to his business is not the one who can devote undivided attention to the matters before the court.

MISSIONARIES ON TRIAL.
Today at Lepperville in the Congo Slave State, two United States missionaries, Revs. W. M. Morrison and W. I. Sheppard, attached to the Presbyterian mission station at Luebo, face their trial for calumnious denunciation of the Congo Government, as represented by the Kasai Rubber Company. This trial was originally set for May 25th, but at the request of the United States Secretary of State several postponements have been granted. At the opening today, Emile Vander- velde, one of the foremost Belgian lawyers and a leading critic of Congo mis- rule, will appear for the defendants. He is acting, not for the missionaries alone, but in the interests of those who have so long been attacking the Congo administration.

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In 1904 Dr. Morrison in a lecture at Boston graphically described the oppression and cruelty practiced upon the natives of the Congo State. As a result of his campaign the International Peace Congress adopted resolutions calling for international intervention.

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MRS. VANDERBILT IS NOT TALKING OF THE DIVORCE
NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., with her son and daughter returned to New York from abroad today on the Cunard liner Lusitania. When asked to make a statement concerning the recent report of her marital troubles, she replied: "I cannot say anything at this time. I have been so much in the public eye that I do not wish to make any statement."

LOUISVILLE LEADS IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 24.—Louisville five points ahead of Milwaukee, Milwaukee nine points ahead of Minneapolis. This was the standing of the three leading clubs in the race for the American Association pennant when today each club entered its series.

A margin of only 111 points separates the leaders from the tail enders in the American Association.

PLENTY OF DOGS BUT FEW BAD-ONES.
The canine population of France is on the increase, although the human birth rate has decreased. In 1901 there were 2,545,029 dogs, in 1902, 2,523,590, while in 1903 their number exceeded 2,500,000. The tax on dogs brings more than 10,000,000 francs annually to the French budget. France 60 centimes being levied on each of the 2,685,532 watchdogs, and a franc 50 centimes on 88,344 animals kept merely as pets.

istration has not been recognized by the United States, (the latter country cannot allow the validity of the Congo courts.

The present state of affairs between the Congo administration and outside governments is that the British Government in its last protest, did not use language sufficiently impressive to meet the ideas of many who took an interest in the well being of the oppressed, that as a result of this mildness of language, the Congo administration emphatically declined to make several concessions demanded by the United States in a protest sent just previous to that from Britain. Secretary of State Knox has not yet forwarded another protest, but the Congo reform Association with headquarters in Boston, is carrying on a campaign with the object of forcing the government to take a firmer stand and insisting on the immediate carrying out of reform measures which have been suggested.

BACK TO THE FARM.
"Back to the land" they're crying. Where sways the golden grain, Back midst the joys and the pleasure Of childhood's years again.

Back on the rippling river, Where the playful billows croak, And the first fire lit in the twilight, On the shores of the Washademok.

Where I watched in the early spring-time, The ploughshare rend the sod, And the waving oats in the evening Entwined with the golden rod.

The voice of the crowded city Cries: Back once more to the land, But here is the side of the question We cannot understand.

If they're granted a thousand acres Freshhold—not under lease, What will we do in the future Should the city be short of police? RUBRID TIPLING.

LOSING NO CHANCES.
He (pointing on field)—That's Green over there. In a few weeks he will be our best man.

She—Oh, Charlie, this is so sudden!

MILD SUGGESTION.
"Don't you like that quotation from Shakespeare. The friends thou hast are merely shadows that go with thee; and thy soul with hoops of steel?" he asked softly.

"I think hoops of gold would be better," said the summer girl shyly.

Mary, aged 14, was found one day by an elder sister sobbing and crying. "What is the matter?" she asked with great concern.

"Three boys have asked me to go to the dance tonight," was the unexpected reply.

"Well, my dear child, certainly that is not such a terrible misfortune."

"Yes; but I told the first one I would go with him, and the last one was a long-punter!"

GRAMMAR.
Hetty's uncle, who was a school teacher, met her on the street one beautiful May day and asked her if she was going out with the Maying party.

"No, I ain't going."

"Oh, my little dear," said her uncle, "you must not say I ain't going. You must say 'I am not going.' and he proceeded to give her a short lesson in grammar. "You are not going. He is not going. Now, can you say all that, Hetty?"

"Sure, I can," she replied, making a courtesy. "There ain't nobody going."

PAINFUL MEMORIES.
Hamfist—Aha! I have a letter from my friend Boothby, but I like not his letter.

Barnstorm—What says the old Thesaurist?

Hamfist—Thus: "We are separated by hundreds of miles, but there are many ties between us."

DIFFERENT.
Percy—I braced the old man this morning and asked him if he was going to dress me up for the summer.

Fredy—What did he say?

Percy—He gave me a dressing down.

BOY HAULED ALOFT BY GROUP OF KITES
Twelve Year Old Lad Weighing 60 Pounds Raised 20 Feet and Carried 50 Yards

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 23.—Ralph A. Cooper, of Boston, who has been experimenting in kite flying at the home of his uncle in Rochester, N. Y., took a tall skyward at the end of a group of box-kites he had tied together for experimental purposes.

The boy is twelve years old and weighs sixty-two pounds. He went to the top of Clark's Hill, the highest land in that vicinity, near Greenville Pond. He fastened six kites together in the form of a Maltese cross. They measured about nine feet in width and height. The kites were sent up and it required two boys to hold it.

When at a height of 300 feet Cooper released his companion and thought he was able to handle them himself. He was raised to a height of twenty feet and the boy was lifted from the ground. He called for help and clung to the rope attached to the kites. He was raised to a height of twenty feet and the boy was lifted from the ground. He called for help and clung to the rope attached to the kites.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK
Four British Ships Now Off Sandy Hook, and Four German Ones in the Harbor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The German cruiser squadron composed of the Victoria Luise, Hertha, Bremen and Dresden, which will participate in the Hudson-Pulitzer ceremonies, arrived at New York today, reaching quarantine station at 8.15 a. m.

The British battleship Inflexible under command of Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, arrived off Sandy Hook this morning and joined the three other British warships which have been awaiting her arrival since yesterday. The British ships remained at anchor off the Hook.

The coming of Sir Edward Seymour is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the American officers. The flagship connected has been paired off with the Inflexible by order of Admiral Schroeder, and the officers of the fleet will see to it that their British brothers of the Inflexible get as good a time as possible during their stay in American waters.

"We can't do too much for Admiral Seymour," said an officer of one of the American battleships who was on duty in the far east when Sir Edward, then a Vice-Admiral, was in command of the British Asiatic Squadron. "We love him for his attitude at Manila while we have the greatest admiration for him as a man and a sailor."

The British fleet weighed anchor at 10.15 and started in toward Sandy Hook.

One Doctor
Have only one doctor—just one! No sense in running from one doctor to another! Select the best one, then stand by him. No sense trying this thing, that thing, for your cough. Carefully, deliberately select the best cough medicine, then take it. Stick to it.

Uncle Walt
The Poetic Philosopher

A poor old broken wanderer came peeling to my door; the bars were in his whiskers, and his feet were tired and sore; his rag, of all the rags on earth, were certainly the worst, and I heard him mutter sadly: "I am perishing of thirst!" On speedy feet I hastened with a dipper to the well, and I offered him the water, but he gave a frenzied yell; and he waved me from his presence with a hand grotesquely soiled, and he said: "Don't you read the papers? Drinking water should be boiled! I am crying: 'Don't you read the papers? I shall ne'er again be happy so long—watch the measly critters squirm! I shall ne'er again be happy till with water I am filled, but you'll simply have to boil it, and it ought to be distilled.' I had heard so much of microbes, I had read so much of germs, so much twaddle of bacilli, broached in scientific terms, that my heart was hot and restless, and my eyes were seeing red, and I heard the constant rumbling of the pulleys in my head; so I smote that aged pilgrim, and I drove him to the chine, and his pangs of dissolution eased this aching heart of mine.

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C. P. R. TO BUILD LINE FROM TORONTO
Acadians Will Erect Statue to Father Lefebvre

CHANCELLOR BOYD DECIDES THAT HARD CIDER MAY BE LEGALLY SOLD ALONG THE G. T. P.

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—This morning Chancellor Boyd quashed ten convictions and directed \$500 and costs collected from defendants be returned to them by the crown. The cases were those of Paalangi and others in and around Coburn, at the point where the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway takes the National Transcontinental.

Under royal proclamation a belt of land twenty miles on either side of the Transcontinental is a "dry" belt, and no liquor can be legally sold therein. Defendants were gathered in for selling hard cider. They admitted selling cider, and were convicted and fined without further ado.

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 23.—At a meeting in Shediac tonight attended by Judge Landry, Hon. A. D. Richard, Dr. Melville, Dr. Eschwege and others, it was decided to erect a marble statue at St. Joseph in honor of the late Father Lefebvre, a former president of the institution, who died some years ago. The statue will be erected in front of the Lefebvre memorial hall.

MONCTON, Sept. 23.—It is understood that the C. P. R. will start an early day upon the construction of a new line eastward from Toronto in order to reach a number of important lakeshore towns as well as several agricultural and industrial centres. This line is to be built under the local charters already owned by the C. P. R. and over a route surveyed by the company's engineers a couple of years ago.

The idea is to build a belt line from Myrie, thirty-seven miles east of Toronto, south to Whitby, and then on to Coburn, and north again in Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Newcastle and Port Hope and Cobourg, important manufacturing centres. There is also a line projected from a point further east on the C. P. R. which would bring them into the Belleville district.

CONGRESS ASKS GOV'T ENQUIRY
Resolution Passed Asking for Protection From Hordes of Coolies

Following an interesting address on recent discoveries of Rome by Prof. H. L. Wilson, of Johns Hopkins University in the Natural History Society last night, was the formation of the St. John branch of the American Institute of Archaeology.

At the outset the lecturer spoke of the frequency with which rich archaeological finds have been made in Italy and of the efforts which the government of that country is making to uncover further remains. Professor Conti has, he said, been put in charge of the work by the Italians, and it was largely owing to his skill, the lecturer explained, that so much has been done.

With the aid of lantern views the professor showed the results of excavations carried on in other parts of Rome, and the resulting observations.

W. F. Burdett moved a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the lecture.

On motion of S. D. Scott and Rev. J. J. McCaskill the bye-laws of the proposed society were read and the first organizational committee. These were elected: Dr. W. W. White, president; Mayor Paulin, T. H. Estabrook, Hon. J. G. Forbes and Dr. Quigley, vice-presidents; John Sealey, treasurer; Rev. Mr. McCaskill, secretary; H. A. Powell, K. C. Archdeacon Raymond, Dr. Bridges and Dr. G. U. Hay, members of the executive committee.

PETER THE GREAT DOES SIMIAN SHINES
Cambridge Man Monkey Likas the Strength Test of Dr. Sargent, of Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 23.—Peter the Great, the man monkey, is another notable who has visited the Hemenway gymnasium and shaken hands with Dr. Leroy Sargent, the Harvard strength expert.

The doctor has met and examined folk from all climes. Among those who have taken his strength tests are James J. Jeffries, American heavyweight champion, and George Hackenschmidt, Peter was accompanied today by his trainers, Mr. and Mrs. McArdie, and was met by Dr. Sargent and Prof. Huntington and Hall. Peter gracefully doffed his hat, as the doctor led him into the gymnasium and gravely acknowledged his introduction to the students on hand to welcome him and give him a hearty cheer.

Little simian was given the run of the gymnasium to see how he would act when left to his own devices for amusement.

Peter took off his "plugs" hat and his coat and started on the warpath. The first apparatus he saw was the parallel bars. Pulling himself upon them, he did a few circles and ended up with a back somersault. He did numberless other tricks.

What surprised Dr. Sargent most was the readiness and the manner in which Peter obeyed orders, showing that he was more than imitative and comprehended what was said to him.

Peter was given the grip test, but his lack of familiarity with it caused him only to register twenty, at which everybody laughed, while Peter chattered vehemently with disgust. He took a fifty-pound ball and carried it ten feet up. Then he was weighed, and the scales showed fifty-one pounds.

Dr. Sargent said: "Peter is certainly a wonderful little fellow and possesses as much intelligence as some people who are rated as human. My life has been given to gymnasium work and I have examined some of the best exponents of physical development, but never a subject I was more interested in than this same little simian. My one regret is that Peter couldn't give me his autograph."

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POPULAR COMPANY WARMLY WELCOMED
Robinson Opera Company Score Big Triumph in Fra Diavolo.

The opening night of the Robinson Opera Co.'s engagement at the Opera House found this popular company greeted by an audience which filled every seat in the building and the performance was an agreeable surprise. Everyone expected an improvement over previous years, but the strength displayed by the reorganized company was beyond all anticipations. It was the opinion that these singers are capable of meeting far heavier demands than are made by Fra Diavolo, and that greater enjoyment could be provided by compositions of an even higher class.

The company is almost wholly new. Frank Nelson is there, of course, for the Robinson troupe would never be complete without him, and he was given a reception which must have warmed his heart. He is the same Frank Nelson, the same Diavolo who has been seen and heard here for so long, suave, attractive, humorous, cruel and dramatic, and his every tone and gesture are as familiar as the name of the Robinson Company.

There are several excellent voices among the principals, and of these particular reference should be made to Miss Lucia Nola, a new soprano here; Miss Esale Barton, a former favorite; Edward Beck, the leading bass, and John McDonnell, tenor. The steadily element was capably attended to by Jack Leslie.

The chorus, while apparently well trained, is scarcely strong enough in bass and tenor, but is particularly effective in the scenes and solos and altos are concerned. Miss Nola, in the part of Zerlina gave an entirely satisfactory performance, and her singing, which was of unusual merit, was highly enjoyed. Miss Barton, in a less prominent role, increased the favor in which she is held.

But perhaps the best received solo of the evening was Mr. Beck's effort in the final act, an extra, if it may be called, which won for him repeated encores. Mr. O'Donnell, too, with really one opportunity during the evening, made a very decided hit, and St. John audience will look forward with pleasure to hearing him at better advantage later on.

The somewhat threadbare vocalization of Fra Diavolo was strengthened by several interpolated compositions, which was included the Louis sextette. This while slightly interrupting the continuity of the plot, proved a most effective finale to the second act, and was by far the best of the evening. It was rendered by a wholly creditable manner, and called forth an enthusiastic encore.

In short, the company gave a very effective performance beyond the expectations of the audience, and there is no doubt that everyone who heard Fra Diavolo went home thoroughly satisfied. This same piece will be sung during the remainder of the week, and if patronage depends on the merit of the performance the Robinson Opera, should sing every night to a crowded house.

SCHUMANN-HEINK PRICES
It Will be Quite Possible for All to Attend the Big Event.

Many have had an erroneous impression in regard to the prices asked for the Schumann Heink concert, Oct. 4th. The particulars are as follows: All the body of the house will be three dollars except the first three rows next to the stage, which can be had for two-fifty. The first three rows in the balcony are two-fifty and entire balance only two dollars. Gallery seats will be unreserved and are obtainable the night of concert for one dollar.

Remember the seat sale opens next Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, but for subscribers only.

NICKEL'S SHOW ATTRACTING BIG CROWDS.

Owing to a misunderstanding the film-lecture on "The Leopard Queen," booked for the Nickel yesterday, was not presented, but will be given later. Instead that powerful temperance story, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," was substituted and it proved a most gripping and helpful story, as told with pathos and force by Miss Grace Renard. Miss Kuris sang, "I Love But You" in a pleasing manner, and Mr. Fred Driscoll was encored time and again in his comical new number entitled "Strawberries." Today there will be brand new pictures, etc., Big Saturday matinee.

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MARS HOLDS THE CENTRE OF THE STAGE TODAY
Cook and Peary Outshone by the Little Planet Now on a Visit to the Earth.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Nearer to the earth by fifteen million miles than it has been for fifteen years, the planet Mars is today the object of immense interest to the astronomers throughout the world, particularly at the U. S. Naval Observatory. Its average distance from the earth is fifty million. Its distance from the earth today was only thirty-five million miles. With this proximity interest in the planet which is always keen, will become, even among those who cannot claim to be students of astronomy, all the keener, on account of the probability that discoveries concerning matters Mars will be made.

SURE THING.
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"Anything I haven't got in the house."

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MARRIAGES

WILLIAMS-KELLY—At the residence of Mr. A. E. Williams, 14 Harding street, by Rev. C. W. Squires, Wm. W. Williams, to Ruth Kelly, daughter of James Kelly.
FRASER-PRICE—At Grand Falls, N. B., Sept. 21st, 1909, by Rev. H. C. Fraser, M.A., Sarah Lillian Price to George Percy Fraser, both of Grand Falls.
FRASER-SCOTT—At Canterbury Station, Sept. 22nd, 1909, by Rev. J. E. Flewelling, assisted by Rev. H. C. Fraser, Catherine Alberta Scott to Otty John Fraser, St. John, N. B.

DEATHS

EDGEE—At Nauwigawauk, Kings Co., Sept. 22nd, of heart failure, Mrs. Wm. W. Dodge, aged 82 years. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p. m. Interment at the parish church, Hammond River.
McKELIN—In this city, at the General Public Hospital, on Sept. 22nd, William L. McKelvin, of St. Martins, late of St. John, in the 49th year of his age, leaving a brother and sister to mourn their loss.
Funeral will take place from Mr. Brennan's undertaking rooms to the station, where the body will be conveyed to St. Martins on Friday, 24th, on the 1.15 o'clock train. (Woodstock and New York papers please copy.)
McMANN—At Brookville, N. B., on Sept. 21st, Elias G. McMann, in the 75th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence at 3 p. m. Friday, 24th inst. Coaches will leave Warden's stable at 2 p. m.
HARRISON—At the Home for Incurables, on Sept. 23rd, Moses C. Harrison, late of Sheffield, Sunbury Co., in the 36th year of his age.
BLDERFIELD—At General Public Hospital, on 22nd inst, Stronell H. Elderfield, a native of England, aged 25 years.
Funeral on Friday, 24th at 3 p. m. from Chamberlain's Undertaking Rooms, Mill St. Friends and Sons of England respectively invited to attend.