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GLAD RAGS

If present tendencies continue it may soon become good business to sell our clothes to the rag-picker, for, according to the National Sheep and Wool Bureau of the United States, the price of rags to be reworked into cloth increased from 300 to 1200 per cent. between June, 1914, and December, 1919.

The sheep raisers bureau claims that the textile manufacturers prefer wool substitutes because they can make more money, and that last year they only gave the public of the U. S. and allowance of three pounds of new wool per capita, though it is estimated that the need is 12 pounds per capita.

DECENTRALIZATION OF THE LAW COURTS

The question of the decentralization of the law courts is again under consideration. It is very doubtful if any of the changes or supposed reforms in the administration of justice during the past fifty years have in reality aided the administration of justice.

Fifty years ago the superior courts were the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas and the Court of Chancery. Sir Oliver Mowat regarded it as an anomaly that there should be the courts of common law and equity. These should be fused into one court of justice, and he passed an act accordingly.

Prior to that time there were common law lawyers, equity or chancery lawyers and criminal lawyers. The fusion of the courts largely, if not entirely abolished the distinction. There were in the chancery courts and in the common law courts judges who had been trained and fitted by experience for the positions they occupied but by the fusion of law and equity every judge was liable to try every case, civil or criminal, that came before him.

What is now proposed is further decentralization of the supreme court. It would be a mistake. There is a great deal of good to be derived from having the supreme court judges together. Each will benefit the rest.

We are not dealing in any way with the suggestions made for reforms in magistrates' courts, but solely with reference to the proposed further decentralization of the supreme court.

In the construction of new permanent pavements, there are many corners at street intersections where the curve of the concrete curb is altogether too abrupt. This will make for collisions between motor cars and serious accidents.

The Grand Trunk, in the construction of its new track along Pinnacle street, has given us a job of superb quality, with rails, ties and filling all of the highest grade. The company has apparently determined to give us nothing but the best. There is one feature of the new track however, to which we think attention should be called, for, left as it is, it would constitute a very serious danger.

As the railway company had been doing its part of the work so effectively and conscientiously, The Ontario purposely refrained from offering suggestions or criticisms. We were of the opinion, however, that a better plan of construction would have been that pursued by Oshawa. Here the rails were laid on concrete ties and concrete was used to fill in the space between the rails and at the sides, and thus affording a hard, smooth surface, with a groove at the inside of the rails so slight as to be almost unnoticeable and offering no obstruction or danger to wheeled traffic of any kind.

Religion and Friendship. "What's his religion?" quick, says I. As we observed him walkin' by, An' slow says Ezra Brown to me: "I've no idea jest what it be. I've never ast him where he goes. On Sunday's for his soul's repose, An' I don't care so long as he Stands up as man to man to me."

That's how he got to talkin' then Of churches an' the ways o' men. An' I jest sat there listenin' while His tongue ran on in easy style. "All churches do the best they can To make a chap a better man, An' no church I was ever in Encouraged me to go an' sin."

"Cath'lic or Protestant or Jew Or Scientist or Thoughter New Ain't never raised a wall so high That I can't climb or jes' sneak by To claim the good friends that abide An' wait upon the other side. Religion cannot draw a line To keep me from a friend o' mine."

"Supposin' you an' I were bound To live on 'Piscopallan ground Or Baptist or whatever creed We thought was fashioned for our need An' couldn't step outside an' meet The folks upon another street, But from the faith alone must choose Think of the good friends we would lose!"

"Why ask what temples they attend? In church or out, a friend's a friend An' dreary this old world would be If men were slaves to bigotry. Run down your list o' friends an' see How many worship differently. There is no church, whate'er it be But what has given good friends to me?"

UNCERTAINTIES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Three months ago, before the presidential candidates were named, the current belief was that the Republican party this year would have an easy road to victory. It was written in the stars that Democratic luck would not stay with the party a third term running. In 1912 this party was successful by reason of the split in the other party, but it was not even then a majority party victory; it had only a plurality of the popular vote.

Today, after the nominations have been made and the official declarations issued, the situation is different. The party which carries New York State this year is sure of election. Its electoral vote is equal to that of twelve states which could be named, but any one of these minor states may become famous as the balance of power in a close election.

New York with what is now accepted as the solid South, cannot elect the Democratic candidate, but the original Democratic unit from below the line with the Empire State, Ohio, Indiana and California joined, would put over the candidate in the electoral college on the narrowest possible margin.

About People

Mrs. Miller, of Belleville, are visiting Mrs. A. W. Middleton, Cobourg. George Rose, 167 Sydenham street Kingston, was a week-end visitor in Peterboro and Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, of Harrowsmith motored to Belleville last week to visit friends. Miss Margaret Walmsley, Isabelle St., is spending a few days with relatives and friends in Napane.

Mr. T. Callaghan, who has been spending the past few weeks in this city, returned to her home in Montreal today. Mrs. Fred Oram and her daughters, Eva and Myrtle, Gilbert Street, left today for Chicago and other western points.

Dr. Gordon O. Caldwell, younger son of Dr. Jos. Caldwell, of this city, has been successful in passing his final examination with the Dominion Dental Council. He is now qualified to practice in any part of the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mitz, of Ottawa, returned home on Monday last week after spending a very pleasant two weeks' holiday, visiting friends and relatives at Ivanhoe, Strling and Foxboro and other points. Mr. Mitz is one of Ivanhoe's "old boys" but for the past eighteen years has been connected with the Civil Service in the Department of the Interior at Ottawa.

New prices have been set for Canada's Victory Bonds. Wesley Reiley was arrested in Owen Sound for burglary last July.

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Mr. C. Cole's. Master George Hay of Belleville, spent last week at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Way. Miss Florence Lot, of Toronto, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Badley, for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hagerman spent the week end in Prince Edward.

SOLDIERS ESCAPED TO AMERICAN AFTER GUN BATTLE ONE OF THEM WOUND

Officer Worden Recovers Stolen From Him In Lock House at Brockville Brockville, Sept. 2.—Police gun battle at Rockport on with Ontario license officer one of whom a few days they had stolen various articles of clothing in a Perth street house, the four young soldiers, deserters from a camp and wanted for hold-up, real, appear to have escaped American side of the river, one of them is wounded.

The gun fight on Saturday the season's sensation for the village of Rockport, located heart of the Thousand Islands served as a setting for a most as thrilling as was ever screened. The four soldiers "bad men" and License Inspector Taber and Provincial Licensee Jack Worden the hero film, with a race across the which rowboat and motor boat as the finale of the action.

Inspector Taber and Officer Worden were at Rockport Saturday duties when the former two soldiers, wearing putty chasing refreshments at the View House. "Wouldn't it be he said to his companion, 'were the men who stole your Worden pool-pooched the id Mr. Taber's suspicions were to such an extent that he slipped the door of the hotel and for two other men, dressed in were at the dock in a skiff, immediately returned to the Worden and the two went dock. Noticing that one of was wearing a cap which he red as his own. Worden accused and demanded to know what rest of his clothes were. M at the same time jumped boat and, seeing a grip under which he surmised, containing clothing, threw it on the dock he did so, the two other soldiers down from the hotel and the four drew 42 automatic r and covered the license officer. Thinking that the latter in to arrest them on the Montr Brockville counts of theft, it demanded that Mr. Taber le boat and as he did so, set o neighboring island. Officer then procured a Winchester r fired after the boat, tourists through glasses that one shot the water beside it and a second over it. There were at motor boats nearby, but press came to hand and Worden after the bandits. He chased the American shore and thro county bordering the river, at ly founding one of the men, was found in their path.

GIRLS ARE RELEASED

The two girls, Annie and Annie Nolan, who accompanied men here, who have been held since Thursday, were Sat. released from custody and Montreal following the receipt formation from the police city that no charge is held them there.

WATERTOWN AROUSED.

Watertown, Aug. 31.—The of searching through the wood fions along the St. Lawrence the vicinity of Alexandria P. Plessis by Chief of Police J. H. of Alexandria Bay, county ties and local police have led to the capture of four oes sought by Canadian aut for burglary and assault. Chief Crabb Friday receive from Brockville, Ont., that had committed burglary the night before and had made th to the United States, entering a mile from Morristown. The reports also said the m wanted for burglary in Montr for shooting an officer there. Crabb went along the St. La and learned the men had a skiff at Morristown and gone Canada, landing at Rockport. The Canadian authorities tried to arrest them, but drew their guns and held the at bay while they made a z Again they crossed the St. La landing at a point near Al Bay. Once more Chief Crabb the trail and traced the mo patch of woods between the Plessis, where he searched

