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THE FOSTER (?) CLUB

The Standard announces this morning that the Borden Club will hold a moonlight excursion on the evening of June 28th. As the 28th of June will not come round again for almost a year, there ought to be time to collect a large enough crowd to cover the expense. By that time the feuds in the party might to some extent be healed. The disturbing doubt is whether the Standard itself would then be here to chronicle the sad event, or whether an edition of the Gleaner for special circulation would be necessary. But of course heavy bodies like the Borden Club require considerable time to get in motion, and it is perhaps wise to begin to get up steam a year in advance. It is worthy of note that Mr. Borden is not to be present and that Hon. George E. Foster is named first among the speakers of the evening, along with Dr. Daniel, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Powell, Mr. Baxter and Mr. Agar. Presumably this is in the order of merit, as declared by the Borden Club. Or should it now be styled the Foster Club? It has evidently decided to throw down the gauntlet to somebody, and it may be Mr. Borden himself; for he was present and made no protest at the Ontario meeting at which Mr. Johnson, M. P., made the following statement which the Montreal Gazette says was aimed directly at Mr. Foster:—"When Mr. Borden is called upon from a cabinet we shall require from him that it shall contain no man whose record is tainted, no matter how eminent, he services to the party may have been in the past. The Conservative party cannot afford to carry any man who has used time or money to his own advantage that he owed to the business in which he was employed, or from the management of a company to promote his own interests. The Conservative party have carried that burden too long." It is clear that the Borden Club does not entirely agree with the views of Mr. Johnson, expressed with the tacit approval of Mr. Borden himself. Hence it is fair to assume that the name of the club will be changed to the Foster Club. It is said Mr. Borden is coming to Nova Scotia to hold several meetings, and the Standard's announcement may be a polite method of serving notice on him.

HANGMEN AND OTHERS

The Toronto Star takes the ground that action should be taken to eliminate the hangman. By this it does not mean that capital punishment should be abolished, but that it should not be necessary to employ a public hangman, or to force one man to kill another whose life the law has declared forfeit. The Star says:—"The problem of a less degrading death penalty is one capable of solution. Modern science should be able to eliminate the hangman. There are instruments so fine that a single ray of light will set them whirling. The sun itself might be made the executioner, were one of those attached to an electric battery which, at the first streak of dawn, would strike down the murderer in his cell. Public sentiment has accomplished the abolition of public hangings. Public sentiment and science could obviate the necessity of any human being acting as the agency whereby the guilty would satisfy the law. The brutalizing office of hangman could be abolished, and it ought to be." Enlightened public sentiment will approve of the attitude of the Toronto Star, but much more is necessary; and, while it seems a great pity that one man should thus be compelled to take the life of another, and while there is reason to believe that the professional hangman becomes himself a somewhat hardened character, there is another direction in which the work of reform might properly be extended. In Peterboro (Ont.), last week a youth of 17 years was hanged for the atrocious murder of an old woman who had kindly responded to his appeal for something to eat. On the day of the hanging it is stated that many young men and women made great efforts to witness the tragedy. Young men lay all night in the long grass in rear of the jail walls, so that they might be able to see at daylight and find a position on some tree or telegraph pole which would command a view of the gallows. One man even took with him a set of climbing spikes to enable him more easily to reach the top of a pole. Despite their efforts, however, these people were unable to see the hanging and went away disappointed. The morbid curiosity which prompts people to such acts as this is quite as revolting as the sad necessity which compels one man to be the executioner of another.

Should a strike occur upon the Canadian railways at this season of the year, the results would be very disastrous to the business of the country. Both sides to the dispute appear at the present time to be firm if not obstinate, but there is still time to avert the threatened trouble.

The mines of Ontario yielded over \$6,000,000 in three months. The mineral resources of that province, however, like those of New Brunswick, are as yet being developed only in a small way compared with what will be done a few years hence.

Deputy Minister Campbell has made a fine impression upon the people along the Intercolonial Railway, at every place visited. Correspondents state that he takes great pains to inform himself concerning facts and conditions, and shows a desire to make the government railway serve the interests of the people as fully as possible.

The recommendation of the safety board that Chief Clark be enabled to attend the meeting of the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs in Vancouver should be heartily agreed to by the city council. The chief is now vice-president of that association, and his membership in it stands him in good stead in connection with the outside work of his department.

The Public Utilities Commission appears to be rather anxious lest it should tread on unsafe ground. A committee of the Board of Trade laid before the commission a complaint against The New Brunswick Telephone Company and fortified the same with an exhaustive report backing up its contentions. The commission, however, declines to investigate on the ground that no complaint had been made in the Board of Trade should take further action.

The people of Cuba may be ready for self-government without any assistance from the United States, but there seems reason to believe that the survivors of the experiment would not equal in numbers the present population. When one member of the congress of the island attempts to shoot another while they are attending to their legislative duties, it is fair to assume that the less distinguished natives, if wholly unrestrained, would pursue a course that would result in peace only when there was no one left to quarrel with.

In connection with the erection of the Champlain monument, there is one citizen whose share in the work deserves special recognition. That man is Postmaster Sears. At a time when the Historical Society had practically abandoned the project because of a lack of public interest, Mr. Sears, who was then mayor of the city, took charge of Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy and spent much of his time for several weeks introducing the sculptor to leading citizens, explaining the whole matter, and urging them to subscribe to the fund. But for this action on the part of Mr. Sears, there would probably have been no statue of Champlain on Queen Square today.

GIRL ATHLETES MUST DIET

Training for Wellesley's athletes must be real. This is the verdict of Miss Agnes Roche, the newly elected president of Wellesley's Athletic Association. Next year rules and ice cream will not be regarded as fruit. Next year the heavily academic cannot be combined with the strictly athletic in the matter of the eight-hour sleep regulation; a student will no longer be able to study in bed and be regarded from the point of training, as asleep. If Miss Roche doesn't deal the fatal blow to the base of Wellesley, its appetite. Miss Homans, the physical director will. Miss Homans has succeeded in requiring gymnasium work and outdoor sports of every Freshman and Sophomore and in having it count for credit toward the B. A. A bad complexion or a functionally crooked spine will be given even one hour of credit. When it comes to the point of having degree depend on your appetite, the Wellesley propensity for nibbling must go. What you eat may not affect your backbone, but it does your complexion.

Many plans are already being made for the out-of-door game work for next year. A cricket field has been laid out, plans are being made for a base ball diamond. Altogether, Wellesley's athletes will have to wake up and toe the mark. No more slowly looking individuals with hollow eyes, nor beruffled maidens with unhygienic French heels will be displaying W's on their sweaters. Wellesley's future motto bids fair to rival Oxford's—Stop eating and be healthy—or get out!—Boston Herald.

CARBON CASED

Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, let out a terrible roar when the coal schedule was up for discussion during the debate on the tariff bill in the senate. A guide was showing some visitors through the Capital. He took them to a senate gallery and pointed out the celebrities. "That's Senator Elkins," said. "He's an insurgent just at present." "Insurgent?" said one of the visitors incredulously. "I supposed him a hide-bound Republican." "Nope," answered the guide with great distinctness, "not hide-bound, coal-bound."

THE GOOD KEEP STILL

Your life is a record that speaks for itself. You needn't go bragging about it. Your work will all show like the boards on a shelf. If worthy, no body will doubt it. Because you don't beat your wife, is no sign that you have a virtue that may not be mine. Men will take it for granted you don't make her whim. You needn't go bragging about it.

To pay all your bills is a thing you should do. You needn't go bragging about it. If your credit is good it will holler for you. And nobody ever will doubt it. If you've held a job for a great length of time. And handled big sums without stealing a dime. Men will take it for granted you don't stoop to crime. You needn't go bragging about it.

Because you are square and as good as your word. You needn't go bragging about it. If you have a virtue, to boast is absurd. For nobody ever will doubt it. Your dearest ones all of your deeds will proclaim. And honor, if worthy, will join with your name. Because you've done nothing to wrap you in shame. You needn't go bragging about it.

It's nothing unusual here to be good. You needn't go bragging about it. If you're on the level, that fact's understood. And no body ever will doubt it. Just think of the millions who're good to their wives. Whose ankles and wrists have never known gyves. Who live honest, decent and sane Christian lives. Yet never go bragging about it.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ALL summer the fever has been on the rack. And he is not happy precisely. To find that the girl he's engaged to comes back. With a wonderful gift to his nicely.

BAD PRACTICE

"Why worry about the children?" "I can't help it." "But, my dear, you are hurting your game of bridge."

PITY IS AKIN TO LOVE

He was poor, but otherwise honest, and he had just proposed to the heiress. "Are you sure?" she queried, after the manner of her kind, "that you do not want to marry me for my money?" "Of course I don't," he replied. "I am anxious to marry you because I haven't the heart to let you become an old maid merely because you happen to have a paltry half-million."

IT PROVED NOTHING

"Let us," he said, "get a boat and go out rowing." "If you wish to do so," she replied, "I am willing." "Ah, darling!" he exclaimed, "now I know you love me truly. If you didn't you never would trust yourself out in a boat with me." "That doesn't prove anything," she replied, backing away as he tried to take her in his arms. "I don't know that you wouldn't rock the boat if I went out with you, but I'm a firm believer in predestination."—Chicago Record-Herald.

NAUGHTY POLLY

A young lady Dr. named Polly. Had a parrot that constituted a shr. That parrot would swear Till he bristled the air And if she protested he'd say:—"Brother Transcript."

CONFESSING THE TRUTH

The Count—"Ah! Do not refuse me, sweet angel of my dreams, for I cannot live without you." The Heiress (reflectively)—"That's just what I was afraid of!"—Life.

THE INEVITABLE

Griggs—"I don't think much of Underbloom. He's a scoundrel. He lies in his teeth." Griggs—"Why shouldn't he? His teeth are false."

EXTREME CONSIDERATION

Annette, aged 3, has two very talkative little sisters and sometimes she finds it difficult to make herself heard at the table. One day when the others had been monopolizing the conversation longer than she liked, Annette raised her finger with a warning gesture and whispered half aloud, "Everybody keep still, my foot's asleep."—The Delinquent.

SHE GAVE IT UP

She was a bride of six weeks. She had married a baseball fanatic, and on leaving the house that morning he had appealed to her to look at the sporting news in the paper and try to catch on to the game. She was a loving, dutiful bride. She sat down and read: "Jim then rushed in and swung for Joe's body."

"Joe administered a corndogder on the base."

"Jim fiddled for a moment and then got in a clean left and got away without a return." "Joe followed him, and seeing an opening dropped his man to the mat for the first time." "When Jim arose he fell into a clinch and soon recovered his wind."

At this point there were cheers for both."

"When the referee had separated them Joe planted a haymaker on Jim's chin and Jim returned one on the solar plexus." "The crowd now went wild with excitement."

Both men came together with a determination to end things. They were glaring like tigers, and—"

And right here the bride broke down threw the paper aside and ran to her mother to exclaim: "Mamma, there must be a divorce, for I can never, never understand about baseball, and Fred will be mad at me!"

A RESOLVE

I have chosen my profession—an author I shall be. But I'll only write "best sellers" and some books of poetry; I shall own a city mansion, which my standing will demand. And an inspiration villa in some far, romantic land. And I'll have some fair stenographers to write as I dictate. And a private secretary who will keep my royalties straight.

I shall meet the heads of nations and the aristocracy."

And, of course, in my spare moments I may write occasionally. For I'll then honor me, taking all that comes my way. For I've chosen my profession, and I'm going to make it pay. —W. Dayton Wegfarth, in Lippincott's.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Church and Socialism

St. John, June 27, 1910.
To the Editor of the Times, City.
Dear Sir,—Allow me to bring to your notice a few lines, including Mr. Hyatt says: "What we want is something here and now."

I claim that the church is the organization that is giving out that something, will admit that looking at the church steeples will not fill empty stomachs, but many have got filled with hope and comfort inside the churches, that who leave this world of sin and misery they will go to a place where sorrow, hunger and thirst cannot come. Many poor people have even got their stomachs filled by going to church by those Christian gentlemen who have given freely of this world's goods in the shape of charity.

Mr. Eastwood says about the poverty and misery all around him, is it true that we have a large amount of poverty in St. John? I have not seen it myself as everyone seems to be very well dressed and by all appearances look happy. With regard to the old lady who lived on sixty cents a week, I could give name and address of the clergyman whom I heard say it. He further said how anxious she was to give a special offering to the church at the harvest festival and that she was the best and happiest Christian he ever knew. I wish to remind my friends that I am just as anxious to make life as happy and comfortable as possible, but this spending time that the Socialists have got in their heads, which they are so sure is coming, they tell us in plain words, alms does not solve the problem. I am pleased to welcome all the knowledge I can get. Speak again, sir, and oblige, Yours,

A WORKING MAN.

Strange how a Chap later to be known as a Spring, Economical Man and lover to have the reputation of being a Good Fellow, when the one came for him the Respect of Men Who Are Doing Things and the latter the Adulation of Fools and Parasites.

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THE BORN ORATOR

(The Lyrebird).
It is narrated that Colonel Beckenridge, meeting Majah Bufford on the streets of Lexington one day, asked: "What is the meaning, sub, of the cono'se befo' the co's house?"
To which the Majah replied: "General Bucknel, sub, is making a speech. General Bucknel, sub, is a bo'n orator."

"What do you mean by bo'n orator?" "If yo' or I, sub, were asked how much two and two make, we would reply 'foh.' When this is asked a bo'n orator he replies: 'When in the co'se of human events it becomes necessary to take in integth of the second denomination and add it such, to the result, sub—and I have the science of mathematics to back me in my judgment, the result, sub, and I say it without feah of successful contradiction, sub—the result is fo'.' That's a bo'n orator."

After one unsuccessful effort the tugboat was yesterday raised from the bottom of the harbor. She sank at her berth at the Intercolonial pier early Friday morning. On Saturday morning Dyer Lahey, a city derrick and the tug Help were called into service, but it was found that one tug was not equal to the task of holding up its end of the sunken towboat, until the water had been run out of it. Yesterday two tugs were utilized and the Leader did not again slip away.

PRINCE EDWARD'S HUMOR

(at A. P.)
Prince Edward, heir apparent of the British throne, has a sense of humor. On one occasion he was talking to a tutor about what to buy his parents for Easter gifts. The tutor suggested that books would be very appropriate presents, but Prince Edward shook his head.
"No," he said, "I don't think I'll give them books. Last year I bought them some chocolate Easter eggs. They didn't eat them, but gave them back to me. I think I'll give them chocolate Easter eggs again this year!"

Another amusing story is told of his royal highness' first visit to a battleship. He was much interested at what he saw, and continually asked questions of his guide. At last they came to a closed door. "What's in there?" asked the royal visitor. "Oh, that's where we keep the powder," was the reply.
"Do you have to take powder, too?" asked the little prince sympathetically, with unpleasant memories of a recent indisposition.
To make Comfort and Luxury the object of one's endeavors in one's youth is to invite Privation and a Hand-to-Mouth Existence in Old Age. Yet the Young Man of the Present Day considers every Haire in Salary merely an Additional Sum to be spent in Luxury rather than Saved Up for a Rainy Day.