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THE CITY HALL PROPOSITION.

The committee named to enquire as to the advisability of securing a building to supersede the present City Hall have not met with any marked success. Several properties are open to purchase, but the only one which has been deemed worthy of consideration is the Masonic Hall, on Germain street. Wisely enough the committee have not recommended that it be secured. Such a move would be nothing but a waste of money.

St. John needs larger and better accommodation for the transaction of civic business. This would not be enjoyed by a transfer to the Germain street structure. The old City Hall was never suited to its present purposes, and never will be, for nothing but entire reconstruction could result in improvement. Yet this building has done for a good many years and although it is in every way inconvenient, still matters can go along as they are for a short time, until the finances of the city are in better shape. Before very long St. John will be in a position to set apart a reasonable amount for a new city building, and when that time comes—as it will very soon—citizens are not going to be satisfied with a patched-up second hand building, but will be ready to support the council in the erection of a hall worthy of the city.

CIVIC NOMINATIONS.

Members of the common council are determined that there shall be no monkeying with nominations. Hereafter, if they have their way, all nomination papers must be signed by twenty voters, and must be accompanied by the written consent of the candidates. There are at least seventeen prospective candidates now who will not strenuously object to giving such permission.

This latest move, although credited to Ald. Baxter bears the imprint of Ald. McGoldrick's fine Italian hand. It will be remembered that the genial representative of the suburbanites was elected two years ago by only one vote over a last-minute nominee. The alderman, when the result was announced, fainted for the first and last time in his life. It is in order to guard against such emotional displays that this latest move is made.

BOOKS THAT ARE READ.

In this era of excessive literary production when an infinite amount of trash is annually turned out from the presses of publishing houses, and when the reading of novels seems to be one of the most important occupations of the day, it is of interest to note that the works of well known authors are not losing their hold on public popularity. In spite of the enormous circulation of late publications, the New York Public Library finds that in this institution, the largest circulating library in the world, the favorite books are those against which no objection can be made, and most of which have been read by men and women and boys and girls for a good many years. In the School Library, out of which a half-million members drew, during the nine months of the last school year, almost 7,000,000 books for home use, the list of the fifty most popular does not contain the name of one publication which could be classed as a so-called popular novel. A number of these first fifty are indeed recent works, but have some individual characteristic by which they appeal to all classes of readers. The list includes: "Little Women," "Sarah Crewe," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Black Beauty," "Robinson Crusoe," "Grimm's Fairy Tales," "Evangeline," "Little Lord Fauntleroy," "Ivanhoe," "Anderson's Fairy Tales," "Beautiful Joe," "Robin Hood," "Huckleberry Finn," "Lady of the Lake," "Oliver Twist," "John Halifax," "David Copperfield," Dickens' "Christmas Carol," Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Hawthorne's "Wonder Book," "Merchant of Venice," "Westward Ho!"

Although information of this kind is by no means final, still it is decidedly interesting, as an indication of the class of reading preferred by children and young men and women. The public library also reports that in spite of the general demand for late trash, the tendency of the reading public is still strongly towards the better known authors of the past few generations, and the only inference that can be drawn is that a great deal more reading is being done now than ever before.

THE MAYES AFFAIR AGAIN.

The re-opening of the Mayes-Hazen slanders was inevitable so long as George E. Foster remained a member of parliament. The muck-raking on this exploded scandal had to come some time, and it is well that it has been heard so early in the session. It is shown to the country that Foster, even without the assistance of some former friends, is determined with new helpers to continue his practice of mud-slinging. It has also given the widest publicity to the whole disgraceful affair. The reply of the Minister of Public Works made on the floors of parliament, is much more effective than any address during the campaign in St. John, by reason of the fact that it commands wider circulation. It reaches those sections where the contradictions of the original charges may not have penetrated and is clearly reveals the discreditable position occupied by Foster. If ever scandal-mongers got who was coming to them, Foster and his allies got it yesterday.

KINSHIP.

If the song I spun of my sadness
Has lightened another's pain,
Then the hours I spent in grieving
Shall not have been wholly vain.

If the song I spun in my gladness
Has quickened another's mirth,
Then the hours that I spent in laughter
Shall have had their bit of worth.

If either my joy or my sorrow
Has nourished another's heart,
Then I in life's clamorous workshop
Shall have done my little part.

KIPLINGESQUE SONG OF THE SERVICE.

When th' lean line crouched for th' final charge
Then I seen his gills turn blue,
An' I seen him blink an' I seen him shrink—
But wot kin a sergeant do?
Oh, I heard him wheeze as the bullets' sneeze,
An' I seen him dodgin' too;
His face wuz old an' his feet wuz cold
But wot kin a sergeant do?

Then it's "Skirmishers, forward!"
An' th' guide is right—
Oh, th' bugle's callin', callin'.
Then: "Steady on th' left—an' start th' fight!"
"Oh, who's that fallin', fallin'?"
"Comp'ny—halt! Lie—down!"

When th word come down an' we had to go.
An, th' fightin' line drove through;
Oh, I see him stop, an' I see him drop—
But wot kin a sergeant do?
I used th' boot an' I told him shoot—
(An' he shot th' best he knew;)
If his aim wuz bad, oh, his heart wuz sad—
But wot kin a sergeant do?

Then it's: "Load!" an' "Fire!"
An' the range is long;
But th' haze is driftin', driftin'.
It's "Steady that left—an' keep it—strong!"
An' th' light is siftin', liftin.'
"Comp'ny—rise! 'Vance by rushes!"

When th' lean line stopped from th' final charge
I seen him—gills turned blue!
For there he lay on th' wicket day—
But wot kin a sergeant do?
(Boo-hoo!)
Oh, he did his best, an' he got his rest—
An' I've told you all I knew;
They said: "How brave!" as we dug his grave—
An' wot kin a sergeant do?

Then it's volleys three—
An' spade him in!
Oh, th' bugle's sighin', sighin'.
He'll never see parade agin—
An' a rooky's cryin', cryin'.
"Comp'ny—'tention Stack—arms!"

WHEN A GREAT MAN DIES.

The flags are hung half-mast today,
But they'll all be high tomorrow!
This is the big world's cruel way,
Ah! this is how we sorrow!

A moment's grief, a brief delay
From plough and field and furrow—
The flags are hung half-mast today,
But they'll be high tomorrow!

We mourn one hour, we pause to pray
(Sad prayers that we must borrow!)
One little while we softly say
Poor words of pain and sorrow;
The flags are hung half-mast today,
But they'll all be high tomorrow.

WHAT THE SECRETARY LIKED.

A well known Washington editor was walking in front of a leading hotel recently when Secretary Luke Wright hailed him for a chat.

"By the way, Blark," said the secretary, "I saw several mighty good things in your paper yesterday."

"I'm glad you liked them," said the editor, beaming with satisfaction. "It always helps an editor to find out what his readers like. "What were the articles you liked?"

"The articles," said the secretary earnestly, "were three fat mince-pies wrapped up in your yesterday's issue.

THE LIMIT.

"Carson's the most absent-minded chap I ever saw."

"What's he been doing now?"

"This morning he thought he'd left his watch at home, and then proceeded to take it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go home and get it."

HOW TO MAKE A CUP OF COCOA.

Take a teasponful of cocoa and put it in a tin cup. Add one teaspoonful of granulated sugar and one tablespoonful of boiling water. Mix well, so that there will not be any lumps of cocoa. Pour a little less than one-half-pint of milk into a saucepan and cook it, stirring all the time, until it is scalded—that is until a film forms on it and it begins to bubble a little. Stir the cocoa mixture into this and cook until it boils up.

Fool the Foggy Feeling by a change from tea or coffee to POSTUM It clears the brain. "There's a Reason"

SOCIALISM ALARMS

War Secretary Declares It a Greater Menace Than Possible Invasion

Prospects of Increased Taxation and Radical Legislation Make Investors Timid.

LONDON, Jan. 21. — An admission which in the mouth of a member of Mr. Asquith's Cabinet is of the highest significance, was made this week by the Secretary of State for War.

"Perhaps the most widespread fear and apprehension of the present," said Mr. Haldane in a speech at Birmingham, "is not concerning the national defence, but about the spread of Socialism and its effects on credit and many other things."

There is nothing new in the statement. Many others of light and leading have time and again recently given expression to it; but that a cabinet minister like Mr. Haldane, who has recently been preaching up and down the country insistently the necessity that England prepare herself against the possibility of a foreign attack by supplementing the navy—the first line of defence—with a strong citizen army, should agree that after all the gravest peril ahead for the nation is Socialism is a portentous sign of the times. Between Winston Churchill's recent recognition of the fears of Socialism depressing the business community, there is a striking contrast which indicates how widely asunder stand the men who are grouped together under the leadership of Premier Asquith

It was pointed out a few days ago that British consols were the only first-clas government security in the European market that had not benefited by the existing monetary conditions, and the unmistakable deduction is drawn that the dread of Socialistic legislation was a predominating influence at the back of the British investor's reluctance to buy what used to be called the world's premier securities

After the lesson read them a few months ago, when they received the intimation that unless they attended strictly to the business of their own departments their services in the Cabinet would be dispensed with, both Winston Churchill and David Lloyd George have recently set a curb upon their tongues In fact, Mr Churchill last week delivered himself of a speech at Birmingham which was a palpable effort to appear in the guise of a responsible minister

Some very heavy artillery has been brought to bear upon the position taken by the President of the Board of Trade Lord Cromer has declared that the boom which Mr Churchill predicted was largely dependent upon the action of the government itself in regard to new taxation, and Sir Felix Schuster, member of the Indian Council, while acknowledging that there are indications of some revival at an early date, believes that the one factor which threatens to interfere with the expansion of industry is the increasing expenditure of British and certain foreign governments and the new taxation which that expenditure has made inevitable

Various other authorities have laid stress on the fact that the prospects of increased taxation and the dread of Socialistic legislation are together driving British capital abroad in an alarming measure

COURT NEVER TOUCHED BY THRONG ON KNEES

Schuylkill Judge Grants 365 Rum Licenses, While Church Folk Pray all Morning.

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 27—While many temperance folk spent hours in prayer in Zion's Lutheran Church, three blocks from the courthouse today, to check wholesale granting of licenses, the church services being widely advertised and the edifice thronged throughout the morning, 365 liquor license applications were acted upon, and not one met with disapproval.

There are thirty-nine new applications before the court, but they have not been acted upon. By today's action the court has established ninety-five saloons in Mount Carmel, thirty-seven in Mount Carmel township, eighty-seven in Shamokin and sixty-four in Coal township. This place seeks two new licenses, Mount Carmel nine, Coal township eight and Mount Carmel township eighteen.

Judge Savidge ordered that all saloons remain closed next Christmas until the following Monday, two days.

TO RUN C.P.R. BY WATERFALLS

Electrification of the Road Through the Rockies Determined on.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 27—The Canadian Pacific Railway has determined to electrify its system through the mountains of the West. Plans were begun a year ago in secret and experts were sent to examine the mountain streams and the available water supply between the eastern Rockies and the Pacific coast range. They reported that there were enough waterfalls immediately adjacent to the Canadian Pacific's main line to "develop energy sufficient to run all the railways in the world."

Many water sites have been purchased and throughout British Columbia options on others have been obtained.

The advances made by the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk lines in the West are said to have been responsible for this action by the Canadian Pacific.

OLD MAN ILL-TREATED.

Complaint Against House of Refuge at Cobourg.

John Maynard Says He Was Beaten With a Whip and Forced to Work Outside in Cold Weather.

BOWMANVILLE, Jan. 27.—An extraordinary case of alleged ill-treatment of an old man was brought officially before the Town Council in special session tonight, when a motion was carried unanimously that the full particulars of the complaint of John Maynard of ill-usage and abuse while an inmate of the House of Refuge be referred to the Counties Council with a request for immediate and thorough investigation of the charges and report of the result to this council."

A sensation was caused on the return to the home of his daughter here of Maynard, for many years a teamster in town, but who has of late been an inmate of the House of Refuge for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham at Cobourg.

His daughter, on his return home complained to the authorities, when Mayor Mason, requested Dr. Tilley, Health Officer, to visit Maynard and examine him. Following is a copy of the letter he afterwards sent to the Chairman:

"Dear Sir:—"At your request and that of the Board of Health I this day examined Mr. John Maynard of Bowmanville who has just returned from the Home for the Aged at Cobourg. Mr. Maynard said he had been in the home for about two months. During that time I was frequently beaten by an assistant guard named John ——, who was about fifty years old. He used to knock me about. He would even hit me with his closed fist about the head and body. A few days before I left he hit me with a horsewhip with a lash attached. This was when I was absolutely naked and in the bath. He whipped me because I was dirty and said he would teach me to be clean. I did not report this to the Superintendent, Mr. McMillan, because I would see him very seldom, and I thought telling him would do me no good anyway. At that time he hit me three or four times very hard. He would also pull me by the ears. I did not report anything at the time. I am not of a complaining nature. I was made to lie on a wire mattress all night each night for about a month, with not mattress or cloth of any kind whatever between my body and the wires. I never saw the doctor of the institution at any time while there, either day or night.'

Mrs. Otto Mayer, daughter of Mr. John Maynard, says that the day she visited her father at the home it was bitterly cold. She had to cover her ears, and yet she found her father turning a washing machine out of doors. This was about Jan. 8, 1909. The Superintendent said he would see that her father received better care in the future. Yet her father's left ear was frozen after she returned home. He was washing clothes in a shed when this happened. The Superintendent said he thought her father would get better care at her home than he did down there. The Superintendant did not appear to know the actual treatment served to her father.

"On examination we found the skin peeling off the ear as if it had been frozen. A dozen scars over the right hip and one below the left hip. A transverse mark running from the crest of the ilium to the lower end of the spine on the right side. This was eight inches long and about one quarter of an inch wide. Yours truly, (Signed.) A. S. Tilley, Health Officer."

"We hereby confirm the above report. We were with Dr. Tilley at the time of the examination by request of th Mayor and Board of Health (Signed.) Levi A. W. Tole, Reeve; Richard Jarvis, constable."

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POOR UNCLE ED.

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A few days therafter the uncle, during a visit to the same household, brought with him a silk hat of the shiny, non-collapsible kind. When he was about to leave the house, he encountered the aforesaid youngster running down the hall with what looked like a black accordion.

"Uncle Ed," observed the boy, "this one goes awfully hard. I had to sit on it, but even then I couldn't get it more than half-shut."

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Regulation dress not required, but badges will be worn. Sister Lodges invited to attend.

A. B. THORNE, N. G.
C. LEDFORD, R. S.

Members of Havelock L. O. L., No. 27, are requested to assemble at the residence of the late John McR. McAvity, 72 High street, at 2.30 Friday, to attend his funeral. Plain clothes will be worn.

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DEATHS

McAVITY.—On the 27th inst., John McRobbie McAvity, aged 28 years, only son of Mary and the late James McAvity.
Funeral on Friday from 72 High St. Service at 2.30.

CROWLEY—At Sandy Point Road, on Thursday, 28th inst., Simon Crowley, aged 76 years.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

ETCHINGHAM — John Etchingham, eldest son of the late Thomas and Bridget Etchingham, leaving four sisters to mourn.
Funeral on Saturday morning at quarter to eight from the residence of his brother-in-law, Wm. Morris, Chubb street, to St. Bridget's church, Chapel Grove, Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock

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PIGEONS PICKED UP BY VESSELS IN THE GULF

Sea Captain's Stories of Birds That Found Their Home Aboard Ships.

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 27—Captain Cowdy, of the British steamer Cayo Manzanillo is a fancier of pigeons, and has demonstrated by actual experience that birds of the homing class will locate for themselves a temporary as well as a permanet loft. Captain Cowdy said that he had noticed recently in dispatches from Galveston that a number of homer pigeons had been picked up by vessels in the gulf and by people in this city, and said that he is of the opinion that they may be part of his family of ten, which was lost from the Cayoy Manzanillo off Vera Cruz in a storm.

These ten pigeons are Belgian birds and have traveled with Captain Cowdy for thousands of miles, and have been released in many different countries at times as far as 500 miles in the interior, and in every case have found their way back to their ship, evidently having no trouble picking out their homes among the numerous other vessels that might be at anchor.

One of the latest tests that Captain Cowdy gave to his birds was at Vera Cruz, Mexico, when he took his pets with him a distance of 200 miles into the interior to the City of Mexico, where they were released and they flew direct to Vera Cruz and to their loft on board his ship.

An interesting coincidence with the disappearance of his ten birds on the night of the storm was that the next day one of them returned. It found the ship at sea and fell to the deck exhausted. Shortly afterward it recovered and appeared anxious to leave again. It was released, but after flying about the ship for a while rose in the air and made frantic appeals, so Captain Cowdy interprets them, to attract the attention of the commander, and then slowly started away in the direction from which it had come. Captain Cowdy is positive in his belief that the bird's actions were intended to show that it would go after its companions and steer them to the ship. The bird's disappearance was the last seen of it, and the captain is of the opinion that his pets were caught in the force of the gale and perished, else he is sure that they would have followed the ship.

JAP FARMERS MAKING FORTUNES IN TEXAS

Rice Yield in Lone Star State 8,000,000 Bushels—Cultivate Every Foot

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 27—It is conservatively estimated that the rice yield in the state this year is approximately 2,000,000 sacks. Each sack contains four bushels. The United States production of rice last year was insufficient to meet the home demand, and 1,500,000 sacks were imported. The Texas crop this season was unusually good. The yield on some of the plantations ran from fifteen to twenty sacks an acre. It is said that the average cost of production is a little more than $1 a sack.

The Japanese are the most thrifty rice growers in Texas. There are several colonies of these planters in the Gulf coast region of the state. One of the largest is at Webster. Another colony is at Deepwater, about six miles from Webster. These Japanese give much more attention to the crop than the average American planter, and as a result they obtain twice the yield. Many of the Japanese rice planters in the Gulf coast region obtained from twenty to twenty-five barrels of rice an acre this season.

Instead of planting several hundreds of thousands of acres in rice as is done by most of the American planters, the Japanese grower confines his operations to a comparatively small tract of land. He cultivates every foot of this land intensively and makes it yield the greatest possible return. In the colonies Japanese laborers are employed. These workers are intelligent and educated young men who hope to make their fortune in the United States in a few years and then return to Japan and enjoy it.

While rice growing is the principal industry of the Japanese in Texas, the Webster and Deepwater colonies raise various other kinds of products. These two colonies are typical Japanese communities. It is planned by the local leaders to establish a number of Japanese industries in Texas, including the manufacture of mats and tapestry, and the utilization of rice straw in other ways.

John N. Simpson, of Dallas, is said to be the largest rice grower in Texas. He has a farm of 10,000 acres, situated in Matagorda county. He had 8,000 acres of this farm in rice this season, and the threshing of the crop recently was finished. The total yield was upward of 400,000 bushels, which was sold for more than $350,000. Eighteen threshers worked nearly four weeks to get this enormous crop out of the straw.

BOSTON YACHT CLUB NOW HAVE A HAVEN IN MAINE

BOSTON, Mass., Jan 27—When the Boston yacht club members in future seasons make the run to the Maine coast, they will be able at all times to find shelter and quarters all their own through the gift to the club tonight of Five Islands station by Edward P. Boynton, the former owner, who retired tonight as the club commodore. The club in apprecation of Commodore Boynton's work during the past year presented him with a bronze statue.

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