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ST. JOHN STAR.

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AUTOMOBILES

The production of automobiles in the United States in the present year will, it is estimated, be 160,000. Every factory in operation will be taxed to the limit to produce this number of machines, and apparently they will not be sufficient to meet the demand. In 1905, 15,000 motor cars were built in the United States; in 1906, 25,000; in 1907, 40,000; in 1908, 50,000 and last year 110,000.

The American Review of Reviews in an article dealing with automobiles says that there are now 263 makers engaged in the manufacture of cars, 100 of these controlling large establishments. Michigan alone will this year produce 120,000 cars and Ohio is next in order with 120,000. It is estimated that this year's output will represent a total of \$225,000,000. A certain proportion of the machines will of course be sold for export, but the outside markets have not been cultivated for the reason that the home demand is stronger than can be readily supplied. The automobile is following the usual course of all such inventions. When bicycles became popular they were sold at from \$125.00 to \$150.00, today the same machine can be purchased at from \$30 to \$40. A two cylinder motor of 35 horse power five years ago brought \$3,000; today a better machine can be procured for \$500. Indeed a number of the largest manufacturers are featuring in their catalogues, machines which sell at \$750, while rival makers are putting on the market equally good cars at \$500. The reduction in price has been most marked, and, although in the case of first class automobiles, prices are now going down to a reasonable basis, the prospects are that although the supply is not yet sufficient to meet the demand, there will be further material reductions within the next few years.

MONTREAL'S VERDICT.

After what has probably been the most exciting civil campaign in the city's history, Montreal has declared against graft, and by a sweeping vote has elected the ticket put up by the Citizens' Association in the interests of reform. The verdict against those aldermen who were condemned by Judge Cannon has been recorded in every word, and irrespective of race or religion the people have voted solidly for good government.

It was an exciting fight. The old council, in defiance of the Canadian people and despite the opposition of the entire press of the city almost unanimously offered for re-election. The machine was worked at high power, it had efficient organization and everything that could be done by money, promises or threats, was done to secure the success of the old aldermen. Senator Casgrain, nominated by the graft party for the mayoralty, was looked upon as a strong man, and indeed in any other company would have had fair chances of success. But this time Montreal voted on principle, the issue was one of honesty versus dishonesty, and the city has most emphatically refused any further assistance in the maladministration. It is a victory for reform, and it means much to Montreal. Millions of dollars have been misappropriated or squandered during the last few years, and indeed Judge Cannon found that twenty-five per cent of the amounts paid by the people in taxes was thrown away, largely in the form of dishonest rackets to the aldermen and their friends. With a new council and a board of control, worthy of the people's trust, Montreal should now enjoy a greater period of greater civic development.

ST. JOHN NIGHT.

The Canadian Club meeting last evening was a valuable contribution to the forward movement recently inaugurated by St. John. The four principal speakers dealt of course only in a general way with the matters now under consideration. Mr. Estabrook spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities of St. John as a manufacturing, ship-building, and shipping port; Mr. McDonald touched upon the methods which might be adopted in bringing about the desired development; Mr. Fisher was optimistic regarding the future and, giving sound and substantial reasons for his belief, predicted that before long this city would be in the fuller enjoyment of those benefits and advantages which are its due; Dr. Frank, discussing civic problems, pointed out what he considers the proper course in dealing with matters now engaging the attention of citizens and council.

The speeches fitted into each other, and formed a concise but comprehensive review of St. John's past and present, and a bright forecast of its future. There was given every reason for encouragement in what has already been done, and while the sentiment seemed to be that some other sections of the Dominion have shown more

marked progress, there has been a very creditable advancement here. It was not a boom meeting. St. John does not need any boom—such things are dangerous—but what it does need and what it is going to have, is a more general expansion and development along those lines, to which by reason of its exceptional advantages, the city is justly entitled.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Philip W. Webster, 41 years old, today gave birth to her fifth child, a son, married at the age of 16. Five pairs of twins and one set of triplets were included in the number, but none of them lived.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 1.—No decision in the suit for the possession of her children, brought by Mrs. B. E. Tillman, Jr., has yet been rendered. The supreme court this morning announced that there would be no further hearing in the case.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., Feb. 1.—James Courter, who would have been 105 years old next April and who was declared to be the oldest man in Indiana, died today from pneumonia in the log cabin on his farm in Switzerland County.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Rev. J. Campbell Morgan, pastor of the Westminster Congregational Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, has declined to accept a call to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York. He considers the work at Westminster too important for him to withdraw.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 1.—The death rate is decreasing in Boston, according to the returns made tonight by the Board of Health. The percentage of deaths in Boston last year was 17.5 per thousand, the lowest in the history of the board.

Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings

Have you been talking to your friends about these meetings?

You have been surprised to learn that all sorts of people are inclined to regard them with favor.

Men whom you did not expect to be favorable have spoken enthusiastically about the prospect.

Hard-headed business men whom you respect, who never waste their dollars in a useless enterprise, have given freely in the support of this work.

You have never been very much interested in a gospel that you imagined made its chief appeal to a man's selfish and ignoble desire to escape the just reward of his deeds.

You have doubted the value of the exclusive pursuit of individual blessedness.

But do you know that it is the special business of this campaign to place before men the opportunity of learning how to live the life of Christian Service.

We differ in our credal affirmations.

We differ in our forms of church government, worship and discipline.

We hold different ideas respecting the origin and the destiny of the race.

But we all acknowledge that righteousness is righteousness.

That the way of life is the way of Jesus.

You may not be prepared to order your life according to the Spirit.

But you can understand why men grow enthusiastic over a campaign that aims to enlist men in the establishment of the kingdom of which Jesus dreamed and for which he lived and died.

Than that there can be no work more helpful to humanity.

Feb. 7th to Feb. 28th

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 1910

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

I wish people were less afraid of bare facts and more afraid of allusions. There is nothing either indecent or amusing in the great facts of life. But by circling mysteriously around them, approaching and retreating, lifting the veil and then dropping it and running away, as if there were something funny in our antics, we create the illusion of indecency and amusement.

We are like children playing peek-a-boo. We peek behind our self-erected screen and then laugh, not because we see anything funny, but just at our own antics.

The indecency and the humor are not in the things themselves, but in our way of hiding them and then going and taking forbidden peeks at what we have hidden.

A perfectly naked body is not half so immodest as a half-draped body shrinking and trying to hide behind its draperies.

I once attended the performance of Isadora Duncan, the great classic dancer.

Miss Duncan, as one critic expresses it, "danced with limbs bare and uncorseted body, draped only with blowing gauze, which reveals when she moves every exquisite emotion she has trained herself to portray."

The chorus of the light opera that I saw the next evening wore a great many more clothes than she did, but they were far less modest.

One of the professors where I went to college used to tell his classes that there was a vast difference between nudeness and nakedness.

Nudeness, he said, was unconscious and unashamed, while nakedness was conscious and ashamed. The beautiful Greek statues, with absolutely no draperies, he explained, were nude, while many of the later works of art, although partially draped, were naked.

In the same way it seemed to me that Isadora Duncan, with her scant draperies, was less naked than the more extensively clothed, but more suggestive, ballet dancers. And in the same way it seems to me that a frankly faced fact is far more decent than an allusion however gracefully clothed.

I would infinitely rather a young daughter of mine went to a play in which the facts of sex were dealt with frankly and fearlessly, than to a play or light opera filled with gracefully worked allusions.

I would rather she read the novel that has paragraphs in it that polite society would shudder at than the book that touches things more gracefully and lightly but leaves one laughing at sin.

As a newspaper woman I have so sometimes been obliged to discuss with men, facts and situations that are not usually the subject of conversation between sexes. But if the men looked me in the eye and spoke simply and frankly I did not mind.

I fancy it far worse to see if a man who did not understand me, made some suggestive allusion.

I wish the mothers of the present day would teach their daughters to dislike nothing so much as allusions however amusing, to frown on nothing so much as suggestiveness however carefully worded, and to shun nothing so much as this silly peek-a-boo laughter at things that faced frankly, have nothing in them to laugh at.

I fancy if mothers would cultivate such an attitude they would find they had created a better guard for their daughters' morals than any chaperone or watchfulness, however careful, could possibly be.

Ruth Cameron

ALD. J. B. M. BAXTER IS NEW COUNTY MASTER

Annual Meeting of L. O. L. Adopts Resolution Favoring Contribution of Dreadnoughts.

The annual meeting of the St. John County L. O. L. was held last evening, when Ald. J. B. M. Baxter was elected county master.

The election of officers was as follows: County master, Ald. J. B. M. Baxter; K. C. deputy county master, Ald. Jas. Sprout; chaplain, J. T. Corbett; recording secretary, Wm. M. Campbell; treasurer, Neil J. Morrison; director of ceremonies, R. P. Goodrich; lecturer, William Rogers; deputy lecturer, A. E. Hamilton. The officers were then installed by A. J. Armstrong.

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TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR KINGDON MEMORIAL

Church of England Deanery Decided to Call Joint Meeting—in Session Yesterday.

A meeting of the clergymen of the Church of England Deanery was held yesterday in St. Jude's Church, West End. There was a service at 8.30 a. m., conducted by the rector of St. Jude's, Rev. G. F. Scovell, assisted by Rev. W. Leif. McKillop. After the service the members met in the rectory for business.

Rev. R. A. Armstrong retired from the post of secretary, and Rev. W. B. Armstrong was elected in his place. A communication was read from the Bishop with respect to the annual confirmation which was carefully considered with the view of meeting the Bishop's convenience as regards future arrangements, and Archdeacon Raymond was requested to further consult with the Bishop as to details.

Rev. Messrs. Kuhring, Hooper and Scovell were chosen a committee to arrange with members of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in regard to a missionary campaign to be held in May.

There was a discussion regarding the erection of a memorial building in St. John to the late Bishop Kingston. A joint meeting of the clergymen and representatives from the various churches will be held to consider the matter.

After the meeting the members were entertained at the residence of Rev. Mr. Scovell.

The next meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church.

CHRISTIANA, Feb. 1.—A new ministry has been formed to take the place of that which resigned several days ago and of which Gunner Knudsen was premier. The new cabinet includes:

Premier, M. Lonow; minister of foreign affairs, J. Irgens; the present minister to Great Britain; minister of finance, M. Borre; minister of commerce, S. A. B. Arctander; senior burgomaster of Christiansia, minister of defence, Lieutenant Colonel K. S. J. Bull.

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MARRIAGES

ALLEN-BENT—At the Cathedral, St. John, on Feb. 2nd, 1910, by the Rev. A. W. Meahan, Mr. Ira I. Allen to Miss Mary Ida Bent.

DEATHS

WALSH.—In Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 1st, Mrs. H. E. Walsh, sister of C. H. Ramsay of this city.

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

One of the new veils is so large as to be more like a long scarf. It is composed of a strip of big net, edged at either side with a wide and handsome lace insertion.

The gauzy upper-skirt in color and the satin underskirt is unmistakably a feature just now. The gauze afternoon frocks are generally mounted over some pale, soft shade.

If one is buying material by the yard for making a pretty skirt, it is wise to recall that the threads marquisette pull more easily than those of other sheer materials.

One of the newest substitutes for the corset is an elastic silk jersey from bust to knee; to these a soft underskirt is sometimes attached, the stockings to look at the edge.

Crystals and bugles, wonderfully suggestive of raindrops, are be-sprinkled over chiffons for some of the handiest and loveliest of the season.

For those who do not approve of the lingerie, there are pretty skirts with a deep sun-pleated flounce of meshing that stretches smoothly near where it joins the gored upper portion.

The very newest power for corsage wear at night is a mixture of silk and chenille; each silk pink petal is tipped with a tiny edging of chenille, which gives it a very soft and attractive appearance.

Household : Hints

Spasmodics are greatly improved by parboiling before roasting.

Pastry shells filled with creamed sweetmeats make a delicious entree.

To clean mirrors, dip a piece of soft cloth into alcohol and rub lightly.

When frying mush, dip the pieces first in white of egg to make them crisp.

Bananas and peanuts in combination make a tasty salad. Serve with mayonnaise.

Emery powder and oil made into a paste is excellent to clean steel knives. Scissors will be found much more convenient for shredding lettuce than a knife.

To beat the whites of eggs stiff, always have them cold and add a pinch of salt.

A gas stove should be wiped off each time it is used and washed with turpentine once a week.

Open canned fruit or vegetables and pour into a dish several hours before they are served.

Fruites are greatly improved if a little elder is added to the water in which they are cooked.

To clean pewter, wash it with hot water, rub it with fine sand and when dry polish with leather.

To iron embroidery, the iron should be applied on the wrong side and a thick ironing board used.

Creamed cauliflower served in green shells makes a dish as tasty as it is satisfying to the eye.

The Lighter Side of Life

THE DELIVERER.

Inexorable seems the cold. Beneath the heel
The snow creeps cringingly. Wan vapors lift
Above the stream, and tiny crystals
Adown a sky that glints like burnished steel.

Warped boughs, like hands, are raised in vain appeal
For succor or surcease. Strange noises shift
Athwart the distance, and a priceless gift
It were one breath of the warm South to feel!

What wizard hand shall shatter this grim spell,
Rive this white bondage that engirds the earth
Renew the meadow revelry, the mirth
Of woodland aisles, the old enrapturing gleam?

Let April bloom upon her charmed shell,
The bonds will sever like the bonds of dream!

Mayer Coughlin of Fall River, speaking at a recent banquet, told a story about an old Fall River abolitionist.

"The old boy," said Mayor Coughlin, "went to the theatre in Boston one night and saw 'Othello.' His knowledge of the Bard of Avon was limited; he had no idea that the hero of the piece was a white man blackened up."

"Well, after the play was over, he asked him what he thought of the actors. He cleared his throat and answered deliberately:

"Wall, layin' all sectional prejudices aside, and puttin' out of the question any partiality I may have for the race as such—durned if I don't think the nigger held his own with any 'em!"

"That is a fat, prosperous-looking envelope. Does our salesman send in a big bunch of orders?"

"Not exactly. That envelope contains a receipt for his last check, his expense account for this week, his request for a salary raise, and a requisition for some more expensive account blank."

"Yes," said the despondent man, "I was a seventh son."

"And didn't it bring you luck?" asked the superstitious one.

"Well, it being obliged to wear the cast-off clothes of six other brothers is luck it did," replied the despondent man.

"Paw, do you believe there is any luck in carrying the left hind foot of a rabbit?"

"Yes, Tommy; it's extremely unlucky, anyhow, for a rabbit that is carrying one to lose it."

UNDERABLE.



"You can't see tests would be perfectly as good as any natural tests. They don't swindle."

"Well, didn't your natural eyes lead you?"

"Please, mum, there's a lady tramp at the back door."

"What does she want?"

"Wants to know if you have an old sheath skirt or some cast off puffs that you don't want."

Oh, somewhere little children play,
Somewhere the sun shines bright,
Some bands are playing in some towns,
And somewhere hearts are left.
Somewhere some chaps are laughing,
Somewhere some victors whoop.
But there's no joy along the Don—
Dick Jebb is in the soup!

WHEN THE CALL IS IN, THE CALL IS OUT.

"What are your duties?" asked a young lady of a man who was in a brokerage house.

"Why, er—they are purely social, don't you know; I am employed to call on the customers of the firm."

"How perfectly lovely," she replied, "you must enjoy that very much."

"To tell the truth, I don't, for they are always 'out' when I call."

"How does that happen?"

"I call margins."

"You should be ashamed of yourself," chided the caller in the luxurious offices of the Boston Real Estate Company.

"Ashamed of what?" asked the agent with the smooth tongue.

"Why, you told that woman the lot you sold her was just the place for her husband, and you know it is under water."

"Well, why shouldn't I think it would suit him? Didn't I hear her call him 'dickie'?"

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12.50 - - - - - 8.25		43. - - - - - 35.	

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