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**WORK FOR NEXT YEAR'S
COUNCIL.**The statements of a number of the
aldermen, published in The Advertiser,
clear up a disputed point in the Niagara
power question.They make it plain that next year's
city council, if the power bylaw is
adopted, must take up the matter of
the local distribution of power.It is the first phase of the business
to which the council of 1907 must ad-
dress itself. Shall the city erect an
electric plant? Shall it acquire the
plant of the London Electric Company?
Shall it make a contract with the com-
pany for the distribution of Niagara
power?The council must choose one of these
three plans. Which is the cheapest
and most feasible? The answer can
only be ascertained by negotiations
with the London Electric Company.
There will be weeks and months of
bargaining and dickering before the
council is in a position to determine
which is the best scheme in the city's
interests.The ratepayers are asked to elect as
the head of the council a gentleman
with a large financial interest—large to
him—in the London Electric Company.
Supposing every man in the council
was a shareholder in the same com-
pany—wouldn't the taxpayers be a little
uneasy? No wonder Mr. Judd's news-
paper organ is attempting to fool the
people by representing that the coun-
cil and Mr. Judd's company will have
no dealings with each other next year.**ASYLUM AFFAIRS.**The Free Press has been hysterically
screaming for an investigation of the
management of the London Asylum,
but the Provincial Secretary has so
far turned a deaf ear to the clamor,
even though he would have the pretext
for throwing a sop to a party friend
by making him a royal commissioner.
The moderation of the Provincial Sec-
retary is surprising, in view of the in-
quiries he has already set on foot.
If Brantford and Belleville and Toronto
can get these favors why not London?The local patronage committee is
probably asking this question.
Charges of brutality and inhumanity
have been alleged against the officials
and attendants of the asylum, which
have been inconsistent with the repu-
tation of the medical superintendent
and his staff. The friends and rela-
tives of patients have been cause
much anxiety. In any asylum violence
may be used occasionally by an at-
tendant toward a patient, sometimes in
self-defense, sometimes through in-
firmity of temper. The Free Press,
however, has sought to give the im-
pression that a reign of thuggism
exists at the local institution, and
that the superintendent is too indif-
ferent or heartless to exercise author-
ity.No newspaper with a sense of respon-
sibility would open its columns to
scandalize a public establishment and
men who have enjoyed public respect,
unless from a sense of duty. The Free
Press has retailed stories which have
not come from an impartial source. It
has had no independent knowledge of
the facts, but has been slandering at
large, at the prompting of a man who
is aspiring to Dr. Macallum's position.Our contemporary says that as a re-
sult of its exposures improvements are
being made in the heating arrange-
ments of the asylum which "have long
been known to be defective." If this
is so, the present Government, which
has had control of the asylums for
nearly two years, must share the re-
sponsibility. Perhaps an investigation
might disclose this fact, and might
confute the scandalmongers. At any
rate the Provincial Secretary does not
seem to credit our contemporary's al-
legations.**THE COAL FAMINE.**The Western States, as well as the
Canadian West, have been suffering
through the failure of the fuel dealers
and the railways to supply the im-
mediate necessities of coal consumers.
While the federal, state and provincial
authorities in the two countries have
been urging the railway companies to
do their very best to meet the emer-
gency, the Association of Cattle Raisers
of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona,
Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, is me-
morializing the United States Senate
to the effect that the railways are car-
rying too much coal and not enoughlive stock. The memorial asserts that
the railways are insufficiently equipped,
and that, moreover, they appropriate
cattle cars "to the hauling of coal and
other commodities," to the detriment
of the live stock interests. The railway
managers have their troubles, as well
as the public.J. J. Hill, the financial genius at the
head of the Great Northern Railway
system, says that the traffic of the west
has grown at a much greater rate than
the railway and railway equipment,
hence the periodical congestion, which,
in the case of Canada, was ac-
centuated by the strike of the coal
miners. Other leaders in commerce and
railway finance have, however, been
examined by the United States inter-
state railway commission, and they al-
lege that conditions in the United
States, which have resulted in so much
suffering to settlers there, were caused,
not so much by scarcity of railways,
but by the stock manipulations of the
railway managers. Testimony was
given to the effect that hundreds and
hundreds of empty cars were side-
tracked at many points, while at others
there was great suffering and discom-
fort, as we saw much loss of money,
because no cars could be had. Proof
was given that in more than one West-
ern State shipments of grain had been
weeks, in some cases months, getting
over a distance that could have been
covered in hours. It was also shown
that Canadian wheat had been hauled
to market over United States lines,
because shippers in Canada were will-
ing to pay more money for the work
than was offered in the United States,
while United States grain was left to
rot in the fields or mold in poorly-
protected bins.The United States railway managers
in the west were told many months
since that just such congestion would
result if the rolling stock and motive
power equipment of their respective
systems were not very much augment-
ed. But for reasons known to manipu-
lators of railway stocks on Wall street,
the expert advisers of the railways were
in very many instances "turned down."
The Canadian railway managers are
not open to the same rebuke. During
this year alone 3,314 miles of railway
have been constructed at a cost of
\$82,000,000, and the work is being car-
ried on as fast as the labor market
will permit. So rapid has been the de-
velopment of the Canadian west, how-
ever, that there is always the cry for
"more," and delay, sometimes very
vexatious, in keeping up with the de-
mands of trade.Certain members of the Dominion
Parliament, at the last session, when
the measure to empower the Grand
Trunk Pacific Railway directors to
build branch lines were considered,
pooh-poohed the necessity for these
lines, and opposed their early con-
struction. The experience of the past
three months, however, has vindicated
the position taken by Sir Wilfrid
Laurier and his friends, when they de-
clared not only for the speedy con-
struction of the main line of the new
transcontinental railway, but for the
building of as many branch lines for
the benefit of the western settlers as
the needs of the country traversed
seemed to warrant. There can be no
doubt that in the immediate future the
resources of the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way system, as well as those of the
Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian
Northern, will be taxed to their limit to
meet the necessities of the settlers.
There is plenty of coal in the Cana-
dian west to meet all the wants of
the people, but it must be mined and
marketed, and put within reach of the
consumers before the winter sets in,
or we shall have frequent recur-
rences of the troubles of this year.
It may be necessary, indeed, to have
the season for the shipment of coal
from the mines fixed, as it is in some
other parts of the country, largely at
a season of the year when there is not
the abnormal demand for cars and
locomotives which is caused by the
marketing of grain in the fall months.
The requirements of the people should
be met by the mine workers and rail-
way managers, and they will stand in
their own light if they fail to bear this
in mind.**IS SCOTLAND IN PERIL?**Perhaps in no country is learning
more prized for its own sake than in
Scotland. The sacrifices of poor Scot-
tish parents to give at least one boy in
the family a university education are
historic, and have been glorified in
literature. This spirit has been one of
the elements in Scotland's greatness
and in the marvelous success of the
race. It is disquieting, therefore, to
hear British educators inveigh against
Mr. Carnegie's munificent endowment
of Scottish universities, on the ground
that it is weakening the moral fiber
of Scottish youth. It has opened a
royal road to education, they say, and
many young Scots are no longer will-
ing to undergo the hardships which
once attended a university course. They
squander the money supplied by par-
ents, and conceal from them the fact
that they are beneficiaries of the Car-
negie scholarships. Another reported
result of the gift is that professors
have raised their fees, assuming thatthe students are now correspondingly
better able to pay, and are becoming
less diligent in the performance of
their duties. In short, the influence of
the Carnegie gift is alleged to have been
demoralizing.It is to be hoped, not only for the
sake of Scotland, but of the English-
speaking world, in which the Scotch
have played so great a part, that these
evils are purely imaginary. The Car-
negie fund was donated from the high-
est motives, and after the most careful
consideration by a committee of emi-
nent educationists. It may be that the
administration of the fund has resulted
in abuses, but these may be corrected
by a watchful supervision. The finest
discrimination is necessary in all
philanthropic movements. It would be a
disaster to civilization if influences
were at work to undermine the virile
qualities of the Scottish people, which
are beautifully illustrated in their sac-
rifices for education, but to outsiders
it seems preposterous that a matter of
ten millions of dollars should, in so
short a period exert a baneful influence
upon Scottish student life.The Free Press has begun to throw
dirt at Ald. Greenlees. It had to come.
The F. P. couldn't go through an elec-
tion without it.The Advertiser has received from its
esteemed contemporary the Times, of
Victoria, B. C., a beautiful sample of
holly, picked in Victoria on Christmas
Day.The report that Hon. Mr. Foy will
retire from the Whitney cabinet is
probably true. He has no relish for
public life and has remained in it un-
der pressure from his colleagues.The Free Press professed to believe
a few days ago that Ald. Greenlees'
candidature was a joke. Its frenzied
personal attacks upon him show that
it has begun to take him very serious-
ly.Mr. Malcolm Rowland's experience
as manager of the Canadian Savings
and Loan Company for many years
especially qualifies him for a seat at
the aldermanic board. Men of financial
ability will be required in the council
next year, when so many questions in-
volving the expenditure of large sums
of money will come up. The citizens
should see that Mr. Rowland is
elected.**NOT AHEAD.**[Exchange]
"They say that Shifter is ten years
ahead of his time."
"Well, it's not true. I'm his landlord,
and I know he's just six months behind."**PERFECTLY JUSTIFIED.**[Exchange]
"My dear," said Mr. N-Peck, venturing
to put in a word as he paused for breath.
"May I ask what you are scolding about?"
"I can't remember it just now," replied
his late spouse. "You've driven it out of
my head. But if I hadn't a good reason for
it do you suppose I'd be as angry as I
am?" and she broke loose again.**MANY MEANINGS OF THE HISS.**[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]
"The hiss," said an actor, "does not only
mean disgust and reprobation. In Japan,
for instance, it means delight. A Japanese
in greeting you hisses."
"In West Africa the hiss denotes as-
tonishment. There I would hiss if you
should pay me back that loan I made you
last month."
"In the New Hebrides they hiss before
anything beautiful. Do you see the large
turkey in front of that shop? Well, a
New Hebridean, beholding it, would hiss."
"The Basutos hiss in sign of cordial
agreement. When a candidate for office
scores a point a hiss from the Basuto
audience is his reward."
"Among the Kabyles the hiss denotes
satisfaction and content. At the end of
the dinner that I propose to eat on
Christmas day I would, were I a Kabyle,
lean back in my chair, loosen my waist-
coat and hiss loud and long."**EXACT NUMBER OF PA'S HAIRS.**[New York Sun.]
Teacher—Yes, Johnny, the hairs of our
heads are numbered.
Johnny—Well, pa's must be twenty-three.**HIS EDUCATIONAL LIMIT.**[Harper's Weekly.]
A lawyer in Washington was telling some
colleagues of next retorts he had heard in
court, when he was reminded of the inter-
change of compliments between a Western
judge and a sharp-tongued attorney from
Chicago.The judge, a quick-tempered man, had
had several "run-ins" with counsel when
suddenly he observed:
"I can teach you law, Mr. Perkins, but
I cannot teach you manners."
"That is true, your honor," retorted the
Chicago lawyer.**A BAD SLIP.**[From Punch.]
A Hot Return—"Oh, I'm so sorry I could
not come to your 'At Home' yesterday."
"Dear me, weren't you there?"
"Why, of course, I was—how very silly of
me—I quite forgot."**HASH OR SEPARATE.**[Boston Transcript.]
Waitress—Rosebushmunt politum's
beetpotatoesfriedwithsteak's onions
Boarder—Are they in hash form as you
announce them, or separate?**RECIPROCITY.**[Independent.]
Curran, when master of the rolls in Ire-
land, was going one day to a levee at the
castle. There was a great press of car-
riage, when all at once he was startled by
the pole of the carriage which followed
him crashing through the back of his. He
hastily put his head out of the window,
trying to the coachman: "Stop, stop, the
pole of the carriage behind is driven into
me."
"Arrah, then, it's all right again, your
honor," said Pat, "for I've just driven my
pole into the carriage before."**ONE KIND OF THEOLOGY.**

[Washington Star.]

"When some men talk about heaven,"
said Uncle Eben, "they 'pears to 'spirence
no satisfaction in de idea of keepin' deir
enemies out dar in dat of goin' dar
deirself."**A ROYAL DECEIVER.**

[Chicago Record.]

The love letters of Henry VIII. to Anne
Boleyn have been published in book form.
They should teach young women that it is
foolish to believe all men say in their love
letters.**A QUALIFICATION.**

[Toronto Star.]

Down in Missouri they seem to read the
Christmas message this way—peace on
earth and good-will to everybody except
black men.**AGREED.**

[Philadelphia Inquirer.]

Mrs. Henpeck—I've often wished that I
had been born a man.
Henpeck—So have I, my dear.**NAUTICAL NOTE.**

[Kansas City Journal.]

Mrs. Yacht (superciliously)—My husband
has a beautiful yacht. I don't suppose
your husband can afford such a luxury
yet?
Mrs. Natch—No, the best he can do is to
hold the mortgage on the one your hus-
band has.**WILLING TO CHIP IN.**

[Half-Holiday.]

He—I told your father I couldn't live
without you.
She—And what did he say?
He—Oh, he offered to pay my funeral
expenses.**NEEDS OF CIVILIZATION.**

[Washington Times.]

Tradition says the first looks were made
in England during the reign of Alfred the
Great, but it was not until civilization had
progressed to the middle of the fourteenth
century that their use became general,
and only at the highly civilized period of
the nineteenth century that steel vaults,
burglar-proof safes and such things be-
came necessary.**THE MODERN LOCHINVAR.**

[Milwaukee Wisconsin.]

When young Lochinvar rode from the
west
He claimed that his automobile was the
best;
It was painted dark red and it brilliantly
shone;
He fired his chauffeur and ran it alone;
He shot over ruts with a sloop and a jar,
And people fled madly from young Lochin-
var.With a whirl of his wheels and a hum of
his cogs
He knocked down the children and ran
over dogs;
He frightened the horses and laughed at
their pranks,
And men who got angry he looked on as
cranks;
He gave her the very last notch on the
bar,
And a cloud of dust followed the gay
Lochinvar.He stayed not at bridge, he stopped not
for stone,
He calmly took all of the roads as his
own.
He came to a crossing and smashed
through a gate
And endeavored to butt through a train-
load of freight—
They searched, and at last, lying under a
pile
They found a few chunks of the bold
Lochinvar.**THE SAUCE.**

[New York Tribune.]

At a Florida fraternal society dinner
raw oysters were served, when one re-
fused to eat another on the opposite side
of the table.
"Bill, hand me that rooster sauce."
"Bill passed him 'ae Worcestershire
sauce and replied.""This ain't no rooster sauce. It's Win-
chester sauce."**HIS OWN BUSINESS.**

[Philadelphia Record.]

This anecdote was told by John Graham
Brooks: "One of the brightest replies I
ever heard came from a lad in my neigh-
borhood, who was being quizzed about his
father's accomplishments, and was asked,
"What does your father know, anyway?"
There was no hesitation in the answer:
"He don't believe he knows much of any-
thing except his own business; but he
knows that."**DIFFERENT SHADES.**

[Chicago Daily News.]

The celebrated medium rapped three
times on the black cabinet.
"And now, kind air," she said, in a
spooky voice, "what shade would you like
me to tell you about?"
"Why," replied the little man in the
audience, "I would like you to tell me the
shade my wife told me to match when I
started down town today."**MAIDENS WITH ACROBATIC EYES.**[Compiled after reading half a dozen
modern novels.]

[Life.]

"With her eyes she riveted him to the
spot."
"Her eyes sparkled as they drank in
every gesture."
"His conceit perished before the wither-
ing gaze of her scorn-filled eyes."
"Fixing her eyes upon the receding form,
she remained immovable."
"Her trained eyes penetrated every nook
and corner of the desolate room."
"He stood rooted to the spot by her mag-
netic eyes."
"She permitted her eyes to rest upon the
ceiling a moment, and then roamed care-
lessly about the room."
"She returned his caress with a single
glance from her beautiful orbs."
"Isabel's eyes took in everything that
the room contained, and with a dignity
betting a queen she left the place."
"Slowly her eyes followed as he disap-
peared from view over the distant hilltop."**ACROSS SEA 1,000 TIMES.**

[New York Times.]

Harry Stevens, chief wine steward on
the Cunard Line, sailed yesterday
on what will be his 1,000th trip across the
Atlantic. This record, so far as is known,
has never been surpassed by any other
employee of the steamship lines.
Taking 2,000 miles for the trip from Liver-
pool to New York as a basis for com-
putation, Stevens has traveled 3,000,000
miles, or a distance of 12,000 times around
the earth. Had he been traveling through
space he would have made six round trips
to the moon.**J. H. CHAPMAN & CO****Saturday and Night Specials**Good reasons why you should come here to do your New Year's shopping.
We're making a clean sweep of small lots, balances, etc. Read the following and
you will know what kind of bargains to expect. Hurry to share in them.Clearing a balance of full sized Cloth Bound
Books, standard authors of fiction, well bound.
Our regular price was 15c, (they're worth
25c,) on sale Saturday and night, each..... **5c**CHATTERBOX, the annual that every boy
and girl loves. We have a few left, 1905 and
1906 editions. For a clean sweep to-
day and tonight..... **44c**"FOXY GRANDPA" and "Little Family
Sneeze," big, long illustrated books; everyone
would like to look at them. Were 40c
and 50c, on sale today and tonight..... **30c**A few only complete works of celebrated
poets, richly padded covers. Were 65c
and 75c, clearing today and night..... **50c**NEW TESTAMENTS, 100 stiff covered
red Testaments, on sale Saturday and
night, at, each..... **5c**BIBLES, large size Nelson's Reference
Bibles for students and teachers, limp leather
cover, lapped edges, red underneath the gilt
edges. Complete with maps, atlas and references.
Were \$1.25 each, on sale today and
tonight..... **95c**8 only Bibles with Methodist Hymn Book
combined, the leather covers are slightly rubbed.
Were \$1.00 and \$1.25, today and tonight at
half price.A few leather covered Presbyterian Books
of Praise, slightly rubbed. Prices 75c to \$1.50,
today and tonight 1/2 off.Handsome Library Books, full sized, with
leather bound backs and corners, each one com-
plete in a case. Splendid works of leading
authors, Corelli, Cooper, Lyall, Dickens, Scott,
Meredith, etc., only 60 volumes. Our regular
price 50c, on sale today and tonight
at..... **35c**14 only 2 volume sets of Eugene Sue, Dumas,
Lever and Farrar, put up in a case. Worth
\$1.50 a set, to clear Saturday and
night, a set..... **50c**A beautiful New Year's gift would be a
history of our King and Queen, Edward VII
and his consort Queen Alexandra from birth to
coronation. A 600 page book with illustrations
on every page, and fine large colored plates, a
beautiful description of the King's visit to Canada
and the United States in 1860. Written by W.
H. Wilkins. The subscription price in England
when it first came out was one guinea (\$5.25).
See it if you want to make a present. **\$1.50**
Our low price is.....HANDKERCHIEFS. An after Christmas
sale of 30c ones, today and tonight
each..... **17c**40c and 50c Handkerchiefs..... **25c**Lace Corner Cambric Handkerchiefs, **4c**
tonight each.....German Linen embroidery Stock Collars
and others, special today and
tonight..... **33c**Collar and Cuff Sets, worth 35c at..... **25c****Sale of Dolls for Today and Monday**Full 18-inch French Dressed Sleeping Dolls, with natural curly hair, dressed in beautiful
pink, blue or red satin, dresses trimmed with lace and ribbon, hat to match. Worth 75c
each, but rather than put them away we'll sell them today, tonight and Monday for **29c****J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas St.****DRUMMERS' GUESTS
HAD MERRY TIME**Invaded the Travelers' Club and
Were Entertained in Right
Royal Manner.The Travelers' Club last night enter-
tained its friends at the club rooms on
Richmond street north.Anyone who has ever had the pleas-
ure of enjoying the drummers' hospi-
tality knows what this means.It is no flattery to say that they are
princes of good fellows, with a glad
hand and an easy word for everybody.
When they do things they do them
right. It makes no difference whether
they tackle a picnic at Fort Stanley or
an "At Home" to their friends—the
travelers seem to excel at all other in-
fact, though it may be a proprietary
term, they are peculiar to their self.No one else can quite reach the travel-
ers' standard of good-fellowship.
There was more good nature and
welcome crowded into the Travelers'
Club last night than it is possible to
describe. Everybody felt at home,
everybody had a good time.The programme was in charge of Mr.
Al Davis, "Carling's hired man," and,
of course, he made good in the job. Al
has a way of handing things out which
make a go of them. He was ably as-
sisted by President C. W. McGuire, who
acted as master of ceremonies, and, of
course, he was the right man in the
right place.Until 9 o'clock the travelers and their
friends played cards, etc., and after
that hour the programme was carried
out.Vocal solos were rendered by Messrs.
Alfred Dunn and E. S. Crawford; Mr.
C. S. Irwin gave a cornet solo, and
Messrs. Maurice Pour and Thomas G.
Mitchell rendered fine selections.
All were warmly applauded for their
brilliant efforts. Mr. George Phelps
accompanied the vocalists and Mr.
Pour. The latter played several se-
lections in his own inimitable style, on
the violin, and Mr. Mitchell charmed
his hearers by his artistic interpreta-
tion of several difficult compositions.
A vocal duet by Messrs. Dunn and Craw-
ford was a hit with the gathering. Mr.
DeArcy Hooker, London manager of
the Columbia Phonograph, was also
present and he gave several very choice
selections on a Majestic machine. The
selections included the newest records.
Mr. William Ward, familiarly known
as "Billy," was there, too, and he**WILL KILL 575,000
IN NEXT 10 YEARS**Doctor Josiah Strong Makes an
Awful Prediction for the
United States.New York, Dec. 29. — Important
steps are soon to be taken in this
city and elsewhere to establish a sys-
tem of compulsory and accurate re-
cords of the enormous number of per-
sons who are annually killed and in-
jured in America's vast army of indus-
trial workers. In New York city alone
the meager records obtainable are
startling.In 1904 there were 4,122 persons killed
in New York city through accident
and negligence, as shown by the re-
ports of the department of health, and
these reports are said to be incomplete.For two weeks, beginning on Jan.
28, an exposition will be held
in the American Museum of Natural
History, in this city, under the aus-
pices of the American Institute of
Social Service, for the purpose of
studying and exhibiting safety devices
for dangerous machinery, methods of
industrial hygiene, and set in motion
the movement to establish a more ac-
curate record of industrial fatalities
and accidents in all parts of the coun-
try.Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the
American Institute of Social Service,
in speaking of the number of per-
sons killed each year in our indus-
trial occupations, made some aston-
ishing comparisons. He said:"We in the United States kill in
four years some 50,000 persons, more
than fell in battle and died of
wounds during the four years of the
civil war. We are killing more than
twice as many every year as per-
ish by violence in both the French
and English armies during the three
years of the Crimean war.""There are more killed and wound-
ed on our railroads every year than
the entire losses of the Boer war on
both sides in three years. We have
industrial casualties enough every year
to keep one conflict like our war with
Spain going for 100 years. Our
peaceful vocations cost more livesevery two days than were lost in
battle during the entire Spanish
war.""From the best statistics obtain-
able I may say there are 575,000 per-
sons in the United States under sen-
tence of death to be executed at an un-
known moment during the next ten
years—1,100 next week, and the same
number every week until the ghastly
work is complete.""An intelligent and earnest effort
would procure the reprieve of a mul-
titude of these innocent victims."One of the strange experiences of a
balloonist is that of falling into "a
hole in the air," which Mr. Baker re-
ports as follows: "So you continue
sailing, enjoying the present with little
thought of the startling surprises that
may be before you. Ahead of you, un-
seen, may be what the balloonist calls
a 'hole in the air,' resembling the vortex
of a maelstrom, and down this vor-
tex you literally fall at a rate which is
terrifying until, by sacrificing two or
three barrels of sand at once, your
pilot checks your downward flight. But
these 'holes' are scarce, and, as a rule,
the atmosphere is of uniform carrying
power."—American Magazine.It is announced from Paris that the
"Bureau des Longitudes" has decided
to send to Samaraland a scientific
mission to observe the eclipse of the
sun that will be visible in Central
Asia on Jan. 13, 1907. The mission
will be under the direction of the
astronomer, Stefank, of the Observa-
tory of Meudon, who accompanied M. Jan-
sen on his expedition to Spain for the
observation of the eclipse of Aug.