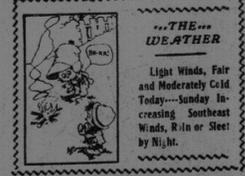




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WILL HELP TO REBUILD THE STRICKEN CITIES

The Italian Government Will Exempt the Earthquake Zone From Building Taxes for Fifteen Years and Will Devote All Unclaimed Valuables to the Aid of the Sufferers.

Rome, Jan. 9.—The parliamentary committee which is examining the measure proposed by the government in the chamber of deputies has modified them with the consent of the cabinet. The changes provide that the building taxation be two per cent for five years instead of five per cent for two years and that the earthquake zone be exempted from a building tax for fifteen years. A further provision is that all unclaimed valuables in the devastated district be devoted by the government to the relief of the sufferers. Some of the unclaimed valuables were active in the measures undertaken at Taormina for the relief of the earthquake sufferers and who is now in Rome, today gave further details of the conditions of the refugees who came under her observation. Some of the wounded were very little chance of their reaching Catania alive. They were therefore taken from the train and given every attention possible at Taormina. Local Italian doctors and an English physician, Dr. Dashiwood and his wife, were indefatigable in their labors. Four of the wounded died during the first two days.

FIVE MEN WERE FROZEN TO DEATH

French Canadians Succumbed to Terrible Cold on the Western Plains.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 9.—(Special)—A report has been received here of five men being frozen to death 150 miles west of here and beyond Pembina River. The men were all French Canadians who left Stony Plain three days ago, intending to travel to Fort MacLeod, and that they met their melancholy fate just a short distance beyond the 150th mile house.

WESTERN POLITICIANS ARE MARKING TIME

In the Face of a General Election Alberta Politicians Are Not Contesting Bye Elections.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The by-election here yesterday was permitted to pass by default to Donald McNaught, an independent candidate. Both the old party nominees withdrew, evidently to save their strength for the provincial general election, which is believed to be not far distant.

RURAL LIBRARIES

(Cor. Country Gentleman.) Recently, in Italy, Mr. Hurley of Ireland was ever on the alert to pick up new ideas regarding agriculture for his own use. He said all printed in Ireland kept abreast of the times on new inventions and better methods of farming, that every private house contained several agricultural and horticultural books, and that the farmers consulted them freely.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

There is no indication in the school for scandal. Nothing prospers like a frenzied financier—for a time. The less account a dog is the more a boy thinks of him. How we dislike to accept a favor from a person we dislike! Some young men seem to think it better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. The easier it is to get married the harder it is to stay married. After man makes the opportunity the opportunity makes him. The girl who doesn't fancy work is apt to acquire the farmer's work habit. Most of a woman's thoughts are about how high above the earth as her last. WHEN THE L. GAVE WAY. Mr. Elphinstone's goodness! I wish I hadn't eaten that last ton of fish. DEATHS. BRAY—In St. John, on Jan. 8, after a lingering illness, R. Allison Bray, in the 52nd year of his age, leaving a widow and three children to mourn their loss. Funeral from the late residence, Guilford street, under the auspices of Carleton Union Lodge, F. and M., on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

WANT TO SECURE EIGHT HOUR DAY

Railway Telegraphers Preparing for Struggle With Companies for Better Working Conditions.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Railway telegraph operators throughout Canada the United States and Mexico are said to be preparing for a struggle with the companies in an effort to better their working conditions. According to local officials, a petition asking the government of Canada to establish an eight-hour day is being largely signed while individual members of the house are being approached on the matter.

WEALTH PRODUCED BY STATE OF WASHINGTON

Manufactures and Imports Averaged \$1,200 a Family in 1908.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 8.—Two hundred and sixty-seven dollars per capita, or \$1,200 for the average family, was the wealth production exclusive of manufactures and imports, of the inland empire of the Pacific northwest in 1908. This is a gain of \$10,000,000 over the same year in the history of the country, and is 150 per cent greater than the per capita wealth production of the United States in 1908. The value of the products of the mines, forests, orchards, farms and ranges in this district, composed of eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana, Northwestern Oregon and Southern British Columbia, was \$143,000,000, and the population estimated at 531,500 in a compilation by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, as follows: Minerals, \$45,000,000; wheat, \$22,000,000; lumber, \$10,000,000; live stock and poultry, \$16,000,000; apples and other fruit, \$14,000,000; hay, \$10,000,000; other farm products, \$10,000,000; dairy products, \$6,000,000.

SAYS CHARLOTTETOWN ELITE ARE GAMBLERS

Rev. H. E. Thomas Condemns Gambling in High Places in the Island Capital—Exciting Hockey Match.

Charlottetown, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Victoria outplayed the Algonquin five to two in the first match of the Island Hockey League series last night. The game was fast for an opener, the double refereed system was used for the first time. As a result there were generally from two to three players on the promenade during the whole game, nine being penalized in all. Sammie Doyle, formerly of St. Francis Xavier, and an old Algonquin player, was without any doubt the star of the match. He was playing with the Victoria last night. Rev. H. E. Thomas, in a strong address against gambling and intemperance, at the week of prayer meeting last night, condemned gambling in high places in the city. He did not bring confidences in the poor classes.

RULE OF THE ROAD

(Youth's Companion.) "The first day in England," says an American traveler, "my heart jumped into my throat several times. Riding on top of a bus, the driver would always turn toward the left while we were moving, and that was the English custom, I knew on sight and got shivers anticipating the right-of-way time. One morning I stepped up to a policeman at King's Cross, to get my bearings, and as he was disposed to the right, I kept him company. Among other things, I asked him whether there was any rule requiring pedestrians to keep to the left. 'No, he told me, it was only for the roadway that the rule held. "I then asked him why it was that in England they always turned to the left, whereas in all other countries the rule was to turn to the right. "Oh, it's very important to keep to the right," he said, "seriously. I knew it was very important to observe the rule of the road, but why turn to the left? "Well," he said, "I'll show you. Now you come here, and he led me to the middle of the roadway. 'You see, he continued, 'how the traffic moves along the two sides of the road? "Yes, I saw, and a pretty sight it was, too—a string of all sorts of conveyances coming toward us on our right, and moving away from us on the left, as far as the eye could see. "Yes, I saw, and he was very impressive—suppose you were driving along in the middle here, and another carriage was coming the other way, and suppose you turned to the right, don't you see you would be getting in the way of all those vehicles? "Yes, I saw that. "Well, that's why we always turn to the left." I learned afterward that the 'bobby' expected a tip for all the information he had given me."

ST JOHN MEN PASS IN PRELIMINARY EXAMS.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 9.—(Special)—The following candidates passed the November civil service preliminary examinations in St. John, N. B.: Leo A. Durick, J. D. Hennessey, Frank J. McGrath, William McGrath, Louis J. McQuay, Leo W. Murphy, C. T. Murphy, John W. Murphy, John B. O'Connor, Jas. F. Owens, Wm. P. Sharkey.

THE FARMER'S HAPPY LOT

(Haltmore Sun.) There are about 6,000,000 farms in the United States, and if division is made among them it will be found that the average amount for each farm is about \$220. This is a comfortable sum for the living of a family, which has house rent and a greater part of the food consumed through in. The agricultural population of the United States is about 25,000,000 persons; that is, there are 10,287,703 employed in agriculture, and the rest, nearly 15,000,000 are dependent on them. If the earnings on the farm, over and above the amount fed to live stock, should be divided equally among those who have to live on it, each one would have \$245. At the value of the crop of 1908, as estimated by the secretary of agriculture, about a double that of 1909, according to the census of that year. We have seen that by dividing up this great crop among those who have to live upon it, the farmer begins to appear not so big, after all. And yet they are so big to make the farmer very prosperous and contented. In recent years he has paid off his mortgages and has opened a bank account. He lives comfortably and, although in a portion of the year he works very hard, yet he has more leisure during the 12 months than most men in other occupations.

WANT DUTY ON TIMBER

Wellington, New Zealand, Jan. 9.—A general conference of the timber trade was held at Palmerston, North, today to discuss the question of the importation of timber. The press was excluded, but several delegates asserted after the conference that owing to the recent wholesale importations of pine, fully fifty saw mills would close down indefinitely. The mill owners demand the imposition of a duty on all imported timber except in bulk.

R. Allison Bray

R. Allison Bray, formerly C. P. R. station agent at Fairville, and later in the employ of the N. B. Southern Railway, died this morning at his home, Guilford street, west end. Mr. Bray was 43 years of age, and had been ill for five years with tuberculosis. A widow and three children survive him. He also leaves one brother, H. H. Bray, of Campbellton, N. B., and two sisters, Mrs. Connor, of Boston, and Mrs. Taylor, wife of the stationer of the I. C. R. at Moncton. He was a member of Carleton Union Lodge of Masons and the funeral will be held under the auspices of that body on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. George Pinkney, of Montreal is in the city on a business trip. He is a son of the Deffen.

THE CASE WILL BE COMPLETED TODAY

Evidence About All in Hains Case and Lawyers Will Probably Sum Up on Monday.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A few words spin again, and several at today and all the evidence in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains will be in. The state will call all the witnesses of the shooting on the boat when Captain Hains killed the publisher. The testimony of the many witnesses will be brief, and Prosecutor Darrin said today that he had reason to believe that both sides would be ready to sum up on Monday. The defense is understood will call one witness in rebuttal.

MONCTON NEWS

Second Starr Trophy Game Tonight—Enthusiastic Liberal Meeting at Rockport.

Moncton, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The Moncton Athletics are likely to face the Amherst Ramblers with a weakened line-up in the second game for the Starr Trophy series here this evening. As the result of an injury to his knee in practice, aggravated by the strain of Thursday night's game, Gregory may be unable to play this evening in which case Norman will go to center and Kennedy on the wing. Otherwise, the team will be the same as before. The Liberal meeting was held by the local club at which Hon. H. R. Zouthern was present and gave a stirring address. The meeting was held in honor of Mr. Emmerson. Addresses were made by A. B. Copp and B. C. Rayworth. The Liberals of Rockport will have a new public hall in the near future and the ready operations have been commenced erecting a building on a piece of land which was given them by Hon. Mr. Zouthern. The meeting was a liberal one. After the meeting members of the club and guests adjourned to the home of one of the members where drinks were partaken of. Mr. Emmerson gave a talk on the 10th of October. The death occurred in a hospital here last night of Miss Edith Smith, aged forty-two, of Seckville. The deceased is a daughter of the late George Smith and a niece of J. C. B. Conductor Clifford Ayer, of this city. She had been under the care of Dr. H. Hains.

I. L. AND B. SOCIETY TO HOLD AN AT HOME

What promises to be an enjoyable social will be held in the quarters of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society on Monday night when the members of the organization will be the hosts at an At Home. The programme of the evening has been arranged and music will be furnished by an orchestra. Another diversion is what the chapter James McIvor, John Abbott, Jeremiah Wall, William Daley, J. P. Doody, Fred Watters, J. A. Barry, J. Daley, J. T. Gorman, W. Harris and W. Griffith. J. A. Barry will act as floor manager with Jeremiah Wall as assistant and George Fritch, will cater for the refreshments.

MONTRÉAL STOCKS

Montreal, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Stock prices were generally steady today. The most active issues were Ogilvie 116 to 115 5/8; McKay 74 1/8; Dom. Steel 12 1/4; Rich. 80 1/4; Twin City 98 3/4; Textile 65 to 64 1/2; Pacific 177; Detroit 66; Toronto Ry. 111 3/4; Mon. Street Ry. 210 7/8; Over 115 1/8; Lake of Woods 98 3/4. Eleven burial permits have been issued by the board of health during the past week, as follows:—Old age, three; tuberculosis, two; neglect, paralysis, diphtheria, pertussis, gastric cancer, and softening of the brain, one each.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT ENDED MERRY AUTOMOBILE RIDE

New York, Jan. 9.—Thrown from an automobile, heading against a fence, Edward C. Gilman, a well known young real estate broker of Flushing, L. I., was instantly killed in arduous work a party of young men and women of Flushing were taking through the Long Island villages early today. Most of the other occupants of the fast car are believed to have escaped serious injury, but Miss Jeanette McKim, of Flushing, was rendered unconscious and the extent of her injuries has not been ascertained. Miss McKim and two other young women, Lacy Bogert and Dorothy White, attended an amateur play given at the Flushing town hall last night, in which Miss McKim had a part. After the play the party were taken for an automobile ride by Merwin Lee. Mr. Lee promised his friends a fast ride and they dashed through the village of Bayside and Greenvale, when one of the wheels of the automobile came off as the car was coming down a steep hill at a fast clip. The machine dived into a ditch and the car was thrown into the air and fell to the ground. Miss McKim was thrown out and badly injured. Mr. Gilman was a brother of the late Frank McKim, a well known author, critic, and a relative of the late Frank McKim, head of the University of Baltimore. Frank McKim was thrown into the ditch and his left arm broken.

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