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DIME NOVELS AGAIN.

Yesterday a fifteen year old boy appeared in court to answer a charge of burglary. When he was arrested a copy of a five cent "blood and thunder" novel was found in his pocket. Yesterday's papers recorded the case of a boy in another town who held up a school and made the children dance at the point of a revolver in emulation of the playful antics of his heroes of the dime novel. These are only a couple of the cases which come to light once in a while to give the adults an idea of the effects of such reading on the mind of a boy. Time and again the downfall of youthful criminals has been traced to the cheap novels which they had been in the habit of reading. The evil results of such mental distraction cannot be measured, however, by the career of the boys who run foul of the police. For every boy who goes to that length there are hundreds who do not achieve such notoriety but whose minds have been warped, their taste for good literature destroyed, and their youthful ideas set adrift by the same influences. The evil results of a continued course of such reading are too well known to need emphasis. Unfortunately those who do know this are not the ones in danger and little is being done to save the boys from the danger. An almost incredible number of these cheap novels are sold to boys in all classes of life. To one who has not acquired a better taste they gratify the youthful desire for stories of excitement and adventure. This is a natural craving on the part of a boy, and until something better and more attractive is substituted the boys are likely to continue to patronize the five and ten cent sensational novels. There are two methods of keeping the lad away from such trash. One is by keeping them from buying either with sport or with work to give them time to indulge such fancies. The other is to cultivate a taste for better reading. The latter if continued is likely to be more effective. Parents might do much along this line by seeing that their boys are given good books to read that will appeal to a strenuous youth. The public library does something of this nature, but its work might be widely extended. School libraries might be made a means of distributing good literature and teachers might help such a movement along. There is another possible method of suppressing the evil, that is by forbidding the sale of the books. It would do no harm to have the display in the windows of the news stands done away with, but it would be difficult to arbitrarily suppress their sale. More can be accomplished by educational measures, and the need of such measures is very urgent.

**THE MISSION OF THE FLOWERS.**  
Some time ago a charitable association at St. John conducted a tea and sale. On the following morning when clearing away the decorations, several bouquets of flowers were left over. Two young ladies were advised to take one of the bouquets of flowers and leave it in the driest looking house on Brunswick street. They walked from one end of the street to the other, and having made their selection of the house, handed the flowers to the slovenly woman who opened the door, and who appeared greatly surprised at the visit. Later on in the afternoon, the flower bearers passed the house and were pleased to notice that the previously begrimed windows had been washed. Out of curiosity they knocked at the door and the woman, who was on the floor, with a scrubbing-brush and pail, explained that she had cleaned the windows so that people might be able to see the flowers from the street. She added that while the humor possessed her she had taken a notion to scrub the floors.

Later that evening, it was afterwards learned, the mother had bathed each of her five children. It was a Saturday night, and on Sunday the family appeared out as clean and tidy as their circumstances and possessions would permit.

They are not now models of cleanliness, but the parents and children are far more neat and tidy, and the house is more attractive than before the advent of the flowers.

**THIS BURTON TRIAL.**  
The verdict and sentence in the Burton case will meet with general approval. While the prisoner is deserving of severe punishment it is obvious that MacKay and probably Pettley were not wholly blameless, but that he quarrel was to some extent caused by their own unwise conduct. When a door Highlander meets a hot-blooded Italian something is bound to happen.

Another case which has ended satisfactorily is that of Adams, a refined at least a well-educated individual who has been in trouble for some

years. Adams while holding the position of guard in a hospital, assaulted a patient and was sentenced to Dorchester. Upon regaining his liberty he stole a horse, and after his arrest broke jail. He is evidently a clever man, with too many good qualities to be wasted in crime, and it is to be hoped that he will make the best possible use of the liberty now given him by Judge McLeod.

There is no longer any uncertainty regarding the spring freshet. The St. John river can usually be trusted to do what is expected of it.

The board of health inspectors are to make their annual visits commencing on Monday next. Let this year's inspection be a genuine one. Too often the officials go around with their eyes shut, and fail to see the greater part of the filth accumulated in houses and yards.

There are not many calls for charity these days. Let the generous minded hand over all the boys' clothing they can spare for the little lads who are destitute.

COLLEGE GIRLS TO DEFY CONVENTION

Will Skip the Rops in Cap and Gown and Dance at Westminister.

SHARON, Pa., May 12.—Notwithstanding dancing is banned at Westminister College and propriety is spelled with a capital P, plans for the annual May Day exercises indicate that the girl students are bent on taking a sally at the conventions. According to announcement the seniors, attired in caps and gowns, will jump rope through the streets of the village of New Wilmington, where the college is located. The sophomores, less daring, will roll hoops on the hillside lawn. After thus gamboling all will picnic around a May pole. Miss Louise Getty, of the junior class, will be "Queen of the May," and Miss Mabel Porter, "Queen Elizabeth." Soldiers of the G. A. R. are to be guests, and Miss Mabel Matthews, of the senior class, will give an address.

SENT THE WRONG BODY TO WIDOW

Mrs. Frank T. Lesperance Went to Windsor to Meet Husband's Remains and Received Shock.

WINDSOR, Ont., May 12.—The presumable unwilling substitution of the body of a stranger for that of her dead husband whom she expected to see, threw Mrs. Frank T. Lesperance, into a hysterical condition. Lesperance was killed in a mining accident at Sturgeon Lake, Ont., with two others. The remains were ordered shipped to his old home in Minneapolis and the widow, accompanied by a party of friends, came here to meet them.

Upon her arrival the casket was opened to make sure of the identification. Instead of the remains of her husband, the widow gazed upon a strange face. The shock almost caused her to swoon. The casket was hastily closed.

It is supposed the body of the wrong man was placed in the casket by mistake for that of Lesperance, and an effort is being made to get the proper corpse.

The remains of the pseudo Minneapolis man are being held in Detroit for the present.

TAXICABMEN DISMAYED

London Benzino Carl Drivers Frightened by Increased Tax on Petrol.

LONDON, May 12.—The taxicab drivers of London who have to buy their own petrol are dismayed at the prospect of the heavy burden that will be thrust upon them by the budget increase of 1½ a gallon on commercial petrol.

This tax will mean a toll of £21,000 a year from the pockets of the drivers.

So serious is the situation that a deputation of drivers will wait on Mr. Lloyd-George to place before him their side of the case.

It is a most serious matter for all taxicab drivers, said Mr. Sam Michels, the president of the union, to Express representative last night. The tax will work out at nearly 3s. a week from the earnings of three thousand men when it comes into force.

A driver uses on an average 3½ gallons of petrol a day in running about London, and 1½ a gallon more on this works out at more than 27 a year.

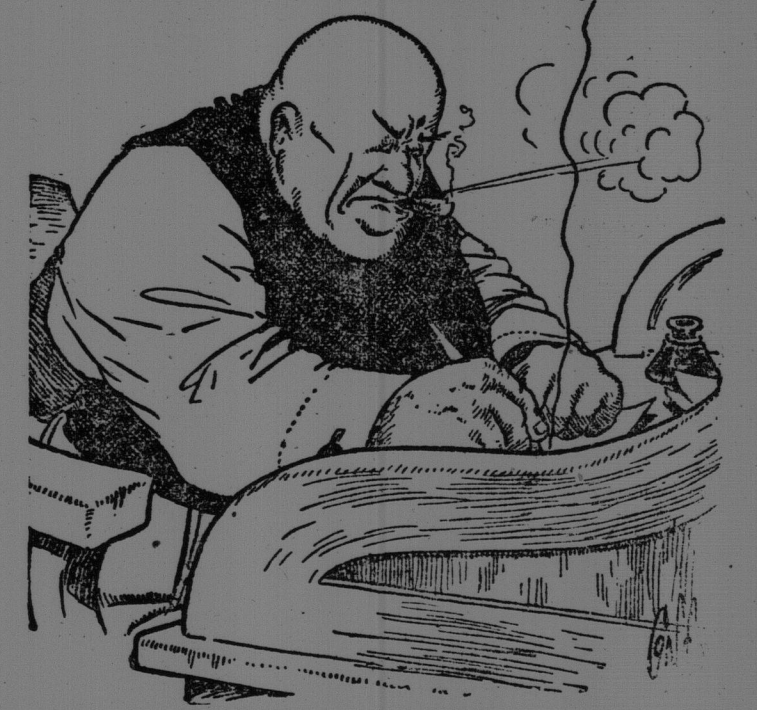
"What it will amount to will be that every two cabmen will be providing one old-age pension without the hope of living to enjoy pensions of their own."

NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—An explosion, the cause of which is unknown officially, damaged the engine room of the submarine torpedo boat Cuttlefish today. The accident occurred shortly after the boat had been taken from dry dock at the Norfolk navy yard, where she had been undergoing repairs.

QUAQUIL, Ecuador, May 12.—Four earth shocks were felt here yesterday. Two of these were slight and of brief duration. The other two shocks occurred near midnight and caused great alarm, although no damage was done.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE.

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"Going to church."

WHEAT'S JUDGMENT DAY, MAY 31ST---WHAT WILL IT BRING?

Can Patten, With His Corner, Pass Settlement Day?—Just What Will Happen If the Great Bull Wins and Also If the Bears Whip Him—Begins to Look That He Will Succeed Where Nobody Else Has—Great Losses and Maybe Failures Whichever Side is Victor.

There in the middle of the pit, surrounded and assailed by herd after herd of wolves, yelping for his destruction, he stood, braced, rigid, his head up, his hand, that had once held the whole pit in its grip, flung high in air, while his voice, like the clangor of bugles sounding to the charge of the forlorn hope, rang out again: "I damn over the din of his enemies:

"Give a dollar for July—give a dollar for July."

Then the avalanche, the undiked ocean of Wheat, leaping to the lash of the hurricane, struck him early in the face.

He heard it now, he heard nothing else. The wave had broken from his back; now it rose like the upbuilding of a colossal billow. It towered, towered, hung poised for an instant, and then, with a thunder as of the crash of chaotic worlds, broke upon him, burst through the pit and raced past him, on and on.

Against the torrent of the Wheat, one fraction only remained active, and that vibrated with terrible rapidity, his rhythm beating out the old and terrible cadence:

"Wheat-wheat-wheat. Wheat-wheat-wheat."—Frank Norris in "The Pit."

CHICAGO, May 12.—Will the above happen to the great bull, Jas. A. Patten?

May 31 will tell the tale. That is settlement day. On June 1 all the world will know whether or not Patten has won.

Never in the history of the wheat pit has any man passed settlement day a winner. Many have tried. But wheat has beaten them. The history of wheat cornering is a story of ruin and dishonor and suicide and financial wreckage and broken men.

Some people are beginning to think he will.

Let us see, in plain United States language, just what will happen on May 31. Whether he wins or loses that will go down in history as one of the most stormy in the story of wheat speculation.

Let's remember first that a short, or a bull, in this story, is a man who has contracted to deliver wheat to Patten on May 31. The price ranges up to \$1.29, or whatever may be the highest option price reached by that time.

The short in making his contract, believed that he would be able to buy wheat at a lower price before May 31, and make a profit on his contract.

The bull, or long, is the man, like Patten, and those who believe in him, and have followed his lead, who has contracted to pay for wheat at prices ranging up to the highest option price.

The option price, we said. That is the wheat pit price.

There is a cash wheat price, too. That is the price you'd have to pay in open market for the actual wheat. It's been about 20 cents higher than the option price so far. If it were lower the shorts could buy what they wanted and fill their orders with Patten at a profit—or else Patten would go broke trying to pay.

What will happen then on May 31 in the Chicago wheat pit?

IF PATTEN WINS—  
The shorts, trying desperately to beat down the price, will have failed. Patten has sold all along that this is a short year for wheat. His prediction will have made good. The shorts, if they have to buy wheat at anything like the present cash price, will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars, in the aggregate.

They will ransack the world for wheat, but they will have failed. In a last desperate endeavor, as they face ruin on May 31, they will try to buy and fill the order they have contracted to deliver to Patten.

But they can't buy the wheat. It is not to be had. Each man who fights for wheat will stimulate the demand, and the price will soar higher and higher.

BEEF TRUST DOES NOT AFFECT GREAT BRITAIN

Commission Fears That If It Acquires Interests in the Argentine It Might be Dangerous.

LONDON, May 12.—The departmental committee appointed in July of 1908 to inquire into the alleged combinations in the meat trade in the United Kingdom, issued its report tonight. A large portion thereof is devoted to the American beef trust and its representatives in London and the committee concludes that while a combination of that kind is not illegal, it is not a desirable one. It is not a desirable one, it is not a desirable one, it is not a desirable one.

REAL ESTATE CO'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the St. John Real Estate Company Limited, was held in the office of the company, Canada Life Building, yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, at which the officers' reports were received and adopted. The managing director's report showed that the company was incorporated under an act of the legislative assembly in March, 1906, with a capital stock of \$40,000, which has been increased by an amending act passed last session to \$100,000. The steady growth of the company's business has been most gratifying to the directors and shareholders. The comparative increase in the property holdings of the company, as shown by the director's report, is as follows:

Properties owned during the first year of company's business, from April 1st, 1906, to April 1st, 1907, 12 properties with fourteen houses and forty-six tenants. From April 1st, 1907, to April 1st, 1908, 17 properties with twenty-seven houses and seventy-two tenants. From April 1st, 1908, to first of May, 1909, 25 properties with thirty-eight houses and one hundred and four tenants.

The company has paid an eight per cent dividend on the par value of the stock sold since its organization, and for the last ten years stock has been selling at \$10, netting an investor 7.27 on the cash value invested at that figure.

The shareholders re-elected the following directors for the ensuing year: R. G. Haley, J. M. Queen, P. Nell Brodie, Robert Maxwell and L. P. D. Tilley.

At the conclusion of the shareholders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. G. Haley, president; J. M. Queen, vice-president; L. P. D. Tilley, managing director and solicitor.

DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AT HARVARD DINNER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 12.—The tables of the Comyns Club of Harvard Club were graced at the second annual banquet tonight by the presence of two foreign ambassadors, Count Kogoro Takahira, of Japan, and Count Bernstorff, of Germany, Canon Hensley Henson, rector of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, London; President Charles W. Eliot, the retiring president of Harvard, and President-elect A. Lawrence Lowell, and Bishop William A. Lawrence, of Massachusetts. Two notable incidents were remarked. The presence of the two foreign ambassadors was brought about through the desire of the emperor of the republic to honor President Eliot upon his retirement by the conferral of illustrious orders. The occasion was the first time that the honor of knighthood had been conferred upon a Harvard University president.

Between the courses of the dinner, at which 130 persons sat, the invited guests spoke. Baron Takahira stated that as Japan was regarded as a warlike country, a few remarks on peace from him would be appreciated.

Count Bernstorff's remarks were devoted largely to a eulogizing in and President Eliot was one of the last speakers of the evening.

FRANKLIN, N. H., May 12.—A verdict of accidental drowning was returned tonight at the conclusion of a hearing conducted by County Solicitor Thomas F. Clifford, medical referee, G. P. Conn of Concord, in the case of Norman H. Morrill, whose body was found today floating in the Johnson grist mill pond. Morrill was 32 years old. He disappeared suddenly on April 10 and no clue to his whereabouts was obtained until today, when his father and sister discovered the body in the water.

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THE MOTH.

By G. L. Marlett, Entomologist, Acting Chief of Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, Washington.

As for moth preventives, every woman you meet has one. And in the majority of cases, one is as good as another.

There is no easy method of preventing the damage done by moths. To keep whole the clothing they are likely to attack demands constant vigilance, with frequent inspection and treatment.

Things in daily or weekly use and apartments frequently aired and swept, or used as living rooms, are not apt to be seriously affected. Carpets under these conditions are rarely attacked.

Beating, shaking or brushing and exposure to air and sunlight, are old remedies and still among the best at hand to prevent the access of the moth to it, after it has been treated and aired.

Cedar chests and wardrobes are of value in proportion to the freedom of the material from infestation when stored away; but, as the odor of the wood is largely lost with age, in the course of a few years the protection greatly decreases.

Furs may also be stored in trunks which have been lined with heavy tar paper. New papering should be given to such receptacles every year or two. Similarly, tarred paper moth bags are of some value.

To protect carpets, clothes and cloth-covered furniture, furs, etc., these should be thoroughly beaten, shaken, brushed and exposed as long as practicable to the sunlight in early spring, either in April, May or June, depending on the latitude. Brushing is very important to remove the eggs which might escape notice. If no other protection be given, the garments should be examined at least once a month during summer, brushed and exposed to light.

It would be more convenient, however, so to wrap up such material as to prevent the access of the moth to it, after it has been treated and aired. Secure some large pasteboard boxes such as tailors use, and pack away in them all winter clothing, gumming a strip of wrapping paper around the edges of the boxes to keep the boxes dry and leave no cracks. These boxes with care will last many years.

In the case of cloth-covered furniture left unused in summer, spray it twice or three times with benzene or naphtha, or sponge them carefully with a dilute solution of corrosive sublimate in alcohol, made just strong enough not to leave a white stain.

Turpentine is good for moths. Saturate pieces of brown paper with it and place them in boxes.

In the place of insect powder, which is also good, get an insect powder blow gun, which will cost but a few cents, and a dime's worth of the powder. With the gun blow a little powder just under the edges of carpets to keep moths away. Also on closet shelves where you lay away bedding.

Persons troubled with carpet moths should try scrubbing the floor with grime salt water before laying the carpet and sprinkling the carpet with salt when one sweeps it.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—Ten bodies had been recovered when the search was abandoned at dark tonight for the victims of last night's ferry-boat accident. A revised list carefully gone over tonight shows that the total death list will be twenty-three, instead of twenty, as reported last night.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., May 12.—Between 100 and 600 cooking ranges in a storehouse of the Somersworth Foundry Company were destroyed by a fire that burned the storehouse tonight. Other buildings of the plant were saved by the prompt efforts of the South Berwick and Somersworth fire departments and the fire pumps of the company on the premises. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

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COURT UNION JACK, No. 648—Orange Hall, German street, 4th Wednesday.

COURT NORTH END, No. 657—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.

COURT TUKON, No. 73—Orange Hall, Simonds street, Third Wednesday.

COURT SHAWATEA, No. 735—Terrence Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.

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NOTICE

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NEW YORKERS SEE LIVELY FEATHERWEIGHT 60

NEW YORK, May 12.—Unmolested by the police, Johnny Connors, of Chicago, and Harry Lenny, of this city, fought ten rounds to a draw before the Sharkey A. C. tonight. These two featherweights acted as substitutes for Harry Stone and Ben Douglas, who were put out of the ring in the second round by the referee for "stalling." Lenny was knocked down in the first round but recovered quickly and by constant hammering at Connors' stomach managed to get a draw.

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Hazel M. Wade, who died May 12, 1907, aged 2 years, 8 months. Rest in peace.

DEATHS

DUVAL—Suddenly, at 81 Sherbro St., City, on May 10th, Louis Edmund Hillyer Duval, only child of Rev. Louis L. and Alice M. Duval, aged one year and three months. Notice of funeral hereafter.

McDONALD—In this city, on May 11, after a lingering illness, James A. only son of Rosanna and the late Daniel McDonald, leaving his mother and two sisters to mourn. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of his mother, No. 20 Brussels street. Friends are invited to attend.

—(Boston and New York papers please copy.)  
LOGAN—In this city, on Wednesday, May 12th, Henry A. Logan, in the forty-eighth year of his age, leaving an aged mother and two sisters, Mrs. George Capson and Mrs. Norman Smith.

Funeral service on Friday, at 3.30, at residence of mother of deceased, 102 Chestley street.

DONOVAN—At 282 Queen street, St. John West, on May 12th, Matilda, beloved wife of Timothy Donovan, leaving beside her husband three daughters and three sons to mourn their sad loss.

Notice of funeral hereafter.  
DERNIER—In this city, on May 12th, Paul, son of Jefferson Derner, aged 18 years and 4 months, leaving three brothers and four sisters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from the father's residence, 104 Britain street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.