

THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B., THURSDAY, APRIL 8 1909

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Tomorrow, Good Friday, the Star will not be issued.

CIVIC TICKETS.

There naturally exists some difference of opinion as regards the real advantage of a so-called civic ticket. Whether or not it is wise to nominate a number of men who, acting together, shall contest various wards, is a question on which doubt is freely expressed. Certainly the chances are that the few who as a rule promote such tickets may enlist in the contest some whose qualifications do not strongly appeal to the electorate. It is a difficult matter for any ticket to include only those who are entitled to unanimous respect.

Whether such groups of men nominate under the name of a citizens' ticket, whether they are a combination formed by the aldermen, or whether they represent either one or the other, it is certainly not to the advantage of St. John to elect such a group, merely because of such representation. It is far better for all candidates to enter the contest as independents, although from motives of economy, and for obvious reasons, there can be no objection to two or three of them acting together in canvassing or in guarding their own interests at the polls.

Mr. Geo. A. Knodell has definitely announced himself as a candidate for the position of mayor, and states that he may associate himself with what has been spoken of as the citizens' ticket. There is no reason why Mr. Knodell should do anything of the kind, nor why those other new candidates should unite as a ticket. As individuals they are all good men, not one of them needs the support of any others; they represent different classes, they probably disagree on important issues and certainly the eight or nine now in the field are not entering civic politics for the purpose of promoting any particular interest other than the general welfare of the city. Why they should pose as a ticket is, therefore, somewhat uncertain, and why any of them should feel deepening into the purpose of the number is inclined to retire, is a matter of conjecture.

have admitted their failure to find evidence of any wrong-doing on the part of those connected with the road. The enquiry was ordered for the purpose of examining expenditures and for securing campaign material; it has utterly failed, and the excuses offered for this failure are certainly not such as justify the unfair conclusions reached.

The Best mechanics are daily readers of the "want" ads. If you want high-grade labor, use a classified ad.

The New Minister—But I can't understand Mrs. Peabody how such a physical wreck as your husband is can have given you a black eye. Mrs. Peabody—Oh don't you worry, sir. I won't have a physical wreck until after I give it to me.

Goff, the famous London barrister, has a humor peculiarly his own. He looks at the world in a half-amused, half-indignant manner sometimes very annoying to his friends. One day, when in town, he dropped into a restaurant for lunch. It was a tidy although not a pretentious establishment. After a good meal, he called to the waitress and inquired what kind of pie could be had.

"Apple pie, mince pie, raisin pie, blueberry pie, custard pie, peach pie and strawberry shortcake." The young woman repeated glibly.

"Will you please say that again," he asked, leaning a little forward.

"The girl went through the list at lightning rate. "And strawberry shortcake," she concluded with emphasis.

"Would you mind doing it once more," he said.

The waitress looked her disgust, and started in a third time, pronouncing the words in a definitely clear tone.

"Thank you," he remarked when she had finished. "For the life of me I cannot see how you do it. But I like to hear it. It's very interesting. Very. Give me apple pie, please, and thank you very much."

Standing room was again at a premium in the police court last evening, when the hearing in the inquest into the death of Mrs. McLaughlin was continued before Coroner D. Berryman.

Interest was again high throughout the entire proceedings. Though not especially important facts were related, the evidence was so circumstantial that the statements that Dr. Spangler had treated only the back of the deceased and not the leg, as to the mode of treatment none of the four witnesses could describe the exact treatment given by Dr. Spangler.

After hearing the evidence adjustment was made until Monday evening next.

Mrs. McDonald was the first witness called, and sworn, stated she resided in the city and was a sister of the deceased lady. She was in attendance at the house from time to time during the past three months. She was not present on March 12, when Dr. Emery was called in. Neither was she present at the other times the physician attended.

Dr. Spangler attended the deceased during her illness. Witness did not know if Dr. Spangler was present at the time of death. Dr. Spangler attended the deceased daily.

# ABLAZE IN BALL ROOM, WOMAN CAUSES PANIC

Prompt Action of Cool-Headed Man Averts a Terrible Calamity

LONDON, April 7. — The sudden bursting into flames of the dress of one of the dancers while a ball was in progress at the East Ham Town Hall in the early hours of yesterday morning nearly caused a panic among the 400 dancers present.

The victim of the accident was Miss Lily Lewington, who was wearing a fancy dress representing a young maiden. She had been standing in one of the corridors, and it is believed that a cigarette thrown down carelessly set fire to the cotton wool with which her dress was covered.

Terrified, she ran shrieking into the ballroom, and for a moment it was feared that the flames from her dress would set fire to the dresses of other dancers. The women ran in all directions, but fortunately one of the men present kept his head, and, leaving down some heavy blue curtains wrapped them closely round the burning woman.

The flames were extinguished, but not before Miss Lewington was seriously burned about the legs, face and arms. She now lies in a precarious condition in the Passmore Edwards Cottage Hospital.

LONDON'S NEW DANGER.

Mr. Alexander Blinnie, who has suggested a new danger to life in London in the form of dissolved wires, was the engineer of the Blackwall Tunnel, the success of which has made it certain that in some not very distant future the lower reaches of the Thames will have similar tunnels at short intervals for many miles.

ed had stated at the time that she had been in the room at the time the deceased had a quarter past ten. Mrs. W. A. Lockhart called the witness by phone, saying the deceased had a weak turn and was not coming out of it.

At the time Mr. De Forest reached the house the deceased was lying in bed. She looked very pale and was breathing quickly. He did not remember the words he said to the deceased. He heard Dr. Spangler had been there and thought the deceased was "coming along right."

At the time the consultation between Dr. Emery and Dr. Spangler took place, witness did not remember the place he was at. He thought other physicians had informed him of the consultation. Dr. Spangler had agreed regarding the symptoms of the case. He talked the matter over more than once with Dr. Emery, but did not go into the case very thoroughly. At the time Dr. Emery was first called witness took a walk with him. Then Dr. Emery told him that "there might be a clot over the brain." If this were the case she might have a stroke.

Miss Jean McDonald stated that the deceased was sitting up on Saturday. Witness made the bed a number of times, while the deceased was in it. She did not feel alarmed about her condition. However, the deceased worried considerably about herself.

Mrs. McDonald knew both doctors had told the deceased to keep quiet. She was surprised to see Mrs. McLaughlin getting up and entering her room to go to bed.

Question—"Would she, notwithstanding these injunctions of the doctors, get up and walk?"

Answer—"Yes, she was the next witness called. She said in part as follows: I knew the deceased, Mrs. McLaughlin, practically all her life. She was taken ill about five weeks ago. She was being treated by Dr. Spangler. I do not know why she was being treated by him. I found her in bed I asked her if she knew the nature of the trouble. She said, "I do not, but presume it is the weak legs." She was in bed when I had the conversation with her. I went to the house sometimes in the morning, often in the afternoon, and two or three times in the evening.

# COUSINS WHO WILL BE KINGS.

It would be difficult to find anything more thoroughly characteristic of the age we live in than the education and upbringing of a future monarch.

How it has changed from the Spartan severity, bordering on Avarice, which bequeathed the lives of little Princes destined to become rulers a few decades ago! In those days of relentless etiquette and iron-bound precedent there was no child-life for a royal heir, such as is enjoyed today.

And for this emergence from an almost feudal state of tutelage to a free, natural and democratic mode of bringing up little Royalties, Queen Victoria is the main responsible.

One can now look round on nearly a dozen little Princes of Europe whose future destiny it will be to sit on the thrones and wear the crowns of Kings and Emperors, and in the manner in which they are all being educated to fulfill their Royal positions the beneficent influence of Victoria the Good is clearly apparent.

HEALTHIEST PRINCE IN THE WORLD.

The names of the little Princes who are being brought up on sensible and humane lines are in the order of their ages: Prince Carol of Roumania, 16; Prince Edward of Wales, 15; Prince Frederic of Denmark, 10; Prince Leopold of Belgium, 7; Prince Olaf of Norway, 6; Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, 5; Prince of Piedmont, 4; Prince Wilhelm, son of the Crown Prince of Germany, 3; and Prince of Asturias, 1.

Of these little cousins, for they can claim relationship to each other through inter-marriage, Prince Edward of Wales naturally fulfills most fully the ideal aimed at by his great-grandmother. He is probably the healthiest Prince in the world, sound in body and mind, and hardly known a day's illness since he was born. Prince Eddie has grown up to be a typical English boy, with his blue eyes and fair hair. In him are reflected all the finest traits of a lad brought up in the open air with-out artificial restraint.

As a child he was remarkably alert and intelligent, and very soon showed a decided aptitude for his position. Yes, instead of this making him imperious and above mastering the accomplishments of other boys, it had the reverse effect. It would not be easy to find a boy of Prince Edward's own age who could swim, climb, dig, climb, or field games.

One story revealing Prince Edward's ideal is worth retelling. When he was about nine years old he was related to have said to his nurse one day before going to sleep: "You know that some day I shall be King. Well, when I am, I shall do those things that I like to do. I shall not be one to cut off puppy dogs' tails, for that is very cruel. Then I shall make a law that no one is to put a dog's skin on a horse, for that is another cruel thing. And I shall try to do away with all sin."

THE HEIR TO THE CROWN OF NORWAY.

Little Miss Dorothy Hanes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hanes, met with a strange, almost fatal, accident last Friday. With her brother she squeezed through the rails of the old burning ground in front of her home, and sat down on the grass alongside a broad tombstone to enjoy the Spring sunshine and the songs of the birds. Her brother Percy, moving about her, disturbed the stone and it descended gradually upon the little girl, crushing her to the earth. The boy, finding himself unable to remove the stone from his sister's body, screamed with all his might. His mother heard the cry and was at his side in a twinkling. But even she could not lift the stone. Fortunately, however, Miss Douglas, was passing, and with her assistance the child was removed from its perilous predicament—Beacon.

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# DEFENCE SCORES IN THE SIMPSON TRIAL

Court Room Packed With Dense Throng All Day—Some New Evidence.

LYONS, N. Y., April 7.—The father and mother and two brothers of Mrs. George Sampson charged with the killing of her husband, Harry Sampson, were called to the witness stand today by District Attorney Gilbert to give evidence on which the state is depending to convict Mrs. George Sampson of murder.

The testimony of the four members of the Sampson family was listened to with interest by a dense throng that packed the court all day. A sad figure in the court room was the widowed mother of Harry Sampson, Mrs. George Sampson, who will probably be called as a witness tomorrow.

The defense scored several material points through the testimony of the members of the Allyn family. It was established, notably, that shortly before Harry Sampson staggered into the Allyn dining room and fell dead, Mrs. Sampson was seen on the second floor of the home.

Through Mrs. Allyn the state's attorneys brought out the fact that Robert Manson, of Niagara Falls, had written to George Sampson, inviting him and his wife to visit him and his family, Miss Mildred Cervo, to spend a few days in Niagara Falls.

SOUTH SHORE SUBSIDY

HALIFAX, N. S., April 7. — G. C. Cook, agent of the Magdalen Islands Steamship Company, has received a telegram from W. H. Storratt, president, who is in Ottawa, that the Dominion Government will grant a subsidy of \$10,000 for a steamer on the south shore route.

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