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STIRRING RELIGIOUS STRIFE.

Somebody ought to go to Portland, Maine, and tell the people how sweet and lovely a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Perhaps China or Japan would spare them a missionary. The present state of the public mind in the city that is so favored as a winter port for Canada might be attributed to midsummer madness, but this is September, and October 12 is the day fixed for the Knights of Columbus for several years to parade on Columbus Day. The Ku Klux Klan has now announced a parade on the same day. The Mayor has declared he will not permit it to do so. A Methodist Episcopal minister told this congregation on Sunday that though not a member of the Klan he disagreed with the Mayor. The Mayor's proclamation said:—

"I believe that a parade by this organization on Columbus Day will inevitably result in disorder and riot, and therefore deem it my duty in the interest of the public peace, which I am sworn to preserve, to announce that I will not allow a parade by the Ku Klux Klan through the streets of Portland on October 12th, and that I shall take all necessary steps to prevent the same."

Rev. H. F. Milligan, the minister, replied:—

"How could any American organization, obeying the laws of the native land, disturb the peace of a community by parading? I am sure that if any disturbance occurred it would not come from a company of law-abiding citizens of any class on parade. I believe in fair play toward all classes. The Jew and the Roman Catholic are all bright in his own sphere, but because we do not see eye to eye is no reason why we should gratify the wish of any Jew and refuse ourselves the same rights and privileges."

Dr. W. H. Witham, leader of the Witham Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan, also has something to say. He declares the Mayor gave him verbal permission to hold the parade, and told him to see the Chief of Police, which he did, and the Chief gave his consent. Dr. Witham says the only question was whether the Klansman could wear masks or not, and this the Mayor opposed. The Mayor has replied, denying that he ever gave his consent, and did not consider that Dr. Witham was asking for it. He says further:—"My action was prompted entirely by a genuine apprehension of a disturbance and riot." A correspondent of the Boston Herald adds that "If the Klan attempts to parade with or without hoods, a riot appears to be a certainty in Portland."

The fact that the Klan deliberately chose the day on which the Knights of Columbus have their annual parade makes it clear that they desire to emphasize their opposition to the Roman Catholic Church. What they hope to gain by arousing religious prejudice the onlooker fails to see. In Canada, Protestants and Catholics show a disposition to avoid controversy, since neither can hope to dominate, and both must live together.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

One of the displays at the St. John Exhibition which should have been of keen personal interest to the citizens was that of the manual training work done in St. John schools. The tables, the lamps, the radio receiving set and other articles which were as well made as the most exacting could wish, were the work of mere boys who get the course for only two years and for only a mere fraction of the time actually spent in school. The display was a revelation of a capacity which should be developed by a much longer period of study, with much better equipment. It is not clear that we need a more extended vocational training course in the public schools? It is needed in the interests of the great majority of pupils who leave school before they reach the high school grades, and there is also needed a vocational high school for the large majority who do not desire a classical course and therefore do not complete the present high school course.

This is a matter of very practical concern to our people. Unless our boys can get as good training as those of other provinces they will not be as successful producing factors in the economic life of the country, nor can they achieve the same degree of personal independence and prosperity. We are told that these provinces must fight their own battles. To do so they must have the skill that comes from proper training. At present they cannot get this training in St. John. The remarkably good work done in both the manual training and domestic science departments of the schools, even with the present limitations, shows what could be done if we had a complete course of pre-vocational and vocational training with all necessary equipment.

THE OLD CLIPPER SHIPS.

(By Julian S. Cutler.)
The old clipper days were jolly, when sailed the Seven Seas,
And the house-lights of our merchant ships were whirled by every breeze;
It was good-bye to your mother and the pretty girls on shore,
For we're off around the howling Horn, bound down to Singapore.

We romped the rushing trade-winds and we raced the fast monsoon;
We carried reefing royals from Manila to Rangoon;
We were chased by Malay pirates from Nature to Penang,
And we drove her scuppers under to outlast the cat-throat gang.

We went rolling in "The Doldrums" till the tar oozed from our seams;
We went pushing through the ice-pack till its pressure cracked our beams;
And old Mother Carey's chickens wheeled around us o'er the brine,
While we entertained Old Neptune when he hailed us on the line.

Those were days to be remembered, when our good ship sailed away
From the old home port behind us,
When we sold the heathen nations rum and opium in rolls,
And the missionaries went along to save their sinful souls.

It was "Bundle out, my bullocks, and we'll give the sheets a pull!"
It was "Ease her off a little, till the topsails stand 'up full!'"
It was "Scrub the decks, my Jackies, and we'll take the sun on 'em!"
It was "Sou-sou-west-half south, my boy," beneath the southern moon.

We raced across to Africa with "dick-er" in the hold;
We traded beads and calico for ivory and gold;
We raised the Northern Dipper as we sunk the Southern Cross,
And when we figured up the run the owners felt no loss.

Then 'twas "Home again, my bullocks, with our bows knee-deep in foam,"
To the mother that was waiting and the happy ones at home!
It was home from old Calcutta or Hong Kong or Bombay,
To a land we loved to think of when our hearts were far away.

Oh, again to hear the Lascars, rousing "chanty" in the morn,
When we broke away the anchor to sail home around the Horn!
Oh, to see the white sails pulling, feel the lift beneath the keel,
With the trade-wind's push behind her and the roll that made her reel.

The old clipper days are over and the white-winged ships no more,
With the snowy sails unfurled, flying along the ocean floor;
Where their house-lights used to flutter in the ocean winds unfurled,
Now the kettle-bellied cargo tubs go reeling round the world.

But 'twas jolly while it lasted and the sailor was a man;
And it's good-bye to the Lascar and the far with face of tan;
And it's good-bye to the mother, once for all, and good-bye, girls on shore,
And it's good-bye brave old Clipper Ship that sails the seas no more.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Comrades in Arms.

Guest—"Do you have a reduction to people in the same line of business?"
Manager—"Yes. Are you a restaurateur?"
Guest—"No, I'm a thief by profession."—Paris La Baionette.

Efficient Remedy.

History Lecturer—"Can any of you tell me what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?"
Carpenter Ida—"I don't know, or I would take some myself."—London Opinion.

Made a Hit.

Boxing Instructor—"Are you satisfied with your first boxing lesson?"
Battered Pupil—"Yes, yes; but don't you think I could take the others by correspondence?"—Paris Le Rire.

Wide Discrepancy.

New York grand jurors suggest fourteen ways in which to stop automobile accidents. The difficulty is that there are about fourteen hundred ways in which they may occur.—Boston Transcript.

Excess-Ladylike.

The Actor—"Have you special terms for actors, madam?"
The Landlady—"Yes, I have; but I hope I'm too much of a lady to use them."—Sydney, Australia, Bulletin.

Horse-Play.

A South American doctor says he knows a horse that dearly loves a joke. We think this horse must be something like the ones we have been backing recently.—London Punch.

An Unfinished Story.

Artillery Rookie (about to take his first lesson in horsemanship)—"Sergeant, please pick me out a nice, gentle horse."
Stable Sergeant—"D'ya ever ride a horse before?"
Rookie—"No."
Sergeant—"Ah! Here's just the animal for you. He's never been ridden before. You can start out together."—Ladies Home Journal.

CANCER A MYSTERY.

A memorandum prepared by a committee of Great Britain's most eminent surgeons and physicians declares that the disease is painless in its early stages, and sometimes throughout its course, writes "The London Daily Express."

The memorandum, pointing out that the root causes of cancer are still a mystery to the greatest scientists, appeals to local authorities to co-operate with the Medical Research Council or the special cancer institutions in their efforts to find how the disease arises.

Emphasis is laid on the importance of early treatment. It is urged that local authorities and local representative bodies of the medical profession should improve facilities for clinical treatment and the rapid transport of patients.

Rough stumps of teeth, badly fitting dentures, pipe smoking which produces soreness on the same spot of the lip or tongue, and clothing which causes irritation of particular regions of the body are causes of cancer.

Brides of September

Humphrey-Hoyt.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Pauline Hoyt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoyt of Hoyt Station, N. B., to Charles Edward Humphrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphrey of Fairville, was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. J. A. Covey.

Miss Hilda Humphrey, sister of the groom, played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bride leaning on her father's arm, entered the drawing-room, which was tastefully decorated with ferns and sweetpeas. The bride was becomingly attired in a dress of blue Canton crepe with crystal trimmings and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and maiden-hair ferns. She was attended by Mrs. Johnson of Vanceboro, Me., as matron of honor. Mrs. Johnson wore a gown of blue silk. Immediately after the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served to upwards of fifty guests. The bride was the recipient of numerous gifts including checks, silver and gold. Among the presents was a silver casserole dish from T. McAvity & Sons. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphrey and Miss Hilda Humphrey, C. B. Lockhart and daughter, Miss Alice Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoyt and Mrs. Morgan of St. John; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Merzou of Moncton; Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. DeWitt of Vanceboro, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Patterson and daughter, of Fredericton; Mrs. J. Patterson and Mrs. Ada Patterson of Lincoln; and Mrs. H. P. and daughter and son, of Oranville.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey left on the Montreal train for a trip to include Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Winnipeg. Going away the bride wore a suit of navy blue polka dot and velvet hat to match and a white ermine tie, the gift of the groom.

Whittaker-Withers.

At the Tabernacle Baptist parsonage, 187 Waterloo street, yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Tedford, united in marriage Miss Lucy Duggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whittaker, of Fairville, to William James Whittaker, also of Fairville. The bride was becomingly attired in a blue traveling suit and was attended by her twin sister, Miss Jennie. The groomsmen were W. A. McIntyre, of St. Martins.

After the ceremony, the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by the organist, E. O. Grundy. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a simple gown of white Canton crepe with tulle veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bridal bouquet of Ophelia roses.

The happy pair left, amid showers of confetti and good wishes, for Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara and Buffalo, the bride traveling in a navy blue suit.

The bridegroom is a son of James Magee, 828 Union street, St. John.

Reid-Barton.

Fredericton, Sept. 13.—(Special).—At Christ Church Cathedral at three o'clock this afternoon Miss Alice May Barton of this city, formerly of England, was united in marriage to Millard Fillmore Reid of Marsville, by Rev. A. F. Bate. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Reid, who was dressed in a tuxedo and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony the happy couple left on the C. P. R. for an extended trip to Upper Canada.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George S. Atkins, and Miss Lydia, Capt. Neil Hugh Bowie, R. A. F. (New York); Mr. and Mrs. Ellingsworth, Kingsclere; Mr. and Mrs. J. Baron, Kingston; Mrs. Alexander Gibson, Mrs. R. R. Manser, Mr. Harry Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bailey.

A NEW SYSTEM OF LIGHTING PREDICTED

Walls That Will Glow Coldly in Dream of Wisconsin Scientist.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Cold light, a product of future science, will allow the illumination of rooms by means of a soft glow emanating from its walls. Prof. J. H. Mathews of the University of Wisconsin predicts in a communication to appear in the next issue of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, a publication of the American Chemical Society.

Our modern lighting methods, in which visual radiation is produced by heating bodies to incandescence are naturally very wasteful, since a large amount of energy is lost as heat. "The firefly and glowworm have solved the problem somewhat better, though we humans would scarcely be satisfied with either of these lighting systems. The firefly produces substances which by oxidation produce light with little or no temperature rise. We must at least admire his efficiency."

"What the firefly can do, man should be able to do, at least far better. Undoubtedly, the time will come when light will be produced by controlled chemical reaction, and in a more economical way than by the systems now in use. In one direction considerable improvement may be made, at least. Little expert knowledge is now used in the electric light and wall covering in room interiors. Much of the light now absorbed and wasted may be saved and used by reflection, simply by a proper choice of wall covering. In addition, there is the possibility of using materials in paints and on paper or other surfaces, that will emit light for many hours after receiving illumination during the day. It is felt that, in spite of all the excellent work done on phosphorescent materials, considerable work must still be done before we have the knowledge we need. There is distinctly a great field for research along this line in the hope of developing more efficient phosphorescent materials than are now known."

His Job.

An American friend just over from the States dropped in to The Passing Show office with the latest joke on the American passion for standardization. A man was being questioned by an employer on his suitability for a fairly important job as a mechanic.

"But," said the employer, "are you an all-around man—a thoroughly trained mechanic?"

"Oh, yes," the man assured him. "For six years I had experience at the Ford works."

"And what did you do there all that time?"

"Well," said the man, "I screwed on nut 467."—The Passing Show (London).

FOR BETTER USE OF THE KING'S ENGLISH

To The Editor of The Times:

Sir: While in attendance at the United Baptist Convention recently held in Wolfville, N. S., a number of the citizens of St. John were privileged to hear Miss Rosamund M. deW. Archibald, M. A., in an address and short demonstration of the method, which she has developed in her teaching of English, which is resulting in the greatly improved use of our mother tongue in common speech. Miss Archibald spoke to a capacity audience in the chapel of Acadia Ladies' Seminary, and by the originality of her method of teaching, backed by the charm and strength of her rare personality, completely captured her audience.

After a number of years use of this method in her classroom work, Miss Archibald is trying to introduce her method to the teaching fraternity, and by the public generally, and is meeting with a most gratifying response. The method is simplicity itself, being based on the simple, yet sound, principle of drilling pupils in correct forms of speech.

During the late spring, Miss Archibald, inaugurated a "Better English Week" in the schools of Nova Scotia and is now planning a Canada-wide "Better English Week" for 1924. She has had enthusiastic support in the towns of Nova Scotia which she has visited. Enquiries concerning her method have been received from every English-speaking country in the world, although her method, and the book outlining it, have been before the public less than two years. Citizens of Wolfville are particularly enthusiastic regarding it. Inspectors of schools and other educational leaders in Ontario are making inquiries concerning this movement, some even coming to Wolfville to interview Miss Archibald concerning it. It thus seems that the important educational reform is likely to be taken up in other parts of the Maritime Province educationalists are awoken to the fact that so important a reform has been originated by one of their own members. Miss Archibald has been offered flattering terms to go to New York to introduce her method of teaching the use of the English language; but being an intense Canadian, she wishes to demonstrate to the world that the Maritime Provinces have something worth while in educational method, and that the people of the provinces will support a good thing when it is shown them.

Miss Archibald has secured leave of absence from her teaching duties for the autumn term and intends to use it in touring the Maritime Provinces endeavoring to interest the people in this important educational reform. In this connection, she expects to visit St. John sometime in October when the largest hall available should be filled to capacity for her demonstration.

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