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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes entries like 'On Wednesday last Mr. Cashin explained the expenditures in connection with new Public Buildings...' and a list of names and amounts.

THE CITIZENS' PETITION

Yesterday the Premier and Mr. Kent presented several petitions on behalf of the citizens of St. John's, praying for the abolition of the St. John's Municipal Council. These petitions were signed by 3,000 people.

The total list of voters in St. John's is about 8,000, so only a little over one-third have signed these petitions. The Premier and Mr. Kent spoke at length on the matter, while Messrs. Bennett, Higgins, Dwyer and Kennedy expressed favorable opinions in eloquent language.

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VAGARIES OF LENT ARE EXPLAINED

Why the Festival of Easter May Come Early or a Month Later. ON ANY OF THE 35 DAYS.

The Anniversary of Christ's Death Varies, But Not Of His Birth. Lent began this year three weeks later than last year, being, of course, based upon the date of Easter, which is April 12 this year, as against March 23 in 1913.

It is something of an anomaly from the religious point of view that the anniversary of Christ's death may fall on any one of 35 dates, while the anniversary of his birth is always on the same. It is no less of an anomaly from the astronomical standpoint, for there seems no reason why we, having adopted the solar year as the basis of our calendar, should cling to the lunar year merely for the establishment of one date.

It is to the Council of Nicea that we owe the perpetuation of our anachronistic method of reckoning Easter. This council decreed that it should be the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox. March 21, Pope Gregory XIII. undertook at that time to reform the Julian calendar, which had been in use ever since Julius Caesar, in 46 B.C., had prescribed that a year should consist of 365 days.

When Pope Gregory undertook to reform the Julian calendar, that had by that time become incorrect by about 10 days, the revolution of the earth around the sun was not yet fully understood, so instead of making a change that would be thoroughly scientific, the present form of year was adopted by calling October 5, 1582, October 15, and by making all terminal years of centuries, 1700, 1800, 1900, etc., common years of 365 days, except when the year was a multiple of 400, as 1600, 2000, etc., which should be leap years.

In those days they were so accustomed to movable feasts that it never occurred to the reformers of the calendar that a day might come when their mobility should be inconvenient. They know so little about the relations between the sun and the earth that they did not want to re-annul the lunar year entirely, and so upset the order of feast days that had from time immemorial been based upon the movements of the moon.

Some men do as much begrudge others a good name as they want one themselves; and perhaps that is the reason of it.—Penn. ADVERTISE JUDICIOUSLY IN THE DAILY MAIL—A RESULT GETTER.

COAKER'S CRITICISMS NUMEROUS BLUNDERS OF MORRIS PARTY.

A Dredge That is Useless, And Yet Cost Us a Mint of Money. PRESSING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

Undesirable Features of Old Age Pensions in This Country. (Continued from page 3) I feel sure my hon. friend Mr. Higgins would support such a proposal.

When I was at Herring Neck I opened a night school in the fall months and I found it did a lot of good. I found the young men appreciated it. It did not cost them anything. They were only too glad to come and the only difficulty I found was that too many came. One finds that boys of 9 and 10 years of age are taken away from school.

Nothing has been done to meet the requirements of these boys. They are allowed to spend their evenings smoking their pipes and playing cards in someone's kitchen, when they would be only too glad to go into some school for a couple of hours every night. They would find that at the end of the season they would have improved considerably.

I thought something would be done in this direction when \$20,000 was voted for teachers some few years ago, but nothing was done. The three or four teachers in a harbor could come together and hold regular classes for work and a great deal could be done in this way.

The Government said they could not find enough money. But last year they took off \$380,000 in duties. Every year since they have been in power they have had a surplus. They should have provided for every man in the Country at 75 years of age.

The Government provided for 400 out of the 1400, because that is about the number that there are in the Island at the age of 75. They provided four hundred and the other thousand are thrown aside. All had an equal claim. I wanted the Government to make the age limit 70 years and the

BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST JAPANESE

Two Officers Are Ordered Before Court-Martial for Alleged Corruption. AND OTHERS ARE SUSPECTED

The Naval Scandal is Being Used As a Weapon to Hammer the Ministry. Tokyo, Monday, Feb. 25.—Vice-Admiral Koichi Fujii, formerly Japanese naval attaché at Berlin, and Captain Kawasaki have been ordered before a court-martial on a charge of bribery in connection with the alleged naval corruption.

Allegations have been made that Admiral Fujii and other officers received illicit commissions for influencing the allotment of Admiralty contracts in favor of a German firm. Both the public prosecutor and a naval commission, headed by Admiral Baron Sigeo Dewa, have been conducting enquiries along this line since February 1.

The naval scandal has been used as a weapon by certain opposition groups in an effort to discredit and overthrow the Ministry. Many mass meetings have been held in protest against the Government, and riotous scenes have occurred on the floor of the Lower House.

Members of the Diet have been attacked while proceeding to the House, and the Minister of the Interior, Ket Hara, had a narrow escape from injury. Two men leaped into his automobile in an attempt to assault him, but were seized by detectives.

London, Feb. 26.—The Daily Mail says the British naval manoeuvres for 1914 have been abandoned, ostensibly on the ground that there is nothing more to be learned from naval manoeuvres, all that was necessary having been ascertained in 1913. The paper adds that the real reason is a desire for economy in the Admiralty, to save the \$2,500,000, which the manoeuvres would cost.

London, Feb. 27.—It is reported from Madrid that the railway strike in Portugal has led to a dangerous situation. It is stated that the Central Railway station at Lisbon is burning, and two trains have been derailed. No one has been killed, but mobs hold some of the streets.

HOCKEY VOTING CONTEST.

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