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LITTLE MINISTER'S CHORUS.

Choir of Drunkards and Dogs Sing What They Like.

The Rev. Stanley Parker, Wesleyan pastor of Plumstead, is carrying out a temperance crusade on original lines. He has been thrown over him, but he laughs, mops his clothes, and goes cheerfully on.

Mild of manner, soft of voice, and short of stature, the Rev. Stanley Parker arrived from the Barrow circuit in September last, and plunged at once into the work of temperance reform on his own original plan.

First of all the publicans laughed. Then they realized that his joke would develop into a thing to be reckoned with. Finally the Blackheath division of the Licensed Victuallers' and Beer-sellers' Trade Society threatened legal proceedings unless the little minister desisted. With unimpaired equanimity he bade them begin.

Rev. Stanley Parker has explained to a reporter the idea of his "Drunkards' Chorus."

"About every third Sunday," he said, "I organize a procession. Our brass band heads it, and we make the rounds of the public houses, starting about an hour before they close."

"A crowd always forms in our trail, attracted by the printed invitations to attend the convention, which we distribute broadcast."

"Most of the people who leave the bars to join us do so with the intention of being rowdy. Many of them are more than half intoxicated, and prepared for any mischief."

"We then march in somewhat disorderly array to the Plumstead Central Hall, where we accommodate the most unruly members of the crowd—men and women—on the rostrum."

"I tell them that they are the choir, and that they can sing what they like."

"Naturally the publicans do not like me. I am frequently threatened with violence, but thus far have had nothing worse than a wetting. Their great grievance is that I have carried the war into their camp. We invade their domain, which is deliberate poaching on the licensed victuallers' preserves."

"The dogs have been specially trained for ambulance service by Major E. Hutton, of the London Volunteer Ambulance Corps. They have been trained to find the wounded who have crawled under cover in places that human searchers might overlook."

"One of the dogs is a collie, and the other a cross-breed retriever. Their outfit is complete. Bandages and dressings, and also a flask of stimulant, are carried on their backs, and round their necks are bells, which tinkle loudly as they move."

"Seek Laddie!"

When the word was given for the bearer sections to advance, Major Richardson and his dogs, accompanied by an Express representative, made for a thick bush in the centre of the line of fight. Here the collie was loosed from its leash, and at the word, "Seek Laddie!" it sprang into the bush, and sniffed the ground with a rapid pace.

The ringing bell enabled the dog to be followed easily. After several minutes, during which a considerable portion of the wood had been searched, the dog suddenly ceased ringing, and a low whine from the collar proclaimed a "find." Hurrying to the spot, the major and his companion saw one of the "vagrants" lying under a tree and the dog licking his face.

At a word from his master Laddie resumed his search, and soon led the way to another casualty, and the cry of "bearer company" brought the stretcher men up quickly. Then for some time the dog ran along without a halt. He plunged into a dense growth of bracken on the extreme left flank, but Major Richardson judged that this was too far away for any wounded to be found, and called him back.

Double Find.

The dog ignored the call, and as no bell could be heard, the only course was to follow him. A few yards away he was discovered standing over two men, who were well hidden in the bushes.

The retriever was also tried with similar success.

Major Richardson said he had six dogs now in training. He did not take up any dog. Some of his dogs were put through a severe test with the Black Watch in Scotland by General Tucker, and a board of officers, and they were quite satisfied with the result.

"I sold six dogs to the Russian Government for the war in Manchuria, and they did good service," he said. "I was also approached by Norway when there was the danger of war between that country and Sweden, and the Sultan of Turkey wished me to supply dogs for his army."

"I want, however, the British War Office to take them up, and I believe they will do so."

The dogs cost about 60 guineas each.

WELL KNOWN IN JARVIS, ONT.

Haldimand County Councillor Tells How Psychine Cured His Lung Troubles.

"I contracted a series of colds from the changing weather," says Mr. Bryce Allen, a well-known resident of Jarvis, Ont., and a member of Haldimand County Council for his district, "and gradually my lungs became affected."

"I tried medicine and doctors prescribed for me, but I got no relief. With lungs and stomach diseased, nervous, weak and wasted, I began to use Psychine. With two months' treatment I regained my health. To-day I am as sound as a bell, and give all the credit to Psychine."

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MIGHT COST MORE MONEY TO EXTEND JAMES STREET

Matter in Abeyance—Doings of the Civic Works Committee—City Hall Notes.

In regard to the proposed James-street extension Mr. Forman, informed the works committee yesterday afternoon that he was unable to report as requested by the committee at last meeting as to readjusting the proportion of the cost. He suggested that the committee should state the proportionate part of the cost which should be borne by the city, both as to the street opening at a width of 70 feet and also at a width of 105 feet. The estimated cost for the 70 foot street was \$134,000, and for the 105 foot street \$200,000. Mr. Forman suggested that the figures be increased to \$157,000 and \$231,000 respectively. The matter is in abeyance for further consideration.

Will Go to the People.

Mr. Fullerton, corporation counsel wrote as requested by council regarding the Lansdowne-avenue subway. He said the litigation that is now pending is to have it declared that when the railway companies cross highways and these crossings require protection the expense of such protection must be paid by the companies, and that the Dominion government either has not power to authorize a railway commission to charge any portion thereof upon the municipality, or has not so authorized.

"Lansdowne-avenue subway is a concrete case. The city is forcing a highway across the railways' lands. The railways are under no special obligation in reference thereto, and it has been declared that the city must bear the expense thereof. I am of the opinion that the submission of a by-law in no way affects pending litigation. Mr. Fullerton recommends that a further estimate from the city engineer as to the probable cost of the subway is desirable."

The matter will be submitted to the people with the proposed Wilton-avenue extension at a date to be decided upon soon by the committee.

Catherine Street Extension.

The city clerk forwarded the petition against the proposed Catherine street extension, but as the Macdonald Manufacturing Co., the largest property owner in the district, had not signed the petition, the clerk was unable to say that it was sufficiently signed.

The assessment commissioner and city solicitor went into detail about the Paul-street obstruction, and reported against the city buying the property.

Sidewalks Next to Car.

There was some discussion in the present committee respecting the method of constructing concrete sidewalks on the edge of the curb, and also the edge of the curb. Engineer Rust were not concurred in judgment. It was recommended to the edge of the curb wherever possible.

The park committee had brought to their attention the sidewalk in connection with the curb, there not being sufficient space being erected. Then the poles are placed among trees the trees have to be kept constantly trimmed to allow of the wires being strung.

Chemical Laboratory.

The committee authorized an expenditure of \$170 in connection with a new chemical laboratory. The new building erected at the corner of Jarvis-street and Bath-avenue. The concrete sidewalk recommendations were all passed.

Sewers are recommended on Ger-rard-street and Bath-avenue, Dresden-avenue and Bouverie-street.

Waterworks recommended include Sheridan-avenue, 8 inch main; Hamp-ton-avenue, 6 inch main; Green-woods-avenue, 6 inch main; St. Clair-avenue and Belford-street.

The matter of the Lake-street vitrified block pavement, which had been sent back to the committee, was again endorsed and sent on to council.

London Horse's Doom.

Sir John Pound told the shareholders of the London (England) General Omnibus company that they had twenty-nine motor-omnibuses running on Dec. 31, and they hoped to have 300 running at the end of this year.

He anticipated that they would have entirely substituted motors for horses on the main roads within three years. The directors estimated the necessary capital expenditure at £1,000,000. The shareholders would be asked to authorize the creation of half that sum in 5 per cent. preference shares, and the other half would be provided by replacing their horse and rolling stock.

The directors decided definitely during the latter part of the half-year to stop buying horses, and the result of this decision was that the stock was reduced by nearly 400 horses.

Sir John Pound said that, although the profit shown on the works at the end of six months is not so large as in the corresponding period of last year, yet, taking into consideration all the circumstances, including the manner in which the company had been strengthened for its future development, he thought that they could agree that their six months' labors had benefited the undertaking.

CONDEMNNS CONMEE ACT.

An Obstacle in Way of Cheap Power and Light, Preston Says.

What was left of Toronto's bill after the severe slashing of Wednesday came up again before the municipal committee of the legislature yesterday.

The repeal of the Conmee Act asked for drew from Mr. Preston (Bant) severe condemnation of the act, as keeping municipalities from getting cheap light and power. It was an obstacle in the way of municipal transmission and distribution of electrical energy, he said, and suggested that the railway board report, which was agreed to.

The clause excluding pedlars from certain streets was laid over to be redrafted.

North Toronto's bill, introduced by Mr. Cowan, to give the municipality power to issue \$50,000 debentures to construct light, heat and power works was reported by the private bills committee of the legislature yesterday. An amendment was made whereby the provision as to tax sales would only apply to sales made before 1902, and not to properties where taxes had been paid.

Chairman Carscallen renewed his complaints about the alleged careless way in which municipalities handled money, claiming that incompetency was often the cause. He said he would discuss the matter with Hon. Mr. Foy.

MAN AND CHILD KILLED.

Express on the C. P. R. Wrecked Near Nepeawa Yesterday.

Winnipeg, March 30.—The regular M. & W. express on the C.P.R. bound westward, was wrecked at Nepeawa, this morning. A man and child were killed and several passengers injured.

CUTS OFF GIRLS' HAIR.

Berlin Student Confesses to a Strange Mania.

A most extraordinary story has been told in the central criminal court in Berlin, Germany, by Robert Stoss, a student 22 years of age, charged with causing bodily injury, public violence, and theft.

Stoss said that he had passed all his examinations with honors, and that he had special talent as a mathematician. He was an industrious, well-behaved student.

When questioned by the presiding judge, Stoss said that his taste for beautiful long hair was so intense that he could not resist it. He began cutting off girls' hair the day the crown princess made her public entry into Berlin.

"I cannot explain why I could not resist temptation to cut off girls' hair," he said. "I perpetrated the second offence in November last, when the King of Spain arrived in Berlin, and the girl whose hair was cut off did not notice what had been done."

"What did you do with the hair?" asked the judge.

"I took it home and kept it in a box labelled 'Reminiscences,'" replied Stoss.

"If you were liberated would you unroll never again to cut off girls' hair?" asked the judge.

"I cannot promise," I cannot say whether I could resist the temptation," was the reply.

Stoss stated that he tied each trophy with a ribbon and labelled it with the date on which he obtained possession of it.

The court discharged Stoss, his relatives promising to place him under restraint.

Church Must Be Theatre.

Bernard Shaw, lecturing at the Imperial Institute, London, England, on the modern drama, said the future of that country would depend on what its drama was rather than on its history, its biography, or its science.

It was not very long ago that a census of churches was taken in London, and it was then found that not many people went to church.

That would be altered, added Bernard Shaw, and the time would come when the churches would be revived and come into competition with the theatre, but not before it was realized that the church was one of the theatres of the people.

The theatre was not the gate of hell, as people used to think it was.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

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