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IN AMERICAN CITIES

Yesterday the Times quoted a leading Chicago journal on the subject of playgrounds. Not less interesting is an article in the Boston Globe, showing as it does how generally, after years of agitation, the idea of having supervised play as a more important factor in the educational system is winning popular favor. The following statements are of special interest and encouragement to the friends of playgrounds in Canada:—

"The number of these children's playgrounds is increasing rapidly in many cities. Late statistics covering 24 cities between 25,000 and 300,000 population show there has been in two years an increase of 94 per cent. in school playgrounds, 48 per cent. in park and municipal playgrounds, and a total increase in all kinds of playgrounds of 54 per cent. in that period."

"There has been a decided tendency towards municipalizing playgrounds, and in many of the smaller cities where playground facilities have been carried on as private philanthropies the municipal government during the past year has made appropriations for city-owned and operated playgrounds."

"Among the cities which have made appropriations for the first time for the purchase or maintenance of playgrounds are Washington, D. C., Newark, N. J., Kansas City, Mo., Portland, Ore., New Haven, Conn., Rochester, N. Y., Trenton, N. J., Baltimore, Md., Atlanta, Ga., and Providence, R. I. There have also been important gifts for tracts for playgrounds in Grand Rapids, Mich., Scranton, Pa., and New Bedford, Mass."

"Chicago, through its park department, and Washington, through the Playground Association of America, have issued definite playground plans for the cities. The playground plan for Washington has been adopted by the commissioners of the district, and this action has led to similar plans in Rochester and Newark, while the city of San Francisco has appointed a commission to consider the subject. Many smaller cities are also beginning to make provisions in advance of congestion."

"In some cities, notably Boston and Rochester, the entire playground system has been placed in the hands of the school committee. The plan is working well and is in line with the argument of a prominent educator, who, in advocating shorter school hours, says: 'Inasmuch as play is needed for every child, and play is the chief means of social and moral training of the children, play is to become a part of our school system, the same as it is in the German and English systems.'"

The Boston Globe says every citizen is ready to acknowledge that these recreation grounds are a good investment for the municipality. St. John has this year for the first time made a small grant toward the maintenance of two supervised grounds. The citizens should interest themselves in the conduct of these grounds and go to see for themselves whether the claims made for them and in their behalf are justified."

A PERSISTENT ADVOCATE

Mr. Henry M. Whitney is still conducting a vigorous campaign to arouse in the state of Massachusetts a sentiment in favor of reciprocity with Canada. The arguments he uses are those which would be quoted in Canada as reasons why reciprocity should not be agreed to. Speaking in Salem this week Mr. Whitney, after speaking of the wonderful development of the lands of the western states during the past 50 years passed to the consideration of the great areas of Canada, and said that no one would dare to say that those lands will not in the next half century show as wonderful a development and become as thickly populated as the areas of the western states.

The great advantage to Massachusetts was because of her proximity.

"Boston is one of the natural ports of the commerce of that great area," he said. "If those lands cannot be opened to this country it will be a disastrous day for the mechanics of New England. Everything in favor of Massachusetts if she can only get the chance of tariff wall is ever taken down it will show what wonderful progress will be made by Massachusetts, and other sections of the country will be sure to follow in the wake, for the iniquity of the whole tariff system will be exposed."

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has started a vegetable garden on its right of way near Calgary, to show the new settlers what can be done, and will do the like at other points. At the Calgary garden, we are told, the right of way is blooming with flower-beds and shell walks, while the business end of the enterprise is succeeding well, and all sorts of vegetables from green peas and radishes to sweet corn and tomatoes are flourishing apace. The gardeners claim that the experiment clearly shows that it is a mistake to imagine that vegetable gardening cannot be carried on with perfect success."

Speaking at the Harvard commencement this week, the Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador, contrasted the wealth of American and the poverty of English universities, and then paid this very striking tribute to the power of the traditions of those institutions in both countries: "You need them to defend you from your wealth," he said, "we need ours to support us in our poverty."

Says the Montreal Gazette:—"Bishop Worrell, of Nova Scotia, has likened the ravages of the grafters in public life to those of the brown tail moth in the orchards. The simile is hard on the brown tail moth. It only does material harm. The grafter demoralizes as well as steals."

Whatever else may be said of the month of June it has certainly been a month of good growing weather, and the crops which had a late start have had excellent conditions under which to make up for lost time.

There are none who envy Mark Twain his good time in England. The veteran humorist has made the month brighter by the play of his daring fancy, and has thrust home many a truth in the guise of a funny story.

The high court of the I. O. F. which meets in St. John next week, represents some thousands of heads of families in this province. The order has over a thousand members in this city and suburbs.

Judging from reports concerning the conduct of some of the men under canvas at Camp Sussex, the country needs someone to protect it from its defenders.

Boston has apportioned \$13,000 for a proper celebration of the Fourth of July. St. John generally forgets that Canada has a national holiday, and goes fishing.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN

(Toronto Globe.)

If, as there is reason to fear, the political life of Mr. Chamberlain has come to an end, it must be admitted that his career has been distinguished and his public work important. He entered the house of commons at forty, but he took from the first a prominent part, not merely in its proceedings, but in the administrative service of the nation, which is constantly within its purview. He entered parliament with a reputation already earned by his service in the army, and his career has been a record of achievement. He was during this interval that he carried through his great scheme of municipal betterment at little expense to the city by securing for the public benefit the increase of value in the land adjoining a great thoroughfare. This method of financing, common enough now, was then a new idea, and the "worst slum in Birmingham" converted into the very best district of the city will always be Mr. Chamberlain's noblest monument.

During his first four years in the house of commons the Liberals were in opposition, and for that period Mr. Chamberlain played very effectively the part of a Radical free lance. The real leader of the party, Mr. Gladstone, had abandoned the position in parliament, and it was Mr. Chamberlain who, as a typical Liberal of the more conservative sort, the health of Mr. Chamberlain's entire career, when, in the course of one of his speeches, he said he was quite willing to sail in the same boat with Mr. Chamberlain. He did not like to have Mr. Chamberlain doing the steering while his allies were enjoying themselves in the company of the chief officer on the bridge.

After the great Liberal victory of 1880 Mr. Gladstone again became prime minister and Mr. Chamberlain entered the cabinet. At the general election of 1885 the party was defeated, but was returned to power the following year. Mr. Chamberlain again a minister holding an important cabinet portfolio. In the session of that year Mr. Gladstone introduced his first home rule bill, and thus created a split in his parliamentary following which has never been bridged over. Mr. Chamberlain went out with Lord Hartington and their respective radical and whig associates to form the party of "liberal unionists." Gradually, while still retaining this title, they became accustomed to work with the conservatives under the leadership of the Marquis of Salisbury, and the alliance has endured to the present time. Before the tribunal of history Mr. Chamberlain will be tried as to the character of his motives in the change of party allegiance; at present it is enough to venture the opinion that, however mixed they may have been, a vulgar desire to better his own position was not one of them.

From 1895 to 1903 Mr. Chamberlain held the portfolio of secretary of state for the colonies. His regime was darkened by the South African war, as to which also he will have to answer at the bar of history. His resignation of the colonial portfolio was due to a desire to inaugurate a new economic policy for the United Kingdom. Into the details of his proposals it is unnecessary to go, beyond mention of the fact that the chief feature of his policy was to have a preferential arrangement of customs duties between Britain on the one hand and her self-governing colonies on the other. For the present this has been emphatically repudiated by the people at a general election, and the loss of Mr. Chamberlain's versatile personality will greatly weaken his propaganda. Many colonial statesmen who are unable to agree with his mas to his trade policy have learned to admire him as the statesman whose advice to his countrymen both at home and abroad has been to "think imperial."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM NICKEL MANAGEMENT

The Nickel Theatre management begs to announce that today and Monday, July 1, every effort will be put forth to accommodate the largest crowds. Ventilation will be particularly looked after, and with the new ticket office on the left-hand side of the main staircase and an additional exit, there should be every facility for accommodating all who attend the several performances. The picture programme showing today includes *Lost in the Alps*, *Too Much Mother-in-Law*, and *Father and Mother Wants You*. The illustrated song is in the Golden Autumn Time. Sweet Elaine, special holiday list for Monday.

The Sunday afternoon services of the St. John Deaf Mute Association in the Stockton building will be discontinued during the months of July and August. The evening services will be held as usual.

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A GOOD REASON.

"Why do you old bachelors always make jokes about married life?" "We are the only ones that see any fun in it."

ONE CONSOLATION.

New York's social sensations may not be as violent as they were last year, owing to the backwardness of the roof-garden season.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

"Do you think we should let women vote?" "Certainly. Why not? We let them earn money all other ways."—Life.

UP-TO-DATE.

My Bonnie lies under the auto. My Bonnie lies under the car. Please send to the garage for some one. For it's loomsome up here where I are. —The Index.

A LIVE TOWN NOW.

(Lippincott's Magazine.) Teacher—"How long has Washington been dead when Roosevelt was inaugurated?" Scholar—"I dunno, but it hasn't been very dead since Teddy has been there!"

IT CAME BACK.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) "Once I wrote my name on an egg." "Did you get a letter, Maude?" "Yes, two years later, from an actor."

DANGERS OF THE LEARNED

PROFESSION (New York Post.) The other day a nurse attacked an astrologer and a wolf bit a nature-lover, thus illustrating the perils which beset the learned profession.

A PATRONAGE PROBLEM.

(Calgary Daily News.) Eastern newspapers, Grit and Tory alike, are asking the rather pertinent question: What would be the size of the howl that would have been raised if a Catholic priest had been appointed jester of Toronto instead of a Protestant minister?

The pompous Judge glared sternly over his spectacles at the tattered prisoner, who had been dragged before the bar of justice on a charge of vagrancy. "Have you ever earned a dollar in your life?" he asked, in fine scorn. "Yes, your Honor," was the response. "I voted for you at the last election."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A New Yorker, who is accustomed each year to pass a few weeks with a farmer in Dutchess county, says that once in notifying the latter of his intention to visit the usual visit he wrote as follows: "There are several little matters that I should like to see changed if my family and I decide to spend our vacation at your house. We don't like the girl Martha. And, in the second place, we do not think that it is necessary to have a pigsty so near the house."

In reply the farmer said: "Martha went last week. We ain't had no hogs since you were here last September.—Sunday Magazine.

"They tell me you kissed Miss Sonnet, the poetess, on yesterday's automobile excursion."

"Yes; that is true."

"Indeed! And how did you—ah—find her?"

"Miss Sonnet has a marked literary taste."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

WEDDINGS

Mulholland-McCourt

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on the 19th inst. in St. Dominic's church, South Portland (Me.), when Miss Elizabeth G. McCourt, of that city, and J. Henry Mulholland, of St. John, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Monsignor Hurley, who was also celebrant of the mass.

The bride wore a dress of white nun's veiling made over silk with hat to match and carried lilacs of the valley. The maid of honor was Miss Rose O'Donnell, of South Portland, and the best man was Henry J. Spears, of this city, uncle of the groom.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride to the families and a few intimate friends. The gift of the groom to the bride was a gold monogram brooch. Mr. and Mrs. Mulholland received a large number of beautiful wedding gifts. They left for a short wedding trip to New York, Jersey City and Boston. On their return they will make their home in this city.

Darling-Cummings

Woodstock, June 27.—A happy social event of special interest in this place occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cummings, of Dow Settlement, York county, on Wednesday afternoon, when their daughter, Agnes Eldora, was united in marriage to Stewart Edrie Durling, in the presence of nearly 100 guests. The ceremony, performed by the Rev. W. C. Keirstead, of Woodstock, took place upon the lawn, under an arch of green and white. The bride was attired in a dainty gown of white cashmere, wearing a veil and bouquet of white carnations and asparagus fern. She was attended by Miss Effie B. Durling and the groom was supported by Charles Cummings. Corn and Gerrie Durling, sisters of the groom, acted as ribbon girls, and little Jennifer Cummings was flower girl. After the wedding ceremony the guests sat down to a tempting repast. The presents were numerous and costly. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch and chain.

VICTORIA ROLLAWAY

There will be band and races at the ever popular Victoria Roller Rink tonight. The band has an enticing programme, the races promise to be of interest, and the big roomy rink assures delightful comfort while enjoying a spin on the rollers. It is nice to read about but better to realize.

It is reported that the owners of the burned steamer *Crystal Stream* are making efforts to secure another steamer to put on the route. It is also stated that Dr. J. E. Hollister, of Cady's, has the question of building a steamer for the Washademoak route under consideration.

The Sunday sacred concerts of the Every Day Club will be discontinued until the first week in October.

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