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THE COST OF LIVING.

While the cost of living has been rapidly increasing everywhere of late years, it is apparent that such cost depends not only on general market prices of commodities but to an even larger extent on purely local conditions of supply and demand. Thus, while financial bureaus set forth the fact that living expenses are now thirty-five per cent. higher than in 1897, it is just as true that a man can purchase a dinner in Dawson City today for the amount he would have spent on a hard boiled egg ten years ago. The world's prices are influenced by national and international commerce, but each separate district or city is affected directly by the conditions prevailing therein. St. John is an expensive place. Under ordinary circumstances all commodities should be reasonable in price for we are surrounded by agricultural communities and within easy reach of all markets. Less money should be required for ordinary living expenses than is needed in cities such as Montreal, Toronto, New York and Boston. Yet it is a fact that owing to the heavy demands made on our limited markets, prices of almost all commodities and particularly of foodstuffs have been forced to extravagant figures. Here in St. John during the winter months especially our local merchants are called upon to furnish food supplies for many large steamships and for thousands of passengers. From our home producers is drawn the best of everything, fish, flesh and fowl, and the supplies brought to the city from outside points are picked up before they get here. We have until quite recently been paying thirty cents a dozen for eggs. In New York the price at the same time was eighteen cents, and here it should have been not over fifteen. Ten or a dozen years ago chickens could be bought in St. John for sixty cents a pair during the whole winter. This season they have ranged from a dollar to a dollar and a half. Fresh beef a decade ago retailed for the best cuts, at from eleven to fourteen cents a pound; it is now from eighteen to twenty-four cents. The supply is extremely limited, the demand continuous owing to the requirements of the winter steamers and our larger population, as the result of this shipping, and the natural result is high prices. While it is true that people of today regard as necessities many things which their parents looked upon as luxuries, and that this change adds largely to the cost of living, still those commodities which were formerly classed as necessities require twice as much money now as they did a generation ago. The winter port traffic without regard to any other influence has in the past ten or twelve years almost doubled the prices of foodstuffs in St. John, has resulted in advances in rents and generally has created conditions which otherwise would not exist.

In return for this we have received many benefits. Three thousand men, who were it not for the steamship traffic, would be away in the woods or else loafing about the streets, now find employment in the city during the entire winter. They earn regular wages, and this alone has wiped out the old credit system. Formerly merchants found it necessary to carry accounts from autumn till spring. Every item of household expense was charged, and bills were supposed to be paid when the men came back from the woods or when the mills started. Nowadays the laborer who wants a barrel of flour pays cash for it. He pays more than he used to, but so long as he has the money, it is better for both himself and the merchant.

THE UNSETTLED DOVE.

Between two evils, choose. A few days ago the Star announced that orders had been issued from militia headquarters providing for rifle training for members of the different cadet corps in Canada. The aim is to develop among the boys some skill in shooting, not with the intention of making them bloodthirsty but in order that they may be in some measure qualified if ever called upon for service.

Announcement now comes from Pittsburg that Dr. J. Leonard Levy, a prominent clergyman and president of a local peace organization, will shortly leave for Germany. His mission is to visit the toy-making centres and induce, if possible, the manufacturers to cease making toy soldiers, swords, guns, etc. Rev. Mr. Levy contends that these stimulate in youthful minds thoughts of war and are inimical to peace.

PREACHING AND PRACTICE.

Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, of New York, a man prominent in the newspaper world, professes to hold high ideals as to the proper conduct of the press. He has established a school of journalism and declares that its aims will be to instill in the minds of students high principles

such as will win for them the respect of the public. No newspaper man should do anything for which his nearest friend might feel ashamed; underhand motives are to be entirely obliterated, and generally speaking the profession must be placed on a plane of moral virtue to which no shadow of disgrace may reach.

A few weeks ago a letter written by E. H. Harriman to Sidney Webster, was stolen by E. M. Hill, the former's secretary. Hill had been bribed to commit this crime by the paper owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It would be interesting to know from Joseph how this piece of work is made to jibe with his code of ethics.

THE PAUPER'S DEATHBED.

Tread softly; how the head, In reverent silence bow; No passing bell doth toll, Yet an immortal soul is passing now.

Stranger, how great soe'er, With lowly reverence bow; There's one in that poor shed One by that wretched bed, Greater than thou.

Beneath that pauper's roof, Let Death doth keep his state; Enter—no crowds attend; Enter—no guards defend. This palace gate.

That pavement damp and cold No whispering courtiers tread One silent woman stands Chafing with pale, thin hands, A dying head.

No busy murmurs sound; An infant wail alone; A sob suppressed—again That short, deep gasp, and then the parting groan.

Oh, change! Oh, wondrous change! Burst are the prison bars! This moment there so low In mortal prayer—and now Beyond the stars!

Oh, change! stupendous change! Here lies the senseless clod; The soul from bondage breaks, The new immortal wakes, Wakes with his God! Caroline Bowles Southey, in Springfield Republican.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

A negro minister from Georgia who was visiting friends in New York City went one Sunday to the Cathedral on 5th Avenue. He was very much impressed by the service, especially by the choir boys in the processional and recessional. When he returned to the South he resolved to introduce the same thing into his church; so he collected fifteen or twenty little darkeys, and drilled them until he had them well trained. One Sunday the congregation were greatly surprised to see the choir boys marching in, singing the processional. The minister noticed that something was wrong; the boy in front was not carrying anything. He leaned over the pulpit, and in order to avoid attracting attention, he chanted in tune to the song they were singing. "What have you done with the incense pot?" The little darkey, with great presence of mind, chanted back: "I left it in—the altar—it was too damn hot."—Harper's Weekly.

NOTHING TRUER.

"Is there anything more wonderful than the rapidity of thought in dreams?" said the imaginative boarder. "Your dream may occupy only a few seconds of actual time, and yet you seem to pass through months or even years." "It's remarkable of course," answered the master-of-the-house, "but it isn't exceptional. In the hands of an expert a barrel of raw whiskey will become twenty years old in about the same length of time."

WASTED WIND.

Dr. B. D. Evans, the mental expert of the Thaw trial, was criticizing at a physicians' dinner the browbeating method of cross-examination that the courts permit. "But my criticism," Dr. Evans ended, "has been feeble, and what good is feeble criticism? The critic, to score, must be epigrammatic, unexpected, humorous."

"Thus, in my native Bridgetown, a candidate for Congress spoke at a mass meeting, and afterward a politician asked an old farmer what he thought of the speech."

"Wall, I dunno," said the old man soberly, "but I think six hours' rain would 'a' done us a lot more good."

SERIOUS.

"He was terribly ill." "Indeed?" "Yes. He got that bad that he forgot to ask how the business was getting on."—Milwaukee Sentinel.



HIS VOCATION.

Janks—"Yes, sir; I have had some strange experiences and witnessed some moving scenes—very moving indeed." Smith—"Oh! Are you a detective?" Janks—"No; I'm a scene shifter at the theatre."

PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

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One does not need to be in any way devoted to spiritualism to find much that is of interest in a series of publications written by Dr. Isaac K. Funk, president of the Funk and Wagnalls Co., of New York. In the three books, The Widow's Mite, The Psychic Riddle and The Next Step in Evolution, Dr. Funk has presented the most recent thought on the subject of psychic phenomena, and has brought together a vast amount of information concerning the progress of investigations in this higher branch of science. In the preface to The Widow's Mite, Dr. Funk clearly sets forth that he is not writing as either an exponent or an opponent of spiritualism, but merely gathers together the results achieved after years of investigation by some of the world's best known psychologists and presents them in a most readable manner. The subject is brought down to date. All is fairly presented and there is no marked tendency to support either side. The reasoning is cautious throughout. Dr. Funk has entered upon the presentation of this most difficult problem in a fair mind, and his statements are worthy of study even by those who laugh at the idea of spiritualism. It is not a work intended to make converts, but a work intended to arouse interest and develop investigation. A great many instances are related which by a professed unbeliever will be at once set down as fakes, but when eminent scientists insist that they are unable to explain these phenomena, on any other ground than that of spiritualism, the man who knows nothing about the subject can well afford to read. The Psychic Riddle is, in a sense, a continuation of The Widow's Mite, and reviews the researches of scientists extending over a great many years, besides outlining a number of more recent occurrences. The Next Step in Evolution deals in a most scholarly manner with the subject, contradicting many preconceived theories, but offering newer and more reasonable ones in their stead. The book indicates deep thought on the part of the writer, and is a strong argument towards the reconciliation of science and religion. All of these publications, bound in cloth, are on sale at Hall's bookstore, King street.

WASHED OVERBOARD WHILE CROSSING THE BAY

The Nova Scotia schooner, Lucy A., arrived in port yesterday and the crew reported that the captain, John T. Terrieau, who mastered the vessel, was washed overboard on Wednesday night while the schooner was crossing the Bay of Fundy from Weymouth, N. S. The crew consisted of two men only, Albino D'Entremont and Ambrose Comeau. They telegraphed the sad news to Captain Terrieau's brother, who lives at Metegoon, as soon as they arrived in port. D'Entremont states that on Wednesday evening a heavy gale was blowing and the little schooner was soon tossed about on the waves. The jib was torn away and Captain Terrieau made his way out on his lifeboat. Just as he reached the end of the boom a heavy sea carried him into the waters of the bay. The captain was thirty-two years of age and leaves a wife and four children. He was known as a careful and skillful mariner.

All day Saturday and again on Monday the particular attraction in M. R. A.'s German street building was the sale of wool and union carpets at prices that cannot be equalled for lowness. There are only twenty-five hundred yards of these carpets which fact should hurry prospective purchasers to the scene of bargains. The whitewash sale which was such a success today will be continued tomorrow.

Walter H. Irving announces that he has taken over the stock and premises lately occupied by David Gibson, Watchmaker and Jeweler, 55 King St. Mr. Irving having had an experience of over ten years with Frank S. Rogers, the Charlotte street jeweller, is thoroughly experienced to do repairing of all kinds at reasonable cost. He will carry a handsome line of jewelry, watches, clocks, souvenirs, etc.

Mrs. Lizzie Blair Miller, of Boston, whose singing was so very much enjoyed last evening in the Grand Sacred Concert in St. David's church, is to sing in the German street Baptist church on Sunday morning. She will sing a solo, and will also sing a duet with Prof. L. M. Titus. Mrs. Miller, who is a daughter of Mr. Miller Olive, formerly of St. John, was a few years ago leading soprano in the German Street Baptist church, and she possesses a very rich and powerful soprano voice.

VIENNA, April 26.—Prof. Von Mooset-Moorhoff, the famous surgeon and introducer of iodoforn, threw himself into the Danube today, while suffering from mental trouble, and was drowned.

WOODSTOCK BRAKEMAN WAS SERIOUSLY HURT

WOODSTOCK, April 26.—Wm. Glew, brakeman was seriously injured this morning while working in the yard at the lower station and now lies in a critical condition at the hospital suffering from internal injuries, a bad scalp wound and the fracture of an arm in three places. At the hospital it was said that the arm will probably require amputation. He was hurt while coupling a snow plow by getting caught under the end and being dragged some distance. He is a married man, his wife being the daughter of Oscar Dugan.

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DEATHS.

HALLEY.—In this city on the 24th inst., John Halley, in the 76th year of his age, leaving a widow and six daughters, at his residence, 100 Portland street, N. S. papers please copy.) Funeral Saturday morning at 8.30 from his late residence 90 Portland street. Requiem Mass at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

McAULY.—In this city on April 25th, Verlaed two years and nine months daughter of Thomas and Lizzie McAulay. Funeral tomorrow from Duke street, St. John, West.

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OBJECTED TO WOMEN WORKING IN FACTORY

PARIS, April 25.—A cigarette paper factory at Eycheil, near St. Girons has been closed because the workers objected to the engagement of a woman who was unpopular in the district.

The employers refused to listen to the objections so the workers stopped the machinery, went out and passed resolutions of protest. They returned to the works with their resolutions, but found themselves locked out, the employers having decided to close the works until the work-people came to their senses.

BRITISH ROYALTIES HAD TO SMOKE CIGARETTES

CANTON, April 25.—When the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Princess Patricia were compelled to smoke cigarettes almost incessantly as a preventive against disease. The Duke never ventured out without a cigar in his mouth.

Smallpox is very prevalent in the city, and owing to the extreme laxity of the sanitary regulations persons who have contracted the disease often remain out of doors and mingle with the crowds in the streets.

HOME FOR THE INCURABLES. The Opportunity Circle, of the King's Daughters, gave a very enjoyable tea and entertainment at the Home for Incapables on Thursday evening.

The following kindly offered their services: Violin solo, W. Pheasant; recitation, Miss De Cue; piano solo, Mrs. F. Sealey; duet, Mrs. A. B. Wetmore and Mrs. G. C. Amland; piano solo by Miss Myles; violin solo, G. Taylor.

Mrs. Wm. Robson, who takes a great interest in the King's Daughters, played the accompaniments. A vote of thanks was given by the matron, Miss Masch, to the King's Daughters and those who so kindly offered their services to the entertainment.

BOSTON, April 25.—It was announced that the suit of the copper range consolidated company against Alfred C. Burridge, Thos. W. Lawson and others has been settled out of court.

VALPARAISO, April 26.—Three vigorous earthquake shocks were felt here on Thursday morning. No damage has been reported so far.

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THEFTS IN CARLETON

Two robberies were committed in Carleton yesterday. Shortly after noon a barrel of liquor which was stored in a Shore line car was tapped, and after the intruder had taken his fill of the spirits he did not fill the bung hole and the liquor kept running out of the barrel until it was almost empty. Employees of the Shore line stated that at ten minutes to one the door in the car was secured, and it is thought that the culprits gained access to the car while the employees were away to their dinner.

Detective Killen is working on the case.

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