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INSURANCE AND WATER.

The pressure readings at various points in the Marsh Bridge district, taken at different times during the past few months, should be sufficient evidence of the inefficient state of St. John's water service. According to these figures—which certainly have not been falsified month after month for the purpose of fooling the public—the pressure has been greater of late than ever before in the city's history. The results anticipated by the extension to Loch Lomond have been more than realized, inasmuch as Mr. Murdoch has found it possible to give the city the insurance premium without reduction by means of the regulating valves installed by his predecessor, Mr. Hunter.

According to these figures, the steam fire engines are, as it was predicted they would be, a hindrance rather than a help. If force of water is the main object desired, Mr. Hunter distinctly stated that with the pressure that could be secured the services of fire engines excepting on the higher levels, would be unnecessary. Yet Mr. Hunter checked the flow of water. Mr. Murdoch has found it possible to do without the regulating valves, and has added twenty pounds to the pressure without hurting the city mains. Thus the engines, in theory at least, should be practically useless.

The engineer does not desire to criticize fire department methods, nor has he any intention of commenting on the views expressed by members of the board of underwriters. Property owners have not the same reticence, and many see in the present discussion evidence of a determination on the part of the organized insurance men to raise the rates in St. John on what can only be regarded as a pretext. The agreement between the city and the underwriters was that when certain additions had been made to the fire fighting apparatus a reduction in the rates would be arranged; that when the new water service was completed to the satisfaction of the board, a further reduction would be made. Both of these conditions were in due time fulfilled; both reductions were granted. The underwriters expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the water service. Since that time, as is clearly shown by tests, the system has been greatly improved in pressure; and as indicated by the reports of departmental expenditures, the distribution system has been brought up to the completion of many new mains. Yet in the face of these later improvements the underwriters profess to believe the service still faulty. They should be considering reductions rather than increases in the rates.

BRITISH ELECTIONS

The Liberal party in Britain returns to power with a majority so small that it is not a majority at all. Mr. Asquith is left wholly dependent on his allies, the Labor members and the Irish Nationalists whose interests are of Ireland and not of Britain. Such a condition is impossible. No government, continually seeking support from other than its own friends, can hope to administer the affairs of the country in a manner satisfactory either to itself or to the nation, and Mr. Asquith so long as he endeavors to conduct business under his present handicaps will never be free from anxiety.

Just at the moment a certain class of British journals are warmly advocating a coalition government, a cabinet from which the extremists of each party would be excluded, and by which a satisfactory compromise on the great issues of the day might be reached. This is merely an off hand suggestion and will not be taken seriously by either party. Mr. Asquith having won a victory—such as it is—will not be content to yield even a portion of the authority. Such a step would be interpreted as weakness. Mr. Balfour, on the other hand, confident that his gains in the contest now ended indicate larger success in the future, will choose the chance of a complete victory in a few months rather than a compromise now.

The opposition in the new parliament will be much more effective than in the old, and should the government and the Nationalists happen to disagree—which is by no means improbable—the defeat of the ministry would not be an impossibility. Indeed, the outlook is for a most exciting session, and certainly there are good grounds for the belief that another election will be held before the close of the year.

The members of Capt. Chené Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at a special meeting recently denounced the movement to place a statue of General Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall, at Washington. Caricaturing this suggestion, the veterans adopted a resolution that a statue of Benedict Arnold, in the Hall of Fame, so that future generations may revere his name and shun his treachery.

collection of his patriotism and love of country." It is a little hard to get the memory of Arnold's treachery and it appears equally hard for some of the old soldiers to forget the failures of their leaders.

Rev. T. Albert Moore, unofficial prosecuting attorney under the Sunday Observance Act, states that during the past three years the Lord's Day Alliance has made the Sabbath a day of rest for one hundred thousand persons who previously worked on that day. It would be of interest were Mr. Moore to tell us what these 100,000 now do on Sunday. Has the general average of church attendance increased, or would the 100,000 rather be back on their jobs?

The St. John Night, arranged by the Canadian Club in the interests of the forward movement should draw a very large audience to the assembly rooms tomorrow evening. The speakers who have been selected are representative men, thoroughly capable of properly presenting the subjects which they are to discuss.

Allard, Liberal, has been elected in Quebec East by a majority of 658. The Laurier government is doomed.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 30.—Rev. Francis R. Rowley, for ten years pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boston, today read his letter of resignation to take effect the last Sunday in February. Dr. Rowley came here from Fall River. He resigns to accept the presidency of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings

Do not look forward to these meetings in selfish anticipation of a time of rare and enjoyable excitement.

The person that gets that, and nothing more, would be a good deal better off without the campaign.

These meetings have not been planned to afford the people of the churches agreeable sensations.

To waste time, and energy, and money in such foolish and frivolous business would deserve and receive the contempt of all right-thinking people.

The people of the churches have no right to challenge the attention of this city for three weeks of evangelistic effort, if they are not absolutely sincere in their belief.

This campaign must be conducted by people who are prepared to live their lives in serving a Master who loves all men, or it will be an insignificant and contemptible farce.

This is serious business that the churches have elected to do and the person who merely seeks a sensation will neither give or receive any assistance.

Moreover, the man who hopes that these days may mark a change in his life, should not misunderstand the condition of hope.

Righteousness is never easy to accomplish, wrong is never easy to right, sin cannot be lightly forgiven.

There is in the gospel no message of hope for the man who is not willing to spend what strength he possesses in the service of a Master who loves all men.

Good feeling without good willing will tire you out and get you nowhere.

Feb. 7th to Feb. 28th

THE STAR ST. JOHN N. B., MONDAY, JANUARY 31 1910

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

I hear the newspapers say I am dying. The charge is not true. I would not do such a thing at my time of life," said Mark Twain the other day. "My time of life?" incidentally was seventy-four years and twenty-four days.

There are few things that I have read or heard lately that please me so much as that characteristically delightful utterance of America's beloved old philosopher.

It seems to me that the very best way to defer death is to defy it, to regard it as he did, as a thing you would not dream of doing at your time of life.

And the best way to defy sickness and helplessness is to regard them as things you have no time to indulge in and still less time to think about.

In nine cases out of ten it seems to me that excessive care of oneself, excessive attempts to conserve one's energies, are the quickest roads to illness and feebleness.

This does not mean, of course, that it is good to use one's powers extravagantly and carelessly. It simply means that to the very entrance of the valley of the shadow one should constantly be using one's powers to their fullest, that even to the end they grow by use.

Men are more or less like watches in this respect. They run better if they are kept continually wound. To be sure, regularity of life, obedience to the laws of health, and relaxation when relaxation is needed, are necessary for the man as a regular time of winding, some care and an occasional overhauling are necessary for the watch. But he will just as surely defeat his end who attempts to prolong his life by putting a stop to his activity as he who attempts to make his watch last longer by leaving it unwound.

If a man ever fears, lest he is about to be engulfed in the foolishly self-saving feebleness of invalidism or old age, it seems to me the best motto he can take for himself is: "It is better to wear out than to rust out."

And I think in nine cases out of ten the man who does make that his motto will not do either very soon. The very spirit of his determination will probably prolong his life.

Robert Louis Stevenson says: "It is better to lose health like a spendthrift than to waste it like a miser. It is better to live and be done with it than to die daily in the sick-room. By all means begin your folly, even if the doctor does not give you a year, even if he hesitates about a month, make one brave push and see what can be accomplished in a week. It is not only in finished undertakings that we ought to honor useful labor. All who have meant good work with their whole hearts have done good work, although they may die before they have time to sign it. Every heart that has beat strongly and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world and bettered the tradition of mankind."

Heartily I agree and even more heartily honor the way in which Robert Louis Stevenson lived those words.

Ruth Cameron

Be On Hand Tomorrow

Coady's store is closed today while the staff are going through remarking the balance of the stock. Tomorrow when the store re-opens bar gains such as have never been seen in St. John will be offered

Coady & Co.,
61 Charlotte Street

CHAPPING
By winds, extremes of temperature indoors and out, cause facial roughness, chapping and soreness that
CUTILAVE
will prevent and heal if used faithfully. In fact, rough skin, irritation and chapping are unknown to those who regularly use CUTILAVE before and after exposure.
25c a bottle
Prepared and sold only by
E. CLINTON BROWN, Druggist, - Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts

Store open till 7 p.m. Monday, January 31, 1910

OUR Latest Shoe Bargains

We are offering the balance of three lines of Ladies' Tan Boots at a sacrifice price to clear.

LADIES' TAN BULCHER CUT BOOTS, regular \$3.50. Now... \$2.75

LADIES' TAN BULCHER CUT BOOTS, double sole, reg. \$3.50. Now... \$2.75

LADIES' OX-BLOOD BULCHER CUT BOOTS, reg. \$3.50. Now... \$2.75

These three lines are a great snap. Many took advantage of the small prices on the lines we are clearing out on Saturday, although the weather was unkind. You get your share this week.

PERCY J. STEEL, Foot Furnisher
519-521 Main St.

A Liver
that is sluggish needs only
a few doses of our
Cascara Cathartics
to start it working properly.
50c. BOX

FRANK E. PORTER
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST,
Union and St. Patrick Sts.

NEITHER CITY NOR BANK WILL PAY

Man Who Issued Forged Notes Was Treasurer for Bank—Exports at Work

SOUTHERIDGE, Mass., Jan. 30.—A dispute between the town of Southbridge and the Southbridge Savings Bank over the question as to whether the town or the bank shall be the one to bear the loss of \$21,000 on the two notes that figure in the late charge against John A. Hall, the former treasurer of the bank, now under \$50,000 bail, seems to be impending.

Developments today tended to show that both the bank and the town will seek to shift the burden each from its own to the other's shoulders.

"The town must reimburse us for the \$21,000 represented by the notes," said Calvin D. Paige, president of the bank, this evening.

"The bank must pay the town \$21,000," said the selectmen.

And there you are.

The notes, believed to have been issued by Hall in his capacity as town treasurer and paid by him in his second role of bank treasurer, are in sums of \$20,000 and \$1,000 respectively. The matter is expected to be cleared up tomorrow, when Mr. Hall will assist the experts now working on the bank's books.

The men's Bible class of St. John's (Gospel) Church will meet at eight o'clock this evening.

Mr. R. M. Hobson, who is in the city in the interests of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, will give a lecture this evening in Tabernacle Baptist Church, on China. Mr. Hobson was born and spent 33 years of his life in China. Admission free. All are invited.

COUGHING BURST BLOOD VESSEL

SAYS DANGER AVOIDED AND CURES COUGHS IN 5 HOURS.

A writer for the medical press states that coughing is responsible for the bursting of blood vessels quite frequently. A cough or cold means inflammation (fever) and congestion, and these in turn indicate that the body is full of poisons and waste matter. Simple relief, as found in patent cough medicines, and whiskey, often result in more harm than good; as they cause more congestion. A tonic laxative cough syrup will work marvels and here follows a prescription which is becoming famous for the cure of coughs and through coughs. It rids the system of the cause, except it be consumption. Don't wait for consumption to grasp its victim, out begin this treatment, which cures some in five hours. Mix a bottle one-half ounce fluid wild cherry bark, one ounce compound essence cardiol and three ounces syrup white pine compound. Shake Twenty drops every half hour for four hours. Then one-half to one teaspoonful three or four times a day. Give children less according to age.

"WHO WITH A BODY FILLED AND VACANT MIND GETS HIM TO REST, CRAMMED WITH DISTRESSFUL BREAD."
—Shakespeare.

BUTTER NUT BREAD comes to enlivenate you from "Distressful Bread." It comes to exchange impoverished bread for a full of nourishing qualities.

A favorite bread because it is a Flavor-right bread.

Beware of imitations. Examine the label.

DEATHS

20th, Annie E., widow of James T. Magee.
Funeral, Tuesday, February 1st, from her late residence, 9 Wright street. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

COHOLAN—On January 20th, Theresa, widow of Dennis Coholan, in the 68th year of her age.
Funeral from her late residence, 14 Cliff street, Tuesday, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

FAIRMER—On Sunday, January 30th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late Richard Farmer, in the 88th year of her age.

McMACKIN—On Sunday, 30th January, Jennie McMackin, eldest daughter of the late Thomas A. and Margaret A. McMackin, leaving mother, two sisters and four brothers, to mourn their sad loss.
Funeral from 165 Gullford street, West End, Tuesday, February 1st. Service begins at 2 p.m.

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Net is everywhere to the fore.

Most of the new linen suits are lace-trimmed.

For dance frocks tulle with chenille dots is new.

Many of the new Swisses have embroidered colored dots.

A new fad is the hand-bag made of cloth to match the suit.

Pelt hats are entirely out with the exception of silk felt.

Bedford cord is again in fashion, though much softer in weave.

Variations of the Russian ideas are recurring from time to time.

The longer, supple, drooping algrette has come into its own again.

Very many of the best dresses are made of mousseline and lace and fur.

Three or four varieties of lace frequently appear on the same frock.

Handbags covered with raffia in elaborate scrolls are very fashionable.

The regulation size for a scarf is three yards long by a good half yard wide.

Lace, which has been so long out of favor, is making an effort to regain its place.

The pearl is again the queen of precious jewelry, with the moonstone as her understudy.

Box pleatings around the lower edge of skirts is one of the late Paris revivals.

Household : Hints

If afraid to wash windows in cold weather, try rubbing them off with tissue paper which has been moistened in ammonia or alcohol. Polish with a fresh piece of paper.

To prepare bread crumbs most quickly, dry the bread in the oven after the crust has been removed, then run through the meat chopper, sift and put away in glass jars.

When cooking spaghetti, first boil them, remove the scum and, when practically done, place in a baking pan and add salt and pepper. Bake slowly and do not brown them too much.

To ascertain if a cake is done, press lightly with the finger, if the surface rebounds without making a hissing sound, and if a toothpick comes out clean, it is inserted in the centre, the cake is done.

If when using lemon for flavoring you need only half of one, put the other half on a plate and cover with a tumbler. This will exclude air and will prevent it withering or getting mouldy.

To insure a properly aired house in winter see that at least one window in each bedroom is down a little from the top. Half an inch will be enough to let in fresh air without creating a draught.

Garnish a turkey with cubes of cranberry jelly, wreaths of celery leaves and pieces of celery split in the narrow points and curls or beet pickles cut into stars and hearts to add a touch of color.

In scalloping oysters, do not use much of the liquor. Milk may be substituted. Put on plenty of butter, twice as much on the top layer as on the under ones, or it will not be well browned.

The Lighter Side of Life

THE SOARING MENU.

The menu now is soaring from the soup unto the pie.
The cutlets and their fellows pretty nearly hit the sky.
Each day the "jacked up" prices make this truth awfully plain.
There will soon be few to travel in the fair Land of Cockaigne.

You may say it's but a little sum put on each single dish.
But when added to the pure, to the roast, the steak, the fish,
The preserves and salads, with the vegetable lot,
So much upon so many hits our pocket's tenderest spot.

Though we ask for eggs and onions and each single dish,
When terrapin and lobster, with our cheque book don't agree,
Yet we find the fabled plebeian like the Elysian group,
Are so high we cannot travel half an inch beyond the soup.

As for game, or even poultry, they are far beyond our reach,
And a single baked potato is as costly as a peach,
Not so very long ago was in each hotel and cafe,
And if food shall still climb higher, who his phreatic bill can pay?

We have left for us starvation, mitigated by "free lunch,"
But the daring souls who try it soon will want a crust to crunch.
Since there never was an instance where such fasting has been tried,
The victims were contented with the feast of Barnabed.

"I saw you at the musicale yesterday afternoon. I'm so sorry I couldn't get a chance to speak to you. Did you enjoy my daughter's singing?"
"Yes, very much."

"I thought her accompanist played awfully loud."

"She did. Back where I sat the sound of the piano was the only thing we could hear."

"How pleasant it must be to sit before a blazing fire while the wind vainly rages outside."

"Yes," answered Farmer Contostee, "I guess it would be right pleasant."

"Why, you ought to know. You live in the country."

"Yes, but I ain't the feller that by the fire, I'm the feller that fetches in the wood."

NEVER GOT OVER IT.



"I shall never marry—I once loved a girl but she made a fool of me."

"Indeed? She seems to have made a lasting impression."

"I trust you try to return good for evil," said the high-minded man.

"I not only try," said Mr. Sirius Barker, "but I succeed. Biggins gave me one of his cigars yesterday and I gave him one of mine this morning."

Seymour—I thought McBusher got a job with a brass band.

Ashley—He did; but the job lasted only one day.

Seymour—What was the trouble?

Ashley—McBusher was so modest that he had to have an assistant and the bandmaster refused to pay for the services of the two.

Seymour—You speak in riddles; I don't see what McBusher's modesty had to do with his hiring an assistant.

Ashley—You don't? It had everything to do with it; McBusher was too modest to blow his own horn.

Bings—Your baby is fond of you, I suppose.

Fond Parent—Well, I guess. Why, the little chap sleeps all night, and keeps awake every blessed night just to enjoy my society.

HOSTILE TROOPS MAY CLASH AT LAST

BLUEBELLS, Jan. 30.—General Estrada has learned that 700 of the Madrid troops are enroute north of Greytown and as a consequence, he, together with General Matuty, is arranging to head an expedition to that district. It is expected that the two generals, with 500 men, will leave here tomorrow morning on the steamers Senator and Bianca. General Estrada will direct the troops on the Senator, which was recently chartered by the provisional government. There are rapid-firers aboard the Bianca.

Estrada has been waiting for an opportunity to engage the Madrid forces at Greytown, but up to the present, they have remained within the limits of the city, practically under the protection of Great Britain, whose representative recently issued an ultimatum that no fighting would be permitted in Greytown, on account of the large number of British subjects there.

The United States cruiser Tacoma and the British cruiser Scylla are now at Greytown.

The Fittsburg team had the best behaved set of men. Only seven of its players were banished and none suspended.

According to figures compiled by a local statistician, the national League players paid \$25 to the treasury of the league for misbehavior.

ENFORCING DISCIPLINE ON THE BALL FIELD

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—More National League players were ordered from the baseball field last year and afterwards suspended than in several years past. Whether it was rowdiness or more stringent application of the rules by umpires, 119 men were banished from the field and subsequently eighteen of them were suspended by Presidents Heydler and Pulliam. In 1908 the arbitrators ordered 94 players to the club houses and in 1907, 112. The late Harry Pulliam suspended sixteen players in 1908, and seventeen in 1907.

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TWO MORE DREADNOUGHTS READY BY MARCH 1912

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Great Britain will place two new dreadnoughts on the water in 1912. The battleships will be completed on March 31, 1912. England outstrips Germany in the construction of the ships. The latter country plans to have one dreadnought ready by 1912.

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