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OUR SPEEDY AND HORSY COUNCIL.

The City Council lost its head last Monday and put through for a few horsemen the speedway course on the Don. As it turned out, the Assessment Commissioner points out that in consequence it will be impossible to get sidings down to the factory sites, and so untold loss will result and depreciate city property.

In addition, the city will have to provide \$2,000 anyway, but competent authorities say \$4,000, to fix up the course. Well, what a lot of people's representatives! They all vote for speedway habits for horsey men, but when it came to a vote later for street railway employees' convenience and speedy legislation about the Yonge street bridge, how slow they were! Referred back—Oh, my! What a difference!

Controllers Spence and Hubbard allowed themselves to be deluded by the horsey sports. This is class legislation of the worst sort, and the wage earners have no sympathy with it. Of the whole Council only Mayor Urquhart, and Ald. Church, Chisholm and Stewart voted for the people's rights, and against such a fad.

The people should note the division on the question. Ald. McBride was the chief spokesman for the speedway. The people are waiting a chance to speed his departure from civic life, for speedways and such like talk have been about his entire stock in trade, and he will learn that the people of No. 3 Ward are not all horse crazy; nevertheless, know what it is to have a little "horsey sense" occasionally. Would our civic fathers had a little of it on Monday.

The smoking concert tendered to the delegates, held in the St. George's Hall, was one of the best ever held. Toronto's best talent was engaged, and a most delightful evening was spent; one that will be remembered.

The Montreal boys certainly had a fund of merriment in their make-up.

Delegate C. Thibault, of Montreal, was one of the life-makers of the party.

The Reception Committee spared neither pains or expense, and were all of them on the job, looking out that everyone was attended to.

D. V. Todd sang a good song which was joined in by all present.

Isaac Sanderson has returned from a long and successful tour of the Eastern States.

It strikes me as very forcible that any child of six years of age, with only an average intelligence can understand what a poster represents by the figures and wording on it with a little patch cutting out just the knife or pistol as the case may be. The letter of the law may possibly be carried out, but the immoral effect is left just the same and perhaps the patch being cut out brings what is more forcible to the mind. Any poster of this class should not be allowed on exhibition anywhere. If the law is meant to purify this atmosphere let it be complete and do away with these half measures.

About the only use we can see for Separate Schools for the sexes is to increase our tax rate. Surely, high enough already!

Would it not be better for the children of our city if they could have a more thorough drilling in the old-fashion "Three R's" and do away with the numerous side lines which are not calculated to be of any use to the most of them in after life. All would come to the student by reading if he cared for the subjects, if they do not care for them of what is the use to take up their time when it could be used in a more training of the principal things necessary to fit them for the struggle of life.

There were only four opponents to the Don Speedway Bill—The Mayor, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Church, and Ald. Chisholm. If the by-law is adopted proceedings will be taken.

Bakers' strike still on.

It looks as if we are to pay a pretty good figure to oblige a few horsemen who can well afford to rent a speedway.

A new park on Dupont street is being petitioned for, and the Walmer Road residents are asking to have the cost assessed against their property.

Advertising in a union paper is worth much more per inch to the merchant than in any other kind of publication. The union paper circulates strictly within a class of citizens, and that class is loyal to all interests among them its paper. Besides being union men, they earn good wages, and are therefore good customers.

Look at the things you are about to buy; if they bear the union label complete the purchase, if not let them lie on the counter unbought. Letting them alone is your silent strike.

Mr. F. C. Letts, business agent of the Butchers' and Meat Cutters' Association, is severing his connection and will live in Tillamore, where he has bought a very fine farm.

The Board of Control decided to invite the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers, who will be holding a convention in Kansas next week, to come to Toronto in 1906.

The Tribune is glad to call the attention of all union men to the fact that we have in our city the first and only union glove shop in Canada, the A. C. Chapman Co., 530 Front street west, who at their own special request introduced the Local No. 8 of the International Glove Workers' Union of America into their shop. Those at the head of the business have made a thorough study of the requirements of working men, and are showing a line of working gloves equalled by none in Canada. Every pair bears the stamp, THE BIG 4. This concern is composed of strict believers of unionism, and people who uphold unionism in every possible way. THE BIG 4 gloves are being handled by the best stores in the city, and the fact that they are now turning out double the quantity of gloves per week that they did four months ago, speaks very strongly of the satisfaction they are giving to the consumer, as well as the dealer. Union-made gloves is one more step towards the betterment of labor. Demand the label on your working gloves. Their ad. appears on another page of this issue.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Several dead 'uns are around announcing their intention of again running for the Council. What is wanted are representatives who will judge questions on their merits, and not always from the standard of notes. A few good men are wanted, who are straight and cannot be lobbied up.

Besides their salaries, the Solicitor's Department get the rake-off on the cost of suits. They say the latter are double their salaries, and the wideawake Council allows the fee system yet. What do we expect next?

Oh, what ignorance some of those Controllers exhibit! Controller Hubbard calls it Russian methods for a Government to antedate an order in Council re Yonge street bridge. What next from "Hub"?

The Mayor is all for litigation with the corporations. Well, with a slow Solicitor's Department, the corporations have an easy time of it with the city in the courts. More legislation is wanted, not suits to fatten the solicitors' salaries.

If Controller Hubbard is after the Property Commissionship the Board of Control is taking a long time to work the Council. How about getting a little help from the board's great friend, "R. J.," in the matter?

There never was a Council that was more easy for the corporations. The Solicitor's Department is too slow for a live town. A house-cleaning is in order.

It is not long until the municipal elections, and the aldermen are all getting ready for their campaigns.

Outside one or two aldermen, the rest, with the Board of Control, are all afraid of the Toronto Railway Co. and R. J.

What has become of the Mayor's warfare policy on the Toronto Railway Co. You never hear him talk of expropriation now. Such talk is only election twaddle with His Worship, and he cannot work the same game again.

Now is the time to watch out for aldermanic wire-pullers.

THE CITY COUNCIL'S WEEK OF IT.

Xmas and New Years are now hovering in sight, when the electors will "speed away" from civic life a number of those horsey aldermen who voted the people's money away for a Don speedway.

How is it that the division lists at the City Council have usually only fifteen or sixteen names instead of twenty-three? Some aldermen have a habit of shirking votes. There are plenty of trimmers in this year's Council. Watch those who shirk votes. The wage-earners cannot be gulled all the time.

A splendid specially arranged program will be given to-night by the popular band of the Toronto Light Horse at the Armouries.

Mr. Thos. Chapman, who has had charge of the lithographing department of the Copp-Clark Co., Limited, Toronto, for the past seventeen years, retired from the firm last Saturday.

CONSPIRACY.

Mr. Jas. G. Merrick, Secretary of the Employers' Association, is being prosecuted under the Alien Labor Act for importing men from the States to work for the Lithographing firms where the men are on strike.

CHANGING HANDS.

Mr. Small of the Grand Opera House has lost his Theatre at Quebec. We also hear on good authority that he loses his London house at the end of this season, his principal outside house at each end of his circuit.

AMUSEMENTS NEXT WEEK.

Shea's bill of fare for next week is headed by Davis & Inez Macauley in Ed. Day's sketch, Pets. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Murphy with their laughing hit, "The Coal Strike" (the first time here.) Louise Dresser, Jack Norworth, the Three Sensational Zoellers, and the expert Lasso Throwers, the Chamberlains.

Princess—dark.

Massey Hall—The Boston Symphony Orchestra next Tuesday evening.

Association Hall—Miss Irene Weaver, professional elocutionist.

Grand—Kellar.

Majestic—The Smart Set.

Star—The Jolly Girls.

A writ has been issued in the High Court of Justice by Fred Perry against Ambrose J. Small of the Grand Opera House, on a printing contract of \$1,200. The case will be tried at the Fall Assizes, beginning on Oct. 2nd, 1905.

The tongue cannot easily be chained, when once let loose.

She spins a good web who brings up her son well.

Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold.

A willing mind makes a light foot.

Bakers' strike still on.



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