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PEACE DOVE WAS BUSY

Hovered Over the Aldermen Who Loyal Dwell Together in Happy Unity.

Business Concluded They Made Merry Over Ice Cream and Cigars—A Short and Busy Session.

It was 8:22 last evening when the arrival of Ald. Marshall made up a bare quorum at the City Council chambers. Mayor McKeough and Ald. McKeough, Piggett, Westman and Edmondson were awaiting him. An investigation had shown that there were some 16 large pages of minutes to be dealt with and the Council prudently adopted them as read and settled down to a short and business-like session, which was concluded very shortly after ten o'clock.

So thoroughly were the aldermen pleased with their expediency and promptness that they readily accepted Ald. McKeough's invitation to adjourn to the ice-cream parlors and spend a short social time over the delicacies of the summer season, and thither they all went. Then Ald. Edmondson insisted on buying the cigars—and no one would ever suspect that this happy coterie of rollicking colleagues could ever make the civic halls ring or the atmosphere grow sultry with eloquent denunciations, ringing and eloquent denunciations, ringing and eloquent denunciations.

It does make some difference, after all, whether it's a "before or after taking" photograph you get of the austere city fathers—doesn't it?

Many matters of interest were dealt with at the meeting.

A statement from the License Commissioners on the past half year was referred to Finance.

Several petitions for local improvements were received and referred.

Blight & Fielder wrote asking comment in the art examinations.

Received.

N. Murray wrote protesting against assessment for dogs, as he had not owned one for 20 years—Struck off.

Gen. Mgr. Carpenter, of the Pere Marquette, wrote saying the railroad were ready to confer with the city re Head St. spur.

T. Green wrote, asking for establishment of a night lunch wagon on market square.

S. B. Arnold wrote on behalf of Victoria Ave. residents, entering protest against work on Head St. intersection—B. of W.

The Canadian Telephone Co. wrote asking re installation of their system—Industrial.

A. J. A. Wilson's assessment for dog was erroneous in the street off.

Geo. Lamphart wrote damages for accident on Head St. to horse and rig which was driven at the time by E. B. Snook—B. of W.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Hoig, Burrows, Pritchard, McArthur and others were heard protesting against the Head St. spur.

Northwood said he had protested to a city contractor and "had been politely told to go to hell."

The Mayor—I enquired into that and denied the impeachment.

Mr. Northwood—My word is as good as his and I will take my oath that those are the very words he used.

Ald. Edmondson said the residents of Head St. had been the worst looked after street for the past 20 years.

Ald. Edmondson did not even except Emma St.

The Mayor referred the matter to the Board of Works and the chairman of the Finance committee.

When the Mayor called for enquiries there was no response.

"Ship over that quickly," urged Ald. McKeough, smiling, amid laughter.

E. B. Patten wrote asking the Aldermen to accompany the Victoria (Ave. Methodist) S. S. excursion to Belle Isle on July 19th and play a game of baseball with the Detroit council.

On motion of Ald. McKeough and Edmondson the affair was accepted.

Mayor McKeough said Mrs. Seane had made a most justified protest against the hog pens at the G. T. R. The matter was referred to the Board of Health.

The city officials were granted the half-day holiday during July and August, closing the offices at 1 p. m. each day.

On motion of Ald. Edmondson and Marshall, J. M. Northwood was granted two weeks' holidays during the summer.

Ald. Marshall asked that the estimates of the various committees should be in within a week as it was desired to strike the rate at next regular meeting.

A by-law, introduced by Ald. Edmondson, to amend the market by-law by changing the time at which retailers can commence purchasing from 10 a. m. to 8 a. m. was lost in committee.

It was decided to leave the by-law over till the next regular meeting.

ACCOUNTS.

A. H. Patterson, \$40.

C. O. L. Board, \$900.

S. Hadley Co., \$124.69.

Wm. Dawson, \$2.00.

Henry Crump, \$6.00.

J. & J. Oldershaw, \$200.55.

Park Bros., \$50.10.

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PUPILS WERE ENTERTAINING

The Students of McKeough School Enjoy Annual Festival and Draw Prizes

Misses Abram and Samson Conduct a Delightful Function—Tribute of Inspector Park.

An annual festival function—which "has almost become historic," as the popular lady Principal smilingly put it—was enjoyably observed at McKeough school yesterday afternoon.

The unique and delightful occasion is known as "Our Treat" by the girls and boys of the two senior rooms and is prepared for them by their talented teachers, Misses Esther Abram and Minnie Samson. It always precedes the opening of the entrance examinations, the crucial educational test of the year, and is recognized as the happy harbinger of the glorious long summer vacation that girls—and even boys, too!—know so well how to enjoy.

Yesterday's annual treat was particularly enjoyable. In addition to a most liberal commissariat, including delicious fruits, cakes and ice, a more formal but equally delightful program was introduced, which comprised the presentation of several special awards won by industrious and earnest pupils during the year.

Inspector Robt. Park presided and distributed the handsome prizes with appropriate words of commendation.

Arthur Baldwin was awarded the prize of the Scranton Correspondence School for his winning drawing in the Planet Junior competition. He also received a very handsome book from the school for the winning of three exhibitions in the Provincial Art examinations.

Four other exquisite book prizes were awarded to Mary Park, Grace Wells, Owen Burns and Fred Scullard respectively, for a similar achievement in the art examinations.

Dr. Thornton's two special prizes won in the special examination conducted by himself, were also awarded to Georgia Baines and Arthur Reeve, who were judged equal in proficiency.

At the conclusion Inspector Park delivered a very appropriate address. In earnest words of enthusiasm that gentleman spoke of the splendid work now being done by the school, paying eulogistic tribute to the excellent principal, Miss Esther Abram, and her loyal and capable staff of assistants. He complimented the children on the excellent work done and concluded with the hearty wish that the coming vacation, so well and worthily earned, might be genuinely enjoyed, and that renewed vigor and strength might be secured for the year to follow.

Hearty cheers—those spontaneous, infectious and inspiring outbursts of joy, healthy and hearty young folks—brought the memorable event to a close.

RUNAWAY

Hugh McDonald's team created quite an excitement on King street last evening. They ran nearly the whole length of King street west, crossing Third St. bridge at a terrific speed. They started at Lacroix St. and were stopped at Bland's lumber yard. Not much damage was done. The tongue of the wagon was somewhat smashed. No one was in the rig at the time.

PRESENTATION

At the meeting of the Epworth League of the Park street Methodist church last evening Charles Heath, who leaves shortly for the Northwest, was presented with a purse of \$10 and an address. Charles has been an active member of the League and his services have been appreciated.

The following is the address:

Mr. Chas. Heath,

Dear Charlie—We feel we cannot allow you to leave town without expressing to you our appreciation of all your earnest efforts so cheerfully given to advance the interests of our League. We are as a League much indebted to your faithful work since you have been connected with us, and all join in the heartiest good wishes for your success and happiness in the noble life work you are entering upon.

As a tangible token of regard we wish you to accept this purse, hoping that you may associate it with pleasant recollections of your work in Chatham.

Signed on behalf of the Park street Epworth League

ALFRED A. HICKS, President.

The address was read by Dr. Hicks and the presentation was made by Miss Draper.

Mr. Heath made a very suitable reply and said that his associations with the League have ever been of the most pleasant and profitable.

Rev. Dr. Young, of St. Thomas, was present and delivered a strong address on "The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit." Jasper Wilson also sang a solo.

LINING UP FOR BATTLE

This Will be the Decisive Fight of the Japanese-Russian War.

Kuropatkin Takes Offensive Against Oku, While Kuroki is Marching Along the Russian Left Flank Against Hai Cheng.

London, Tuesday, June 28. — The Standard's Tokyo correspondent says Field Marshal Marquis Oyama, who recently was appointed to the supreme command of the Japanese armies in Manchuria, and Lt. Gen. Kotoama, his chief of staff, will leave for Manchuria July 6.

A SERIOUS MISHAP.

The Standard's Chefoo correspondent says that a steamer just arrived from Moji reports that she saw the Japanese transport Sado, which the Russian Vladivostok squadron in its recent raid torpedoed, and which drifted away from sight during a squall, being towed toward the port. The vessel was beached and a cruiser sent to assist her also grounded. Two transports were then sent out to help the vessels, but one collided with the cruiser, damaging her seriously. The name of the cruiser was unknown to the officers of the steamer.

FIRING AT PORT ARTHUR.

According to the same despatch reports from Chinese sources say continuous firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur from the afternoon of June 25 to the morning of June 26.

THE GREAT DECISIVE BATTLE.

A St. Petersburg despatch says—Lt. Gen. Sakharoff's despatch received to-night, confirms the belief that the great decisive battle of the campaign, between General Kuropatkin's main army and the armies of Generals Oku and Kuroki, is imminent. The three armies probably aggregate 300,000 men, and their outposts are to-day in touch all along the line. (The Japanese evidently tried to draw Kuropatkin as far south as possible, holding out as an incentive a check to the advance of Oku's main army. Meantime Oku swung sharply to the eastward to join Kuroki, toward the Chapu Pass, Kuroki, at the same time, moving a strong force by the right flank towards Hai Cheng. The main Japanese advance continues along the Liaoning-Wang-Cheng-Liao-Yang road, avoiding the Miao-Tien Pass by a detour to the northward. The advance in all points is being attended by constant skirmishing. Nothing is known here of the points at which Kuropatkin's main force is expected to touch. It is thought a large part of the Liao-Yang force has been moved to a point between Kio-Chau and Ta-Toh-Kiao. A large force was pushed southward from Ta-Toh-Kiao against Oku. While Kuropatkin is thus extending himself, the Japanese seem to be trying to concentrate for the purpose of striking the Russians in flank and rear.

SEVERE BLOW TO RUSSIANS.

Viceroy Alexieff's message to-night with the brief despatch from Rear-Admiral Witthoff, throws little additional light on the sea fight off Port Arthur. The Admiralty and the Emperor are waiting further details with eagerness. The loss of three vessels of the Port Arthur fleet is admitted to be a severe blow, especially if not purchased by greater loss to the Japanese than reported by Vice-Admiral Togo. The meagreness of the reports is greatly mystifying the authorities, who continue to believe that there has been a big fight which has not yet been reported. In the absence of further information, the admiralty is not disposed to criticize, although it is admitted to have been unfortunate for the squadron at such a critical time that its commander should be an officer like Witthoff, who, though personally a brave soldier, never before flew his flag over a squadron. It is pointed out that he could not have been forced to get out of Port Arthur as the situation there is not yet by any means desperate. If he fought his way back through the investing fleet, it was because his patched-up ships had broken down or for other urgent reasons. If he arrived in the outer harbor at night he probably did not want to go into the inner roadstead, because the narrowness of the channels made night navigation dangerous, or possibly, because one of his ships stranded at the entrance to the channel. Nothing else could account for his remaining in the outer roadstead where he would be exposed to the attack of the Japanese torpedo boats at night.

THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

"There is a belief that the Vladivostok squadron put to sea Saturday and is likely to be next heard of in the Korean Straits."

A GREAT BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, June 27, 11:28 a. m. — Despatches received here from Ta Toh Kiao indicate that both the Russian and Japanese armies are moving into contact for a great battle, which even now may be in progress. General Kuropatkin yesterday assumed the offensive against General Oku, while General Kuroki, from a position fourteen miles to the eastward, was moving against the Russian flank at Hai Cheng.



For The Summer

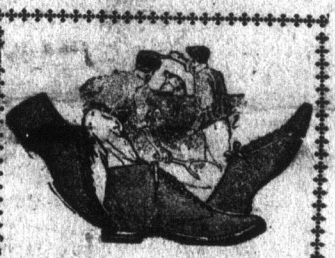
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