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MAPLE CITY DRAMATIC ART

Meditations of a Friendly Critic who Witnessed
The Trial Scene Presented by the Members of
The Macaulay Club.

My last dramatick cricketism on the football minstrels took hold on the public and my boozum heaves with pride chorussingly (N. B. wish you was here to C it heave). The grate masses on this morn Dane speer and Wallaceburg, mine own nativ land, wich said peese of property is the land of the free and the hoam of the gratest dramatick cricket that ever stept in shoo lether, free of incumbrances, hav herralded me as a noo lite in the literary firmement, a brite lite on the Tempestchewers see of art and avwiso the lite of the cricketis union.

In brief, they have made a one hors torch-lite procession outen me. (Noat—The only simoon pure and spotless cricketisms contain a hi morral standid have got the nam of the undersined blown in the bottli. Bewhere of immitatshuns. Don't be skun!)

The grate representative of the press, the Grate Hoam Journaul wich same moves the wuold has welkummed me with open arms and closed fists. The messe wat changes mi sooppear remarks in2 tipe dont like mi stile of ritin but howsomer I do. The pepul at large hav cald me a nuther Solomon (the Betay, Jr., sed it was Salmon or sum uther red fish the cald me) becaws mi cricketisms are awl sprung from the hart and filld to the mozzle with wisdumb and no tom foolery.

(Mowser moat — The abov is awl Egotism!!!)

I want 4 2 rite a cricketism on the pla cald "The Trile Seen from the Merchant of Venison" wich showed into Chatham last nite. Bill Shakspeer's pla momperized that tout on the Mayocalla Klub did it. The wanted to shw wat the new wich accident was the-caws of sappin the koin of the good piepit-of that aoursed village. Here follows mi cricketism.

The hull seen was lade in Italy but the seen in the town haul wasent jast lade according to the plans and pesserfishshuns an time sure if a Etalyan woad hav got a squar peep at that seen, he woudn't hav known his-own kuntry. But never the less and awiso not with standin, the sho was eekquist, bootifull and uther things 2 noomerous to menshun and sam wich it is not necessary to regeest as the shoer mare and giving awl the iedin dickshuneries. The sho was put on for the Bene Fit of the Bungleowe and ours truly not for the Benez Fit of the publick as you mite suppose.

The cost of crackers inklooded 8 members of the Mayocalla Klub and I hope that the rest on em abowt whom I don't not menshun nothing won't get riled speeshully if the relation karn't be lokated. There's Ann Tonic, Porshesha, Bassano, the Juke. There the most of it.

Wen the bily kullered sheet woad hides the scenery goze up, the Juke and Ann Tonic and the magnifi Co's and uthers were awl present. Shylark and Hobe and Porshesha and her made were missin. The Juke Demands that Shylark be brot 4th. Then Shy comes onto the stage. The Juke gives the old vessel a con talk about shew mare and giving up sum dukats. Shylark yu cud see was a Ju and everybody in the town haul knew it, des spite the fact that his noze was mostly hidden in his whiskers.

Then Ann Tonic, a 14 karat Krischinn came into the pla. Ann Tonic had run behind in his Bilde and Loan Assessments and had borried munny from the Ju. Mr. Shylark had lent him \$5.89.17 for 3 months. But Ann Tonic got careless and had plado the hors races. He had a fine system 4 losin munny and when the time came 4 him to pony up he ain't not got a dukat. This riled only Shylark and he said that the spondulicks weren't 4tkumin he'd out him (the ased Krischinn) up into stak 4 revenge. Arter the ased Juke and Shylark had talked reel sharp to one an uther, Ann Tonic says to the Ju, says he,

"I me ure indervidjwel butcher shop," or words to those effects. "Yu butcher life yu are" (Joak) says the Ju.

"If yu Preferrible to yu and prute not particular as to what part of mi Ematermy is uplot, I do prefer that yu kut ewt mi appendiks, wch seems to be more fashunable."

Just then Porshesha shoots in like a Garden Angil awl owt of breth as if she had come Sseem along and says that the chattil mortgage wich the Krischinn signed stated a pound of fleah and nun uther of the Krischinn's household effects. If the Ju daired to spill one drop of ber-lud he'd be punished by bein exiled to Blenheim.

"Reckomember," adds Porshesha, an fattiek like, "this company ain't givin away a pint of ber-lud with each lb. of meat, like a cromo with each lb. of meat. Yu ort to be satisfied with a lb. of meat, considering the present prices of the same."

Porshesha's O. K. I like Porshesha and sorter tender feelins rose in mi mainly buzum at the sight of her. She's a korker and bang up in the law biz. She could talk enough in 5 minutes to make a fonygraft Co. wealthy.

Mr. Bassano (A bas! Ssacio, these 3 larst are French) is a friend on borriyng terms with Ann Tonic. He loked just like a girl with rozy cheeks. As an actor he's great.

The Juke was grand in sum places. His robes was magnificent and his manner scooted the pla.

The owt cum of the whloe biz is that the sed Mister Shylark the assaid Ju, bekums dispossesst of his ritches and has to go back and open a soda fountain. He tried 4 to get on the piosese force but failed. Ju's are good at failin.

The seen was very excellent in most places but I coodn't menshun all the same becaws I have to catch the Wallaceburg express.

There's a wun point I woud like tu clear up who wrote "The Trile Seen in the Merchant of Venison?" is the question I woud like to solve, but I musn't. Sum carpin idjts say it was old man Bacon. Uthers say the Mayocalla Klub did it. The have even hinted at J. S. R. hoo'll be a speeshul korrespondent 4 any paper provided the sed paper has type big enuff in wich to set up and print his nam.

Awitcho I ain't hoggish I don't take the "side of Bacon." I don't like pork.

The latter is a joak. Larf here. The world is awl rong. There on the rong track and the real riter of Shakspeer's plain as your own—no, modesty abids mi tellin but yure smart on the editin biz, yu kin surmize. It woud please mi old Hart to tell you I me yourn.

WARTEMUS ARD, JR.

HITS MADE BY BRITISH WARSHIPS

Admiral Devey has been hitting out at the gunner of the U. S. S. Navy.

As was lately reported, he summed up his comments on the prize firing as follows: "The results of the firing prove that we have much to accomplish in straight rapid firing."

It is with a feeling of uneasiness that British naval experts compare the shooting of which he complains with the recent performance of the Formidable, one of our finest and most modern battleships in the Mediterranean.

According to information received in private letters, this ship recently fired 27 rounds with her 12-inch guns at a target measuring 800 square feet.

The distance was 1,500 yards, a range so short that no battleship could safely engage at it on account of the torpedoes that might be aimed at her by the enemy. She only hit the target once.

The Empress of India, we also learn, in recent firing only hit the target ten times out of 67 shots from her 6-inch guns.

We find, therefore, that by comparing the 12-inch gun shooting with the 6-inch gun shooting, Admiral Devey with the 12-inch gun shooting of the Formidable, which has passed without reproach from the Admiralty, we arrive at the following remarkable table:

Shots Hit.	Per cent.
Alabama, U.S.A.	55 15 27.5
Kearsage, U.S.A.	49 13 26.5
H.M.S. Formidable	27 1 3.7
H.M.S. Empress of India	67 10 14.9
H.M.S. Ocean	25 17 66.7
H.M.S. Formidable	27 1 3.7
In 6-inch gun shooting we find:	
H.M.S. Ocean	117 103 87.2
H.M.S. Empress of India	67 10 14.9

On June 13 last, Lord Selborne said: "The country has a right to demand that the navy does not get behind in gunnery."

The case of the ships mentioned is worthy of his attention.—London Express.

ST. LUKE'S OLUB HOUSE

The "Snail-in-Distress" left port last night for St. Luke's Bay. Lake St. Clair. Joe Hadley's fast schooner was loaded from stern to bow and held to fore-castle, with materials for the building of a new club house to be erected by Chathamites. D. Pickering was in charge of the boat. Nothing has been heard as to whether she has reached the mouth of the Thames intact or not.

DRAINAGE ARBITERS

The arbitration proceedings in connection with the Big Creek drainage scheme, which was the subject of a special act of the Ontario Legislature in 1901, were held at the office of F. H. Macpherson, F. C. A., yesterday. There were present the following persons representing the Townships interested:

Tilbury West—D. McAllister, reeve; S. T. Anderson, clerk; Thos. Beattie, treasurer.

Tilbury North—Theodore Ouellette, reeve; J. A. Tremblay, clerk.

Romey—T. J. Fox, reeve; J. Featherston, councillor; J. B. Rankin, K. C., Chatham, solicitor.

Mersea—Jas. Drummond, reeve.

Tilbury East—J. W. Campbell, reeve.

J. L. Laing, provincial municipal auditor, to whom was referred the accounts under the act in question, heard the statements from the representatives of the several Townships.

R. F. Sutherland, K. C. M. P., appeared as counsel for the arbitrator, and F. H. Macpherson, F. C. A., who acted as accountant in the making of the investigation, presented the accounts before the court.

The local accounts as filed by Tilbury West, the initiating Township, amounted to \$50,000, and these, together with certain claims made by the contributing Townships, were adjusted satisfactorily to all the parties concerned.

The official report will be prepared by the accountant, upon which will be based any further contributions which may be required from the municipalities in order to finally settle the accounts of the scheme.—Windsor Record.

KENT'S FIRST BY-LAW

County Clerk Jonas Gosnell, while looking over the old by-laws of the County, came across the first by-law passed by the County Council. The Council legalized this by-law on the 10th of April, 1849. It is signed by James Smith, of Camden, warden, and William Cosgrave, clerk. It was a by-law to impose a tax on the County of Kent for the purpose of building a jail and court house in the County of Kent. The amount of money raised was \$2,000 over and above the expense of collecting it and the money was collected during the years 1850 and 1851, a thousand dollars each year. The amount was raised as follows: On all lands the sum of one-half penny per acre was collected and all property liable to assessment was taxed half penny on the pound.

The council was evidently elected for the purpose of raising this money as "provisional council" is marked on the by-law.

The second and third by-laws are signed by the same clerk and warden. It provides for the raising of money for the paying of the salaries of teachers employed in the County. Judging by the amounts levied against each municipality, the teachers weren't paid very healthy salaries in those days.

The following are the amounts raised in the different Townships:

Camden and Zone \$31, 19s.

Dover East and West \$16, 11s. 6d.

Chatham Township \$21, 10s. 6d.

Harwich \$22, 19s. 6d.

Howard \$20, 15s.

Orford \$30, 19s. 6d.

Tilbury East and Romey \$19, 13s.

Ramsay Township \$76, 11s.

Tilbury West \$13, 7s.

JOE ON THE PREACHERS

His Reasons For Quitting Church—Why Preachers Grow Narrow — Comparison With School Teachers.

"Come along to church, Joe."

Joe was standing in front of the hotel Sunday evening when the invitation was extended. He was dressed in his go-to-sunday best and wore a smile of complacent contentment.

"Nope. I've quit goin' to church."

"That's too bad, I suppose you must have had a good reason."

"Silence."

"So you did go to church once?" the interlocutor continued aggressively.

"Did you go regularly, Joe?"

"I ain't perticklerly interested in churches," finally quoth the shiner.

"And they ain't perticklerly interested in me, so I guess we're quits."

"When I went to church last I sat up in the balcony—there ain't no nigger heaven in churches—for a while. The music weren't bad for amateurs, though I've heard people up at the show what was keener, but the main gung was ort' long and there is no doubt shuffles around and gets ready for a rest, a feller can't sit still all night. The preacher shoves on his glasses and sighted me and he backs up right straight. He says (right before the whole gang) 'Theater, you kin surmize. They'll have to shut up or clear out.' I knew he was meanin' me, though I hadn't made no noise. Still I don't have to take those things when I can't talk back, so I just clears out. And I marks that place off my list."

"I ain't bothered 'bout any church sions, but I goes to Sunday school once in a while at another church. They ain't half bad there; treats a feller half-decent. But it's all too much like work on a summer Sunday with the old park in sight."

"Preachers are curious guys, anyway. Some of 'em really believes all they says, others thinks they does, and the rest don't care."

"I notice preachers soon gets like school teachers. They begins to think they knows it all—and the fellers in the audience gets out 'em. If people gets on fast in the world, it's 'cause they lets the other feller talk back and butts up against him. But teachers and preachers ain't that way. They says a thing and its got to go. If a feller gets up and tells 'em they're another, they gets offended like and kinder sulks. They've just got to have their own way."

"Then I should think you'd like to be a preacher yourself, Joe?"

"Not much, vigorously contradicted Joe. "I wants ter cultivate sand. It counts in a scrap."

FAVORS IT

"Yes, I am in favor of paving Head St.," remarked Big Jim Dillon, one of the property owners on that street.

"I was preparing a petition for a sewer from Violet St. to the city limits and George Fielder, Thos. Fielder, Mr. Pierre and others were in favor of the sewer which is badly needed. However when I heard that it was proposed to pave the street, I decided to let my sewer petition go and support the larger work as a sewer would be included in it. A pavement on Head St. would make it one of the leading streets in the city. All the traffic from Dover would then come in by that street and there is no doubt that Dover would either continue the pavement on to the House of Refuge or else put that piece of road in good condition."

AN OLD CHEST

"Rev. Wm. King, Chatham, Canada West, passenger 're Anglo-Saxon Liverpool," was the inscription on a large iron bound chest which Drayman Cyrus Hancock was loading on dray at the Eberts' block. The chest, with other effects, belonged to the estate of the late Rev. Wm. King, had been in storage in the Eberts' block. James Richardson identified the chest as one used by the late Rev. Wm. King when he took a trip to England in 1861. The chest was painted black and was strongly bound with iron and the inscription was painted in white letters.

Miss Queenie Taylor, of Chatham, returned home Monday after a week's visit with Miss May Burnie.—Dresden Standard.

Dr. and Mrs. Purdue, of Kingsville, Essex County, were tendered a banquet prior to their departure for Chatham. The doctor is a native of Dufferin County and graduated from Toronto Veterinary College in 1891.—Dresden Standard.

A SUGGESTION

W. H. James, of Austin's, has a suggestion in connection with the proposed bungalow building.

"I would like to see you follow the example of the athletic clubs in Perth and Ottawa," said he to The Planet, "and include a grand-stand in connection with the bungalow. This could be done with little trouble. A roofed grand-stand seating 1,000 people could be easily arranged and it would afford great comfort to the people who wish to watch the lacrosse games. In this way, by charging a small admission fee, a good sum of money could be realized."

EX-WARDEN ENTHUSED

Ex-Warden Frank Rankin is very much enthused over the proposed electric railway for Dover.

"I am glad to see that something is being done to relieve this Township," said he. "There is no doubt that Dover should have some kind of railway service. It would be a mistake, I think, to put the road on the winter line. In my opinion, it should go down the Bear line to the Drake road and then on to Wallaceburg."

Three Tilbury boys were each fined two dollars and costs for dressing as tramps and frightening the neighbors.—Dresden Standard.

The government has ordered F. H. McPherson, of Windsor, to make a thorough audit of the finance of the township of Moore in Lambton Ont. A large shortage fund is suspected.—Dresden Standard.

THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from the Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

On Tuesday last, August 29th, our townspeople were highly gratified by the arrival among us of the most distinguished railroad characters in world. About eight a. m. Mr. Stephenson, the great engineer, Messrs. Jackson and Betts of the company, having the contract for completing our Great Trunk Railroad, the Hon. F. Hinks, its projector, and the Hon. John Ross, the president of the company, together with Hon. H. H. Killaby, John Galt and several other gentlemen connected with the interests of that great work, arrived in town from London on their way westward as far as Chicago. While in town they were presented with a complimentary address signed by William Benjamin Wells, J. C. C. K., James Burns, J. P., John F. Delmage, J. P., William Baby, J. P., Walter Eberts, Geo. Thomas, Robt. S. Woods, A. R. Robertson, M. D., Thos. Cross, M. D., William D. Eberts, Wm. Northwood, Andrew Currie, John S. Wasburgh, A. S. Holmes, John Mercer, Wm. Winter, Jas. Sanderson, Ed. W. Dolson, Thos. A. Ireland, John E. Brooke, Rowley Pegley, Geo. Turnbull, Walter McCrae, P. J. Flood, John B. Williams and Geo. W. Foot. The gentlemen made suitable replies before they left on the Plough-Boy for Detroit.

Miss Woods, sister of R. S. Woods, was married to Dr. Rowley Pegley on September 1st by Rev. F. W. Sandys, rector of St. Paul's church.

William McKenzie Ross advertises choice teas direct from Shanghai. Mr. Ross was in the grocery and dry goods business.

County of Kent Fall races are advertised for September 14th and 15th to come off at the new course, McGregor's farm. Henry Waters is president, Joshua Biles is treasurer and H. V. A. McCrae secretary.

The September 7th issue records the destruction by fire of the steam grist mill of Jaberly Holmes on McGregor's Creek.

A fine new vessel, built in W. and W. Eberts shipbuilding yards, called the "Canadian Lilly," was launched.

Chas. Scarlett, local superintendent schools for Dover, receives an important communication from Rev. Egerton Ryerson.

A man coolly takes a horse and rig from the main street and drives to Suspension Bridge, crosses the border and writes back informing the owner of the whereabouts of the horse and rig.

D. O. Brookes is married to Miss Emily Capron, of Paris, on the 13th of the month.

Geo. Jamieson is running a grammar school.

Stone and Turnbull are running a departmental store.

Wm. Winter, Jr., contractor, starts graveling St. Clair and Rond Eau plank road.

By a census return of the inhabitants of Chatham, recently taken by an order of the council, our population consists of 3,146 souls. By the return of the census commissioner of the County of Kent, which was made in the spring of 1892, we then numbered only 1,070, thus showing an increase in a little over one year of upwards of 50 per cent. The population according to religious denomination ranged as follows: Church of England first, Methodist second, Catholic third, Presbyterians fourth and Baptists last.

In an editorial the time is mentioned as a steamer or two ago, recording an incident.

The Kent County Fair was held on October 12th and was the best yet. The wonder was rain did not interfere.

An announcement is made that the Toronto Globe will start a daily edition.

The Royal Exchange hotel was an old established place in 1853 and exchanged hands in October of this year. Wm. C. Griffin was the new proprietor.

The long talked of demonstration in favor of George Brown, to take place in Chatham, came off at the court house on Saturday last. On motion of Geo. W. Foot, seconded by Alex. Stephenson, Tilbury East, Geo. Young, of Harwich, was called to the chair, and on motion of A. McKellar, John Delmage was appointed secretary. The chairman opened the meeting by stating that Mr. Brown had promised at the time

of his election to explain to his constituents every vote he had made. Over a thousand had signed an address to Mr. Brown, but less than a hundred were present at the meeting.

The October 28th edition contains the fall assizes.

A letter is printed from Wm. J. S. Gordon, who is in Australia.

KENT REGIMENT

The Soldiers and Bands of the 24th Regiment to Escort Lord Minto's Party.

Reception Committee Appointed.—City Council Prepared to Ask for Tenders.

There were present at yesterday afternoon's adjourned meeting of the City Council, his worship, Mayor McKeough, and Ald. McCoig, Robinson, Mounteer, Edmondson, Scullard and Figgott.

The meeting was called to deal with several proposed local improvements of a permanent character.

The aldermen waited for a few moments for Ald. Figgott, who completed the quorum.

Ald. McCoig presented the account of his worship the Mayor on his trip to Toronto, representing the city, amounting to \$11.76, and moved payment.

In so doing, Ald. McCoig took occasion to speak of the unusually small and reasonable amount of the account which was passed.

Applications to trim trees were referred to the Chief of Police.

The Mayor read the correspondence between Mayor Maude, secretary to his excellency, Lord Minto, and himself regarding the coming visit of the Governor-General and Lady Minto.

Their excellencies will be in Chatham from 12.30 p. m. to 2 p. m. on May 14th. The Mayor said Colonel Bodiens had been consulted and had promised co-operation. The 24th Regiment with bands would escort their excellencies from the railroad to Harrison Hall, where they will be accorded a civic welcome.

The Mayor appointed Ald. McCoig, Ald. Scullard and Ald. Figgott as the civic reception committee with power to add to their numbers. Ald. Scullard will prepare the address of welcome.

On motion of Ald. Mounteer the Council took the initiative for two sewers on Head street.

Ald. Mounteer moved, that in event of sufficiently signed petitions being presented, the Council ask for tenders for the following permanent improvements.

Vitrified brick pavements on Cross, Fifth and Third streets, also Wellington and West streets.

Asphalt block pavement on King street west.

Bitulithic pavement on Queen and Fourth streets.

Ald. Figgott seconded the motion, which carried.

The by-law adopting and confirming the engineer's report on the Cross street pavement was put through the necessary stages. Also for sewer on south side of Duluth street. Both by-laws were finally passed.

USEFUL LIGHT

Stationed off the island of Islay, on the west coast of Scotland, at the Otter Rock, there is an interesting and novel lightship, which is described in Cassell's Magazine.

It is unmanned, yet it can be relied on to display the warning light to guide the mariner on this dangerous coast. It is a very ingeniously constructed vessel and the only one of its kind in existence. In its two steel tanks sufficient gas can be stored to supply the vessel for several months.

Experiments have shown that the light may be depended upon to burn continuously for months at a time. The approximate duration of the light can, always be predetermined, and there is no danger whatever of the light being extinguished either by wind or spray.

The light is visible at a distance of eight to twelve miles. The lightship also has a bell which is made to ring automatically by means of an ingenious device which utilizes the gas as it passes from the tanks to the lantern to work the bell clapper. The light is not interfered with in the slightest degree by the device for striking the bell.

It will not pay the poultryman or the dairyman to relax his winter cares too early.