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AN UNWISE CRITIC.

A country correspondent of the Moncton Times says:

"The health inspector for the schools in this county was at the school in this place a few days ago, and as a result, since then about fifty per cent of the scholars are not finishing the term. The people are struck with amazement, that any one ever lived out of childhood or to middle life, or ever attained the remarkable age of ninety or more years before Dr. Roberts' Health Act came into force."

The answer to this comment is that those who died through neglect in childhood did not live to be ninety or more. It is too late in the day for even a political opponent of the provincial government, as this critic obviously is, to sneer at medical health inspection and expect to get the approval of intelligent people. It is extremely doubtful, moreover, if there is any school district where such inspection would send a large percentage of the children home. It might well result in a request to parents in quite a number of cases to see that certain defects apparent to the medical eye were removed, and if the parents were who they would at once attend to the matter, since in that way they would be increasing the efficiency of the children, not only in school but for life.

A PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

The Edmonton Journal presents a powerful plea for nation-wide consideration of the difficulties which confront the farmer in the west. It agrees that proposals put forward by the farmers themselves have not always been sound, but adds that to point out weaknesses is not enough. A merely negative attitude on the part of the rest of the country, the Journal protests, will not suffice. The farmer naturally looks for an alternative suggestion if his own is not practicable. As to the interest the people of the eastern provinces have in this matter the Journal says:

"The country can make no substantial progress with agriculture in a state of discouragement. No one will deny that this is true of that part of it which lies west of the Great Lakes. But the eastern provinces also should recognize how dependent they are on the prosperity of the men who are out on the land in the west. Far-sighted individuals in the older sections of the Dominion are quite conscious of this, but it needs to be driven home to the mass of people there. It is only with the settlement of the prairies that eastern industry began to move forward. Today eastern industry is suffering from the diminution in the purchasing power of the west. Accordingly the Canadian public as a whole cannot afford to be indifferent to the western rural situation. Positive measures must be taken to improve it."

GOV. COX SPEAKS.

In a dispatch from Washington, printed yesterday, relative to the conference between President Harding and State Governors on the subject of prohibition enforcement, the Governor of Massachusetts was represented as differing from the majority. This was not correct, as a despatch to the Boston Herald puts quite a different face on the matter. In an interview Gov. Cox said:

"It must be remembered that we are in rather a peculiar position in Massachusetts. The Legislature passed a state enforcement act which was practically a copy of the Volstead enforcement statute. I signed the act, but it was taken on a referendum to the voters at the state election and they rejected it by a large majority. We are not in a position, therefore, legally to co-operate with the federal authorities in Massachusetts. And then 275 beer is legal under our laws, but not under federal law."

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BALLADS OF A BURNING QUESTION

Gone is the vernal breeze
Once I acclaimed in glee,
Now is the time to freeze;
Weather of low degree
Threatens society.

Brr! It's the Frozen Pole
Aking the heart of me;
"Where is that promised coal?"

Shuddering, pen I cease
Words of portentous plea:
"Manager, Coal Yard, Please."

P. D. Q., C. O. D.,
Send to a chilled soul
Anything—stove or pea.
Where is that promised coal?"

How can I sit at ease
When in my room I see
Icebergs forming trees?
Arabesque tracery
Gone on a Winter spree?
Goat is my present role;
Who wants my cellar key?
Where is that promised coal?"

Envy,
Prince, though your temper be
Black as Calcutta's Hole,
Answer me truthfully:
"Where is that promised coal?"
Elias Lieberman in New York Times.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Another Blow.
Stranger (to office boy)—I wanna see the editor.

Office Boy—What editor? We got all kinds of editors around this joint, ain't we? Just like the Meekins army, all generals and no privates. —Washington Times.

All Inducements
"It's got to these days," complained a young man, "that you can hardly get married unless you can show the 'git' two licenses."

"Two licenses?" exclaimed the friend.

"Yes—marriage and automobile." —Ladies' Home Journal.

Diplomatic
The Bridegroom—"Would you mind if I went into a smoking compartment, dear?"

The Bride—"What! To smoke?"

The Bridegroom—"Oh, dear, no! I want to experience the agony of being away from you so that the joy of my return will be all the more intensified." —Pearson's.

The Doctrine of Chance
He—Was your father very angry when you told him of our engagement?
She—Not particularly. He said he'd been rather fortunate in the stock market of late, and figured it was about time for his luck to turn. —Bryan Transcript.

Explaining It
"Are the names of those two boys really 'Blister' and 'Bunt'?" inquired an interested listener.

"No, I reckon not," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "As nigh as I rickety, their nicknames for 'Blister' and 'Bunt' are something that-a-way." —Kansas City Star.

He Had a Collection.
"Sir, I am a bill collector."

"Then I can furnish you with one of the most choice collections in the world, all authentic. I thought you were after money." —Kansas City Journal.

On Their Way.
"We may as well give up trying to get into society," said Newrich in discouragement. "This barrier is unmountable."

"Nonsense!" returned Mrs. Newrich. "We'll get over it in time."

"What! have we wings?" he expostulated.

"No, but our money has," said his wife. —Western Christian Advocate (Cincinnati).

Something Left
Street Casualty (after being examined from head to foot): "Well, what did you find, doctor?"

Doctor (as cheerfully as possible): "Well, my man, I find that your right thumb is in excellent condition."

DOCTOR NAMES 2 HERRIN SLAYERS; LISTS TORTURES

Mann and Carnaghi Killed Hoffman, He Says, After Beating Prisoners Crippled from Brutalities—Crowds Jested at Murder.

Morilo, Ill., Dec. 22.—The actual slayers of Howard Hoffman in the Herrin mine massacre were Joe Carnaghi, Leva Mann and a third man, not identified, according to Dr. O. F. Shipman, Herrin physician, who testified before the grand jury today that he followed the death march through the streets of Herrin and from a distance of three miles saw Hoffman and five others shot down in the road at the Herrin cemetery.

Carnaghi, who, he said, was less than an arm's length away, fired one bullet that entered Hoffman's shoulder. He said Mann also was shooting at Hoffman.

The victims were bleeding, dusty, ragged, bareheaded and barefooted in the hot sun. Some had already been crippled by fustilades, and their tormentors beat them and made them crawl to enhance their torture, Dr. Shipman testified. Bystanders jeered and passed off jests about their approaching death. A noose, partly of rope and partly of chain was tightened about all of their necks.

Shooting of Prisoners Starts.
Dr. Shipman followed the mob and its tortured victims out to the cemetery. Ten men commenced to shoot at their six prisoners, firing score after score of shots, and moving them down. There were coarse jests and jeers. After the fusillade stopped the three men above mentioned "finished them off," the doctor testified.

Probably the strongest evidence yet produced was presented today when George Nelson positively identified Otto Clark, life-long acquaintance. Clark, the state holds, was the leader of the mob who has been given an approximate six and one-half miles. The time of the start from the mine has been placed at 6.40 a. m., and the shooting at the cemetery at 9.00 a. m. to 10.30 a. m.

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ERASE WHITE FLAG

Col. Hunter said that he had tried to arrange such a truce while acting in a purely personal capacity, having come down from Springfield when he heard of the trouble.

Officer said that Col. Hunter had talked to him over the telephone and said that W. J. Lester, the owner, had authorized the surrender of the property.

Just before midnight, the witness testified, those in the mine raised a white flag, but the sniping from surrounding hills continued all night and the flag was lowered at daylight when the non-union men took refuge in freight cars. Then the fierceness of the attack increased and the besieged decided to surrender, again raising a white flag, he said.

After being assured of their safety, according to the witness, the forty-eight non-union men were led from the mine. C. K. McDowell, the superintendent, limping painfully along on his artificial leg. The crowd constantly increased and Officer quoted one of the leaders, whom he could not identify, as shouting "They're nothing but strike-breakers and we ought to kill them all."

About a mile from the mine, the witness said, McDowell was led away by two men. Other witnesses have testified that the crippled superintendent was slain at this spot.

"How'd Like Wolves."

Then the crowd marched about two miles further where the remaining twenty-seven prisoners were tied before a barbed wire fence near a clump of woods, Officer said.

"We're going to give you a chance for your lives," he quoted one of the leaders as shouting, and then the firing began.

Officer said he dropped at the first discharge and rolled under the fence, feeling while the crowd was hunting down those who had escaped the rain of lead. He described the crowd as "howling like wolves."

"Only those who have guns can enter the woods," the witness said. He heard one of the mob leaders cry. It was at the wire fence that other witnesses have testified fourteen bodies were found. Four others, according to the testimony, were found in a clump of trees a short distance away, having been shot down as they fled. Six fugitives were captured, witnesses have said, driven through the streets of Herrin and shot down at a cemetery just outside the town. The distance from the mine through the woods to the cemetery has been given as approximately six and one-half miles. The time of the start from the mine has been placed at 6.40 a. m., and the shooting at the cemetery at 9.00 a. m. to 10.30 a. m.

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The Gift Ideal for the Boy

Where is the boy who will not be delighted to find a bright, new, speedy sled awaiting him on Christmas morning? Here you'll find all the favorites:

Boys' Sleds at 85c., \$1.00, \$1.20, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.

Strong Sleds for Boys and Girls at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.20, \$2.50, \$3.20 and \$3.75 each.

Girls' Frames at \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.60, \$2.70, \$3.45 and \$5.50 each.

Early selections are suggested, as they are going quickly. Give the boy a Sled.

Emerson & Fisher
Limited

Last Minute Suggestions

With Christmas just around the corner, it's a case of now or never. Everybody appreciates Footwear for Christmas, and here are the kinds that everybody likes:

Women's Dress Boots, all styles \$2.95 to \$10.50
 Women's Oxfords in all colors and heels \$2.95 to \$9.50
 Women's Evening Pumps and Slippers \$3.95 to \$12.00
 Women's Spats 79c. to \$3.65
 Women's Felt Juliet Slippers 95c. to \$1.55
 Women's Felt Cosy Slippers \$1.25 to \$1.85
 Women's Hockey Boots \$3.95 to \$4.50
 Women's Hosiery, silk or heather 79c. to \$2.85
 Women's Overshoes in 4 and 5 buckles \$3.85 to \$5.50
 Women's Rhinestone buckles \$1.25 to \$2.00
 Men's Dress Boots \$4.95 to \$11.50
 Men's Spats 95c. to \$3.00
 Men's Hockey Boots \$3.85 to \$5.50
 Men's Evening Shoes \$3.85 to \$6.00
 Men's Black and Brown Kid Slippers \$1.95
 Men's Felt Slippers \$1.45 to \$1.95
 Men's Shoe Packs \$1.95 to \$5.75

Boys' and Girls' Slippers 98c. to \$3.00
 Boys' and Girls' Hockey Boots \$3.00 to \$3.85
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 Boys' Shoe Packs; sizes 1 to 5 \$1.50 to \$2.85
 Children's Rubber Boots \$2.00 to \$2.50
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QUESTION OF PAY FOR THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Swift Current, Sask., Dec. 22.—Shall the mayor and aldermen of Swift Current serve without remuneration during the five years term of the agreement?

No definite decision was reached. A special meeting of the council is to be held next week to discuss this phase of the situation.

HALIFAX MAN IS ILL IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 22.—S. M. Brookfield of Halifax, who has been a patient of the General Hospital here since November 29, having undergone an operation is reported to be progressing favorably. It will, however, be necessary to perform a further operation within the next few days.