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An Uncanny Maid.

A few weeks ago a rubber store ghost created quite a sensation in the district in which the alleged haunted store was located. The ghost showed a decided fondness for meddling with the gas which it turned on and off at all sorts of inconvenient times. There were a whole lot of people who fully believed that some supernatural agency was at work, but the man whose gas bill was increased, by the ghost's strange antics couldn't just make out why he had been selected as a victim, and he was decidedly sceptical about ghosts anyway.

An investigation finally led to the dismissal of a female employee by the name of Connell, and the ghost with a fondness for light and heat was laid so to speak. That is, it was laid so far as the rubber store was concerned, but later on it turned up on Douglas Avenue, just about the time Hilyard family took the Connell girl into their employ. For a time it amused itself with a bell which connected the servants room with other parts of the house. At all hours and minutes, the new domestic would appear before the mistress of the house in response to a ring at the bell. When the latter repeatedly assured her that she had not rung, tho' all had heard the sound of the bell, the girl suggested a practical joke on the part of boys on the street, but when it was pointed out that it was not possible for the boys to tamper with the bell without first entering the house, ringing ceased as the family didn't appear to take any stock in hints of ghostly visitants.

The next demonstration came in the shape of a broken window, and when the police to whom the matter was reported, investigated, they found that the glass had been broken from the inside. Later the lively servant produced the stone which she said had been thrown.

So far the jokes were quite harmless, but when the family positively declined to make a sensation out of anything that had occurred, it was clearly time for the quondam ghost to do something that would liven things up somewhat.

A few days ago the daily papers told of an attempt to burn Mr. Hilyard's residence and later on when the affair was looked into it was said that the attempted fire was but the prank of a too lively servant who, by the way, was the "ghost" of the rubber store.

It appears that when the bell ringing and stone throwing episodes fell flat the servant resolved to make a sensation someway, so a few mornings ago while sweeping the porch she called a man in Mr. Hilyard's employ and litting a plank in the platform showed him a lot of excesior and paper saturated with kerosene, which stuff the man gathered up and put away in the barn. Late that evening the girl came from her room and enquired if there was a fire in the kitchen saying she smelt paint burning. Search was made and soon the domestic "discovered" a small fire under the porch; among the pieces was found a paper on which was some paint and which afterwards proved to have been torn from a paper upon which a can of paint had been laid shortly before.

The servant was dismissed as the family didn't care to take any further risks, and besides there was no telling what form her jokes would next assume.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

The Advice Some Aldermen Give in Regard to the Ferry.

Some alderman in every council has a hobby of his own. The ferry is Alderman Colwell's. He has schemes without number for the improvement—or otherwise—of that branch of the city service. He was on the special committee appointed to form a bye law governing the passage of teams across the harbor and from the warm way in which he took up the cudgels for the resolution it could easily be seen that he was anxious for its passage.

If the bye law as formed had been carried and enforced there would be plenty of fun at the ferry gates every day. The heaviest load for a single team was to be 3,000 pounds and for a double team 6,000 pounds and no more. If it was more the gateman could turn the driver back. Then again these heavy teams could only cross at certain times of the tide because it was alleged that when the tide was low the teams were put on the run from the boat to the floats in order to get a sufficient momentum to clear the summit

The remarks of Ald. Christie were very terse and he had plenty of support from the other members discouraging any interference with the present system. "Let well enough alone" was his advice and he did not seem to be disturbed when Ald. Colwell insinuated that he did not take the interest in the city business that he should.

There seemed to be considerable lack of information regarding team tickets. Some said they existed, others denied it and the chairman of the department said if they did exist they were not authorized. He also wanted to know if "other animals—at five cents each"—a phrase in the bye law—included elephants!

This seemed to indicate a due want of respect for the new bye law and it was "referred back"—a polite way of shelving it.

INVESTIGATIONS COST MONEY.

The Stenographer's Little Bill for the McKelvey-Clark Inquiry.

Investigations come high. The city has one account of $40 against it because Mr. McKelvey laid a complaint against Chief of Police Clark. In the first time in the history of investigations a stenographer was engaged and the young man who acted in that capacity was present at both sessions of the inquiry. He has sent in his bill and one report says that it is for $40. If that is correct stenography must pay. But correct or not some of the aldermen are quoted as saying that when another investigation is held the expenses will have to be paid. Who will pay them? Must such an obstacle confront a poor man who has a real grievance against a city official? That would be hard indeed. There is no need of expense either for stenographers or lawyers. The aldermen should be competent to judge whether an official has erred or not from the plain facts that they can gather without the assistance of lawyers.

A city official will probably be able to engage a lawyer to defend him and the plaintiff if he is unable to have the benefit of such assistance will feel that he is at a disadvantage.

"AN EYESORE TO THE CITY."

That is What Mayor Sears Says of the Drinking Fountain on Market Square.

"Not a thing of beauty but an eyesore," are the words of the Mayor in reference to the drinking fountain on the Market Square, presented by his brother to the city of St. John twenty years ago.

This was how it came about. The chairman of the city treasury, Ald. Robinson, brought up the question of Messrs Stanton's bill for repairing the Sears, fountain, and in so doing made a speech in which he called the mayor's attention to a promise he had made to bear the expenses of the repairs. The reminder was not a pleasant one for the chair to listen to, especially when the Alderman said, that as his worship had not moved in the matter, the committee of management had undertaken the work.

According to his statement Messrs. Stanton were asked for an estimate of the cost and they placed it at $110. The fact that the bill was for $251 25 called for an explanation and this came out by degrees, with the assistance of Aldermen Maxwell and Christie. According to the former the sandstone was rotten and a new granite base was substituted. The cost of the labor was between forty and fifty dollars, the material about $20 and an ornamental acorn or "something" which Ald. Christie spoke of as "God knows what the design is, I don't know," cost $35. Other incidentals brought up the account to $251 25 and it was ordered paid.

But not until his worshp had regretted the inquisitonal way in which the subject was brought up. When he made the promise of looking after the fountain and having it repaired he proposed to do the work with the advice of a competent architect. He had consulted one but he was taken ill and he had to await his recovery. Messrs Stanton had estimated the cost of what he proposed to do at something like $90, but when he went to the fountain with the architect he was advised to leave it alone. "If you alter that fountain you will simply destroy what your brother has built" were the words of the expert.

"As the fountain is to day" continued the mayor "I have very little interest in it. It is an eyesore and not a thing of beauty and I will have nothing to do with the bill."

WAS TIRED OF LIFE.

Why Margaret Johnson Tried to Commit Suicide.

To those whose duty or business it is to attend the police court daily the face and figure of Margaret Johnson are well known, while to those who scan the police court news, the unfortunate female's name is also very familiar.

Perhaps none of the city's dissolute characters figure more often in the court than does Margaret, who on Thursday of this week attempted a new form of dissipation, which had it not been for the timely arrival, and good offices of policeman Earle, would assuredly have resulted fatally for the woman.

On Tuesday last she was arrested for drunkenness and on Thursday was liberated. It seems though as if her spree had not quite ended for hardly had she regained her freedom when she started in to finish it up in the way that she thought proper.

Between twelve and one o'clock Thursday morning she was again arrested on Sheffield street and placed in the Lower Cove lock up.

Three times during the night the woman made an unsuccessful attempt to end her existence; the first time using the braid binding of her skirt, the second, a strip of her underskirt as a means of strangulation. Neither of these proving satisfactory recourse was had to a leather belt which she wore, and, which she tied to the grating of the door and then around her neck. Standing on a bench she arranged everything carefully and then jumped from it. She had however miscalculated the distance and her feet came just to the floor, thus interfering with her suicidal intentions. It was just about this time Officer Earle happened along and was horrified on beholding the woman's condition. At first he thought she was dead but quickly discovered that she was only unconscious, though nearly choked to death. After he had worked with her a few moments consciousness returned and she seemed none the worse. On Thursday morning she was taken before the police court and remanded When asked why she had made these attempts upon her life the woman's pathetic reply was that she was "tired of life, tired of Sheffield street and tired of the jails." There would seem to be an opportunity in this case to do a little missionary work and reclaim the one more unfortunate who seems so thoroughly tired of her life and its surroundings.

Mr. T. O'Brien's New Paper.

The St. John Monitor is a new weekly paper. that appeared last Saturday morning. Mr. T. O'Brien is the managing editor. The Monitor is a four page paper published in the interests of the Roman Catholic church. Its first issue was looked for with some interest. Mr. O'Brien's publishers are Messrs. Paterson & Co., who also issue the Messenger and Visitor. The two papers differ in many respects and PROGRESS would respectfully point out that some difficulty might arise should the matter for them get mixed. Rev. Dr. Black, the talented editor of the Messenger and Visitor, would no doubt relish the opportunity to address the readers of the Monitor but the erroneous insertion of an article of his in its columns might be misunderstood and an explanation would be awkward. The friends of Mr. O'Brien are glad to know him as "editor of the Monitor" and they must be more than pleased with the strenuous efforts the Sun is making to welcome him to the field of journalism.

Making a Good Job of It.

The operations of the stone crusher on the Loch Lomond Road have ceased for this season. More than a mile of the road has been repaired in splendid fashion. About sixty tons of rock were crushed in a day and hauled by four teams a mile and a half to the place being repaired. There were fifteen men engaged besides the drivers and the total cost of the repairs to the mile or so of road was $2 300. The government expect to continue the work in the spring. If they complete the work to Loch Lomond they will find favor in the eyes of the people in St. John County.

Messrs. Peters' Refusal.

An unpleasant surprise awaited the Messrs. Peters when they attended the meeting of the Common council Thursday afternoon. They were confident when they went there that their tannery business would be exempt from all taxation save that for schools and water for the next ten years at least. When they left the council chamber the matter of exemption seemed as far off as ever.

When the mayor called the public meeting to consider the request of Messrs. Peters there was no doubt on the minds of those present as to what Messrs. Peters wanted, viz—exemption from taxation for the tannery. They did not propose exemption on any part of the industry but their proposition was a plain one and went to the council equally plain—the firm wanted exemption from taxation.

There is no doubt that most of the aldermen know exactly what was wanted, and few of them knew when they voted on the resolution offered by Ald. Macrae that he only provided for partial exemption upon the real estate, building and plant of the concern. This word "plant" was understood to include more than it means. The Messrs. Peters thought it meant their stock, manufactured and unmanufactured, and there is no doubt but many of the aldermen thought the same because none of them in their speeches alluded to the slight advantage Messrs Peters was to receive.

The taxes of the firm last year amounted to more than $900. Something like $140 of this was for water and the building, land and machinery were assessed at $8,700, which would call for another $135, so the balance of six hundred dollars and more must have been assessed on the personal property. It was this taxation that the firm wished to get rid of, not that on the building and machinery. When the council proposed to grant them the exemption except for school taxes and water rates they were satisfied, because in that event they would only have to pay forty one cents on the hundred dollars instead of $1 55.

Recorder Skinner however drew up his resolution and memorandum of agreement in accordance with the motion passed by the council and this only mentioned the land, building and plant. The littleness of the affair began to dawn upon those present and one alderman remarked quietly. "If Peters accepts that the city can well afford to give it to them." But two of the Peters brothers were listening to the Recorder and they too were struck with the meagreness of the generosity of the city. They held a hasty consultation and when they found out that they had been exerting such efforts to bring about a reduction of ninety or a hundred dollars in their taxes they were naturally annoyed and disappointed.

The opponents of exemption saw a chance to carry their point and for a time all the aldermen wanted to speak at once. A motion was made to hear Mr. Peters and he was very frank with the council telling them the firm expected exemption on stock in trade as well as on the tools of trade. He thought he had been led to believe that and he gave the aldermen to understand that if the difference would only amount to about $95 he did not desire that exemption.

This was somewhat of a poser and yet there seemed to be a certain air of relief among the aldermen. They had acted hastily when they granted the exemption and it looked as if they were glad of a chance to crawl out of the difficulty for they were then fully aware of the unpopularity of their action.

However, it was not fair to Messrs. Peters. They are intelligent men and knew what they asked for and what was under consideration. If they had given Alderman Macrae's motion proper consideration they might not have fallen into the error they did. PROGRESS believes that the members of the firm were not alone in thinking that only partial exemption was intended. If the question had been asked in any gathering of citizens nine out of ten would have said they thought the tannery was to be exempt on its total assessment except taxes for water and schools.

The Mayor was evidently prepared to combat the intention of the Council and even while he spoke of the "delusion" the Messrs Peters had been laboring under, he was somewhat eager to accept their refusal of such a paltry decrease in their taxes.

Incidentally it was pointed out that the personal taxes of the members of the firm on their income alone was $75 and that of their employees, on income, $193.

Alderman Christie likes to cite a precedent once in a while and he gets a good many of them from the acts of the old town of Portland. In this case he pointed out that when Connor's rope walk was burned the Portland Council granted exemption on the building and plant but not on the stock. In the case of the Parks' cotton factory their valuation for building and plant was fixed at $50,000 but they had always been taxed upon the stock.

Captain Keast seemed to speak from the public stand point when he said he was under the impression that the new factory was to cost about $40,000 and to employ from 80 to 100 hands. He was not so enthusiastic over the $10,000 building and the 25 hands.

Alderman Macrae who was responsible for the wording of the resolution that looked so big and was so small, had on his figuring cap and he calculated that if the exemption Messrs. Peters asked for had been their's last year they would have saved ninety-six dollars and half a cent. This seemed to clinch the whole business and the "whereases" and "resolves" and provisos submitted at such length by Recorder Skinner were laid upon the table to await the acceptance of the Messrs. Peters.

She Had a Good Time.

One little chorus girls in the Robinson opera company had a good time while in this city. She was attractive and the young men who are off one or two evenings in the week took turns in making life pleasant for her. She could smile an ice cream or an oyster supper out of them in a moment and while they were waiting for the same pay for it in advance with the daintiest kisses. Is it any wonder she was much sought for? North and south end vied with each other for the favor of her smiles and when the north end considered that he would make sure of her he would present her with a locket, a brooch or a ring. The other members of the company were "on" and laughed at the "suckers". They chatted freely about the jewelry too and it reached the ears of Detective Ring who had been looking for some missing articles in that line for some time. He went to Fredericton where the enchanting damsel had gone with the company and the interview he had with her was touching. He "touched" her for the jewelry and she was so willing to return anything she had that the officer could see that if there was guilt she had no share in it.

He returned with the jewelry but strange to say they did not prove to be the missing articles. The young man had come by them legitimately.

A Brave Act Recognized.

The four men who went out in the life boat and rescued the crew of the Hazel Dell will be recognized in a measure when they get the ten dollars voted each by the city and have the engraved resolution recounting their deed hung up in their homes, that is what the aldermen did at their session Thursday and the vote was passed by all the members standing. The deed is a daring one and is deserving of all that was said about it. The crew were Americans of an American schooner but their lives were in great danger and the four men who ventured in that raging sea in that great apology for a life boat will never have their reputation for bravery disputed.

Why Not Pay on Friday.

The 23rd of December comes on Saturday this year and all the people who work for the city will get their pay on that day so that they will have some spare coin for Christmas. The custom is a kind one but it would be more appreciated if payment was made on Friday instead of Saturday the last day of shopping before the great holiday. No doubt the gentlemen in the chamberlain's office would be better pleased too.