LOWELL, Mass., March 29.—St John is baving a lively time in civic politics, but it is not in it with the average Massachusetts city in the dullest season of the year. St. John people get a rest once in a while, but the Americans never let up. Here we have a nation of politicians born and bred, and that part of the population with a drop of Irish blood, is in the thickest of the fight, first, last and all the time.

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The wire pulling, and unheard of schemes that are worked out in the smallest matters is astonishing. The only object is to get there; then, "to the victors belong the spoils." Long service and efficiency in public positions is recog-nized occasionally, but the politicians seldom leave office holders "bad positions," as the saying goes, and the minute an office holders. nes an "offensive partizan" his former labors, no matter how valuable and faithfully rendered they may have been, are forgotten, and the axe is suspended, ready to drop the moment a change of administration comes

Just now the great questions before the people of almost every city is "Who is go-ing to be postmaster?" Who is going to be collector of the port?" Who is going to be this that and the other thing, down to hog-reeve almost. President Cleveland has done little else than receive office seekers since he went to Washington and he hasn't got half through yet.

But it doesn't end at Washington. Oh.

In civic politics it is just the same. Here in Lowell for instance. Democrats and republicans are at longerheads all the time, and a curious state of affairs exists. The board of aldermen is republican, and the common council has a majority of democrats, but when the two bodies meet in

joint session they are evenly divided.

Result: A dead lock that keeps important city business at a standstill. The aldermen won't confirm any measure passed by the council and vice versa.

But worse still, the democrats who hold office in the city hall are safe while the deadlock continues, and the republicans are devising all manner of schemes to get

For, as at Washington, so in Lowell, to the victors belong the spoils, and they want them. The men who worked for party success on election day, did not do so for nothing. They don't believe in it. The crats think Republicans have no right to office under a democratic administration, and when the republicans are in power they take the same view of it. So it is th the janitor of a city building is ousted when his party drops the reins of government.

When one thinks of the men who have become fixtures in the big stone building on Prince William street-the city hall, I mean nen who, like the brook, seem to go on nd on forever, no matter who is elected to the common council, with nothing to bother them, more than once or twice in one hundred years, when the council takes hysterics and threatens to reduce salaries to a figure that would make a Massachusetts m smile, - he realizes what an easy-going old city St. John is. They have lots of we perhaps, but from long experience it has become easy. Here the work of the office is nothing, "anybody could learn all about any office in city hall in a month," they say. The greatest exertion is to keep in office, to keep one's pull in the ward and swing the votes around election day.

And so the war wages month after month, but civic business goes on just the same, and is conducted in much better shape than it is in St. John

One of the offices in the gift of the National Government, which is always looked upon as a snap is United States consul, and St. John will have a new one before very long.

The Prince Wm. street office has hither-

ning within the patronage dispensed by Maine party leaders, but this year it is said it will be filled by a Massachusetts man. Col. James II. Carmichael of Lowell,

week. He will get a consulship in some place or other, and it is quite likely he will go to St. John. He is a good democrat, a lawyer, a soldier, and a member of Govr Russell's staff during 1891-92.

He is popular in Lowell and well known throughout the state. He is a graduate of Boston College, and has practised law ince 1880, was two years chairman of the Lowell Democratic city committee, president of the Common Council, a member of the School board, and has held a number of other offices in the city, besides being an active member of the Forresters and other

THE LUST FOR OFFICE. been here neatly twenty years and is now an overseer in the Massachusetts mills.

HOW IT SHOWS ITSELF IN POLITICS

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What is that thing that men call love? No matter where you turn to rove You'll surely find it on the move;

You'll find a type 'twixt lad and maid Devouring each word the other said : It makes of the girl a silly jade; Imagination.

With great sheep-eyes and dove-like look The girls endeavor, by hook or crook, To get the boys within their nook; Imagination. Then the boys tone up and look their best; In unpaid for clothes they're often drest, Till with sensible people they become a jest Imagination.

If Romeo and Juliet in these days loved, By themselves, away off, they'd surely be shoved

By a ruthless mob whom my answer me But whem the Romeo doth the Juliet find, And the Juliet doth the Romeo mind, Then blest 'twill be for a l mankind; Realization.

But if the Romeo failed the Juliet to find, As the Juliet failed the Romeo to mind; Then sad 'will be for all mankind;

Said Dr. Talmage in a powerful serm "There's surely a man for every won Do they each other love? or do they

imagine Infatuation? I say nothing disparaging of affections' bone Nor that true love did completely abscond; But with love some dabble, as a duck in a pond Imagination.

Imagination.

I believe in the love that God commands,
The human affection that toward it ascends,
Culminating in that which the Lord intends;
Sanctification.

H. J. B.

Love's Jewels Great kings wear golden crowns, while I Uncrowned am to mortal eye; Yet one bath named me "King," and fair Soft fingers glimmer in my hair When I am tired.

With weight of jewiled chains you knight Is rich, and heavily bedight; But round my neck some rarer charms Are twined, and formed of 'circling arms— Love's living chain.

The turquoise gleams more blue and bright, But pansy glooms and sapphire light Have met within her flower eyes That darken as the soul doth rise In tenderness.

Heart glow of rubies, warm, rose-red Of fire and flower newly wed, Is not more rich than lips, love-taught To yield such perfect joy, love-sought Yet humbly won.

Ab, living life so fully, I Have ceased to know the world goes by: Such pure pearl thoughts of sympathy Have 'merged my heart in unity With that most perfect one. Dec. 26th, '92.

"The Beacon Light of Heaven." Far off on the distant ocean, Amid t the roar and strife Of the ever rohing breakers, Beams clear the Beacon Light;

Oh! fair is the Beacon Light
To the weary, tired fisherman,
And the sailor far off on the bay
As they near the tossing coast;
And see the clear, bright ray
Sparkling through the flickering

Far off on the distant heavens, Is the mercy seat of God, And there's still the straight and narrow 180 many feet have trod; And there's still the sparkling heavens Through the dusty path of life.

Oh! fair are the distant heavens
To the followers of God,
And rest to the eye of a Christian
Is that straght, small, narrow path;
Better than the Beacon Light,
For it leads to the throne of God.

active member of the Forresters and other bodies.

Mr. Foss, former superintendent in the Parks mills and whom I mentioned last, week, as now located in Greenville, N. H., has been winning distinction as a landscape painter. He had always used the brush more or less, but while in St. John attended the Owens art school. One of his pictures sold this week for \$75.

To the list of St. John men living in Lowell, add Thomas Thompson, who has

VALUE PRESENT BLESSINGS

Frank McLood, the boss carpenter for the same corporation, was formerly a ship carpenter in Halifax.

I was sitting by the fire today nursing an incipient cold which promised to reach large the mensions, and wondering vaguely what I was going to write about this week, which would be appropriate to the season, and at the same time interesting to the Iris. As I move of the largest salaries paid to any woman in the city. She is well known in Fredericton and visits there every summer.

Thomas Gass, formerly of Rothessy, ow meets his friends at the Parker house, Boston.

R. G. Larsex.

The Maria Chowster for the same corporation, which would be appropriate to the season, and at the same time interesting to the Iris. As I move, and pulled myself together for the incomplete of going down to the effice, I saw accounting flitting on the carpet just at my feet, and stooping down I pick in the strange visitor for this time of year, a little yellow and white butterfly, all alone in his delicate beauty and pathetic Iragility, struggling feebly to maintain a foothold on the earpet, which has been successful in Colorado, attributes the effects to the diminished heat and accelerated circulation and respiration causing an appetite for food; the cool nights promotion in place to see what will happen in the spring offer in prizes to all who wish and contains I was a placed to the same time factors the sum of the carpet in the autumn, and store them away in a warm place to see what will happen in the spring in prizes to all who wish and contains I was sum of the city. The ladies of Dreaden have been holding a riding town the carpet just at my feet, and stooping down I pick in the citice, I was accused in the carpet with the contained white arms by violet ribbons.—London World.

Lattes on Hernshalk.

The ladies of Dreaden have been holding a riding town abovers of flowers and laurel leaves. Her final exploit was the driving of a pair through the promotion of the carpet, which is used to the citice, I was a strange visitor for this

Boston. R. G. Larber.

The High Aletitude Cure.

Dr. H. O. Dodge, in discussing the high altitude cure for consumption, which has been successful in Colorado. attributes the effects to the diminished heat and accelerated circulation and respiration causing an appetite for food; the cool nights promoting sleep, the loss of adipose tissue, and is accelerated circulation and respiration causing an appetite for food; the cool nights promoting sleep, the loss of adipose tissue, and is accelerated circulation and respiration causing an appetite for food; the cool nights promoting sleep, the loss of adipose tissue, and is accelerated in the autumn, and store them away in a warm place to see what will happen in the spring, and once or twice I have had a butterfly for atmosphere enabling the patient to with-assemble and, without inconvenience, those changes of temperature which in more hanges of temperature which in more and an adaptive and the carpet, which I suppose seemed like a newly has a seemed like a low with a substance of the colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by the Colorado cure are able togonally the provided by t

be had been a grasshopper, or even a bumble bee, anything but that—a common house fly perhaps, or anything unnsual, and I began to speculate as to whether any of mean wally capable of seeing the bumble bee—no, not a bumble bee, anything but that—a common house fly perhaps, or anything unnsual, and I began to speculate as to whether any of us are really capable of seeing the beauty which lay nearest at hand, or of prizing the dear familiar blessings which surround us every day, until alas! they were taking their flight, or whether we only appreciated things that were rare, only because, like the butterfly they were out of season? And then I turned to look at the innocent cause of so much speculation and was startled to see him, like Dinah, "All laid on his side." He moved very feebly when I tried to lift him up, and tumbled over at once when I laid him down again, and though I did everything I could to pro-long his lite he sank rapidly, and breathed his last just as the sun went down. I don't know whether his death was the result of exposure, or whether he succumbed to an overdose of sugar and water. But of this I am sure, that this little life has served some purpose if its short story causes one of my readers to value more highly the small blessings which "lie about her feet," while yet they are in her possess stead of waiting until they are out of season perhaps forever, and no reaching out of yearning hands can bring them back to her. ASTRA.

An Easilah Wedding Fancy.

At the wedding the eight bridesmaids, who wore Empire gowns of white silk mull over slips of pink silk, and hats of white velvet with pink feathers, carried large palm leaves fan bouquets of white chrysanthemums and hyacinthe with initials in pink carnations. Four of these were the groom's initials, and their bearers ranged themselves at the right of the bridal couple,

while the other four, bearing the bride's letters, stood at the left. When the marr'ed pair left the altar, they passed between this double quartet, whose mittal bouquets were at "present arms." At another wedding the bridesmaids carried white satin aboes filled with white carnations and violets. These swung from their arms by violet ribbons.—London World.

welcome. I laid him tenderly on a nice clean envelope, provided him with sustendance in the shape of sugar and water, placed in tempting little puddles within easy reach of his queer little proboscis with its forked and, like a miniature swallow's tail; and then placed him in the sunniest corner of the window, where I could see him as I wrote; and as I did so. I realized that he had unconsciously provided me with the text I had been looking for, and given me at the same time a practical illustration of that strange characteristic the human family seem to possess of only valuing that which is difficult of attainment.

If that butterfly had fluttered in on a July day, I would scarcely have looked at him, he was such a common little fellow, but now I prized him as we prize strawberries at Christmas, violets in January, ice in August, or any other luxury which is very much out of season. I watched him with deep interest as he unrolled his little tongue, which he seemed to keep curfed up like a watch spring when he was not using it, and I was delighted too to see him peacefully sipping the sugar and water, and making himself thoroughly at home, and I thought of him in his lovely character of a type of the soul bursting through its tenement of clay, even as he had burst through his late honds. I fancied him a sort of omen of good, a messenger of happiness, and then my common sense began to assert itself, and I wondered if his welcome would not have been almost as warm if he had been a grasshopper, or even a bumble bee—no, not a bumble bee, anything but that—a common house fly perhaps, or anything unnsual, and I

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