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A Question for the People Alone.

In an article on the Upper Canada College park project yesterday The Globe fails to refer to what is probably the most important point at issue. We refer to the action of the Mayor in taking out of the hands of the ratepayers a question that, as a matter of law and justice, belongs to them and to them alone to decide. Mayor Fleming owes to the public an explanation of his conduct in taking out of the hands of the people the decision of this important question.

The project involves a larger capital expenditure than that connected with any enterprise that has been voted on by the people for many years. In considering the amount of capital necessary to carry out the proposal there are several points we ought not to lose sight of. If the property is sold to private individuals, as it will be if the city does not purchase it, it will immediately become tax-producing. A fair estimate of the taxes that would be realized on the property, new buildings not included, would be $7000 a year. This amount the city loses by purchasing the property. Then it will take at least $3000 a year to maintain the park. These two items alone give us an annual charge of $10,000, and represent a capital of $250,000. Add this amount to the purchase price and we get $627,000 as the capital necessary to assume the property and maintain it as a park. This amount is below, rather than above, the capital that would actually be required to carry out the project.

The question that interests ratepayers more than anything else just now is whether they are going to be committed to a $627,000 scheme without being consulted. About the only check the ratepayers hold on their representatives at the City Hall is the provision in the Municipal Act requiring the submission to the people of bylaws necessitating any considerable expenditure. Projects involving $50,000 and less have been submitted to the people. Why then take away from the ratepayers a project involving over $600,000?

That question precedes in importance the dispute as to the value of the property, and The Globe and Mayor Fleming are called on for an explanation. But coming down to value, Mr. Maughan (on whose opinions as to value our whole assessment is based) discredits the value to which Mayor Fleming was and is willing to commit the city. Mr. Maughan is the city's own witness and Mayor Fleming is bound to abide by his evidence. The Globe's idea of ascertaining the value by leaving the question to a conference of real estate men is good as far as its goes. But it strikes us the best criterion of value is to be found in the market. What can the proprietors of the property get for it in the open market to-day? Can the Government get a purchaser for it at $377,000? Can they get any one to buy it for $300,000? It is well known they cannot. When the Government has timber limits to sell it holds a public auction, and ascertains their value in that way. Let them follow the same method in selling the college property. The Government cannot allow the property to remain unproductive as it is at present. It must be sold. We don't see why the city of Toronto should feel constrained to purchase the property just because the Government wishes to sell it. If we decide to buy it we should get it at its market value. That value will be found to be considerably under $300,000.

But again we take issue with The Globe and say that the city does not want the property, even at its market value. The Globe is very wide of the mark when it makes the statement that all objections to the park, except that of price, have been withdrawn. If the purchase of the property is ever submitted to a vote of the ratepayers it will be defeated by a large majority. The World has already detailed some of the reasons why the ratepayers don't want the park. We do not consider it necessary to repeat those objections at the present time, as we have not much apprehension that Mayor Fleming, now that he has been warned, will fly in the face of public opinion and undertake to commit the city to a $600,000 project without consulting the ratepayers. At the proper time we will have something to say on this branch of the case.

Four Good Suggestions.

We understand the Street Railway Company is benefiting to the extent of a couple of hundred dollars a day since it adopted its new transfer ticket. We trust the rumor is true. At any rate, we accept it as true and tender a little advice to the company on the head of it:

1. The company ought to shelter the motormen. They have an important duty to perform. The lives and limbs of the public are in their charge. The public safety demands that the trolley charioteer should have every convenience essential to keeping his head level and his nerves steady. The cold in Toronto is very intense at times and a few hours' exposure to zero weather must, to some extent at least, benumb a man's physical powers. When danger is imminent the amount of power that can be developed by the right arm of the motorman is a highly important consideration. The saving of six feet in the space necessary to stop a car may mean the saving of a life. The company must not allow the cold to benumb the motorman. His mind should not be diverted by schemes to keep himself warm. His right arm is a power house that should at all times be kept at its highest efficiency. Let the company see to this.

2. The public are dead struck on electricity as a factor in modern life. People have an idea that if you turn the button nowadays you can get just what you want. A few years ago the traveling public didn't grumble overmuch at having to keep warm by burying their boots in Frank Smith's peastraw. But we are getting more fastidious as years go by. Yesterday, for instance, the average street car passenger wondered why the electric stoves were not made to lend their kindly assistance in heating the cars. The new heaters in the dead of winter sometimes find it beyond their power to make the cars comfortable, but they are fully equal to the task required of them in the fall or on such a day as yesterday. The public expect the company to notify its conductors to let on the heat whenever the turning of the button will make it more comfortable for the passenger.

3. The company is niggardly of its light. Each car has five incandescent lights, just enough to tempt a man to read the papers but quite enough, on the other hand, to make him swear before he gets through the operation. The company should just double the illumination of their cars, and make them as pleasant as the cars of most other electric companies. It would involve but little extra expense to do this.

4. The company should adopt some means of killing the noise that accompanies their cars. It is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to carry on a conversation in the cars, much to the disgust of those who make the attempt. We read from day to day of the development of storage battery cars and omnibuses that run on pneumatic tires and make no more noise than a bicycle. Until these much-to-be-desired vehicles make their appearance in Toronto we commend the railway company to investigate the cars that are running in other cities and see if it can't get a pointer or two on killing noise.

After the company has got over its surprise at the recent increase in its daily receipts we trust its attention will be directed towards the improvements above suggested. The company is interested in making the traffic on its cars as big as possible. By heating and lighting them liberally and by killing all that superfluous noise they will render street car travel much more attractive, popular and remunerative.

The Project Thoroughly Discredited.

The Mayor's project for the purchase of the Upper Canada College property is on its last legs. Another round and it will have to be carried out of the ring. His Worship thinks it is a good scheme, but he can't get any committee to father it. The Parks and Gardens Committee looked at it very gingerly and wouldn't recommend it. Yesterday it passed on to the Executive, but the Executive would have nothing to do with it and kicked it back to the Parks and Gardens. When it again reaches the latter committee they will kick it out by the back door.

TRADE TOPICS.

The trade situation is not what it ought to be, but many contend that an improvement will set in when the weather is more seasonable. Wintery weather, however, would only have a beneficial effect on drygoods, furs and the like. What the great army of workmen want is work, and unless capitalists have confidence in the situation there is likely to be very little of it.

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A representative of one of our leading drygoods houses said yesterday that "this is the first week our travelers have been out with domestic spring goods, and they are taking numerous orders for white and grey cottons, denims, ducks, etc. Prices rule firm."

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"For some reason or another the trade are buying more freely of the better kinds of dried fruits and letting the inferior stuff alone," said a grocer yesterday. "Valencia raisins, good quality, are going at 4 1-2c and layers at 6c to 6 1-2c. London layers $2.25, black basket $3 and blue basket $3.75. Payments are fair, and it is surprising how many take advantage of cash discounts."

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There is a good demand for buckwheat just now for shipment to the United States. "I have handled about 100,000 bushels this season," said Mr. A. Campbell yesterday, "and it seems to be taking the place of barley. There is a fair crop in the Midland district and the average per acre will be about 35 bushels. It is now bringing 44c to 45c per bushel."

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In consequence of the dulness in the flour trade, with no outlet, bran is likely to rule firm. "Many of the mills are closing down," said Mr. C. Watts, "and bran is likely to be good property this season."

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The business failures in Canada for the week number 41, according to R. G. Dun & Co., as against 37 last week and 24 the previous week. The chief increases were in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

The Young Conservatives of Markham.

Two weeks ago the Young Conservatives of Markham formed an association and on Wednesday night of this week they held their first public meeting and adopted a constitution. After the business was over they adjourned to the Franklin House, where an oyster supper was held at which over 200 assisted. The chair was occupied by A. S. Allan, the president, and the vice chair by James Campbell. Addresses were made by W. F. Maclean, M.P., E.B. Ryckman, the Conservative candidate for the Local House, John Oliver, James Baird and Mr. Gallagher of Toronto, and by Dr. Tamblyn, William Milliken, Col. Button and Mr. Speight. The meeting was of the most enthusiastic character, showing that the Young Conservatives of the riding were bent on securing Mr. Ryckman's election in the forthcoming contest. A feature of the evening were songs by Mr. Baker and the instrumental selections by members of the village band. The association starts off with a membership of over 75 names, and this will be increased at the forthcoming meetings which are to be held twice a month for the winter.

Mr. W. Thayer, Wright, P.Q., had dyspepsia for 20 years; tried many remedies and doctors, but got no relief. His appetite was very poor, had a distressing pain in his side and stomach, and gradual wasting away of flesh, when he heard of and immediately commenced using Northrop and Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. The pains have left and he rejoices in the enjoyment of excellent health, in fact he is quite a new man.

World's Fair to Be Repeated.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick Mr. Adam Brown of Hamilton has kindly consented to repeat his magnificently illustrated lecture on the World's Fair at Association Hall on Monday evening next, the 20th inst.

Holders of tickets unable to gain admission on Tuesday last will be entitled to use them on this occasion.

Plan opens at Nordheimers' Friday at 12 o'clock noon and will be closed at 5 o'clock sharp on Monday evening, the 20th inst.

To prevent crowding the doors will be opened at 7 o'clock, one hour before lecture.

Specimen of views to be exhibited can be seen in the window of the C.P.R., corner King and Yonge-streets.

Excellent Reasons exist why Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions, or external injuries. The reasons are that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

Mitchell Did Not Steal the Turkeys.

The evidence against John Mitchell at the Assize Court yesterday was of a purely circumstantial nature. He was charged with stealing 13 turkeys from James Smith of East York on the night of Nov. 1. The case has been aired in Squire Wingfield's court. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Sir Walter Raleigh would have revelled in the Student's Mixture Tobacco. Its composition is perfection and its aroma delicious. Try it once; it will please you.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Toronto:

At the risk of being classed as unprogressive and wanting in public spirit I take issue with you, Mr. Mayor, as well as a number of the aldermen of this city, with respect to the value and desirability of the city acquiring the Upper Canada College grounds as a central park.

I claim that Toronto is now as well supplied with parks and open spaces as any city on this continent of its size and population. Besides this we have in addition the fine expanse of water front close to the business portion, and but three minutes' walk from the proposed park, and which, when the arranged-for public promenade and water front park is completed, will more than fill the bill for any possible needs, even should the city quadruple its population. I cannot see any need of burdening the ratepayers with this expensive luxury now or at any time. For the same amount of money would buy "ten playgrounds" in more congested districts of two acres each, throughout the city and would go a long way in keeping the children off the streets. It has been my painful duty as a magistrate to fine boys for playing ball on the public streets. I saw then the need of making provision for the natural inclination of boys in this respect. Toronto is a beautiful open city. In the summer time the better residential portion is one great park of shade trees and boulevards, while such neighborhoods as Parkdale, with its lake breezes; Rosedale, with its romantic ravines and wild flowers; the northwestern district, with its splendid roadways and drives, are easily and quickly accessible to everybody.

From any part of the city the electric cars will take you (except on Sunday) to the open country in 20 or 30 minutes, when the tinkling of cow-bells and the lowing of kine among the sweet clover fields will satisfy you with country scenery, and to spare.

If Toronto had a climate with seven or eight months of summer and the balance of winter and spring, there might be a trifle more reason for this unwise purchase, but seeing our climate is made up of six or seven months of glorious autumn and winter, when no one cares to linger in the parks, and three or four months of summer, surely in this light this proposed purchase seems still more unwise.

And yet another reason for not saddling the ratepayers with this expense is the fact of there being two other open spaces in the same neighborhood, viz., the Government House grounds and the site of the old Parliament buildings. Possibly the first of those may ultimately become the site of a modern large hotel which the city, according to the opinion of many, is much in need of, and would prove a stronger attraction to the traveling public than a small park, so that the need of a breathing space in this neighborhood does not exist.

Now a word or two in regard to Mr. Maughan's valuations, especially of the King-street frontage, viz., $175 a foot frontage for 100 feet deep lots. At this price it could only be used for business purposes. What need can there possibly exist now or 25 years from now for more business sites, when Yonge-street, which is far more a main thoroughfare and more in the heart of the city, from Albert-street north to Bloor, does not pay 3 per cent. upon its assessed value, and at the present time is about one-third vacant, either as unimproved lots or vacant shops! There is to-day more business frontage in Toronto than in Buffalo, Detroit and Rochester put together, whose aggregate population is three times that of the city. So that I claim for revenue-producing prices Mr. Maughan is away off in his values. As for the values of the proposed extension of Pearl-street per foot of $45 and $60 in Adelaide-street it could easily be shown by adjoining property that even at $25 a foot in Pearl-street and $45 in Adelaide-street no builder could buy it and improve it to produce a gross revenue of 10 per cent., which means but a 5 per cent. net revenue.

And even this would be contingent upon a demand for houses that does not exist to-day, and would be largely discounting a future, which taxes and interest and wear and tear might entirely abolish. I am informed that city properties all over the world, in great European centres as well as in the United States, are settling down to revenue-producing prices, and why should we continue living in a fool's paradise, and not at once face the fact? The only exceptions are unfortunate boom cities that have gone up like rockets and come down like sticks, breaking the heads and backs of 90 per cent. of her citizens and ruining nearly all the remainder with suddenly acquired wealth, which as a rule they use not wisely or well. On account of these considerations, Mr. Mayor and aldermen of the city of Toronto, as a large taxpayer and as a citizen who has helped to build up our good city, and in the interest of the ratepayers, I ask you to refrain from making this purchase. Respectfully yours,

THOMAS THOMPSON.

Mrs. Martha Besant's New Treatment Absolutely cures nervous debility, impotence and all their attendant evils. It never fails. This new medicine quickly makes itself manifest in the brightened eye, clear complexion, vivacious spirits, increased bodily strength and general feeling of buoyant health and vigor. Circular free. Weak men and women should write confidentially to Mrs. Martha Besant, Toronto. 5

The Nationalization of the Liquor Traffic.

The Nationalist Association met last night, Dr. Lelia A. Davis, president, in the chair.

Mr. R. L. Thomson gave a very clear and comprehensive view of socialist movements the world over, and the news from England respecting the nationalization of mines was greeted with cheers. Mr. T. W. Banton, president of the Trades and Labor Council, delivered a thoughtful and interesting address upon "The Public Control of the Liquor Traffic."

North Toronto.

The work at the new mill has been stopped owing to the breaking of the air valve of the pump, which was broken while lowering the pump. Work cannot be resumed in less than a week.——Mr. Alexander Dixon is in bed suffering from inflammation of the lungs.

Billiousness and liver complaint are always cured when Burdock Blood Bitters, the best liver regulator, is used.

P.P.A. Aldermanic Candidates.

Aldermanic candidates are cropping up all over town. Two of the latest to announce themselves as willing to suffer for the people are Matthew B. Alison, a traveler for Thomas Alison, and A. R. Williamson, grocer, Esther-street and Grange-avenue. They will run in Ward 4, and will be backed by the P.P.A.

Do not neglect coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, but cure them by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Personal.

James Masson of Owen Sound, M.P. for North Grey, is registered at the Rosin.

Rev. T. B. Hyde, for four years pastor of Mr. Moody's church in Chicago, has accepted the pastorate of the Northern Congregational Church.

Mr. S. F. McKinnon left for the European markets on a purchasing trip per S.S. Lahn, sailing from New York Nov. 13. He will be away about six weeks.

Mr. E. M. Playter from the head office has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Bradley as manager of the East Toronto branch Canadian Bank of Commerce, corner Queen-street east and Broadview-avenue. His popularity at the head office and while relieving managers at the various branches of the bank guarantees for the customers and the branch in the East End courteous and considerate treatment.

A GRAND BOULEVARD SCHEME.

Suggestion to Extend College-avenue to Union Station and Make a Beautiful Thoroughfare.

Mr. S. Pedlar of York Chambers, Toronto-street, called at The World office yesterday and unfolded a project which he claimed to be away ahead of the Upper Canada College scheme. If you look at a map of the city you will observe that College-avenue, if extended, would terminate directly opposite the new Union Station in Front-street. Mr. Pedlar's idea is to have the avenue extended to this point. At one end of the avenue would be our new and, we trust, beautiful Union Station, and at the other end the finest building in the province. This avenue would be modeled on the Parisian Boulevard principle. The lower end would become a fashionable business centre, being especially adapted as a site for theatres, fine hotels, restaurants, and so on. Being at least 100 feet in width, the avenue would permit of ornamental trees, a boulevard of grass, flowers and such like attractions, not to forget an ample supply of comfortable seats. One does not require much imagination to conjure up the very beautiful picture that the proposed avenue is capable of realizing. We could readily adopt the European custom of lunching in the open air, having before us, as we would, such beautiful surroundings. Incandescent and arc lights would render the scene panoramic at night. This avenue would provide a fitting site for our much-talked-of new hotel. On an avenue 100 feet wide such a building as the Windsor of Montreal (with architecture right up to date), would stand in bold relief and afford the onlooker an opportunity of taking in all the striking features that the architect might feel disposed to work into the building. Trolley cars would not be allowed to circulate up and down the beautiful avenue. The street would at once become the fashionable thoroughfare for carriages and equestrians, society people would promenade there in preference to any other street in the city. Beginning as it would right in front of the new Union Station, visitors to the city could not avoid seeing the avenue and being struck by its beauty. It is estimated that the property necessary for the extension of the avenue could be acquired for $250,000. There are few buildings of any great value along the route of the proposed extension, and frontage values in Richmond, Adelaide and Pearl-streets are not very high at present. Adjacent property would be benefited to such an extent that it could fairly be charged with a decent share of the expense.

FOR MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS.

The Charge Against Magistrate Robinson of Markham, Now On Trial.

James Robinson, manager of the Woolen Manufacturing Company at Markham, is charged with the gross violation of a trust reposed in him by the late Miss Jane Maclean. The case came on for trial at the Assize Court yesterday.

The Crown claims that on the death of a brother of this woman the entire property passed to her and that the land was unencumbered, except by a debt of $1200, which was owing the Crown Lands Department.

The Crown further claims that Miss Maclean raised the money and paid it to Mr. Robinson as a friend, who would look after her interests, and that Mr. Robinson applied the money, not for defraying the debt, but for his own advantage.

The defence admits that money was paid, but it was not intended for defraying the Crown Lands claim, but for meeting other debts which were to be paid off first.

Dr. Alexander Stewart yesterday testified that Mrs. Peck, one of the witnesses, was unable, and never would be able, to attend the court to give her evidence.

The case will be resumed at 9.30 a.m. to-day.

TO ABOLISH TOLLGATES.

A Motion With That End In View Referred To Committee.

At the meeting of the County Council yesterday the reeve of York called attention to the fact that the Metropolitan Company's trolley poles were still obstructing the waterway at Christ Church in Deer Park, although the company had been notified to remove them. The warden and engineer were appointed to investigate.

The reeve of Etobicoke drew attention to the bad state of the Lake Shore-road through improper ballasting of the Mimico Railway.

A long discussion followed as to whose duty it was to see to this, as the city had assumed the road.

Mr. Peterman presented a very elaborate scheme for the abolition of the tollgates of the York roads. After a long argument it was decided to lay the matter over.

A bylaw to appoint E. C. Pearson as High School Trustee in place of T. R. Wadsworth, deceased, was carried.

A communication was received asking for the dismissal of Constable Hodge. After discussion it was decided not to strike the constable off the list.

Cunard Line Steamers.

Of the success of steamship lines, that of the Cunard is the most remarkable. If an examiner were to ask a student to name one of the greatest events in the history of the 19th century and he were to answer, "The first voyage of the Cunard steamship Britannia in 1840," he would be able to justify his reply by very good arguments. That event was the inauguration of a peaceful revolution of the whole commerce of the world and the relations between its various countries, and it constituted an epoch in the history of progress almost unparalleled.

It was the commencement of systematic ocean steamship traveling, and it was from this beginning that there has been developed the mighty traffic of to-day.

One of the most remarkable facts in connection with the history of the Cunard Line is the wonderful immunity from accident, although hundreds of thousands of passengers and untold millions of letters have been conveyed across the stormy Atlantic in their ships.

It is interesting to think of the time taken to cross the Atlantic in 1840 and of the recent trips of the Lucania (5 days 12 hours and 47 minutes) and Campania (5 days 13 hours and 7 minutes).

The managers in New York are Vernon H. Brown & Co., and the Toronto representative, A. F. Webster, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets.

Sufferers from scrofulous troubles should remember that after all else fails Burdock Blood Bitters cures. This has been proved in thousands of cases.

Thrown From Their Rig.

Last night about 8 o'clock William Madden and a friend were driving west in Queen-street, near Bathurst-street. Their rig collided with a wagon standing in front of Howell's shoe store. Madden and his companion were thrown out. Madden was picked up unconscious and attended by Dr. Little of Spadina-avenue. He was badly bruised and received an ugly cut over the eye. The other man was cut and scratched. The horse was captured.

Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs.
Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures colds.
Wood's Norway Pine Syrup heals the lungs.

A Policeman Charged With Assault.

P.C. Brisbin, 117, was charged in the Police Court yesterday with aggravated assault on Charles J. Flick, 196 Teraulay-street. Flick says that on Guy Fawkes night Brisbin attacked him with a stick and beat him severely. The defence is that Flick was one of a disorderly crowd that the police were trying to disperse. The case was adjourned until Monday next.

AMUSEMENT WORLD.

Kleiser's Star Course.

There were 14 artists and Bayley's orchestra to take the place of Eugene Field for the second number of Kleiser's star course at the Pavilion last night.

Eugene Field may be a very pleasing and entertaining speaker to listen to, but it would be difficult for him or any other orator poet or number of poets to send away a more thoroughly satisfied audience than that which left the Pavilion last night.

Mr. J. D. A. Tripp was at the piano. Mr. H. Klingenfeld played the violin, Mrs. Caldwell, Mme. D'Auria, Messrs. H. M. Blight, Harold Jarvis and W. E. Ramsay were the vocalists; Misses Dunn and Bowes and Mr. Owen Smily were elocutionists.

Such a collection of talent is seldom enjoyed by one audience at one time. The success of the scheme is all due to Mr. Kleiser. Toronto people cannot estimate his services too highly.

Every artist acquitted himself satisfactorily. It might be unjust to single out any one as being especially pleasing. However, it must be said that Toronto people were proud of possessing two such geniuses as Mr. Harold Jarvis and Mr. Owen A. Smily.

The next number in this course will be given on Dec. 12, when Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia will be heard in his lecture, "Acres of Diamonds."

The Tavary Co. at the Grand.

The attendance at the Grand Opera House continues to keep well up to the mark this week. The Tavary Opera Company sang last night "Cavalbria Rusticana," and the second act of "Martha." To-night they will sing "I Paghicci" and scenes from "Lucia," and to-morrow afternoon "Carmen," and in the evening "Il Trovatore," instead of "Faust," as was announced in the beginning of the week.

Comic Opera at the Grand.

The Boston Globe, in speaking of the performance of "The Fencing Masttr" by the Mapleson and Whitney Opera Company, recently said: "Of the members of the Mapleson and Whitney Opera Company there is nothing but praise to be said. Its bright, particular star, Madame Laura Schirmer Mapleson, is so charming a vocalist, so skilful an actress, and so attractive in her personality that it would be easy to fall into superlatives in commenting on her part of the performance.

At the Grand Opera House.

To-night the Tavary Opera Company will present for the first time in Toronto the famous opera "I'Paghacci," when the following artists will appear, viz., Morie Tavary, Irene Peving, Conrad Behreno, Emil Steger, Arthur Seaton, Wm. Stephens and Payne Clarke.

The Automatic Chess Player.

One of the principal features to be seen in the lecture hall of the Musee next week will be Ali, the automatic chess and checker player. Although Ali is a purely mechanical device, yet it is a champion when it comes to playing chess or checkers. Manager Young offers a reward of $5 to any and all persons who can win a game from Ali. The offer is a genuine one, and will remain open the entire week.

BOMB-THROWERS AT MARSEILLES.

Gen. Mathelin's House Damaged by An Infernal Machine.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 16.—This city was thrown into a state bordering on panic last night by an attempt to blow up the residence of Gen. Mathelin, commander of the fifteenth army corps, whose headquarters is in Marseilles. The house occupied by Gen. Mathelin is surrounded by high walls. About the premises there are placed sentry boxes. Sentries are constantly pacing their posts, and no one is allowed to approach the place unchallenged. Notwithstanding these precautions someone managed to pass without suspicion and placed an infernal machine in a room in the house occupied by the orderlies. At midnight the occupants of the house and every one in the vicinity were aroused by a terrific explosion that shook the houses to their foundations. Everybody rushed into the streets to ascertain the cause of the explosion, and the streets near the division headquarters were soon filled with an excited throng of people, many of whom were only partly dressed.

After the excitement had subsided somewhat the police made an investigation. It was found the explosion had made a breach in the walls and that a large quantity of debris had been hurled through the guardsroom. Though the orderlies were in bed at the time none of them were injured. The windows of all the houses in the vicinity were smashed.

A ladies' school adjacent to the headquarters sustained the most damage. The scene after the explosion was most exciting. All the inmates of the school had retired and when the explosion occurred they were thrown into a state bordering on frenzy. Many of them went into hyterics and medical assistance was required to restore them to their senses.

A Number of Arrests Made.

One of the sentry boxes close to where the bomb had been placed was blown to pieces. Two men have been found who say they saw the man who committed the outrage sitting on the steps at the principal entrance to the building a short time before the explosion occurred. Experts have examined the contents of the bomb found in the corridor. They say it contained gunpowder mixed with a sort of chlorate. The explosive was contained in a large meat can. A number of arrests have been made. Among the prisoners is an Italian Anarchist named Carlo. It is reported that an hour before the explosion occurred he predicted a great calamity would happen in Marseilles shortly.

A Cane for the Warden.

Warden Russell was last night honored by his colleagues of the County Council with a complimentary banq uet at their old reliable resort, the Clyde Hotel. They also presented him with a fine walking stick as a remembrance of them and of his office. Mr. Russell is a popular man in the county, has discharged his office with credit and fairness, enjoys the respect of both sides of politics, and is of a family which has a natural reputation as representative farmers. Reeve Stephenson of York was in the chair, and J. A. Macdonald and Thomas Wallace in the vice chairs. Speeches were made by Messrs. Mulock, Maclean, Dr. Gilmour, J. K. Macdonald, Clerk Eakins, Thomas Bull, Hartley Dewart and many others. In regard to county affairs it was conceded all round that the council had done a wise thing in beginning a policy of putting up stone and iron bridges on all the main roads in place of wooden ones. Some good songs were provided by Mr. Wright and Deputy-Reeve Fogg rattled the bones in his inimitable way.

Hacking coughs, obstinate colds and all throat and lung troubles are promptly cured by Norway Pine Syrup.

The Grens' Parade.

The Royal Grenadiers mustered in the armory 541 strong last night. The commanding officer announced the following promotions: Ptes. H. Line, Chalmers, Edmondson, Brown, Harrison, Hammond to be corporals. The regiment will parade in drill order at the armory next Tuesday at 8 p.m. On Thursday the regiment will parade at the armory at 9 a.m. and proceed by special train to Lambton.

California and Mexico.

The Wabash Railway has now on sale winter tourist tickets at the lowest rates ever made to Old Mexico and California. These tourist rates are available for the great winter fair at San Francisco. The banner route is the great Trunk Line that passes through six states of the Union and has the most superb and magnificent trains in America.

Full information may be had from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto. e

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AN INDIAN PRIMA DONNA.

This is What May Yohe Tells the London Public She Is.

England seems to be almost overrun with young Americans who are capturing operatic honors, but very few of them can boast of quite such American-

Miss May Yohe Singing a Plantation Song in "Little Christopher Columbus."

ism as Miss May Yohe. She is singing in "Little Christopher Columbus" for one thing, and she is a daughter of the aborigines of this country for another.

Her mother, who was a Batchelor, was a pure American Indian, according to Miss Yohe and Bancroft, and from her the singer inherits a peculiarly dark complexion and a rich contralto voice. Her father, however, was Dutch. Miss Yohe was educated largely in Dresden and Paris, lived awhile in this country, has been in Australia, and has just hired a house in London for eleven years. So that the descendant of the brave bids fair to become quite a world-citizen in time.

AN IMPERIAL NEWSPAPER WOMAN.

Empress Catherine II. of Russia Wrote for the Press.

"In the galaxy," translates a correspondent of Fame from a German paper "of famous women, writers of history have long since placed Catharine II. of Russia. That she was an author of no mean parts is known to students of Russian history, but the fact that she was also a journalist is less familiar.

"A member of the Imperial Russian Society has published a paper upon her newspaper work. The journal for which she used her pen was The Comrade of the Friends of the Russian Language, founded by her friend, the Princess Deschkopp, in 1783. One of her articles ran:

"'I leave my domain, truth and fancy, to anyone who wishes it on the condition that he who does accept it continues to write without exaggerated phrases and without pretending to be bent to earth under a great weight of thought. He must always use short, clear sentences rather than long and involved ones. Use Russian words in preference to those of foreign origin. Why should we borrow from the language of our neighbors? Is our tongue not rich enough? Do not be tedious, and, above all, do not attempt to be clever at the wrong place and time. Do not "run after" the spiritual and comical. One should never use crutches when the legs will do their own work; that is, avoid pompous and swollen words when simple words have more dignity, usefulness and beauty. Where it is necessary to draw the moral from the story do so with spirit and without tediousness. Heavy, deep thoughts should be made as light as possible. They should be expressed clearly, so that the ordinary reader can grasp them. It is desirable that the author disappear as completely as possible, and that the reader think only of his work; it is necessary that his motions be always seen and his words always heard."'—London Sunday Sun.

Women Who Smoke Cigarettes.

Women will smoke cigarettes if they wish to, and no argument against the little vice will stop them. Only one reason for its relinquishment can move them, and that appeals to their vanity. A cigarette-smoking woman eventually loses her complexion and the color of her teeth changes. In this age when beauty and health are considered cardinal possessions, it is queer that a yonng girl is willing to run the risk of ruining both by a silly freak. A number of Boston women are known to smoke, but they do so under the rose, and hope, perhaps, the effects will not be observed. Don't flatter yourselves, mesdames, a tobacco expert has only to sit opposite you in a street-car to know what you can do in the cigarette line. Piquant? Very, and also offensive to me who believe in the sweet personality of woman. —Boston Herald.

Kitchen Hints.

In baking bread or rolls put a saucepan of boiling water into the oven. The steam will keep the crust smooth and tender.

Butter put into clean pots and well surrounded with charcoal will keep good for 12 months.

To remove claret stains from a tablecloth put salt on immediately and thickly over the spot. Rinse in cold water before washing. If not entirely removed apply lemon juice and dry in the sun.

Much of the heavy cake and bread is the result of the oven door being banged when closed. Close the door as gently as possible. Nearly every one opens it gently enough.

For bread and pastry have an oven that will in five minutes turn a piece of paper dark brown.

For frying always put a pound or two of fat in the pan. This is no waste, as the same fat can be used over and over by pouring it through a strainer into a crock kept for the purpose.—New York World.

Rapid Growth of Berlin.

So rapid has been the growth of the German capital that the municipality of Berlin finds its spacious town hall inadequate to its needs, and an adjacent plot of ground has been purchased at a cost of 5,000,000 marks for the erection of new offices. On the other hand, the scheme for laying out and embellishing the surroundings of the royal palace has been rejected by the city elders, and the tone of various inspired articles in the semi-official press proves that considerable annoyance is felt in court circles. Should the municipality persist in its present unfriendly attitude it is plainly hinted that the court will shorten its stay at Berlin, and perhaps ultimately make Potsdam its permanent residence. Although of a costly character the palace scheme which has been rejected falls very much short of the more ambitious one which was originally contemplated by the Emperor, who has very exalted views of the requirements of imperial state.

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The Dentists' Annual Banquet.

"Eat, drink and be merry" was certainly the motto of the faculty and students of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons at their eighth annual banquet at Webb's last night. The students turned out in good numbers, about 150 being present. Mr. Frederick L. Wood, president of the dinner, occupied the chair. Others present were Drs. J. B. Wilmott, L. Teskey, W. F. Stuart, H. Clarke, G. A. Peters, W. A. Williams and J. J. Mackenzie for the faculty; Ald. Saunders for the City Council, Dean Geikie of Trinity Medical College, Hon. S. C. Briggs of Manitoba, W. G. Young, representing Trinity Medical College, R. T. Noble, representing Toronto Medical College; Dr. G. H. Cook and J. Mills, city dentists, and Messrs. Hibbard, W. H. Chandler and F. Chandler. The arrangements for the dinner were in the hands of Mr. Fred L. Wood, president; J. W. Bell, first vice; W. T. Griffin, second vice; William F. Templar, secretary-treasurer, and C. A. Abbott, C. B. Tilley, G. A. Dewart, W. J. Bruce, W. E. Lundy and G. A. Matheson, and these gentlemen are to be congratulated on the great success that crowned their efforts.

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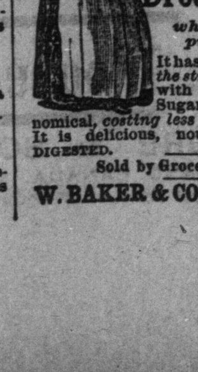

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