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MCCURDY'S FLIGHT

The Times presents to its readers today McCurdy's own story of his attempt to cross in a biplane from Key West to Havana. The Canadian aviator did not accomplish the feat, but covered a distance close to one hundred miles, and but for a slight accident would have succeeded in crossing the Florida straits. When the accident occurred he alighted easily upon the water, ten miles from Havana, without the slightest danger to himself. He had set a new record for flight across the water, and was so nearly successful in what he set out to do that ultimate success cannot be doubted. Canadians are proud of the achievement of their fellow-countryman, who yesterday won world-wide distinction in a sphere of effort that eventually will effect great changes in the world's system of transportation; for man will eventually conquer the air.

A YEAR OF ACTIVITY

The news which comes from Montreal today, concerning the plans of the C. P. R. at St. John, has been foretold in this paper from time to time for months past. It is good news. It indicates that the great railway company recognizes the importance of St. John as a port of call in connection with the general trade of Canada, and proves that the company is not impressed by prophecies of decadence, which are uttered for political effect. As the Times has already pointed out, this is to be a year of great activity in St. John. The C. P. R. will expend a large amount of money. The federal government will continue its expenditures. There will be a beginning of development at Courtney Bay. Then there are the sugar refinery, the paper mill, the army, the new theatre block, the conversion of the New Victoria hotel into an apartment house, the enlargement of business premises here and there, the erection of new dwelling houses, and possibly other construction work that will mean altogether, by early summer, the employment of a large number of men and the expenditure of a very large amount of money.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Government by the commission plan would abolish the circumlocution office. A citizen having a matter requiring attention would not be compelled to wait interminably for a decision.

We are all familiar with the present system. First a matter is brought before the council. Then it goes to a board. Perhaps the board sends it to a committee. The committee reports back to the board. The board reports back to the council. The council may not be quite clear on the question and may refer it back to the board, and the board to a new committee, and so on.

Under the commission plan the men who have authority are in session every day, or can be got at every day, and are responsible for their acts. They cannot evade responsibility by shifting it over upon a board or a committee. They act promptly, and the matter is settled in one way or another without needless delay.

The fact should be emphasized that even with five members of very ordinary ability, but each of them held responsible every day and all the time for his acts, and with a business-like system of dealing with all matters, better results are obtained than with three or four times as many irresponsible men giving only a portion of their time to civic affairs. The commission system is so superior that it results in the prompt and orderly conduct of civic affairs. This is the testimony of all cities where it is in operation.

There is a demand from those who desire the retention of the present system that the advocates of the commission plan get down to details. The really important thing, however, is the general principle underlying the two systems of city government. Do the people want business principles applied to the conduct of civic affairs? If they do, they want a group of capable men always at the task, and held individually responsible. That is the commission plan. The details could easily be worked out after the general principle is affirmed. It would be impossible, indeed it would not be wise to attempt to prepare a complete new charter between now and the date of the plebiscite. It will be possible to indicate very clearly what the general plan will be, but time and care must be exercised in framing the charter, so that it may be the most complete instrument possible for the work it has to do.

The Times quotes today an article written by one of the men who helped to put the Des Moines plan in operation, and commends this article to its readers as a fair statement of the whole case.

THE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Montreal Shareholder is a financial journal which does not see any danger to Canada in the proposed trade agreement. It says:—
"We believe that the principle of 'the greatest good to the greatest number' has been adhered to, and in the end will prove satisfactory to both countries. The tariff reductions made, while considerable in certain lines of natural products, will not prove drastic or extreme. The manufacturing interests, who were so violently opposed to any tampering with the old tariff, got off remarkably well. A few reductions were made, but, on the other hand, the United States opened their markets to our manufacturers. The Canadian farmer will secure a larger market for his products, which should stimulate farming activity and satisfy those of their number who complained of the former high tariff. Taking everything into consideration, we believe that the new arrangement will prove very satisfactory. We believe that Canada made an excellent bargain."

In view of what the Conservative press is now saying, it is worth while to recall the record of that party with regard to reciprocity. Hon. Mr. Fielding reviewed it in his speech the other day. Here is what the Ottawa Journal (Independent Conservative) says of it:—
"In 1873 a Conservative government came back in Ottawa; and in framing the N. P. placed on the statute books a new offer to the United States of a reciprocal free trade in farm products, fish and lumber. The Conservative administration after 1873 continued definitely and persistently to favor a renewal if possible of the old reciprocity; and the Conservative rank and file were with them. At the Conservative convention of 1884 in Toronto, a resolution was adopted declaring that the protective policy of the party should be maintained intact until such time as the Americans, who rejected our reciprocity proposals in 1874, think fit to offer the free interchange of those natural products which by law the government of Canada have now the power to admit free on reciprocal conditions. The Conservatives were not content with passing resolutions. In 1883 Sir Charles Tupper made a visit to Washington to open the question. He did not effect anything. Finally in 1891, another elaborate effort was made. Sir John Thompson, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and Hon. G. E. Foster undertook one more pilgrimage to Washington to offer formally a reciprocity agreement as regards farm products, fish and lumber—a renewal of the treaty of 1854. Secretary Blaine discussed the subject with them fully, and finally refused point blank to deal with Canada except upon the basis of reciprocity in manufactures as well as in raw produce. The Canadian delegates returned empty handed; nevertheless their standing offer of reciprocity in practically all natural products. For more than half a century, therefore, it has been the desire and effort of Canada to have an agreement with the United States such as that which has just been negotiated by Mr. Fielding."

Some day the Canadian senate will be reformed. Meanwhile it draws its pay.
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Who says the market committee has accomplished nothing? If not Clerk Dunham to get a uniform?
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Mr. B. M. Fawcett of Saskatoon, who has tried ranching in the west, advises New Brunswick farmers to stay right where they are. It is sound advice.
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President Taft handed one to the Republicans when he quoted the late President McKinley in favor of reciprocity. Mr. Taft is well fortified in the position he has assumed on this question.
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The Ottawa Free Press says:—"It is a wonderful agreement that Mr. Fielding and Mr. Patterson have pulled out of the Washington tariff pot. It reflects the greatest credit upon them. Granted the acceptance of the principle of reciprocity with the United States, the pact made by our ministers is an astonishingly favorable one. It is so favorable and so far-reaching as to leave room for doubt that it will pass the United States Congress in the limited time left for its disposal. Only the determination of the executive, and the demands of the people that something be done to reduce the cost of living, offer any hope of the United States modifying its tariff as arranged."

ORATORY'S PITFALL

The preacher had been eloquent in his remarks concerning the young girl over whose remains the funeral services were being held. Tears were in the eyes of all present. Even the speaker's voice trembled with the force of his emotion. He concluded his sermon with this outburst: "Can any one doubt that this frail, fragile flower has been transplanted to the hot-house of the Lord?"

NATURE'S WEALTH

The sun and moon and stars are mine
The greenwood and the sea;
Then what care I for jewels fine,
Castle or barony?

The beauty of the waking day,
A star shall deck my hair,
And these shall last when dust is strewn
O'er all your wealth and care.

A sunset cloud shall be my gown,
A star shall deck my hair,
And these shall last when dust is strewn
O'er all your wealth and care.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



ALWAYS LATE.
First Suburbanite—I see they have taken the 8 a. m. train off this line. Do you miss it?
Second Suburbanite—Oh, nothing like as much as I used to miss it when it was on.



HER IDEA.
Sue—So you ain't going to th' dance, Sal?
Sal—No. Ye see, I can't dance wid a hobbie skirt, an' I'd ruther stay home than not go in style.

IMPOSSIBLE.
Lady—"Can't you find work?"
Tramp—"Yesum; but everyone wants a reference from a lady."
Lady—"And can't you get one?"
Tramp—"No, mum. Ye see, he's been dead 28 years."

INQUISITIVE.
She—"This hat has a I wear around my neck is over fifty years old."
The Brute—"It's beautiful. Did you make it yourself?"

APPLICABLE.
If still College of Des Moines hasn't a college whisper we suggest this one.
"Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh!
SH! SH! SH! SH! SH!
H-I-S-S-I-I-I!"
—Buffalo News.

SHE KNEW.
Mistress—"Nora, I saw a policeman in the park today kiss a baby. I hope you will remember my objection to such things."
Nora—"Sure, ma'am, no policeman would ever think of kissing yer baby when I'm around."
—Louisville Post.

TROUBLE COMING.
It's coming, surely coming, there is trouble in the air.
If she were not a woman I believe that the card club'd sue for action, it may happen any minute.
For she's out to get the guests of one or two who now are in it.
The strain is telling on her, there is danger in her eyes.
She has been to seven meetings, and has yet to win a prize.

She was gracious in November in acknowledging defeat.
And the second meeting found her just as smiling, just as sweet;
Once she had to cut for honors, and she lost them with a grin.
Though it made her mad, she told me, when she saw "this woman" win.
They are doing it on purpose, to their tricks she says she's wise.
She has been to seven meetings and has yet to win a prize.

She has weekly paid her quarter, she has entertained the bunch,
And, although 'tis she that says it, she prepared a splendid lunch.
There are one or two, she murmurs, that don't dress as well as she,
And they're jealous of her costumes and as mean as they can be.
And they always play against her, raising every bid she tries.
She has been to seven meetings and has yet to win a prize.

Now her patience is exhausted, there is blood upon the moon,
And there's something going to happen at the club this afternoon.
She has tried to be a lady, thinking they were ladies, too.
But of course, until you know them, you can't tell what folk will do.
If she has her way, she tells me, they'll at once reorganize.
For she's been to seven meetings and has yet to win a prize.

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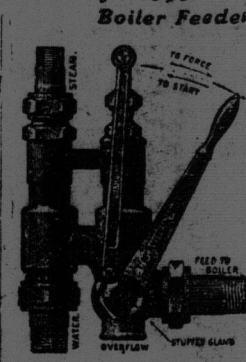
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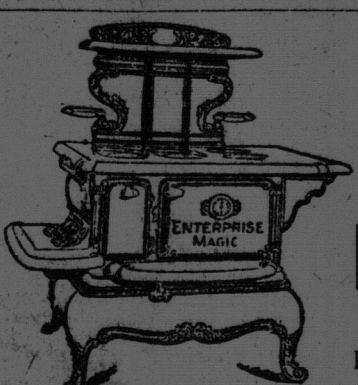
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A GOOD COMBINATION. (Chicago News.) John D. Rockefeller, on his seventy-first birthday, last month, told a Cleveland reporter a golf story.

"Going in August on a bright winter day," he said, "I had for a caddy a boy who didn't know me. 'An unfortunate stroke landed me in a dump of high grass,'

"My, my," I said, "what am I to do now?" "See that there tree?" said the boy, pointing to a tall tree a mile away. "Well, drive straight for that."

"I lifted vigorously, and fortunately my ball soared up into the air, it landed, and it rolled right on to the putting green. 'The caddy stared at me with curious eyes.' 'Go, home,' he said, 'if I had your strength, and you had my brains, what a pair, for a foursome we'd make.' 'There are times when the average man would like to write a little instruction book for himself.'"

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