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KEEP UP THE MUSIC  
Why not have a choral society in St. John? The Star has on several previous occasions offered this suggestion, but never has there been such an opportune time as the present. The chorus work here during the past few weeks has been a genuine revelation to those who formerly entertained the opinion that this city was lacking in vocal talent. Why, there are hundreds of men and women singing today who until a few days ago never opened their mouths—who scarcely knew that they had voices and certainly never attempted to make use of the talents which were theirs. And if such magnificent music could be produced by necessarily insufficient training, on a poor class of music, think what might be accomplished by systematic instruction on compositions really worth while.

There are five hundred men and women ready now to continue the choral work in which they have of late been engaged. It would be a splendid thing if these singers could be banded together for proper training, for the development of their own abilities, and the love of music in others, and for the general improvement of music in St. John. Such an organization need not necessarily aim high at first—it would be grand if oratorio were produced—but a start might be made on the ordinary anthems in common use, or perhaps on the fine old hymns, still so imperfectly understood and so imperfectly rendered. There are hundreds of selections in every hymnbook, one of which is ahead of the best of the Alexander Gospel songs. Yet did any one here ever listen to the best of the old tunes sung with as much sentiment and depth of expression as marked some of those lighter melodies at the Saturday song service? No church has yet got out of its hymns all that is in them. No church has even begun to develop congregational singing as it should be developed.

Recently the Star remarked that, if more attention were given to this, paid choirs might not be necessary. It is held by many that for the rendition of special music, choirs are imperative, as practice is required. But if congregational singing were brought up, choirs would be recruited easily, and there would be no necessity for the whole sale purchase of music as is the habit of most of the churches today.

It is clearly the duty of some lover of music to take the first step leading to the organization of a choral society here. There will be no lack of enthusiasm.

AN ANNIVERSARY.  
On February 23rd, 1910, Louis Botha, in camp a few miles distant from Paardeberg Drift, cursed the fate which had prevented him from breaking through the British lines and averting the surrender of his command, the Transvaal. Today, ten years later, Premier Botha of the Transvaal, is welcoming to the former capital of Paul Kruger, the first Governor General of United South Africa, Herbert Gladstone, appointed a few weeks ago by the British Government. This is how the British Empire is, and has been, created. Not only has a new dominion been added, not only have the conquered races forgotten their defeat, but those who were leaders of the opposing sides are joining hands in a determined effort to advance the well-being of the victorious empire, and to obliterate whatever enmity may still exist among the less broad-minded of two races. History has been made in Africa in the past ten years—hereafter South Africa will give less attention to history and more to itself. It has passed through an experience such as no country needs more than once. It may well settle down to a few generations of systematic development. And it will, by so doing, enjoy under British administration, a measure of prosperity such as could never have been experienced under the rule of the Dutch.

CLEARING THE GUTTERS  
A large number of business men and others whose time is too valuable to be wasted in useless and wholly unnecessary visits to the police court, appeared before the magistrates on Saturday. They had been notified by the police—and herein those responsible for the notification seem to have gone out of their way to display a mistaken zeal—to explain why they had failed to clear the snow in front of their premises. Those so summoned were without exception able to state that their sidewalks had been cleared within the proper time. It was explained that their offence consisted in failing to chop the ice out of the gutters.

Some possessed of a desire to resurrect and put in operation a by-law which although it became obsolete fifty years ago, still remains in existence. It is a ridiculous law, suited perhaps to the days when our great-grand parents were engaged in the job of founding the city. But it is at absolute variance with the conditions of today, and should not be enforced. Neither should it be observed by anyone. Today St. John streets are supposed to be looked after by a properly constructed department. If private persons are to be compelled to dig out the gutters and level the snow to the middle of the street, as the by-law directs, a pretty state of affairs will result. On many streets a perpetual warfare will develop between property owners and the street railway, the former throwing snow to the centre of the street, the latter sweeping it back. On other streets where this would not occur the civic employees would be relieved of their ordinary duties. Indeed if this preposterous by-law is to be enforced, then the man who fails to promptly shovel out the gutters must be liable for all damage done in springing thaws, to his neighbor's premises or to the streets, by the accumulation of water.

Certainly the by-law was never intended for conditions such as exist today. It has not been observed by the public; it should not be observed, nor is there any evident intention to enforce it. Such being the case it should be removed from the civic code as quickly as possible, so that the police in their burning desire to compel respect to all the by-laws—which seal is apparent only in certain places and at certain times—may not put any more citizens to inconvenience.

Those who were reported on Saturday were instructed to appear again on Tuesday if notice to this effect appeared in Monday afternoon's papers. They need not appear. The by-law will not be enforced.

MANY DISASTROUS FIRES YESTERDAY  
Cotton Warehouse Burned With Loss of \$385,000

Wilmington and Boston Harbors—Bad Harbor Front Fires—Churches Burned—Twenty Families Homeless at New York  
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 27.—Panned by a gale, flames late today caused a loss of \$385,000 when a large storage warehouse of the Denison Brothers Company, containing 3,000 bales of cotton and a considerable quantity of manufactured woolen goods, was destroyed, together with half the company's plant and its engine-house. Spontaneous combustion among the cotton bales is believed to have started the fire. The flames were discovered only when they leaped through windows on the ground floor of the five-story warehouse, which was located on the water-front. The building was of brick and 120 feet long by 60 feet wide. The handspike, carried by the high wind, which carried sparks a mile across the bay to Marsh Bay, lighting the brushwood, proved too great for the firemen to overcome. Neighboring buildings, threatened by flames from above, were saved, however.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 27.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed one of two large storage warehouses of the Seaboard Air Line, with adjoining sheds containing large amounts of fertilizer constituents. The loss, which is approximately \$160,000, fully covered by insurance, includes principally fertilizer constituents, 100,000 and Seaboard Air Line warehouse and adjoining sheds, \$60,000.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27.—A stubborn fire early today in the Clyde Line freight sheds on Lewis Wharf gave the department a hard three-hour fight and caused a loss of approximately \$75,000. The steamer Onondaga, which was tied up at the wharf, caught fire about the upper deck and but for the prompt work of the fireboat and the crews of several tugs, which pulled the steamer into mid-stream, the vessel would have been destroyed. Some of the tow-loads were slightly burned in the work of salvage. The main loss by the fire was on the cargo of miscellaneous goods that had just been discharged by the Onondaga.

The blaze started from an unknown cause in the one-story shed on the end of Lewis wharf and quickly spread.

WHITINSVILLE, Mass., Feb. 27.—Fire, discovered by the choir at a rehearsal this morning, totally destroyed the Methodist Episcopal Church here of a loss of \$30,000. The church, which was partly insured, was freed of a heavy mortgage only two years ago and had recently been renovated inside. During the progress of the fire, the gale scattered sparks and a dozen houses nearby were threatened, all being more or less scorched by small flames. The fire is supposed to have started from an over-heated furnace.

FURLINGTON, Va., Feb. 27.—Fire early today destroyed the chapel and parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here, causing a loss of \$90,000. The fire started presumably from an overheated furnace in the boiler room. The buildings will be re-built immediately.

The Evening Chit-Chat  
By RUTH CAMERON

Don't send my boy where your girl can't go. And say, "There's no danger for boys, you know, Because they all have their wild oats to sow," There's no more excuse for my boy to be so, Than your girl. Then please don't tell him so.

"Don't send my boy where your girl can't go, For a boy's sin or a girl's sin is sin, you know, And my boy's hands are as clean as white, And his heart is as pure as your girl's tonight." —Anonymous.

There is one great moral reform that I hope the twentieth century will see at least started, and that is the abolishment of a dual standard of morality for the two sexes.

Not long ago I wrote an article on the old-fashioned mother and the wisdom of listening to some of her old-fashioned advice. Shortly afterward, one of this sisterhood of mothers wrote me to say that she thought that some of the things in the article applied to her son, but that it had rolled off his shoulder like water off a duck's back, because he was sure it was meant only for girls.

It wasn't meant only for girls by any means. On the whole, I think that most young men need a conservative mother's advice much more than their sisters. But you'd need Diogenes' lantern to find the man who would admit that.

A woman can't possibly understand the peculiar temptations a man has, or the peculiar standards he lives by, think most boys. Of course, they expect their sisters to be refined, and careful and straight. The very thought of anything else makes their blood boil. But as for themselves—that's different. They're men.

I am an ardent suffragist, but I would rather see women get their rights in this matter than at the polls. I would rather see the time when a man's sin would be regarded in just the same light, than the time when women will have free access to the ballot box.

I realize, of course, that women are their own worst enemies in this thing. It is a sad fact that a man will forgive an erring woman far more quickly than her sisters will. It is they who harshly condemn the man who "loved not wisely, but too well," even while they forgive the man who has deliberately led a false life.

She has lost caste forever. He has merely been "sowing his wild oats." And yet it's the same sin. Isn't it abominable? Isn't it shortsighted? For we are doing ourselves far more harm than we realize.

A prominent woman physician recently made the prophecy to me that the woman of the next decade was going to begin to demand of her lover the same clearness she brings him.

I am not so hopeful of that. It seems to me the next century will be nearer the mark. The most I hope for is a gradual tendency in that direction.

But I hope for that. And I do think the woman who is working for complete justice for her sex can do nothing better than to try to abolish this dual standard of morality, and put in its place one standard of right and wrong for both sexes, one attitude towards the same weaknesses, whether they be found in man or woman.

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EXPLORERS HONORED BY GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
Medals Conferred on Shackleton, Peary, Bartlett and Ahnsvold—No Mention of Cook  
ROME, Feb. 23.—The Royal Geographical Society last evening made the awards of medals and other distinctions for the year 1909 as follows: Gold medal to Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton for his "nearest South Pole," gold medal to Commander Robert E. Peary for the discovery of the North Pole; silver medal to Capt. Robert Bartlett, who commanded the steamer Roosevelt on the Peary expedition; silver tablet to the Duke of the Abruzzi for his expedition to the Himalayas, where he made a record ascent.

Skin Diseases.  
Under this name, such troubles as Salt Rheum, Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Ringworm, Scabies, Scalding Rash, Eruptions, Boils, Pimples, etc., are included. Skin diseases, as a rule, are not dangerous, but are unsightly, irritating and often seriously annoying to the sufferer; they depend mainly on bad blood, from one cause or another, for if the blood is pure and the circulation good no skin disease can exist, except it arise from lack of proper cleanliness or from contagion. One of the latest things in epidermology to observe strictly all the laws of health; maintain regular action of the bowels; avoid high living, eating only plain nourishing food; Cleanse and keep the blood pure; use the circulation good to skin which absorbs all the secretions, and makes new rich blood by acting on the...

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The Lighter Side of Life  
A woman with a fatal squint came to a fashionable portrait painter. He looked at her and she looked at him, and both were embarrassed.  
"Won't you permit me," he said, "to take your portrait in profile? There is a certain shyness about one of your eyes which is as difficult in art as it is fascinating in nature."  
"Sir, I have grown grey in your service," began the old bookkeeper, preliminary to asking for a raise.  
"I was intending to speak to you about that," responded the head of the firm. "Get a bottle of hair dye. Otherwise the junior partner will be wanting to replace you with a younger man."  
"The milkmaid's hired girl is ill. I inquired after her this morning, and she is insured."  
"Why, how?"  
"I said: 'How is your milkmaid?'"  
"And he said: 'That's a trade secret.'"  
Kahn's—What became of Butcher's educated gal?  
Labul's—He had to dispose of it.  
Labul's—What was the trouble?  
Labul's—The neighbors thought the dog was learning too many human accomplishments, and there was a crisis when the animal began to take in washing.  
May's—Which would you rather marry—a rich bachelor or a rich widow?  
Joy's—The widower. He will have learned to give up without a struggle.  
DIDN'T THINK, MAYBE.  
As a doctor was showing some friends over a lunatic asylum, he drew their attention to a stately old woman wearing a paper crown. He explained that she imagined she was the Queen of England, and, thinking to amuse his visitors, he advanced towards her with a courtly bow, and said:  
"Good morning, Your Majesty."  
Looking at him, she scornfully retorted: "You're a fool, sir!"  
The doctor was greatly astonished, but totally collapsed when one young lady innocently remarked:  
"Why, doctor, she was sane enough, then."

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Writing a cloth in vinegar and wring it several times around cheese to keep it from molding or drying. Old pieces of fruit, such as banana, an apple or an orange, are mixed with lemon gelatine to advantage. A little vinegar put into water in which eggs are poached will keep them white and prevent them from spreading. In baking cake it is well to remember that a sponge cake requires a lower temperature than a cake made with butter. While hot gloves should be rubbed gently with bread crumbs after each wearing, and they will keep clean a long time. A scented bag that will keep moths away is made as follows: One-half ounce each of cloves, nutmeg and caraway seeds. Old bread just now takes a new form in breadcrumb cakes. Soak the bread in buttermilk and use flour to thicken the batter. If meat, when cooking, has to be turned, be careful not to pierce it with a fork. Baked or stewed meats should be seasoned while cooking. Broiled and fried meat should be salted and seasoned after removing from the fire. For finger marks on white painted doors there is nothing finer than just whitening and water, rubbed on with a soft cotton rag, avoiding the use of soap for the whitening will remove the dirt and not injure the texture of the paint.

Supreme Court Chambers. Mr. W. H. Harrison for the defendant in the case of the McAdams Metal Co. vs. John McKane, obtained a summons from His Honor Mr. Justice McKeeva calling upon the plaintiff to show cause why the case should not go over until the June circuit. Summons made return on Friday next at twelve o'clock noon.

Probate Court. The case of Wright vs. Wright goes over until Friday next at 11 a. m. Mr. J. A. Sinclair and W. B. Wallace, K. C., for petitioner. The case of Lemmon vs. Lemmon goes over until the same date. Mr. L. P. D. Tilley for petitioner. In the case of Johnson vs. Johnson, an execution for costs, was issued.

Probate Court. In the Probate Court this morning before Acting Judge Baxter, counsel in the matter of the estate of Theresa Colahan, deceased, agreed to the appointment of Mr. Clarence H. Sougan as administrator. Mr. Ferguson was sworn in. On a prior day Mr. D. A. O. Earle, K. C., presented the petition of Patrick H. Donohue, a full brother of the deceased, for letters of administration. Dr. A. O. Earle, K. C., presented a petition of Elizabeth Donohue and Mrs. Mary Canning of Bar Harbor, Maine, half sisters of the deceased, Mr. John Kerr, K. C., representative of Arminda Eberhart, of Foxbury, Mass., a daughter of a full sister of the deceased. After two hearings the parties finally agreed on Mr. Ferguson. Estate is valued at less than \$100.

County Court. The adjourned session of the February terms of the County Court met in this morning in Chambers with His Honor Judge Forbes presiding. The case of Manchester, Robertson and Allison, Ltd., vs. Dr. L. A. Curry, and was consent adjourned until the next term of the court. This is an action for goods purchased by Mrs. Curry, wife of the defendant, before the commencement of the Curry separation suit. The defendant claims that his wife had no authority to purchase the goods in his name and so refuses to pay the bill. Fifty dollars is the amount involved. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., appears for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. N. Skinner, K. C., for the defendant. The court adjourned until March the 14th next.

Crocker Not Returning. LONDON, Feb. 23.—Sporting Life says it has authority to deny emphatically the rumor that Richard Crocker is to abandon his estates in Ireland and return to the United States. The paper says it hears that no inducement would cause him to take such a step.

Stettin, Feb. 23.—And. strm Pandra, Wright, from Hull for River Plate. CHARLESTON, Feb. 23.—Strm Cunzara, Dalton, for Savannah.

STAR WANT ADS. BRING RESULTS  
D. Boyaner, Scientific Optician, 38 Dock St. Store closes 6 p. m. Saturday 9:30 p. m.