

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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CITIZEN'S LEAGUE PLATFORM ADOPTED.

Public Meeting in Line for Civic Reform—Original Platform With Some Amendments Agreed To—Running Audit—Question of Division of City Into Electoral Districts.

At a public meeting in the board of trade rooms last evening the platform for the citizens' league was adopted. With the addition of one or two amendments, the original platform of the committee of business men was endorsed. The question of recommending the division of the city into electoral districts was referred to an executive committee to be appointed. The meeting was a large and thoroughly representative one and great interest was taken in the proceedings. Next Monday evening the constitution will be considered.

On motion of W. M. Jarvis, W. H. Thorne was elected chairman and Thos. P. White secretary.

G. Fred Fisher moved that the proposed platform be read section by section. This was carried.

Mr. Fisher then read the platform laid down as before given in the Times. Section 1 was adopted.

An amendment to section 3 was moved by S. Schofield, that the heads of departments be appointed by a majority of the whole council and that a vote of two-thirds majority be necessary to dismiss them.

It was thought better to leave details to the council and the amendment was lost, and the section adopted.

Sections 3 and 4 were adopted. Section 5 reads as follows:—

"That any action on such reports be taken only through the heads of the different departments submitting them."

On motion of J. B. M. Baxter, the words "on such reports" and "submitting them" were omitted and the section adopted.

An Auditor.

Mr. Baxter referred during the consideration of a previous section to the advantages of having a permanent auditor for the city accounts, to make a running audit and also check expenditure. He moved the addition of a section to the platform as follows:—

"We advocate the continuous audit of the business of the city by an official whose duties should be analogous to those of the auditor-general of Canada."

After some discussion the section was adopted.

Sections 6 and 7 were adopted.

Section 8 reads as follows:—

"8. We advocate an equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation, believing also that public franchises should contribute to a larger extent than at present, either through civic ownership or otherwise, and that such arrangements should be made as will give an increased revenue from our harbor facilities."

On the motion that it be adopted Ex-Mayor Sears said he thought the platform should be specific rather than general and show how the revenue of the harbor should be increased.

J. E. Irvine moved an amendment to drop the last clause from the words "and that such arrangements," etc.

Ald. Macrae thought it was time the free winter port business was

stopped and the wharves on the west side should contribute to the revenue. S. Schofield was in favor of leaving the matter with the council and moving an amendment to the section, the words "without checking the shipping business of the port." This was carried and the section was adopted.

The District System.

Col. Markham moved to insert a section in the following terms:—

"That it is desirable that the system of civic elections be changed so that the electors may be elected by division of the city instead of by the vote of all the citizens as at present."

Mr. Baxter seconded the motion. He had been talking over by the committee and they decided it was premature.

W. S. Fisher read a letter, bearing on the question of redistricting the city. The letter favored districts and a two years term.

J. N. Harvey thought the present system tended to an intelligent vote and the district system gave better opportunities.

Thomas Potts referred to the old ward system as corrupt; he was also opposed to the present system and desired a change.

Ald. Bullock spoke in favor of a district system.

A. O. Skinner objected to a citizen being restricted to vote for only a certain number of aldermen. He thought the matter should be over.

A. M. Belding, as convener of the committee appointed to prepare petitions on this subject at the recent meeting of taxpayers, asked that the matter be referred to the executive committee of the league.

On the amendment being put it was carried by a small majority.

Section 9 was adopted.

As to Candidates.

Section 10 reads as follows:—

"10. We advocate, therefore, the selection, by an executive committee, of competent and trustworthy men to fill the position of mayor and aldermen, and we pledge to those so selected our hearty support, so that they may be able to secure for our city and its citizens an economical administration founded on the best principles of successful municipal government."

Mr. Sears thought there should be a wider discussion on the selection of candidates, and moved that the executive call a public meeting in a suitable hall to elect a nominating committee for the purpose of naming candidates for mayor and aldermen.

J. King Kelly moved an amendment to strike out the words in the section "by an executive committee."

He objected to an organization which worked in private, and stated that a man behind a desk was not a man behind a desk.

W. M. Jarvis, said at present there was no executive and that the platform merely advocated the selection of an executive committee when appointed.

Mr. Harvey said it was putting great power in the hands of the committee, if members of the league pledged themselves to candidates of the committee without ratification. They were handing over their franchise.

T. A. Dykeman thought that part of the clause referring to a pledge could be dropped.

The amendment of Mr. Kelley was carried and the amended section adopted.

The chairman ruled Mr. Sears' motion out of order as the league was not yet formed.

The platform was adopted as a whole on the motion of J. Hunter White.

G. Fred Fisher moved that the association be formed. This was carried unanimously.

J. Kuny condemned aldermen for seeking office positions, and said it was useless for a private citizen to apply if an alderman was after a job. He thought that the office of building inspector should be included in the work of the safety board.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Monday evening.

TOOK A STRAW VOTE.

Interesting Experiment in a Restaurant.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburgh restaurant.

While waiting for his order, he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well-known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. As he himself was a regular user of the tablets, he began speculating as to whether or not he could eat what he was in the dining room, were also friends of the popular remedy for regularity.

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VERY LARGE SCHEME

To Run Mills and Railways and Light St. John by Grand Falls Power.

(Daily Telegraph.)

The project for development of the Grand Falls water power, referred to in The Telegraph yesterday in an interview with Premier Tweedie, looms even larger than indicated by Hon. Mr. Tweedie.

It includes not only the manufacture of ferro-manganese at the falls but also operation of pulp, paper, and saw mills, the operation of the International railroad by electricity and the transmission of electric power down the St. John River valley to be utilized for lighting and manufacturing as far as St. John.

The International railroad is that now being built by Thomas Malcolm from Campbellton to Edmundston.

The whole project, here briefly outlined, is calculated to involve \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 outlay and as a guarantee of good faith the capitalists interested have deposited \$50,000 with the receiver-general of the province. Those financially interested are the United States capitalists who comprise the Electro-Manganese Company and they include Barton E. Kingman, of New York, and Frederick Sayles, of Providence, (R. I.)

The capitalists have been investigating the water power at Grand Falls and conditions in general in relation to the projects they had in mind and are greatly pleased to find that all has proved so satisfactory and they are depositing \$50,000 as a forfeit in case they do not proceed with their work.

The Telegraph learns that the experts who have been carefully examining the falls have reported that the minimum horse power is 40,000 but during a large portion of the year there is many times that amount.

The company proposes to expend a very large sum, estimated \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in development of the water power and providing the necessary electric plant, etc.

A Special evangelistic services will be begun in Queen Square Methodist church Sunday, under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Seed of Utica, (N. Y.), who will preach on Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.

CHATHAM.

Four Deaths Recorded—More Electric Power—Poor Smelt Season.

Chatham, Feb. 22.—Alexander, aged 12 years, son of Peter Loustky, died of diphtheria, on Sunday morning. The funeral was held the same day, burial being in St. Michael's Cemetery. Other members of Mr. Loustky's family are afflicted with the same distressing ailment.

The death of Mrs. Thompson, wife of the late John Thompson, who died only a few weeks ago, occurred after a lingering illness of consumption, on Tuesday. The deceased, who was 53 years old, leaves three sons, two daughters, and an aged father.

Mrs. Climo died this morning after a long illness of consumption. She was the wife of the late Thomas Climo, who died a few months ago from the effects of an accident, which occurred while he was working on the new Roman Catholic Cathedral. She leaves two children, Thomas and Nellie Kerr, who have much sympathy in their sad loss.

John Casey, formerly of Renous, died Monday at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, after a long illness. He was 59 years old and leaves a sister, Mrs. William Ryan of Newcastle. The remains were taken to Indiantown for interment.

Fred Eddy has returned from a trip to Montreal.

While grinding on an emerystone, Saturday afternoon, James Archibald, an employee in the Riddock Foundry got some of the sparks in his eyes, causing intense pain. The particles were removed by Dr. John Macdonald.

The Boston Comedy Co., finished a four nights' engagement here last night. The audience was large.

The A. & R. Loggie Co., Loggieville have recently imported a 70 h. p. engine for their electric light plant to take the place of the 14 h. p. engine that has been running it. The dynamo will supply 600 lights. This enterprising firm are also manufacturing barrels in their box factory.

Slaves are seen hopped made and wire hoops put on, and the barrels, though not very elegantly finished, are strong and cheap and do nicely for shipping iron-ore.

Mr. Ernest Lutes, who for some months has been day agent at the I. C. R. Station, has been transferred to Fredericton, and A. Hetherington of Harcourt, has been appointed to the vacancy here.

The smelt season has closed and the fish have been both small and scarce.

Miss Frances Snowball went to Fredericton, yesterday.

MARRIED ON THE STAGE.

Members of the Fiske Stock Company Are Wedded in View of the Audience.

The account of a very pretty and rather romantic wedding appears in the Boston papers of last Saturday. The principals were William Hayward and Miss Claire.

One of the "Fiske-Stock" Company, now in this city, and Miss Louise Harding Twichell of Bath, Maine.

After the performance last Friday night, the audience of 1800 people was informed that a wedding would be solemnized on the stage.

The curtain was rung down, and the members of the company quickly changed their costumes for full dress suits and amid the plaudits of the assembled people the happy couple were pronounced man and wife. They had been quietly married the Saturday before but at the request of Mr. Claire another ceremony was carried out as stated. The bride and groom may be sure they will receive the best wishes of the theatre-goers of this city.

The courtship is said to have been unique, it was a case of love at first sight. Mrs. Claire accompanies her husband but is not one of the acting members of the company.

Mr. Claire, whose name in private life is Frederick Lewis Becher, is the "heavy" man of the company. His father is society editor of the "Statesman" and one of the largest German newspapers in New York. Louise Harding Twichell (now his wife), is a well known society lady, and his heiress. Her father is ex-mayor of Bath, Maine, and a member of the legislature for that state.

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A Reply to Their Charges Against the Steamer Indrani.

S. S. Indrani, St. John, N. B., 22nd, Feb., 1905.

To the editor of the "Evening Times."

Sir—Referring to David W. Grove's treatment of cattlemen.

To the editor of the "Evening Times."

Referring to David W. Grove's letter in this evening's issue of the "Evening Times," regarding the treatment of cattlemen on board this steamer, if you permit me, I think I will be able to show the real reason of Grove's attempting this agitation.

On the voyage across the steamer's stove-room was broken open and a large quantity of groceries and provisions stolen. Some of the cattlemen were suspected (as some of the pilfered goods were found in one of their rooms). Amongst the suspected men was your correspondent, (and he knew it). He openly admitted his own letter of eating stolen turkeys. But as to the letter itself, I will not say good food lying under bunk, where it had been hung by some of those men. To many a poor family, in this and other cities, it would have been a perfect "God send." If they were hungry as your correspondent would try to make out, would they (I ask anyone), throw good food away?

Trusting I have not trespassed too much on your valuable time and space.

I am, Sir, Yours Truly, "A member of the crew."

The master painters with their ladies, held their annual symposium at White's restaurant, on Wednesday evening. An enjoyable programme was carried out. Speeches were made by President, J. Logan, Vice-president, J. Johnson, Ex-president, H. L. McGowan, Secretary, J. H. Shaw, C. W. Tull, Steward, A. McAllister, T. Perkins, Jos. Craig, R. S. Craig, James Boyd, Songs by George R. Craig, J. H. Tong and Miss Huey, violin solo, by John Christie, piano solo by Miss Craig; duet, Messrs. Eddington and Jones. A flash light picture of the gathering was taken and dancing was indulged in till an early hour.

A very enjoyable time was spent last evening at Trinity church school room at Mrs. Farley's wax work show. A number of amusing figures were shown among which were Lord Byron, Sir Walter Raleigh, the laughing lady and the kleptomaniac, the old and new style nurses, concluding among those who took part were: Miss Olga Smith, Miss Constance Sturdee, Master Eric Titus, Charles Night, and others.

The special services which have been conducted in Gormain street Baptist church, by Rev. Dr. Dixon, were concluded yesterday. In the afternoon, he spoke of the qualities that go to make up a happy life. In the evening he spoke on the Ethics of Salvation.

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