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THE SAGE MILLIONS.

When the grand nature and parsimonious disposition of Russell Sage are compared with the generous unselfishness of his widow, one wonders how this couple ever lived together, how the man who must have realized his wife's tendencies could have left his vast estate in her keeping, and how the woman bore for so long the everyday sting of the miser's frugality. Mrs. Sage in the few months which have elapsed since the death of her husband, has by a carefully considered system of generosity, raised the family name to an honored place, has wrought a great deal of good among all classes, and exhibits a determination to make the wealth, so long useless, bring its full value in the improvement of the human race.

Russell Sage had some twenty-six relatives to whom he bequeathed out of all his millions, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars each. Mrs. Sage, before the testator was cold in his grave, doubled the amount, satisfied all, and prevented what promised to be persistent litigation. Then it was announced that a large portion of the wealth which had come to her would be devoted to philanthropic uses, and immediately she was overwhelmed with a flood of applications from all sorts and conditions of people and institutions. She, however, had her own plans prepared, and has so far carried them out in a manner which shows that in sound common sense she was a fitting mate for her husband. Mrs. Sage donated \$50,000 to the school at Sag Harbor, and almost immediately afterwards handed over to the New York University, property valued at \$300,000. This was in December last, and on Christmas she distributed over \$1,000 in presents to New York park employees. Following these were gifts aggregating \$2,000,000 to various educational institutions and then came an endowment of \$10,000,000 for the Sage Improvement and Social Reform movement. Last on the list is a contribution, made a few weeks ago, of \$300,000 for the establishment of a pathological hospital on Blackwell's Island. Mrs. Sage has given away upwards of \$14,000,000 since her husband's death, has laid the foundations for a great deal of effective work, and announces her intention of continuing the disbursements as long as the cash supply lasts.

MILITARY TRAINING.

The Sussex camp is over, and the men have all returned to their homes. It is time to ask what has the twelve days training accomplished? Have the militiamen really learned anything of the art of war, do they know how movements are carried out, or has the whole affair been play, a training in pretty marching and the polishing of buttons? It is to be feared that the instruction imparted at Sussex has scarcely been such as is desired either by the men or by the government which pays the bills, but in this respect Sussex, perhaps, does not differ from any other camp. The men were under canvas for ten or twelve days, and in all that time those belonging to the infantry were given only three hours actual maneuvering, this being at the close of the camp. The field day exercises commenced at seven o'clock in the morning and ended at ten, and according to all reports, were not very successful. The remainder of the time, or much of it, was spent in purely ceremonial drill, practicing the manual, doing various forms of marching, and generally brushing up to present a pretty appearance for inspection. Modern military ideas are opposed to all such foolishness. Only sufficient of the manual is given to make the militiamen thoroughly accustomed to handling their rifles, company and battalion drill are for the purpose of executing movements instantly and without confusion; but with citizen soldiery such as Canada must needs possess, training along the most useful lines is imperative. Men who attended Sussex camp are asking themselves if they really learned much which would be of value to them in case they were called upon for service. They cannot find that such was the case. But, if there is any satisfaction in the knowledge, they did acquire a creditable proficiency in keeping their alignment when doing the march past, in holding their rifles at the exact slope, and in saluting properly every time an officer came in sight. All these things are pretty, but strangely enough none of them are considered important on service. Saluting is forbidden excepting under certain conditions, and the more irregular the alignment of companies and police of rifles, the less distinguishable is the attacking force. Such drill, as much of that which was performed at Sussex, might have been

very good in the days when regiments marched into action in solid bodies, with flags flying and bands playing. But in modern warfare, with rifles that kill at two miles, the private soldier needs to know how to make himself inconspicuous, how to keep severely alone, to recognize no officers excepting by mutely obeying commands, to handle his rifle as men do a walking stick, to keep his feet from blistering, distribute the load on his back so that there is no chafing, and to march thirty miles a day on an empty stomach. These are some things which should receive more attention, and if one day at Sussex camp were devoted to what is known as ceremonial drill, and ten days to field work, the results would be more valuable. The newer ideas are no doubt coming, but it is hard to change the old time methods of training.

There should be a generous response to the appeal which St. John firemen are now making for contributions towards the tournament fund. There will be other important attractions in the city this year; the tournament will take the place of exhibition, horse show and summer carnival, will provide first class entertainment for all, and will by drawing thousands of visitors help general business. The fire department as a body is entirely deserving of support, and as the members very rarely call upon the citizens for assistance of any sort, the present appeal should be heartily met.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT.

Life is too short for any vain regretting. Let dead delight bury its dead, I say. And let us go upon our ways forgetting the joys and sorrows of each yesterday. Between the swift sun's rising and its setting. We have no time for useless tears or fretting. Life is too short. Life is too short for any bitter feeling. Time is the best avenger if we wait. The year's speed by, and on their wings bear healing. We have no room for anything like hate. This solemn truth the low mounds seem revealing. That thick and fast about our feet are stealing. Life is too short. Life is too short for aught but high endeavor. Too short for spite, but long enough for love. And live lives on for ever and for ever. It links the worlds that circle on above. 'Tis God's first law, the universe's lever. In his vast realm the radiant souls sigh never. Life is too short.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

The Peer—Were any of your ancestors ever painted?  
The Laborist—Yes, my grandmother had her neck painted for mumps.  
On one occasion a person entered Professor Agassiz's room with a picture which he desired to sell, denominated a "Bird's-eye View of Cambridge." The professor contemplated it for a moment, lifted his eye, looked at the vendor of the picture and said with his characteristic accent, "Well, I thank you, but I am not a bird."  
Mrs. Scribner (impressively)—What ever you do never, never marry a newspaper man.  
School Friend—Why not?  
"I married one and I know. Every night my husband brings home a lot of newspapers from all over the country which drive me crazy."  
"The newspapers?"  
"Indeed they do. They are just crammed with the most astonishing bargains in shops a hundred miles away."  
"I put in a small advertisement for a shipping clerk last week," said a merchant, "and got 117 replies. One of the replies amused me. Let me read it to you."  
He took from his wallet a letter and read:  
"Dear Sir: In response to your small ad. would say am applicant for post designated, and if taken on am sure would suit."  
"I understand shipping in all its branches, having had seventeen years' experience in same."  
"Would say further that I can always write a good letter, even when I am drunk."

"G-g-good evening!" said the young man who had come to speak to the girl's father.  
"Good evening!" replied the old gentleman. "You look a little nervous. How do you feel?"  
"Plattered," replied the young man. "I was afraid I looked scared to death."  
Mr. John W. Gates was discussing Sussex camp with a friend. He said a woman whom he knew once mailed her broker this note:  
"Please buy for my account 1,000 shares of P. D. & Q. at 75. Sell at 100, and be sure to send me the profits by noon tomorrow, as I am going out of town."  
Charity—Would you please give a poor man a dime?  
"My dear sir," replied the philanthropist, "you have not grasped the first principle of charity. A dime would be of small avail, but with \$10 you could do something. Still, I am favorable to your plea. You hustle \$9.90 and the dime is yours."  
"But supposing that meanwhile I starve to death?"  
"In that case," responded the philanthropist, "you would not need even the ten cents."

SAYS TREASURY BOARD ACTED WISELY ON SCHOOL QUESTION

A Correspondent is of the Opinion That the Cost of the Proposed Building is Too Great—Facts and Figures Worth Noting

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir:—There are times when the Common Council has an awakening as to its real duties. Such an event took place at the meeting of the treasury board yesterday when that body unanimously refused to endorse the application of the school trustees to authorize a further issue of bonds for \$50,000 to construct a new school building on the Weldon lot, Lower Cove. This lot was purchased by the school trustees over thirty years ago and the buildings as it were used for school purposes prior to the fire of 1871, but were not rebuilt, although the board has since then made a number of investments in real estate for school sites and increased the bonded indebtedness of the city a quarter of a million or so for the erection of school buildings, only one of which is creditable to the city from an architectural standpoint.

The latest financial statement issued by the school trustees shows a bonded indebtedness of \$464,191 and a floating debt due the Bank of New Brunswick of \$68,178.72. This statement is a year old and is instead of better now. With such a heavy debt the proposal to add \$50,000 for a new building but they object to such a costly one. As I read the views of the afternoon they are not opposed to a new building but they object to such a costly one. As I read the views of the afternoon they are not opposed to a new building but they object to such a costly one.

The High School building, now completed, according to the report of the trustees \$53,724.21 and has twelve school rooms, the Centennial school has 11 school rooms cost \$34,175.11 including land; the cost of the Alexandra building is put down at \$34,562.04. It has ten rooms. With these figures before them it is little wonder that the members of the treasury board balked and refused to give sanction to the proposal to the extent asked for by the trustees. Everyone knows that the cost of construction has increased to a considerable extent since the buildings named were erected, but not to the extent shown by the figures for the new building. In explanation we are told that the building proposed is up-to-date in every respect and modern in construction. Trustee Maxwell was discreetly silent on the question of the up-to-dateness of the building, and this silence is not hard to account for. The plans and specifications of the building and the object of much of the expense is difficult to understand. For instance, the floors are supported by steel girders and wooden joists. On top of the joists there is a piece of 2x3 scantling on which a matched floor is laid, the floor in turn being covered with a layer of sound deal which is nothing more or less than dried sea-board sewed between paper covering. Strapping is laid over this and the floor is nailed on the strapping. Then the under parts of the joists are strapped, nailed and plastered, and then covered with steel sheathing for the ceilings. This may be up-to-date construction, but there are many things which would cost any more than the method performed, and if the latter were used there would be some possibility of confining a fire to the floor in which it originated, which would hardly be the case with the method of construction proposed.

From the figures I have quoted it can be readily seen that by adopting the usual method of construction employed in other school buildings in the city, the trustees can get all the accommodation they require at the present for \$40,000. It is true that the plans and specifications will have to be modified and some of the unnecessary things omitted, but when this is done

the citizens will get value for their money. Public sentiment will strongly endorse the action of the council in limiting the expenditure on the Weldon lot for the reason that the situation is not so desirable as others might be, and also for preventing the adoption of a plan which adds enormously to the cost of construction without any corresponding benefit. The Provincial Government having already granted the first request of the trustees and referred the second to the common council, are not likely to override the verdict of the council whatever it may be when the matter comes up for final decision.

CITIZEN.

YOUNG WOMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Mary Brennan, of Worcester, Admits Killing Charles Burnap, a Hotel Employee

WORCESTER, Mass., July 10.—The state police at the end of a 12 hours investigation into the death of Charles L. Burnap, an employee of the Edgemere Hotel, Shrewsbury, who was shot and killed at an early hour Tuesday morning near his place of employment, arrested Mary Brennan, of Worcester, aged 21, on a charge of manslaughter early this morning. The officers say that the girl confessed she did the shooting.

The body of Burnap was found near an unfrequented section of Harrington street, near the Lily Pond House this afternoon. The shrewsbury police were called by the hotel people and the employees of the place recognized the body as that of Burnap. The body was found near his place of employment, and the officers say that the girl confessed she did the shooting. The body of Burnap was found near an unfrequented section of Harrington street, near the Lily Pond House this afternoon. The shrewsbury police were called by the hotel people and the employees of the place recognized the body as that of Burnap.

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THIRD FIRE ON FRENCH WARSHIP

Mysterious Blaze on Vessel in Toulon Dock

—Misfortunes in the Navy.

PARIS, July 8.—Misfortunes continue in the navy. The new submarine boat was tested for water-tightness on Friday: the Centennial building which has been found to be entering. The damage caused is not beyond remedy, as in the case of the Gymnote, but it is estimated at a half-million francs (\$100,000). The cause was probably faulty work in riveting during hasty construction. Fire was discovered aboard the battleship Hoche in the Toulon dock lying in the next basin to the remains of the iron early Saturday morning. The official version says the fire started, of Cherbourg. Suddenly the vessel tended for a target, and that it spread to two masts and some linoleum covering the sail room. It was soon extinguished and the damage was slight. Much comment has been aroused over the fact that each ship composing the fourth squadron, the Brennus, Hoche and Charles Martel, have now had fires within the space of a month. In each case the fires broke out when no lights were allowed nor were men about except for some particular duty.

KEEPS HEARTS BEATING.

A New Serum of Most Remarkable Properties.

PARIS, July 9.—A new method, not only retarding decomposition, but temporarily preserving the vitality of organs separated from bodies, has been discovered by Dr. Fleg of Montpellier. Prof. Bouchard told the Academy of Sciences that Dr. Fleg had produced an artificial serum, including all the principal salts contained in healthy human blood, chiefly compounds of lime and potassium. The hearts of various animals continued to beat in the serum several days. The longest period that life was maintained in this way was one week. Experiments are to be made with the serum on living animals to ascertain its effect on stimulating vitality.

CROWN JEWELS STOLEN.

Gems Said to be Missing From Dublin Castle.

LONDON, July 9.—The Dublin correspondent of The Daily Mail hears from what he believes to be a reliable source that the Crown jewels have been stolen from Dublin Castle. The missing jewels are said to include a large diamond star and other rich gems, which figure in the regalia usually employed in conferring the Order of St. Patrick. The correspondent is informed that the safe in which the jewels were kept was opened by means of a duplicate key. The announcement was published in Saturday's Dublin papers. The investiture of Lord Castle-town with the Order of St. Patrick, which was to have taken place next Wednesday, has been postponed. The Daily Mail's correspondent thinks the postponement is due to the theft of the jewels.

TESTING THE INSANE.

Sir Douglas Straight told an amusing story at the dinner of the Journeymen Hairdressers' Trade Society. He remembered, when a young barrister, going into a barber shop to be shaved. He was a little startled to see the woman behind the counter staring at him from time to time through the glass door. When he got outside the shop a policeman said, "I am very glad to find you have come out," explaining that his anxiety was due to the fact that the barber came out of a lunatic asylum the previous week, and as he had been acting queerly again his relative were wondering whether they would have to send him back to the asylum.—London Standard.

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