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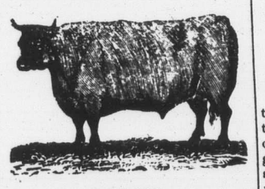

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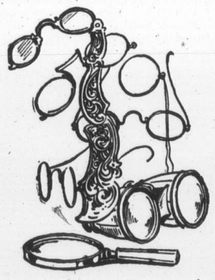

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THE LABOR WORLD.

There will be no trouble in Hamilton over the request of the International Typographical Union for a 54-hour week, as the employers have agreed to it. The men formerly worked 55 hours in summer and 58 in winter.

MARINE MATTERS.

The steamers Keenera, Edna, Brydges and the Shamrock left Rat Portage loaded down with freight for Fort Francis, but have all been compelled to return, owing to low water. There is urgent need of navigation improvements.

SUICIDES.

It is feared that Katie Phillips, a domestic in the employ of Mr. Gray, Presbyterian minister at Selkirk, Man., has drowned herself. She has been acting queerly, and, leaving a note to say they need not look for her, she disappeared on Thursday night.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Hon. A. S. Hardy, on account of ill-health, has declined to accept the offer of a complimentary dinner from the Liberals of Toronto.

Mr. Lomer Gouin, M.P.P., has been appointed a member of the Quebec Council of Public Instruction, to succeed Lieutenant-Governor Jette.

SPORTING.

Eddie McDuffee won easily his first competitive bicycle race of the season from Fred. T. Titus on the Charles River Park track Saturday afternoon, at a distance of 15 miles, for a purse of $1,500, and, besides, made a new world's record. McDuffee broke the world's record made by Michael, his time for the 15 miles being 27.09 3-5, while Michael's record is 27.17 4-5. Titus was beaten by five-sixths of a mile.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

Owing to the prolonged drouth throughout California the outlook for the wheat crop is decidedly gloomy.

Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, May 23; Dominion Cattle-Breeders' Association, May 24; Dominion Sheep-Breeders Association, May 24; the directors of the Provincial Show for 1898, May 25. All these meetings will be held at the Belmont House, Brantford.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The Creasor House, Dunchurch, was completely destroyed by fire.

One person burned to death, one fatally injured and over a dozen others more or less seriously hurt were the results of a boarding house fire at Chicago yesterday.

The house occupied by Mrs. Henderson, a widow, at North Baxter, Ont., and her 10-year-old daughter, took fire and was totally destroyed. Mrs. Henderson and the little girl were burned to death. No cause has yet been ascertained for the fire.

Sunderland had a $600 fire on Saturday. The losses were: D. McIntyre, hay and oats, etc., small loss, uninsured; L. Switzer, stable, total loss, insured, amount not known at present; R. Hodgson, stable, hay, oats, shingles, bee supplies, etc., $300, insured for $100.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

On Saturday the G.T.R. inaugurated the iced refrigerator car service.

The G.T.R. management has given an order for the construction of 12 new locomotives.

Mr. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk, has accepted Montreal's offer of a site on McGill street for the proposed new central offices of the company. The buildings will cost not less than $250,000. Toronto has thus been distanced in securing the G.T.R. head offices in Canada.

The London Daily Mail devotes an editorial to the railway development of Canada, and says it would be a much better policy for the Canadian Government to subsidize railways and waterways through habitable tracts of country, instead of aiding roads in a profitless territory like the Yukon.

CASUALTIES.

Robert Kennedy, a machinist at Polson's (Toronto) iron works, had his hand badly crushed in the shears on Saturday.

A special from Petoskey, Mich., says: J. C. McFarland's saw mill at Conway was blown up, two men being killed and 12 injured. Two of the injured men are not expected to live.

The Arkansas River at Little Rock has reached 27.05. A levee broke at Linwood, causing damage estimated at more than half a million dollars. The recent floods have made 150 to 200 families homeless in the vicinity of Pedland, Ind.

William Farrell, wholesale butcher, Toronto, met with an accident on the Lake Shore road Sunday evening by which his right leg was broken about four inches from the ankle. For over two hours he lay by the roadside, no doctor being obtainable.

The French line steamer La Touraine, outward bound from New York on Saturday afternoon, ran down a row boat containing eight United States Government employes engaged in laying submarine mines in the main channel off Sandy Hook. Two of the men were drowned. The steamer proceeded to sea without stopping.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Thomas E. M. Bram, convicted of the murder of Captain Charles I. Nash of the barque Herbert Fuller, will appeal.

W. C. Mesner of Detroit was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison in Toronto for the theft of a boat belonging to Patrick Brian, Windsor night ferryman.

John Brimson of Winona has been sentenced to six months in the Central Prison for stealing W. B. Ellis' watch and breaking into Ralph Featherstone's house on the night of May 7.

Thomas Bernard, a Hamilton scavenger cart driver, and James Beattie caused a large-sized row in the Ambitious City on Saturday night, in which the police had to use their batons to keep the three thousand of a crowd of sympathizers back. Finally Bernard and Beattie were locked up on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

AS RUSSIA VIEWS IT.

A Doubt as to Whether Uncle Sam Wants a British Alliance—The Effect.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—The Novoe Vremya, commenting upon the recent speech at Birmingham of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, says:

"We doubt if the United States desires an alliance, and whether it would be agreeable to the other powers that the United States, after wresting the Philippine Islands from Spain, should afterwards sell them to Great Britain."

The Novoe-Vremya considers such an intention "sufficient to induce the powers to reconsider their neutrality during the

A GLIMPSE OF HONGKONG.

Hunting Up an English Newspaper—A Clever Currency Manipulator.

The price of a four sheet local newspaper printed in English is 25 cents. It generally contains one or two short editorials upon some everyday topic, a few snatches from Reuter's telegraphic news, shipping affairs and considerable sore head correspondence from some dissatisfied individual who is desirous of reforming the world at large and Hongkong in particular; but, look as you will, you seldom see a word about the United States. Not so with other oriental newspapers such as the Japan Mail and the London and China Express.

I wanted, upon arriving here, to see a newspaper. There were two in the hotel reading room, but both "occupied." I then wandered down "Ice house" street to the main street, called Queen's road, and found a stationery shop. They had one Hongkong Press, but it was two days old. I found a Chinaman who could understand what I wanted, and he sent me a block or two up a steep hill. I soon found the office of the Hongkong Daily Press. A Chinaman stood at the door. "Want paper," I said. He nodded and took me up two long flights of stairs. I have found it is far better in addressing Chinese to say as few words as possible. "Want day's paper," I remarked. "Alle gone!" he replied. "I would like one," I continued. He then took me into another room and spoke to a man behind the screen, possibly the night editor. "Man wantee paper much," the Chinaman said.

"What did you do with those two papers down stairs on the desk?" the voice from behind the screen demanded, with a strong English accent.

"Alle light," answered the Chinaman, and he nodded for me to follow him. We went down another flight of stairs into a small room, and upon a desk were two newspapers tied together with a string. I bought them for 25 cents each. "No takee less," he said. Now here is a chance for a Chicago newspaper man to come to Hongkong, teach the Chinese to read English, establish a newspaper and then sell 200,000 copies a day at 25 cents each. There's millions in it.

The residents of Hongkong have Americans "sized up," so to speak, as regards prices. The Mexican dollar and Chinese paper money are worth only one-half as much as ours. To obviate the little difference they charge us precisely twice as much for every article. For instance, a lemonade at the hotel bar is 30 cents in their currency, a shave 30 cents, and so on. Upon a little steamer we had luncheon, and the Chinese waiter asked, "How muchee pay lunch in Mexico?" I replied about 75 cents for a first class lunch. So he figured out the bill at $1.50 each in the local currency. You cannot get ahead of a Chinaman on the currency question.—Chicago Post.

A STORY OF BELMONT.

How a Reporter Tantalized Him Into Making a Statement.

In 1872, it will be recalled, Greeley had been nominated for the presidency, and the news item was whether the Democrats would name a candidate, or, without indorsement, let partisans vote for Uncle Horace, or not at all. An old reporter spins this reminiscence: "The late August Belmont was then chairman of the national Democratic committee. Every human effort had been made by the newspapers to get Mr. Belmont to express an opinion on the subject. Of course the call for the national Democratic convention had to be made by the national Democratic committee through its chairman. Not a member could be induced to say a word on the subject. So the idea began to grow that there would be no call for the convention. Consequently there would be no regular Democratic nominee in the field.

"I made up my mind," went on the political reporter of 1872, "to settle that question or die in the attempt. August Belmont was irascible, terribly so, when a newspaper man attempted to 'drag him out' on the subject he was determined to be silent about. 'You keep cool,' said the reporter to himself. 'The other side may be anger do the rest.'

"Well, that interview between Belmont and me," said the reporter of 1872, "was short. He was a bit lame, and the madder he got at the questions put to him the harder he pounded his Wall street office counter and the quicker he limped toward the passageway, which, fortunately for me, was at the counter end farthest from the street door, where I stood. If Belmont had ever reached that passageway, I knew I would have had to make a bee line for Wall street, or—

"Well, cool, calm, collected," continued the reporter, "I quietly remarked, as I put my hand on the doorknob, 'Then, Mr. Belmont, judging from all you have said, you wish it to be distinctly understood that you will not issue a call for a convention.' The dear, good man, God forgive me, hadn't touched the subject, but he fell into the trap. Full of rage, like a lion, with a jump toward the passageway, he exclaimed, 'By heavens, you wretch, I shall call a convention!'

"That settled it. I was a block away before Mr. Belmont got anywhere near the doorway, and my paper had a fine story the next day about the 'Coming Convention of the Democrats.' Belmont's friends laughed about the matter afterward."—New York World.

A Rural Bargain.

"You say them shoes is wuth $1, but you'll take 75 cents if I pay cash, won't you?"

"Yes."

"Then you'll fling in a pair o' woolen sox, I guess."

"Reckin so."

"Hold on; them shoes hain't got no strings, have they?"

"I'll give you a pair."

"Better make hit two pair; one will soon wear out."

"All right, here they are."

"Looks like you might gimme a pair o' suspenders for a good measure."

"Well, rather than miss a trade, I'll do it. What else?"

"When a feller buys a bill, you allus set 'em up, don't you?"

"Yes, what'll you take?"

"Two cigars an a pound o' cheese."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Human Nature.

"A great struggle arises in a woman's mind when she is asked what her new gown cost," said a philosopher. "She is always in doubt whether to cut the price in half and make you envy her the bargain or double it and make you envy her affluence."—Indianapolis Journal.

An old lady was telling her grandchildren about some trouble in Scotland in the course of which the chief of her clan was beheaded. "It was nae great thing of a head, to be sure," said the good old lady, "but it was a sad loss to him."

Not So Kind.

Weary Watkins—Youse look like a kind lady, miss.

Miss—I am.

"And could you give a poor, starvin man a dime?"

"No; I am not that kind."—Indianapolis Journal.

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast in the very lap of fortune, for our faculties then undergo a development and display an energy of which they were previously unsuspected.—Franklin.

EIGHT OR TEN LIVES LOST.

The Catholic Metairie at St. Hyacinthe, Que., Destroyed by Fire.

Three Young Ladies, Novices, Among the Fire's Victims—Many Jump From the Windows, and a Doctor's Wife Among Them Meets Her Death—Two Boys Perish—A Fearful Scene of Grandeur and Horror.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 17.—A terrible calamity has befallen the St. Hyacinthe Hospital, resulting in the destruction of the splendid building across the river, and in the loss of eight or ten lives. The fire has cast a gloom over the whole community.

Yesterday morning at about 1 o'clock Chief Chenette and the physicians here were informed that the Metairie, as the hospital farm building across the river is called, was on fire. As the building is outside of the city limits, permission had to be secured before the engine could be taken over. When the firemen arrived on the scene it was apparent that the main building was doomed. In the meantime most of the two hundred persons in the building had made their exit, but search was made as thoroughly as possible lest some should have been unable to escape.

The sight was a grand one, as the large building was wrapped in flame, but every heart was sad with the fear that several persons must have perished.

Firemen Fought Bravely.

The work of destruction went on, the firemen bravely fighting against the raging elements until the whole building was consumed. In the morning as soon as there was light enough to see, people set to work, and at the time of writing, six bodies have been found. Among them are the remains of two boys of St. Pie, named Beauchemin, aged 10 and 13. Many people had to jump from the third and fourth stories, and all escaped with but slight injuries, except Dr. Ghagnon's wife, who died a few minutes after jumping from the third story. Dr. Ghagnon himself is in Fall River, where he has been practising for several years.

Three young girls, who were nearly through with their novitiate, and would soon have been nuns, perished. There are also six persons still missing, and, although they may have escaped from the burning building and sought refuge in some house, it is feared that they, too, have lost their lives.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It may have started in the chapel, where lamps were burning aft the time, or it may have been set by some coal oil lamp.

The building was valued at $20,000, but was not insured.

The Dead and Missing.

The names of those who perished are: Two Beauchemin boys, Sisters Alexandrinia, Philomena and Des Agnes, and Mrs. Guertin, boarder.

The names of the missing are: Maria Millotte, servant; Noflette Meunier, servant; Mrs. Berthaume, boarder; Sisters Bouvier and Auge.

The work of recovering the bodies from the ruins is proceeding very slowly.

Connected with the main building is a large shed where the ice supply was stored, and here the fire broke out again just before noon, but it was soon put out. One more body has been found, but it is burned beyond recognition. It is thought that it will be utterly impossible to identify the remains that will sooner or later be found.

The wonder is that more lives were not lost, as there were no appliances on hand to help the people out of the burning building. Only one ladder was on the place, and there being no telephone, the fire got well under way. Hundreds of people visited the smouldering ruins yesterday. It had been announced yesterday at the Cathedral that the sisters would begin to-day a house to house canvass, as the hospital was greatly in need of funds. It is probable that if the Metairie is rebuilt the city limits will be extended so that the institution may enjoy the protection of the city fire brigade.

Later—Two of the persons missing have just turned up safe and sound. They are Rosalie Marlotte and Neflette Meunier.

Two more bodies have been recovered.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

The Colonial Secretary's Utterance Is Still the Leading Topic of Conversation in Britain.

London, May 17.—The speech of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, at Birmingham on Friday last is still the sensation of the day, and was introduced in the House of Commons last evening. During a question as to the date for the discussion of the Foreign Office vote, the Liberal leader in the House, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, said the country desired "to discuss the new Birmingham foreign policy." The remark caused tremendous cheering. The cheering was intermixed with Ministerial "Ohs!" Mr. Michael Davitt, member for South Mayo, read an extract from Mr. Chamberlain's speech, in which the latter deprecated the value of Russian promises, and asked the Colonial Secretary if he thought such language and sentiments were consistent with the friendly relations between the two countries, but the Speaker refused to allow the question to be put.

Trees and Tides.

A curious theory lately revived in Italy is that the sap of a tree ebbs and flows in sympathy with the tides of the ocean. A grower of vines and fruit trees says that no tree should be lopped or pruned except during the hours of ebb tide. He has taken 14 years to come to this conclusion, and now always acts upon it. The result, it is said, is that his trees and vines always exhibit beautiful foliage, bear splendid crops and are quite free from the attacks of the insects which devastate surrounding properties.

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Between Madagascar and the coast of India there are about 15,000 islands, only 800 of which are inhabited, but most of which are capable of supporting a popula-

Impure Blood in Spring.

This is the almost universal experience. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confinement indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

A BOOK LOVER'S WISH.

If I stray woodward, not for me
The loudest warbler in the tree,
But rather one that sings apart
The simple songs that touch the heart.
And so, although I may aspire,
Be mine the temperate desire—
Not for the missal marvel old
Illumed with mediæval gold,
Not for the rare black letter text
O'er which his soul a Caxton vext,
Nor what some seek through shine and snow,
A priceless Shakespeare folio!

But only this—one little book
Where through do bird and bee and brook
In their melodious employ
Sing on and on and on of joy,
And where, amid the Maytime flowers,
Love without rival rules the hours.
One little book, whose title date
Reads quaintly 1649.
In St. Paul's churchyard, we are told,
Sold at the Crown and Marygold.
One little book—if fortune please—
Herrick, a "first" Hesperides!
—Clinton Scollard in Scribner's.

LOONS TAKEN ALIVE.

The Curious Trick Resorted to by Some Hunters In Newfoundland.

In the year 1889, being engaged in railway construction in Newfoundland by an American syndicate, I was camped at a little place called Lance Cove, on the shore of Conception bay. One beautiful summer evening as I returned to camp to dinner I noticed two loons on a small lake close by, and after satisfying a rather extensive appetite I took a 19 bore shotgun and a few wired S. S. G. cartridges and proceeded to the lakeside. A glance showed me that there was not sufficient cover to warrant hope of a successful shot. After trying two without result and on rising to go back to camp I was met by five or six men from a grading gang, also camped there, who asked me if I desired to get the loons. I replied that if the cover was good I could get probably one, but, as it was, I had no hope of doing so. One of them—and I subsequently learned that they belonged to Smith's Sound, Trinity bay—replied that if I wished they would get the loons for me. Having heard of the remarkable skill of these Newfoundland fishermen in shooting sea birds, seals, etc., with their enormous muzzle loading guns, my curiosity was aroused as to the method they proposed to employ, thinking, of course, they meant to shoot the birds. I at once assented to the proposal and the men immediately proceeded to push into the water two small boats that were at the side of the lake.

I was astonished at the noisy manner in which this was done and more so at the subsequent proceedings. After the boats were afloat each man picked up an armful or two of small stones and placed them in the bow of the boat. They then got in and shoved off. One boat pulled direct for the birds and the other in another direction. Of course as the approach of the boat the birds dived, and after a little time came up not far from the second boat, from which one of the men at once threw a stone, sending the birds down instantly. Both boats again pulled away in different directions, and in a little time the loons again came up not far from one of the boats and were again instantly driven down by the use of the stones. This was repeated again and again. After a little time the birds began to take very short dives and finally, strange as it may appear, those men drowned, as they termed it, the birds by not giving them breathing time. The birds were unable to dive and one after the other lay over on the side on the surface and both were lifted into the boat alive.

It was the most singular and surprising proceeding I ever witnessed.—New York Sun.

Hides and Wool.

Hides, cured	$0 08½	....
" No. 1 green	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07	....
" No. 3 green	0 06	....
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 03½
" rough	0 01¼	0 02½
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Lambskins	0 20	....
Calfskins, No. 1	0 09	....
" No. 2	0 07	....
Wool, fleece	0 19	....
" unwashed fleece	0 09	0 10
" pulled, super	0 18	0 19

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

The receipts of grain were large to-day, 5500 bushels all told.

Wheat easier, 3500 bushels selling at the following prices: White $1.05 to $1.06, red $1.10 to $1.16, goose $1.04 to $1.06 per bushel.

Barley steady: 200 bushels sold at 42c.

Oats steady, 1500 bushels selling at 38c.

Peas firmer, 300 bushels selling at 65c to 66½c.

Hay firm at $8 to $9.50 per ton for 25 loads.

Straw steady; 3 loads sold at $6 to $7 per ton.

Butter plentiful; prices easier at 12½c to 16c per lb. rolls, the bulk going at about 14c.

Eggs plentiful; prices unchanged.

Spring chickens sold at 60c to 65c

WHEAT LOWER.

Sketch of the Market for the Week—Late Options Firmed Somewhat—Local Markets and Prices.

Saturday Evening, May 14.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week wheat continued its phenomenal advance of the week before on the markets of the world. On Wednesday, however, the reported falling off in the European demand and the excellent harvests in June and July caused quotations to recede, with the result that all lines of the cereal from May to December show considerable declines from a week ago. The backward trend of the markets continued to-day. At Chicago May fell 3¼c, while July declined 3c, but recovered and closed ½c higher than on Friday. The September and December futures rose 1½c and ⅝c respectively. Similar declines in May and July occurred on other American boards.

On the Toronto board No. 2 red was offered at $1.05, with little demand for export, buyers and sellers being apart on Manitoba hard.

At Liverpool May wheat closed down 2d, July 4¼d and September 2½d. At Paris wheat was 5 to 65 centimes lower.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	$....	$1 44⅝
New York	....	1 45
Milwaukee	....	1 38
Toledo	1 40	1 36
St. Louis	1 21	1 20
Detroit	1 25	1 25
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	1 48	1 48
Duluth, No. 1 hard	1 47	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 03	....
Toronto, red	1 03	....

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Flour—Hardly so strong. Straights rollers in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $5.15 to $5.25.

Wheat—A good deal of red offered to-day at $1.05, with no export demand. Toronto firms have ordered their country agents not to pay over $1.02 per bushel for No. 2 red. Spring is quoted at $1.06 to $1.09 and goose at $1.04 to $1.06 on Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard scarce at $1.40 Fort William.

Barley—Feed at 40c north and west and No. 3 extra at 43c lake ports.

Oats—Choice heavy white quoted at 35½c.

Peas are quoted at 60c outside.

Bran sells at $11.00 west, and shorts at $12.50 middle freights.

Corn—Canadian, 36c west and 44c on track here.

Rye—Nominal.

Buckwheat—Nominal at 46c to 48c west.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto $4.20; in bbls, $4.30.

Engine Blown Up.

Middletown, N.Y., May 17.—An engine drawing a westbound freight train blew up near Grey Court last night, killing Engineer William Monk and Fireman B. Franklin of Port Jervis. Franklin was blown one hundred yards from the scene of the wreck. Fifteen cars were piled up, causing a blockade on both tracks from 8 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.