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THE NEW ATHLETIC CLUB.

The young men who, last evening, attempted to revive an interest in many sport in this city, and as a start in this direction formed the St. John Athletic Club, should receive the encouragement and support of all citizens.

A FREAK TAX.

A town in France has recently adopted a provision whereby a resident's tax shall be regulated according to his weight. The man weighing less than 135 pounds pays nothing.

FIRST THINGS

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

The first Roman Catholic periodical in the United States was established in 1825 at Charlestown, S. C., by John England, first bishop of Charleston.

THE PASSING DAY

THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR.

Military aviation, which has played so important a part in recent wars in the East, has its beginning as far back as 1794, when Guyton de Morveau made two ascents in a balloon during the battle of Fleurus.

THE SULZER IMPEACHMENT CASE

While it is not possible to approve of a public official, charged with violating the trust reposed in him by the people, yet there will be a certain amount of sympathy for William Sulzer, the former Governor of New York State, who, in his present difficulty, is fighting, single handed, the might of Tammany Hall, as it is alleged it was the Tammany lash that drove the state legislators of New York into the impeachment process.

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

The possibility of another war in the Balkan States will not tend to ease the minds of the European holders of foreign bonds who are now speculating on the ability of the Balkan kingdoms to pay their debts.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Boy Scouts.

If we understand the scout organization rightly, there is nothing in connection with it that should suggest war, or encourage warlike feelings among the boys.

Liberal "Gains."

The standing of the Liberal party in Ontario is reflected in the result of the seven by-elections held in that province since the last general provincial election.

Bryan's Favorite Hymn.

Mr. Bryan's Chautauque lectures enable him to say, in the language of the old hymn, "I dwell awhile in tents below, and gladly wander to and fro."

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

Major John Andre, the gallant young adjutant-general of the British forces in America, was captured by the Americans on this date in 1780, and was soon afterward hanged as a spy because of the part he had played in arranging with Benedict Arnold for the surrender of West Point to the British.

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It was as though the steamer was bearing them into the very sanctuary of beauty; as though for the time being they had left behind the world of business, the realm of wealth and power, of strife and struggle and tariff questions, and were entering into a world of enchantment.

Now and then we passed little islands, glorious in gold from the sun, and a fringe of reeds at the water's edge whence arose a flood of snipe, and flew frightened across the marshes. Again we swept great groves of trees, gorgeous in their Autumn livery, a pageant of wondrous shades of green, decorated with the flaming scarlet of maples, and the yellow gold of birches.

Towards the close of a perfect day the ship swung into the snow, from the river at the promontory, and the sun set right ahead, its rays turning the river into a miracle of iridescence. Waterway of white and gold, leading into a glory ineffable. The day ended in a serenity of still and entrancing brilliance. The sky was without cloud, a glowing dome of unstarlit light. Presently the sun, changing from glowing white to dull red, dropped into the river ahead, and for a moment the sun shone over the water and the serenity became less brilliant, but more profoundly wonderful, the glimmer of light set like a constant around. The darkness, like benign immensity, settled over venerable river, and in a short time a gleam of light set like a constant around the river bank, appearing where the river bank, appeared. We were at the Celestial City.