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TUESDAY	6,656
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THURSDAY	6,643
FRIDAY	6,806
SATURDAY	7,070
TOTAL	40,690
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THE MILLMEN'S MEETING

Major Sears was eminently judicious in his address to the millmen last evening. He expressed sympathy with all working men, but so far as the present dispute is concerned, he frankly told them that he did not see yet understand the situation well enough to express an opinion. He expressed the hope, however, that there would be a speedy settlement.

Mr. W. Frank Hatheway advised the men to return to work, and after forming their union appeal to the labor department at Ottawa. Mr. Hatheway urged that the five thousand people represented by the millmen and mill-owners should not forget in their dispute the other forty thousand people in St. John, who would be affected by a prolonged strike.

There was a large attendance at the meeting, and the crowd was a thoroughly good-natured one. Not a bitter word was spoken. The weather is fine, the fish are biting, and there is no inclination for a few days to take matters too seriously. Nevertheless a prolonged strike would be a very serious matter.

DIRECTOR CUSHING

Director Cushing is to be congratulated on his re-appointment to office, at an increased salary. The city council is hardly to be congratulated on the manner in which it has dealt with this question of the directorship.

The director now has an excellent opportunity to prove his worth as an official of the city. With increased powers and higher salary, it cannot be contended that he does not receive fair play. It may be hoped that he will assert his authority, display more vigor in dealing with the work of his department, and see to it that for wages paid and money expended on the streets and elsewhere the citizens get more value than in the past. It is perfectly clear that the question of salary was not the one over which the aldermen hesitated. There was a feeling that a man was needed who would display more vigor and get more work done. If now Mr. Cushing will set the pace for more and better work in his department the men who voted against him yesterday will have no complaint to make.

SPLIT OVER SOCIALISM

There is trouble in the Western Federation of Miners, over the question of Socialism. One leading member, who is opposed to the socialists, has made the following statement:

"The trouble with the federation is that socialism is spreading. The days of rule by force have passed. The laboring man must get his rights by other means than violence. Mobs cannot secure justice. Socialists reason illogically that conditions must be worse before they can be better. This spirit is what the Butte union does not want to see. Its policy is one of peace. Butte is tired of putting up money for agitators."

As a result of this division, there may be a large secession from the association.

POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Supporting the plea of post office employees for an increase in salary, the Montreal Gazette says:

"The service has suffered because of the inability to secure the right class of men for the wages offered. A postal official should be a man of intelligence, able to work quickly and correctly. There is always a demand for men of this description, and they would not enter the postal service when opportunities outside offered better inducements. Their unwillingness to enter the service was strengthened by the treatment received by those who had entered. At the end of the last fiscal year, for instance, there were 67 clerks in the inside service of the Montreal post office who were there in 1906. Of these 67 no less than 20 were drawing the same rate of pay as they drew in 1906. The remaining 47 had had increases. The total of these increases was \$1,080, or an average increase per man of \$23. In no case had the increase of any one man averaged \$50 per year. The general average of increase per man of those who did secure increases was only \$16.40 per year, and of the 67 men only \$11.40 per year. This sort of thing does not offer any inducement to the right kind of man. The result is that the average of ability has gone down. The post office employees have a good right to an increase in the general scale of salaries paid on account of the increased cost of living, but the strongest argument in favor of the necessity of making the pay good enough to attract the right kind of men."

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A SUMMER MORNING

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It floats upon the limpid air in rainbow-clouds of mist, It ripples through the glowing skies in pearl and amethyst, It gleams in every burnished pool, it riots through the grass, It splashes waves of glory on the shadows as they pass.

It steals among the nodding trees and to the forest creeps, In airy note and gentle voice, "neath waning plethures: It calls and lures the wooded brakes, the hills and tangled ferns— A world of life and mystery—swarm with its denizens.

It trembles in the perfumed breeze, and where its ardor rises, A thousand light-winged choristers pant forth its glories; A thousand echoes clap their hands, and a million scarlet-throated flowers peer forth with startled heads.

Oh, the beauty of the morning! It rains up on our ears, The music of the universe, the chiming of the spheres, From cloistered wood and leafy vale, its liquid melodies throng, Till all the earth is drenched in light, and all the world is ELISHA SAFFORD.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE DENTIST'S TROUBLES.

"You say you had to give the patient chloroform twice?"

"Yes," replied the dentist. "I had to give it to him the second time to extract the money."—Detroit Free Press.

A GENTLE HINT.

"Most actors," remarked the talkative boarder, "seem to think they can't get too far front on the billboard."

"Yes," interrupted Mrs. Starvem. "Quite unlike some other people who believe they can't get too far back on the board bill."—Philadelphia Ledger.

THE BRUTE.

His Wife—"John, dear, the doctor says I need a change of climate."

Her Husband—"All right. The weather prophet says it will be colder tomorrow."

WITH THE WINDOW OPEN.

"I've got to practice on the piano five hours a day," said the disconsolate small girl.

"What for?"

"Cause mother and father don't like our new neighbors."

THE TEST APPLIED.

Banquo—"I say, old man, can you keep a secret? Well, Smiggins told me in confidence that—"

Emore—"Hold on! Can you keep a secret?"

Banquo—"I? Why, yes, certainly."

Emore—"Then you'd better do so."

DID SHE FAINT?

The following is a fragment from a love-letter:

"How I wish, my darling Adelaide, my engagements would permit me to leave town and come and see you! It would be like visiting some old ruin, hallowed by time and fraught with a thousand recollections."

NO GRAFT FOR HIM.

"Is the new bookkeeper strictly honest and trustworthy?" asked the silent partner.

"You bet he is!" said the business manager. "He saw so much graft and corruption in the last place where he held a job that he acquired a large disgust for all kinds of crookedness. In fact, I consider him almost offensively straight."—Chicago Tribune.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

MONCTON, N. B., June 12.—James Flavin, a former Moncton man, who returned last night from the States after an absence of three or four years, was committed for trial this afternoon by Police Magistrate Kay on a charge of robbing a passenger named Docile Savoy, who was travelling from St. John to Amherst. Flavin was arrested on the arrival of last night's express here.

Savoy's purse and a small sum of money and a razor were found on Flavin. Flavin contended he bought the articles from Savoy for 50 cents, but a fellow passenger swore he saw Flavin going through Savoy's pockets while the latter slept.

THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE

(Boston Herald.)

There is a wild swirl of talk and print about corrupt state legislatures all over the Union. But it is not always easy to see why the public should be so painfully shocked by the disclosures. The responsibility begins with the public and will end there. If the public will choose corruptible men the public must take the consequences. And it is gravely doubtful if there is any corruptor who is not known to be such in the constituency which he "represents." If his failing he not known it is again the public that is to blame. Public indifference is the public enemy.

Enthusiasts claim that public indifference has given place to a general zeal. For proof they point to the elections of the past two years in many centres hitherto known as hotbeds of corruption. But one swallow does not make a summer, and a brace of elections does not constitute reform. When the public will work as hard and as constantly as the corruptionist they will end corruption, and not before. The buying of a legislature is probably impossible in these days. The buying of individual legislators here and there is unhappily facilitated by the known weakness of human nature. In most large bodies there are men of indifferent moral force. But they do not rule the organizations.

And, by the way, some gain will be made if people use the word "corruption" instead of "graft." Call a snake a snake. Use the uglier word for the uglier thing.

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