

The Planet

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LET ALL TURN OUT.

It is to be hoped that a crowded house will greet Bengough, the inimitable entertainer at the I. O. O. F. Auditorium this evening. The proceeds—and they should be very liberal—will be devoted to the Pte. Donegan fund, to form a nucleus of the amount to be raised for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the Maple City's dead hero. The ushers for the occasion will be his returned comrades, clad in their khaki uniform. Bengough's entertainments are always well received, the admission charged, and with the object of the presentation before us, standing room should be at a premium. Let everyone make it a point to be present.

TWO WAYS OF LOOKING AT IT.

James Eads How, son of the late vice-president of the Wabash railroad, refused an inheritance of thousands, preferring to earn his own bread. He is now learning to be a printer. Some time ago How walked from St. Louis to Chicago to work in the sums, and later walked from Chicago to Copwell, N. C., a distance of 1,500 miles, because he did not have the money to pay his railroad fare, though thousands would be his on demand. He was asked about his life, and said:

"I do not regret the course I have pursued in refusing to take what I inherited from my father. I regard that as unearned increment. That represented what my father did not need and what his laborers earned for him. They should have it."

Suppose Mr. How had taken his inheritance, could he not have done more for the poor than as a poverty-stricken tramp. He need have used some of it for himself. As it is, it will probably remain in the hands of the estate and do good to neither the legatee nor the laborers.

DOCTORS SOMETIMES MISTAKEN.

The X-ray has revealed a bullet in the heart of Charles B. Nelson, a Canadian, now in Michigan, who was shot by a Chicago colored lunatic four years ago. The doctors, to a man, said Nelson had no show, but he said he knew better, and still lives to show them that he did. The bullet bobs up and down with the movement of the heart and gives Nelson very little care. Though he has lead in his heart he is not heavy-hearted. It has been frequently demonstrated that if a man have pluck and nerve he may, even in extreme cases, overcome the doctors and preserve his life often for many years.

Nelson's case was most mysterious at first. He was sitting quietly in the park alone, when some one came up and shot him. There was apparently no motive. The crime was afterwards traced to this lunatic.

For another example take Robert McWilliams, of Ridgeway. In the grandstand fall at Adrian fair ground in '79, this man went down deep in the debris, and was fished out a palpitating lump of pulp. Every bone in his body seemed broken, and when he was moved the crushed fragments grated and crunched in a way that made strong men shudder. The doctors said "it was no use," and McWilliams was turned over to a watcher. Not giving up the ghost in two or three days, and on the contrary, appearing to revive, he was asked if he wanted a priest. The lump of pounded tissue slowly twisted its head and replied: "I want no priest; I want something to eat." He was fed, patched and bandaged, and he got married, became a drover and achieved wealth and a family.

There was certainly nothing indefinite about that Kennedy verdict.

Chatham will start the new century with a business council whoever is elected.

It's pretty safe to give any of the candidates a year. Now it is in order for some fellow to rise up and say that most of them ought to get more.

Middlesex county, the wealthiest in Ontario, still has a toll road. However, Chatham cannot throw stones at Middlesex. Doesn't it still elect its school trustees by wards?

The Savannah News publishes this short but eloquent history of the Georgia legislature of 1900: "One member blew out the gas, another member stuck a knife into a fellow member, and the dog law was repealed." If Georgia had the average Toronto city council she could drive a matched team.

Modern statistics show that of a million men and women who have passed the age of 30, about one half live to the age of 63, one fourth to the age of 76, every tenth to the age of 83, every hundredth to the age of 97 years. Of one million only one hundred attain the age of 100, two to the age of 104, and to find a person only one year older two million births have to occur, but only among ten million human beings one grows 106 years old.

DON'T COUGH

Stop it with Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

A little coughing is nothing—the tickling, that makes you cough once, is some dust; not the least harm. You scratch an itch, and forget it. This cough is scratching an itch.

But the cough, that hangs on and comes back, is the sign of an itch that hangs on and comes back. There is something that makes that itch.

Inflammation a germ perhaps; it's alive; like a seed in moist warm ground; it will grow if you let it, especially in children.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

Chub Collins was once a good umpire, which means that he will make a good mayor of Dundas—Hamilton Spectator.

And in his day he was a good ball player, hence he ought to make a good run.

The pastor of the Chicago Centennial Baptist Church, Rev. A. K. Parker, has written a novel, which he is reading in instalments from his pulpit to his congregation. The novel is called "Leonard Chaplin, Samaritan," and is a sociological study, based on class distinctions. The hero, in the capacity of a moral Samaritan, visits poorer and less fortunate neighbors and by his friendliness succeeds in changing many gloomy pessimists into Christian optimists, and eventually persuades his own aristocratic family demeanor towards their neighbors. Incidentally a church feud is settled.

Now, what is the pastor's object in this original departure? Is he using his pulpit to advertise his book, his book to advertise his church, or just simply trying to save souls?

Mr. and Mrs. Kratz have moved into town and are living on Jessamine street. The Citizen Leader joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for happy and prosperous lives. — The Fitzgerald (Ga.) Citizen Leader. Mr. Kratz is a brother of Mr. Jud Scratch, of this place.—Kingville Reporter.

The London Free Press takes this to show how names change by localities. In Georgia it is Kratz, in Ontario it is Kings; in some parts they are Kings; in others they retain the former name, and not infrequently it is said a stranger would be mystified to a person addressed as "Leroy," and shortly after by somebody else as "King."

PROBABLY A LIE.

Indianapolis Press.

He—Does your wife—er—ever compare you to her first husband?

Hi—Yep. When she gets right made at me she says I am almost as mean as he was.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Will Dolen, Detroit, spent yesterday in the city visiting friends.

Willie, son of Mr. Rodgers, Prince street, had so far recovered from an attack of typhoid fever as to be able to leave the hospital.

Will Jackson has performed a charge against six young colored men for disturbing the watch night service in Green's church, east of the C. P. R., on New Year's eve. The case will likely be settled out of court.

We must have a number of reliable persons and families in this locality to work for us whole or spare time, good wages paid. No canvassing. Write for position to-day. People's Syndicate, Dept. A, 130 Yonge street, Toronto.

Two years ago James A. Robinson lent an acquaintance ten dollars in New Westminster, B. C., and a few days ago he was surprised to receive a large nugget of gold from him from Dawson City.

By the death of Hubert Gignac, of Petite Cote, who died Thursday in London, Essex, one of its pioneers. Mr. Gignac was 81 years of age. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon from Assumption church, Sandwich.

The election of Jos. McFadden as trustee of Comber public school has been declared void by Inspector Maxwell. He has ordered a new election, which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1901, at ten o'clock a.m., in the school house. Everything points to a warm contest.

For the first time in years the plum pudding given the convicts at Kingston penitentiary was cut off this Christmas. The glad tidings of good will to men were apparently not intended for convicts, according to the ideas of officials in charge of the penitentiary.

CHATHAM LODGE, NO. 29.

The above lodge held its regular meeting Wednesday with a good attendance. Bro. C. Austin in the chair. A considerable amount of business was transacted. Committees were struck to make final arrangements for a public installation of the officers-elect of Chatham Lodge, No. 29 and Western City, No. 93. All brothers are requested to be in their places at 8 p.m. next Tuesday, the 8th inst.

GIVES REASONS FOR THE BY-LAW.

A Correspondent Puts Forward Arguments for the Passing of the Cemetery Extension Enactment.

And Somewhat Severely Criticizes Mr. S. T. Martin's Recent Communication on the Matter.

Sir,—In your issue of the 27th of December I find a lengthy letter over the signature of S. T. Martin, in which he gives his reasons why the by-law for the enlargement and improvement of the cemetery ground is opposed by him, and if Mr. Martin had correctly stated the facts I do not think I would have troubled you with this letter, as Mr. Martin has a perfect right to use such information as he sees fit to form his own opinion on this or any other matter, but when he attempts to influence the ratepayers he should make his statements with more care, and in accordance with the facts.

In the first place, he is incorrect in his statement of the date of the purchase of the present cemetery, and in the next place he is incorrect in his statement of the land laid out and unoccupied in the present cemetery, as there is not one lot west of the McGregor's Creek crossing the cemetery unsold, and there is not one-half the unoccupied land on the east side of the creek stated by him. In recent years large numbers of farmers and other persons from the surrounding country have purchased lots and are burying their dead in the Maple Leaf Cemetery, but the part of the cemetery on the east side of the creek is not convenient for the residents of the city, and at the rates lots have been selling in the past years the remaining lots will, in a very short time, be taken up by the people from the country.

The Mr. Martin says the land is too high. In 1872 we paid for the present cemetery \$100.00 per acre, and have sold the portion of it that has been sold at \$240.00 per acre. That looks like a very fair profit, and this we have received from lots sold at \$10.00 each while Ridgeway, St. Thomas and other towns and cities in the neighborhood sell their lots at \$25.00 and \$30.00 each, the lots being the same size as ours. Ridgeway paid \$125.00 per acre for its cemetery land, situated as far from the town as the Maple Leaf Cemetery from this city. Mr. Martin says that even \$50.00 per acre is a high price for the land. If that is so then \$25.00 each at which it is proposed to sell lots, and which would realize \$3,250.00 per acre, and this what Ridgeway would get for its cemetery land, and the city would realize for its cemetery land a little more than \$100.00 per acre. A little further on Mr. Martin tells the ratepayers that land around the cemetery does not sell well, and is not eagerly sought after so there is no danger of its being sold or of the city in being able to obtain at the end of fifteen or twenty years, when he says it will be necessary to enlarge the cemetery, and that the city should take advantage of the present high price and buy the land so used up and injured at \$50.00 an acre, and in that way tie up and damage thirty acres more which lies adjoining it, and render it unsaleable for any purpose except a cemetery. This may be Mr. Martin's method of doing business, but I do not think the ratepayers would care about being dealt with in that way or with dealing with others in that way. Then Mr. Martin gives you extracts from the auditors' reports to prove that for the last ten years the expenditure in the cemetery was more than the receipts. If Mr. Martin had been honest he would have told the ratepayers that the expenditure was for caretaker's and assistants' salaries principally, and that each expenditure would have been just as great if not one lot had been sold, but that the sale of lots realized \$7,170.00 which would represent 148 lots, the original cost of which was less than \$400, and this leaves a clear profit to the city out of the lots sold in the last ten years of \$6,770, less a proportion for drainage, etc.

Then according to Mr. Martin, "there are few individuals who seem anxious, for some reason, to have this by-law passed." This statement contains an innuendo that some persons are pushing this by-law for gain, and Mr. Martin is not in it, and this would never do. But I can assure him he is mistaken. The by-law was submitted to the ratepayers for their verdict by the unanimous vote of the council, except Mr. Martin, who took no part in it from the first. He simply stated his price which the ratepayers may buy or not as they see fit, and which price considering its effect on the adjoining land, I do not think too high. In conclusion, speaking for myself, I may say that I am firmly of the opinion that it is in the interests of the ratepayers to purchase this land for the following reasons:—Firstly, there are no available lots in the present cemetery on the west side of McGregor's Creek, and the east side of the creek is inconvenient for the citizens of Chatham and will be purchased in a short time by the surrounding country. Secondly, notwithstanding Mr. Martin's special pleading and misrepresentation it is a profitable investment for the city, and lots should be sold for at least \$20 to the citizens and \$25 to outside persons, and yearly tax should be levied on all owners of lots to assist in keeping the cemetery in order. As to the extending of water mains, one has only to go to the cemetery in the hot and dry summer days and see the people, women especially, who have loved ones buried there, trying to draw and carry water in some cases long distances, to keep a few flowers alive on the graves. Perhaps Mr. Martin does not do this.

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