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WHY THIS EXCITEMENT?

Is it possible that the St. John Standard has not learned that the effort to secure reform in civic government is a citizens' movement, and that it has the hearty sympathy of the mayor and a majority of the aldermen?

The Standard this morning returns to the attack upon the Telegraph and Times, and the advertising committee of the board of trade. The latter is represented as having little experience of civic affairs, and therefore its judgment is not to be relied on. As for the Telegraph and Times, these papers are charged with holding up the mayor and aldermen as "a worthless gang of incompetents who never by any chance do anything right, who invariably do everything wrong, who are not even human enough to be allowed to make mistakes and who in season and out of season must be placed in the pillory and therefore its judgment is not to be relied on. As for the Telegraph and Times, these papers are charged with holding up the mayor and aldermen as "a worthless gang of incompetents who never by any chance do anything right, who invariably do everything wrong, who are not even human enough to be allowed to make mistakes and who in season and out of season must be placed in the pillory and therefore its judgment is not to be relied on."

Readers of these papers know that this is not a correct statement of their attitude. Nor are they fairly described in the following paragraph from the Standard:—

"Who more jubilant at the outcome than those two patriotic journals who have hunted so long and so vindictively for the scalp of the aldermen? A new deal, they shout today in union, and in their mind's eye can see, even now, the City Fathers decorating the telephones poles from The Three Lamps to Indian town, while the five commissioners are borne through the ranks of the citizens, henceforth their vassals and retainers, to their thrones in City Hall. Then the millennium will begin."

Why does the Standard display so much heat? Whose cause are they trodden on? Whose game is the Standard playing? 'Tis behind this violent abuse of those whose only desire is to improve the system of city government?

Nobody is attacking the mayor and aldermen. A majority of the council favor drastic reform, such as the citizens' committee has proposed. They know that the system is bad, and they want a better one. The more noisy the Standard grows the more the people will ask who is making the noise, and why.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Can it be shown that the affairs of the city should not be conducted on business principles?

That the affairs of St. John are so conducted cannot be maintained. If asserted it cannot be proved. Even the opponents of the commission plan admit that reform is needed, but they only propose a half measure—a reduction in the number of members in the city council. They would keep the old system, which does not apply business principles.

But why should not the business of a city be regarded in the same light as that of a corporation? Is there any sound reason why the collection of revenue and the expenditure of the people's money should not be governed by the principles which make it possible for an industrial or commercial concern to remain solvent?

A large amount of money is spent by the city corporation every year. The system which will give the people—all the people—the best service and value for the expenditure is the one that is sought. It is not reasonable to argue that men who devote only a small portion of their time and thought to civic affairs can get as good results as if they gave all their time, and mastered the details as a man masters those of his own business. Direct responsibility is a great spur to effort. Associated with right methods it brings satisfactory results. In this respect the commission plan is immeasurably superior to the city council system of divided responsibility and the lack of constant application.

GETTING INDUSTRIES

The statement that the publicity committee of Ottawa has brought eleven new industries to the city is worthy of attention in other cities. The report of Commissioner Baker states that the total of Ottawa and Hull manufactures has attained the figure of 198, giving employment to about 14,000 people and paying in wages nearly eight million dollars per annum. The Citizen, discussing the report, says:—

"As to the actual work of the bureau itself, the report shows that it was responsible for the location of eleven new industries in the city—surely a sufficient justification of its existence from the standpoint of the city."

One excellent service in stimulating local enterprise and in advertising the capital abroad. The publicity idea is only in its infancy yet. Ottawa, it is apparent, did not adopt the proposition any too soon, but, now that it has made such an excellent start, every help should be rendered the committee to make its work as effective and telling as possible."

The Free Press, discussing the question, cites instances of existing industries that have developed to large proportions, and others that might do the same if more capital were available, and on this point says:—

"While the Publicity Bureau is casting about for outside industries and seeking to enlist the assistance of local capitalists in bringing new factories to this city, there are establishments now in operation in Ottawa which are capable of great enlargement if money for extensions were provided."

The Citizen and Free Press are both right. There is advantage to be gained by getting new industries, and also by enlarging the output of those already successfully established. There is perhaps less risk attached to the latter than to the former. Success depends upon men, and those who have achieved success to the limit of their financial ability ought to be able to make as good a record with increased capital and an enlarged plant.

A HINT FROM OTTAWA

Reference has already been made in the Times to the fact that the publicity bureau of the city of Ottawa has secured a number of new industries for that city, and that the city papers are urging that the extension of existing industries is quite as important as getting new ones. A correspondent of the Citizen states that many industries now under way could be further developed if the capital were available. This correspondent makes the excellent suggestion that a department of the publicity bureau be devoted to the listing of local enterprises which are in need of more capital to be used in the extension of their plants, and to assist these industries in securing additional capital. Such a department could be supplied with facts and figures for intending investors or these could be furnished by the manufacturers concerned on application."

Commending the suggestion the Citizen says:—At present there are several local industries frankly stating their reasons for organizing their business on a company basis and inviting the participation of Ottavians who have money to invest in going concerns. As a matter of civic pride as well as of ordinary business interest, citizens should give their home industries first choice when deciding to invest savings in manufacturing or other enterprises."

That must have been an awful civil leak through which 480 loads of broken stone dropped out of sight.

There is but one opinion among the fishermen concerning the new trade agreement. It would be a great boon to them.

Free fishing from the shores of Lily Lake would prove a great attraction for the public. By re-stocking the lake the supply of fish could be kept up.

The miserable wretch who circulated a gross slander concerning King George has been convicted and sentenced to a year in prison. The sentence was all too light for the offence.

The Standard objects to criticism of the city council. Would the city be better governed if there were no criticism of Hassan paving, street repair work, the market and other matters?

The high tariff men in Canada and the tariff reformers in England see in the proposed trade agreement between Canada and the United States a grave menace to their hopes of attaining power on the tariff issue. Therefore they resort to the old trick of waving the flag.

The Canadian government is proceeding with its naval policy, and calls for tenders for the construction in this country of four cruisers of the Bristol type and six destroyers. If St. John should be selected as a site of naval shipyards it would be of enormous benefit to the city. And why not?

"We are doing well enough," say some of the grumblers. "Why disturb conditions so satisfactory?" Yes, but how long will they be satisfactory? Is it not a fact that much of our present-day prosperity is based on our borrowings of British capital, and on the opening for settlement of the virgin prairie lands? Why refuse the chance now offering of a good market for the fish and potatoes of the Maritime Provinces, the hay of Quebec, the barley and eggs of Ontario, the wheat of the west, the rough timber of the coast—(Montreal Herald).

GETTING THE SPOTLIGHT

"He came to the front very rapidly." "Yes, indeed. All he had to do was refuse to sit at the same banquet table with one of our prominent citizens, and his name was on the front pages of all the papers for a week afterwards."—Detroit Free Press.

If you can't be clever, you can at least

"I COULD NOT LIVE"

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Fenaghvale, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1910

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THE MAID'S LAMENT
(By Walter Savage Landor.)
I loved him not; and yet, now he is gone,
I feel I am alone.
I checked him while he spoke; yet could he speak,
Alas! I would not check.
For reasons not to love him once I sought,
And wearied all my thought.
To vex myself and him; I now would give
My love, could he but live
Who lately lived for me; and when he found
I was vain, in holy ground
He hid his face amid the shades of death,
I waste for him my breath
Who wasted his for me; but mine returns,
And this lone bosom burns
With stifling heat, leaving it up in sleep,
Tears that had melted his soft heart; for years
Wept he as bitter tears.
"Merciful God!" such was his latest prayer,
"These may he never share!"
Quieter is his breath, his breast more cool,
Than children in the mold.
Where children sleep, at least the churchyard gate,
His name and life's brief date.
Pray for him, gentle souls, whose'er you be,
And, oh, pray too for me!

NO SALE.

Real Estate Agent — I tell you, sir, the death rate in this suburb is lower than in any other part of the country.

Mr. Townsman—I believe you. I wouldn't be found dead here myself.

AND GET THE JOINTS.
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May find a seat, but most of us
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WHY SHE WOULDN'T WED HIM.
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"What is your age, madam?" inquired the counsel.
"Sixty," answered the witness. "I am an unmarried woman and didn't think it right to answer that question."

The judge interposed and told her she should answer.
"Oh, well, then," she said, reluctantly, "I am fifty."

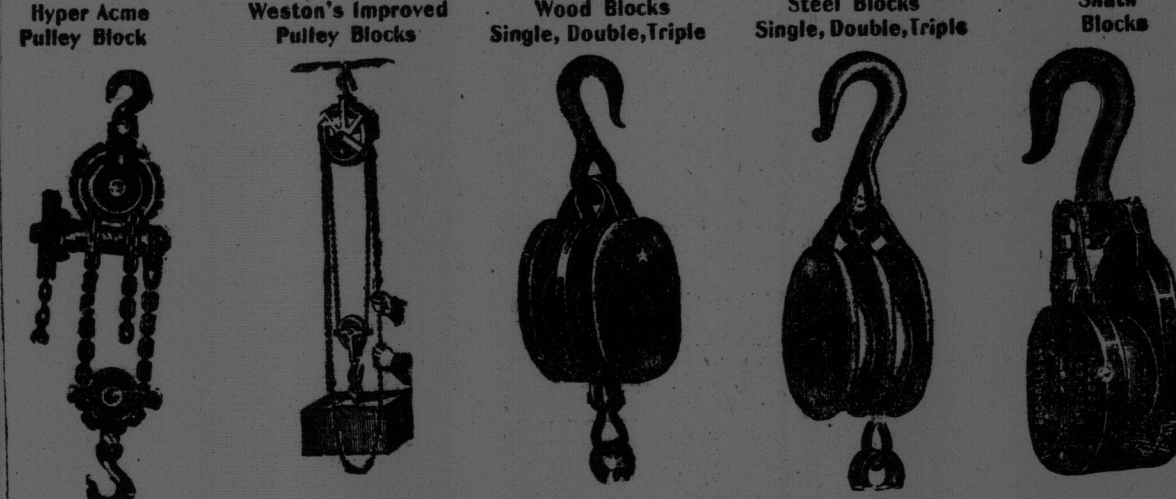
"Not more than fifty?" questioned the counsel, sternly.
"Weed, dinna fash yerse!" she replied, "I am sixty."

The inquisitive lawyer still further asked if she had any hope of getting married, to which Miss Jane replied:—
"Weel, sir, I wanta tell a lie. I himna lost hope yet," scornfully adding, "but I wadna marry won, for I'm sick and tired o' your lawyer already!"—Tit-Bits.

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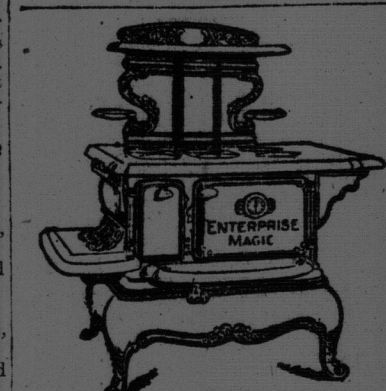
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INSURING AGAINST DEVILS
Curious Way the Chinese Have of Taking Out an Annual Policy

Once every year, during the first fifteen days of the seventh Chinese month, the curious ceremony of Yu-Nan-Whet is celebrated, being in fact the paying of homage to the land and sea devils.

Seven priests carry out the ceremony by offering up various forms of prayer, says the Wide World Magazine, and making an unearthly noise by beating gongs.

Any one wishing to show his respect to the devils can do so by a payment of 600 cash—about 22 cents—to each of the priests, for which amount they will continue their performance for twelve hours.

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Having finished this performance the person on whose behalf it has been carried out goes away happy in the conviction that he will not lose any of his family throughout the year either by sickness or disaster, so that the whole ceremony

may be looked upon as an insurance policy. At this time of year many thousands of the small lighted boats may be seen floating down the Yangtze-kiang.

HOIST.
"I am sorry to be critical, my dear," said Mr. Lambkin, "but this pie is not the kind that mother used to make—not by a long snort."

"It's too bad, Henry," said Mrs. Lambkin, amiably. "I don't know what to do about it. Perhaps you'd better ring her up on the 'phone and tell her. She sent it over this afternoon."—Harper's Weekly.

The burglar is always looking for a new opening.

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NOT PRESENT.
"If you were asked to name the handsomest man in the room, whom would you choose?"
"Well," she answered, looking about. "I believe I should have to admit that he isn't here tonight."