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MUD DUMPING.

There is such a thing as looking a gift horse in the mouth. A short time ago, through the influence of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, two inspectors were appointed in St. John to accompany the scows engaged in dredging operations for the purpose of seeing that no mud should be dumped near the mouth of the harbor. Ald. Frink professes to have discovered that one at least of these inspectors is not performing his duty, that a scow load of mud was recently dumped in the forbidden district, and the alderman, without taking the trouble to ascertain any facts of the case, has announced his intention of bringing the matter before the common council.

An inspector accompanies each scow to the dumping ground; the orders issued have not been violated, as Ald. Frink would have learned had he taken the trouble to enquire. In the past it has been the custom of dredging contractors to empty their scows almost anywhere, in the west channel or outside. Members of the common council made no objection to this, but following an agitation by the board of trade, the minister of public works arranged that a stop should be put to the practice. The marine and fisheries department, while not granting permission for the dredging of mud on the western side of the Negro Point breakwater, made no objection to this practice until it was specifically requested to do so. Since the inspectors were appointed the dumping ground has been clearly defined. A line drawn from the light on the outer end of the breakwater to Sheldon's point passes through the southern corner of Shag rocks. From this southern corner of the rocks another range is taken with Martello Tower. In the district east of Sheldon's point, west of Shag rocks, and north of the range from the breakwater light, mud may be dumped—mud must be dumped in fine weather. Another line taken from the Beacon Light through the inner end of Negro point to the southern corner of Shag rocks is the outer boundary of the ground where mud may be dumped in rough or stormy weather.

A week or so ago, one of the scows engaged in dredging turned turtle. A few days later this same scow, in charge of one of the inspectors, was taken out on another trip and heeled over. In order to prevent it from upsetting, the men on board with the approval of the inspector, let go one of the pockets in an endeavor to keep the scow on an even bottom. The desired result was not attained and the scow listed more than ever. As the lives of those on board were endangered, the inspector gave his consent for the dumping of the other pocket. This was done. In accordance with instructions received, the inspector made his report of the incident in the usual form, as is always done in such matters. This was the scow that Ald. Frink and others saw being emptied in the west channel. Since the appointment of the inspectors no mud has been dumped in the forbidden grounds.

TALKING MACHINES.

It seems almost incredible that upwards of twenty-five millions of phonographic records were sold in America during the past year, but such is stated on good authority to be the case. Even Edison who first developed the idea of the reproduction of sound could scarcely have dreamed of such widespread popularity among all classes as the talking machine now enjoys. It is found everywhere, and while none of the instruments now on the market can be regarded as perfectly accurate, still some of them have been sufficiently improved for ordinary requirements. The Star a few days ago referred to the necessity for further development in moving pictures, and the inevitable tend of dealers towards securing views which will prove of an educative value. The experience of makers of phonograph records has been along these same lines. A decade ago silly speeches, con songs, or at the best discordant band selections were forced on a long suffering but curious public. Today the phonograph disc is a very different affair. It is a reasonably correct record of the singing of famous artists, the performances of the best musical organizations in the world, or the words of men and women who are held high in honor. The ridiculous has been largely eliminated, and what is now served up is instructive as well as entertaining, enjoyable as well as amusing. We are brought near to the finest of music and the greatest orators, and while the machine reproduction cannot be regarded as a true interpretation, still it is satisfying to those of us to whom is denied the opportunity

of hearing the original. What has been done in introducing a better class of records will also be done in selecting scenes for moving pictures. By and by we will see and hear at the same time.

SURVIVAL.

A ship abandoned on the bar, A rockbound coast before her; With roar and din the storm sweeps in And surging seas break o'er her.

Before the curtain of the rain A thistledown comes whirling And in the air bores here and there Above the waters swirling.

It elings an instant to a shroud, Then with the gale sweeps past it; Seas cannot drown the thistledown, The lightning cannot blast it.

And speeding onward toward the shore It sailed the breakers over And made its way to land where lay A peaceful field of clover.

Meanwhile the vessel, piece by piece, The waters settled under, The ship of steel from truck to keel By sea was rent asunder.

The thistledown on fertile soil Its tiny seed left lying, And the yearly yield of the thistle field Tells why the clover's dying.

A fellow was looking over a hedge watching a maiden milking a cow in an open field, when suddenly he spied a young and excited bull, with its head lowered and tail cocked high in the air, rushing madly toward her. The fellow called out to warn her of the approaching danger, but she just glanced at the bull and then went on milking calmly.

The man now ventured to ask the girl how she knew the bull would not touch her.

"Oh!" was the gentle reply, "this cow's his mother-in-law!"

"You are charged," said the court, reading the formal complaint, "with having wilfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought, appropriated to your own use and behoof a certain article—to wit: a vehicle—said vehicle having been wrongfully and feloniously abstracted by you from the premises of one John Doe on or about the 14th day of August, Anno Domini 1907, contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Illinois. What say you? Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"I'm not guilty, Judge," protested the prisoner. "All I done was to steal a buggy."

"I wish to see Miss Bluffham," said the young man with blonde shoes and tan hair.

"She is not in, sir," answered the maid, with a glimpse that told of long practice in the ways of deceit.

"Are you sure?" faltered the youth, nervously twisting a nervous habit in his fingers.

"The maid's eyebrows elevated themselves.

"Do you doubt her word, sir?" she asked, reproachfully.

Blushing deeply over his unworthy thought, he turned and went away.

A German traveller who tried to pass a meal ticket on the train was told by the conductor that he would have to pay the regular fare of 35 cents. The German argued and refused to pay more than 25 cents, whereupon the conductor stopped the train and put him off. In twinking the traveller ran ahead of the engine and started to walk on the track. The engineer blew his whistle, but the late German turned, shook his fist and called out: "You can viesel all you want to. I won't come back."

"I'm quite positive," said Miss Lovell, "that he loves me a great deal."

"How do you know?" demanded Miss Hardman.

"Oh! I can tell by his sighs whenever—"

"Now, don't fool yourself. You can't gauge the depth of a man's love by his sighs."

Teacher.—Of what profession is your father?

Scholar.—Am I obliged to tell you?

Teacher.—Certainly!

Scholar.—He's the bearded lady in a show.

CHARACTERS IN THE MOCK COURT TRIAL.

As there is a general desire on the part of the people to know who are to participate in the interesting proceedings connected with the Breach of Promise Trial to be given under the auspices of St. John, K. of P. Boston '98 Club, in the Opera House, on Monday evening, October 7, the list is here published in full.

As will be observed, with the exception of Col. Newton, they are all well known people who need no introduction.

Wherever similar entertainments have been given under the direction of the present management, their success has been phenomenal and it is not likely that St. John lacks the material to give the affair a liveliness and piquancy equal to the best.

The following is the make-up of the court:

Judge.—Hon. P. J. Ritchie.

Clerk.—C. H. Ferguson.

Plaintiff.—Miss Kate Greany.

Defendant.—A. C. L. Tapley.

Defendants' Attorney.—Dr. A. W. Macne.

Prosecuting Attorney.—Col. A. V. Newton, of Worcester, Mass.

Court Officer.—Police Serg't. Baxter.

Crier.—Stephen C. Matthews.

Witnesses.—Dr. J. V. Daniel, M. P. Miss Josephine Lynch, A. E. McGinley, Miss Bessie Irvine and W. P. Thompson.

Jurors.—Mayor Sears, Deputy Mayor Pickett, Robert Maxwell, M. P. P. D. J. Turley, M. P. P. G. S. Mayes, Col. A. J. Armstrong, W. G. Scovill, Dr. A. D. Smith, Geo. A. Horton, James Moulton, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., and J. N. Harvey.

THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B.

THE KAISER TALKS

ON GERMANY DESTINY

Politico-Religious Speech at Memorial Festi—Nation to Accomplish Great Tasks

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The Kaiser made another politico-religious speech yesterday on the occasion of the unveiling of the national monument at Memel. It was in reply to a toast by the burgomaster at a banquet in the evening. The Emperor, after returning hearty thanks for his reception by the town, remarked:

"The German nation began its present movement in 1807, when for the first time it became conscious of itself (ich auf sich selbst besann). It did not then, as has often happened in history, rise against its rulers, but, following their example, turned its mind inward, recognized God's punishing hand and had recourse to religion. Our forefathers hearkened to God's word, obeyed it and trusted it and He therefore did not desert them."

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ANTWERP STRIKE

ENDS IN FAILURE

Shippers' Federation Gains Every Point and the Dock Men Gladly Return to Work.

ANTWERP, Sept. 26.—Terms under which the strikers' committee has decided that the men shall resume work next Monday at the latest are those of unconditional surrender. The United International Shippers have proved too strong for Antwerp's dockers, whose hungry faces beamed with delight as they left the meeting to inform their families and friends.

It has been a piteous struggle led by ignorant, selfish and ambitious agitators who are responsible for the hunger and privation of thousands of persons for weeks. The shipping federation has won every point and given a lesson in economy to the shipping world at large. The strike committee's threat to strike again in fifteen days if wages are not increased is a more bluff to save appearances.

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