

"FLANNEL MOUTH JACK" AND "BUNDLE AND GO"

Slattery the "rag man" and Council's "canary" suggested a theme to "Veritas" the "poet."
He set up a howl that was silly and dreary.
Was it caused by indulging in Des-sart's "buck goat?"
I owe, so he says, to the Council some money.
And in paying the same he opines I am slack.
'Tis a lie and a damned one, and what makes it funny,
It came from the black heart of "Flannel Mouth Jack."
My dues I can pay and I am willing and able.
If ill becomes Slattery upon me to frown:
A pig in a sty or a horse in a stable,
More manners can show than this Boss of the town.
"Veritas" may scribble and Slattery may blather.
For blood from a turnip you cannot "extract."
For gabbin' and blabbin', the son of your father,
That's what you are my bold "Flannel Mouth Jack."
"Veritas" won't tell us; though my name he hollers,
The names of the many that's down on the list.
Snobs, nob, and swelled heads, owe hundreds of dollars.
Pray what is the reason those fellows he missed?
'Tis because I, the Councilors' takes are exposing.
That's why "John L." attacks me in the back!
Why should our servants be secrets disclosing.
This is the question for "Flannel Mouth Jack."
There's a lick spittle gang that surrounds the commission.
Who cringes and crawls and for bouzous hum
To Gosling's so famous for Onion tradition.
Whose friends got "blue blood" Selling "Jassy and rum."

I tell you the poorest man stands far above them,
In manhood in honor, in hostesty's track.
And as for myself sure to blaze I shove 'em
And you with them, also hold "Flannel Mouth Jack."
You'd think as you read the bearless drive)
That I owed a fortune or twice as much more.
"Veritas" would paint me as bad as the devil
On the bank wrecking robbers of dark '94.
I pay as I go and no tinker or tailor
No Grocer can seize what I wear on my back.
For robbing I've never been watched by a jailor
They why do you frown on me "Flannel Mouth Jack."
Now I would suggest to the Council's "canary"
Ere for rags to New York he will start as we know,
For God's sake to drop "bawlin' sweet Tipperary"
And to learn singing my "bundle and go."
And sure its a long lane that hasn't a turning
Don't think I will desist at the Council to "crack"
"Veritas" I am certain would show more discerning
If he had taken no notice of "Flannel Mouth Jack."
JAMES MURPHY.

WHARF AT COVE DANGEROUS

We again find it our duty to call the attention of the Government to the disgraceful condition of the public wharf at Portugal Cove. "Following the custom of the country" Morris and parasites with him have time and again promised to repair it, but despite petitions and personal pleas there's "nothin' doin'", all being now too busy "grafting" to mind such a public utility. Women are forced to walk a narrow plank in landing from Bell Island boats, and hundreds land there daily, and some one will be drowned or seriously hurt if the place is not looked. Enough to repair it might be taken from the Bell Island ore royalty of \$120,000.

LOCAL ITEMS

During the week seven cases of diphtheria were reported and five houses released from quarantine. There are 20 patients in Hospital, two being treated at their homes.
The Argyle, which left here Thursday last for Placentia, went into Fermeuse yesterday morning, as her machinery was out of gear. She had not left there up to last night.
The schr. "Thomas," which had such an eventful experience while coming to this port, and was damaged and put into the Azores, is loading fish at Harvey & Co's for Europe.

It is likely that the Ranger will bring in the key to this season's seal-fishery. The "Viking," and "Diana" are now on their way home, and the last day of killing is to-day, so that the Ranger must quit to-day.

The S.S. Nevada is undergoing repairs of an extensive nature at the dry dock pier. Her smokestack has been taken out, her decks attended to and "following the custom" usually observed, she will get a thorough overhaul in the dry dock later. Quite a number of mechanics and laborers are employed on her.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Judge Hutchings presided to-day. A drunk and disorderly in the home of Ellen Roberts had to give bonds to keep the peace. A tradesman who is a general nuisance and who created a disturbance yesterday, and who is also an ardent admirer of the "Big Chief" following his usual custom" called on the other learned "Doctor" of Adelaide Street last evening to congratulate him on certain recent utterances, but was not received with the friendly effusiveness that an old friend like him expected. "Following the custom" usual in such cases a policeman removed the "Doctor's" friend, who was fined to-day \$10.00 or 30 days.
Two drunks were each fined \$2.00 or 7 days.
Seven keepers of unlicensed dogs, summoned by the vigilant Sgt. Olyphant, paid up their fees and left with the officer's blessing.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT THE NICKEL.
CHARLIE CHAPLIN,
in a great two-act comedy riot, entitled:
.. "A NIGHT OUT." ..
SEND THE CHILDREN TO THE GREAT BIG BUMPER MATINEE SATURDAY.
HOWARD C. STANLEY, Hear that Rag-time Man.
MONDAY--JOHN LANE, Baritone.

DEAD DRUNK AND STILL KEPT CASH

Last evening a young fisherman named Dan Martin of St. Vincent's who "following the custom of the country" let him loose a bit on arrival in the capital, was picked up on a wharf dead drunk by Const. Nugent. He had in his pockets \$183.58 and spent a royal time with two hard-cases who brought him to the wharf where he was found. "Following the custom of the country" the officer drove him to the Station where to-day Supt. Grimes handed him over his roll of "plunks," told him now near he came to losing them and gave him a bit of good and fatherly advice, which the man promised to respect and observe.

"CUSTOMS OF THE COUNTRY"

The local butchers from the South Coast say that cattle is now very hard to secure and even the young year old calves are being slaughtered. This practice is deplorable and have a tendency to deplete the stock in that district and a reaction will certainly be felt later on. The butchers themselves regret this practice but say it is only following out the customs of the Country.

BOWRING'S SHIPS.

The S.S. Portia left St. Jacques at 7 a.m. to-day bound West.
The Prospero comes off dry dock shortly and will take up the Northern Service the latter part of next week.

REID CO'S STEAMER REPORT

Argyle left Fermeuse 8.30 a.m. to-day.
Dundee left St. John's 5 a.m. to-day for Port Blandford to take up regular route.
Glencoe left Pushtthrough 6.45 a.m. to-day, going West.
Home to leave Placentia early this a.m. for Merasheen route.
Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 11.50 p.m. yesterday; arrived at Louisburg 2.30 a.m. Friday; sailed at 1.30 p.m.
Sagona left Port aux Basques at 5.05 p.m. yesterday.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE.

To-morrow forenoon the Volunteers will hold a Church parade. It will be one of the largest held here since the inception of the force and over 500 men will participate.

THE "RANGER" COMING

The S.S. Ranger is now on her way home, Bowring's last night having received a message from her saying she was 15 miles S.E. of Deadman's Island. She should be here Monday or Friday next.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

THE CRESCENT PICTURE PALACE.
A HAM AND BUD COMEDY TO-DAY.
"PALS IN BLUE,"
A Diamond Special War Feature produced in 3 Reels by the Selig Company, featuring TOM MIX.
"JIMMIE"
The dramatic story of a Western Union Messenger Boy.
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