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INSURANCE TARIFFS.

The engineer who is now in charge of the testing of the new water supply system, has from time to time reported that the work is coming along splendidly. In the installation of such a system, a sort of new wine and old bottle scheme, there is bound to be more or less trouble from the bursting of pipes. But it is pleasing to learn that those who are the best judges regard progress as highly satisfactory, and that before very long the new system will be in complete working order. It is better to go slowly and surely, than to rush matters, and have breaks later in the season. When the new service is in complete operation, St. John will have a system immeasurably superior to that previously in operation, and one which must surely eliminate all those elements which have in the past made St. John to a certain extent undesirable from an insurance standpoint. It will be remembered that the action of the board of fire underwriters first led to active steps being taken towards the installation of the new service. Insurance companies added to their rates two increases, one a percentage, and the other a flat rate. The former was in effect until such time as chemical engines were added to the fire department; the flat rate to be taken off when the water extension was completed. The time will very shortly arrive when the tariff companies must, in accordance with their agreement, revert to the former rates.

But the Star believes, and this opinion is supported by facts, that the underwriters realizing St. John's greatly improved position, will deal not only justly but generously; that the rates in effect upon the completion of the water extension will not be merely as low as formerly, but decidedly lower. It is almost beyond doubt that a new tariff will be arranged. In the matter of protection St. John will in a few months be situated far more favorably than was the case three years ago, and in appreciation of this the underwriters will assuredly decide to fix a tariff applicable to changed conditions. As they demanded higher rates when risks were dangerous, so they will certainly be generous when greater security is provided. This will be fair, but it will also be generous, for even the companies whose rates fall to zero large dividends, and the charges in St. John during the past few years have not been extortionate in comparison with those of other cities of Canada.

PUBLIC WORKS.

It is ridiculous to suppose that an engineer who, in the opinion of the common council, passed his age of usefulness several years ago, is now fit to look after not only the most important work undertaken in St. John, but also the duties of the director. It is equally ridiculous to believe that an alderman who has spent his life as a merchant, a junk dealer, can know sufficient of engineering to preside over the construction of new wharves, boss the city's dredging plant, and see that the streets are kept in repair.

A month or six weeks ago, Ald. McGoldrick, as chairman of the board of works, was instructed with the assistance of a committee, to arrange for filling the position of director made vacant by the retirement of Mr. Cushing. So far no meeting of this committee has been called. Ald. McGoldrick is attempting to direct the details of work in his department, is spending much time in running around to the different jobs, and is devoting himself to the performance of such minor matters as naturally fall to the office of the director. Whether or not he hopes in this way to gain such experience as will qualify him for the position now vacant, is not known, but during the past few weeks it has been suggested that he might fill the bill. The alderman from Stanley evidently takes pleasure in his self-appointed duties, for if they were distasteful he might easily be relieved from further oppression by calling together his committee and making an appointment. Since Mr. Cushing and the city disagreed some six applications for the position of director have been received. Several of them are from persons known to be unsuitable. A number of the aldermen have been favorably impressed with others. Why not let the committee or the board get together, agree on a man, and engage him for three months. It would be very unwise to enter into a binding agreement with anyone, but the best of the applicants should be given a chance to show what he can do.

and if his work, at the end of the probationary period, is regarded as satisfactory, he might be given a permanent position. It would be very unwise to allow matters to go along as at present, for there must necessarily be a great deal of mismanagement when there is no competent head over the department. Action should be taken immediately.

THE AUDIENCE.

(From the Catholic Standard and Times.)

I mak' not mocha mon' today,
Ees only wan or two, but steel
Long time bayfere da sun ees shine
I tak' dees street plant' of mine
An' pull eet out from ceety street
To countra lane, where cool an' sweet
Da morneng breezes blow, an' where
All theengs ees beautiful an' fair.
Oh, here, I think, I gona find
Som' peopls so good heart an' kind
Deey weel be glad to hear me play,
And notta tal me "gona way!"
Like nosta do dat I am meet
Wen I am play een ceety street.

I walk an' walk, but eet ees queer
I meet so few da peopls here;
Ees only wan or two, but steel
I look for more. I climb de heil
An' travel down da hotta road.
Da street plant' ees heavy load,
I am bayfere for feel da heat,
An' so, bimeby, I stop an' seat
Een shady place bayfide da way.
Oh, I am mad! I growl an' say:
"I rak' not mocha mon' today."
Wat for you com', oh, foia man!
Where no wan hear your street plant'?

But den, wat s'pose ees happen me?
Firs theeng you know, ees leetla tree
Mak' funny noia, where eet stand,
So liko as eet eet clap eets han!
Den gentia foengens een da air
Deey com' an' pull me by da hair;
Ees som' theeng een dees sweets breezes
Dat spak to me an' coax an' tease.
An' den da sky, so wide, so blue,
Dat seem to smile an' coax me, too.
So all theengs speak, as eet dey say:
"Com', let us have da music. Play!"

I play wan tune—yes, two, free, four,
Like wat I never do bayfere!
I stop. Da sky cry: "More!" An' den
I play dem evra wan agin.
So, too, I leet my voice an' seeng.
Da breezes say, "More!" to everytheeng.
So all day long eet es like dat,
Oh, Mericans, man, I gat
Som' cures an' som' food to eat.
Wen I am play een ceety street,
But here da sky, da breezes, da tree,
Deey speak Etallian to me!

I mak' not mocha mon' today,
So few ees hear da tunes I play,
But where ees reecher man dan I
Dat play to breezes, an' tree, an' sky?

Many brief and telling replies are laid to the account of Douglas Jerrold. It will suffice to recall one. "What is going on?" said a bore, stopping Jerrold on the street. "I am," and the speaker suited the action to the word.

Akin to this was the answer of John Wesley to the blistering swagveer who pushed against him on the path, with the insulting remark, "I never make way for a fool."

"I always do," said Wesley, quietly stepping aside, and then placidly resuming his way.

A similar anecdote is told of Lord Kitchener, of Kartoum, who, walking to St. James' Park, was accosted by an effusive stranger, who grasped his hand and said:

"Hello, Lord Kitchener, I bet you don't know me!"

The general gazed at him unmoved. "You win," he remarked, laconically, and walked on.

"I saw Jinx yesterday and he was running down your auto at a great rate."

"You should have seen him day before yesterday."

"Why?"

"My auto was running him down at a great rate."

Owner of Motor Car (to chauffeur)—
"Have you a recommendation from your last employer?"
Chauffeur—No, sir, but I can get one to look after not only the most important work undertaken in St. John, but also the duties of the director. It is equally ridiculous to believe that an alderman who has spent his life as a merchant, a junk dealer, can know sufficient of engineering to preside over the construction of new wharves, boss the city's dredging plant, and see that the streets are kept in repair.

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PUTTING IT GENTLY.

Not long ago a worthy tradesman of the writer's acquaintance paid his customary visit to friends in the country.

One morning he took out a gun, being accompanied—as on his former visits—by an old farm hand, whom we will call Jack.

The visitor was an excitable sort but a generous giver—facts well known to Jack.

A rabbit jumped up about ten yards away. Bang went both barrels, but pussy escaped with a whole skin.

"Did I hit him, Jack?" asked Mr. M.—, in an excited whisper.

"Well," said Jack thoughtfully, "I couldn't say 'zactly as you 'im, but I must say as I never seed a rabbit wuss scared! Y'e're improved vastly sin' last year, Mr. M.—, an' if ye keeps on improvin' an' comes agin next year, why," with a shake of the head—"summut'll happen to that rabbit!"

THE MOHAMMEDANS.

The latest estimates give the total number of Mohammedans in the world as 200,000,000.

TRKISH TURBANS.

A Turkish turban of the largest size contains twenty yards of the finest and softest muslin.

GRAFT MOTHER'S SKIN ON LITTLE SON

Twenty Square Inches of Her Cuticle Used to Save Lad from Life of Deformity

NEW YORK, July 23.—To save her six-year-old son William from being disfigured for life Mrs. Samuel Honig, No. 234 Ellery street, Brooklyn, permitted the surgeons of the Jewish Hospital, to take twenty square inches of skin from her body and graft it on the neck of the boy. The operation, the physicians say, was successful and William will be able to go through life without a deformity.

Nearly six months ago, while playing about the house, the boy ran against his mother, who was carrying a kettle of hot water. The contents of the kettle flew over the boy, inflicting burns on the neck, shoulders and chest.

Early last week it was discovered that the boy's head was pulled over to the left side and that he was unable to hold it straight on his shoulders.

Then the parents decided to take William to the Jewish Hospital to see if the surgeons could tell them what was the matter. At the hospital the surgeons quickly decided that the only thing that would save the boy from carrying his head to one side during the rest of his life would be to cut away the skin, which had become contracted where it was scalded by the water, and graft new cuticle in its place.

Mrs. Honig told the surgeons that she would permit them to take as much skin from her body as would be necessary to save her child from being deformed for life.

Five strips of skin, each one inch wide and from four to five inches in length, were taken from Mrs. Honig's thigh. The burned tissue had been scraped from the boy's neck and the living cuticle applied.

LOSES ARM IN COUNTING MONEY

Major Eugene Coffin, Paymaster in the Philippines, Poisoned While Handling Currency.

MANILA, P. I., July 23.—Major Eugene Coffin, paymaster U. S. A., lost an arm in an operation for septicemia in the hospital here as the result of infection received in counting paper money.

Coffin has been a wonderful saxophone player, but now that he has lost an arm he can play no more. John Philip Sousa once offered him a \$100 a week to join his band. The Major was a comrade of President McKinley and served in the Civil War.

WELL KNOWN SONG WRITER DEAD FROM STROKE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 24.—Colonel W. S. Hays, the veteran river editor of the Courier Journal, song writer and poet, died at his home here yesterday of vertigo, caused by a stroke of paralysis, suffered in the Troquois Theatre fire in Chicago Dec. 30, 1903. He was 70 years old. Colonel Hays always claimed the authorship of the original words of "Dixie," and that he was responsible for the arrangement of the music.

His version of "Dixie" was written at the outbreak of the Civil War, but the words were considered so scottish that the writer was arrested and compelled to change them. By that time, it is said, Dan Emmet, the minstrel, had written his song, and the publisher had it copyrighted. Colonel Hays most famous song was "Mollie Darling," a song which reached two million copies in Europe and America. Among his other songs were "Keep in de middle ob de Road," "The old log Cabin in the Lane," and "Signal Bells at Sea."

BRAZILIAN SAILORS DEVELOP BERI-BERI

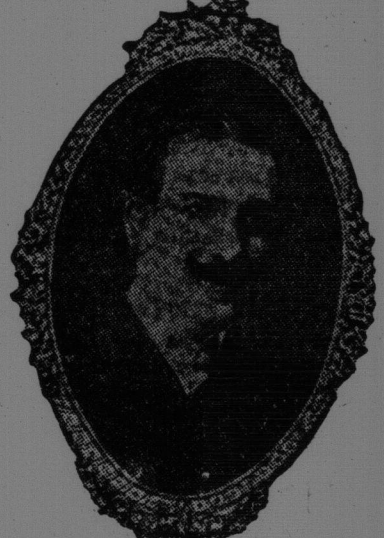
NORFOLK, Va., July 24.—Seven cases of Beri-Beri have developed in the last week on the ships of the Brazilian squadron in this harbor. They have been removed to the Portsmouth Hospital. Two are said to be in a critical condition. The disease is attracting much attention among local physicians.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., July 23.—Hudson Maxim, the inventor, of Brooklyn, has demonstrated that he can save life as well as devise means for its destruction. Maxim, who has one arm, plunged into Lake Hopatcong last night and brought two drowning young women ashore. The rescue was made off the Maxim Park, where the inventor has a summer cottage and word of the affair only reached here today.

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Eight rooms and bath.
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ROME, July 23.—This is Marchese Vincenzo Peruzzi, head of the ancient Florentine family, who claim that King Edward owes them two hundred million dollars, representing money lent to the first three King Edwards of England with accumulated interests. The first loan of about twelve million dollars was advanced to King Edward I, 607 years ago.

NEW YORK, July 24.—C. M. Daniels of the N. Y. Athletic Club, swimming in a fifty yards race in the Larchmont Yacht Club's water sports yesterday made a new record for the distance of 25.45 seconds. The former record for the distance was 27.35 seconds and was made by T. B. Kitching.

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BIRTHS.
GOLDING—At 411 Main street, St. John, on July 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Golding, a son.

MARRIAGES.
DRISCOLL-KEIRSTEAD.—Married at Norton, July 13, by Rev. A. Perry, Charles O. Driscoll of Springfield, K. Co., and Lauretta Keirstead of John, Q. Co.
CAMERON-SPRAGG.—Married at Norton, July 23, by Rev. A. Perry, Hiram D. Cameron and Jennie S. Spragg, both of Kars, K. Co.

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CURRAN'S RETORT.

Very happy is Curran's reply to his pompous antagonist in debate who had loftily asserted that he was the guardian of his own honor. "I wish the honorable and learned gentleman joy of his sinews."

WRONG SHOES

Artemus Ward once remarked, "There is one thing to be said in favor of tight shoes—they make a man forget all his other troubles."

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Phone 880.

Zion Methodist Sunday School Picnic, Tuesday, July 30th, WESTFIELD BEACH.

Trains leave at 9.25 a. m. and 1.10 p. m.
Refreshments for sale on the grounds.
TICKETS—Adults, 40c; Children, 25c. For sale at People's Department Store, Mill Street; F. S. Purdy's, Garden Street, and from members of the School.

MME. NORDICA'S MUSICAL PLANS

Maine's Great Singer Now in London—Her Institute on the Hudson.

HE DESERVES DEATH, BUT WILL NOT LIKELY DIE

A Frenchman, Found Guilty of a Horrible Murder, Will Escape the Guillotine.

LONDON, July 23.—Mme. Nordica, who is looking for ideas which will be of use in the Lillian Nordica Institute of Music and Opera, which she expects to establish on the banks of the Hudson, went out to the St. Albans pagoda on Thursday and came back enthusiastic over the possibilities for pageants which her institute, with its stadium and the beautiful site, will afford.

"It was a delightful, realistic, spectacle," said Mme. Nordica. "There was most wonderful grouping, and it was delightful to see the extraordinary interest which everybody manifested in her part. The young girls and boys, even, seemed to be delighted with their costumes, whether they appeared as ragmuffins or as princesses and princes. And as for the men, they seemed to be as well pleased, whether they were half clad early Britons or full panoplied thirteenth century knights."

"I do not see why we should not give just as lovely pageants on the Hudson. If we have not such a history of our own as they have over here, we could easily borrow it upon occasion. I am sure Raleigh, Elizabeth, and other famous names in English history up to Victoria mean just as much to us as they do to the English."

"Then we could give some lovely scenes from Indian life. We could take scenes from Bible history, for we are a Christian nation, and I don't see why religious spectacles should be relegated to Oberammergau."

"Victor Maurel has been to me to offer his services in connection with my plan. He would be wonderful for the stage department and all that makes a great artist, and he may be one of my professors. I am not so sure by that M. Jean and Edouard de Reske will come over to join me."

"I am looking, of course, among my colleagues for artistic help. I want it understood that I am not copying Bayreuth. I want to impress upon our people the importance of providing for our girls at home. It is a terrible thing for them to be studying alone in a foreign country."

FAMOUS SLIPPERS.

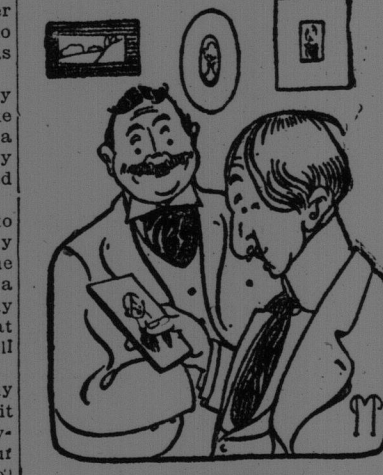
In the Cluny museum is a pair of shoes made of yellow silk once belonging to the famous Marquise de Pompadour and are the identical pair she is depicted as wearing in the pastel portrait of her which hangs in the gallery of the Louvre.

THE FIRST ENVELOPE.

The first envelope ever made is in the possession of the British museum.

Not a drop of Alcohol

Doctors prescribe very little, if any, alcohol these days. They prefer strong tonics and alteratives. This is all in keeping with modern medical science. It explains why Ayer's Sarsaparilla is now made entirely free from alcohol. Ask your doctor. We have no secrets! We publish. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.



GREAT IDEA.

Cholly (examining first print from the negative)—"Isn't there some way to make my moustache show a little plainer?"
Photographer—"Why, yes; you might wait a few years and then come again."

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