

The Mail and Advocate.

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PRESIDENT TO VISIT CONCEPTION BAY

THE Conception Bay Delegates at Catalina Convention expressed the desire of the Councils to be visited once again by the President and a promise was given by the President to visit some of the Councils after the New Year.

The question of the price for Labrador fish has now become a serious matter for the fishermen and President Coaker is resolved to take a hand in the purchase of Labrador fish off the coast and he has decided to tackle the matter the present winter.

Recently the Councils in the Districts of Harbor Main, Brigus, Harbor Grace and Carbonear have been informed that the President will convene a Convention of those Councils at Coley's Point during the second week of January, when the officers of all Councils concerned will be enabled to meet the President and formulate a plan of action.

The President will propose the formation of a Special Conception Bay District Council which will embrace all Councils in Conception Bay except those situated in Bay de Verde District.

This District Council will be presided over by the President and meet once a year to consider the larger problems which confront the Union in wages, Labrador fishery, establishment of two stations of the Export Co. on the Labrador shore to handle the fish caught by the landmen, and export it direct in casks by steamers, and to sell supplies on the spot to the fishermen, arranging for salt supply and other problems connected with the fishery.

Conception Bay issues are peculiar and must be solved by the efforts of their own men and Councils, and the only way to do so successfully is for all the Bay to work together—hence Mr. Coaker's decision to initiate this new move.

ANOTHER FORWARD MOVEMENT

THE Union Trading Company has just completed negotiations with Messrs. Earle Sons & Co. of Fogo for the purchase of their extensive business premises situated at Joe Batt's Arm. Immediate possession will be given and the Trading Company will use the premises as a branch of their business for the transaction of the Union members business at Barr'd Island and Joe Batt's Arm. The wharfing accommodation will be extended in order to afford facilities for loading and discharging steamers the size of the "Can't Lose."

The property has been erected during the last fifteen years and is modernly equipped and fitted. A large stock of supplies will be carried and fish will be collected and purchased there for export. Joe Batt's Arm and Barr'd Island Council of the F.P.U. is the largest in Fogo District and the securing of this premises will consolidate the Union's work in that vicinity.

Joe Batt's Arm is thickly populated and property there valuable. It would be very difficult to secure accommodation in the harbor for the Union business and the securing of the premises of the Messrs. Earle Sons & Co. is considered a lucky stroke for the Union.

This is the second extensive business property purchased by the Trading Company within the past two weeks and is a criterion of the marvellous progress of the work of the Union and the wonderful confidence which exists in President Coaker's ideas.

The most remarkable feature of those progressive moves is, the members of the F.P.U. residing at the settlements concerned are finding the money to purchase those properties by purchasing Trading Company shares to cover the cost of the property.

The Union in Fogo District possesses several business premises erected since the Trading Company was started. Cat Harbor, Doting Cove, Carmanville, Tilting and Fogo already possess splendid new stores. Change Islands and Seldom occupy rented premises. Joe Batt's Arm operated a store which was purchased two years ago, which is now too small to accommodate the demands of the Union trade.

Those who imagined the Union would go smash when the war opened and who chuckled with delight over the thought of the Trading Company being thus entangled will now drink their Xmas whiskey with deep sighs, for present indications prove the Trading Company to be one of the strongest financial business concerns operating in the Colony and making progress that is astonishing the whole Country.

For the last five years the Water Street know-alls have been giving Coaker another six months only to be down and out, but they have now to confess with Mr. Morine that the F.P.U. is the greatest organization the Colony has ever beheld and its organizer and leader is the most remarkable man the Colony has ever produced.

THE PRICE OF FLOUR ADVANCES

THE provision dealers Xmas box to the people to-day is an advance of 40c. per brl. on flour, which took effect this morning. The Trading Company by importing a large quantity of flour this fall prevented prices from advancing here although the prices at the mill have advanced very considerably from time to time the past two months.

The Trading Company's big importations are now about exhausted and as we intimated in the early fall, the price would advance when the Union flour was sold out. Our prediction has been fulfilled to-day and the probabilities are that the price will advance here to eight dollars by the 1st of May.

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WHERE SMILING IS ACCOUNTED SIN

THE relentless severity with which Germany dealt with any civilian whom it was considered in any way served to hinder her in her unprovoked in-mind us how very different German law is from our own enjoyment of free institutions. Take a visitor to the country. Before he has stayed in a German town for a week a policeman calls. He politely enquires your age, your nationality, and how long you intend to stay. Your answer he notes down in one of a small library of little books which he carries with him.

All foreigners renting a house or a flat have a form of eleven columns to fill in for delivery to the police. You must give your Christian name, surname and birthday; state whether married or single, or divorced; your nationality and occupation; whence you have come; your last settled address; whether you intend to stay more than three months; whether you have ever been in the present police district before, and if so, with whom, when, and at what address; and finally you must describe your residence in detail, whether your own flat or sub-let flat, on what floor, whether in front of the house or facing the yard!

Every member of your family and every servant must be entered. When you change to a new address, even in the same police district, you must again go through this procedure; and if you come from another Prussian police district you are required to bring therefrom a sort of police discharge, clearing up, so to speak, your accounts at the old address, and establishing your identity.

When you hire a servant girl you must purchase a yellow blank, and report the fact. When she leaves a green form must be sent to the police stating why she is dismissed.

If you use the telephone in Ger-

many you must be careful how speak to the employees. At Carlsruhe a gentleman, impatient at long delay, called out "Are you asleep, miss?" and was fined El for offering "an unjustifiable insult!"

Whatever you do, be careful not to use red ink when writing to the police. The president of the Social Democratic Society at Hetschendorf did so, and was summoned and fined for "inciting the representatives of law to break the peace."

In all small matters you must exercise the greatest care, so as not to run the risk of insulting

other people. A certain count had a quarrel with an insurance agent the count presently summoned the latter because, as he alleged, the agent stared at him wherever they met in a manner which revealed hate and contempt. The poor insurance man was fined £2, with the alternative of ten days imprisonment.

In another case, a man was watching a fat policeman chase the vision of the former's stout legs twinkling along amused him so that he burst into an uncontrollable fit of laughter. This was construed as an indictable offence—serious scandal—and the unhap-

py weight went to prison for a week.

The proprietor of a well-known patent medicine took a quarter of a column in a German newspaper. The publisher was summoned and fined for "bombastic advertisement." It was considered that the advertisement was too long, and that it irritated the readers.

The punishment for a German soldier hauled up for the serious offence of failing to salute his officer in the street is two months' imprisonment. He may plead that he is short-sighted, and at once he will be sentenced to an extra ing to report his infraction.

With the downfall of militarism, which we trust and hope to see as the outcome of the present war will no doubt come a remodelling of German institutions, when laws ridiculous in their barbarity and severity will give place to a code more in keeping with twentieth century civilisation.

CURIOUS YULETIDE GIFTS

THE season of goodwill brings us all many tokens of regard and good wishes from friends near and far away. It is strikingly remarkable the strange form these gifts take, and one may well be set thinking as to the cause and reason why such-and-such a thing was sent as a Christmas gift.

There are many cases on record which are freakish, and no doubt, the donors have been prompted to make the gift an odd one, owing, perhaps, to circumstances and occasions being unique, such as these.

PRESERVED BEAUTY.

QUEEN VICTORIA once received as a Christmas offering from that famous horticulturist, Mr. David Fuerstenberg, of Philadelphia, a bunch of twelve magnificent Queen of Edgley roses, each flower being eight inches in diameter, with a stalk a yard long. The marvellous part of this gift was the flowers arrived in perfect

condition after their journey of more than three thousand miles. Each stem had been placed in a separate sealed tube of wax, each bud wrapped in wax paper, and the whole buried in cracked ice and snow.

DICKENS'S "XMAS CAROL."

M. R. H. F. Dickens, K.C., tells an interesting story concerning the original manuscript of his father's famous Carol. The novelist presented the M.S. to Thomas Milton, an old schoolfellow.

In 1875 Mr. Milton sold it to Mr. Francis Harvey, a bookseller, for \$2.50. Then it passed into the hands of Mr. George Churchill, an enthusiastic autograph collector. Mr. Churchill treasured it until 1882, when circumstances compelled him to part with it.

After photographing every page of it, it was sold to Mr. Bennett, a Birmingham Bookseller and curio dealer, who eventually found a purchaser who readily signed a cheque for \$1,000 for it.

Finally it was bought by Mr. Stuart M. Samuel, of Kensington, Palace Gardens, for \$1,500, who is said to still retain the precious document.

EXPENSIVE CRACKERS.

SOME time ago a firm in the Midlands received an order from a millionaire to manufacture a box of crackers of special design.

The box had to be placed in the hands of a jeweller to be made, for the customer and stipulated that it was to be a handsome silver casket.

Inside the casket were placed six crackers, the wrappers being of figured satin and old lace. That box of crackers cost \$1,200.

LACK OF DISCRETION.

LAST Christmas a poor clergyman's wife received from a rich friend in town a magnificent piece of Oriental embroidery, gorgeous in crimson and gold, with a kindly hope that she could use it for a Sunday dress! The poor lady smiled grimly as she laid the present away. A pair of new boots or a piece of black silk now—either would have been invaluable.

In another case, a would-be philanthropist, also of the fair sex, sent a poor old cottage woman a beautifully bound copy of Milton's poems. That the latter could barely spell out her Bible with the aid of her spectacles never seemed to have occurred to the sender; nor that a pound of tea would have been much cheaper and infinitely better appreciated.

BRANCHES OF GOLD.

PERHAPS the most remarkable, and certainly the most costly Christmas tree ever provided was that which graced the apartment of a Klondyke millionaire at a New York hotel. Its every branch was loaded with gold nuggets, and around the trunk was planted a large pile of \$20.00 gold pieces.

Altogether the value of this tree was between \$60,000, and \$65,000. He was a young man who had just returned from the Klondyke, and provided this unique Christmas tree for the amusement of his wife and children. Before going to the Klondyke he was a poor brakeman on the Southern Pacific Railway.

Several years ago one of Chicago's millionaires put a substantial fortune on a Christmas tree. It was decorated with all kinds of valuable articles, from gold watch-

es to infants' gold rattles, as well as with costly gems set in rings, brooches, bracelets pins, and other things.

Altogether their value was estimated at upwards of \$50,000 and, what is more, each article was given away to one or other of a numerous Christmas party. When brilliantly illuminated, this valuable Christmas tree, with its glistening gold and flashing gems, presented a spectacle rarely met with, even in the gorgeous palaces of American millionaires.

CURIOUS LEGACIES.

EVERY one at the not so very distant date, comparatively, of 1821, a certain John Hall left Consols to the value of \$700 for providing a Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding for the prisoners in Northampton County Goal; while in 1556, Thos. Cattell, left a rent charge of £35 per annum to purchase beef and oatmeal for the poor prisoners of Newgate and other prisons of the metropolis.

There may be seen on the benefaction table at Deptford Church a record to the effect that "a person unknown gave a load of peastraw at Christmas yearly, for the use of the church." The bequest has since been put upon a strictly money basis.

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