



**Evening Telegram**

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**Municipal Matters.**

As the Municipal Elections will be held next year, citizens are beginning to turn their attention to civic affairs. We have received a number of requests to re-publish the two letters written by Mr. Gosling and published in The Evening Telegram last June. The subject of the letters was civic government by paid commissioners. There are quite a number of people who are interested in the question and we purpose republishing these letters, and other letters any person interested may send us. Mr. Gosling has also intimated to us his intention of following up the discussion. As it appears to us, the onus is on those who wish to make this radical change not only to prove their case, but to persuade the majority of civic voters in the municipality into taking action to make the change. We think a change of so radical a type should not be made by the mere vote of the Legislature. Something more should be done. A plebiscite should be taken and the change should not be made until a clear majority of the voters in the municipality have signified their desire for a change of this nature. There is also a strong feeling growing for a return to the ward system. This question is also one which should be discussed on its merits and our columns are now open for such a discussion.

**The F.P.U. Convention.**

The Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union opens its annual session in the Mechanics' Hall in this city this afternoon. The Supreme Council is composed of delegates from district councils and the local council. Each district council can send its Chairman and its Secretary as delegates and each local council its Chairman or any other delegate. Delegates are in the city from most of these Councils from Conception Bay to the Straits of Belle Isle. We welcome them to the city and express the hope that their conference may be useful and profitable to their organization and the general body of members. Last December the Supreme Council met at Bonavista and its effects have been wide and far-reaching, and so far as its main political effects are concerned they have been made manifest to the world at large in the return of a number of Union men to the House of Assembly by large majorities. The most marvellous of these returns were those of Bonavista and Port de Grave. At that Convention authority was given to the President which led to the coalition with the Liberal Party. A programme of legislation was also adopted which in the main formed the basis of the understanding on which the coalition was formed. In addition to these important matters, resolutions were passed endorsing the numerous petitions which had been presented to the House of Assembly in the early part of the same year, expressing alarm at the extravagant expenditure of the Government, and a determination to take part in an endeavour to oust the Government. The result of that determination is to be seen in the great majorities obtained by the Opposition in the northern bays. Resolutions were also passed endorsing the action of President Coaker in sending Memorials to the Governor of that period, praying for the dismissal of the Hon. D. Morison from the Executive Council and from the office of Minister of Justice. The Supreme Council expressed regret that the Governor had not acceded to the prayer of that petition. The Union men of the District of Bonavista however took up the matter at the polls and placed the petitioner, President Coaker, at the top of the poll, and the Minister petitioned against, Hon. D. Morison, at the bottom of the poll, giving Mr. Coaker 3,473 votes and Mr. Morison 1,457. It is over a month ago since Mr. Morison's constituents passed this decisive vote of want of confidence in him, and yet to-day Sir Edward Morris retains him in the Executive Council and in his office as Minister of Justice, and it is said intends to retain him there by providing him with a seat in the Legislative Council. We await with interest the course which the Supreme Council of the F. P. U. will take in the premises. In closing our remarks we again welcome them to the Capital, and hope their deliberations, which take in many economic as well as political questions, may be fruitful. They have undertaken a great work in associating themselves together to obtain what may be due to the fisherman for the products of his labour and in entering into great co-operative enterprises by which the fishermen may expend what they earn to the best advantage.

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**Police Court.**

Two drunks were discharged.  
A teamster, for keeping in his possession a quantity of lead, belonging to another man, was let off with paying costs.  
A laborer, of Battery Road, drunk, his fourth offence, was fined \$2 or 7 days.  
A truckman, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$2 or 7 days.  
A laborer, of New Gower Street, for using profane language, was fined \$2 or 7 days.

**Rough Passage.**

The schooner Gladys S. arrived at Burgeo this morning, after a lengthy passage of sixty-three days from Cadiz, bringing a cargo of salt. The vessel experienced a rough time, had her sails blown away and had to put into Trepassey for shelter out of a recent heavy gale. All the crew are well.

**Portia Sails.**

The s.s. Portia sailed at three o'clock this afternoon for Western ports, taking a full freight. The following passengers sailed by her: Rev. Mr. Elliott and wife, Inspector Collins and wife, Mrs. St. Croix, Miss Marshall, Geo. Dawe and wife, Mrs. Duder, W. Cartchell, H. Haskell, P. Lake, D. Powell, Mrs. Powell, G. Power, E. White, Simon Herd, D. Smith, P. Donnelly.

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**This Date in History.**

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Days Past—255 To Come—29.  
BATTLE OF AUSTERLITZ 1805. After the defeat at Trafalgar, Napoleon turned his attention to Austria, and on this day gained his greatest victory in the battle against the combined Russian and Austrian forces, under their respective Emperors. Every man has just as much vanity as he wants understanding.—Pope.

**Here and There.**

S.S. STEPHANO.—The s.s. Stephano leaves Halifax this afternoon for this port, bringing the largest cargo for the season.  
BOARD OF TRADE.—A special meeting of the Board of Trade will be held to-morrow afternoon, when resolutions for additions and amendments to the Bye-Laws will be considered.

George Street Choir meets to-night at the usual time and place. It is absolutely necessary that all members attend for the Christmas music practice.—11

BLACK DIAMOND LINE.—The s.s. Corunna left Sydney at 9 o'clock last night for here. The s.s. City of Sydney left Sydney at 11 a.m. yesterday for this port.

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His Excellency the Governor, Walter Davidson, Esq., C.M.G., will open the Annual Sale of the L. C. A. S. and Y. L. G. in the Methodist College Hall on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. M. H. FENWICK, Secy.—dec1,21

ALLAN LINE SHIPS.—The R. M. S. Numidian sails for Halifax and Philadelphia to-morrow forenoon, taking 2,000 packages of outward freight. The R. M. S. Mongolian reached Halifax at 1.30 a.m. yesterday from this port.

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The s.s. Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.05 a.m. to-day with the following passengers in saloon: J. Sully, C. A. Stewart, T. J. Moore, L. Legge, Rev. G. Massey, Miss E. Pink, Miss E. Forrestal and R. G. Dawe.

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THE MANCHESTER COMMERCE.—The work of repairs to the Manchester Commerce is progressing favourably. Nearly all the old plates have been removed and in a short time the work will continue during the night and several more workmen will be employed in order to give the ship a quick despatch.

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