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THE DAILY WHIG. Opiter per Orbem I scot.

A KINGSTON INSTITUTION. "The best in its history" is the report of the management of the Oddfellows' relief association makes to the annual meeting. The institution is solidly founded and Kingston is proud of the record it is making. It is an institution economically conducted, and by men who are alert and eager for the best interests of its members. It is a growing concern; every year in the past it has been advancing, but this year its record is one that is decidedly gratifying. Its membership is 14,159; its reserve fund is \$264,156.99. This fund had over \$50,000 added to it during the year, a cash surplus of the year. Its investments are carefully made. The association is conservative in this respect, and it only invests in such bonds as are really "gilt edged" even though the highest interest is not always secured. Safety and security are both sought by the management.

Kingston heartily welcomed the delegates from all parts of Canada to the annual meeting. It was glad to receive them and to congratulate them on the good results of the year. Its citizens know the men who are conducting the association's business, and they stand high in the public estimation. They are men of ability and integrity, and the Whig and all citizens generally, wish for them long years of usefulness.

A GOODLY LAND. C. W. McMurran, writing to the Brooklyn Standard Union, from New Zealand, says:

"Here strikes are unknown. The grievances between the employees and the proprietors must be heard before the highest industrial court (the arbitration court) which is composed of one of the judges of the supreme court, one representative of the manufacturer and one representative of the organized and registered labor union. This New Zealand labor is more thoroughly supervised by the state or government than American labor is to-day, and the New Zealand laborers are certainly better educated. This is a land where there are no poor houses. The aged are pensioned by the government after their sixty-fifth year.

In other parts of his letter Mr. McMurran says that the political life of New Zealand is purer and more advanced than that of the older countries, that the labor of children under fourteen and "sweating" are both prohibited; that the policemen in Auckland carry neither club nor firearm and their prisoners are carried to the police station in cabs; also that Chinamen are taxed \$500 a head before they can land; that there is no personal property tax and that eighty per cent. of the rental value of land is the main basis of taxation, but there are an income tax on incomes over \$1,500 and a five per cent. tax on the actual value of unimproved real estate. Mr. McMurran makes it plain that New Zealand has satisfactorily solved problems that long have worried older civilizations.

TO DECIDE STRIKE QUESTION. "To strike or not to strike?" This is the vital question to settle which delegates are pouring into Indianapolis from almost every coal mining district of the United States in readiness for the great convention which assembles to-day in response to the recent call of president Mitchell, of the United mine workers of America. If the convention reaches an affirmative decision it will mean, so say the officials of the miners' associations, that 300,000 men will lay down their picks, not to resume work until their brethren in the anthracite field of Pennsylvania have obtained their demands. A decision not to strike will mean at the very least the breaking of the back-bone of the miners' struggle in Pennsylvania, and a serious blow to organized labor.

In the settlement of this "lady or the tiger" question there is a conservative element among the union miners that is strongly pronounced in favor of the convention taking a compromise course. It would be better, say the leaders of this element, for the convention not to declare a strike outright, but to delegate to the executive board of the United mine workers the power to call-out the men on general strike at their discretion. This, it is pointed out, would give the advantage of a delay before the final card is played, while at the same time not detracting from the moral support given by the unions throughout the country to the Pennsylvania strikers. It is further argued in support of this course that it would help greatly the financial end of the struggle as it would enable the soft coal miners still at work to devote a large part of their earnings to the anthracite strikers and enable the latter to continue their strike indefinitely or until a successful issue was reached. Although president Mitchell has so far refrained from expressing an opinion on the subject of the convention and the proper course for it to pursue, it

is said, by those intimately associated with him, that he would prefer to have the convention delegate to the executive board the power to call the strike rather than have the issue brought to a climax at once.

Meanwhile the delegates are pouring into Indianapolis from all directions, and about the headquarters of the United mine workers, a despatch says, they are discussing the situation, the latest news from the Pennsylvania field and the probable outcome of the struggle. For the most part they are extremely reticent so far as public utterances are concerned, and it is a difficult matter to ascertain how they stand with regard to the main question. Enough can be gleaned, however, to warrant the forecast that the convention will not declare a general strike by any overwhelming majority, and if a strike is called at all it will be in the face of a considerable opposition. Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa will hold the majority of the delegates. In three of these states at least satisfactory conditions prevail at present. The men are working under a yearly agreement and are enjoying concessions which it has taken years for them to gain. Such contracts, it may readily be believed, are not to be lightly broken. Michigan, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and one or two other states will be represented in the convention. It is not known exactly how their delegates stand on the strike question, but it is unlikely that their numerical strength will be sufficient to influence the decision to any great extent. The states of Maryland, Colorado, Washington, Montana, Indian Territory, Arkansas, New Mexico and Texas, and one-half the soft coal district of Pennsylvania, are not organized, but there are small unions among them, and some have sent delegates to the convention. While undoubtedly there are agitators, for the most part the delegates appear to be a conservative lot of men. Whatever decision is reached it will be after intelligent discussion of the question from every viewpoint.

Opinions expressed by those already on the field indicate a general hope that whatever action is taken may be by a good solid majority so as to leave no doubt of the feeling of the miners throughout the country. It is feared that if a strike were declared by a slight majority it would create such friction that a split in the union would ensue, and it is said that this is the fear that president Mitchell has had ever since the anthracite miners said they wanted a national "strike." On the other hand, the advocates of a general strike are determined to leave no stone unturned in an effort to bring the convention to an affirmative decision and by a large majority. They argue that a defeat in Pennsylvania would be a crushing blow to unionism, and that in order to retain the present strength of the mine workers, the soft-coal men, as a matter of self-preservation, must join in the strike and make the struggle of the Pennsylvania miners their own.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Great Britain's new premier is an unmarried man.

Canada's trade last year passed the \$400,000,000 mark, or \$70 per head, a remarkable record and yet not what it will be. The figures have nearly doubled, however, since the liberal regime set in.

Forty Yankee detectives brought to Ontario by the conservative association to purify the elections! How innocent it reads, surely. But the courts may show that the visitors were here to purify the elections.

"A bath after a day's work tends to remove the desire for stimulants" is the opinion of Mr. McAfee, the state factory inspector for Indiana, who recommends to the larger manufacturing concerns the providing of bathing facilities for their employees. The suggestion is worth consideration.

The Hamilton Spectator thinks Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have salary enough to indemnify him for the considerable expenditure incident to his high office. The highest office in the gift of the Canadian people should not be a white elephant to the man who occupies the exalted position.

Brain Food Nonsense. Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get this reliable remedy at Wade's drug store.

Offers Library And Building. Mrs. E. R. Holden, New York, has made an offer to the Thousand Island park association to build a library building and equip it with books for the use of the regular summer and winter residents of the park, providing the association furnish the site. The offer will in all probability be accepted.

Remember to pay your gas and electric light bills before the 29th and get the benefit of the discount.

ARE VIOLATING A BY-LAW

BY KEEPING TOO MUCH EXPLOSIVE POWDER

In Their Stores—Shamble Privilege Granted to E. P. Brannigan — To Paint City Buildings' Dome.

Chairman White and aldermen Graham, Sears, Tait and Abbott were in attendance at the city property committee meeting yesterday afternoon. Alderman Abbott said that the property committee should not have passed the resolution to see that the by-law station, and advised that the painting be not done. This work should be paid for by the fire and light committee.

With reference to the Canadian underwriters' complaint that G. Sears and A. Strachan were violating the by-law by keeping too much gunpowder, the city engineer reported that in each of these stores fifty pounds were kept. Mr. Strachan was kept under a counter at the right distance from the street door; Mr. Sears was kept in a vault in the rear of the store, and not in the place provided for by the by-law.

Alderman Sears claimed that the by-law, requiring the powder to be kept near the street door, needed revising. A vault was safer.

Alderman Abbott pointed out that the nearer the door, the easier it would be to get the powder out if a fire took place. He objected to alderman Tait's suggestion that the by-law be amended so that the powder be taken immediately to see that the by-law was carried out. In case of a fire, there might be trouble, since the underwriters warned the city. Any way, twice as much powder as the by-law allowed, was being kept.

On motion of alderman Graham, the committee decided to refer the matter back to council.

Alderman Abbott pressed the matter, however, pointing out that the interests of citizens were affected. The underwriters might raise the rate of insurance on those in the vicinity.

Alderman Sears claimed that it was a piece of persecution. He intended to introduce a by-law into council. The city engineer said the by-law had been amended in 1898. Prior to that, seventy-five pounds could be kept by a store.

Chairman White was of opinion that the mayor, on receiving the underwriters' communication, should have referred it to the proper civic authorities to see that the by-law was carried out.

Alderman Sears asked the city engineer what he thought of the case. The latter replied that in case of a big fire the powder would certainly be blown up, as the flames would eat through the tin-covered floor.

Regarding Miss Shanahan's tenure at the market shambles, the city solicitor wrote that there was no written contract. She has for years been granted the privilege of \$20 a year. The solicitor said she had no right to use tables within the market buildings. The market clerk will be authorized to enforce the terms of this lease.

Alderman Abbott's motion to lease E. P. Brannigan a stall on the outside market shambles, at the same rate now paid by Miss Shanahan, was unanimously carried.

The city engineer reported that aluminum to paint the city buildings would cost \$5.25 a gallon. He thought three gallons would suffice. It was decided to call for tenders for the work.

PITH OF THE PRESS.

Human Nature. Ohio State Journal. Give some people an inch, and they will take anything that isn't nailed down.

Or Collector Of Hose Rate. Calgary Albertan. How would you like to be agent for a rain-making machine and expect to make your living out of the job?

Sound Every Way. Boston Post. But king Edward's recovery so speedily and apparently so effective should dispose of the talk which has been heard for a good many years of the weakening of his constitution through unwholesome habits of life. He seems to be a sound man physically.

Cool Off And Wait! Bellevue Independent. Providence does not want another election. The proper course to pursue is quite obvious. Mr. Ross, with his majority of one should continue to conduct the business affairs of the province until the legislature meets, and then a wait of confidence motion should be moved in the house by the Tories. If defeated on the vote Mr. Ross would certainly have to resign, and Mr. Whitney would take his place. If sustained, Mr. Ross would be in his office for the usual term. Is not that all clear, distinct, and reasonable?

Few People On The River. Parties who came to the city yesterday from down the river declare the season among the islands has, so far this year, been a poor one. The cold, wet weather has caused many of the wealthy and travelling class to remain at their city homes. The traffic on the Rideau boats, which has been very poor up to the middle of July, is now becoming more brisk.

A Terrible Threat. If the board of works does not have the six feet tall hurdles on Wellington street, alongside the riding school, cleared away soon, the Butter-milk club, headed by their president in his full regalia, will march down in their clubs, axes and saws, and after cutting down the long range of eavesdroppers, will hold an indignation meeting.

They Were Very Careful. Capt. Allen and customs officer Goughgan stood at the gangway of the steamer yesterday afternoon. Afternoon and when 600 people had passed, they refused to allow any more aboard. The America's Canadian carrying capacity is 600. The United States inspectors allow her 700 from ports on the other side.

SPORT IN GENERAL.

Notes About the Various Sporting Fields.

McGill cricketers defeated Montreal by one run. The score was 99 to 98. The bats of the defeated Ogdensburg, N. Y. baseball team have been secured by Canton.

The Toronto cricket team won the first game of their tour at Peterboro, by 109 to 57 in a one-innings contest.

It has been decided that hereafter all baseball matches at Lake Ontario park will be started sharp at four o'clock.

The Boston female baseball team will play several exhibition matches with National and Eastern baseball league clubs.

Commodore Jarvis made a fast run with his yacht Merrythought from Ogdensburg, N. Y., to Toronto, making the run of forty-five miles in four hours and a quarter.

Providence lost to Rochester yesterday. Sullivan was in the box for Providence, his seven errors by his team rendered his pitching futile. This is his first loss in seven matches.

The longest game of ball on record was played at Pottsville, Pa., between the Athletics and the town team of Delhi, which required eight and one half hours to finish. It was a continuous game, in which there was much wrangling, the town team winning by a score of thirty-eight to thirty-six.

Secretary Wheeler, of the St. Lawrence international baseball league, instructed J. T. Sutherland to umpire this afternoon's match between Gananoque and Antwerp at Gananoque.

Clayton umpire may officiate here to-morrow. It is the intention of the league executive to shift the umpires around.

English sporting men are trying to get king Edward to pardon Burge, pugilist, who was mixed up in the betting frauds, and sent a petition to the king that was thirty yards long.

It was conveyed in a royal blue sash, with gold lettering on the surface and lined with red and white satin and gold surroundings. The petition itself was cased in with blue watered silk and tied up with a silk bow.

There will be a double attraction at Lake Ontario park Saturday afternoon. The first item will be a baseball match between two local league teams—Orientals vs. Black Watch.

This match will start at two o'clock. At four o'clock the Gananoque and Kingston lacrosse teams will face each other for the second time of the season. Arrangements were completed last night for the meeting. This ought to be a spirited event. Gananoque promises that only local players will be represented on that team.

Quietly but steadily arrangements for an all-Canadian rugby football team to tour Britain this fall have been going ahead. The itinerary is practically arranged, and the men are being picked. The bulk of the team, it is said, will come from the two seaboard, for there the English game is played, and there are several men who have played on the English and Scotch international teams. Most of the men would be English or Scotch.

Out of twenty there might be four or five Canadians. It would be no use sending a purely Canadian team knowing little of the English game. That is what the Montrealeis hold, but their contention does not amount to much. The English game used to be played here, and it is very simple. In 1898, a team of Ontario rugby players were picked up at random, and without practice, went to Syracuse, N. Y., and defeated the university team over there at the United States game.

Analyzing The Ponies. While the Ponies cannot boast of a religious quartette, as Gananoque baseball team can, it is doubtful if they can be beaten in a display of footwork. Their feet may not be dainty, but they are beautifully encased in patent leather and hosiery of many brilliant hues.

"Jerry" Hunt and "Byson" Easton are the only religious young men in the aggregation. They are the silent two, and believe in allowing the first and last words to women.

"Jack" Derry, who hops around cushion No. 3, is an unknown quantity. "Uncle" Sam Jolin, is becoming imbued with Canadian ideas, and has discarded his star and stripe jersey. Around "Chauser" Elliott and "Bert" Ambrose the gentle maidens cluster.

These two gentlemen of leisure not only keep the Sabbath as a day of rest, but as much of the other six days of the week as possible.

A quiet and modest young man is right fielder Tilton. But that's only the outward appearance. This Pony truly believes in woman's rights, but thinks girls should not chew gum or the rag. "Joe" Daley and "Pat" Quigley are the two most prominent Irishmen of the team. Both believe that man was never made to work.

"Bert" Cheney is the only Pony who smokes a clay pipe. His political platform is six meals a day.

Baseball On Wednesday. National league—At Pittsburg, 9; Boston, 1. At Cincinnati, 7; New York, 2. At Chicago, 5; Brooklyn, 7. At St. Louis, 9; Philadelphia, 2. Eastern league—At Newark, 4; Toronto, 6. At Jersey City, 4; Montreal, 2. At Providence, 1; Rochester, 6. At Worcester, 2; Buffalo, 8. American league—At Boston, 2; Cleveland, 5. At Philadelphia, 4; Chicago, 9. At Baltimore, 5; St. Louis, 6. At Washington, 8; Detroit, 13.

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BREAD ON THE WATERS.

Poor Man Betrayed by Woman in Time of Need. Mount Vernon Ill. July 17.—Jacob Cox, a lumber dealer of this place has been notified that his wife has inherited \$142,000 on deposit in a national bank in Los Angeles, Cal. Many years ago the family of Mrs. Cox he befriended a man named Charles Hill, who was at the time poor. Last April Hill came to Mount Vernon, and hunted up Mr. and Mrs. Cox and spent a few days with them. Before leaving them he executed a judgment note in favor of Mrs. Cox for \$140,000 and then went to California, where he died recently.

Ex-president Steyn is ill with enteric fever.

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