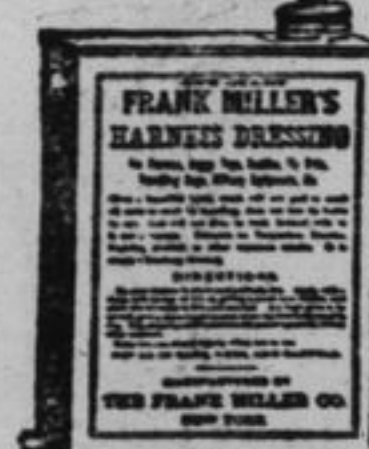


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CHILD BRIDES

An Age Limit Set By Russia For Turkestan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—The Russian government has set about regulating the age at which girls shall marry in Turkestan. It has been customary for Mohammedan girls to marry between the ages of ten and twelve years, but orders have been issued now that no Mohammedan girl shall marry under fourteen years. The Tartar and Turcoman chiefs are much incensed as they all seek to obtain brides as young as possible. Russian officials report that seventy-five per cent. of the girls who marry under twelve die before they are twenty.

Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Hogs—Receipts today, 15,000 head; left over, 13,000 head; low, 10c; mixed and butchers', \$5.90@6.30; good to choice, heavy, \$6.25@6.50; rough, heavy, \$5.90@6.15; light, \$5.65@6.10; bulk of sales, \$6.10 @6.20.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 35,000 head; sheep and lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, \$3.75@4.00. Fair to choice, mixed, \$2.50@3.75; native lambs, \$3.50 @5.50.

Buffalo, Dec. 9.—Hogs—Receipts, 34,000 head; market active and 10c@20c lower; heavy, \$6.25@6.15; mixed, \$6.20@6.30; Yorkers, \$6.00@6.05; pigs, \$1.00; roughs, \$5.50@5.90; stags, \$1.50 @3.00.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 21,500 head; market steady; lambs, 10c@15c higher; top lambs, \$5.50@5.65; culls to good, \$4.25@5.40; yearlings, \$4.00 @4.25; ewes, \$3.25@3.40; sheep, top mixed, \$3.50@3.75; culls to good, \$1.75 @3.35.

New York, Dec. 9.—Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 17,514 head; sheep firm for top grades; others steady; sheep, \$2.50@3.00; good lambs steady; firm; export do, \$1.00@1.25; culls, \$1.75@2.00; lambs, \$1.87@3.30; tops, \$3.10 @3.40; culls, \$1.50@3.30; Canada lambs, \$5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,877 head; market 30c@1c lower; State hogs, \$5.25@5.65; choice, \$6.10.

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STILL UNDER SUSPICION.

Mr. Sutherland has been confirmed in his seat, one of the Oxford, subject to the appeal of his case to another court. The election trial brought out several things, but one thing it did not demonstrate, namely, that Mr. Sutherland was approached, as he alleged at the London banquet, with a view to his betrayal of the conservative party. Mr. Blake, his counsel, was very anxious to show how hard a time his political protegee had had, and some effort should have been made, in his interest, to prove that he had been tempted by the enemy. The failure to bring out a circumstance so remarkable as that to which Mr. Sutherland referred at London—that he had withstood the effort to debauch and corrupt him, to destroy his allegiance to the conservative party and his personal honor at the same time—is significant to say the least of it.

AN ENQUIRY IS DEMANDED.

The irregularities in connection with the recent vote on the Liquor Act should be investigated. The men who were managing the prohibition campaign cannot afford to let the case pass for that would be an encouragement, if not an aggravation, of the evil.

Take the one polling sub-division where it is said twelve more votes were found in the ballot box than there were electors, who, according to the poll-book, exercised the franchise. This discrepancy should not exist, and it indicates a very demoralizing fact.

The usual process at the poll is to count the ballots before they are used, so establishing the number the deputy returning officer has at his disposal. The poll-book having the certified list of voters should be examined. The ballot is numbered, and when torn out of the book and away from the counterfoil, is initiated by the deputy returning officer so that it may be identified.

Now, how could there be any more "ballots" in the box than there were voters? During the election slips of paper, in the form of ballots, were handed about, but they could not be mistaken for ballots, because they could not have the returning officer's number and initials. Was there a close scrutiny of the ballots as they were being counted? What did it reveal? Did the deputy returning officer and the scrutineers mistake or detect nothing?

The case cannot be allowed to rest where it is. If a wrong has been committed it should be corrected. If there has been any careless or criminal work it should be exposed. The proper proceeding should be taken at once to have the alleged irregularities investigated by the county judge.

ONLY DOING THEIR DUTY.

The hesitation on the part of some members of the council to endorse the report of the board of health, and the attack of one alderman upon that body, insinuating favoritism and incompetency, calls for some comment. The criticism, and the direct or implied censure, are in bad form and grace.

Let it be remembered that the board of health is the creation of city council. Its members are believed to be men of public spirit, of marked intelligence, of efficiency, of economy, of knowledge as to their duties and courage for the performance of them without fear, favour or affection. Who compose the board at present? The mayor, three ex-mayors, (one of them the chairman), an ex-alderman, a merchant and a government official. All these are presumably qualified for the duties which have been assigned to them. Would they act in a partial or unjust manner? If not why should any one leave a contrary impression, by deed or act or word?

In regard to the Upper William street drain little need be said. A complaint was made to the board of health by a ratepayer, that his cellar was filled with stagnant water, and that the health of his family was thereby endangered. The health officer was ordered to investigate the matter, and at the next meeting of the board, a month later, they reported the facts. A drain was badly needed, and it should be constructed for sanitary reasons. The board of health approved of the recommendation of its officials, and sent it on, with all the papers in the case, to the city council. Could it do anything else? Dare it ignore the prayer of a citizen and very obvious duty? Dare it refuse to act when the circumstances showed that it should? If it did its duty impartially why has any fault been found with it?

It is certain that the council should not discredit its own appointments, and thus discourage them in a service to which they have been committed and

to which they have applied themselves with a rare ability and zeal for so many years.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The children have been sending their ultimatum to Santa Claus. It remains to be seen how he will regard them.

Every city should have a committee whose function it is to search out the poor children and see that Santa Claus remembers them. It doesn't take much to satisfy some little hearts.

The Ottawa trustees calculate that it will cost \$5,000 to install the free text book system. The estimate is high. The change in Toronto cost only \$4,380, and there are seven hundred classes.

Hard times have struck Europe, and the labouring classes of Great Britain, of Germany, of Austria, of Sweden, are suffering very much. America may feel them next. They are not peculiar to any country.

Hon. S. C. Biggs lays the defeat of the prohibitionist cause to the stay-at-homes, the disgruntled, and the political trouble-makers. But the temperance people scored a moral victory. Isn't that enough for the present?

Mr. Willison is said to have acquired the Toronto News, and it is an independent paper. It will take particular care of the public interests as against the great corporations. Mr. Willison, in other words, becomes the new policeman.

Mr. Borden says the county is prosperous in spite of the liberal party. The government, he says, has nothing to do with good times. No? Well, when the Mackenzie government was in power the party which Mr. Borden leads said the government had all to do with it and that what the country wanted was a change of policy. The national policy followed, and still the hard times and the soup kitchens remained.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

The Thing In Contrast. Toronto Telegram. Laurier has a working majority and prohibition has a majority that won't work.

Reconciled To It. Toronto News. Hamilton went for prohibition. But the voters knew there was no chance of going dry.

Could Let It Go. Hamilton Times. That man Carnegie can afford a good deal, but he would gladly dispense with the luxury of dyspepsia.

One Way Of Putting It. London News. The effort to save certain Ontario debtors from a drunkard's grave was defeated by several thousand votes.

Only A Suggestion. Hamilton Spectator. Perhaps the saloon-keepers will defer to the apparently increasing temperance sentiment by putting more water in their whiskey.

Important Discovery. An important discovery has been made of molybdenite in Hastings county, which created considerable interest among certain people who are looking for Canadian minerals. A Toronto syndicate has purchased the property, and will soon commence to operate the same, as large deposits have been discovered on the property. They have also secured an adjoining property, which contains very fine qualities of corundum. The samples show that the ore is very rich, and experts who have seen the samples say that it is a very rich discovery. The Toronto syndicate intends to organize a Canadian company, take out a charter, and carry on the work of development.

For Saving Twenty-Four Lives. Quebec, Dec. 10.—The public testimonial to reward the brave Patrick Murphy, of this city, for his heroic services in saving twenty-four men, women and children, on as many separate occasions from watery graves, was presented to Mr. Murphy yesterday. The testimonial consists of an eight-day bronze clock appropriately engraved and a cheque for \$519, together with an illuminated address couched in language suitable to the occasion.

Off On A Year's Cruise. New York, Dec. 10.—Equipped for a year's cruise the magnificent steam yacht Niagara left the New York Yacht Club anchorage to-day with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gould and a party of friends aboard. The itinerary includes a trip to Bermuda, thence across to Madeira and Gibraltar and along the northern coast of Africa, touching at various ports until Alexandria is reached. The party will also go down the Nile and visit the Holy Land on the return trip.

Sousa's Band Going Abroad. New York, Dec. 10.—Sousa and his band depart to-day for Europe for their annual tour abroad. Concerts will be given in London and the chief provincial cities of England and it is probable that the continent also will be visited before the famous aggregation of musicians returns to this country next spring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Mudie Again Corrected.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor): No doubt many of your readers will wonder at my further recognition of the malicious onsets and special pleading of Mr. Mudie. I admit that the tone of his correspondence is such that it merits only silence. There are, however, two points in this controversy that need to be again emphasized as upon these depend the entire case at issue.

I did I acknowledge to Mr. Mudie in our conversation that the report as given in the press of what I said in my sermon was "substantially correct." Let the conversation as stated be the answer. I have given it in full: Mr. Mudie now, to help his case, seeks to read into our conversation motives best known to himself, and to impugn mine. In reply permit me to say, I conversed as I supposed at the time with a manly, honest man and gave him a frank and candid answer. I had no other thought or purpose. Any attempt now to put into the conversation (which he abruptly closed) or take out of it, for reasons of his own, more than it expressed, show the utter weakness of my controversialist and his cause.

It is not a question as to the veracity of the reporter who, no doubt, is quite amused over the stir he has made. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." The reporter might make a score of affidavits with the utmost sincerity, that would not affect the case an iota. My controversy on this point is not with the reporter and never has been. Let not Mr. Mudie suppose that by such subterfuge he can blind your readers or escape the obliquity which he justly merits by his vicious assaults and unbecoming speech. A discerning public cannot be thus deceived. My controversy is with him, as to the veracity of his repeated allegation on which he builds his argument, that I acknowledged the "substantial correctness" of his report. The conversation is the witness to the contrary.

Mr. Mudie's insinuation of deceit on my part in the conversation reveals in him a mental condition that disqualifies for honorable discussion. His reference to "memory" and "imagination" in his marked anxiety to make a point is too puerile and unworthy to claim recognition in this way of reply.

2.—Is the statement true that I charged Mr. Mudie with "misquoting Milton?" To misquote is not to give the correct words of the author. I answer, his statement is utterly untrue, and further, it is absurd and meaningless. Mr. Mudie, as a man of intelligence, would aim at being correct in his quotation. Indeed, correctness in this case, as in any other, is necessary to give point to any criticism or application that might be made. A false quotation could have no worth. Let Mr. Mudie bring me the reporter that makes this charge of "misquoting," or let the gentleman himself state it to my congregation and he will get his answer.

As these two points cover the special ground of controversy, so far as I am concerned, there is no need to say more. For any other cause of contention I refer your readers to my reply in former correspondence. I accord to Mr. Mudie the right to entertain his own private views, but not to malign the views of others or misrepresent their motives and statements. If also it is to him consolatory to cherish the thought that in this important discussion, his opponent, Mr. Ferguson, "did not advance one tenable argument" and that "his pamphlet is unanswerable," I do not see that there is any special reason for objection. His strange hallucination will not change one whit the public verdict.

I agree with Mr. Mudie that the hatchet should be buried. I cannot, however, consent to his desire to bury it in your humble servant—J. PHILP.

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ROMANCE IN MORMON'S VISIT.

Elder Rose Meets Brother He Had Never Seen. Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 9.—The coming to Syracuse of Elder Erasmus H. Rose, one of the Mormon missionaries whom the people are trying to drive out of town, has developed a curious romance. Rose went to Utah forty-nine years ago, and after he went another son was born to his parents. This brother is William S. Rose, a printer, who lives at 112 East Castle street. Elder Rose had never seen his brother until his proselyting visit to Syracuse, when he hunted him up.

Pastor Punishes Accusers.

Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 8.—Members of Grace Episcopal church, including six vestrymen, who had filed charges of misconduct against him with Bishop Grafton, were excommunicated by rector Frank. Among those included are: Edward Farrell, manager of the Wisconsin Telephone company, and Miss Hoven, treasurer of the church. This is the latest move in the scandal that has disrupted the parish during the last six months.

SAVED BY MARRIAGE TIE.

Being One, They Cannot Rob Each Other. Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—County Attorney Whitehouse, having decided that under the common law a man and his wife are one, and that a person cannot steal from himself, the entry "continued by agreement" has been made in the case of the state against Raymond S. Bunting, and at the January term he will be discharged.

Some months ago Thomas Harrison accused the arrest of his wife, alleging that she took a pocket-book from under his pillow and abstracted \$1,000. Mr. Harrison said she gave the money to her sister, Mrs. Bunting, and her husband, Mrs. Bunting was arrested, but Bunting left the city. In Chicago later he was arrested and brought here.

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