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Figuring On Electric Power.

The power commission—or rather two members of it—have had another meeting with the municipal representatives, and talked of cheap power. The conference occurred at Galt, which has the question before it in a somewhat pressing form. A local company has a deal on with the council. The proposal to renew a contract has been deferred, and for the reason that the advocates of the larger scheme feel that Galt's defunction would grievously affect it.

Another step has been taken by the organization of "The Western Ontario Municipalities' Niagara Power Union," and the decision to get out forms and see how much power can be contracted for under certain conditions. The original plan grouped certain cities or towns, and made their co-operation necessary in order to get the assurance of an efficient service at the minimum of cost. With the promise of certain patronage an estimate will be made of the cost of buying power at the point of production and transmitting it to the places interested. Then the people will be invited to vote on the issue.

It is apparent that there must be more definite information on many points before a popular appeal occurs with the hope of success. The opinions of engineers and experts must be reduced to a workable basis. The government assumes no responsibility for any mistakes or miscalculations. It will undertake, for the municipalities, the leasing of the power at a given rate, and provide for its transmission and distribution, but at the municipalities' expense. If the scheme involves a heavier outlay than that estimated, it may be regretted but it cannot be helped.

So far there has been a great deal of theorizing. The time has arrived for an actual working out or demonstration of the problem, and when the power commission gets down to business, and undertakes to carry its theories into practice, the situation will become more interesting. Time will prove whether or not the government has the fullest grasp of the subject.

Exercise Greater Vigilance.

"Providence," says the Witness, "continues to favour the liberal party of Canada, in spite of its errors." It was discussing the tremendous increase in the over-sea trade. This was prodigious, though not more so than the domestic trade, of which there were evidences on every hand.

The Witness, however, does not close its eyes to the occasional slips of the government, favoured as it has been by great national development. "Things have been done under the liberal regime," it remarks, "that have been criticized by the opposition adversely, and rightly so. The trouble is that the opposition has shown no sign of statesmanship, and so far as party aberrations are concerned, if the country should change sides it has good reason to fear, as judged not only by its past record, which would not be fair, but by the present attitude of the opposition on public questions, its last state would be worse than its first. It would appear that we are in the very midst of the stream of prosperity, and in such a stream we are not likely to swap horses."

The Witness is not a party paper, but it is friendly to the liberal government, and calls attention to its faults in a kindly spirit. The friend of the administration would not be doing it justice to let defects pass unnoticed or uncorrected. The opposition made the most of the public accounts during the last session, and brought out the facts with regard to some transactions unpleasantly. They magnified everything. They aimed at the discrediting of the government, and in this they failed.

It would appear, however, that in the larger business of the dominion, involving the minute direction of public affairs, the ministers trusted to their deputies and subordinates a good deal, and it has not been a wise proceeding. Experience teaches that the best business methods should be introduced into the public offices, and there should be no relaxation of rule or regulation or personal supervision under any circumstances. The Laurier government is enjoying a rare measure of success in its service, and it must need exercise the greater vigilance as the responsibilities of office increase.

According to one print the tory party will do great things in this city at the next election. Unless the local patronage dictator be dethroned, and the scrapping in the executive is brought to a close, there will not be a party in this city at the next election.

Aloning For Their Sins.

The purification of a business in which the people are interested, and in which its success depends, involves a heavy loss. Sometimes it cannot be accurately estimated. There are two experiences which emphasize this point.

The life insurance business of New York received its purging at the hands of the Armstrong commission. It was appointed by the legislature, and represented only the interests of one state. But the companies did business over a large part of two continents. The revelation as to loose management, wastefulness, corruption, crookedness, did not concern the policy-holders of New York alone. Its effect has just been made manifest in the Albany report, that there was an awful slump in the underwriting, that the amount of insurance registered during the last fiscal year decreased by a hundred and fifty millions, and a lapse percentage beyond all parallel. And the record for New York state is only one incident of its kind. In the sum total of the business it is a significant indication of the disaster that has followed the infamous disclosed.

The canned or packed meat trade has suffered most severely as a result of exposure. No one who read Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," dreamt of the wreck that has come upon the packers. Men repudiated the scandals that were put in circulation, they cleaned up, they made light of the gruesome stories which special commissioners put in the hands of the president. Eventually laws were passed which "guaranteed the fitness, in all respects of canned meat bearing the government stamp," as Mr. Roosevelt puts it. But in the meantime the damage was done. Germany, always particular, prohibited the importation of the American canned goods under any circumstances. England put them under suspicion. The American people themselves closed down upon the article and refused to be lured to it by any talk. The loss ran into the millions of dollars.

Nor are the meat packers the only sufferers. The diminished consumption of canned food has increased the demand for fresh food, and the market has been so grieviously affected that the average buyer is alarmed. He does not understand why prices are booming, and he would not be so innocent if he could only trace up the follies of the packers and see whence they have led. Yes, this purification of the food supply is an expensive proceeding. It may be all right. Good may follow the scandal. Meanwhile the many are atoning for the sins of the few.

Editorial Notes.

Toronto is having its experience with wife beaters. It invites the attention of Kingston's vigilance committee.

When is the band going to play in Victoria Park? The uptown residents and taxpayers are asking the question, and it is one that cannot be ignored.

The Hamilton folk appear to be standing on their dignity with regard to the normal. The first thing they know Dundas will offer a site and get the school.

The Toronto Star suggests a monthly statement from the city treasurer as to the financial transactions of the city. A similar report in Kingston would be enlightening.

The Belleville Intelligencer refers to Bastedo as an "inefficient grit official." Dr. Reaume referred to him as one of the ablest men in the service, but a grit. The Intelligencer should comb him down.

Canada's foreign trade last year was increased by seven per cent. Canada's developed at the rate of 123 per cent. The young Canadian, Jack Canuck, has on his running shoes, and he is a winner in the race for trade.

The mayor is a great peace-maker. He finds some people, who resort to the police court, troublesome, but not deserving of fines. He has the finest consideration for that which the average man prizes most highly—his pocket-book.

The New York Press finds that Russell Sage never robbed the widows and orphans, nor corrupted anyone. Well, that is something to his credit. But if he never wronged anyone, why put his body in a burglar-proof steel chest, and connect it with an electric alarm system?

Why He Did Not Resign.

Dundee Advertiser.

Sir William Wightman held office in the old court of queen's bench far beyond the prescribed time, and at last, on the eve of the "long vacation," he took a sort of farewell to his brother judges. However, when the "morrow of All Souls" came around he turned up smiling at Westminster Hall. "Why, Brother Wightman," said Sir Alexander Cockburn, "you told us that you intended to send in your resignation to the lord chancellor before the end of August." "So I did," said Sir William, "but when I went home and told my wife she said: 'Why, William, what on earth do you think we can do with you messing about the house all day.' So you see I was obliged to come down to court again."

NEWS OF THE WORLD

OCCURRENCES RECOUNTED IN BRIEF FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody —Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Three were killed in a wreck on the Erie railroad in Jersey City.

Earl and Countess Grey received a royal welcome at St. John's, Nfld.

Over 400,000 people visited New York's Coney Island last Sunday.

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk, is in Montreal.

Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, costs $714,992 annually for maintenance.

At Kingston, Tenn., a negress gave birth to six children, all of which are alive.

The late James Scripps, Detroit News, left $50,000 for beautifying Detroit.

A terrific wind and rain storm swept St. Louis, doing much damage to property.

Reports to the Ontario minister of agriculture say the fruit crops of the province are excellent.

Three thousand dollars in fines imposed on men selling liquor without a license at Winnipeg exhibition.

For his services in concluding the Russian-Japanese war, President Roosevelt will receive the Nobel prize.

Men regarded as upright said to have been living on stealings from the Kalgoorlie gold mine in Australia.

Sir Robert Hart has finished his work for the Chinese customs and expects in a few months to return to England.

The San Francisco city hall, which cost seven million dollars, and which was so badly wrecked by the earthquake, has been declared unsafe.

It is reported that Laurier will accompany the G.T.R. president on a trip of inspection over the line. They will visit the G.T.P. western terminal.

E. M. MacDonald, M.P., has handed to the treasurer of the Pictou, N.S., College Hospital, under instructions from Lord Strathcona, a cheque for $1,000 towards the cost of the erection of the new hospital building.

Prof. Von Bergmann, the celebrated German surgeon, was recently summoned to Constantinople, to the sultan's third daughter, Princess Refia, who has been suffering from appendicitis. He received a fee of $18,000.

James H. Wood, born in the north of Ireland, seventy-eight years ago, and founder of the Sarnia Canadian, is dead, in St. Paul, Minn. He was with Alexander Mackenzie on Sarnia school board, editor of Woodstock Times, and nominated conservative candidate for the commons. He recruited Sarnia Garrison Artillery in year 1866.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Situation Changed.

Guelph Herald.

A few years ago the farmer labor problem was to get the hired man up at five o'clock. Now it is to get the hired man.

As You Were.

Ottawa Free Press.

Mr. Bryan, twice United States presidential candidate, says he stands just about where he did in 1896 and 1900. This will give him about the same distance to fall.

Object Of The Change.

Toronto Star.

What we gather is that the Grand Trunk has changed its running system to the right hand, so as to see better what its left hand is doing.

No Stop To It.

Hamilton Herald.

The Russian government cannot check the progress of the revolution now. It might as well try to cork up Vesuvius, when the volcano is in a state of eruption.

Our Vigilance Committee.

Toronto News.

Prominent Kingston men threw into the lake a fellow who had been beating his wife. We greatly fear home discipline can never be maintained in the face of such lawless proceedings as these.

SCIENCE OF HORSE-SHOEING.

Many Farriers Never Learned Their Trade.

Farmers' Review.

Every farmer should endeavor to learn something about the science of horse-shoeing. Much of the poor services rendered by some of our horses is due to poor shoeing. In some localities are men practicing the business of farriers that never have really learned their trade. In that business as in all others, there are bunglers that would not be able to correctly shoe a horse if they knew how. It is the testimony of many horsemen that good horses have been made lame repeatedly by being wrongly shod. The great mass of farmers do not know when their horses are correctly shod. This knowledge is necessary, and is beginning to be more general than it was. Our agricultural colleges are doing a good work in sending out graduates that have taken a course in the science of horse-shoeing.

The horse can do no better than his feet, and the best horse in the world can be ruined by having his feet ruined. Think of a horse having to work all day on hard soil with feet lamed by improperly fitting shoes. This is not only cruelty to the animal, but is a loss to the owner. Many a horse so rendered useless is supposed to have some kind of trouble and is dosed with medicines or rubbed with liniments to take out the supposed soreness in some other part of his limbs. It is first necessary for the farmer to be able to diagnose the trouble. Many a horse has been doctored for several weeks before it has been discovered that his shoes were the cause of the trouble.

Children's Straw Sailors.

Clearing sale of children's straw and crash hats at Campbell Bros'.

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STRANGE ELOPEMENTS.

Some of the Odd Ways of Couples.

A freak known as Princess Anetta, possessing neither arms nor legs, until lately on exhibition in Geneva, has just eloped with a young German named Starker, whom she first met while on show in the Swiss town. Love did not at first run smoothly with the couple by reason of the uncompromising attitude of the lady's impresario, against whom the resourceful lover lodged a complaint of ill-treatment. An arrest followed, and the young man, seizing his opportunity, bore off his inamorata to church, where the ceremony, during which the limbless bride was held in the bridegroom's arms, was duly performed.

A few years ago a living skeleton, who was on view in the Prater, at Vienna, was found missing. The proprietor of show, furious at his loss, at once set about tracking the vanished freak, who certainly, by reason of his bodily weakness, could not of his own unaided efforts have proceeded far. After two hours' quest he came up with the skeleton being wheeled along in a barrow by a stout country woman, who, for the consideration of a few florins, treacherously surrendered her emaciated lover.

The Belgian capital was the scene of a frustrated elopement when a colossus named Servan managed to start on his flight with the daughter of a Brussels doctor, but ere the station was reached the springs of the fiacre gave way beneath his excessive avoirdupois and he and his fiancee subsided into the road, greatly to the delight of the onlookers, whose merriment was in no wise lessened by the arrival of the would-be bride's father, who, without more ado, proceeded to belabor the prostrate carcass of the fat lover. Then, his strength and anger being exhausted, he led his daughter home.

Another man mountain, in the person of Herr Gartner, whose forty-five stone kept his employer in easy circumstances evoked the love of a well-to-do widow, who resolved to make him her second mate. Everything went well, the absence of his employer was for a brief spell assured, and with much puffing and blowing Herr Gartner tottered to the carriage that was waiting to bear him away to freedom and wedlock. Alas, his fiancee had not taken his size into consideration; he could by no means pass through the carriage door. His and her utmost efforts were in vain, and at last, utterly exhausted, he staggered back to the house, whence he never again emerged.

Marriage, however, resulted from the elopement of a German dwarf named Weber, who was a manikin in the show line, with the daughter of a rich Berlin tradesman, who naturally viewed with high disfavor his daughter's predilection for the under-sized freak. A strict watch was kept on her movements, but all vigilance was rendered futile by the cunning of the pigmy, who, disguised as a baby, was wheeled in a perambulator to an appointed tryst, where he was handed over to his bride, who, taking him in her arms, carried him off to the church and wedlock almost under the eyes of her relatives, says an exchange.

The widow of a substantial Warsaw tradesman fell in love with a living skeleton on exhibition at a booth, and induced him to visit her at her house. Here she declared her passion, and upon its meeting with but cold response, she seized the wretched freak and, having gagged him, placed him in a large box, procured to meet the emergency, inclosed wherein she had him rapidly driven to a villa owned by her in the suburbs, and there kept him prisoner until he agreed to her proposition.

REALLY THE LIMIT.

The Typewriter Sponge is the Worst Kind.

New York Sun.

"The worst sponge in this town," said the stenographer, "is the typewriter sponge. He gets all his work done by the employees of his friends. He drops into the office, ostensibly for a chat with the boss. Presently, he looks toward his victim, and says in a careless, offhand way. 'Is your stenographer bust now? If not, I'd like her to do a little typewriting for me. It will take only a few minutes.' 'The chances are that she is knocking the daylights out of the machine at that minute; but the manager is too polite to call his attention to the fact, so she does the work. Usually it takes her from one to two hours. All the pay she gets is a mere 'Thank you.' I know lots of girls who are bothered this way by hangers-on. Once I contemplated tacking a sign on the door announcing that I was running an elcemosynary typewriting institution and that under no circumstances would I accept pay for my services. I thought that might put the cheap skates to shame and frighten them away. However, there doesn't seem much chance of shaming those fellows, so I shall probably continue to write complimentary letters to the end of the chapter."

Its Steady Growth.

The total imports of tea into Canada and the United States is about one hundred and ten million pounds per annum. One out of every fourteen pounds, both in Canada and the United States, is "Salada," and this trade is growing very rapidly and "Salada" is as easily obtained now in such cities as New York, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Pittsburg, Buffalo, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Cleveland, Rochester, etc., as it is in Toronto, Montreal and throughout the dominion.

Alma-Tadema's Beliefs.

Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, the distinguished painter, is a strong believer in the luckiness of numbers. His lucky number is seventeen. His wife, he will tell you, was seventeen when he first met her, the number of the house to which he took her when they were married was seventeen, his present house bears the same number doubled, and the first spade was put to the work of rebuilding it on August 17th, 1886. It was on November 17th, that he and his family first took up their residence there.

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Society is to blame for many wasted lives.

To excite envy is to make enemies. Those who live for pleasure alone do no good to themselves or to others.

There is no such thing as the money curse; a good man cannot have too much money.

Fifty cents is enough for a straw hat; it will last two seasons.

If I had my life to live over again I would try just as hard to turn my money over and over and over again that it might do the most good to other men.

It is a surprising fact that many men endure unwarranted expenditures for no other reason than to excite the envy of their neighbors. How wicked is this!

The tender care of a good wife is the finest thing in the world.

Clubs are only a place for idle men and wasteful young men.

An active man builds success upon the foundation of failures; a passive man does not.

Real charity is disbursed without the blare of trumpets.

I think the vacation is the outgrowth of abnormal or distorted business methods. I fail to see anything legitimate in it.

I fear the centralization of big industries in the hands of five or six men will prove a big mistake. When half a dozen men control the business and financial policy of a great industry a single error of judgment will plunge the whole nation into financial loss and ruin.

I do not say that trusts are not a good thing, but I do say we should go slow.

Why He Wanted A Pass.

When Jim Fisk was in his glory as a railroad magnate one day he was greatly annoyed by people asking for passes over his road for all sorts of reasons. He was well worked up when a seedy looking individual asked for a pass and asked sharply, "On what grounds do you ask for a pass?"

The applicant replied, "Because I do not want to pay my fare."

Fisk called a clerk and said to him: "Give this man a pass to anywhere and return. He is the first man that has told the truth to-day."

Sale of summer suits at Bibby's.

BIG FISH IN HOLLOW LOGS.

Great Catches of Catfish Made in Sawmill.

At this time of the year the men who are working in the sawmills along the Mississippi river are somewhat puzzled to decide precisely what their occupation is. Sometimes they think they are mill men and sometimes they think they are fishermen.

Catfish seem to be the 'coons and 'possums of the river world. They take to the hollow logs which they find among the rafts tied up near the sawmills.

In June the men who work the logs up to the carriages which take them to the saw began to watch for hollow specimens. When they find one of that sort they are pretty sure of a big catfish hiding inside.

At Burlington a large number of fish weighing from three to ten pounds each have been taken in this way during the last few weeks. One black catfish weighing thirty-eight pounds was caught about two weeks ago.

The prize was an immense blue catfish, four feet in length and weighing fifty-eight pounds. The sawmill fishermen were not prepared for such a big fellow and he jumped clear through their net. He would have escaped to the water but for a man with a cant-hook, who despatched the prize. The fish netted his captors $4 when he had been dressed and cut into steaks.

Irish Bull in Journalism.

London Tribune.

Of a well-known reporter of a past generation many curiosities of style are still repeated with zest by Dublin journalists. It was this man who explained, describing a case of drowning off Dalkey: "The body was washed ashore by a receding wave." Of a fugitive from justice he wrote: "The burglar was surrounded on all sides by the police. Escape was impossible. Suddenly he made his way down a cul-de-sac, and disappeared through a side street." The most popular story of this impressionist writer, however, relates to Mr. Gladstone. On the grand old man's one and only visit to Dublin he was interviewed by the eccentric press man. Mr. Gladstone, at the conclusion of a somewhat amusing array of questions, very courteously expressed his pleasure at meeting the interviewer. The latter, in a high state of delight, said with enthusiasm: "The pleasure is mutual, Mr. Gladstone. But it is all on my side."

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