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Daily Whig.

Just Laying Up Trouble.

A conservative paper alleges that an indictment against the Liberal papers, that the clamour over the wrongful dismissal of Liberal officials by the provincial government has ceased.

"They have accepted the dismissal," says one contemporary, "with an indifference and placidity that passes comprehension." This is remarkable to say the least of it.

The Liberal papers protested—they are still protesting—and in vain. Why? The government, with its majority, which it uses with mechanical effects, went on with its wicked work, to the evident delight of the office hunters.

It was proposed that there should be retaliation—that the Ottawa government should remove from the federal service a conservative for every Liberal removed from the provincial service—and it held the Whitney government in check for a time. It became evident, however, that the federal government did not approve of destroying the public service for political effect, and the dismissals in Ontario were revived.

The Liberal press is not done with the question. The sins of the government are accumulating, and they will have to be atoned for some day. It is the function of the press, in the interest of the people, and the remembrance of the people, and the spoils system will be discussed, and in a way that promises the most good.

Gillespie's Bad Treatment.

The dismissal of Sheriff Gillespie, of Prince Edward county is variously defended by the conservative papers, but by none of them successfully. The Toronto News makes the nearest approach to candour by saying that Mr. Gillespie is an old man, anyway, about eighty, and that there can be no great hardship about sending him into retirement.

The age of the man does not affect the iniquity or meanness of the act. It was charged against him that he was a partisan official, and the government peremptorily ordered his removal. He was not asked for any explanation. He was not permitted to enter a defence. Was this in accordance with the professions of the government? The premier declared against the spoils system, and claimed credit for holding to his ground against the demands of the party.

If any one were charged with wrongdoing he would be given a chance to hear the evidence and submit what proof he could in support of his position. No reason has been assigned for an abandonment of that policy. It is simply assumed, reasonably, that the government has surrendered to the spoils party and that when some man's place is wanted he must be decapitated. Because Mr. Gillespie is an aged man does not warrant that he should be treated brutally. His advanced years, the veneration with which he is regarded by his friends, entitled him to decent treatment, and he did not receive it. The apologies of the Toronto News for Mr. Whitney are not in good form.

Alarm in the House.

What was the Whitney-Foy idea of declaring the West Middlesex seat vacant and sending out a proclamation with the seven seals of parliament? A member of the Commons cannot be a member of the legislature. That was provided for when dual representation was abolished many years ago.

But there is no reference to a senator; nothing to show that he is disqualified for local honors. It is implied, however, and no one but a Whitney or a Foy would worry about it or go to the trouble of issuing special orders respecting it.

There was great haste about the proceeding. When the resolution or order was handed to the speaker, he looked at it askance and asked when it would be put, and he was somewhat startled by the hurried reply of Mr. Whitney. "Forthwith." And put it was, and the awful deed was done.

What was the Whitney-Foy action afraid of? That Hon. Mr. Ross would again be a candidate, and, being elected, come back to harass and distress them? That disturbing thought would have been dissipated had they waited a few hours for then the farewell of Mr. Ross was published in the papers, and the phantom of the government was laid.

The Ross of other days still lives, however, and he may happily be re-presented in the legislature by his son, who has the liberal nomination and the assurance of a victory when the people do the polling on February 20th.

The Spirit Of Devils.

There is apparently no limit to the spirit of misrepresentation of some writers for the press. Some days ago a deputation of men from Montgomery reached Ottawa and presented a petition to the premier for a public improvement. The item of public notice, so far as the reports were concerned, was not what the people wanted or the premier promised, but the alleged public reading of Almond Lavergne out of the liberal party.

The young member, elected as a liberal, has been joining Mr. Bourassa in sundry independent criticisms of the government. This was said to have so enraged the premier that he denounced Lavergne and told the deputation that no favours could be expected through him.

The incident was regarded with doubt and misgiving. Sir Wilfrid acting the boor, in utter repudiation of his record for courtesy and in violation of all the proprieties! The assumption was admitted, and the evidence of this has come from Mr. Lavergne, who is so ashamed of the fabrication that he says he must make a statement in parliament respecting it.

"There is no foundation for the reports," he asserts. They are complete fabrications, and uttered in a spirit of devilry for which there is no accounting.

Whitney Committing Himself.

Mr. Graham has been criticized because he did not, in his first speech as leader of the opposition, express himself on the local option question. Give him time. He has been quizzing Mr. Whitney, and the premier, as usual, has been showing how big and courageous he is.

Mr. Graham wanted to know the intentions of the government on the three-fifths majority clause, and Mr. Whitney "does not understand the object of the enquiry." Mr. Whitney had been reading the papers, and was wholly satisfied with the position of the act as it stood, in other words the government stood pat upon the question.

Whitney refers to what is in the papers, and in the Mail, close to the report of his speech, is a reference to the Teeswater contest. Here the vote on local option was 134 for and 89 against, with several ballots in doubt. The issue depends on two or three votes, and yet there is a large majority in favour of the act. The experience here is like unto the experience which has been had in several places.

The premier speaks of course for the government. He has given what the Mail calls a "quietus" upon the reports that the law will be amended. Suppose Mr. Graham now moves an amendment, and to the effect that a majority vote—anything over fifty per cent.—shall prevail in local option elections.

There would be a big difference between him and the premier, and it might be representative of the difference between the people and the Tory party.

Editorial Notes.

Senator Ross' farewell to the electors of West Middlesex ranks high in political literature.

Judge Fitzgerald did a wise thing when he put an end to the sketching in court during the Shaw trial. Some of the alleged sketches were dreadful daubs.

There is inspiration in the life of a man like Eaton. The head of the great departmental business of Toronto and Winnipeg though dead yet speaks.

It is recorded of the late Mr. Eaton that he studied to please the people, and would gladly return the money paid for an article at any time than dissatisfy the customer.

The Ontario railway commission is being called down for its weakness in the Hamilton case. It is evidently timid about something and is seeking conferences when it should give orders.

Eaton entertained the belief that some day the business of the people would be done in five days, and that the other two days would be given up to diversion and rest. How far are we away from this?

Mr. Tarte knows how Hon. Mr. Blair got into federal politics. Does he know how Mr. Blair got out of parliament? There is a great mystery here which no one seems to be able to clear up.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The Run In Belleville.

The local rolling mills are now going strong in all departments. The horse-shoe mill is running, and about 250 men are employed in the institution proper. And more skilled men would be employed if they could be secured. Hurrah! for the rolling mill. Belleville's one-time "white elephant" has burst its Jonah.

An Illustrative Precedent.

The West party of Great Britain has endorsed woman's suffrage for women coupled with universal suffrage for both sexes. This naturally involves the right of election of women and we must expect it things advance as they have done, to see petition government in Great Britain. We had sixty years of very successful petition government, under good Queen Victoria, which established a commendable precedent.

Credit Where It Belongs.

Mr. Pettipiece largely belongs the credit for such railway taxation as has been proposed. After an energetic campaign waged by him in this direction the legislature dealt with the question. Through his efforts a commission was appointed which made enquiries as to railway taxation in many of the states of the union where facts and arguments were secured which could not be refuted. Mr. Pettipiece should not be refused the credit which is his due.

Whitney Is Crawling.

After all Whitney's boasting his crawl on the coercion of the rural trustees in the teachers' salaries matter was a most inglorious one. And on the school book matter Hon. Mr. Poye says the government's policy is still "rudimentary and chaotic." And for many years they boasted how they would settle the school book matter and improve the schools if they only had a chance. Now they grope in the dark and muddle everything they touch.

Some Mean Libels.

The easiest mark for a libel suit is a newspaper. The offence, when committed, is easily proved, and there is no defence for the sheriff to collect. Yet the newspaper libel is probably the least harmful of all, for the moment it appears it is known to be untrue, and he may obtain his remedy. Newspapers are bound to exercise care in their statements, not only because of the libel laws, but because they must retain the confidence of their readers. The man who repeats a scandalous story in private conversation is under no such restraints. A newspaper reporter, who how much inaccurately reports the common talk of the streets, and he soon learns to sift and discriminate. It is also the most difficult to trace and to punish.

Extent Of Child Labor.

A bulletin just issued shows that the total number of bread winners defined as those earning money regularly by labor, contributing to the family support, or appreciably assisting in mechanical or agricultural industry, ten to fifteen years of age, according to the census of 1900, was 1,750,178. By far the most important occupation for children is that of agricultural laborers, the number of children, ten to fifteen years of age employed being 1,054,416. This is an occupation not open to most of the objections ordinarily urged against child labor. There are about two-thirds of the total number of child bread winners employed on the farm, and most of these children were members of the farmer's families. The 658,207 children employed at pursuits not connected with agriculture are the children employed in trade and transportation, in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, and in domestic and personal service.

ALTHORPE DEATHS.

The Late Alexander Menzies and Robert Lyan. Althorpe, Feb. 1.—The death occurred at the family residence here, Monday morning, of Alexander Menzies, a resident of this place. Deceased took suddenly in a couple of weeks ago, and never rallied. He was an industrious workman. His wife predeceased him about one year ago. He leaves three sons and four daughters. They are James of Westport; Joseph and Thomas at home; Mrs. James Dowdell in the North-West; Lizzie and Annie at home, and Mrs. R. Forrester, Westport.

Early Wednesday morning a second death occurred in Westport, in the person of an old and respected resident of this place, Robert Lyan. Deceased had spent the great part of his life here, but last spring he retired to Westport to spend the rest of his days. Mr. Lyan was a foreman in this district, and very industrious and a hard worker. He was highly respected. He leaves besides his widow, who is very ill at present, two sons, Thomas and Abraham, of Westport; Mrs. Shellington, of Bedford; Mrs. E. O. Whitmarsh, Westport; Alice, nurse-in-training at Waltham, Mass. If deceased had lived he would have reached his eightieth year in March.

Thomas Fowler arrived home from Portage La Prairie to buy a carload of horses, to take west, in the spring. James Dowdell, Jr., arrived home from Calgary, to spend a few months. Mr. Victor Neil, home from Waterdown, for a week returned last week. Rev. Mr. Gregg preached his farewell sermon here on Sunday last.

From Their Point Of View.

Recipe for a Jamaica official "hung round with a Jamaica official" (hung round in Cayman and Singapore; served with Tarragon sauce and tobacco.

GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

A Rough Hockey Match—Carnival Prize Winners.

Gananoque, Feb. 2.—At the Maple Leaf rink, Thursday evening, a fancy dress carnival was held. About seventy-five costumes appeared in competition for the prizes offered by the management. The Citizens' band was in attendance. Five prizes were offered and won by: First, Miss Lizette Corby; second, Miss Olive Henderson; third, Cedric Gibson; fourth, Marguerite Graham; fifth, H. Sinclair.

Last evening the Star-Bachelors and St. Lawrence teams battled for the position of tail-enders in the hockey league. The game was hotly contested. William Phillips retired. The Bachelors won handsily by 12 to 3. Some very rough "play" was indulged in, one of the Bachelors striking a member of the opposing team with his stick and laying him out. Medical aid was brought in and his injuries attended to.

In the police court, yesterday, Henry Polow and Joseph Steacy were arraigned before Police Magistrate Headrip, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and fined \$3 and costs each.

Last evening the semi-annual installation of officers for Gananoque Council, No. 284, R. T. of P., took place. Sister Mrs. J. M. Taylor, senior past councillor of the order here, performed the ceremony, acting as grand councillor. The following officers were installed: S.C. Rev. Joseph Cornell; P.C. Jas. Lattimore; V.C. J. G. Bates; R.S. W. G. Bates; treasurer, C. H. Hurd; P.S. Mrs. C. H. Hurd; chaplain, Miss A. Dewitta; herald, Miss C. Clow; guard, Miss E. Adams; sentinal, E. Seale. After the ceremony refreshments were served by the ladies and an enjoyable evening of music, readings and speeches enjoyed.

Miss Nellie Thetis Wright, Sydenham street, has secured a position as teacher at the Derrivon school, and left for Edward House to enter upon her duties. Edward House of Napawan, is spending a short time with relatives and friends in Gananoque and vicinity. Miss Jessie Haig, Princess street is sending a couple of weeks with relatives and friends at Darling's wharf.

Mrs. Philip Conlin, King street, who has been spending the past week with her parents in Kingston, has returned home. Mrs. William Dunsmuir, King street west, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gussie, left, yesterday, to spend a few weeks with relatives in Guelph, Miss. Forde, McMurphy, Stone street, is spending a few weeks in Newboro, the guest of her friend, Miss Tessie Gavin, King street, is spending a few weeks with friends at Mallorytown.

NAPANEE NEWS.

What is Transpiring in the Town. Napanee, Feb. 2.—William Ferguson of Indian Head, Sask., visiting his son, James Ferguson, and other relatives in Napanee and vicinity, since Christmas, returned Wednesday. Harold Baughen, with the Robinson company, for several years, leaves next week to accept a position in New York. Mr. Dr. Wagner entertained on Wednesday evening, and again on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. F. S. Wartman, John street, entertained a number of friends on Thursday evening. A box of friends for Mr. and Mrs. E. Bar Hall (nee Augusta Perry), of Princeton, B.C., on January 30th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Downey, Sandhurst, will remove to Napawan in the course of a few weeks. Messrs. Mark Graham and Earl Vanalstine will open a clothing and gents' furnishing business, in the stand next door to the Beaver office, the premises formerly occupied by Graham & Co.

Sick feeding cups, at Chown's. A Socialist Defeated. Berlin, Feb. 2.—The first of the re-ballots, for members of the Reichstag elected at Bremen, where a radical was elected by a majority of 1,800 over the social democratic candidate. The seat had been held for a long time by the socialist, whose majority, in 1903, was 1,100. Hard or soft coars cured with three applications of Peck's Corn Salve. Guaranteed. Money back if not satisfied. In boxes, 12c., at Wade's Drug Store. Semi-Ready tailoring will open in Kingston shortly. Pus basins, all sizes, at Chown's.

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