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A CURIOUS ANOMALY.

There are distinctions in the legal profession which it is very hard to understand. A lawyer in Montreal has been suspended from practice for six months because he was in the service of a company whose function it was to collect doubtful debts, or the accounts of indifferent debtors. The lawyer does not submit tamely, of course, to the decision of the bar, and the case, according to the Witness, may be fought to the bitter end. Our contemporary reasons thus: "The law permits the lawyer not only to fire off threats, but what is far more important to the lawyer, indeed, the whole value of the fire-arm, allows him, and him only, to collect the money for the bullets. The law seems to all intents and purposes to permit the lawyer to combine with some one to buy up petty debts and persecute petty debtors, with law fees to his heart's content. The law permits the lawyer to make of himself a sort of parasite vermin to batten on misfortune, if he will, but he must not enter into a business contract with a business concern to collect debt at fixed and less burdensome rates." It is a remarkable situation to say the least of it.

Kingston has never had a "cleaning up day." It is an anniversary of some consequence in other places, and it would be one of the most popular here if its merits were only known. The council should try it.

SUPPRESSING AUTHOR—OR PLAY.

"Three Weeks" as a novel and a play may be tolerated in New York, but Anthony Comstock still lives, and one remembers what happened when "Sappho" was produced. The thing of greatest amazement is how refined women like Mrs. Glyn and Miss Nether-sole can undertake to express ideas which appeal to the sensual and with emotions that may be imagined and not described.

The authoress has attempted, in the preface to her book, to justify its publication, but one fails to find conviction in the argument, and he lays the book aside, with a decidedly bad taste in the mouth. The critic of the London play, given curiously enough in the presence of "a large audience," and with the authoress as the heroine, put his feelings briefly thus: "I read the novel and saw the play, and am ashamed of both."

Mrs. Glyn is not an actress, but no one else could give her particular caste to the scenes portrayed in the book, and she did so well that her friends hoped she would change her profession. One very anxious person expressed himself warmly, while she stood amid the purple and tiger skins and in a blaze of light, "Please, Mrs. Glyn, stop writing novels and act. You will be liked better." The public censor may help her into making this choice.

The imperial conservatives are willing to go one better than the liberals on old age pensions, and increase the annual contributions. So they cannot denounce the measure, no matter what the lords may say or do about it.

FUN AND EIZZ AT HAND.

The business man's idea is that when a political party has been in session for a week, has passed through some sensational experiences, and has agreed upon a candidate, it should at once communicate with him. The Republicans, however, though they united on William H. Taft weeks ago, have now formally told him of the fact. He had his ear to the 'phone while the convention indulged in its extravagances, he was made conscious of the scene that occurred when Roosevelt was lauded by one of the speakers, and he realized how cordially his own name was received later.

The quick up-to-date method would have been to send for Mr. Taft at once. He could have been in meeting or convenient, and then and there, in the presence of the delegates who voted upon the question, have been tendered the honor of a nomination. Granted that he could not have off-hand delivered an acceptance speech of the quality that can now be expected, he could have said enough to the great convention to put it in the merry mood of men who were pleased with themselves and their proceedings. Instead of this there has been a period of suspense, during which Mr. Taft has been grinding out a story of unexampled length, and a committee has been preparing for a more or less brilliant performance.

One of the preliminaries has been to select a body guard for Mr. Taft. In his state, Ohio, there is a ferocious republican named Foraker, who has had designs upon the president, and who, in his independence, has not hesitated to assail his party and the

president himself. Just where Foraker is in this campaign is a mystery which a committee will try and solve. On September 5th, there is to be a formal opening of the campaign, and Foraker should be at it, but the party is bound to find out where he stands before turning him loose upon the meeting. He is to Taft as Herat is to Bryan, a thorn in the side, only that he is silent for the present, and Herat is babbling away in his own superficial way.

THE ELECTORS ARE DROWSY.

Woodstock is having an experience which may come to any city under similar circumstances. It wants a new school. Indeed the people some time ago became aroused upon the subject of education, and in January elected or re-elected those who were inclined to be animated by a desire to meet the people's wishes. One of the results was the proposal to add to the school accommodation, and a money by-law was prepared and submitted to a vote of the qualified voters. It was defeated. This was a surprise for the trustees, and one they were not looking for.

Of over 1,600 possible voters less than 700 were polled, or as the Sentinel-Review puts it, "less than a quarter of the possible vote was registered against the by-law." The anomaly was also presented of one of the most active champions of the new school, working the hardest against the by-law, and presumably on the ground that in the matter of some detail it did not suit him.

The defect in this campaign—the defect which is evident in many other appeals to the people—is this: That the opponents of a measure were more active than its supporters, or rather they were more interested in seeing that the available votes were polled. Sometimes there is a change of base, and the voters for a measure only act in evidence, the opponents of it not deeming it worth their while to go to the polls and vote.

One thing more—the summer is not the time in which to hold the bye-election which is not political. The electors cannot be induced to express an opinion, and the issue goes by default. In other words a few interested persons may control the situation through the indifference of the many. When a plebiscite is desired it should be taken in January, when a general municipal election is on, and there is some hope of inviting a fair indication of public opinion.

The Montreal Gazette says there has been increased drunkenness in Canada since the liberals entered into power. At the same time it is admitted that Manitoba's experience justifies the charge "that its people constitute the heavy drinking community in Canada," and there tourism reigns triumphant.

GETTING DOWN TO DETAILS.

The committee on fire and light has not yet consulted with regard to the wants of the city in the way of fire-fighting appliances. There may be a reason for this; but it is not apparent. The report of the chief engineer has been turned up by the Whig meanwhile and quoted. It presents his ideas, though not in the most definite and practical form.

Brantford has been referred to, and it is as well since that city has an engineer whose methods are worth imitating. When he reports upon the requirements of his department he arranges it wants under three heads: (1) What must, (2) What may, and (3) What ought to be supplied. The council and also the fire committee are therefore guided in their action, and, according to their appropriation, give their orders, always making sure if they follow the chief's arrangement of purchasing the most necessary articles first.

A similar course is commended to Mr. Elmer. Whatever is most necessary should first be specified, so that there may be no delay in procuring it. One of these things is no doubt an engine. The Merryweather is done. The Challenge may be serviceable for many a day—when it can be got out of the repairer's hands, and realizing the urgency of the case, less than months should have been sufficient for the work that was ordered upon it.

The question of hose is one which should be discussed at once. The chief's limit should be reached if possible, and the waste that is going on through the works department should be stopped. The works department should have its own hose supply, and maintain it out of the annual appropriation which is at its disposal. Finally there is a subject on which the chief does not touch and which is impressed upon the council's attention by the underwriters—the efficiency of the men who compose the brigade. The demand is for a drilled force, not a larger one, and the committee should see that it is met in a most reasonable way. The chief should practice giving commands at the stations, and at fires, and content himself with seeing that they were obeyed.

The doctors were the only persons who offered no very strong protest against the higher temperature. As Colonel Selley would say, There's millions in it. The medicine men were very busy.

CHANGE IN THE STAFF.

The board of education has taken the only course which is open to it and accepted the resignation of Mr. Stevenson, the English master at the institute. He has been appointed to the staff of the London Normal school, and so one on the board desired to stand in the way of his promotion.

The question of greater importance is the choice of a successor, and one who will be acceptable to the education department because of his connection with the school of pedagogy. The choice lies with the management committee, which has been given power to act.

The usual method is to advertise for applications, but the position is one which only the few can fill, and it is expected that he will be found, without adding to the expense of the school.

There may be a revival of the cry, only consider the interests of the school of pedagogy! Because the city is deeply interested in its success. So long as Queen's College can be helped without detriment to the schools the board of education is wise in giving it their support.

So far, indeed, the school of pedagogy has been a decided advantage to the institute, and at least one public school in that it has supplemented their salaries in a substantial and very appreciable way.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That northwest wind came with a refreshing effect that every one appreciated. How soundly the city slept last night.

If the prohibitionists vote in the presidency, as they vote usually on option law, their candidate for the presidency would have to be seriously reckoned with.

Some people are already picking out their candidates for the mayoralty of 1909. Of course it is the man who has shown the most conscience and genuine leadership in the council.

McKay, the fur man, leads in electrical advertising. He has blazed the way for experiments in electrical effects, and our business streets may soon take on a new night attraction.

Dr. Pyne is already in England studying educational questions—while the schools and colleges are closed—and now the premier will join him on the same mission. One waits with bated breath for an announcement of the outcome.

The oldest inhabitant has been found and he declares two things most solemnly: (1) That the architect of the city buildings was a man named Brown, whose name is engraved in a stone, and (2) the destroyed dome is the original, with changes necessitated by the introduction of the clock.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Poor of Quebec. The Prince of Wales gave \$500 for the poor of Quebec. Huh! Shouldn't think there'd be any poor there now.

Doubtful Talk. The Toronto World predicts that the federal elections will be held the latter part of October or early in November, but it is not wise to rely on the World's "inside" information about the Laurier government.

Expensive Business. These modern engines of war, with their delicate mechanism and powerful explosives, may be, as President Roosevelt has said, a guarantee of peace, but they are an exceedingly costly form of insurance.

Dike An Authority. Lord Cromer says there is to be war between Germany and Britain. Sir Charles Dike thinks there is no chance of it. Sir Charles has been longer at the game and in a wider field and his judgment is probably the better worth having.

Ought To Do Something. It is said the banks are in an excellent position to handle the crop this year. Well, we shouldn't wonder if they are. They haven't been using their money in handling any other business for the past year, so far as we can see.

Insect Plague In Florence. Rome, Aug. 1.—The vehicular and tramway traffic in Florence has been greatly impeded, and in some districts altogether stopped through excessive invasions of swarms of white butterflies and other insects which left the streets and tracks in a horribly greasy condition. The plague has been worse than that of previous years.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Ltd., Toronto, are applying for letters of administration of the estate of the late Wade Hill, of the township of Sandwich West, in the county of Essex, hold-keeper. The estate consists of real estate, mortgages and cash in bank in Canada and the United States.

THE MICE OFF DUTY

THEIR ABSENCE ALMOST CAUSED NAVAL DISASTER.

Crew of British Submarine Were Rendered Unconscious By Petrol Fumes—White Mice Had Been Used to Give Warning of Danger.

London, Aug. 1.—While the British submarine flotilla was manoeuvring off Folkestone No. 9 was seen to be falling behind. Flying a signal of distress, a rescue party was organized, and the crew, consisting of two officers and nine men, were found unconscious in the boat.

It seems that the officers were in the conning tower, and, noticing that the hatchway they saw the crew lying about the hatchway, and the fumes of petrol, to which they, too, fell victims. The men were finally resuscitated on being brought to the open air. The accident, which might occur at any time in any submarine, was due to the failure of certain springs to work properly on account of the rolling of the boat. These springs are connected with the valves by which the noxious gases are expelled from the boat.

It had been the custom until recently for British submarines to carry white mice in the well. These little animals are peculiarly susceptible to the fumes of petrol, and as the heavy gas lay over the well first their squeaking served as a warning in the case of an accident like the recent one. Several weeks ago the British admiralty ordered that the mice should be carried no longer.

HE SUES FOR A KISS.

Or Failing That, Wants Monetary Damages.

The importance of the moustache in Germany will shortly be manifested in a trial in the Rhine province in which a wealthy silk manufacturer is suing an actress for damages in connection with the loss of his luxuriant facial adornment.

The manufacturer made the acquaintance of the actress, a young and beautiful comedy artist, socially. Meeting her at a dinner party a few weeks later he extracted from her a promise to give him a kiss.

She said that he would if he promised to shave off his moustache. That was a heavy forfeit, as his moustache—one of the approved Kaiser type—was locally famous and gave its possessor a reputation for masculine beauty, of which he was exceedingly proud. Eventually he brought himself, however, to visit the barber, and had his moustache shaved off. He informed the actress that her conditions had been fulfilled, and that he was ready for the kiss, but to his consternation he was notified that she had meantime become engaged, and could not, therefore, keep the bargain.

The disappointed cavalier has taken his case to court, and demands that the actress either be compelled to kiss him or be ordered to pay \$375 for breach of contract.

Baby's Great Danger.

More little lives are lost during the hot weather than at any other time of the year, diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera, infantum and stomach troubles come without warning, and when a medicine is not at hand to give promptly the short delay too frequently means that the child has passed beyond aid. During the hot weather months Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home where there are small children. An occasional dose of the Tablets will prevent stomach and bowel troubles. Or if the trouble comes unawares the prompt use of this medicine will bring the child through safely. Mrs. J. Renard, New Glasgow, Que., says: "One of my children had a severe attack of diarrhoea which Baby's Own Tablets promptly cured. I know of no medicine so good for stomach and bowel troubles." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c. a box from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Famous Structure.

The City Hall, at Kingston, a famous structure, and seen and scrutinized by hundreds of our citizens on excursion days, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000. It was built in 1840, its plans bearing some inspiration of hope that Kingston would be the capital of Canada. The architect and engineer was the grandfather of the publisher of the Canadian who, only a few days ago, had the pleasure of reading the specifications which were written in a large book and are still in perfect preservation at the home of his brother in Nanaimo.

One Improves The Other.

In making cool summer drinks with Sovereign Fruit Syrups remember that a little Sovereign Lime Juice improves the flavor. Sovereign Lime Juice blends perfectly with plain or carbonated waters, or with Sovereign Fruit Syrups. It develops their fresh fruit flavors, and with its own acidity helps to make a refreshing beverage.

Sensational Bargains.

In summer hats at Campbell Bros'. Mrs. J. B. Insley died in Picton, on Wednesday of cancer. Mrs. Insley was the daughter of the late Parker Ketchum, of Cherry Valley, and was thirty-nine years old.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Laying Of Gas Mains.

Kingston, July 31.—(To the Editor): By a recent issue of the Whig I see that gas is to be placed on several new streets. Of course this means a ditch which will practically destroy said streets for some time to come. Now I would like to make a suggestion on this matter. Suppose that in place of tearing up the road, the ditches were put between the walk and the houses, on what in reality is city property. So much for the suggestion, now let us see its effects. First the road would never be disturbed; secondly, there would have to be a pipe placed on each side of the street, but I think at less cost than if a single one were put in the middle and offshoots to each house. Certainly digging through the lawns would be much easier and cheaper than the same through the hard roadbed, and much more could be done in the afternoon in the same space of time than in the road. So digging two ditches would not cost much more than digging one as at present. At the same time, there would be no branch drains from the centre of each house, and this would considerably lessen the amount of digging to be done and pipes to be used. Then if any changes were to be made later on, or if any breakage occurred, it would not be necessary to tear up the road but only the lawn. If this system were once in action, the roads of Kingston would present a new appearance. As to the objection of the people that their lawns would be destroyed, it could be taken at its proper value, which is the more important, the lawn of the street? In case of repairs or a new entrance ditch who should suffer, the user of the street or the individual? Of course this plan would not apply to the business streets where there are no lawns.—S. A. C.

Crow Lake Accidents.

Crow Lake, July 31.—Middleton had a serious mishap. While mowing with his tractor the horse fell into a woodchuck hole. He had to get help to get the animal out. Huckleberrys is the order of the day. Mrs. R. Reynolds is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eli Church, Leppington. Mrs. William Bradshaw and daughter, are at George Bradshaw's, Mrs. William Tharrett of Carthage, N.Y., is visiting at her son's, Wilborne Tharrett's, and calling on her many friends in this place. Miss Lizzie Cassell has gone to Perth. Master Arnold Mahon while playing in a buggy fell and broke his left arm.

Ardoch Notes.

Ardoch, July 30.—Farmers are nearly through with their hay. A number of people attended the picnic at Onupah, on Wednesday. Rev. John Lyons had the misfortune to break his buggy, last Sunday, on his way to Ardoch, but, luckily, just as he broke down, William James came along and Mr. Lyons came on to Ardoch with him. Mrs. Smith is improving very slowly. The cheese factory is a great success under the able management of A. Miller. Milk is selling at 9c.716c. per cwt. Visitors: Miss Watkins, at M. McLean's; R. Godkin, at E. Gilmour's; O. McLellan, at E. Gilmour's.

The Premier of New Zealand.

speaking at Wellington, said the Dominion of Canada was dissatisfied with the service via the St. Lawrence canal and was prepared to pay \$75,000 annually for an All-Red route with eighteen knots steamers on the Pacific. Buy Dr. Chase's preparations at Gibson's Red Cross drug store. Fresh there.

ARRESTED AT CLAYTON.

Tried to Pass Bogus \$100 Bill—Now in Jail.

Watertown, N.Y., June 28.—Jerry Larkins, Clayton, N.Y., was brought to jail by Officer F. Colon to await the action of the next grand jury on a charge of grand larceny in passing a bogus bill for \$100 on Proprietor Jake Boganschetz, of the Pastime hotel, in Clayton. Larkins attempted to pass the bill in Clayton, but was unsuccessful. The bill was a very good imitation when seen on one side, but not so accurate a representation on the other. Larkins went to the Pastime hotel and asked Mr. Boganschetz to break the bill. The proprietor refused, whereupon Larkins is said to have told him that he wished to pay his board bill of \$8. Mr. Boganschetz accepted the bill, giving Larkins \$92 in cash. A moment later the hotel man out of his glasses and examined the bill, finding it counterfeit. He demanded the return of the \$92, but Larkins refused to give him the money, telling him that he got the bill off R. I. Grant, at the bank, and that it was good. Before the warrant was procured it is said Larkins tried to get three fellows to take him into Canadian territory.

Gown Of Linen.



The sketch depicts a modish frock of white linen, trimmed with heavy open embroidery. The gown had a panel of embroidery back and front, but the sides of the gown were plaited into belt. The yoke was of embroidered net, and tiny white embroidery buttons were used in rows on the bodice.

Dr. F. H. Trowsdale, late house surgeon in the Kingston General Hospital, has located at Mountain Station.

Ladies, Why Not Preserve Your Youth and Beauty?

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