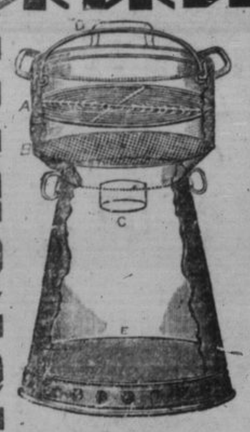

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THE PEOPLE WILL RULE.

Trenton has received a lesson it will not soon forget from the court over which Sir William Mulock presided. The council assigned to the Electric and Water company its right to the power generated at dam No. 2, (given to the town by the federal government), for a consideration of course, but without reference to the ratepayers. The action was the outcome of the agitation in Trenton in favour of municipal ownership, and it is significant to note that the Consolidated Municipal Act provides for a referendum when public interests are affected, as in this case, and that having been ignored the ratepayers asserted their prerogative. It is well that there is a law which makes public bodies observe certain formalities or the dickering with and by the great corporations would much oftener become effective. The Trenton deal will now go to the people and the chances are, under the circumstances, that it will be defeated. The people generally are to be trusted. When they think there is some object in ignoring them they become very angry, and visit a suitable punishment upon those who offer an affidavit.

THE PROFIT IN WASTE.

In New York city the rats have become such a nuisance that the city officials have decided one of two things must happen. They must clear out the rats or vacate the public buildings. There is need of the revival of an occupation which was never popular but very profitable, namely, that of the rat-catcher. The commissioner of public buildings in New York is looking for a Pied Piper, who, like the flutist in Hamelin, will charm away the rodents and drown them in the East River.

But why be so reckless of even rat life? George Powell Perry, in his book, "Wealth and Waste," has a chapter on rats and he shows that they have been turned to great account in Paris. There they are cast into a pound, with dead carcasses of every kind, and they clean the bones and make them ready for the makers of phosphorus. Then, at the end of every quarter, they are chased into shallow holes, captured, bagged and sent to the slaughter house. Their fur is made into "valuable gloves of superior grade," their thigh bones into toothpicks, and their tendons and other bones are boiled up to "make gelatine wrappers for bon-bons." The returns from the trade are said to be very large.

In Manitoba the rats are threatening great destruction to grain and groceries and loss in consequence. Something should be done to get the rodents into pound, to be there made serviceable as in Paris, or at least restrained from perpetuating their uncanny work.

LORDS ON THE STUMP.

So the lords are going to enter the political campaign in England and defend their action before the people. They will have a time of it, such a time as the Canadian senators would have had a few years ago in assuming to champion publicly their partizan conduct in dealing with federal legislation. The lords are charged with repeatedly antagonizing the work of the commons when the government happened to be liberal.

"The passion of the House of Lords for democracy is part of the history of England," says the London Daily News, "that history in which he who runs may read how the House of Lords passed the first reform bill only under the threat of civil war, how it blocked every other extension of power to the people so long as it dared, and how only, yesterday, it disfranchised 40,000 Londoners."

The venerables may be reminded of all this when they go on the stump. They may hear about the shameful exhibit some of them made when they had to be carried to the chamber, to vote against popular legislation. Some of them had to be shown how to get in and out of the chamber, and to vote. The Telegraph, noting all this, has said that whatever the result of the election it is apparent that the upper chamber must be reconstructed.

In Canada, for a while, and early in his reign, after the political cyclone of 1896, the premier contemplated some movement by which the senate would be livened up, and made to represent in its membership, more fairly, the sentiment of the people. The proposals, all of them, were as impracticable as the proposal in England, that the partizan majority be neutralized by a wholesale appointment of new peers, Providence, as Gladstone once remarked, was on the side of the liberals and now the senate is overwhelmingly liberal. There is no hope of a similar contingency in England, for there heredity plays an important part and keeps alive a futile faction, and the political conversions, though common enough in lower chamber, are unusual incidents in the upper house.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The young man or woman who has to exercise three half hours a week in the institute gymnasium will make their influence "felt" in the community.

Street corner loafing or loitering will not be tolerated in Kingston. It has gone on for a long while, but there is a limit, and it seems to have been reached.

Lord Rosebery is in the shadows, being a political seceder and out of sympathy with any party. Ploughing the lone furrow is disspiriting work, surely.

Mr. Willison, of the Toronto News, has gone to England and will have a hand in the election. Not as the ally of the dukes surely! He's a democrat up to the hilt.

Dancing is being encouraged in New York in the interest of moral reform. This is part of a great crusade against the amusement of the young under unwholesome conditions.

Lord Charles Beresford is credited with standing on the bridge at Portsmouth and, in a vision, seeing the empire crumbling away. A vision, did we say? A nightmare is suggested as the proper word, and it fits the case.

The temperance men are putting some spirit into the campaign which is likely to culminate in some surprises for the council. There is to be no acclamation for any offices, and the fact may be as well faced at once.

Prohibition has certainly brought about a great reduction in the use of liquor in the United States. In the duty on spirits and beer and ale the collections last year were about eight million dollars less than in the year before.

Prof. Shortt declares that of all the people who have suffered by the increased cost of living the teachers are the chief. The teachers are of the same opinion, and they are taking the usual methods of impressing it upon the school trustees.

Major-General Lake recommends a balloon unit for the militia. Copying Germany, eh? That won't do. If some of the Ottawa contingent want to fly, let them use the monoplanes or aeroplanes. If they flew away never to return they would not be missed.

The New York American is concerned lest Germany should in some way annex Canada and deprive Britain of her greatest colony. And where would the gallant Bob Evans and the United States fleet be while this courtship or capture was going on?

So Mr. Balfour, if allowed to experiment with fiscal reforms, will give bounties for cotton growing in England, and so make the cotton trade independent of the American supply. The fact that cotton may not be grown except in a certain climate is another matter, and it does not count during an election.

The people of England, especially the wage earners, must appreciate the anxiety which the politicians profess for their welfare. Here is Mr. Balfour, who is prepared to bonus cotton raising in England, pay old age pensions, brace the industries with fiscal props, and guarantee wages to every man by tariff reform. He's he magic worker of the day.

The opposition received a rude awakening in the commons when the minister of justice proved that the law which permitted of the present race track gambling was the handiwork of Sir John Thompson, while he was the premier of Canada. The jolt may be with the present government if it does not amend the law and limit the gambling, or abolish it.

Without A Slip.

The prodigious memory of the late Constant Coquelin, of the Comedie Francois is the subject of a story in the Fortnightly Review. One evening in Brussels Coquelin was dining with the Vicomte de Lovenjoul. There were several guests, among whom were two or three actors, and they were talking about memory.

"How many parts do you know well enough to play to-night if need be?" somebody asked Coquelin.

He took a sheet of paper and wrote down the names of fifty-three plays in his repertoire. His friends laughed.

"You are boasting, surely," said De Lovenjoul.

"You have every one of the plays in your library," Coquelin said, quietly. "Get them all out and put them on the table."

The vicomte did so.

"Now," said Coquelin, "let anybody select a cue from any of these plays at haphazard and give it to me."

They tried him with sixteen plays out of the fifty-three and he never missed a single cue or made one mistake.

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TO DO NOBLE WORK

THE I.O.F. TO HAVE HOSPITALS SPREAD ABOUT.

The Supreme Chief Ranger Wants $100,000 a Year So Used—An Order of the Purple Cross to Help Working Classes.

Supreme Chief Ranger Elliott G. Stevenson, of Toronto, in an address at Syracuse, N.Y., on Thursday, said: "Before another year has passed the Independent Order of Foresters will have a hospital fully equipped for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in the Adirondack mountains." He said it was his desire to see $100,000 a year used to erect hospitals in all parts of the country under I.O.F. supervision. The supreme court, he further advised, intended to establish an Order of the Nurses of the Purple Cross (similar to the famous Red Cross society) to visit homes of poor workingmen and to lend assistance in time of sickness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

How Deserving Men For Mayoralty Get Turned Down.

Kingston, Dec. 3.—(To the Editor): Who will be mayor of Kingston in 1910? Ask any of the aldermen or city officials and they will name one man, but they will also say that he will not be mayor, but will probably retire from the council like many others with the question: "What's the use in giving the city good service?" The man who is really useful and conscientious in giving the city his time and invariably applying the same methods he would use in a successful private enterprise will find that he makes more enemies than friends, that some one has been disturbed in a good thing and that when the votes are counted the alderman that followed a do-nothing policy, except an occasional grand stand play on some minor issue, is the winner.

Aldermen get to the position of mayor on a single small issue like the coal oil question, or the vaccination issue—things of themselves of no importance. On the other hand the man that sells coal or bread or something else and gives a dollar's worth for the same price as others in the business, cannot be mayor, no matter how good his council record may have been.

It so happens that the successful business man goes to council with the idea that he can apply the same methods for the city benefit. He looks about and starts some changes where more work will be performed, with less labor or a little re-organization will improve the service and cost less. He disturbs somebody with a good thing and starts a force against himself on election day. He takes a stand on some question, like the reduction of license movement, and at once has either the whiskey or the temperance people after his scalp. His only chance is to guess the side that will deliver the most votes.

At present representative temperance advocates advise selecting a council that will vote this way. The alderman that has given many years of his time in unselfish service to the city is to be turned down because he votes that next year's council deal with next year's business, and the good men will be retired without even a thought of the many unselfish hours practically wasted in public life. Then we ask ourselves, why the business men will not stand for office. They are foolish if they do.—INDEPENDENT.

Answering F. R. Anglin's Letter.

Kingston, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor): Replying to F. R. Anglin's letter of the 30th ult., I herewith give him the United States government figures which he asks for:

	Made and Sold	
1889	27,561,944	barrels
1898	36,697,634	"
1899	39,471,593	"
1908	56,803,497	"

You will see, notwithstanding the temperance campaign for the last twenty years, the consumption of beer has been more than doubled in the United States.

Mr. Anglin asks me to be candid and explain, regarding cigars. This question is answered in our petition to the city council. We did not say that reduction of licenses would reduce the sale of cigars, but we did say that it would reduce the sale of the cigars manufactured in Kingston.

Mr. Anglin is long in figures but short in memory. He should read his own letter of November 22nd and he will see that I virtually used his own words regarding hotel accommodation.

The farmer is free to trade wherever prising that so many good farmers prefers the market we supply, he does it with his eyes open, and it is not surprisingthat so many good farmers prefer proper hotel accommodation to that of rhe local option centres, where accommodation and trade possibilities are on a par.

This is a splendid testimony to our city, both as regards our hotels and our excellent market for trade and barter.

—W. PETERS.

A Mother's Meeting.

Kingston, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor): To the Mothers of Kingston: For your boys' sake, the boy whom you desire to see a good citizen, the boy you are eager to shield from the snare of the bar which has entangled your friend and neighbor's son, you are asked to meet in conference with the mothers interested in the reduction of licenses at Mrs. A. F. Chown's, 126 University avenue, Monday, 4 p.m. You will get information that will aid you to talk intelligently; you will give sympathy; you will help to create public sentiment. For your sake, your home's sake and the sake of good citizenship.—ESTHER SPARKS.

For Two-Year Terms.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 4.—In January the electors of Haldimand township will vote upon a by-law which will provide that members of the township council be elected for a term of two years, instead of one.

Open Sunday's to supply your drug wants. Prouse's Drug Store, 'phone 82; corner Princess and Clergy.

GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

Death of Mrs. Bews—Laymen's Mission Banquet.

Gananoque, Dec. 4.—The Laymen's missionary banquet was brought to a most successful issue last evening. About 100 sat down. The refreshment part was in charge of Donald Root. Afterwards a programme was rendered.

The Thousand Island Gun Club, at its annual meeting, elected these officers: President, D. Ford Jones; vice-president, E. P. Wright; secretary-treasurer, W. A. Lewis; executive-committee, Thomas Glover, W. J. Belfie.

Margaret J. Bews, relict of the late Mr. Bews, of this place, passed to rest at the family residence, Sydenham street, yesterday, aged seventy-six years. Her husband died twenty-five years ago. She was well-known and highly esteemed. She leaves two sons William and Waldron, and one daughter, Miss Margaret Bews, of the King street public school staff. The funeral takes place on Sunday.

The water supply for the local factories has permitted full time for the past two weeks.

The Macdonald Cadets, after their drill last evening, paraded to the Star theatre, by invitation, to enjoy the show.

District Financial Special Captain James Manion, of Montreal, conducted a lantern lecture in the Salvation Army barracks, his topic being "Wops, the Waif."

R. A. Patterson, Montreal, spent a short time in town during the past few days. Mrs. Allen, Main street, and daughter, Miss Dorothy Allen, have returned from Kingston. E. M. Zavitz, Ottawa, was renewing acquaintances in town during the past few days. Charles McNeil, Hamilton, arrived in town yesterday, having been summoned here by the death of his aunt, Mrs. McNeill, Front of Leeds and Lansdowne.

Richard Wilson, Stone street, spending the past few weeks in the far west, has returned to town. Miss Norma O'Connor, spending a few days with local relatives, has returned to Kingston. Mrs. Robert Lipman, Kingston, spending the past few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. LaFrance, Brock street, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoliker, Leeds, have returned from a visit in Montreal.

Napanee District Epworth League.

The Napanee district Epworth League convention was held in Napanee, Wednesday, December 1st. The following are the officers for the enguing year:

Honorary president—Rev. W. H. Emsley, Napanee.

President—Rev. S. F. Dixon, Tamworth.

First vice-president—Mrs. Alexander Denison, Selby.

Second vice-president—J. M. Denyes, Newburgh.

Third vice-president—Miss Lulu Charters, Sillsville.

Fourth vice-president—Miss Ethel Brown, Deseronto.

Fifth vice-president—Miss Florence Stevens, Napanee.

Secretary—Delbert Sexsmith, Camden East.

Treasurer—Miss Hattie Wagar, Enterprise.

Conference representative—Rev. G. W. McCall, Napanee.

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Serious charges are made against Winnipeg druggists that many of them are substituting inferior classes of drugs for others in prescriptions.

Mayor Oliver, Toronto, will not allow his friends even to re-nominate him in January.

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