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SHORT CUTS: CRITICISM.

Homer Folk, of New York, president of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, has scored the doctors and the press for the part they have played in the Friedman campaign.

Mr. Folk says the public looked to the medical profession for a clear word upon the alleged cure and it has not been given. He does not read all that has been said upon the subject or he would see that the time has not yet come for a final or emphatic deliverance.

This lugubrious wall is without warrant. The press has done nothing it can be ashamed of. It gave, as it should, all the information with regard to current events, including the Friedman treatment.

A DAY OF GLAUCUS.

Mothers' Day has passed, but its sweet memory remains. The origin of the day is not clearly known—a certain Mrs. Jarvis is credited with suggesting it some years ago—but its observance is very general, and its object is to perpetuate the memory of mother.

Some one has enquired whether there should not be a Fathers' Day. There is no reason except that the fathers do not expect any homage for the good they have done in the home.

It would be well for the world, and for our boys, if the place and influence of the mothers were extolled the more. The home life of the average individual is limited at least to a few years.

Mothers are not always wise or discreet, and the more's the pity. Occasionally they realize that the leniency they have been exhibiting to erring youth has been ill-requited and they are reproached for it.

been, in addition, oppressed and hindered by a thriftless and dissipated husband, and her's is the greater sorrow. Generally, however, the mother makes many sacrifices for her children, and loves them, and pursues them with her solicitude, throughout her life.

THE PAVEMENT QUESTION.

The council will, this evening, pass upon the pavement question, and endorse, if satisfactory, the recommendation of those who attended the Works' Committee, that the Ontario Asphalt Company be given the contract for a larger area than that embodied in a recent tender, at \$2.75 per square yard.

It cannot be said that the committee reached this conclusion hastily. It wrestled, as it were, with the issue from mid-afternoon until evening, and reduced the proposed cost by 10c per yard. And yet it is well to consider if a further advantage would not accrue to the city by inviting further competition which the larger area would surely warrant.

The Whig has asked about asphaltic concrete and has been shown a sample. In some respects it is like vitulith, and presents a surface which will stand a great deal of wear without the danger of displacement when blocks of any kind are used.

For residential districts there is another pavement which is quite as good and costs a good deal less. It is one with a concrete foundation and an asphaltic-macadam surface like that laid on Barrie street.

Another engineer, in conversation with the Whig, on Saturday, advised caution in the awarding of further contracts and his advice seems to be well founded.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Will the United States senate amend the democratic tariff bill? It may, but it is not expected to do so. Congress wants it understood that it is carrying out the mandate of the people.

It costs Toronto \$690 per head to educate the high school pupils in the honour forms, and the proposition is to transfer them to one school and abolish honour form work from all the others. A capital idea. Wonder it was not thought of before.

The anxiety with regard to the naval question has been lifted from the commons to the senate, from a place where there is a gag and a majority in its favour to a place where there is no gag and a majority nominally against it.

The Toronto Telegram is against a Borden demonstration in Toronto, on the ground that it would lead to dignity and importance to the Laurier demonstration. The idea is not to admit the importance and effect of the great liberal meeting, but the importance and effect will remain in spite of all that can be said about them.

The federal government refused to confer with the provinces with regard to the good roads' grants. It did not invite a conference for any province, and now Quebec resents the interference with provincial affairs which the bill suggests, and Sir Lomax Gouin says he will not stand for it.

Two elections in Ontario must take place soon—in North Grey, made vacant by the retirement of Hon. A. G. MacKay, now a resident of Edmonton, and North Toronto, whose representative, Hon. Mr. Foy, becomes a senator. There will be no hurry about appeals to the people until the memory of that last awful week in the legislature has been somewhat dimmed.

PUBLIC OPINION

As You Were. Hamilton Herald. In the minds of most people who are not influenced by party bias the question of the truth of falsity of the charges remains pretty much as it was before the charges were partially investigated.

A Candid Enquiry. Toronto Globe. The London Free Press asks, "where does the Rowell campaign fund come from." Not from government contractors "under pressure."

Must Have Been. Toronto Telegram. Was it an oversight that the Ontario legislature adjourned without ordering William Proudfoot, M.P.P., to be burned in effigy in front of the town hall, Sarnia, Ont?

A Warning. Guelph Mercury. Guelph women who have good husbands should note that a New Jersey man suicided because his wife insisted on cleaning house every time she heard a robin sing.

Pyne Cannot Tell. Hamilton Spectator. Now that the minister of education has discovered that there are strong objections to the proposed changes in the library act, he might proceed further in his investigations. There are a good many people who would like to know where these objectionable suggestions originated.

An Awful Tax. Mrs. Gordon, in Montreal. The white slave traffic is directly or indirectly responsible for the outlay of three billion dollars yearly on the continent of America. There are 300 London girls, a portion of whom are Canadians, and it is said there are ten men to every woman contaminated by the social vice. Canada pays \$125,000,000 yearly. Another statement was that 50,000 poor girl victims die annually.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Thirty cars of freight arrived in the city to-day, over the G.T.R. The Elks baseball club will not be revived this season.

Gananoque pays 7 1/2c per foot street frontage watering tax. Kingston pays 2 1/2c per foot. The east shore in the penitentiary are being transformed into a fire-proof building, in which will be placed over one hundred new cells.

The Salvation Army Barracks will be opened in July. Captains Hassan and Wood, former officers of this city, will be present. Some 20,000 rounds of Snider ball ammunition were shipped from the city to St. John, N.B. today.

A PLEA FOR INTEREST

In the Men of the Camps Throughout Canada.

Rev. W. Dickie, of the Reading Camp Association, preached in Calgary church on Sunday morning and took as his text Luke X, 36: "Which now of these three thinketh that was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves."

After telling the story of the good Samaritan, the speaker said the same difficulty has always been recognized. Few can see beyond their own circle of friends. The Samaritan could have passed the man by just as he could feel for the man who needed his sympathy and help.

There are in Canada a number of nationalities, especially in our frontier camps along the railways, who need such men as Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick, a graduate of Queen's University, who is spending the most of his time and money in leading such men to a nobler manhood.

There are now fifty-five young men engaged in this missionary work, but there is room for many more if we only had the resources of putting more missionaries among this foreign element. These missionaries see that the different railway camps are supplied with good magazines.

Employers of labor are anxious to have missionaries work among these foreigners, but they often have disadvantages not only perhaps in several different languages, but often in as many forms of worship. Fifty per cent of these foreigners often return to their native land, as the Bulgarians did a short time ago when the "bugle call" summoned them to protect their country. These men take with them the gospel of Christ with the truths they have learned.

The naval bill may stand over for a third reading till Thursday. Three thousand Scots left Britain for Canada on Sunday.

Wise and . . . Otherwise

Make your preparations for "clean-up" day. The sketchees will be here pretty soon. Fill up all water holes and screen your house.

A woman seldom knows what she wants until she discovers that she can't get it. "I had a talk with a pessimist friend the other day. I don't think I ever met any one so completely soured on the world. He told me he doubted human honesty—that he didn't believe in the faith of man, nor the constancy of woman. Life to him was all graft and grab and greed. He was very bitter." "Your friend must have had a lot of hard experience. How old is he?" "Nineteen."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

These Low Necks. "Do you see how the color of this gown matches my complexion?" "Yes, and I also see how the cut of it matches that sore throat you have."—Pittsburgh Post.

Much Left to Imagination. "It takes a woman to find the words to say mean things about other women." "Yes, but she can make meaner slaps by not finding the words. For instance, when she says: 'Of course, I don't exactly know anything about her, but—'"

Sure Thing. "Have you a fireless cooker?" "Yes, we are afraid to discharge her."

Sound Reasoning. "Sambo," said the owner of a country place to his gardener, "concerning that tree I wanted you to cut down, my wife thinks it had better be allowed to stand." "Well, ah think it ought ter come down, Massa Brown," was the reply. "What are your reasons for thinking so, Sambo?" "We—il, sah, de first reason am dat de tree done keep de light off de greenhouse; de second reason am dat it's gettin' old, and de third reason am dat I cut it down las' night."



The Maid's Burden. "Where have you been, Mary Ann?" "I've been to the Girls' Improvement class, ma'am," was the maid's reply. "Well, and what did the curate say to you? Did you tell him who your mistress was?" "Please, ma'am, he said I wasn't to give notice, as I intended, but that I was to consider you as my burden—and bear it."

Wonderful Maiden. Ted—"She seems to be a very methodical girl about things." Ned—"Very. She can find anything in her work-basket without emptying it into her lap and sorting it all over bit by bit."—Puck.

Good Sleeping Powders. Mike came to the doctor about 9 o'clock with the information that their month old baby would not sleep a wink. The doctor gave Mike sleeping powders for the baby. The next day he met Mike on the street.

Diplomatist. Mrs. Muggins—Mrs. Subbubs is a born diplomatist. Mrs. Buggins—Yes, she can even engage a cook from an employment agency without feeling that she has lost her self-respect.—Philadelphia Record.

Calling His Attention. Mr. Lingerlong—I had a queer adventure this afternoon. Miss de Muir (with a swift glance at the clock)—You mean yesterday afternoon, I presume.

When Sentiment Ends. "Well, dear, I guess the honeymoon is over." "Why do you say that?" pouted the bride. "I've been taking stock, and I'm down to \$2.65."

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