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AN EXCELLENT START.

If the enthusiasm manifested at Hon. W. F. Nickle's first organization meeting last night is any indication of the feeling among his supporters all over the city, he should be elected on December 1st by a large majority.

PRINCIPLE ABOVE PARTY.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal declares in a splendid editorial that no man in public life stands higher in public respect and esteem than the Hon. W. F. Nickle.

FATHER AND SON.

The Winchester Press quite rightly claims that if the electors support and vote for government control they will have no right to complain or find fault with their son if he comes home at night drunk.

THE FUTURE CITY.

Thomas A. Edison, in the Forum Magazine, predicts that the city of the future will have, flying over it, a great buzz of airplane traffic; that the roofs of buildings will serve as landing fields; that it will have elevated streets running one way and depressed streets running the other way.

KNOCKING EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Highways Department of Ontario is to clear the snow off the main roads in Western Ontario, and adds Deputy Minister Squire, "possibly to Kingston or Belleville."

BILL YOUNG

MY SON, the Lord be with thee and give thee wisdom and understanding, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.—1 Chron. 22:11, 12.

inoe. In Western Ontario to always receive the lion's share?

THE LIQUOR DEBATE.

The liquor debate comes now to this, says the Farmers' Sun, Toronto. Mr. Ferguson proposes to abandon prohibition and to substitute for it the unrestrained sale of liquor by the government to all reputable persons of twenty-one years or over.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have you started to save for the Christmas presents?

In the sporting arena the year 1926 has been featured by the passing of many champions.

A scientist says we all shall be bald in a thousand years from now, but inasmuch as we shall not be here it won't trouble us much.

What about the municipal elections? Fudge, we can pick a council in a week's time! But, what kind?

Can you name any community that has been made a better place to live in by the free sale of booze?

Once again "the trade" is seeking to enforce its sordid dictum in the politics of Ontario. Will the people stand for this shameful attempt?

Having heard of the violet ray treatment a Hollywood girl wants to know if it can be obtained at drug stores in shades to match her costumes.

Are there many Kingston electors who are agreed to pay the debt of the province through the debauchery and degrading of the people, by a wider sale of liquor?

The Ferguson Government has willfully challenged the good name of Ontario, and the morale of the young people. Will the challenge be flung back in his face. We hope so.

Hon. W. F. Nickle is to inaugurate this week vivid with reasons why the O. T. A. should be sustained. The people will be fully informed of the dangers of free sale, so they will vote with full knowledge of what a vote means!

Judging by the remarks of Mayor Angrove and Alderman Kidd, W. F. Nickle's decision to run in Kingston is about as welcome as a mouse at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid, comments the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Guelph Mercury says that Mr. Nickle will be a great strength for the cause of prohibition if elected. His personal support of the cause of temperance and prohibition has never been doubted nor even questioned, which is a mark in his favor in the coming election.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson hopes to impose the free sale of liquor in the province by his big addition to the ridings in cities. Will the country folk stand for this desire, or will the people say, as they have said before, we want no liberties but we want restrictions of the traffic?

"Hush, be calm, be moderate don't grow excited," is the wish of the Moderation League to the people in this liquor election. The League is afraid the monster Traffic will be awakened and their game is up. The trade needs the profits, but that shouldn't be disturbing!

An unanswered question to the wet candidate on a Toronto platform was: "If we had government control fifteen years ago at which time the streets were filled with drunken men, how has it come about that nowadays under the O.T.A. you rarely ever see a drunken man?"

The Hague, quiet, sleepy little capital of Holland, has installed the first commercial radiotelephone in existence. It is a municipal system, intended to serve the same purpose as an ordinary city telephone. It starts with more than 1,000 subscribers. And first reports indicate that it is operating successfully.

During the third quarter of this year thirteen Canadian companies placed stock issues on the market to the value of \$16,469,000, according to the Monetary Times' estimate, and brings the total amount of Canadian stock issues up to \$8,481,794 for the nine months ending Sept. 30th. The total for the nine months' period exceeds all previous records, when new stock issues totalled \$5,558,400 for the entire year of 1925, \$50,721,000 for 1924, and with \$26,925,350 for 1923.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Flies Were First to Use Periscopes. By Austin H. Clark.

Periscopes are no new invention. Long before man thought of them some of the flies employed the principle involved to protect them from their enemies.

These so-called stalk-eyed flies have their eyes each on the end of a long stalk projecting sideways from their head. In some the distance from eye to eye is as great as the distance across the wings, or twice the body length.

Stalk-eyed flies are common in the tropics, in damp places and in shady woods. Safely concealed on the under surface of a grass blade with their little eyes projecting out on either side, thanks to the long stalks, they can see you perfectly without your being able to see them. You first see them when they fly away.

One of these stalk-eyed flies is common in the eastern states, but in this the stalks are very short.

Many other creatures have stalked eyes besides these flies; for instance, crabs and lobsters, the pounce of various fishes, and the hammer-headed shark.

News and Views.

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Mr. Nickle's Battle

(Toronto Globe)

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The absence of a Liberal candidate in the riding makes the struggle a clean-cut one on progressive temperance legislation. Already he has the assured support of many Liberals, and this support is bound to grow, both on the merits of the candidate and the strength of his cause.

There are other eminent and worthy warriors for the O.T.A. in this election, but in Mr. Nickle's case there is a special interest because of the elements of courage and sacrifice. For the sake of his principles he resigned from the Cabinet and went back to private life. He maintained silence for some weeks, and then, with no promise or expectation of office or other reward, and with no other desire than to aid the cause he holds dear, he suddenly threw himself into the contest. He will be fiercely opposed by the Ferguson machine and the wet interests. Indeed, he may have to fight the hardest battle of his political life. He is not a man to shirk from that duty.

All Ontario will watch the struggle, and all Ontario will expect the dry forces of Kingston, and others who value courage and principle in public life, to rally to Mr. Nickle's support. He will be needed in the Legislature, and Kingston should make certain of his election.

Slandering Canadian Youth

(Kinross Review Reporter)

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Statements that belittle, slander and stain the name of Canadian youth have been made from public platforms and made by the Premier of this Province. In quiet defence the indignation of the youth rose up and now begins a series of refutations by the young people in an effort to cram the lie back down the throat of the man who manufactured it. "It used to be that a girl wouldn't look at a man who carried a flask, but now they won't look at him if he hasn't got one!" That is one of the statements made from a public platform by Premier Ferguson—and there were others of like nature. How could the youth of this province stand still under a lash like that? The falsity of it; the mockery of it; the rottenness of it bites to the quick in this province of clean young people. In all their might may they rise up and fight such an unholy attack on them. Premier Ferguson must prove his statements or take them back. But he can't prove them. They are childish conceits of his own mind and he should be made to swallow his words even if they strangle him. No man, no matter who he is, or what he is, can broadcast such an insult to the youth of this province with impunity. The youth will not be branded falsely in this manner.

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