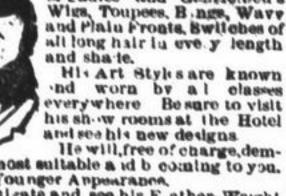


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COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Canada needs a law by which arbitration a certain cases can be made compulsory London presents an object lesson in this respect. The street railway company and its employees have had a difficulty. It is in regard to wages, to hours of labour and the compensation that should go with them. The people are with the men, and will not patronize the cars. The loss is erious, and yet it is borne with calmness since the company has the ctive interest, and some of the capital, of an American railway syndicate, and it te injuring a regular income from the American side to continue the war and i ostible win it. How long it may still go on goodness only knows, but it is time something were done, in the public interest, to bring it to an end. The franchise is worth a lot of money, and its abuse by the company, backed by foreign capitalists, teaches that in future the people must be protected, in any deal that is which enjoys public favours should be forced by law to arbitrate its troubles and abide by the results. Pariament can fashion this court of appeal, and the sooner it gets to work thereon the better. London has suffered long and patiently in the interest of reform, but some good will surely come out of its experience, and that good an arbitration law, whose operations will be at once direct and effec

DANGER IN THE AIR.

A medical man reports the existence of several typhoid fever cases. It shows that there is something amiss with the ranits tion of the city, something that should en gage the attention of the board of health That something is not indicated, but it is suspected. Some years ago there was war, and justify so, in the pit or privy within a certain radius of the city. It was not possible to put in its place the inside flush closes which to, of course, to be preferred for many reasons. All the drains were not at the time suitable. They were not, in their construction, fitted for closet conner tions, and the houses in many cases were not such as could stand the alterations Question | which the introduction of the closets involved. Hence the dry earth closets which were authorized and which have been erect ed to the number of some six hundred. was supposed, of course, that these would be built according to a certain plan and made subject to certain regulations. But the plan has varied and the regulations have been eadly inefficient or eadly neglected, since the cry out against the offensiveness of the closets is very strong. The board of typhoid fever which may be very clearly truced to these dry earth closets. It has requested the council to pase an ordeance which will coable it to be more exacting in their care. This ordeance has hong fire council, whose summer vacations have led had gained great headway before the alarm

> The Liberale Re-Numbate McSink. St. THOMAS, Sept. 13.—At the liberal convention, held at Wallacetown yester day, Donald McNish was again chosen to

NEED AN OVERHAULING.

The London Advertiser very sensibly re marks, in reference to some of the work of the municipal convention at Hamilton, that our assessment law needs a complete overhauling. "The construction," it says, "of a scientific eystem of municipal taxation is a problem and demands the attention of

our legislators." Some day the solid sones of our peop's will inelet that all this tinkering with the assessment law be ended, and that a com mission be appointed to prepare an enact ment which will produce fair and equitable results. As it is now the taxes are not evenly or proportionately carried by the people. The back of texation and the ob jects subject to assessment are changing all the while.

From year to year the exemptions are going on, and the source of civic revenue is being very much narrowed up. In other words the discriminations are increasing in consequence of local difficulties here, and of pressure there, and with each new de puture in business there is the application of the exemption thumb screw and the re eponeive action on the part of the council The entanglements of to-day are the result of long years of compromise, and the duty of the future is to get rid of them by legislation at once just and comprehensive

Sooner or later-and the sooner the better-the common sense of the people will demand an assessment law which will levy the taxes that go towards civic goveroment so that they will be carried by all the people in proportion to their earning power and capac ty to pay.

The record of exemptions in every city and town tells of concession and canciliations which circumstances at the time seemed to justify. But it is to the thought fal elector the evidence that ere long there must be the shock that will rid the land of all its inequalities of legislation and get in its place the reforms that are sorely wanted.

WEDNESDAY WAFTS.

The machine which some men worked in West Elgin and West Waterloo ought, like a huge Juggernaut, to run over them and put them out of misery. The liberal party has no use for them.

Esterhany, an exile from France, talks of visiting America and becoming a public lecturer. He had better. The American people, in the present state of mind, may be depended upon to give him a warm re-

A friend wante to know if Canada has now a comic paper. Yes, one; the Mon treal Star. Since its editor has become Sir Charles Tupper's time keeper, and it has become ultra-tory in its political views, it is too funny for anything.

Twelve men, at a local political picnic at Ile Aux Noix, Quebec, magnified Marchand-it was his day-and the World's young man, who is particularly knowing, sees in this the exaltation of Marchand at the expense of Laurier. What a dis-

Hugh John Macdonald, in Toronto, told Mail reporter that everywhere in Manitoba the reformers were turning over and promising him their support. Hugh John had better be careful. The boye may be fooling him. They know he likes a jake He wouldn't be a Macdonald if he didn't

The judges and doctors of New York are debating whether some men have right to take their lives. It all depends on who they are. Every community has a spare and whose voluntary surrender to an everlasting sleep would be a favor to their

Dr. Black, the new minister for St. Andrew's, Toronto, has arrived. He is repre sented as a big man, of engaging manner and pleasant address, with a boly horror of the interviewer. And no wonder ! He was asked his opinion of some things before he had fairly landed on Canadian soil and gos his bearings. The Mail man was a little boo previous.

The British Columbians have been too much disposed to talk as if they must have just what they want. They are part of a great country, and of a greater em pire, and its local laws must not be made in defiance of what concerns the whole Willie McIonie way be willing to fight the world in behalf of a fad, but he is young and will get wisdom with years,

CAN BRIN 3 DEAD TO LIFE. Columbia University Professor Assounce

Wonderful Discovery. NEW YORK, Sept. 13 - Dr., Richard H Cunningham, of Columbia university, asserts that he can bring the dead to life when death has been caused by an electric

Dr. Canningham has for a long time been engaged in making experiments at near Fifty-ninth street, on doge, turtles animal apparently killed by contact with an electric current, and in whose body res-

It is also asserted by Dr. Cunningham dativ behoeques ods suspended vital

Destroyed The Mill. CARLETON PLACE, Sept. 13.-Fire broke out in the caw mill belonging to Robert Prestley, Ashton, on Saturday and resulted in the destruction of the mill, lumber yard and Mr. Preston's house and barns. to all manner of discomfort and amony was given, and though everything possible was then done to save other buildings, the fire soon spread from one to the other till all were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$18,000. No invurance.

THE RESTAURANT GLASS.

"Give me a glass of water, please." The request was made to a waiter behind the marble top lunch counter of a well known restaurant in the central part of the city.

"All right, sir," was the waiter's reply. "I will just as soon as you put your glass down." The man looked first at the empty

glass be held in his hand and then at the waiter. Then his choler began to rise at what he considered an unwarranted piece of impertinence. The waiter evidently saw the outbrust of wrath that was coming. "No offense meant, sir," he hastily

explained. "You see, it's just this way: The first thing a waiter learns, and he learns it by dearly bought experience, too, is never to take a glass from another person's hand. Why? Because if he does the chances are about even that the glass will fall and be smashed in the transfer. This is particularly true if the top of the table or counter happens to be of marble, as this one is. You probably understand that when a wa er breaks anything in a hotel or res want he has to pay for it, and you probably now understand why it was that I would fill your glass as soon as you put it down so that I could pick it up myself."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

He Wasn't Joking.

"I had four days' growth of beard on my face when I struck a little town in northern Michigan," said the civil engineer. "I found a little coop of a barber shop near the depot, and I entered it to discover the barber sitting on a bench with his head in his hands. As he roused up I told him to get to work on me, but after looking me over he replied:

"'If I shave you, you'll have to take the chances.' " 'What chances?' I asked.

"'Well, I've been on a drunk for the last week and am just on the point of seeing rats. I may get through with it all right, and I may cut your head off."

"The man had a wild look and was all a-tremble," continued the engineer, "and, though he smiled as he talked I saw that he wasn't joking. I went away without getting shaved and for the next two hours was busy making purchases. As I returned to the depot I looked in on the barber to see how he got along and found him hanging dead. Just what would have happened had he started to shave me I don't know, but I've always felt much obliged to the man for putting the case as plainly as he did."-Baltimore Herald.

Tried It With Kittens.

A little lady of 5 who dwells in Park Ridge has an ardent sympathy for su perfluous kittens-that is, kittens which have to be drowned. Last week she discovered six wee balls of fur in the woodshed, and instantly the burning question was, "What shall we do with

Her mother and father advocated the usual method of keeping one for Katherine and drowning the others. But little Katherine determined to thwart their plans. She had heard a story how a little baby was left in basket on a doorstep and how, with the light of dawn, the kind old couple took in the little foundling and reared it as their own child.

Katherine found in the cellar five little fruit baskets. Into each of these she put a kitten, and then, waiting until her mamma had lain down for her afternoon nap, she laid a basket on the doorstep of each of five houses whose owners she regarded as charitable.-Chicago News.

The Advantage of One Eye.

During the Spanish-American war a certain old colonel who had lost an eye at the battle of Gettysburg was very Indignant because he was put aside as physically incapacitated when he applied for admission to one of the New York volunteer regiments.

Filled with wrath and chagrin, the colonel journeyed to Washington, bent on having a personal interview with the president. He succeeded in gaining an audience, and the president, after listening to his plea, said kindly: "But, my good Colonel J., you have only one eye!"

"Just so, sir," was the prompt rejoinder, "but can't you see the great advantage of my having only one eve? When I aim my gun, I shan't have to close the other!"

He fought at Santiago.

The Dean In His Nightshirt.

Hugh Pearson always spoke of Dean Stanley as the most absent minded man in the world. He was driving ance with him into Palmero. He complained of feeling cold, and as Stanley had his traveling bag with him he advised him to put something extra on He did so, and both resumed their papers. A loud laugh from some bors suddenly roused Pearson to the realization that Stanley was driving through the streets in his nightshirt, which he had put on over his coat in pure absence of mind.

Experience. Messenger-Here's a package for

Wederly-What is it? Messenger-I'm not sure, sir, but I think it is a birthday present from

Wederly-Oh, very well! Just leave the bill, and I'll send a check for the amount around in the morning.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Lots of people claim heaven as their right and yet have not learned how to make any right use of the earth.-Keokuk Gate City. tried to act the hog and treat me like a dog, but I soon showed him he was In Berlin the pawnshop is a royal

philanthropic institution. Any

profit that is made is spent on charity.

John M. Chambers, fermerly of Walker-are ton, Ont., now of Chicago, has been elect-I versity, Wooster, O.

A WIFE'S STORY.

Mrs. White told the following story on her husband: Some years ago Fred Harvey gave Mr. White a pass, good at the Harvey eating houses along the Santa Fe, and Mr. and Mrs. White started on a trip to Colorado to take advantage of Mr. Harvey's generosity. At every eating station Mr. White ate enormously and then proudly produced his free ticket. He had had it a year and never before found opportu nity to use it. Mrs. White, who was compelled to pay for her meals, at very sparingly, and some of the other passengers remarked how much the husband ate and how daintily his wife

When they reached the last station where the free ticket was good, Mr. White ordered everything in sight and simply stuffed himself. Mrs. White remained in the car and nibbled a little lunch she had brought along. When Mr. White returned to the car, his wife noticed that he looked mighty unhapny considering that he had previously been enormously enjoying the Fred Harvey free ticket. He continued looking unhappy, and his wife feared that possibly he had foundered himself and pressed him for an explana-

"Well, Sallie," he finally said, "1 it. That last one wasn't a Fred Harvey eating house, and I was compelled to pay \$2.75 for my breakfast."-Atchison Globe.

Beecher's Witty Retort. Justin McCarthy, in his "Reminiscences," tells this story of Henry

"I met Beecher during my first visi to America, and I heard him preach in the temple of his ministrations, the Plymouth church, in Brooklyn. Beecher's style as a preacher was more like that of the pulpit orators who flourished a century or two ago than like the style of our own more refined or more conventional days. He never thought it beneath himself or his calling to say an amusing thing in one of his sermons if the thought came up appropriately in his mind. He had a way when he entered his church on the Sunday of taking up any letters which might be addressed to him there, and he sometimes opened one of these and read it out to the congregation and made it a text on which to hang a discourse.

"One day he opened such a letter, and he found that it contained the single word 'Fool.' He mentioned the fact to his congregation and then quietly added, 'Now I have known many an instance of a man writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of a man signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

A Curious Calling. A certain young man in this city makes a princely income by being a professional good fellow. As he has the field practically to himself he finds his labors are new growing to such an extent that he will soon be obliged to call in assistance. The popular young fellow belongs to no less than 60 social, secret and society organizations, and not one of these bodies suspects that be attends all the meetings as a matter of business. But he does, all the same.

A prominent caterer, who makes a specialty of furnishing banquets and dinners of all kinds to dining and other clubs, employs the young man to look out for his interests whenever a ball or other entertainment is suggested where the services of a caterer will be desirable. Of course the organization is generally glad to follow the advice of a popular member, and the caterer usually gets the order. Whenever a new club is organized the young man, who can come with the highest recommendations, is generally the first on the roll. All these expenses are paid by the caterer, who is satisfied that his investment is a first class one.-Philadelphia Record.

The Awfulness of Space. The immensity of the universe is aptly illustrated by Astronomer Newcomb in a magazine. We refer to it because it is one of the most comprehensible illustrations that we have seen. He says that if an express train running 60 miles an hour day and night without stopping kept it up for 350 years it would just about complete the diameter of the circle made by the earth in its yearly journey around the sun. Now let this immense circle be represented by a lady's finger ring, and taking that as the standard of measurement the nearest fixed star would be a mile distant and the farthest visible through the telescope at least 20 miles.-Paterson Call.

Couldn't Grind Her Teeth In Sleep. An eminent professor of psychology at Harvard was deeply interested in the case of an epileptic woman. Talking with her husband, he sought out premonitions and symptoms. And he asked this question, "Did you ever notice that your wife ground her teeth at night?"

To which the bereaved husband replied, "She never slept in them."-Boston Journal

Absurd on the Face of It. Hardacre-Wall, Maria, these city folks do things outrageously. Mrs. Hardacre-What is it now, Hi?

Mr. Hardacre-Wall, jest look what's painted on that pail up thar, "Use For Fire Only." Now, who in all creation could build a fire in a pail? Chicago News. Quite a Menagerie.

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