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SOME FAMILY SKELETONS

Notable Pages in the History of Noble Houses.

FERRERS THE MURDERER

Grandfather of the Present Speaker of the Commons a Prizefighter.

In the great gallery at Lord Roseberry's palatial home, The Durdans, near Epsom, among the portraits of his ancestors, and yet a little apart from them, is the picture of a young and exceedingly beautiful girl.

The original of this painting, which never fails to attract the attention of visitors, was a certain Kitty Canham, a village beauty of Thorpe-le-Soken, in Essex.

Mated when little more than a child to a man whom she disliked, Kitty fled to London, and, after various adventures, married under an assumed name the Lord Dalmeny, who would, had he lived, have been the third Earl of Roseberry. The young couple went abroad, and four years were spent happily in travelling from place to place. Then, at Verona, Kitty sickened and died, a victim to the remorse born of her guilty secret.

But ere the end came the unhappy girl found strength to confess to Lord Dalmeny the wrong she had wrought him, and begged him, as a last favor, to promise to carry her body back to the home of her childhood and bury it in the village churchyard. The promise was readily given and faithfully kept, the young man traveling to Thorpe-le-Soken, via Harwich, with her embalmed remains in one big chest and her dresses and jewelry in another.

Arrived at his destination, he at once sought out the deseased's first husband, and the two followed her to the grave next day. Three years later Dalmeny, broken-hearted, died also, leaving his younger brother Neil to succeed to the earldom.

Such is the story of the Rosebery's one family skeleton. It is pathetic rather than grisly. But the exact reverse holds good with regard to the history attached to the specimens belonging to the Earl of Ferrers. For their particular skeleton is that of an ancestor who was hanged.

The crime, for which he died, was committed by Lawrence Shirley, third Earl Ferrers, the scene of the tragedy being his lordship's private room at Staunton Harold in Leicestershire, then, as now the principal seat of the family. The victim was the murderer's own steward. He had been summoned there by the earl to go into certain business matters about which there had been disputes. These dispute's were, it would appear, then and there renewed; and in the end the earl, a man of violent temper, ordered his retainer to sign a paper containing a confession of dishonesty. On his refusal, he shot him dead.

His lordship was in due course brought to trial before his peers in Westminister Hall, and being found guilty was sentenced to death. He was hanged by Tyburn, with a silken rope, for the possession of which the executioner and his assistant fought three rounds while yet the body was dangling.

The grandfather of Mr. William Gully, Speaker of the House of Commons, was a prize-fighter. There is little to be ashamed of in the possession of this brand of family skeleton; and as a matter of fact, it is pretty generally averred that the right honorable gentleman is rather proud of the fact than otherwise.

For John Gully, the ancestor in question, was, despite his profession, a thoroughly good-hearted, genuine sort of fellow; a staunch friend and generous enemy. He got into the King's Bench Prison for debt when barely twenty-one years of age, through "backing a bill" for a friend and was got out of it again by another friend, Henry Pease, the then champion of England, who gave a boxing exhibition in the jail yard for Gully's benefit.

Afterwards Gully himself entered the ring, won several battles, saved money, became a professional bookmaker and before he was forty had succeeded in amassing a million sterling. He left behind him in addition to his money, no fewer than twenty-four children, one of whom was, as has already been intimated the father of the present Speaker.

There is no older or prouder family in England than that of which Baron Mowbray and Stourton is the present reigning representative. They were a turbulent lot, too, in times past, and so many of them have lost their heads for political offences that the fact of one among them—the eighth Baron it was—having been hanged for murder stands out even more prominently than it probably otherwise would do.

The victims were two yeomen farmers named Hartgill, father and son, who together took a prominent part in resisting the encroachments of their powerful neighbor. Lord Stourton, on the common lands of the parish of Kilmington, Wiltshire, wherein they all resided.

The Hartgills fought the baron in the courts of law, and won; whereupon his lordship gathered together an armed band of his servants and retainers, went and seized the two unfortunate farmers in broad daylight.

They hurried off, bound and helpless, to Stourton House, and there beaten to death with bludgeons, Lord Stourton looking on approvingly, and remarking, in answer to one of the actual murderers, that he would see that "they should no more be called to account for it than if they had killed two sheep." In this he was mistaken, however, for both he and they were called very sharply to account for it; nor could all his lordship's influence save them or himself from the fate which he, at all events had richly merited. His retainers were gibbeted near the scene of their crime. Lord Stourton was hanged at Salisbury and buried within the cathedral, the silken rope which did duty at his execution being suspended above his tomb.

Last week, the Providence Mining company paid Wm. Fowler $12,500, the final installment of the purchase price for the Providence mine. The papers were taken out of escrow and the property legally transferred to the mining company. The incident concludes another chapter in the history of a mine wh ch has established an enviable record among the high grade mining properties of the world and which will from all indications, make rich those men who had confidence in the merits of the property and the courage to invest their money in its purchase.

STAND BY THE PARTY.

Frank S. Barnard, a Well Known Conservative, Urges Unity.

THE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION

Many Old Legislators in the Field and Others Will Drop Out—The House Will Dissolve on June 16th and the Elections Expected to Take Place in October.

The following communication appeared in a recent issue of the Victoria Colonist. It is of more than usual interest at the present time:

"Sir,—Knowing that you have been a consistent advocate of what is commonly termed "party lines," and that you are a loyal Conservative, I am surprised to find your leading articles since the change of government of a tenor calculated to sow seeds of discord in Conservative ranks.

"Force of circumstances has placed Mr. McBride in a position where, without disloyalty to his recent Liberal associates in opposition, he has been enabled to take a step to advance the welfare of this province by carrying to victory the Conservative banner. All staunch party men will appreciate the manly stand he has taken, when, if personal ends only were to be served, he might have formed another hybrid government, and thus held on to office for two or more years, instead of responding, as he has done to the wishes of the people and appealing to the electorate. You must be aware that if he had so desired, Mr. Richard McBride could have been chosen leader of the Conservative party at the Revelstoke convention. A feeling of duty to his Liberal followers in the opposition party prompted him to decline to have his name brought before the convention in that connection.

"Force of circumstances also might have placed, and very nearly did place, Colonel Prior in a position to likewise forward the interests of our party. Had the Lieut. Governor granted him dissolution he would have acted precisely as Mr. McBride has done, in which case, I ask, wouldn't you have urged all Conservatives to rally to his support? I am sure you would, and moreover, I am certain that all of us would have responded to your call.

"Let us therefore not forget personal disappointments and consider the welfare of our province, which is involved in the success or failure of our party at the polls."

"It not surprising to find the Grit organ which so recently was fulsome in its praises of Messrs. McBride and McPhillips, now turning its venomous fangs on them for their party loyality. But, to put it mildly, it is disappointing to find the Conservative organ disposed to provoke bitterness and jealousies among Conservatives. Let us present a united front when we meet the malignants at the polls. Let every true Conservative prepare to follow the leadership of Mr. McBride, until he has proved himself unworthy, just as we would have done had the mantle fallen upon the shoulders of Colonel Prior or Mr. Helmcken, or any other good Conservative."

"F. S. BARNARD."

Things are still moving in politics. Dissolution is announced to take place on the 16th of this month. This decision was reached last Tuesday evening at a meeting of the executive after the swearing in of Charles Wilson as president of the council.

The intention of the government is to bring on the election as soon as possible after that date, allowing the necessary time to intervene for the preparation of the lists, etc. The preparation of the lists will, it is thought, take about three months. Premier McBride, however hopes to accomplish it in a little shorter time. As little can be done in the way of preparing for the fight in the various constituencies until the new lists have been prepared, it is not likely that the election can take place until the end of October or during November.

Hon. Robert F. Green has taken over, as a temporary arrangement, the direction of the departments of Education and Agriculture.

With the approach of the elections, interest in the election of candidates is aroused. A meeting will be held for organization purposes will be held by Victoria Conservatives on the evening of the 18th. The Liberals of the capital city have already held a meeting, and a vigorous campaign is in sight. Among the Conservatives mentioned in connection with the nomination are: Hon. A. E. Phillips, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., Col. Prior, and ex-Mayor Hayward. The Liberal ticket will be chosen from among the following: Dr. Lewis Hall, James D. McNiven, John Piercy, Major Nicholles, Ald. Cameron, Ald. Stewart, R. L. Drury, Capt. Cox and Mayor McCandless.

The Conservative ticket in Vancouver will be different from what it was the last time. Capt. Tatlow is certain to run, but Mr. Garden has absolutely refused to again engage in the contest. Charles Wilson, K. C., will in all probability run for a seat in Cariboo. There was some talk of Carter-Cotton entering the race, but his friends incline to the belief, that he will keep out of the contest. The Liberals have not yet discussed their ticket, but it is absolutely certain that Joseph Martin will be one of the candidates. Hugh Gilmour will not offer himself for re-election.

Mr. Fulton, of Kamloops will again run, and may be opposed by Mr. Deane, of Nelson. There is a general feeling at Kamloops that Mr. Deane would make the strongest run of any Liberal mentioned.

Joseph Hunter will not again offer himself for Cariboo, his private business demanding too much of his time.

Smith Curtis may run for the constituency which takes in the Similkameen.

Charles Semlin will again be a candidate in what is left of his old constituency.

That once proud champion of the people, J. M. Kellie, of Revelstoke, is said to have consented to again enter the political arena. This time he will appear as the champion of the Liberals.

Nelson politicians are meeting on the highways, byways and street corners, these days.

C. E. Smitheringale, of the Slocan Drill, is a prospective candidate for the Slocan district in the Conservative interest.

Some of the provincial departments change heads with the rapidity of a French Ministry. The Hon. Robert Green, of Kaslo, is the tenth Minister of Education in the last five years.

Dennis Murphy will probably run against Semlin in West Yale. Mr. Murphy's name will still be Dennis.

In several constituencies it is reported that the Liberal party is experiencing some difficulty in finding acceptable and accepting candidatef for the Legislature. On the other hand, the Conservatives in some constituencies have candidates to burn.

Yesterday's thunder storm had a very pleasing result in the cooling and freshening of the atmosphere. It were a consummation devoutly to be wished that some similar phenomenon, natural or other, could do the same for the political atmosphere, which is also rather hot and sultry.

THE DOCTRINE OF SOCIALISM

Geo. Dales Explains it to the Commission.

AN EXPFRT TESTIFIES

His Theory of Restitution, not Confiscation—Equality of Remuneration.

Before the Royal Labor Commission, at Vancouver last Wednesday, George Dales was examined as to the principles of Socialism. In answer to the Chief Justice, the witness said, that Socialism was international in application and he did not think one nation could adopt its principles and do business with other nations not conducted under Socialistic ideas.

In regard to the public ownership of utilities, Mr. Dale stated he was in favor of government ownership.

The Chief Justice pointed out that the Intercolonial Railway of Canada is owned and admihistered by the Government.

Witness replied that although such was the case, it was conducted much as are other railway lines of this country, and paid interest on money borrowed. In the event of expropriation of the lines and business of the C. P. R. for instance, Mr. Dales would advocate the repudiation of the interest.

Chief Justice Hunter—Then one of your doctrines is confiscation?

Witness—No restitution.

Mr. Dales then went on to explain that the railway having been built from the wealth produced by the people, it must necessarily belong to the people and the taking of it over without recompense to its present owners would not be wrongful as they never had any right to ownership except under the laws of the capitalistic domination of the day.

The Chief Justice drew witness around to equitable distribution of production again.

Chief Justice Hunter—Do you mean to say that all men should live in the same kind of a shack, use the same kind of bed, and operate the same toothbrush?

Witness—By no means. Variety is one of the things we especially aim to secure to the workers.

Chief Justice Hunter—Then would one man be allowed to live in a $5000 house and another man in a $500 house?

Witness—Yes; some men could spend their income and others could accumulate it.

Chief Justice Hunter—What would you do with the man who would not work?

Witness—He would be looked upon as insane. Under our system men would have to work to live. Men would be spurred to work by the idea that they were benefiting society.

In answer to Commissioner Rowe, witness stated that he considered men might turn to Socialism because of disappointment in not being able to attain that which their heart desired, but he thought with Mr. Rowe that it would be better to appeal to men's intelligence than to their animosities.

To Chief Justice Hunter witness stated that he would not consider any injustice worked if the Canadian Pacific Railway were expropriated without the owners being in any manner recompensed. The Chief Justice pointed out that there are in Holland a number of people of small means owning C. P. R. stock, and asked if it would be just to deprive them of that stock without remuneration. Witness thought it would be all right to do so.

Chief Justice Hunter—Then I gather that a contract is a small matter to a Socialist. I gather that not much faith is to be put upon the contracts of Socialists, and it is somewhat remarkable that in the case of unions with Socialistic tendencies it is difficult to get them to stand by contracts, Mr. Dale. I merely wish to get your ideas as a representative Socialist.

Mr. Dale did not agree with the Chief Justice that the word of a Socialist was not as good as that of any other person. The applicaion of socialistic principles might be looked upon by the capitalist as a breach of contract.

The Revelstoke lacrosse team will play with Nelson next Friday at the recreation grounds.

The presence of the Westminster lacrosse team at the celebration will add greatly to its success.

There were 998,999 tons of ore mined in the province of British Columbia last year as compared with 920,416 the year before.

A branch of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe has been organized in Nelson. This society has a large membership at the coast.

With the change in government there is a great influx of editors at the coast, merely to show the new government how to run things.

Madame Vernon's dramatic company is billed to appear at the Nelson Opear for two nights next week, beginning Monday, June 15th,

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The New Denver Ledge points out that while the Slocan camp is lying dead because of exorbitant smelter charges and bad tariff laws, the silver-lead camp across the line the Coeur d'Alenes, is experiencing the greatest prosperity.

On account of the chronic indisposition of the corporation watering cart, some of the local delivery wagons are succeeding in "raising the dust," no doubt to the comfort and delight of pedestiians and possibly to the envy of their owners.

In the regatta today four crews compete, stroked respectively by Messrs. Winter, Mason, Wragge and Jesse. Those familiar with the form of the crew expect a victory for Jesse. A. M. Johnson will be starter and H. E. Croasdaile judge at the finish.

There should be a large attendance at the opera house this evening, when J. M. McCloskey gives his entertainment. McCloskey lost both eyes by an explosion at the Knob Hill mine, Phoenix, one year ago, and instead of becoming a dependant has taken this means of supporting himself. Those who have heard him say his entertainments are really enjoyable. Everybody go.

Residents on Vernon street were promised by the "straight ticket" candidates that that important thoroughfare would be materially improved during the quarent year. They have been greatly delighted by an important step towards the fulfillment of this plan. The street is in such good condition now that the owners of thoroughbred bronchos have appropriated it as a training course for the Kootenay Derby.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Like many long-desired things, party government, now attained, does not look so roseate when near as prophetic painters depicted it. In a comedy that delighted us some years ago we were told that

"Every little child alive
Is either a little Liberal,
Or a little Conservative."

So we learn now, some of us with extreme surprise, that our little legislators whom we had not suspected of any principles, political or other, are all stanch members of one or the other party, and we shall probably be invited to re-elect most of these honorable and intelligent gentlemen. For five years the province has stagnated under two legislatures of nearly the same personnel; the people generally are disposed to exonerate few if any of the members from blame for stupid and self-seeking legislation. It is somewhat distracting to be asked to accept the same men now, who, we must assume, have completely changed their natures by the easy process of renaming themselves Conservatives or Liberals.

THE ECONOMIST, unlike some of its esteemed contemporaries, is not in the habit of swallowing its words. We have condemned many of the present members of the Legislature and declared them unfit for such positions. We cannot change our opinions as rapidly as these gentlemen change their colors. An anarchist and demagogue is still the same to us whatever organization he may temporarily join. We shall, in the future as in the past, advocate Conservative principles and vigorous development of our country's resources in accordance therewith, but we refrain from pledging ourselves to endorse every candidate for office who calls himself a Conservative.

The future of the party in British Columbia depends largely on the wisdom of the rank and file at the present juncture. We cannot afford to burden ourselves with men of unsavory political record and self-seeking aims and dangerous and disreputable methods.

Nelson Liberals did not nominate a candidate on Wednesday night, but a committee of twenty was appointed to select a suitable man. The Liberals appear to have some difficulty in securing a candidate, the strongest men in the party feeling that they cannot afford to make the sacrifice of time demanded by due attention to legislative duties. The Conservatives believe there should be no hesitation on this score—that a Liberal can offer himself with the fullest confidence that he will never get enough votes to place him in a position where the sacrifice complained of will be deemed obligatory.

If there be any truth in the rumors that are being circulated from the provincial capital these days, the politicians are having troubles of their own. There are reports of combinations between leading Conservatives and leading Liberals, but by far the most serious charge is the suggestion that the Conservatives have traitors in their ranks. In proof of this assertion, it is contended that one of the leaders of the Liberal party has a thorough knowledge of the Conservative plan of campaign and is now in possession of the secrets of the party. Indeed, the report goes further, and hints that the leader referred to will not only direct the campaign for his own party, but also lends a helping hand to the Conservatives in carrying out the details of the contest. Of course these charges must be taken with a liberal discount, but there are many suspicious circumstances in connection with the relationship believed to exist between certain prominent Liberals and less prominent Conservatives.

It is announced that the Legislature will be dissolved on the 16th, and in the natural course of events the elections may be expected to take place within the next three or four months. Already candidates are springing up all over the province, and the contest will undoubtedly be stubbornly fought from start to finish. The Conservatives have started with a decided advantage, but whether they will be able to maintain their lead, depends entirely upon the class of men that are placed in the field. Very many voters will refrain from pledging themselves to either party until they know all about the qualifications of the men seeking election. Nearly all admit that party government is desirable at the present time in British Columbia, but the fact that a party cannot be greater than the elements of which it is constructed will be constantly borne in mind by a large number of voters. The demand is for the best men on both sides and the cold shoulder to the grafters.

Scientific research fails to record a parallel to the wonderful case of Cap. Sullivan, who was examined last week in Toronto with regard to timber limits which he had bought from the Ontario Government for $250, and sold for $9,000. The old mariner could not remember anything except what was favorable to his employees.

If Mr. McBride would be well advised he should clean out the traitors, even if he had to start political life over again.

Three or four years ago, the city of Nelson invested in an expensive road-making plant. It was the boast of certain members of the present council when they were running for office that this plant would be put into operation early in the year. Has this promise been carried out?

Mr. Lennie is receiving offers of support from all quarters. A careful analysis of the situation induces the belief that he can carry the day against all-comers.

Everything points to a successful celebration in Nelson of Canada's natal day. The committees report gratifying success, and are working hard to bring about an enjoyable celebration.

If the amount of travel can be taken as a safe indication of times, Nelson may be regarded as being in a prosperous condition. The hotels are all crowded, and there seems to be a general revival in business all round.

There appears to be a feeling on the part of a number of Victoria Conservatives to sulk because Mr. McBride accepted the task of forming a Government. Even the Colonist, which has been regarded as more or less Conservative for years, refrains altogether from discussing the political situation. The Colonist has never been very certain of its political ground, and since it has become the inspired organ of the very worst element in the Conservative party, its course is growing more and more erratic. The circumstances under which Mr. McBride became premier in no way proves that he was an office-seeker, and his record has shown that he was willing to cast office aside when it came to a question of upholding a principle, as he did when he resigned the portfolio of mines. Some of the men who are now trying to knife McBride were ready at any time to throw aside every principle they ever advocated to gorge themselves on the crumbs that fell from the Dunsmuir table.

As illustrating the thoroughly incomprehensible methods of some politicans, it is stated that a certain up-country member who is looking for a Conservative nomination recently attended a meeting of Liberals at Vancouver.

THE PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Kootenay Mail.

We hope to see a renewed effort made to provide Revelstoke with a public library. The city council has generously provided a building for the purpose, and the citizens should meet and appoint a committee to take in hand the organization of that institution.

Cranbrook Herald.

There is a feeling in Moyie that J. C. Drewery might come to this district to enter politics as a candidate for the House. If J. C. is wise he will not sacrifice himself this year on the altar of patriotism for the sake of Southeast Kootenay. The people of this district have political babies of their own.

Kamloops Standard.

With regard to Mr. McBride, we are glad to see he has resisted the temptation to carry on a mongrel government, by the grace of Martin, Curtis and Oliver. He has thrown in his lot squarely and fairly with party lines, and will doubtless keep to his pledges at the Revelstoke convention. It is a source of pride to us all that the first native son ever called upon to form a government in this province should be a Conservative, for as history shows us the strength of a movement, as of a country, lies in the young men.

Trail Creek News.

The enormous deposits of zinc ore which have been discovered in British Columbia promise to bring the province to the front as a producer of this article of commerce, as it is now one of the largest producers of the precious metals. The question of cheap reduction of the ore is then a matter of importance to the mine-owners of this province and they will accordingly be interested in the reports regarding Dr. DeLaval's success in this respect. Experts in metallurgy are now satisfied that Dr. DeLaval has succeeded in producing zinc from zinc ore by electricity.

Phoenix Pioneer.

There is no small amount of similarity between James Dunsmuir and Lord Penrhyn, of Wales, who had an extended strike on his hands—lasting so far for some three years. Both object to their men joining unions of any kind. Both claimed to own the mines they had been working, and that they could do as they pleased with them. In the wake of Lord Penrhyn's obstinacy has followed untold misery and want, and the same may be the result at the Vancouver coal mines. In the Penrhyn case, conditions have become so acute that the government is almost ready to interfere. Mr. Dunsmuir might do well to take warning.

New Westminster Columbian.

If Col. Prior and other Victoria Conservatives had been in the place where impulse and honesty first set them, supporting Mr. McBride in his opposition to the Dunsmuir-Martin combination, instead of ranging themselves with politicians whom they despised, how much better it would have been for them to-day, and how much better for the political party whom they would fain represent! Instead of vainly reproaching Mr. McBride now, for the isolation their own acts have produced, the Victoria Conservatives should follow the example set by the lately differing Liberals, and by loyal service in the ranks, work their way to the promotion which in political warfare is sure to follow display of conspicuous merit.

Inland Sentinel.

It now looks as though the scheme to establish a first-class college in Kamloops for instruction in the higher branches of education will be realized. There was no uncertain sound about the opinions voiced at the meeting the other night, when the matter was fully discussed. There is not likely to be any difficulty in raising the required amount of capital, and, once established, the institution will be self-supporting from the commencement. There must be many residents in the country districts who will not only be willing to send their children and pay the fees, and thus assist in maintaining the school, but are able and willing to assist in its establishment by becoming shareholders, and the opportunity to do so should be given them. This will, no doubt, receive the attention of the provisional directors.

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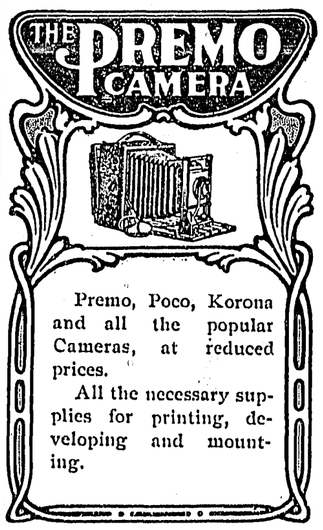

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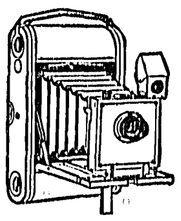

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CATHERINE DEMAINE.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1902.

Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner

To George Nowell or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Nowell," "Robber King," "Tamarack" and "Annie G." Mineral Claims, situate on White Grouse Mountain, Goat River Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

You are hereby notified that we have expended for assessment work and recording fees on the above named Mineral claims for the past three years the sum of Twelve Hundred and Thirty ($1230) Dollars, in order to hold the said claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with the costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claims will become the property of the subscribers under the provisions of Section four of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated at Nelson, B. C, this 27th day of March, 1903.

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One View of a Mo-t Point.

It may be said that the little word "my" placed before the word "dear" has a significance of its own. When used between the ladies thus, "My dear Mrs. A.," it is to devote an extra amount of cordiality and friendliness, and again when a gentleman so writes to a lady of his acquaintance it has the same reading. On the other hand, "My dear Mr. B." is seldom or never written by ladies to their men acquaintances, "Dear Mr. B." being considered sufficiently affectionate. Elderly ladies, however, are outside of this rule and write "My dear Mr. B." to men whom they have known as boys.—Philadelphia North American.

Unavailing Prayer.

Theodore F. Seward, the organizer of the Don't Worry clubs, tells a good story of a little boy who had reached the multiplication table in the course of his education. One night he was sitting anxiously over a paper of figures, when his mother came along and said, "Johnnie, do you find your arithmetic very hard?" "Yes, indeed, mamma, I do," was his reply. "It was so awful hard that I prayed to God to help me, but he's made three mistakes already."

Pain and Payn.

Barry Pain relates that he once sent the late James Payn a series of parodies for Cornhill. Payn accepted them, but there was a difficulty. One of them was a parody of an author, X., who was a personal friend of Payn's and a very sensitive man, who would not take the sincerest form of flattery in the spirit in which it was offered. Now, it happens that there is a considerable resemblance between the style of X. and that of another author of the same school, Y. Payn suggested that Pain should take out X.'s name from the title of the parody and substitute that of the school of fiction to which he belonged. "Then," he said, "X. will think that it's meant for Y."

"But," Pain asked, "what about Y.?"

"That's all right," he answered. "Y. will know that it's meant for X."

A Haunted Railroad Car.

Every one has heard of haunted houses, but the railroad men know there are haunted cars as well. For instance, on the L. and N. there is a caboose known as "1908" which carries on in the most supernatural manner. What do you say to a caboose that suddenly begins to shake and shiver like a man with the ague, and this, too, when it is standing alone on the track? My informant solemnly asserted also that "1908" is subject to attacks of hysteria. It jumps up and down without the slightest provocation. He says it did the most remarkable thing, however, one day near Richmond. It was standing on a siding with all brakes set. All at once it started and ran up grade, over an embankment into a field.

The Old Lady's Discovery.

The Philadelphia Record tells this story of the late President William H. Allen of Girard college: On one occasion a business matter called Mr. Allen to a small town in the central part of the state. While sitting in the parlor of the country hotel in the evening after transacting his business he was taken in hand by the wife of the proprietor, who was extremely inquisitive and wanted to know all about his private affairs. Mr. Allen took it all in good part and for a time was rather amused. Finally she asked, "Have you got much of a family?"

"Oh, yes," said he, and he smiled as his mind reverted to his hundreds of pupils.

"How many children?" she persisted.

"Well," said Mr. Allen, with great earnestness, "I have 500 and all boys!"

The good old lady was speechless for a moment. Then she arose and hurrying to the door called to her husband: "Oh, John! Come in here! We've got Brigham Young stoppin with us!"

The Refrigerator.

In placing the refrigerator see that it is put where it can be well lighted and drained, never allowing the drain pipe to connect with the sewer. A refrigerator in bad condition is a menace to health. Once a week at least take everything movable from the interior, wash in hot soapsuds, rinse with soda water, wipe dry and put outdoors in the sun for an hour to dry. Wash the refrigerator thoroughly in the same way, using a flexible wire for the drain pipe and skewers for the corners and grooves.

Average Size of Children.

The average child in its fourth year should be 3 feet high and also weigh more than 38 pounds; in the sixth year, 3½ feet high and weigh 42 pounds; in the eighth year, 4 feet in height and 50 pounds in weight; at 12 years, 5 feet in height and 70 pounds in weight is a fair average. Growth is very irregular in children and young people generally. Perhaps two inches may be gained in two months, and for the next ten months not over an inch, even up to the age of 10 or 12 years.—New York Ledger.

Peace and War.

A survey of the powers of Europe shows that from the beginning of the century to the end of 1896 Turkey had experienced 37 years of war and 59 of peace; Spain comes next with 31 years of war and 65 of peace; France with 27 years of war and 69 of peace; Russia, 24 years of war and 72 of peace; Italy, 23 years of war and 73 of peace; England, 21 years of war and 75 of peace; Austria-Hungary, 17 and 79, Germany (exclusive of Prussia), 13 and 83; Sweden, 10 and 86; Portugal, 12 and 84, and Denmark, 9 and 87.

Veterans In Congress.

It is interesting to know just at this time that in the United States senate there are 12 senators who served in the Union army and 12 who served in the Confederate army. There are 57 representatives who served in the Union army and 20 who are ex-Confederates.—Kansas City Journal.

Where They Are Mated by Lottery.

It was a cynic who said that marriage is a lottery, but in the province of Smolensk, in Russia, this aphorism has been reduced to a quarterly fact, for four times a year there is held the most remarkable lottery ever devised.

A charge of a ruble is made for a ticket, only one prize is to be drawn, and it consists of the entire sum yielded by the sale of the tickets, amounting to 5,000 rubles. The lucky winner of the prize is bound to marry a certain damsel if he takes the 5,000 rubles. Should he be married he is at liberty to turn over the money and the lady to any friend whom he may wish to put in for such a good thing. Should the lady, however, refuse to marry the winner they are allowed to divide the rubles between them.

Cannibalism In Australia.

While the authoress of "A Flower Hunter In Queensland" saw nothing but charm in the beauty of the tropical forests, except as regarded the snakes and the stinging insects and the chance of meeting a casual crocodile, she found, alas, no good thing among the Australian natives. It is strange to think that they are cannibals still, even close to our towns. At one place where Mrs. Rowan staid the natives had killed and eaten a Chinaman only a few days before her visit. At another place "they told me," she says, "that on that very afternoon high revelry had been going on in the native camp as they feasted off the roasted remains of an old woman, who had been allowed, against their usual custom, to die a natural death the day before."

Nor are these savages pleasant neighbors. A settler at whose house Mrs. Rowan staid at Somerset, Cape York—the only house for many miles in that part of Queensland—can still arm a hundred men, if necessary, and guns and pistols hang on the walls, ready loaded in case of sudden attack. This gentleman gave the authoress some Spanish dollars, cemented together with coral, which had been recovered from the wreck of a warship which early in this century ran ashore on a reef near the coast and whose crew were killed and eaten by the natives. Of such tragic memories Mrs. Rowan heard even more in New Zealand, where "almost every hill is the site of an old pah. Every mountain, headland, rock and island has some history of its own—some grim tale of savage barbarity or pathetic story of love and courage."

A Plant Sacred.

The plant known as vervain, which is not distinguished for its beauty and which grows nowadays utterly disregarded, was so sacred to the Druids that they only gathered it for their divinations when the great dog star arose, in order that neither sun nor moon should see the deed.

A Loss One.

A man well known in State street circles found himself in front of what he supposed was his Back Bay residence late one evening recently. He had a great many dollars' worth of wine under his waistcoat and could not gain entrance through the medium of his latchkey. Becoming enraged, in a drunken fashion, he kicked the door, broke the glass and used language that is unfit for publication. Finally the door was opened, and the owner of the house, who is athletic and irascible, proceeded to kick the State street financier into the middle of the street.

"Wazzer you—hic—mean—hic?" inquired the assaulted party indignantly as he sat upon the curbstone and held his throbbing brow with both hands.

"And what do you mean by trying to break into my house?" inquired the other man.

"Your—hic—house!" exclaimed the State street man in bewilderment. "How—hic—long—hash you lived—hic—here?"

"For four years," was the answer.

"Holy smoke—hic!" exclaimed the financier. "Have I—hic—been drunk—hic—as long as that?"—Boston Traveler.

Fascinating Mary Stuart.

It would seem indeed as if years only added to the charm of certain remarkable women. Mary Stuart was 47 at the time she was beheaded, yet she used her irresistible powers of fascination through all her imprisonments and up to the very last act of the tragedy. Froude, it is true, insists on certain unromantic details, such as the wearing of a wig by the queen on the day of execution, but what are wigs when weighed in the balance with immortal fascination? It was true that Mary was no special favorite with her own sex, nor does she nowadays inspire any disinterested enthusiasm among women. No; Mary Stuart was "a man's woman" both during her life and ever since her death. The army of her masculine admirers is legion, and the books that they have written in her cause form a literature in themselves. The queen of Scots died young and fascinating at 47, and she will always remain the type of eternally irresistible womanhood.—Exchange.

Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity, for it tends to foster in men those stronger qualities which make them good citizens.—Lowell.

He Found the Firebug.

An Australian farmer who was recently burned out on a large scale, being certain that his grass had been feloniously ignited, offered £25 reward for the discovery of the perpetrator and employed trackers at great expense. After a cursory examination they decided that a woman had made the tracks, and when they had unearthed the shoe that made them it was found to belong to the farmer's 17-year-old daughter, who, when questioned, admitted that she had started the fire "because she loved to see the people excited and the water carts hurrying about." The farmer is now called upon to pay the £25 reward and another £25 expenses in connection with the trackers.

A Dancing Feat.

A wonderful feat in dancing is recorded from Berlin. At a recent ball a prize of a gold ring was offered to the lady who waltzed the longest without stopping. Twelve couples competed. They began waltzing at 12:30 a. m. and it was 5:45 a. m. before the winner and her partner stopped waltzing. By 2:30 five couples dropped out, and at 5:15 another lady fainted. Two more couples dropped out at 4:45, and at 4:50 only two couples remained on the floor.

A Compromise.

A missionary in British Guiana who has recorded some of his experiences in a book relates some curious instances of the choice of names by negro parents. He was once asked to baptize a child "Seriatim ad Valorem," which would certainly have been distinctive. "Whisky Emmanuel" may be quoted as a triumph of compromise. — Westminster Gazette.

Friendship For Friends.

The dogs of Constantinople are the scavengers of the city. For this reason, as well as from innate humanity, the Turks are tolerant of them, although visitors to the city find them unamiable. As a proof of their intelligence and recognition of friends Major Johnson relates this experience of his own:

One evening I was walking with an English officer, when a dog came up and licked his hand. He told me to notice that she would follow us to the boundary of her district, as he had once petted her and she had never forgotten it. Exactly as he had said, she followed us a little way and stopped short in the middle of the street. She wagged her tail and looked wistfully after us, but did not stir when we called her.

A few nights afterward, returning alone to my hotel, I passed the same spot, when I suddenly felt a cold nose put into my hand and a tongue licking my palm. I looked down and saw the same dog. She had recognized me as having been with her friend, the officer, and as before, she followed me to the boundary of her district.

A Siamese Punishment.

Another "decree of expulsion" has been issued by the king of Siam, this time against one of his own officials, Chow Pligh Rax, minister plenipotentiary, general adviser, etc., in which it said that "he shall be publicly stripped of his Siamese honors," that he shall then have his head shaved for the better preservation of his health, and "that he shall be, after the expiration of seven days, made to cut grass for the royal elephants for the rest of his natural life."—Advocate of India (Bombay).

The Queen's Four Leaved Clover.

An amusing story of Queen Hortense, daughter of the Empress Josephine and wife of Louis Bonaparte, king of Holland, has lately been told. After her exile from Holland the ex-queen sojourned for a time in a modest habitation near Constance, in Switzerland.

As her health was broken down by her troubles her physicians prescribed a visit to the mountains of Appenzell, and the ex-queen, accompanied only by a reader or female companion and two or three servants, went to a rustic neighborhood in the hills. There she and her companion found nothing better to do than hunt for four leaved clover and became quite excited in the search.

"To lend the matter interest," the queen wrote in a letter which has been brought to light, "we would assume that each discovery of a four leaved clover had some prophetic significance. The next one, if found so and so, meant that we should return to France; another meant that I was to receive a letter the next day from my son Louis, and so on. In this innocent pastime we found positively the only excitement that was open to us in the place.

"But soon it was noised abroad among the children of the neighborhood that we were continually hunting four leaved clover, and consequently, these children argued, we must want it very much. Then all the children and some of the grown people were out hunting four leaved clover, and soon great bunches of it were brought to us, for which we had to show ourselves very grateful.

"In another day our only resource for amusement was gone, for these kind but superserviceable people had stripped the neighborhood for a mile around of all its four leaved clover."

No Flowers Allowed at a Military Funeral.

"Flowers can play no part in a military funeral, the rules of army or naval burials forbidding them," explained an army officer to a reporter. "While I was down at Chickamauga recently it was rumored that one of the soldiers in a camp there had died. Indeed it was so printed in a local paper. The result was that on the following day a large quantity of flowers were sent by sympathetic ladies and others with a request that they should be placed on the coffin of the dead soldier. Now, the fact was that no soldier had died and the officers had the flowers sent to their quarters. If there were a death in the camp, the flowers could not be used, for they are not military in any sense. The only thing allowed on the coffin of a soldier or sailor is a flag. That has been decided to be decoration enough, and among military men I have never heard the slightest objection to the custom, which has always prevailed."—Washington Star.

Not long ago his majesty of Siam gave an Italian (for painting one of his wives from a photograph) "the grand cross of the Siamese crown." It is a rather large order. "This cross," said his majesty graciously, "will entitle you to marry 12 wives. It is a distinction I seldom confer, so I hope you will make good use of it."

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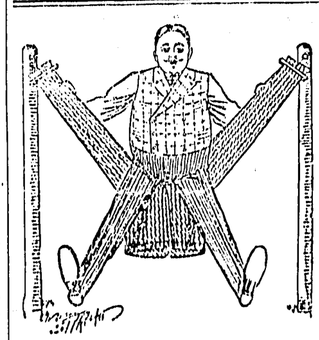

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EVENTS AND GOSSIP

Much regret was expressed over the death of Joshua Davies, which occurred at Victoria last week. The deceased was well known throughout the Province, and held in very high esteem. He died in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, an institution which he had done much to build up and support.

There is some question as to the merit of the company giving The Wise Woman here, but few are inclined to give them credit for so much genius as did Mr. Melville Parry in his telegram from Kamloops. In many respects the company is inferior to the organization when it appeared here last year. This should be the last season of the company, as it is now constructed, on the road.

Clara Mathes company will play a short engagement in Nelson, beginning Monday, June 29. Miss Mathes is a great favorite in Nelson: and will undoubtedly attract large audiences. Since their last appearance here, the company has been playing along the east as far south as San Diego, and with great success.

A handsome altar stand for the Catholic Church has just been constructed in the establishment of W. G. Gillett, the men engaged on the work being John Burns, sr., and John Burns, jr. The stand is a splendid piece of work and is in keeping with the altar, which has been shipped from the east.

On the 17th of this month Rev. Father Althoff will have been engaged in church work for 25 years. This will be made the occasion of impressive ceremonies at the Church of Mary Immaculate. Rev. Father Althoff is held in high esteem by his congregation, in Nelson, and the same has been the case wherever he has been stationed.

The celebration committee gave forwarded invitations to all the mayors and councils of British Columbia to attend the Dominion Day celebration in Nelson. The city fathers of Spokane and Northport have also been envited to partake of Canadian hospitality on this occasion.

Professional beggars are not welcome in Nelson. During the week the police rounded up half-a-dozen cripples, who have been requested by the police magistrate to seek new pastures.

In many respects the fourth session of the synod of the diocese of Kootenay was a notable one. The annual address of the bishop was a review of the work now being carried on by the church and urging renewed energy especially in the missionary, field. There was also a lengthy reference to matters of worship, which was urged upon the attention of churchmen. The reports of the various committees indicate a satisfactory condition of affairs.

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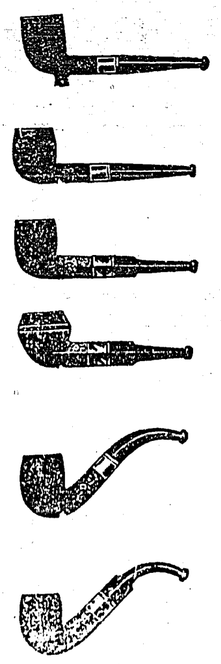

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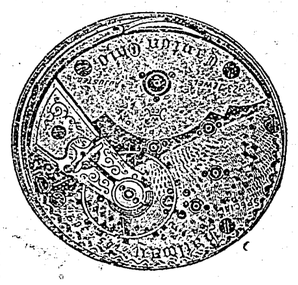

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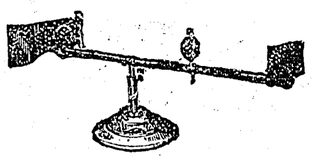

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