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A LOCOMOTIVE AND SNOWPLOW

Plunge Down a Fifty Foot Embankment, the Crew Escape Death, Badly Bruised and Chilled With Ice-cold Water.

GREENFIELD, Mass., Feb., 3—(Special A locomotive and heavy snowplow on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine R. R. left the rails at a point about a mile west of Charlemont and plunged down a fifty-foot embankment into Deerfield River today.

The crew of the engine and of plow escapad serious injury, although all were cut and bruised by contact with ice and thoroughly chilled by the plunge into cold water.

SOME CURIOUS TRIBAL CUSTOMS

The Astonishing Peculiarities of a Wild Race of Papua In Which Women Have Much Influence.

LONDON, Feb 5.—A Methodist missionary in British New Guinea—now known as Papua—the Rev W F Brownlow has added to the world's knowledge of the curious and little known races of the great north Pacific island by the discovery and partial taming of a new tribe.

The race in question consists of about 20,000 blacks, living at a place called Dobu. The customs of the race are most curious. The immigration policy is more drastic than that of "White Australia," for all strangers have either to become full members of the tribe or to be eaten. When dealing with Mr Brownlow, however, the difficulty was got over by making him a father of the tribe.

In an interview in Sydney Mr Brownlow gave some interesting partiulars of the Dobuans' standard of civilization. The Dobuan land laws, he said, were an example to modern countries. Each tribe and each family had their own land and no portion was allowed to go out of their possessions except as a loan for a season's crop. The men married out of their own tribe, and on their death their land became the property of their sisters' children, and so it was handed down from generation to generation within the tribe.

Women have great influence in the affairs of the tribe and their duties are quite distinct from those of the men. The men clear the bush and dig the ground, than the women prepare it and plant yams the crop being theirs. If a man wanted any yams he had to ask for them. The banana patch, however, was his own property. Wives were obtained by purchase. If a man paid well for his wife he could thrash her occasionally, but she could leave him if she did not like it and go back to her own village, where she still has a home.

In the religion of the people, continued Mr Brownlow, there was something of ancestral worship. A deceased relative was regarded as sacred and his name must not be mentioned on pain of death. An exception was made in the case of any one being ill and given up by the medicine man. The latter then might call upon the name of an ancester, invoking him to bring back the spirit of the dying man. Their heaven was a place where the healthy, strong, and good looking went. All the others went to hell. They believe in a being who created them but left them alone afterward.

STORM WAS BAD IN ST. JOHN, N.B.,

Maritime Province Swept by a 60-Mile Wind, With Blinding Snow

ST. JOHN, N. B. Feb. 3.—From early Saturday evening until after midnight St. John and a large portion of New Brunswick experienced a storm which has not been equalled since the Saxby gale, which has become the standard by which all heavy "blows" are measured here. Nova Scotia and Maine had it too. The wind reached sixty miles an hour here about midnight and kept up that velocity for fifteen minutes but at Lepreaux this was far outdone for eighty-four miles an hour was recorded there.

All along the Bay of Fundy coast great damage has been done.

In St. John wharves were wrecked the steamer Empress of Ireland broke from her moorings, a fish warehouse was blown off Navy Island into the harbor and carried up towards the falls.

Pilots and other men of the sea say that the fury of the gale has not been equalled since the Saxby gale of the sixties. It was at its worst at high tide and this made matters worse along the water front. At times, North and South wharves were partially submerged and some of the uprights on North wharf were torn away. Some casks of oil and molasses were rolled about and some timbers thrown up on the wharf. Three or four scows belonging to the Dominion Coal Co., broke loose and were recaptured only after a great deal of difficulty. The water was a foot deep in the office of the Dominion Coal Co. and all along Smythe street.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Ben who?

SUPERB PROGRAM INCULDING FAMOUS PICTURES AT FAIRYLAND

The high record established by "Fairyland" will be fully maintained to-night, when a performance of exceptional excellence will be presented. Miss Homer, the celebrated contralto comedienne will give another of her superb programs, giving three scenes in each act, and three acts in the evening. Mr. Maddison will render a popular illustrated song, with Mr. Harney assisting in the chorus, and Mr. Harney will render a new song with Mr. Maddison assisting in the chorus. The work of these three vocalists is receiving the highest commendation from delighted audiences, their performance to-night will be another great feast of music and melody.

Special attention is directed to the moving picture bill. This will be headed by the famous film which the management has been endeavoring to secure for sometime, and were fortunate in getting it for this week. It is the best that has been put on for a long time here. It runs a whole reel and reveals new beauties at each turn of the reel. It presents all the scenes in that well known story in the Arabian Nights—Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves—To present it, altogether fifty thousand distinct pictures were taken, every one beautifully colored, and when the film is revolving on the reel, moving pictures of marvellous beauty are presented. Every person is advised, especially the children, to see this grand picture. Every feature of the story will be presented with true Eastern detail. The scene in which the robbers conceal themselves in the jar, and are put to death by the oil, which is poured in, is exceptionally graphic and vivid. This reel alone, is an entertainment worth many times the price of the admission. The other pictures entitled "Anything to Oblige," and the "Black Mailers," are also of rare merit. To-night will be a memorable night in the annals of "Fairyland."

BIG MEETING OF CITIZENS

In the Market Hall Last Night to Hear Civic Matters Discussed City Accounts Critized---Mayoralty Candidates Nominated.

The Market Hall was well filled with citizens last night called together by His Worship Mayor Paton to discuss civic politics prior to the forth coming election.

On the platform were His Worship Mayor Paton, who presided, the City Councillors; S. W. Crabbe, and B. C. Prowse mayoralty candidates and the candidates who are now seeking election for the different wards.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock Norman Campbell being appointed Secretary.

It was moved and seconded from the audience that speakers be limited to 10 minutes each. This on being put to the vote was lost.

His Worship Mayor Paton was the first speaker. He tendered his thanks to the citizens for having two years ago placed him in his honorable position—a position which he appreciated. He said he had striven to do his duty, and said in reference to certain statements made by L. P. Tanton and others that the finances of the City wer? carefully managed. The accounts were correct, and so far as he had any knowledge every cent had been wisely expended.

In regard to debentures .His Worship said that Charlottetown's position was higher than that of any city in Canada. He said he had a letter from a broker saying that Charlottetown bonds are gilt-edged.

Mr. CRABBE— Mr McIntosh?

MAYOR PATON— No it is not Mr. McIntosh. I'll give you an instance.

His Worship then told how the present Council had recently in spite of the money stringency sold $16,000 of debentures at the highest—possible figure, while Mr. Crabbe when he was in the Council had been unable to sell even $5,000 worth.

COUNCILLOR HOOPER was glad to note such a good attendance of citizens, notwithstanding the cold weather. He regretted that his health had not been of the best for some time past, but considered it his duty to attend this meeting to meet any charges or answer any questions. The year past has been one of the best in the City Council's history. There had been paid for jail site, redeemed debenture, sinking funds for Market and permanent works, etc., amount out of ordinary revenue and there was a surplus of some $450. The Council had effected a saving in redeeming and reissuing debentures, and it will be a good thing if this is followed up.

COUNCILLOR PROWSE said he had been asked by a large number of citizens and consented to be a candidate for the mayoralty. He looked back years ago—when Mr. Crabbe was in the Council, and found Charlottetown was not progressive Council but there is something now to show you for it. They say I'm extravagant, but I can show rather too saving. There's a false economy. There was a balance in the bank but 350 complaints from citizens. The city was in a deplorable condition as regards streets and sidewalks. They spent money in Mr. Crabbe's time on the streets and walks, but what do you see for it. We spend money now under a progressive Council but for it. They say I'm extravagant, but I can show you I am not. They placed in my department last year $6,000, but I did not even spend that much. They say I'm too young a man for a candidate for the mayoralty—that's not my fault.

Last year we expended less than $6000 on streets. Is that extravagance?

COUNCILLOR STEWART, Chairman of the Market Committee, stated that the Market Building was producing a revenue for the City. It was an important branch.

Voice—What did it cost?

COUNCILLOR STEWART then gave a detail of revenue and expenses showing $3,101.42 of a balance in favor of the City.

A VOICE— Does that include the interest.

COUNCILLOR STEWART— During the years I have been in this Council this building has been the subject of much criticism.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds.

A VOICE— How does the flue draw?

COUNCILLOR STEWART— we have put up a modern building—a monument to the City. It cost $39,030.00. Bonds were issued for that and deducting the interest on these bonds from the revenue derived from the Market there is a surplus of $740.20 last year.

S. W. CRABBE in answer to a statement made by Mr. Prowse said he had never been chairman of the street committee. When he left the City Council he left in the banks a sum of $12,000 to the credit of the City. In the year 1905 there was $4,000 of that sum used and no account given of it, and no one knows yet where it has gone to. Mr. Crabbe charged that the City accounts were made to show surpluses for last year and the year before when such surpluses did not exist. He also said that the Water Commissioners had notified the City Council that the ordinary amount for Waterworks Sinking Funh would have to be increased from $4,500 to $6,500. Councillor Hooper had said that taxes had to be increased to provide this, but instead of paying the $6, 500 into the sinking fund only $4, 667.57 had been paid in. Where is the difference, said Mr. Crabbe. He charged the Council with misappropriating it and applying it to other purposes.

Now said Mr. Crabbe, there has been a lot said about the sale of debentures. He then asked the Mayor who had bought these debentures at par as claimed.

His Worship said they had been sold in this City to responsible people but he declined to give their names out in the meeting: he would however give names to any citizen who would apply at his office for them.

Mr. Crabbe asked if any had been sold to the Local Government, and was told that $3,00 of them had been so disposed of. Mr Crabbe contended that the City debentures could not be sold at par; they were being offered by McIntosh, a Halifax broker for 83¼. He spoke of the Waterworks department and said he had been blamed for increasing the price charged to the railway here for their water. He was glad to be able to assure the meeting that he had wonin the transaction with the railway although his course had been so found fault with. He had received a few days ago a telegram from General Manager Pottinger, Moncton, saying that the railway would sign a contract for five years, guaranteeing to pay $1200 for eight millions of gallons of water.

COUNCILLOR RILEY had no desire to detract from the credit he claims in connection with the Waterworks. In regard to his negotations with the Railway the City Council helped him through. Mr. Crabbe says he left $12,000 to the credit of the City when he left the Council, but the Charlottetown of that day improved since then.

Mr. Riley touched on the sale of debentures and claimed it was one of the most creditable achievments of the Council. As to the electric light—it was never so good nor so cheap.

L. P. TANTON went into a comparsion of the finances of the City in past years asd the present day, and spoke of the growth of the City debt and the increase oftaxation. He scored the financial management and spoke of the difficulty of separating the City and the Waterworks accounts.

ISAAC MURLEY—Has a man who who keeps two or three horses to pay for more than one horse.

COUNCILLOR PROWSE—At the time the assessors went round I only owwned one horse. Mr. Murley's charge is not correct.

Dr. R. McNEILL, a candidate for Water Commissioner complained of the difficulty of getting information in the Water Commissioners office. The citizens own that office and have a right to know what these Commissioners are doing. He considered the taxation for water high; it may be difficult to reduce, but the City is becoming a dear peace to live in. Water in Toronto is cheaper. The City of Charlottetown should give free water to poor people not able to pay. The doctor went into a detailed criticism of his subject.

THOMAS CAMPBELL Did not agree with the statement that this City was the most beautiful in Canada. In the neighborhood of the jail it was otherwise than beautiful. The people of Ward Three, for which he was a candidate had been misrepresented for years. He had been waited on and asked to run, as he had an interest in the ward by a number of electors. He said he had a big stake in the Ward, while W. fH. Rogers his opponent did not even live in the ward. If elected he said he would do the best he could.He thought Mr. Crabbe had made a good deal with the railway, but poor people should be given water at a cheaper rate. He asked the support of the electors and said he would devote gis time and abilities to the welfare of his ward and the City generally if he were returned.

COUN HOOPER then proposed Councillor B C Prowse as a fit and proper person for the position of Mayor referring briefly to Mr Prowse's many exceellent qualities as a man and to his ability and success in the Council, The nomination was seconded by J J Johnston in a capital speech,

W S STEWART went into a detailed criticism of the City accounts and confessed that they puzzled him. He put a number of questions to the Mayor, and concluded by saying that the meeting should appoint a committee to inspect the accounts and explain the same to citizens, and would suggest the election of new men. He depreciated the councillors extolling themselves when they had apparently increased the City's debt.

MAYOR PATON said Mr Stewart may be a good lawyer but is very evidently a poor accountant, and he expressed his willingness to show and explain the accounts.

A McLEAN, candidate for Ward five referred to the $4,000 said by Mr Crabbe to have been lost. That should be cleared up. The old councillors seems anxious to be reelected and keep together which he thought a suspicious circumstance:

W K ROGERS, candidate for Ward Three said that his policy was for conscientious progress with modern taxation. That was his belief in regard to the government of the City. He could not agree with Mr Campbell that Charlottetown is a dirty City. As to his having nothing at stake in the City he had never paid less than $500 taxes a year since he came to the City in 1900, and some years he had paid $700 to $800. The present Councillors had given their best abilities to attend to the City's affair. Why does not W S Stewart, who criticizes their policy come and nominate for civic politics.

COUN. McDONALD, replying to W S Stewart, condemned such severe criticism on the part of citizens who refuse to become candidates to represent the City. He was willing to stand by his record of the past two years.

COUN. PROWSE then thanked the audience for their hearty support in nominating him for the Mayoralty.

H RACKHAM said that if the City accounts werecorrect it was all the better for the outgoing Council, but if they were incorrect they should be remedied. It looked very much as if it were incorrect. He took pleasure in nominating S W Crabbe as a candidate for the Mayoralty at the fourthcoming election. The motion was strongly supported by W S Stewart and put to the meeting and carried.

The meeting was a very orderly one. There was evidence of a good deal of interest being taken in the proceedings and the meeting seemed to be about equally composed of supporters of both candidates for their Mayoralty: All the speakers received a good hearing and there was generous applause. There was lots of fun in a good humored way.

HOUSE OF COMMONS DISCUSS MOTION

Of Want of Confidence in Government In Regard to Timber Grants.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4—(Special)—The Commons discussed Lake's want of confidence motion in the Government for the manner in which the timber berths in the west had been disposed of.

R L Borden said the country would not be satisfied with Oliver's explanation that the late government had done worse, and Sifton adjourned the debate.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 4—(Special—Fresh to strong northerly winds, fine and very cold.

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AWFUL DEED OF INSANE WOMAN

In Moncton Who killed Her Two Year Old Child And Tried to Kill Others—Crippled Father's Terrible Struggle.

MONCTON, Feb 3—(Special)—While in a fit of insanity Mrs Thomas V Doucett killed her two-year-old child by dashing its brains out and was in the act of taking out another little one when discovered by the family.

The woman was arrested immediately after.

Suffering from a fractured rib sustained in an accident a few days ago, Doucett put up a desperate struggle to subdue his violent wife as she attempted to carry her three-year-old child and dispose of it in the horrible way she killed the first.

She had the third child in her arms when her husband awoke, having just ta en it from the cradle and after har fighting he, with the other children wa able to get the little one away from her and the woman was taken to the police station.

The Doucett family consists of father, mother and eight children.

Doucett is an I C R employee and has been working on the steam crane up to a few days ago when he sustained a fractured rib and has since been confined to his house.

It appears that Mrs Doucett has been in the Insane Asylum on two different occasions.

A few days ago she showed signs of returning insanity and was being closely watched. She was 38 years old.

SOUTH AMERICA FOR JAPANESE

TOKIO, Feb. 3—At a sectional committee meeting of representatives today, Baron Chinda, vice foreign minister, in reply to a question on the foreign emigration policy of the government, pointed out that South America was a favorable ground for Japanese emigrants and a legation would be established in Chile to promote better relations between both countries in the matter of trade and emigration.

Minister Terauchi replied that even in European countries where there was not the slighest probability of war, no nation retrenches in the matter of its national defence. The fullest military equipment was the best guarantee of peace. Japan's armament was not directed against anybody but the nation must always be prepared against eventualities.

FIGHTING EDITOR SAYS YOU'RE MINE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 3—Exasperated over having lost a contest for the country printing because she was a woman, Miss Elizabeth Soham editor of the Storm Lake Vidette, asserted her leap year prerogatives, and in her current issue makes the following proposal:

"A constant fight for what rightfully belongs to her is a wear and tear on the nervous system of any woman, and we have come to the belief that in order to stay in newspaper work and maintain our health we will have to marry some good printer who can do the fighting and swearing for us. It is leap year, and this may be considered as a proposal by anyone who would be qualified to fill the vacancy so evident in the Vidette office."

G. A. Craig, the bachelor editor of the Lytton Star, believing that a proposal of marriage coming from such a talented woman could not be turned down, has written his acceptance. In his paper he says:

"We believe we are eligible to fill the vacancy which Sister Soham feels exists in her print shop. We're a Missouri Democrat of forty years' standing; considered a smooth printer; as to our fighting qualities, suffice to say we come from a family that kills; on the swearing proposition, our press feeder says that we would be there with the goods, as we swear in seven different languages at once when things go wrong on press night. But before we would agree to take up Lizzie's burdens she will have to show credentials as to the eligibility to the vacancy which we have known existed for some time at our wigwam. She must know how to make pancakes, fry ham and eggs and make good coffee; she must have the staying qualities to chase a soiled shirt up and down a washboard until it becomes clean; she must know how to darn socks and the gable end of our trousers, etc. If the fair editress feels like filling a vacancy for a vacancy being filled, we stand ready to close the deal."

THE ECCENTRIC ALFRED NOBEL

LONDON, Feb. 3—Alfred Nobel, whose memory receives its annual revival in the award of his munificent prizes, had little personal knowledge of England. He disliked our climate and cooking—in all London he fouad only one hotel and one restaurant where dinner was a possibility, and he qualified even this praise by describing their cuisine as "the least disagreeable" in England. A disappointment that he never got over was that he was not elected a member of the Royal Society, while his lifelong weakness and nervous disposition and winter bronchitis made first Paris and San Remo his chosen abode the attainment of wealth.

Only twice ever visit the great high ex... tory which he established in Scotl... In Paris he was to be seen daily huddled up in his rugs in his carriage driving to his laboratory outside the city. He had an extraordinary knowledge of languages, a distrust of lawyers—he had made his will—and when heart disease came upon him he wore a sphygmograph to trace the irregularities of his pulse.

Tiring of the pictures on his walls he arranged with an art dealer to have his rooms hung with pictures on hire, returning them and receiving others in exchange as often as he liked. He took out 129 patents in England, and the invention to which he attached most importance was his artificial india rubber, of which few people have ever heard, because his dynamite speaks so loudly for itself.

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TWENTY PRIZES GIVEN TONIGHT

At Wonderland, $2.50 In Gold. Nineteen Grocery Prizes.

It's Grocery night to-night at Wonderland; and not only that which is sufficient to itself to provide barrels of fun—but it's the initial evening of Vinnicombe's orchestra there; it's a big double picture bill tonight; its an opportunity to see Viola Wentworth in her "Fencing Song" which took the people completely by storm on Monday evening; and to end the list it's the night that Austin Trainor will sing the illustrated song "The Man With the Ladder aad the Hose." Now for generosity of proportions this program leads against any other ever offered pleasure lovers here—and for generosity on the part of the managers has certainly never been approached.

The twenty opportunities to get something tangible as a reminder of this exceptional evening at Wonderland are ones that every one should embrace. $2.50 in Gold is not to be had every day by simply paying the admission fee to a first class entertainment! Good groceries are seldom had for nothing and in this case they cost nothing! All that has to be done is to buy a ticket to one of the best shows the city has ever been offered, and you may get either the gold or the substantials.

You will hear the finest instrumental music in the city—the favorite vocalist in the role of fireman; the catchiest and most charming song and dance demonstrator among the vaudevillists now en route among the picture houses, and see a list of pictures double that of any other performance and have an opportunity to be possessor of a prize that is really one.

Crowd the house at Wonderland tonight. The distribution takes place after the second turn so be there in good time and get a good seat. Wonderland management will be hosts in right royal generosity this evening, and fun, entertainment and remuneration will be hand in hand at the good old Market Hall this evening.