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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is suggested by the Hamilton Spectator that a uniform postal rate of three cents throughout the British Empire is a great advance towards Imperial union, and it adds: "As we are all to have the same postage stamp, let us all stick together."

The Brandon Times says: "We are driven to ask ourselves the question whether politics are a game of chance, and whether there is such a thing as political science and statesmanship, when we survey the actions of the present Liberal Government of Canada, and see its members professing at one time certain principles and in a few short weeks casting all their professions and principles to the winds."

Hon. Mr. Foster addressed the electors of Toronto Centre after the election. A defeat, or a seeming defeat, was, he said, oftentimes the opening of the door to victory. The election had been useful to the party not only here but also throughout the country. There were influences at work on the other side. They all knew that there was to be a provincial election soon. The efforts of the two Governments with all their patronage was employed to elect Mr. Bertram and they had some patronage to dispose of. In the face of all this the Conservative party had only been beaten by a small majority. They had a great cause and so a temporary defeat would not hurt them seriously. Opportunism might have its victories for a time, but it had eventually to go down before stern true principle, such as animated the political faith of the Conservative party.

It will be admitted that there is a good deal of force in the following from the Ottawa Journal: "The reason for the decadence of the morning papers in all but cities of the largest size is not that they cost more to produce, but that their revenues are falling off. The people want evening papers and buy evening papers, and advertisers will pay more to get into the papers which the people buy. The failure of the Morning Herald in Montreal and of the Morning Empire in Toronto, the abandonment of morning papers in Hamilton, the successive withdrawals from the Citizen here of Mr. C. H. Mackintosh and Mr. Shannon, and the calls for fresh capital—these are not accidents due to want of brains. The same thing is going on all over the continent. Except in the largest cities, the morning papers have been losing circulation and revenue. The morning paper is bought in most cities by a limited constituency of business men who glance at it at breakfast or in their office and drop it. The evening paper goes in an unlimited constituency of homes, where man and wife both read it. The advertisements have not merely a far wider circulation but a double value in the same amount of circulation."

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

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IN THE LONG AGO.

When the St. Louis Spaniards Marched Against the Michigan English.

A Spanish army came to Chicago in the long ago. The minor details of it and the finer statecraft reasons of it are hidden in the catacombs of the Escorial along with tons of other documents that will never see the light again. But we know that those men of war marched over the Illinois prairies, and that they were sent to increase the dominions of their sovereigns.

By the treaty of Paris, signed in 1763, France ceded to Spain all of that vast territory known as Louisiana, which stretched from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Canadian line. In 1781 Great Britain was at war with the United States, Spain, Holland and France. St. Louis was a Spanish town, and English officers attacked it at the head of 1,500 Indians. They were defeated with little trouble and retreated.

In revenge the Spanish commander at St. Louis, which his people called "San Luis de Illinois," planned a raid against the British post of St. Joseph. It was a fort or outpost, located at a point two miles from the present city of Benton Harbor, Mich., and 60 miles northwest of Chicago, across the lake. The force began its long, difficult and dangerous journey on Jan. 2, 1781. They estimated the distance at 220 leagues, or 660 miles, and subsequent surveys have proved that they were remarkably good guessers. It was officered by Captain Eugenio Purro, commanding, and Lieutenant Carlos Tayon. The interpreter was Luis Chevalier. Chiefs Electurno and Nequigen led the 60 Indians of the Fox and Pottawatomie tribes. There were 65 Spanish volunteers, in all 130 men, selected with special reference to their ability to withstand the arduous journey.

They marched up the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Illinois and thence along the track of the French explorers and voyagers. The route took them up the Illinois river past Port Creve Coeur (Peoria) to old Fort St. Louis (Starved Rock). Here they planted the blood stained banner of Aragon and Castile. A century before from that rocky eminence La Salle had unfurled the fleur-de-lis of France. Subsequently the British flag had waved over it. Now Old Glory waves there in peace and beauty.

Purro's force toiled in snow and ice to the junction of the Kankakee and Desplaines rivers. They followed the Desplaines to a point west of what is now South Chicago and came to the lake at its southern edge. They found it a desolate region of swamps and sand dunes. Thence they marched to their destination.

The small garrison of St. Joseph fled to Detroit at the news of their approach, and all of the stores fell into the hands of the invaders. They proclaimed the sovereignty of Spain over this section and divided the stores. After resting some days they began their return march over the former route. They reached St. Louis in safety after a midwinter march of nearly 1,400 miles through a hostile country. They had few casualties and gathered much plunder.—Chicago Chronicle.

Atlantic Currents.

It is an interesting fact in the records of scientific progress that the United States navy has for a long time past been dropping bottles overboard in the Atlantic ocean at the Azores, in deep water along the coast of Spain and from the Madeira and the Canaries southward along the coast of Africa. The fact that all these bottles that have been recovered have been found on the coast of South America, on the Antilles, and some of them as far west as the mouth of the Rio Grande, suggests the inference that every buoyant object which has been dropped into the ocean during the present geological epoch by prehistoric or historic Spaniards, Portuguese or Africans has found its way to America and been stranded somewhere between the tenth parallel south and the thirtieth parallel north. In the northern part of the Atlantic ocean the currents run the other way, and the mails have been delivered from America to Europe. In the Pacific ocean the daily mails delivered on the west coast of America from Mount St. Elias southward have proceeded from about the twentieth parallel north, in the vicinity of the Malay peninsula and archipelago, thence have traveled through the China sea and the Japanese sea to pick up matters designed for the western hemisphere.

Eureka Gas.

The name of Eureka gas is given to a new illuminant, expected to rival acetylene. This gas, as described in invention and originated by M. Hector de Favi of Montefiascone, Italy, is obtained as follows: Lime as pure as possible is employed as a base, colophony and calcium carbide being added—1,000 parts of the mixture ready for use consisting of 900 of quicklime, 50 of colophony and 50 of calcium carbide—and there is said to be no liability of explosion by mixing with air. No heating of water and no special burner is needed. One thousand parts of the mixture give 60 liters of gas at a pressure of 35 millimeters of water, and the photometric intensity of the flame is stated to be 92.4 candle hours, while the same amount of calcium carbide employed singly would give only 18 candle hours. Thus, it is asserted, the new gas is 50 per cent cheaper than acetylene, or that at equal cost it will give half as much more light.

A PIANO FULL OF WASPS.

They Kept Quiet Until the Professor Struck the Loud Notes.

The piano was an old grand. It had not been used for months. The company had arrived in town but a short time before the performance began; hence there had been no time to test the instrument. Nevertheless, the professor boldly opened wide the lids of the long unused grand and then sat down to the keys. The first touch convinced him that the notes were still clear and strong, and that whatever defects in tune there might be would be very slight, so he began the soul inspiring selection.

Now, it happened that in all the months in which the piano had remained unused a colony of yellow jacket wasps had industriously built themselves a home in the shape of a nest as large as a good sized saucer. The soft pianissimo prelude to the selection gently woke the wasps from their sweet dreams. But when the soft pedal was released and the notes grew vigorous and the piano began to reverberate to the heavier passages the disturbed wasps suspected danger. They curled their backs and stretched and shook their gauzy wings viciously. The professor, unheeding of the fact that the music, far from soothing the savage breast of the vicious wasps ambushed within that piano, was rousing their ire, played on. From pianissimo to piano and from piano with one bound to fortissimo the composition ran. All the while the wasps fluttered their wings wickedly, viciously, and all the while the professor played. Now came the climax; now he was throwing together vast handfuls of notes in the basso profundo region of the instrument. Just as the grand was belching forth from its innermost soul the musical thunder of that great Wagnerian opera the vengeance hunting army of yellow jacket wasps swept out of the instrument, with a buzzing war song, down the hallway and upon the audience. Suddenly soul rending shrieks resounded through the hall. Men and women were striking about their heads, benches were upset, and a general stampede for windows and doors ensued. Over the terrible uproar a shrill, piping voice could be heard shrieking: "Sharlie, come mit! Ach, Sharlie, come mit!"

Long before the outraged burghers of Kerrville were up a little band of men with baggage galore wended their way out of the town and sat down on the railroad track. They were the stereotypical aggregation of San Antonio, and their faces, as they recounted the horrors through which they had passed, were the image of that of Napoleon on the night of Waterloo. They flagged the south bound passenger train and took passage for San Antonio. Their wisdom in slipping out of town under cover of night has never been questioned.—San Antonio Express.

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When I get time, I'll pay those bills I owe. And with those bills, those countless bills, I will not be so slow.

When I get time, I'll regulate my life In such a way that I may get Acquainted with my wife.

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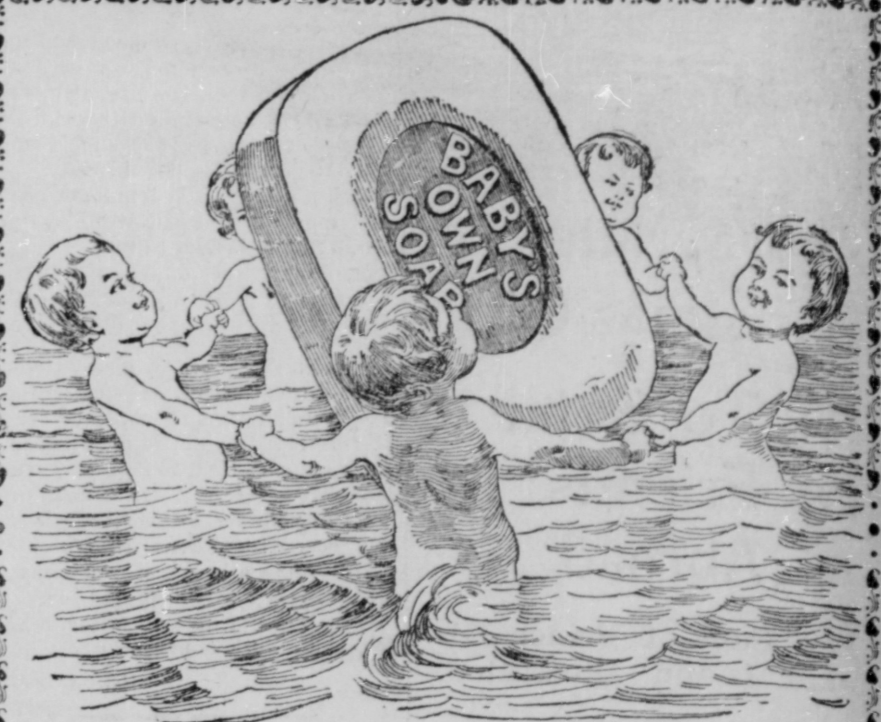
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