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THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS The people of the city will hear with surprise and disgust of the action of the Common Council last evening in going out of its way to recommend the passage by the Assembly of the charter amendments which were so strongly repudiated by the members of the commission appointed to frame them (but which did not frame the most objectionable sections) and by the taxpayers at a largely attended meeting.

This action indicates a weakness in those who are defying public sentiment in an attempt to inflict these vicious amendments upon the city without allowing any taxpayer to have a voice in the matter. It is intended to bolster up the measure but it ought to have an opposite result.

There being no referendum clause in these amendments, the taxpayers have protested in every way possible under the circumstances, but it appears that those who misrepresent them in the Common Council care for none of these things.

The resolutions passed by the Common Council and the vote upon them will be found in our news columns. It will be seen that they are certified to two gentlemen in the Assembly with whom the people of the city have little or no acquaintance. It may be necessary to explain that one of them is an assemblyman from New York and another from Buffalo. They are also certified to Governor Dix, whose public expression of views in his message to the Legislature and in public addresses are on record as opposed to such measures as deprive cities of the third class of home rule in the manner as do these proposed amendments.

CROP ESTIMATES FOR 1911 The approximate total yield of the important farm crops of the United States as indicated by the condition on July 1 and estimated by the Washington crop reporting board on the basis of the average condition on that date to the final yield in the last five years, follows:

Table with 3 columns: Crop, 1911 indicated yield, 1910 yield. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Spring wheat, etc.

MORE PAY FOR THE RURAL CARRIER The government hands out a generous tip this week to the rural life whose existence was scarcely dreamed of a decade ago, but who now costs Uncle Sam \$35,793,000.

According to the theory of many critics, this is just as much pork as the appropriation for despoiling the shallow waters of Cham Flat River, or building a \$100,000 postoffice at Lone Corners where ample quarters could be hired for \$250 a year.

It certainly has been preposterous the way Congress has excluded the natural revenue which this business might just as well receive. The average rural carrier has a bag with 64 letters, 107 newspapers and circulars, and three parcels.

The carrier's willing beast has ambled over his route carrying a bag weighing on an average 25 pounds, when he might just as well have carried 500 pounds. The government, too much under the domination of the express companies, has charged 64 cents for carrying four pounds of sugar from the corner grocery to the farm home, and nothing over four pounds could be transported.

Meanwhile the farmer, if he wants five pounds of grass seed at the country store, has had to hitch up his team and drive in, at a loss of several dollars' worth of time for himself and horse, and help pay the bills of the service, by ordering the same through the rural carrier, which now an arbitrary Congress has forbidden him to do.

The country believes in rural delivery. It is a part of our plans for making it profitable and comfortable to operate farms at a distance from town centers. Formerly, if the farmer heard from the mail daily, he wasted a lot of his own time, and incidentally many hours of curbstone loading, or he failed to get business letters that he needed in his business.

If the new increase in carriers' pay results in allowing them to carry parcels and perform commissions, it will be a step in the modernizing of rural life. If Congress still places arbitrary limits about the carrier, there is no reason why the taxpayers should pay higher salaries and shoulder a still heavier deficit.

THE DAY COACH AND THE PULLMAN The terrible accident at Bridgeport, Conn., yesterday, in which several cars were thrown from a viaduct into the street, contains the usual feature in such cases. The day coach in the forward section of the train was ground to pieces under the heavy Pullmans and scarcely one of the occupants of the former escaped death or injury, while none were killed or severely injured in the Pullmans.

Such examples of the results of mixing light and heavy cars in the same trains are frequent. The curious but obvious fact is that many people, out of regard for safety, travel in the Pullmans, paying the additional expense, who would otherwise be content to occupy the less luxurious and cheaper day coaches while those who ride in the latter do so with additional risk in case of an accident.

The only apparent remedy for this state of things would be to confine the make up of passenger trains entirely to one class of cars and not put the less substantial flimsy day coach at the mercy of the ponderous Pullmans behind it in case of a smash-up.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AT ATLANTIC CITY The Christian Endeavor societies have been celebrating a silver anniversary at the 25th annual convention held the past week at Atlantic City.

When a youthful pastor in Portland, Me., feeling that the succulent oyster and the seductive ice cream festival did not fully meet the needs of his young people, started the first society in 1881, the newspapers never found it out for months. But recently when the convention was held at San Francisco, 25,000 people crossed the mountains to be there. And now there are 3,676,045 members.

Many people have compared the society to that bumptious young man who hung out a sign reading "John Smith and Father." But in view of the fact that they provide 200,000 members a year for the churches, the youngster is clearly entitled to a position of prominence on the firm's announcements.

Of course any organization of young people has its crudities and lacks in fact. They tell of one junior society that was accustomed to place on the minister's table a bouquet and text of Scripture every Sunday morning, selecting the Scripture at random. One day they put up to him this verse, "Ye are of your father the devil," which came near creating a church row.

One great reason for the attractiveness of the society has been the absence of denominationalism, and the slight emphasis on sectarian creeds. The younger element has no sympathy with theological tweedledees handed down from the fathers, and has liked an organization where these things were rated at their true value.

Many of the societies made the mistake of too much emphasis on the prayer meeting. It seemed as if they spent so much time praying and talking about doing good, that they had no time left for actually doing anything.

The later spirit of the society rightly places a heavier value on actual work for social, for good government, temporal efforts for alms and neglected neighborhoods, and visitation of the sick and sorrowful.

Generals Togo and Nogi of Japan are prowling about the country, but it seems a needless precaution to double the guards about Congress.

John W. Gates has had seven surgical operations since he reached Europe, and if all of them were successful he is a goner.

They have put electric fans into the Senate chamber at Washington, but our theory of the way to get business done would be to build a corking old fire down in the furnace.

Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death," but the servile modern American persists in wearing a starched collar on a hot day.

The Dublin crowd failed to raise their hats to King George and Queen Mary, but the fact that no cabbages,



THE TIMES EVENING Chit-Chat.

BY RUTH CAMERON.

Monologues of a Shampoo lady. (My shampoo lady is a first-class— and that means much. Almost every time she comes to give me a massage or a shampoo, she also gives me some new viewpoint on life. This was yesterday.)

No. 1.

"Do I ever get blue, Miss Ruth? Mercy, no; I don't have time to. No one would if they had four or five heads and two or three faces and a body or two, to do in a day.

"Besides, Miss Ruth (just hold your head a little farther over the bowl, please), besides, how could I when I have such an interesting life? You know my sister is a school teacher and she thinks it's terrible for me to do this work and she's always saying, 'I should think, Anne, that you, with your family, and your bringing up would want to do some more stimulating and elevating work than just washing people's heads. Really, I can't understand how you can endure such an uninteresting life.'

"You know I never had a chance to study when I was young, Miss Ruth, because I had to take care of my invalid mother until I was over thirty, so I couldn't very well be a teacher (that isn't too hot is it?) and she thinks it's a disgrace for me to make money as a shampooist instead of starving over clerical work in an office.

"But as for a more stimulating life—well let me tell you, Miss Ruth, last night a neighbor of mine asked me if I had read one of those novels and I said, 'Goodness, no; I don't have time to read but one book.'

"What's that," she said, 'The Bible?'"

"And I said, 'No, I didn't read that pretty regularly, too. But the book I mean is 'people.'

"Yes, people are my book. The people I visit, I mean (would you rather I fanned it or shook it? Some eggs or turnips were presented to them was held to constitute an enthusiastic welcome.

The arbitration treaty provides for arbitrating even questions of national honor, which means that no longer would the workingman have to fight in order to save the face of some politician.

The growing popularity of Mr. Taft is the central fact of today's politics. The only trouble was that the American people expected him to acquire four years' experience in 12 months.

The teachers are meeting at San Francisco, and any one who hasn't a scheme for revolutionizing the schools of this country might just as well have stayed at home.

W. E. D. Stokes would not have had all these troubles, had he known that conservative persons communicate with their women friends by means of the shady park bench rather than the post office.

THE POLITICAL TREND

The Tammany Legislature has added to its creditable record by killing the bill forbidding the slaughter of game with pump guns.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Speaker Champ Clark's attitude regarding the Presidency may be described as diplomatically correct. "When a man comes around," he says, "and wants to nominate you for the Presidency, you are not going to throw him out of the window; at least I am not."—Springfield Republican.

In a few weeks Murphy has recovered all the ground lost in the Senatorial squabble. The cohesive power of patronage has brought them all—regulars and insurgents—together again, and they all eat out of the hand that controls the jobs. Insurgency without jobs is plain, is a vain thing and profane the insurgent nothing.—Newburg Journal.

The President's Flag.

Not one person in a thousand knows the President's flag. As President of the United States he has none, but as commander in chief of the army and navy his presence is noticed by distinct standards. The army flag is red, and bears in the center the official coat of arms of the United States. Bearing the same coat of arms and somewhat similar, save its color, blue is the navy flag.

like one and some another and I'd forgotten just which you liked). Why, they're just like a book of Dickens you know with a lot of little plots in it. Every house I visit is a chapter. There's Mrs. Marvin, you know, with her five big boys. She always has something to tell me about what they're doing. And then there's Mrs. Whittemore, that little nineteen-year-old mother, it's great fun hearing all about her experiences with that baby. And then there's Mrs. Simmons, the charity worker, I just love to go there and hear about what she's doing. And then when I go to the Alford Pottery I get a chapter on high life (you tell me if I pull too hard. Your hair certainly does get terribly snarly. I suppose because it's curly.)

"People seem to get real confidential somehow when they're being worked over. Why one lady—I guess it's all right to tell you if I don't say who it is. You don't know her from Adam, anyway—told me how she found out that her husband was deceiving her and how she went to a lawyer about a divorce and the lawyer turned out to be an old lover of hers who hadn't ever married and—well it seems as if I couldn't wait for the next treatment and find some more in that chapter and read out what's she's doing.

"(There, Miss Ruth, you let that hang loose for a few minutes to air before you do it up.)

"Blue, well I should think not. And talk about stimulating lives, I don't see how anyone could have a more interesting and stimulating life than mine. What think, I'm going over to Mrs. Whittemore's now and I'll see that dear little baby again and find out what that child has been doing with her new plaything. Good-bye, Miss Ruth, three weeks from today."

And the shampoo-philosopher, having gathered up her washbasin and implements, departed, a radiant smile on her plain face and the secret of happiness in her beautiful heart.

The navy flag is displayed whenever the President is aboard a naval vessel at a navy yard or under the navy's escort.

PARAGRAPHIC COMMENT

Washington's war on unnecessary noises ought to set Congress to thinking.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.

Now the House of Lords goes back sadly to the duty of abolishing its own powers.—New York World.

Why not abolish itself? People who like to flaunt their riches in Kansas are now wearing potatoes for watch charms.—Kansas City Journal.

Even the newspapers are not immune from that Kansas queerness. The New Hampshire sea serpent, which has a humped back, is probably merely shrugging its shoulders at the credulity of the human animal.—York Dispatch.

Humph! According to astronomers that beautiful star we see in the West early in the evening is Venus, and they say that last night she was half full. The hot weather is certainly demoralizing.—Syracuse Star.

Baltimore scientists have discovered how to extract the way in a test tube, which is exactly the way the young ladies nowadays look as if they had been gowned.—Washington Post.

Don't be so hard on the girls. They can't help it. A Kansas City woman is suing a man for \$10,000 because he made remarks about her red hair. If she wins, a lot of us will have to skip to Canada.—Rochester Union and Advertiser.

Then red hair will be respected. The Blightman Gas Company has petitioned the Public Service Commission to be allowed to reduce the price of gas from \$1.50 to \$1.20 a thousand feet. Help!—Rochester Herald.

Say, isn't it funny what queer effect the heat has on some folks? If those American perennials know how much sympathy they were exciting in Congress they would probably cock their coronets on one side of their heads even a little more defiantly.—Indianapolis News.

Uncle Walt The Poetic Philosopher

THE GUN TOTER

He's sitting in prison and sorrow is his'n, he's wishing he never had carried a gun; he thought it was clever, to pack one forever, and aim it at people in spirit of fun. And it, one fine morning, went off without warning, and plugged a bystander, who turned up his toes, and now he is wallin', the wearisome jail in, and no one has pity for him in his woes. The bystanders are crowded in boxes, the victims of fools, or pin-headed varmint who loaded their garments with all kinds of deadly and murderous tools. And widows are sighing and orphans are crying all over this country because of the blokes who always are plannin' to spring a big cannon and brandish it gally till somebody croaks. Oh, let the law step on the fool with a weapon, and bury him deeply and load him with chains! No lunatic's greater; it seems the Creator in build in' forgot to equip him with brains.

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A New Pattern Illustrated Every Day—Of Interest to Oswego Women. No. 11564—Braiding panel design in sections to be used as desired. Soutache or tubular braiding may be employed.



Employed. Braid required 14 1/2 yards. Pattern stamped pattern, 40 cents. Illustrated Costume No. 3662, sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure, price 15 cents. Cash Dry Goods, J. E. Cordingley, 71 East Broadway St.

A Pean of the Peanut

In a consular report it is told how the street vending of French hot potatoes is carried on in towns in the North of France, and it is suggested they would make a fine substitute for peanuts. But who wants a substitute for peanuts? There is in the taste of a good peanut, well roasted and hot from the oven, somewhat that fits the appetite that is out on a lark. It is rich in tune with a light heart and a fancy free. And then, properly appreciated and masticated, it helps along the brain and nerve. Besides, it is clean. Nature doesn't loiter along with microbes from the hills to lips, as those fried potatoes might. No; they come out of their shells as pure as dewdrops. And one does not have to have a hammer or iron tool to get out the kernel. It is the one nut in the world that one can crack with teeth or snap with his fingers. So it was made to be eaten at all times and everywhere. The man who doesn't like a peanut belongs to the codfish aristocracy.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Catarrh is the only curable disease now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in their cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists.

Brutality to Sea Elephant

The whole history of the sea elephant is a record of cruel and wasteful slaughter at the hands of man. One after another its haunts in the bleak islands of the southern ocean have been visited and the beasts recently killed off. For more than a century the work of devastation has gone on, and now the sea elephant of the south are a scattered remnant, whose extermination will only be averted when it ceases to pay to hunt them down. Already this is happening with the walrus in the north.—London Graphic.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Forecast till 6 p. m. Thursday: For Eastern New York—Fair to fair tonight and Thursday; cooler. For Western New York—Fair tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler tonight. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BULLETIN. Published by authority of the Secretary of Agriculture, Willis L. Moore, Chief U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 12, 1911. All observations taken at 8 a. m. (75th meridian time).

Table with columns: Station, Therm. (Observed), Direction of wind, Velocity of wind, Precipitation in 24 hrs. (Inch), State of weather.

Local Weather Report.

For 24 hours ending at 8 a. m., July 12, 1911. Therm. Dir. Vel. Weather. 7:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 8:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 9:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 10:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 11:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 12:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 1:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 2:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 3:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 4:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 5:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 6:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 7:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 8:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 9:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 10:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 11:00 p. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear. 12:00 a. m. 71. 10. 11. Clear.

BITS OF NEWS

Alamelma the Red's full blooded Cuban player qualified as a pinch hitter against Philadelphia. Rolfe Zelder, the White Sox first baseman, is leading Tyros Cobb in per centage of stolen bases. Three hits of Boston speed boys got three hits off Doc White in the double header with the White Sox, the only Boston player to hit safely.

A black snake got into the telephone distributing box at Montclair, N. J., giving and caused a short circuit exchange the "hello" signal. The line was tied up for hours before the viper was discovered.

With everything set for a thrilling moving picture scene on Grassmere Lake, Albert Braysten jumped from a boat to save a "drowning actress." He failed to rise. Moving pictures of the search for the body were taken.

A moonshine's outfit that turned out more booze than the biggest still in record in the Southern mountains was captured in Brooklyn together with 2,000 gallons of moonshine. Hildak for nearly a month in a hay loft, for only food being horse fodder, Vera, Trevor, a beat-crazed Austria girl, was discovered by the New York police yesterday nearly dead from starvation.

Edna Peebles 13 is in jail at Akron, O., charged with attempted bank robbery. She leveled a big gun at a local bank cashier, demanding all the money in the vaults. She did not know how to fire the revolver. If he falls off the water wagon before he is sixty years old, Charles T. Montague of Chicago will lose half a million left to him by his father on condition that he keeps sober and quits gambling.

Twenty-six of J. B. Haggins' yearlings have been sold at Tattersall's New Market. The best price was for a bay filly by Water Cross out of Hamburg Selle which brought \$2,250. The total sales netted \$92,000.

Friends of Miss May Sutton, the famous California tennis player, have received word from her that after this season she will turn her attention from tennis to golf. DEMETER July 12.—Three thousand five hundred crates of strawberries were shipped from here this season, the average price being \$1.50 per crate. Raspberries are starting off at eight cents per pint basket, with prospects of better prices soon. Cherries have been a good crop here. William Bartlett of Whitesboro is spending a few days at his old farm. Mr. and Mrs. McBay are entertaining out of town guests.—Mrs. Curtis of Solvay recently visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Ponce. Roy Wilcox has the mason work done for his new home. Judge Rowe and family, and Dr. Nonnon Betze and family are at their cottage near Pleasant Point.

VIOLATIONS OF THE PURE FOOD LAW

437 Actions Against Dealers for Adulterations and Mislabeling—Coffee Mixed with Peas and Dead Beetles—Sausages Composed Partly of Cereals, Sulphites and Water—Vinegar Below Legal Standard.

ALBANY, July 12.—The quality of sausages, hamburger steak, vinegar, olive oil and coffee sold in the State has been receiving the attention of the pure food inspectors working under the direction of State Commissioner of Agriculture Pearson, and as a result 437 actions have been commenced against dealers for violating the pure food law. Last year about \$50,000 was collected by the State in fines for violations of the law.

"The law does not prohibit the sale," said Pearson today, "of a mixture having some inferior ingredients so long as these are not unwholesome and their presence is clearly made known by the label. At the present time most of the adulteration recognized by our food laws is due to the mixture of inferior substances without making this fact known. Thus these adulterations are generally a fraud against the pocketbook more than against the health of the consumer.

"For example, recently agents of the department found on sale as ground coffee a mixture of coffee and toasted peas. A microscopic examination revealed that the peas had been infested by beetles and parts of their bodies were present.

"Violations in connection with sausages consist chiefly in the use of cereals and sulphites which enable careless and dishonest manufacturers to use inferior meat and increase the bulk or weight by the addition of water which is taken up by the cereal. The chief trouble with vinegar sampled is that it contains less acids or less solids than required by the legal standard which is higher in New York State than in most other states. Occasionally so-called olive oil has been found to be wholly or in part made from cotton seed oil. During the past few months a considerable proportion of samples of substances sold as lard have been found to consist wholly or in part of cotton seed oil and beef or mutton fat."