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HANDS OFF.

New Haven is pleased because Governor Weeks has vetoed the Fastman coasting act because it was in effect an invasion of the sovereignty of New Haven. The New Haven Courier-Journal says:

"We are quite ready to assent to the proposition that a chief executive of the city of New Haven should be extremely careful to make appointments to municipal boards which carry with them the assurance of faithful and disinterested service, and that he should be punished when he fails to do that, but we are equally ready to dissent when the proposition is made to allow interested politicians to monkey with the charter in a manner which would never occur to them to do if it was their party that had done it."

The Bulletin regards partisan work of this kind as most pernicious and reprehensible and it should be condemned in every city. "Home rule for cities of Connecticut" ought to be a good motto. That some state legislation is necessary to maintain equal government and financial balances for municipalities has to be admitted, but there should not be meddlesome laws passed which are often more injurious than helpful to any city.

Think of Representative Bishop's saying: "Who makes governors, anyway, in the state of Connecticut?" The people are supposed to, but some men become so dwarfed by pettiness that they sincerely think that they do.

Governor Weeks is all right. The governor who stands against such work stands for the people.

FORESTRY IN VERMONT.

They are taking hold of forestry in earnest in Vermont and the work is so well advanced now that it shows up most creditably for that state. The state forester, A. J. Hawes of Burlington, says:

"Over 200,000 trees have been sold so far this season. The nursery at Burlington has increased in size so that there are now 1,000,000 small trees being cultivated. This is certainly a very gratifying start. It is expected that the nursery there will attract large numbers of sightseers during the Champlain tercentenary there next month. At that place all phases of forest life can be seen from the smallest seedlings up to trees three feet high."

Connecticut is making headway and it will not be long before a forestry preserve in each county may be pointed at with pride.

FOR A SANE AND SAFE FOURTH.

More cities are moving this year for a sane and safe celebration of the Fourth than ever, and it is likely that in less time than it has taken to pass a parcels post law the patriotic slaughter of innocents upon Independence day will be reduced one-half. On this question the little state of New Jersey appears to be alive all over, and the cities have passed ordinances and provided for extra police services with a view of making an end of it. The Newark News says that "the people seem to be waking up to the deadly danger of the customary way of celebrating the day, and the tide of wise sentiment and sound judgment is setting in strongly against it."

"And why shouldn't parents and people of mature years consider this matter in the light of the awful facts of former years? Making the figures for the five celebrations of the Fourth of July, from 1903 to 1907 inclusive, it is seen that 11,570 persons were injured and 1,153 were killed. The most of these were children. How many more died from lockjaw resulting from wounds received on the Fourth of July these figures do not show. Is it any wonder that sensible people and wise officials are providing for a safe and sane celebration?"

The Connecticut cities will make a move in this direction by and by. The man on the street car expressed the opinion that the Connecticut legislature should sit all summer; and his next neighbor remarked that they were so habituated to Hartford that they could not get away.

The moonshine flowers are said to be unusually plenty in the woods of Cape Cod this spring. A bouquet of 175 was gathered by one party.

When the commencement is on the "old boy" gives the youngsters examples in "high jinks."

AN OLD RESIDENT.

A patron of The Bulletin sends the following description of an old resident of New England as portrayed in The Conservation, and inquires if he lives in the neighborhood of Norwich, and is responsible for the unsightly rubbish heaps on some of our country roads:

"There was a man who lived in New England, whose name was Legion. Nine-tenths of the time he tilled his land and mended stone fences like a moral and intelligent being; and the tenth part of the time a madness came upon him—an hereditary madness. He remembered subconsciously how his ancestors wrested the soil from the forests, and did battle with the foes that lurked in their depths, and he seized his axe and went forth to take vengeance upon the forest, for the hostile front it showed his siders. But the forest was gone, and the only soil he could find to wrest was beside the two roads, on each hand. This, then, he fell upon with right good will. There were oaks, and these he cut down wastefully two feet from the ground and scattered their branches about. There were walnuts and birches and beeches, and he felled them all, and heaved them into bins. There was red cedar, with its priceless worth, and his heart of fragrance, and this he hacked and haggled and utterly destroyed. Then he looked upon what he had done, and called it very good, and the madness left him. He never returned to finish clearing up the roadside. He never covered the bared rocks, or levelled the ragged banks. The ground bristled with stubble of trees, and their boughs rotted where they fell.

"The only times when the man revisited the roadside were when his cast old stovetops and broken china, in a heap, a few hundred yards from his dwelling.

"What shall be done for the madness of this man? He is not to be greatly frightened with draughts of floods, and he has no regard in his heart for the landscape. He does not desire shade trees. Would legislation avail for his cure, or psychotherapy, or beating with many stripes? If the last were done speedily, there are still birches by the roadsides wherewith to do it. But if he is not restrained before long, New England will be here and there among its towns, in like condition with Japan, which has no need to make laws to protect its birds, because the birds are all slaughtered. "Legion" owns property in the city streets of Norwich and on all the country roads radiating therefrom. He is a near relative of Peter Tumble-down, who never fixes up. What to do with him the world has never found out. It lets him slouch along in the old way, as much of an eyesore himself as the confusion and disorder he makes, and he is in no danger of restraint. He is a degenerate for which there seems to be no corrective or cure.

A PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

The late Sebastian D. Lawrence of New London left a fund of \$500,000 for a hospital in that city, \$100,000 for a building and \$400,000 as an endowment to run it. He also gave his home to be used as an emergency hospital, and, altogether, he did for the city in which he lived a very great and admirable good. New London has had some considerable benefactions in the past, but none that we can recall equal to this. The city has reason to be thankful.—Bridgeport Standard.

New London has wealthy men who contribute to its well-being while alive; and those who provide for the comfort of the living are despised. It only takes a few good examples to awaken a habit of this kind among men who have the means to help the community in which they were born or in which they spend their lives and made their money. The men who are conscious that wealth to a large degree is a trust fund do not neglect the use of a portion of it for the high purpose which reveals the depth of their hearts and the sincerity of their aims. New London is fortunate in this respect and should cherish the memory of the men who contribute to her attractiveness and comfort.

A QUEER VERDICT.

A Vermont jury gave a Caledonia county man as damages for the alienation of his wife's affections a verdict of \$5,832.33. Any way one looks at these figures they look queer. There is not a financier in the country who can figure out how an American jury of twelve men could get so many figures three into such a damage account. If they could answer for the \$33 they would not be able to for the 32 cents in estimating lost affections. These figure threes must delight the eye of a policy player, and perhaps the jury knew more about policy than it did about the subject in hand. A Vermont paper tartly remarks: "We can see where the 33 cents is reached—for a Caledonia county wife's affections—but where in the world the jury got the \$5,832 is a mystery."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: Those who multiply their wants also multiply their miseries.

The man who sell whiskey cannot be made to believe that the only whiskey there is, is made from grain.

What is prosperity? asks an exchange. It is getting a job where before there was only a cold look.

It has been often proven that the legislature that is slow is the most dangerous; but this is not true of automobiles.

Congress is wearing out the country so that everybody will need a vacation. It may thus overtax the summer resorts.

General Funston shot twice at a burglar and did not hit him. This might not have happened had he been upon the firing line.

Uncle Sam has recognized the half-holiday, and will close all his shops at noon on Saturdays during July, August and September.

A Wisconsin legislator is of the opinion that legislators should not be paid unless they work. He must be paid at the business.

Since Paris is disinfecting her school books her attention is called to the needs of the French novel. That might be worse—it might be Rabellian.

When it comes to the vacation schedule it creates an argument in the family that reminds one of the present excitement in the United States senate.

A Detroit woman was married just five minutes after the court gave her a divorce. She must have thought

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY.

THEIR REVISED VIEWS

"Did any one of you meet Chester Sidering last night at the dance?" inquired the girl with the innocent eyes. "Sidering?" absentmindedly repeated the girl with the curly hair. "I don't—oh, yes—that little man!"

"I remember him, now," chimed in the girl in the blue dress, languidly. "He insisted on seeing my card, even when I told him that it was filled. I thought it was a very unkind of you not to give us a hint as to who Mr. Sidering was! It was your duty, because we certainly wanted to give him a pleasant impression of Chicago! I hope he'll understand that any neglect on my part was due to the trifling headache I—"

"I knew at once that he had brains!" said the girl with the gloves. "You can always tell it when you see a forehead like his. It impresses me at once. I admire these quiet men who do not chatter all the time, but talk only when they have something to say."

"Sometimes," interrupted the girl in the blue dress, "I'll really have to scold Tom. He has such a selfish way of appropriating me! I simply couldn't get away from him and that's why I missed one of my dances with Mr. Sidering! I am afraid he may think it was intentional, and I shall explain the first chance—"

"What struck me," broke in the girl with the bronze shoes, "was his modesty. He seemed to want to do his own merits. Why, he was positively retiring! I think that quality indicates what a perfectly splendid person he is!"

"You could tell just by looking at him that he was somebody," said the girl with the gloves, emphatically. "There was something very unusual about him!"

"Five millions!" breathed the girl of the flower hat, dazedly. "Did you observe how broad shouldered and athletic he looked, even if he weren't very tall? He gave one such an impression of physical and mental strength. I thought he was charming."

"Clarice," said the girl in the blue dress, firmly, "you must see that we meet Mr. Sidering while he is in town, as you seem to know all about him. We can come over just as well as not any time—"

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"She smiled sweetly at them all as she departed. The girl with the bronze shoes recovered enough to break the awful silence.

"She corresponds with him!" she gasped, awestruck. "Clarice always did go with the gloves."

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of young men who ought to be old enough to know how to keep their own good hours when they come to Yale. If these boys do not do so, it is our experience in New Haven that they do not stay in Yale very long. The marketing system soon eliminates such men.—New Haven Union.

Scour.

There is at least one superannuated clergyman the comfort of whose latter years will not be disturbed by lack of means. He is the Rev. Dr. Frazier of a Newark Presbyterian church. Having just retired, he is to receive an annuity of \$8,000 for the first year, \$5,000 for the second year and \$4,000 annually thereafter as long as he lives. Dr. Frazier's theological zeal never obscured his business instinct. Before he assumed the pastorate he insisted upon a contract for this substantial annuity after his withdrawal from active service.—Waterbury American.

Didn't Know What Hit Him. A man in Florence, Mass., was killed by an automobile. No action was found, after a careful investigation, against the driver, for one reason because the man who was hurt revived after he was hit and cried out: "Come on, boys, and have another drink!" and gave evidence of being intoxicated.

A Municipal Skyscraper. New York's new municipal building is to be 25 stories above ground. But in order to reach a rock foundation its builders will have to go down 100, perhaps 150, feet underground. What a skyscraper it would be if it were to be all above ground!

A Kansas Prose Poem. I met a sturdy stranger in town the other day. I stopped and asked him how the crops were doing out his way, and the tale he told me sounded like the one I used to know, for I heard it every springtime in the days of long ago: "The corn is looking good enough, and wheat is middlin' fair, but there seems to be an awful lot of chinch bugs everywhere; I'm afeared that if the summer ain't unusually wet they'll git the bugs upon the crops and spile our prospects yet."

The chinch bugs haven't troubled you for many, many years," said I unto the farmer, to mitigate his fears. "Have you forgot about the time when good Prof. Snow with his chinch bug cholera microbes dealt them such a blow?" "Ah, no, I ain't forgot it," the honest farmer said, "but now the bugs are comin' back, for Mister Snow is dead."

—Neodesha Sun.

Presque Isle. Hereabouts we talk of places and events "way down in Maine," forgetting that there are a good many progressive communities way up in Maine, too. Presque Isle, which has just been visited by a \$300,000 fire, is one of these towns. It is a lively, go-ahead place, dealing largely in potatoes and progress. It comes pretty close to not being in the United States as there is but one town between it and the New Brunswick boundary. That is a region of distances which the railroads are making less magnificent and Presque Isle is forty-two miles northwest of Houlton, the shire town of Aroostook, "where the potatoes come from." The "Aroostook" is a booming and blooming region. Its population—once the railroads reached the potato fields and it was no longer necessary for the Aroostookers to go into New Brunswick to go to the United States—began to boom and gained twenty per cent. between 1880 and 1900. It keeps growing, too, and bids fair so to do as long as people continue to "like potatoes." Presque Isle is likely to begin rebuilding before the ashes get cool.—Boston Transcript.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

The Oldest Veteran. The oldest veteran on the United States pension list is thought to be Micajah Wise of Beaver Brook, Sullivan county, New York state. He is 108 years old, although the pension rolls give his age as only 104. His family has absolute proof that he is four years older. He is in good health and likely to live for several years more. He was a cavalry soldier under Sheridan and was in the campaigns in the Shenandoah valley. He has just applied for an increase of pension and it was during his examination by the special examining surgeon that his real age was discovered. He does not tell how he managed it to thus exceed the limit.—Bridgeport Post.

No Curfew Wanted at Yale. We are not so sure about almost everybody being glad to see Dr. Lowell's disciplinary measures extended to the colleges and universities. We have that a great majority of the Yale boys and that students generally would be anything but glad to see a 11 p. m. retiring hour put in force. Yale has been a very smooth. Mrs. Charles Baker, lead in anything, and we hardly think that he is going to do so in the case

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