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"The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; should be the friend, not the enemy of the general public; the defender, not the invader of private life and the assailant of personal character. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience."—Henry Watterson.

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TUESDAY, MAY 23

MORALS AND THE RE-FORMER

Toronto is not the only place that is trying by restrictive measures to conserve the morals of its young people. From Ketchikan, Alaska, comes a notice to the effect that Mayor Thomas Torry of that burg, will prosecute any person under the age of sixteen found on the streets of Ketchikan after 10 o'clock at night, after Saturday, May 13th. We have a similar by-law on our own city record, though little attempt is made to enforce it. The intention is good, the main effect of the by-law if enforced would probably make for good. But at best it is a clumsy way of cultivating young morals.

Why, for instance, staying up late o' nights should be an offence one night, and a permissible thing the following night is hard to understand. All arbitrary measures are clumsy, and must fail in many individual cases, no matter how well they may work in the mass.

The trouble is that in morals more than in most other things we confuse causes and effects. There is a reason. Morals are a comparatively recent development in the race. The mass of people has not yet had time to analyse and codify moral phenomena. Conscience which is the flowering of morals, has not yet been even defined satisfactorily.

Take the question of divorce, which is now agitating the people of Great Britain and the United States, and bids fair to agitate the people of Canada before many years are past. Many persons, anxious for the moral welfare of their land are concerned about it. They think it is wrong even for newspapers to chronicle the proceedings of the court.

True there are newspapers which are to be censured for their manner of treating these cases, for the method they employ of culling the garbage from the court records, and presenting these, with highly spiced seasonings as a literary dish for their readers.

But the mere fact that a number of persons unhappily mated have been able to free themselves from an unhallowed bond is not an evidence of an immoral state of society. It is an evidence of a moral state of society. There is no worse form of immorality, than the compulsory mating of two persons who have neither love nor respect for each other. The horror of it is not less revolting because it is enforced by the pitiless compulsion of respectable social opinion,

instead of at the point of the bayonet, or at the butt of a club. The cruelty—the immorality—is greater for it is a more refined mode of torture. The doctrine of eternal punishment for one's mistakes is bad enough, but to begin it in this life—?

The changed feeling which has come over many thoughtful minds in contemplating the problem in morals which the divorce court brings, is well expressed by Philip Rappaport, the eminent counsel who is defending the men at Los Angeles from the sensational charge of dynamiting the Times building. In one of his books "Looking Forward," we think it is, he indulges in a reminiscence, somewhat as follows: "When I was a young man at the Bar, I made it a practice always, when a divorce case came to me, to do everything I could to bring about a reconciliation. Usually I was successful, for with the pleadings of friends, and the fear of publicity before them, a couple contemplating divorce, are very amenable to pleas for reconciliation. But my well-meant efforts always ended in ruin. The patched up reunion never lasted, and I soon learned that when a man and woman reach that point in their married life that they are willing to face the frown of friends and the publicity of the divorce court to get away from one another, that the kindest and most moral thing to do, is to hasten the process. Now, when I get a divorce case, I feel I am doing a good work."

In the realm of moral reform, salvation is not to be accomplished by the ostrich-like trick of hiding one's head in the sand, and concluding that because unpleasant facts are not seen, that therefore they do not exist.

In morals, as in philosophy, art, medicine, religion, education, politics, and indeed in every department of intellectual effort, there are two schools of thought—one which aims to conserve the old systems, and one which aims to re-form and create new systems. The radical method of the reformer is the more difficult policy to carry out. But it is only in a re-adjustment, a re-forming of society to avoid the evils which the old social systems produce, that the real hope for an ideal society persists.

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When a poor game is played in his ball yard Owner O'Neil of the New Britain Connecticut League Club gives the fans rain checks good for the next scheduled game

Major league managers are cutting down their squads, and the minor leagues are grabbing the youngsters as fast as they are released.

Freddie Parent, who has been released by the White Sox to Baltimore, celebrated his last appearance in the big league by getting three hits with a total of four in five times up.

New York sports have a new idol as the result of the great showing made by Jack Britton, the Chicago lightweight. He made Johnny Marto look like a novice. Britton will probably be given a chance at One-Round Hogan soon.

Three National League clubs—Boston, Brooklyn and Cincinnati—have refused to waive on Pitcher Reulbach, waivers on his services having been asked by Chicago at the time when waivers were requested on Pfeister.

Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, declared in Chicago today that he would take pleasure in "knocking the head off" Fireman Jim Flynn, Al Kaufman's conqueror, if guaranteed \$10,000, win, or lose, or draw. If the terms are accepted, Johnson says the battle must take place before June 1, as he sails for England on June 5.

One of the most remarkable years in the betting on the English Derby is in evidence in this year of grace. Shetland, the raging favorite of but a week ago, has receded, the unknown having dropped



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Wainwright

Wainwright is one of the Divisional Points on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and had its first boom last year when the steel of the main line of the Transcontinental reached there. It is grown and is still growing not only because it is a town in which the railway is directly interested, but also for the reason that, like Ellison on the Skeena, it is a point where navigation meets steel rails. There are still chances of getting in on Wainwright or on one of its additions, at a very low figure, and easy terms of payment.

MAKE APPLICATION for LOTS IN ANY OF THE ABOVE TOWNS TO EITHER

Watrous

WATROUS, which is the Terminus of the branch line of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the next place of importance to Saskatoon, in the centre of a rich prairie country and is also growing in fame as a health resort. Little Manitou Lake is at Watrous, and the healing power of this water is the wonder of modern medical science. As it is the only great medicinal mineral lake in the Dominion, the railway is bound to make it famous. There is still a chance of planting a few dollars in this townsite, and their rapid growth and crop is bound to be interesting.

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Melville

MELVILLE resembles Chicago in "sitting at the gates of trade." The junction point of railways so important as the Grand Trunk Pacific and Hudson Bay railways must, in the natural course of events, become an important city. Now is the time to buy. The prices for choice lots are extremely low and the possibilities for profit practically unlimited. The purpose of the Grand Trunk Pacific in offering these lots so low is to encourage the upbuilding of Melville, and thus create a market for its superb transportation facilities.

Rivers

RIVERS is a divisional point between Melville and Winnipeg, and it also has hopes of having branch connections, one to join the Great Northern at Brandon, and the other to Regina. The Grand Trunk Pacific purchased a large townsite here with the prophetic belief that from its geographical position as the centre of a great wheat growing district, a large city would naturally grow up at this point. And to encourage this growth the railway company is offering lots at low prices and very liberal terms of payment. Better call and see us about Rivers.

Biggar

BIGGAR is one of the divisional points on the Grand Trunk Pacific, and in the company's yards there already seven miles of trackage has been laid and is in use. The site is between Watrous and Wainwright, and the town is named after W. H. Biggar, general solicitor of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It is not only on the main line of the great transcontinental railway, but it also is the junction of the branch lines of that railway to Battleford and to Calgary and the Winnipeg-Edmonton branch of the Canadian Pacific runs through the townsite. Within the last few days we have made several remittances on account of lots purchased in Biggar.

Ellison

ELLISON needs little to be said of it to Prince Rupert people for the reason that since navigation on the Skeena opened a number of people have gone there by boat from Prince Rupert to first look into the whole situation before investing. What they say of this river port and probabilities of its becoming a great railway city is the best kind of advertising for local readers. Those who desire to invest can do so through the Land Commissioner of the Railway direct, through A. W. Bridgman, the company's agent for Ellison in Victoria, or through J. H. Kugler of this city.

Make all checks and remittances payable to G. U. Ryley, Land Commissioner of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

ELLISON -- ROGERS' ADDITION -- SEALEY

Every Railway Town is a Money Maker. Think of the unearned increment attaching to present dots on the route of the Great Transcontinental Railway that you know are bound to become, in the next few years and under ordinary rules of Commercial Development, populous, bustling cities. The railway does it. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES RAPIDLY INCREASE POPULATION. POPULATION RAPIDLY INCREASES VALUES OF REALTY. Before the railway trunk highways and navigable waterways decided the sites and were the builders of the great centres of commerce and industry. The latter is still a mighty factor, and wherever navigable waters meet the steel highway THERE IS BOUND TO BE AN IMPORTANT CITY. This established fact is what makes ELLISON AND SEALEY TOWNSITES so important from the investment standpoint. It must be remembered that Ellison is the railway townsite in British Columbia in which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company is directly interested and is a joint owner. Sealey is situated on the Skeena River and is a townsite within a townsite. On its three sides the lots of Ellison

"Ask Uncle Jerry"

are divided from those of Sealey simply by the width of the streets; its fourth side is the waterfront. Sealey has already the nucleus of a business centre. The shops and supply warehouses of the great railway contractors, Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart are situated at this point, and it is the river port of the company's steamers. A lusty payroll is a mighty factor in the building of a city. In a direct line from Sealey through the heart of Ellison, and only seven blocks from the site of the railway station and the great freight yards, is ROGERS' ADDITION TO ELLISON. Its slight and gently sloping elevation makes it ideal for the residential section of the City and Port of Ellison. Investors have, therefore, a choice. Lots in Ellison are \$250 for inside, and \$350 for corners. Sealey lots run from \$200 to \$375 according to location. Rogers' Addition lots are \$150 for inside, and \$250 for corners, with liberal terms of payment. A lot in any Grand Trunk City cannot fail to be a safe speculation or a profitable permanent investment.

For Lots in Rogers' Addition to Ellison or Lots in Sealey, address: JEREMIAH H. KUGLER, "Uncle Jerry," Prince Rupert, B.C.