

## THE GROWTH OF TOWNS IN WESTERN CANADA

A BAROMETER OF THE GROWTH OF THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

The traveler passing through a country is impressed favorably or otherwise by the appearance of the towns along the line of railways. As they appear prosperous and of healthy growth he at once assures himself that there is either a local industrial factor to cause it, or a splendidly developed agricultural area from which is drawn the resources that contribute or make for the growth that is so readily apparent. On the other hand, if evidence of impoverished streets, badly appearing residences and business places and lethargic citizens, there is an absence of local industry and surrounding agricultural prosperity. There is no line of railway, whether main or branch, throughout western Canada, that through the towns or cities that are built along the ribs of steel do not convey the most favorable impression. The cause is not always apparent, but the facts are there and easily seen. In most cases the growth and the stability of these towns are caused by the excellent agricultural districts that are tributary; in some cases, manufacturing enterprises have sprung up, caused by the agricultural demands and needs. The Winnipeg Free Press and the Edmonton Bulletin have recently sent corps of correspondents through the provinces to secure data concerning the growth of the two or three hundred towns that have come into existence during the past two or three years. The particulars make interesting reading, and as one reads of the station house, the blacksmith shop, the boarding house and the store of April, being dwarfed in August by a hundred or more dwellings, by large hotels, by splendid stores, and a half dozen implement warehouses, not forgetting the two or three churches and the excellent public school buildings, it causes one to stop and think if they ever heard of such marvelous changes. Certainly not often. These are facts, though, as related of western Canada. Then, too, there are now cities—yes, cities of from ten to fifteen thousand people—where five or six years ago there was but the bare prairie and the lone section post. The changes in the Canadian West during the past eight or ten years have been marvelous, and it is no idle tale to say that the development in number and growth of the cities, towns and villages there in the past decade has eclipsed anything in the history of the building of a new country. Agriculture has been the basis, and it is agriculture of the kind that is lasting. The ease with which an excellent productive farm, capable of yielding a splendid living and large profit to the operator, is such that it has encouraged thousands to follow that pursuit, and also other thousands on the limited and expensive farms throughout the Central Western States as well as some of the Coast States, to enlarge their field of enterprise. The climate is excellent, and just the climate that is desirable for the healthy growth of man and the products of the field. All varieties of the smaller and better paying grains are raised, and generally with every assurance of good fields. With government supervision of railway rates, splendid markets are certain, and the highest prices realized. The Dominion Government, that has been carrying on a propaganda of securing settlers for the vacant lands, issues literature descriptive of those available in the provinces, and on request of your nearest Canadian government agent, copies will be forwarded free.

### A Son's Compliment.

His incessant work, his avoidance of all rest and recreation and his rigorous self-denial made Joseph Pulitzer, in his days in harness, the despair of his family.

In this connection a pretty story is told about the famous journalist's son Ralph. Mr. Pulitzer had refused to take a holiday, and Mrs. Pulitzer exclaimed:

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## TALES OF GOTHAM AND OTHER CITIES

### Sad-Faced Swindler Haunts Funerals



NEW YORK.—A well dressed young man with downcast eyes has recently been visiting homes on the East Side that have been visited by death, exchanging sympathy for a square meal. In most cases he left the houses richer not alone by food but by substantial gifts of money and clothing. His last experience, though, sent him away somewhat less sympathetic than when he approached the mourners.

It is customary in Jewish homes for the husband or wife and the children of a dead person to observe a period of seven days' mourning, in which they sit constantly together in one room. In these seven days, called the "Shiva," the mourners' grief is unrestrained save for such comfort as they can draw from their religion.

In the midst of this period of mourning there recently appeared at one house a rather good looking young man with infinite pity in his sad brown eyes. Like all other comers at such a time, he was ushered directly into the room of mourning.

where the widow and orphans sat. "I am so sorry, dear madam," he said, with a slight German accent, to the widow. "I read about your dear husband's death in the newspapers. It may seem strange to you that I have come here, for you probably do not know me, but I feel almost as if I have a personal interest in your dear husband's death. As a matter of fact, I bear his very name. He was my namesake."

In the course of the next half hour he managed, in answering the kind questions that were put to him, to disclose the fact that he had only recently come from Germany, bringing his wife and several children with him, and that both he and they were at present badly stranded and without more than a few cents for the next meal.

Just then a woman among the assembled friends who had been trying to place him looked up with a glance of sudden recognition.

"You ate your fill at my house when we were sitting 'Shiva' for my poor husband!" cried the woman. "And you knew how to be his namesake and swindle us out of a memorial gift at that time, didn't you? And now you come to be somebody else's namesake, with your wife and seven children, and to try to dupe them, too!"

But he had gone.

### Stray Letters Puzzle "Nixie" Clerk



CHICAGO.—Working away like the proverbial trooper, the "nixie" clerk was discovered behind a battle of pigeon holes, in the Chicago postoffice. He was plying his trade of finding the destination of misdirected letters and of letters whose addressees other clerks had been unable to decipher. He was too busy to talk.

"The 'nixie' clerks run a haven for wayward epistles," explained a self-appointed guide. "When a misguided letter is discovered it is sent to 'nixie,' where the clerks give it the proper treatment and send it on its way."

That more information regarding the "nixie" department might be gained, C. A. Mallory, assistant superintendent of the city delivery, was sought his office.

"The 'nixie' clerks," explained Mr. Mallory, "form an important part of Uncle Sam's postal service. They work out puzzle after puzzle in hieroglyphics and erroneous addressing and through their efforts much mail

matter that otherwise would be lost lands where it should.

"For explanation we will say that a railway postal clerk find a letter addressed to John Smith, Chestnut street, Illinois. That letter, incompletely addressed, is thrown into the 'nixie' pile in the postal mail car and finds its way to the 'nixie' department. In this case, say, in Chicago. The 'nixie' clerk consults a tabulation, which lists the various Chestnut streets in Illinois and tells in what towns they will be found. He then consults the directory of each of those towns—a supply of directories is kept on hand—until he finds a John Smith living in Chestnut street. Then the letter is readdressed and sent. Should this chance to be the wrong John Smith and the letter is returned a similar process is followed. Before every method is exhausted you may feel reasonably sure that the right person has received the letter.

"Yes, sir," laughed Mr. Mallory, "the fellow who called the 'nixie' department a haven for wayward epistles struck it about right.

"Approximately how many 'nixies' do you receive in Chicago a day?" Mr. Mallory was asked.

"Oh, from 300 to 400, I should say," was the reply.

### Gigantic Smuggling Scheme Exposed



LOS ANGELES, CAL.—A plot to defeat the immigration laws of the United States more far-reaching than any similar scheme ever before unfolded in the southwest has just been brought to light by the federal authorities. Innocent and guileless as the Chinese appear in contrast with white persons when brought in contact with them, the government agents give credit to this race for having organized the most gigantic coolie-smuggling system ever known to exist. The federal officers for the southern district of California are confident that they are in possession of the entire plan by which the hordes of Orientals have been poured into the United States by the way of the Mexican border.

The conspiracy against the immigration regulations is understood to reach from Texas and California through

Mexico, across the Pacific and into the heart of China, and to involve Chinese of high caste and immense wealth.

At the head of the band of smugglers are Chinese of high caste who reside in Hong Kong. They are said to be enjoying royal revenues from the traffic and the pleasant feature of their occupation is that they are immune from arrest. Others members of the gang rely on protection from American laws on the soil of Mexico.

The coolies are procured from the interior of China. They are gathered easily there and shipped across the Pacific to Mazatlan, Mexico, where they are unloaded. They are marched through Mexico to Mexicali, just across the border from Calexico. Here Nug Fun and Wong Chin Dock have pretended to carry on a store, but it has really been a resort for contraband Chinese, the point at which they were sneaked into the United States.

Fun was taken in custody several months ago while in company with several coolies. Dock did not take heed from the fate of his partner and he was recently taken in custody in Imperial valley.

### Judge Decrees That Wives Must Obey



KANSAS CITY, Mo.—In granting a decree of divorce to Samuel C. McGee, a policeman, against Mrs. Louisa McGee, Judge T. A. Frank Jones, in the Circuit Court, arraigned wives who have shown themselves to usurp the authority of their husbands. He dwelt upon the relationship that should exist between husband and wife, and traced this relationship from the day of the cave man through the ancient common law of the Anglo-Saxons. He declared that the law of today has made little change in the fundamentals of this relationship as it was in the times of Holy Writ, when the command, "Wives, obey your husbands," was made. The husband alleged general indignities,

which the wife denied. The judge said:

"A man is the master of his own household. The law vests certain authority in him. When a woman marries she voluntarily gives up many of the rights she had as a single woman, and she must submit to her husband's authority. She agrees to submit to his dictation and she must submit to it so long as it is not arbitrary and tyrannical.

"Whenever a wife works for money, she is bound to give part of it to help support the family. So long as she does not work for money, she has a right to demand that her husband support her properly. But when she does work outside her own household for gain, she forfeits that right and must, in the discretion of her husband, help pay the way of the family.

"It makes no difference if her husband stays at home, does the cooking and the housework and she makes the living. Under the law, the husband is still the master of that household and she must submit to his authority."

### TAKE A LESSON FROM VENUS

Moral That Writer Has Drawn Is Not Without Some Points of Worthiness.

Miss Venus is a lovely girl; not one time has she muttered, against her pale, illumined life not one word has she uttered. Just think, she's been without her arms for many dusty ages, and yet she never drops the brine or rants in hopeless rages. She has to stand a bunch of guff from Art bugs down to draymen, and yet she never once comes back and grills the heathen layman. When some low, brow of brutal men starts merrily to panning and says her face is worse than wood and that her hair needs canning or that he has a waitress friend who jerks a coffee jigger could give her many, many leagues and beat her out on finger, she never even looks at him, that rank untutored sinner, but holds her tongue and pades, tal; O, Venus is a winner. She's on the job both day and night, she hears man knock or flatter and women not of classic mold get madder than a hatter. She suffers long and quietly with calm and placid manner, in cold no mits to reach a quilt, in heat, no hands fan her. She is a lesson in herself—a fruit for daily picking. Just spare the world your trouble tales and scratch the useless kicking.—G. S., in Chicago Tribune.

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#### Needed Assistance.

A poor old cast-down hobo started to knock the paint off of a back door the other morning, and when he tearfully told the lady who appeared that he had a sick wife at home and a dozen hungry kids, she gave him a couple of home-made biscuits. Daintily the hobo handled them, and once more he glanced up wistfully.

"What's the matter," aren't you satisfied with the biscuits?"

"Yes, dear lady," replied the tramp, "but I thought perhaps you would be so kind as to loan me a nut-cracker for a few minutes."

#### A Prime Cause of Ill Health.

A famous physician on being asked recently what is the chief cause of ill health, replied: "Thinking and talking about it all the time. This senseless introspection in which so many of the rising generation of the nervous folk indulge is certainly wearing them out. When they are not worrying as to whether they sleep too much or too little, they are fretting over the amount of food they take or the quantity of exercise necessary for health. In short they never give themselves a moment's peace."

#### Remarkable Dental Feat.

An unusual case is reported from Parkes, N. S. W., where a young woman some time ago had 17 teeth extracted which were causing her trouble. Before the gums had sufficiently healed to permit of artificial teeth being fitted, new teeth began to make their appearance, and every one of the 17 has now been replaced in this manner.

#### There's the Rub.

"Well," said the optimistic boarder, "there's one thing about our boarding house; you can eat as much as you like there."

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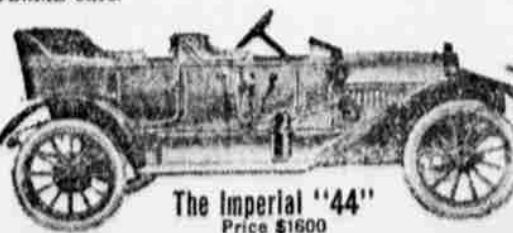
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