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Letters to the Editor

AN IMPORTANT CRITICISM OF THE BYLAWS.

Editor Daily News:

Dear Sir—The importance of the question of the rate-payers will be asked to pass upon next Friday leads me to call attention to some very incorrect statements that have been made by the Empire in dealing with the matter. The statement made "that if the bylaws are defeated the people will be taxed the \$121,000, which will nearly double the ordinary rate," implies a belief that power is in the hands of the Council to levy a tax of more than \$242,000 in this year.

The Empire well knows that they cannot collect this amount. Using their full powers they cannot get more than \$160,000 from all kinds of property except G. T. P. for ordinary expenditure. They will stay within the fifteen mill limit except for hospital and schools and they cannot use moneys collected for the latter purposes for any other. The bylaw authorizing the borrowing of \$35,000 for the city hall when reduced to a simple statement of the facts shows that we are asked to use the credit of the city to obtain the \$20,000 spent or to be spent on the city hall in the present year and which we must obtain by borrowing in this way or by the levying of rates this year.

This in itself would have been a proper matter for the consideration of the ratepayers of any city, but we find included in the amount we are asked to borrow a sum of \$15,000 which this council has no use for as far as the city hall is concerned. This money was provided for by last year's council, the money collected and paid out and the only use this council can make of the money if you vote it to them is to use it as a larger fund in their hands to spend as they will; or else the money obtained on the city's credit in this way may be used to lessen the rates for the year 1912. This kind of business may be cute, but it is hardly wise.

The using of this flimsy pretext to break into the city's credit in order to be able to lower the rates for ordinary expenditures for the present year perhaps one and one-half mills will not add to our credit with the world. Any city that I know of even in hard times will try and finance its ordinary expenses within the current year, and if this city in these times of rapidly advancing values and general prosperity resorts to such methods it will appear that we have not the confidence in our values that we would wish to inspire in others, and that our only care is to make the most of today with no care for tomorrow. The cultivation of this idea of handling our affairs along the lines of evading in every manner possible the putting of our own money into the work of developing our city may result in the world's using our own measure of our values and refusing to put its money either into the work of individual development or into our city securities.

There is no cause for alarm that we may ever be unable to find use for all the credit the city may possess. We have a very pressing need for water and sewers. The present council find that they are unable to finance all they would like to undertake along those lines. We will need every dollar we can borrow in the next few years even if we pay this year for our city hall and our light and telephone extensions. The present council can manage very well with the resources they have in their hands. A little pressing need for care and economy is often useful to the individual and may not hurt a city council.

The knowledge in the world that we are ready to put some of our own money into the development of the city will help our credit and that will be a very useful asset in good shape in the near future. Last, but not least, it may be well to discourage without further delay any disposition on the part of city councils to throw to the winds the cherished safeguard of the people which the law provides and teach them that it will be well for them in the future to stay within their legal powers and refer such matters to the people before they are undertaken. Yours, etc.

RATEPAYER.

TO SAVE OUR WOOD WEALTH

Forestry Convention at Victoria Will Open in September—Matter Regarding Pacific Coast Timber to Be Dealt With.

Ottawa, June 13.—On the invitation of the government of British Columbia, the next convention of the Canadian Forestry Association will be held in Victoria, B. C., September 4th to 6th. While matters relating to Pacific coast timber will be particularly dealt with, subjects relating to Canadian forests in general will be discussed by leading authorities. The president of the association, Mr. John Hendry, of Vancouver, in conjunction with the Provincial authorities, is arranging the details.

The Royal Hotel Cafe will be open until 11 p. m. after this date instead of 12 midnight, as heretofore.

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DESCEND INTO CRATER

Scientists Lowered Into Crater of Kilauea

New York, June 11.—Prof. Shephard and Day, two geological experts whom the Carnegie foundation sent to the Hawaii a few months ago, completed an unusual and somewhat hazardous experiment at the volcano of Kilauea last Tuesday, according to advices just received here. The two scientists were lowered by ropes into the crater of Kilauea which is the largest active volcano in the world, and for several hours remained suspended over the bed of boiling lava, making a study of the gases discharged and gathering specimens of molten stone for analysis.

It is the first time in history that scientists have gone into the "lake of fire," as the pit is called, although a party climbed to the top of the outer pit in 1909. Mount Kilauea is 6000 ft. above the sea, and the oval crater is nine miles in circumference. The last time it was dangerously active was in August, 1910. The experiments are expected to result in important findings in support of certain theories of volcanic activity.

**FREED FROM MURDER CHARGE
MRS. J. QUINN FAINTS AWAY**

JURY FINDS WOMAN NOT GUILTY OF DEATH OF THREE HUSBANDS WHOSE BODIES WERE ALL FOUND UNDER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES—RETURNS TO HER DYING DAUGHTER.



MRS. JOHN H. QUINN

Chicago, June 11—As soon as she recovered from a fainting spell which overcame her when the verdict of not guilty was read, Mrs. Jane Taylor Quinn, acquitted of the murder of her husband, John Quinn, this evening personally thanked each of the jurors who had given her life and liberty.

"I want to thank you as much on behalf of my daughter, who is dying, as on my own behalf," she said several times, and tears poured down her cheeks. "Your judgment has enabled me to go and see her and it will help her to die happily."

The daughter, Mrs. Catherine Huber, who is dying in Omaha, was not mentioned while the woman was facing the charge of murder. At times during the trial, when Mrs. Quinn bent her head and sobbed, persons in the courtroom thought it was because the state was piling up

irrefutable circumstantial evidence that would mean her death or imprisonment for life.

"The verdict proved that Mr. Quinn was killed as I said—by a robber who had entered the house and shot him," said she. "I would never have been charged with the crime had it not been



WARREN THORPE



JOHN H. QUINN

that I was once before unjustly suspected. The first charge grew out of the enmity of the relatives of Warren Thorpe. He committed suicide, as was proved at the trial. The second indictment was against me only because of this former unjust suspicion."

Her first husband, John Macdonald, died in London, Ontario, in 1901, under mysterious circumstances; her second spouse, Warren Thorpe, was found dead in bed on the morning of June 13, 1903, a bullet wound indicating murder. At that time Mrs. Quinn was charged with the murder, but was acquitted.

John Quinn, the third husband was shot to death as he lay in bed on the night of November 4, 1911. There were powder burns on his night shirt. The revolver from which the shot was fired was found later in the Quinn bathroom, wrapped in a towel which was identified as one which Mrs. Quinn had been seen to carry into that room.

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