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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—(BROWNING.)

London, Friday, July 1.

The season for balloon accidents has once more arrived. It is safe to advise that a man cannot keep his feet too near the ground.

The small boy and the firearm should be kept apart these holiday times. He might at any moment be moved to imitate whether or not it were loaded. The sequel no one need be told.

AN EX-CONSERVATIVE candidate died, and the Toronto Empire felt so moved over the fact that it could not do justice to the man in plain English. The editor seized his Latin dictionary, and threw a sentence in that obsolete language at the head of its long-suffering readers.

MRS. STANLEY is a poor political manager. While she was picking a constituency for her husband she should have chosen a rural retreat in Ireland, with a safe majority of a thousand or two. The close English constituency is no place for a man with imperious airs and a short temper.

EVERY now and again the cry has been raised that the negro population in the United States were increasing so fast that they would soon swamp the whites. The census bulletin just issued will put an end to talk of that sort. From 1880 to 1890 the whole population of the country increased 29.22 per cent. and the colored population only 13.11 per cent.

THE INNOCENT CAN COURT INVESTIGATION.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to an insinuation by Sir John Thompson, that he had aided in the pilfering of Quebec treasury, uttered a noteworthy challenge on the floor of the House of Commons the other evening. "Let the charges be brought forward," said the Liberal leader, "and I will be the first to move for a committee of investigation." That is a challenge which should at once be accepted, or it must put to shame the men who make insinuations against the honorable gentleman and his followers. It is a courageous appeal to his traducers to be men enough to formulate their accusations, and give him a chance to meet them.

How unlike Caron!
How unlike Haggart!
How unlike Langevin!
How unlike the apologists and beneficiaries of the London election steal.

Did these men adopt Mr. Laurier's view of a public man's duty?
On the contrary, though the gravest of charges have been formulated against two Ministers of the Crown and a third is implicated, though a judge has been formally charged with conduct that should unguish and disgrace him, the persons accused have taken no steps to meet their accusers. They have cheerfully consented to the expedient of Sir John Thompson, who merely calls upon his Parliamentary majority to vote refusal of all investigation, and trusts to an easy public conscience to palliate wrongdoing, however flagrant, provided a party advantage is obtained.

NOTIFY THE POLICE.

Many Londoners are now preparing to take holidays for a greater or lesser period. In every part of the city residences will be locked up while the occupants are absent. The householders stand in his own light if he does not notify the chief of police, so that he may instruct his force to keep an eye on the vacant premises while their tenants are gone. In Toronto, the police keep a list of all such places, and extend to them all the protection that is in their power. The system works admirably and may well be generally adopted in this city.

ANOTHER TUPPER JUMP.

Tupper is a queer fish. When the general election campaign of 1891 was on, he rushed up and down the Province at the expense of the taxpayers, the bitterest partisan of them all, fighting the battles of the combines; he pool-pooled the McKinley Bill, and tried to make the Canadian people believe that the tariff war between Canada and the States was a blessing in disguise. Now he has been pleading with the Chambers of Commerce Congress to aid him in getting Britain to re-establish a policy of "protection" that shall permit of no competition with the Canadian red parlor, and in order to secure the delegates he tells them that the United States is an octopus that is swallowing up the trade of America and the West Indies!

A NOTABLE APPOINTMENT.

The United States Secretary of State is the right-hand man of the President. He is the next in importance to the Chief Magistrate, and, as in the case of Blaine, has a power to influence legislative enactments far from limited in extent. By the resignation of Mr. Blaine the office became vacant, and the President has just made his selection. His choice is Hon. John W. Foster, of Indiana, a lawyer and newspaper editor of repute. He was admitted to the bar, and in connection with his practice of law engaged in newspaper work, being connected with the Evansville Tribune. He served in the war of the rebellion, reaching the actual rank of a colonel and afterwards commanding a brigade, and after its close took a prominent part in the politics of the State. In 1872 he served as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and in the next year he was appointed by President Grant Minister to Mexico. He served successively as Minister to Russia and to Spain. While Mr. Cleveland was in the Presidential office he complimented Mr. Foster by sending him as a special envoy to Spain to negotiate a commercial treaty in which he was successful, but the treaty failed of ratification by the Senate. When the McKinley Bill made it incumbent upon the department to consummate the reciprocal trade arrangements provided for by section 3 of that act, Mr. Foster was placed in charge of the negotiations. His selection was indicated by the facility and success with which these arrangements were perfected. Recently he had charge of the Bering Sea negotiations and was agent of the United States to prepare the case for presentation to the arbitrators. Since his retirement from regular diplomatic service of the Government Mr. Foster has acted as counsel for the Chinese, Spanish and Mexican legations in Washington and his acceptance of the office, it is understood, involved a considerable personal financial sacrifice. Mr. Foster, who is 56 years of age, is, like President Harrison, an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

CIVILIZATION AND SUICIDE.

Some rather startling facts have recently been given on this subject by William Matthews, L.L.D. The mania for self-destruction has increased enormously during the last quarter of a century. Nine years ago it was estimated that Europeans were killing themselves at an annual average rate of one in 5,000, and that consequently about 60,000 persons or more than were killed, wounded and missing in the bloodiest battle of modern times, were destroying themselves every year. This estimate does not include the hundreds of attempts at suicide which are thwarted, and the large number committed yearly, which, from motives of family pride, are not made public. That it is not the prerogative of the age of reason and reflection statistics mournfully prove. More than 2,000 boys and girls are its victims in Europe every year, and the number is steadily increasing. Some of the acutest writers on suicide maintain that "temporary insanity" is in all cases the cause of the fearful act. In a moment of absolute despair reason may be overpowered and dethroned, just as it may be in a time of extreme rage, fear or shame; but the majority of self-killers are perfectly well aware of the nature of the deed they are doing, and do it with the purpose of escaping unendurable misery—some intolerable grief or disgrace. In some parts of the country alcoholism is the prevailing cause of suicide. Many suicides attributed to insanity in a large proportion of cases are due to alcohol, or to the weakening of the will, and the reaction of despondency caused by alcoholism. Poverty is a fruitful cause of voluntary death. The most prolific year of suicides in the United States was 1858, the year after that of the great financial panic, when the proportion was 1 to every 7,682 of the population, and 1 to every 185 deaths. Acute and incurable disease, family troubles, repentance, shame, and the stings of conscience are each answerable for a great number of suicides. Among the physically strong and well-to-do weariness of life is a frequent cause of self-murder. The wealth and luxury which are so keenly coveted by those who do not share them only make the sense of profound lassitude more intolerable, when they no longer please, only augment the desire to escape from life, with as little pain as may be, into an existence with new sensations, or if it might be into annihilation.

It is a curious fact that there is an inverse proportion between mountains and the frequency of voluntary deaths, and that throughout Europe the tendency to this crime increases in the regions of the great rivers, and diminishes in marshy countries. The number of suicides goes on regularly increasing from January to June, and then steadily diminishes from June to December. There are more suicides in the first ten than in the last twenty days of the month, on account of the reaction from the dissipation that follows pay day. The German race has the greatest propensity to self-destruction, and the Slav has the least. Self-killing is emphatically the crime of intellectual peoples. The thousand artificial cares and anxieties of civilized life, the weak-mindedness which springs from forced hot-house education, began too early and goaded on too fast, and the premature responsibility of untrained minds in the toils of life—these are the most fruitful causes of the dangerously increasing tendency to suicide.

TWO METHODS.

In New Jersey, they have put twenty men in the penitentiary who attempted to stuff ballot boxes.
In Canada, the Governments of the day shields a judge who stuffed a voters' list, in opposition to the decree of six of his superiors, and gave a seat to the minority candidate. The New Jersey method seems to be by far the preferable.

WAGES AND HIGH TAXATION.

It turns out that despite all the talk about the "great progress" that has been made in Canadian manufacturing industries in the last ten years, the average wage of Canadian artisans is but \$5.23 per week. How men can pay house rent, water rates, heavy duties on clothing and various articles of food and household necessities, and rear a family on that money, is a problem that would be hard to solve.

A PERNICIOUS DOCTRINE.

The Hamilton Spectator persists in expressing the belief that the men who is brought to Canada to take a fat office, from which Canadians are excluded, and clear out of the country as soon as the pay stops, is as good a Canadian as the immigrant who brings his all to the Dominion and casts his lot with it. Again we affirm that the teaching of such doctrines as these is not calculated to promote national patriotic sentiment in Canada.

OPINION: "ALL SORTS."

MORE "REBEL YELLS" WANTED.
[Windsor Record.]

The London Advertiser, in advocating that every office in Canada, for which Canadian money is spent, should be open to Canadians, will have the true support of every true Canadian. In this connection the ADVERTISER mentions that there are Canadian officers capable of filling the office of commander of the militia force. The London Free Press calls this a "rebel yell." If that is a rebel yell, we want more rebel yells in this country and the cultivation of a genuine Canadian spirit.

ADVOCATE THAT WHICH IS RIGHT.

[New York Sun.]

Lady Somerset, Lady Carlisle and the Duchess of Bedford are to be the editors of the new London paper, the White Ribbon, for which the necessary capital has been subscribed. The paper is to advocate the adoption of measures for the moral improvement of society, and we trust it will advocate the right kind of measures. We are in favor of such measures. It is to strive for the advancement of temperance. We are in favor of temperance, and urge our people to practice it. It is to stand up for the rights of women. We are in favor of these rights. It is to strive for the advancement of the working people. We are in favor of this, also; strongly in favor of it. We trust that Lady Somerset and her aristocratic co-laborers will take the right ground in regard to all these interesting questions. We trust that they will advocate only those measures which are sound and meritorious and practicable and desirable. If they take the right course there will be promise and potency in their labors. If their course be the right one, we shall favor it. They must be on their guard, however, and steer clear of all humbug and keep out of the swash. There is a great deal of talent among the aristocratic ladies of England. They exercise a powerful influence over the English people. That influence, we regret to say, has not always been beneficial. It never can be fully beneficial until they resign their aristocratic claims and take their proper place in the ranks of the democracy.

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