

The Press.

BUT WE'VE GOT THEM ON NICKEL.

More than a fourth of the gold and more than a third of the silver produced throughout the world in the year 1891 was mined in the United States.—*Exchange*.

AT WHAT RATE?

In reply to the numerous arguments against disturbing vested interests in the process of legislative reform, Herbert Spencer asks at what rate per annum does injustice become justice.—*Globe*.

THINKS IT A PITY.

News that Major Samuel Hughes, M. P., is a missionary to the New Brunswick Orangemen makes the gentle reader regret that the New Brunswick Orangemen are not cannibals who eat missionaries.—*Telegram*.

HIS OPINION ABOUT SUNDAY RECREATION.

Mr. Gladstone, in reply to a communication regarding the National Sunday question and the giving of popular concerts on the Sabbath day, says, very graciously, that "while he has never entered into any scheme of the kind, he has no severe censure for those who do."—*Empire*.

THE HOLY SEE AND CREMATION.

The Holy See has recently given an important decision with regard to the funerals of cremated persons. The Church is opposed to cremation. By a decree of the Sacred Congregation, dated 19th March, 1886, she condemns that barbaric mode of disposing of the dead. The question arose whether a priest could perform the services of the Church over a body about to be cremated. Not if the deceased desired cremation; but he might act in the case when the cremation is not at the desire of, or request of the deceased. But the clergy must abstain from attending the funeral at the crematorium. (*Ecclesie ritus adhiberi posse, tum domi, tum in ecclesia, non autem usque ad cremationis locum*).—*True Witness*.

AN ACTIVE TRAITOR.

If there is a man living entitled to rebuke Mr. Gladstone for his Irish policy that man is certainly not Professor Goldwin Smith, because he has been guilty of the very offence he charges upon the Liberal statesman that of seeking to dismember the British Empire. It is a most impudent thing that Professor Smith should continue writing letters to English journals heaping reproaches upon English leaders while he himself is the most active traitor we have in this part of the British Empire, and spends time and money in promoting the disintegration of the British dominions.—*Empire*.

ACCOUNTANTS, ATTENTION!

When an error has arisen from any transposition of figures the difference between such transposed numbers is universally a multiple of 9. For an instance, suppose an error occurs in bringing out a trial balance or cash settlement or that the sum "short" can be divided by nine without a remainder. If it has occurred in this way there is a strong probability that the mistake has been made by transposing figures; at any rate, if such mistake takes place by reason of transposition, the sum in question will always divide by nine without a remainder. To illustrate this, if 97 has been put down as 79, the error will be 18, or twice 9 exactly, if 322 be set down as 223, the error will be 99, or 11 times 9. Thus oddity goes on indefinitely between any set of transposed figures. *Philadelphia Press*.

HAS A BAD TONGUE.

It is in this wise that the *Daily Independent*, a representative Irish newspaper advocating the policy of the Parnellite Home Rulers, refers to *Freeman's Journal*, the organ of the McCarthyites. We have received several communications expressive of the indignation excited by the ribald and grossly insulting paragraphs appearing in the *Fallen Journal* of yesterday spewing a traitor's venom on the grave of Mr. Parnell. They are written in the blackguard slang of the *Insuppressible*, which Mr. Wm. O'Brien himself had to suppress, and are in all likelihood from the pen of the dirty and despicable sneak who disgraces the profession to which he meanly hangs on by the unspeakable filthiness of his language about a woman, not to mention the curriish malignity of his yelps around the heels of the great Irishman before whom he had so often grovelled and crawled. He is well known, and has often narrowly escaped a hotter hiding than that horse-whipped hero, Mr. Timothy Healy, got. We would say to our correspondents that the fellow is beneath notice—he is too contemptible. He is a wretched oaf, with two left legs and a bad smell. *Daily Independent*.

ANNEX SOME PRAIRIE LAND.

Dedication day was, according to Chicago's expectation, only a formal little gathering of visitors compared to the crush expected at and

after the real opening of the World's Fair. Nevertheless, according to the Chicago papers of Friday, scores of persons were crushed into insensibility during the civic parade of the previous day. If the Windy City cannot afford standing room to the small crowd, where is the big crowd to look for sleeping accommodation?—*Empire*.

A GREAT RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL.

There has not been a greater religious festival in Toronto for some time than that which occurred on Saturday afternoon. Fifteen Toronto Protestants wiped the earth with a like number of Ottawa Catholics, but on the other hand, young High Churchmen from Trinity school lambasted the Ridley College evangelists.—*Telegram*.

HOW WILL HE SQUARE HIMSELF WITH HIS REVEREND CONFERRERS?

Rev. J. G. Borth, pastor of the German Lutheran church in this city, whose outspoken utterances against secret societies several weeks ago created wide-spread comment, is out with a vigorous reply to his critics. He refers to the fact that a few months ago a large convention of English-speaking ministers of the Gospel was held at Pittsburg, Penn., for the express purpose of passing resolutions and taking action against what he calls the evils of secret societyism, and quotes Mr. Moody, the well-known evangelist, as an authority against such organizations.—*Empire*.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

PRESSURE OF BUSINESS PREVENTS HIS SPEAKING IN MONTREAL OR AT HARVARD.

Owing to the lateness of the proposal and the pressure of his engagements Hon. Edward Blake has been compelled to decline the invitation to address a meeting at Montreal on Home Rule before returning to take his seat in the Imperial Parliament. The letter in which the request was made was presented to Mr. Blake by Hon. Frank Smith and other Toronto gentlemen in sympathy with the cause with which Mr. Blake has identified himself. The requisition and signatures were as follows:—

The undersigned, believing that Home Rule will be of incalculable advantage to Ireland, Great Britain and the empire, and being thoroughly appreciative of the course of the Hon. Edward Blake in lending his assistance, and his knowledge of the working of the Federal system, to the effort to accomplish this much-to-be-desired object, hereby invite Mr. Blake to accept a reception from the citizens of Montreal sympathetic with the Home Rule movement, preceding his return to his duties as a member of the British House of Commons.

J. McShane, Mayor; Jas. J. G'Serin, M.P., Frank Langan, A. W. Morris, M. L.A., M. S. Lonergan, Hon. P. Laflamme, J. M. Guerin, Simon Lesay, J. P. B. Casgrain, J. O. Joseph, Q.C., Edmund Guerin, Andrew Bell, John Dudgeon, F. B. McNamee, F. Vanasse, John M. McIntyre, M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., D. Tansoy (alderman), O. M. Airgo, M.L.A., Hon. Edward Murphy, Hon. J. K. Ward, Hon. P. Mitchell, S. H. Ewing, M. Guerin, O. J. Devlin, Hon. Archibald Desjardins, J. J. Curran, M.P., L. C. Pelletier, M.P., William Farrell (alderman), William Clendinning (alderman) A. P. McIntyre, R. J. Coughlin, J. P. Clarke, R. McShane, H. Jeannotte, M.P.
Montreal, Oct. 12, 1892.

Mr. Blake's reply, addressed to Hon. Frank Smith, and dated Oct. 22, was as follows:

MY DEAR SIR, In reference to our interview of this morning, in which you were kind enough to hand me the request of the Mayor and numerous other distinguished citizens of Montreal that I should accept a reception prior to my return to England, together with the letter of Mr. M. J. Feron, the secretary of the committee, requesting you to communicate my reply as early as possible, I beg to say that I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by an invitation so representative and influential as that under acknowledgment.

It would have given me the very greatest pleasure, had it been possible, to accept the invitation and to discuss the question of Home Rule; but I regret to say that as I sail from New York on the 2nd of November, and every day in the interval is already taken up by public engagements and by preparations for departure, it is absolutely out of my power now to arrange for a meeting at Montreal.

May I beg you to convey the expression of my deep regret to your correspondent, and through him to the requisitionists who have done me so much honor.

There's never a rose in all the world
But makes some green spray sweeter;
There's never a wind in all the sky
But makes some bird wing fleetier;
There's never a star but brings to heaven
Some silver radiance tender,
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor;
No robin but may thrill some heart,
His dawnlight gladness voicing.
God gives us all some small, sweet way,
To set the world rejoicing.

Indispensable.—One spoonful of *Persian Lotion* used with the water when washing every morning is indispensable if you wish to retain your color fresh and rosy. The sun and wind crack the skin and render it more difficult to return to its natural gloss if you neglect this precaution.