

The Planet

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LEXUS BROUGHT TO BOOK.

Dr. Leyds was horsewhipped by an Englishman about a fortnight ago, says an English contemporary. The visitor obtained access to Dr. Leyds' private room by representing himself as an emissary of a pro-Boer newspaper in England. Left alone with Dr. Leyds he produced a bundle of obscene parodies of Queen Victoria, published by "Leyds in French newspaper," saying, "You scamp! I am going to thrash you for this." He then displayed a whip, and promptly laid it across Leyds' shoulders. Leyds endeavored to summon assistance, but was unsuccessful. As his English adversary continued to rain blows upon him, he finally crawled under a table and in a piteous voice shrieked for help. The Englishman finally said, "I have given you what my country will give your racially employed at Pretoria," and then left in a leisurely manner. Leyds at first informed the police, but afterwards learned that no notice might be taken of the outrage, as it "would make him the laughing-stock of Europe." He had plasters on his back when he left Berlin to dine with Prince Hohenzollern.

ABOLISH THE COUNTY COURTS.

The campaign the Globe is making in favor of a simplification of the procedure and a lessening of the cost in inferior court cases should receive the support of every newspaper in the province.

"We can see no reason for the continuation of two separate and distinct inferior court systems for the trial of civil cases. One such system answers the people of England, where the county courts cover substantially the ground covered by both the county and division courts here. The English county courts, like our own division courts, are local courts, that is to say, each county judge makes a periodical circuit of his county, holding court in the various localities. The procedure in the English court in minor cases is exceedingly simple and effective, but in the more important cases that court has the vice of our own county courts, it follows the expensive and tedious procedure of the high court.

On the other hand, our division court procedure, though susceptible of improvement in some of its features, is on the whole very satisfactory. Not only are the sittings local, so that the parties are not put to the expense of taking their witnesses a long way from home to the county town, but the practice is simple, speedy, cheap and effective.

The Globe gives this illustration of how our beautiful dual system in this province works:

The absurdity of maintaining two courts is only emphasized by the fact that the same judges dispense justice in both courts. If Smith, living, say, at Sutton, which is in this county, files a claim against Jones, also living at Sutton, for, say, \$90 for a horse, they may have the matter tried before Judge Morgan at Sutton, with or without a jury, at a cost probably of \$5 or \$10. But if Smith values his horse at \$110 he must, if he desires to recover that amount, bring his action in the county court, and then he and Jones will have both to come to Toronto, and bring their witnesses with them, and after they have waited their turn their dispute will be heard before some judge, and if, when they have succeeded in getting the judgment of the court, the costs of the action are only the average cost of cases heard in the county courts of the province, the parties will have paid more than twice the value of the horse to discover which of them was right. We venture to say that it would puzzle anyone who will trouble to think about it to give a reason why Judge Morgan could not try any cases within his jurisdiction as well at Sutton, sitting in the division court, as at Toronto, sitting in the county court, or why a difference of a dollar or two in the amount of a claim should make it necessary to apply an altogether different system of legal procedure. Put a more serious aspect of the case is that under the county court practice the parties who appeal to the courts of justice are punished for their temerity, as though they had been guilty of some offence against the law.

What is evidently needed is not that the old systems should be patched up, but that both should be abolished and that the new County Court should cover the whole ground, with added jurisdiction, and be given a procedure adapted to the requirements of the times. In nine cases out of ten the parties might safely go to trial, as they now do, in the Division Court, without pleadings or any other expensive preliminaries, but jurisdiction might be given to the Judges to order pleadings and discovery is appropriate cases, and solicitors' costs ought to be allowed against unsuccessful parties, but under a strict limit, and not under a system like that at present in vogue in the County Courts,

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which puts a premium upon circumlocution.

The proposed reform would not necessarily involve any great change in the duties of court officials. For the present, at all events, it would perhaps be thought wise to retain the services of the County Court clerks as chief clerks of the new County Courts in some such capacity as that suggested by our correspondent, and the present Division Court clerks and bailiffs would naturally fulfil the like duties as at present in connection with the new courts.

A GOOD THING FOR THE BOYS.

The bill for the taking of the prohibition plebiscite is down; the total amount is \$197,932.

A great fraud was the plebiscite, seeing that it was devised not honestly, but merely as a party expedient.

But it did a financial service to a mass of the faithful.

According to the accounts rendered to the government and paid the following gentlemen:

211 returning officers.

7,951 deputies.

7,951 clerks.

4,659 constables.

Altogether 20,172 good solid new Liberals had a little pull at the treasury through the plebiscite.

It was a good thing for the boys.—Toronto Mail.

Dawson City is being deserted wholesale for Nome, 2,000 miles down the Yukon. Little will be left of the Klondike metropolis, it is prophesied, after May and June.

Nine Michigan sugar beet factories

turned out 30,106,113 pounds of sugar this season. There is an industry worth having. Yet Canada has not made a step towards establishing the first sugar beet factory.

Mr. Bergeron says the ministers on the stump speeded half their time explaining to the electors that they did not make any promises and the other half assuring them that they have fulfilled all the promises they did make. What fun it will be when the time comes round to try Archie Campbell assuring the farmers, first, that he never promised them cheap coal oil, binder twine and farm implements, and, second, that he has fulfilled the said promises and given them cheap coal twine and all the rest of the things. Still you can bank on Archie. If he cannot free himself from the government's pledges with all the alluring tints of performance, nobody else can.

WOMAN'S PLUCK WINS.

A Lady Who Cured Her Husband of the Liquor Habit Writes a Pathetic Letter.

She writes: "I had for a long time been thinking of trying the Samaritan Prescription for my husband's drinking habits, but I was afraid he would discover that I was giving him medicine, and the thought of my husband's being cured by my hand would have been a terrible blow to me. I hesitated for nearly a week, but one day when he came home he was so much intoxicated and his week's salary nearly all spent, I threw off all fear and determined to make an effort to save our home from the ruin I saw coming at all hazards. I sent for your Samaritan Prescription and put it in his coffee as directed next morning, and watched and prayed for the result. At noon I gave him more, and at 4 o'clock he was sober, and all at once I then boldly kept right on giving it regularly, as I had discovered that set every nerve in my body tingling with hope and happiness, and I could see a bright future spread out before me. I drew out before him a share in the good things of life, an attentive, loving husband, comfort, and everything else dear to a woman's heart, for my husband had told me that whiskey was vile stuff, and he was taking a dislike to it. It was only too true, for before I had given him the full course he had stopped drinking altogether, but I kept giving the medicine till it was gone, and then sent for another lot to have on hand if he should relapse. He never has, and I am writing you this letter to tell you how thankful I am. I honestly believe it will cure the worst cases."

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We suggest the appointment of a Guardian of Infants' Estates in each county, not subject in any way to the control of the Guardian in Toronto, but subject to the inspection of the Inspector of Legal Offices.—London Advertiser.

There is too much patronage now centred in the Government. What we want is fewer, not more, Government officials.

Every fresh rainstorm reminds us of the execrable engineering which has placed most of the city's walks and crossings at or below the mud and slush levels. Engineer Shackleton is not responsible for the poor work of his predecessors, and it is to be hoped when he gives the levels he will err, if he errs at all, in favor of high mud mark walks.

Lord Roberts proposes to loosen the press censorship so that the nation may know what is going on in the theatre of war. That is ample proof that Lord Roberts has confidence in himself and fears neither the Boers nor the British, the rifleman nor the critics. When we find an officer more exorcized over what appears in the newspapers than what the enemy is doing you can put him down as too small intellectually for his job.

A HAY-DEN OF A TIME.

Cleveland Plaindealer.

A recent letter from Pretoria makes the statement that President Kruger is getting deaf. This may prove a little embarrassing when Consul Adelsberg Hay calls on him. We may imagine the ensuing man, vo! is it?

Kruger—Vell, yo! do not say it!

Hay—My name is Hay, sir. Adelsberg Hay.

Kruger—Hay! Hay!

Hay—Yes, sir.

Kruger—(still louder)—Hay!

Hay—(raising his voice)—That's what I said.

Kruger—Vell, yo! didet you said?

Hay—I said my name was Hay.

Kruger—Hay! Hay!

Hay—(loudly)—Yes, sir.

Kruger—Yes, yes, yo!

Hay—(very loudly)—Hay!

Kruger—Yo! do you holler like dot for? Was you got deafness? Here for? Was you got deafness? You mean be pringing me deaf mens ven I was got so much peesness? Dake him af to der earstop.

Hay—(vociferously)—I am—not deaf. I am Consul Hay, from the United States. Hay, son of John Hay, "Little Breeches," don't you know, Secretary of State Hay, Hay!

Kruger—Vell, yo! don't you say so? How you say, and how is pe, and Mieder Maginly? Take a sit.

HE DREW THE LINE.

Could Not Accept One Article of Wearing Apparel.

"Madam," I began apologetically, glancing down at the conglomerate and picturesque collection of rags in which he was arrayed, "I am aware of the fact that appearances are against me, but I am in reality a gentleman."

"A gentleman, as I may say, in disguise. It is not of my own free will, I assure you, that I wear the raiment with which I am at present clothed, but I am a wanderer on the face of the earth."

"Poder mah! It is really too bad!" she exclaimed sympathetically. "Can I do anything for you?"

"Yes, madam, you can," was the prompt reply. "I do not require food."

"I can get plenty of that at every house I visit. But if you can relieve me of the humiliation of appearing in public in my present state of raggedness by presenting me with a second-hand suit of your husband's wearing apparel I shall have occasion to ever remember you with sincere and heartfelt gratitude."

"Why," said she musingly, "I have no husband. I've been a widow for going on ten years, and poor John's clothes have all been given away long ago."

"Poor fellow! I think I have something that will perhaps do you just as well."

And with a smile that fairly beamed with benevolence she stepped into the adjoining room and presently reappeared holding out at arm's length a pink shirt waist and a pair of faded bicycle bloomers.

"There, my good man," she went on, cheerfully, "that's the best I can do for you, but if they are of any use to you you're entirely welcome to them. I'm sure I've sold my wheel, so I shall need 'em any more."

"Madam," he said humbly as he waved her offering aside and backed down the steps, "I need clothing; I need it badly. For the past six months I have accepted such cast-off raiment as the public has offered me and worn it meekly and uncomplainingly. But there is a point at which I draw the line, and I draw it at bicycle bloomers. Madam, I have the honor to wish you good-day."

And with a farewell wave of the hand he strode away, leaving the second-hand bicycle suit and a sadly disappointed woman behind him.—Will S. Gildie.

Every one acting a responsible part in the world, be it great or small, and be it acted with or without consciousness of its character, is continually working for others as well as for himself.

This is perhaps a not unimportant counsel to give to writers, write nothing that does not give you great pleasure; emotion passes easily from writer to reader.

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NOTICE is hereby given in pursuance of the R. V. and Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Catherine O'Keefe, who died on or about the 28th day of November, A. D. 1899, are required on or before the 20th day of February, A. D. 1900, to send by post prepaid or delivered to Messrs. Scane, Houston, Stone and Scane, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, solicitors for Albert S. Jahnke, the administrator of the estate of the deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, statement of their accounts and nature of the security if any held by them.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that after the said mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only for the claims of which he shall then have notice and that the said administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not have notice at the time of said distribution.

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Dated at Chatham, this 22nd day of January, 1900.
(Signed) R. O'HARA,
Local Master at Chatham.
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Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated. Those, therefore, that dare lose a day are dangerous prodigals; those that dare mispend it, desperates.