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God's in His heaven, All's right with the world.

-Browning.

London, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1897 Greater New York Makes Its

Bed. Apart from the contest in Greater New York, the elections in the United States yesterday were without much interest to outsiders. But the campaign for supremacy in the second city of the world was of such a character as to concentrate on it the attention of the people everywhere. The result is as foreshadowed in these columns. The Tammany Democracy has triumphed, Mr. Van Wyck, its candidate for the mayoralty, and its ticket generally, has been indorsed, and the vote for the nominee of the Republicans falls below that given to Seth Low, the candidate of the Citizens' Union, or non-partisan candidate. This must be a humiliation to Senator Platt and the McKinley managers in the State who forced a Republican candidate into the contest, though well knowing that the only hope ain, they have to keep money permaof beating the Tammany Democrats nently in England, and they considerky in concentrating the opposition vote | ered the new 21/2 per cents of Canada on a man like Mr. Low, who could find many backers in the ranks of the De- tained, seeing the bonds will always mocracy, and whose record as mayor of be readily convertible into cash. It is Brooklyn proved that he was a man also understood that other Canadian who could be trusted.

lities it involves, and the power placed in the hands of the chief magistrate. The mayor has been elected for four years. He has a salary of \$15,000 a year, or over double the Minister. He is not eligible for a second term immediately following the first. His powers and responsibility are large. He appoints-and may remove during the first six months of his term -all heads of departments except those which the charter declares elective, such as the controller. As Greater New York will begin with a total of 33,000 employes, the power of the mayor is thus shown to be enormous. He has a force under his control greater than that of the standing army of the American Republic. Of these, 7,000 will be policemen, and 4,000 will work in the department of streets-armies which in the nature of things, notwithstanding all safeguards thrown about them in the new charter, are peculiarly amenable to the influences of the man who is practically dictator during his term of office. It is estimated that the annual salaries of these employes will average \$1,000 each, giving a grand total of \$33,000,000 a year paid out in salaries to public officials in the city. The whole expenditure of the Greater New York will amount to about \$70,000,000. The mayor of Greater New York will have almost supreme power over the executive departments of the metropolis. He is not only a member of the two great executive boards-the board of public improvements and the board of estimate and apportionment, which may be called the practical and the financial departments of the government-but he himself appoints a majority of the other members. Of the fifteen members of the board of public improvements he is one, and he appoints eight more. Of the five of the board of estimate and apportionment he is one and appoints two more. He thus controls nine-fifteenths of the one and three-fifths of the other. He appoints these members on his own authority, without need of confirmation by any other body, and he has the absolute power of removing any of them, with or without stated cause, at any time during the first six months of his term. Nor is that all. He is to appoint in the same way a great number of other officers, executive and juficial, all constituting such a roll of patronage as is scarcely to be found elsewhere. To these officers, appointed by the mayor, is given the power of appointing their assistants, subject to their passing certain examinations. Thus the personal composition of the entire city government will depend upon the mayor.

When the Republican majority in the New York Legislature passed the charter of Greater New York, its party was in power, not only in the State, but in the city, and it was hopeful that under the favorable conditions existing, and the discrediting of the Tammany Democracy through the exposure of Croker and others, the extended municipality would declare for Republican control. It has not done so. Senator Platt's intervention with a candidate of Ms own after so many Republicans had declared for Low, and against the fer to pay a higher price for Ontario in the style of "The Innocents Abroad" Boss in municipal management, no apples than for apples from Missouri and illustrated by A. B. Frost and doubt aided to this result. It matters and Kansas. The preference proves Peter Newell, is a promise that maglittle now how it was brought about.

Mr. Van Wyck is on top. Tammany keeping qualities of our northern fruit, some or after the come or after the preference proves the preference proves again again readers do not have held out to them every day. It is in the November number of McClure's Magazine that

Democrate will dominate the affairs of the great city. If they govern wisely and honestly, they will not only benefit Greater New York, but faisify the prophecies of their opponents, founded in gain reputation outside the city, thereby aiding the next Democratic national ticket to attain victory. Van Wyck has a great opportunity. Will he rise to it?

The Ontario Opposition leader has 700 hands were effected. been professing that he knows just what the people of this Province require. This has been his attitude for a long time back. But now, within a not in it. few months of the general election, up bob leading Conservative journals with demands for a convention of the party that it may be ascertained where they are at. Poor Mr. Whitney! In the multitude of his counselors he does not find wisdom at the eleventh hour.

Canadian Banks and Surplus

Cash. The Winnipeg Free Press joins with those who adversely criticise Canadian banks for taking up a part of the late Dominion loan, and plainly tells the capitalists that while this disposal of surplus cash will not be disastrous, it was a mistake nevertheless. If the money were to be withdrawn from cirany length of time, the course followed by the bankers would no doubt be objectionable. With so many undeveloped resources. Canada needs all the capital, at low interest, that she can obtain, and it would not be advisable to permanently tie up any portion of her working capital. But it may be fair in the meantime to accept the explanation of the bankers as reasonable. The directors of the leading bank which took up the new bonds, at 21/2 per cent, explain that they did so as an ordinary investment. For the purposes of their business in Great Britas safe an investment as could be obmonied institutions were purchasers of Now that the Tammany Democrats | these bonds as an ordinary speculation. have elected the mayor of Greater They reason that Canada's standing as New York, it is interesting to note the a nation will from now out constantly importance of their triumph, the re- better-that her credit, because of her constantly developing great natural resources, must improve, and that 21/2 per cent bonds bought now, on undoubtedly most advantageous terms for the Dominion, at less than 92, will Income paid to a Dominion Cabinet soon be worth more than par. The temporary purchase of our bonds by

> You cannot run a man on the reputation of his father. Henry George, jun., discovered that at the close of the Greater New York contest yesterday

> Canadian bankers is thus a tribute to

the high financial standing of the

country and an exhibition of faith in

its future. If the Dominion continues

to progress at the rate which now ap-

pears more than probable, it will not

be long before every cent of Canadian

money invested in 21/2 per cent

bonds is diverted into investments in

Canada of a more permanent charac-

Corn in Evidence. The Hamilton Spectator professes to commisserate with the farmers of "Essex, Kent and other corn growing counties," because, as it asserts, corn is selling in them for 20 cents a bushel Middlesex is a corn growing county, and London is the commercial center of the corn growing counties. But corn is selling here for from 311/2c to 34c per bushel, according to quality. Our contemporary should be sure of its facts before it builds up its grumbles against existing conditions, which, for farmers as well as for every other class of citizens, have steadily improved during the last year.

East Grey Conservatives have nominated Mr. J. B. Lucas, barrister, Markdale, as their candidate for the Legislature. Mr. John Boland, the popular Artemesia farmer, is the Liberal nomi-

A Big Oil Deal.

The Standard Oil Company continues to gobble up independent producers in the Pennsylvania oil field. Three influential organizations-the Devonian, Watson, and Emery Oil Companiesowning 20,000 acres of partly developed territory in the Bradford, McKean county, field, have sold out to the South Penn Oil Company, a producing branch of the Standard Company, On the property are located between 400 and 450 producing wells, having a total output of more than 5,000 barrels a day. There are also 20 drilling wells, some nearing completion. The three companies have sold all their properties for a cash consideration of \$1,400,000. This deal ends one of the most persistent efforts by independent persons to compete against the Standard-notably that of Mr. Emery. His says, "the maritime importance to this warfare against the ruling corporation on behalf of the independents, their fields and the pipe lines, is still fresh in public memory. But no ordinary oil organization, around which the Standard is able to cast its octopus claws, can long withstand it.

A Winnipeg dispatch says that winter apples from Eastern Canada are preferred by Manitobans. Dealers prereigns. For four years to come, or af- or are more delicious in taste, even this rare feast of humor is to be ter the next Presidential election, the lafter storage of months.

Good News for Workers. Because of the improved outlook in trade, Senator Sanford, of Hamilton. has advanced the wages of his handslarge measure on past experience, and 1,000 in number-10 per cent, bringing the remuneration up to what it was

when a reduction took place in 1896. In Quebec, a number of shoe factories, which were shut down or running short time for a considerable period, are now working the full day. Over

Now Mr. Potato Pingree is out of the swim in Detroit, the Republicans are

Give Them Life Sentences. Chancellor Boyd takes the ground that the best way to dispose of habitual criminals would be to confine them for life in jail. Such a course would be better for them and for the community upon which they prey. The Chancellor does not say what should be done to the thief and burglar caught in his unlawful pursuit with murder-when his liberty is in danger, surely he too should be given a life sentence. There would be much temptation for burglars to resort to firearms, slung-shots, or bowie knives, if it were known in advance that a life sentence awaits the culation for the benefit of Canada for thief found with them in his posses-

In reading the reports of the World's W. C. T. U. Convention, recently held at Toronto, I was impressed by some remarks made by Father Ryan, of Toronto, on the plan of pledging boys to abstain till 21 years of age. I wrote Father Ryan, asking him to give me any additional particulars as to the success and the underlying principle of the plan adopted. In courteous compliance with my request, Father Ryan sends me the following interesting letter:

"In reply to your note, asking for a further explanation of Archbishop Walsh's plan of pledging young people to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, I would say in brief: The Catholic Church is quite in sympathy with every wellmeant and wisely-directed effort to promote the cause of temperance. As to particular methods, and sometimes, perhaps, as to principles, we may differ from our separated brethren, but in the main we are united with all who honestly and zealously work for the cause of Christian sobriety. In my address at the W. C. T. U meeting. I illustrated our church's views and methods in this matter by the action of Archbishop Walsh.

"He makes it a rule when admin-

istering the Sacrament of Confirmation, to pledge the children he confirms to abstain from intoxicating drink till they are 21 years of age. During his episcopal ministry in London and Toronto he has confirmed over 60,000 children. The average age for confirmation is about 12 years, so that during this most important, difficult and dangerous period of their lives, these children are total abstainers. His Grace has made it his business to ascertain at recurring episcopal visits to the various parishes how the total abstinence pledge has been kept, and he has found that the vast majority of boys and girls are most faithful to their promise, and a very large number continue this virtuous habit of total abstinence during their lives. This is a splendid instance of the beneficial action of our church in the temperance cause, and it is not only the work of our bishop. Other bishops. I believe, adhere to the same rule when administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is worth noting that we hold that confirmation is a sacrament which makes us strong and perfect Christians, and we believe, as a matter of fact, that our children keep their total abstinence pledge because of the supernatural strength that they receive in confirmation, and the continual supernatural aid supplied by two other sacraments-Penance and the Holy Eucharist-as well as the help obtained by daily prayer.

"We hear a good deal nowadays about scientific temperance. We Catholics believe in scientific temperance, but Archbishop Walsh believes more in supernatural temperance-supernatural in motives and means-which he knows is the only kind of temperance that can be rightly called Christian. Respectfully yours, F. RYAN. "St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto,

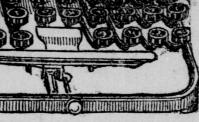
In the November North American Review Dr. Prince A. Morrow writes on "Leprosy and Hawailan Annexation." Dr. Morrow very pertinently country and the advantages which follow Hawaiian annexation from a commercial standpoint have been fully set forth, but the santiary aspects of the scheme have received no attention. When it is considered that more than 10 per cent of the Ha

waiian race are afflicted with leprosy

it becomes a serious question as to what will be the effect of the absorp-

"Monday, Nov. 1, 1897."

tion of this tainted population upor the health interests of this land."



HENRY GEORGE'S METHODS.

[Montreal Herald.] When Henry George was last in Canada he told an admirer with whom he was talking, that his first book, "Progress and Poverty," was read over page by page to his wife, who was innocent of any knowledge of economics or politics. Where his wife could not understand what he wrote, he rewrote and rewrote it until every sentence was plain to her. In this way he sought to make his message clear to the unlearned. Thus at the outset of his career was shown the unusual character of the man.

ALASKA DOGS WEAR SHOES. [Spokane Spokesman-Review.] In Alaska even the dogs are required to wear shoes-at least, part of the time. It is not on account of the cold, for the shaggy Eskimo dog will live and be frisky where a man would the work of dragging and carrying in the world which in this country falls to the horse, and in trotting over the rough ce of the mountain passes his feet soon become bruised and sore. Then his driver makes him soft little moceasins out of buckskin or reindeer skin and ties them on with stout thongs of leather.

SHIFTED INTEREST. The football season comes again, So, rouse ye braves with flaunting

hair. While echoing over hill and plain Applause proclaims your merits rare

Who heeds the diplomatic row Conducted in soft civil tones? That's far too mild to suit us now. It blacks no eyes and breaks no

These Bering disputants must learn That o'er their words we can't en-

The sealskin gives us small concern. The pigskin's what the world pur-

-Washington Star. EASY WAY OUT. [Chicago Record.] "I woke up last night and heard a

burglar in my room." "What did you do?" "Went to sleep again in a hurry."

ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE. During the last twelve months the etiring lord mayor of London, George raudel-Philips, has raised \$3,-00,000 in charitable funds. When Lord Wolseley starts upon a campaign his luggage is always of the increase in weight. ightest, and consists of little more han a clean shirt and a toothbrush. Benjamin Bissell, of Ballston Spa, itself will cost about \$120,000. For N. Y., is entitled to the unique distinction of having voted for eighteen presidential candidates, not one of country is roughly \$1,000 per ton of gun.

large landowners in Australia. One of as the weapon, while the cost for founthem has 620,000 acres, another 1,200,- dation will, it is estimated, round out 00. a third 3,600,000, while the Union a grand total of at least \$300,000. The

Bank owns no fewer than 7,800,000 o much interest in his wardrobe as he did some years ago. He is still one of the best-dressed men in the world, and his influence on men's fashion is as great as ever it was; but those who have charge of his wardrobe complain that he has lost his old enthusiasm on the subject of dress. A cross of Scotch granite, twelve feet high, has been erected over the grave of Mrs. Beecher Stowe. It is copied from one which Mrs. Stowe greatly admired when visiting the Duke of Argyll. The pedestal inscription runs: "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

DROWNED IN A CISTERN. Georgetown Junction, Nov. 3 .- On Monday evening Tommy, the 3-year-old son of Thomas Fisher, was drowned in an old cistern on Main street, near the Presbyterian Church, the top of which had been removed by some person for the purpose of getting soft water.

THE WAIFS OF TORONTO. Toronto, Nov. 3 .- Dr. Sheard, city health officer, on Tuesday morning presented a report to the poard of health, showing that no less than 500 illegitimate children are born in Toronto. A very considerable numper of these children are disposed of within 24 hours after birth, and before they have been seen by the mother. They are sent to public institutions in Montreal and Ottawa, which are said to be constantly on the lookout for children which cannot be identified afterwards by parents.

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Full Speed. [Philadelphia Times.] The largest gun ever built in the world is now being constructed at the Bethlehem iron works. This enormous

piece of ordnance will weight, when completed, 126 tons. It will exceed by six tons weight the monster gun which Krupp, of Germany, exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, and in length it will be nearly five feet longer than the German gun. This monster weapon is being fabricated under the orders of the war department. It is the biggest freeze to death. The dog does all of order ever given to any establishment The intention of the war department,

it is announced, is to mount the great piece on a specially-built foundation on Romer Shoals. The protection for this gun will be a turret, which will wholly inclose the crew and the greater part of the gun. From its position on Romer Shoals the great piece of ordnance will have a full sweep of the channels leading into New York harbor. There is not, it is declared, a vessel afloat today with armor of sufficient strength to resist its shot. John F. Meigs estimates that a blow from the new gun would have a striking energy running at full speed. The shot from the gun, he adds, would smash, crack and batter down any armor which is would be possible for a ship to carry.

The caliber will be 16 inches. The length, from breech to muzzle, will be 49 feet 2 inches. Through the breech in a vertical line the gun will have a measurement of exactly 5 feet. Mr. Meigs computes the weight of a shot for the new gun at a little over 2,300 pounds. That means more than a ton of metal. The heaviest shots fired in

The powder charge for the American gun will weigh nearly 1,000 pounds. Provided extreme elevation for range could be obtained, a shot from the New York harbor should be able to travel more than sixteen miles. The greatest known range ever attained was from the famous "jubilee shot" in England. The distance measured about twelve statute miles.

England have not weighed over 2,000

The United States has never before attempted any heavier piece of ord-nance than a 12-inch gun. The weight of a piece of the latter caliber is approximately 50 tons. In the 16-inch gun there is observed a jump of 76 tons

The building of the new 16-inch gun is an expensive undertaking. The gun single guns the average cost to the government for all fabrication work in this The cost of the gun carriage and turret The London Echo gives a list of will bring the cost up to as much again foundation for the 16-inch gun will require a depth, it is said. The Prince of Wales does not take earth be the basis. This foundation must be constructed of concrete.

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