



*The gravest beast is the Ass; The gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster; The gravest man is the Fool.*

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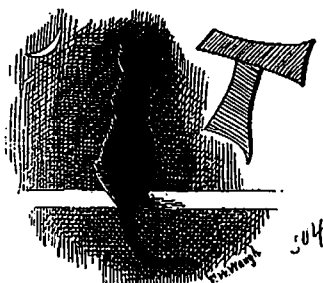
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THE Provincial Legislature will be prorogued this week after a singularly barren and unprofitable session, the only noteworthy piece of Legislation accomplished being the Act embodying the Government's forestry reserve scheme. The following passage from the writings of Artemus Ward, addressed to a similar body of self-seekers and incapables, may form a fitting valedictory:—

Gentlemen of the Senit and of the House, you've sat there and draw'd your pay and made summer-complaint speeches long enuff. The country at large, incloodin the undersined, is disgusted with you. Why don't you show us a statesman—somebody who can make a speech that will hit the poplar hart right under the Great Public weskit? Why don't you show us a statesman who can rise up to the Emergency and cave in the Emergency's head? Congress you won't do. Go home, you miserable devils—go home!

A MINISTER has to go very far these days in the direction of unorthodox opinions before he can attract a sufficient amount of attention to ensure a prosecution for heresy. Last week Rev. W. A. Hunter gave an address before the Ministerial Association of this city, in which he stated his belief in the doctrine of evolution. It did not call forth any vigorous denunciation, and the Rev. gentleman, at the close of the meeting, expressed himself surprised at the little opposition his views had met with. He was probably, also, not a little disappointed.

THE virtuous zeal displayed by some of our city contemporaries in denunciation of newspaper fakes is only rivalled by the eagerness displayed not so long since by these same journals in obtaining and giving wide circulation to the mendacious advertisements of the fakirs.



One surprise will be occasioned by the extensive bank failures reported from Australia, Chicago and elsewhere, to anyone who reflects upon how slight and unstable a foundation the monetary system of the world rests. The only cause for astonishment is that such calamities do not occur with far greater frequency, as they will before very long. Civilization cannot go on extending the volume of its commerce and production year by year with a stationary or a diminishing gold basis for its currency without inviting a catastrophe.

THE Chinese question is again coming to the front in the United States. The Geary Act having been declared constitutional, every Chinaman in the country who has not registered in compliance with its provisions is liable to be summarily shipped back to China. As hardly any have registered it would require an enormous amount of money to carry out the law, which is not forth