

The Planet

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McKINLEY'S ADMINISTRATION IN THE TOILS OF THE TRUSTS.

The finish of the grand old Republican party in the States is in sight. It appears to have fallen bodily under the control of the trusts. John D. Rockefeller seems to have more power in its councils than President McKinley. He has only to pull the string and the administration at Washington jumps. It is alleged that Secretary Gage, of the Treasury department, was simply used as a tool by the money trust to raid the New York market the other day. As a consequence the trust wrecked a Boston bank, ruined a number of people, forced the owners of a lot of independent copper mines to sell out to the copper trust, of which Rockefeller is also the head, and incidentally made 100 per cent. per day during the squeeze on the millions they used to play the game. When an administration cannot rise above being parties to raids of this kind, beside which highway robbery is eminently respectable, its finish cannot be far off.

The Chatham Planet gives a list of inducements that that village offers to manufacturers seeking locations, and among other things states that it is the head of navigation on the Thames. They forgot to mention, however, that no vessel drawing over nine feet of water, can come up the river to Chatham, and they never even mentioned the depth of mud on the streets. Now, no manufacturer in search of a location could be so blind to his own interests as to locate where navigation is so difficult, when within a few miles they can secure better inducements in every way, with the great advantage of a water way up which the largest vessels on the lakes, loaded to their fullest capacity, can come with ease. When it comes to offering locations for factories Chatham is not in it with Wallaceburg, and the people of that place are well aware of the fact.—Wallaceburg Herald.

Some of the above statements about Chatham are, of course, absurd. But we must say that Wallaceburg really is a lively, progressive place. In time when Chatham expands, we have no doubt it will make one of the Maple City's finest suburbs, and we will be proud to annex it.

If the second Canadian Contingent is to be of any service in South Africa, the Minister of Militia will have to put more life in the preparations. The delay in recruiting the force has been unaccountable.

The horrors of the South African war should be a lesson to partizan voters to put principle before party. The electors of Great Britain, who blindly indorse the whim of an old man to make a dishonorable peace with the Boers two decades ago, are individually responsible for all the young lives that are now being blotted out in South Africa.

Not some wicked Tory journal but the respectable Liberal Kingston Whig, remarks: "It is not everything to say, as Mr. Tarte has done, that the Liberals have only added \$6,585,000 to the public debt while the Conservatives added \$16,808,000. These latter have been years of plenty, and if the public debt cannot be pulled down a bit when is the operation to take place?" Joseph's policy was good enough for Egypt; but the Whig is just a little too credulous in expecting its adoption by its friends in power.

The death of Dwight L. Moody removes a notable figure from the list of modern evangelists. His name, with that of his former colleague, Mr. Sankey, will long be memorable in the whole Protestant church as the leaders in the movement by which it was decided not to "let the devil have all the good music"—as the Salvationists have since said. The beautiful Moody and Sankey hymns have formed the model on which other hymnals have been arranged, but we can hardly re-

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alize that hymn tunes as they are now known, were not used in many denominational churches twenty-five years ago.

A story comes from Bowmanville which doesn't show that place in a very favorable light. John Healey, a union glassblower from Findlay, Ohio, was found beside the railway with his ankle mangled and his feet and hands frozen. He was taken to the Bowmanville station and, it is alleged, left lying on a bench there all day, the mayor refusing to send him to the Toronto General Hospital for fear the town would be charged with his maintenance. Finally Hon. John Dryden came along, interfered, and induced his worship to take the awful risk. If this story is true Bowmanville easily takes the palm as the meanest place on earth. Even St. Thomas wouldn't be so inhuman.

"WOE UNTO YOU, LAWYERS."

Kingston Whig.
Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a recent address said: "I don't pretend to be honest. Few men are, and a lawyer cannot be." What has the profession to say to that? Is it a libel or a give away?

POSSIBILITIES.

Toronto Telegram.
Things will look brighter when "Bohs" proceeds to string out his title to Lord Roberts of Kandahar and Pretoria.

Maybe the Conners contract will kill Buffalo, and it is the hope of Canadians that incidentally it will kill Inspector DeBarry of that place. Numerous Grits will be shocked to learn that only \$150 a head is being paid for horses in war time. Many of them have known turkeys to run quite as high in the season of bye-elections.

JOKES IN SEASON.

Selected.
The ground hog—sausage.
It's easier to win a girl's hand than to foot the bills afterward.

The candidate who boasts that his friends are a unit would be considerably surprised to get but one vote.

When a husband and wife are continually patching up their difficulties their affectionate assume the kaleidoscopic aspect of a matrimonial crazy quilt.

"Nay I do not touch me!" cried the rich wife. The impecunious husband groined in an agony of spirit. "Not even for ten!" he asked. "Remember, Christmas is only eight days distant."

CHARGE OF THE CHRISTMAS BRIGADE.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Half a foot, half a foot,
Half a foot onward!
Down on the Christmas toys
Swooped the six hundred.
Grabbing for drum and horn—
Many a skirt was torn,
Many a toe was crushed
By the six hundred!
Clerks to the right of them,
Clerks to the left of them,
Clerks massed in front of them
Fumbled and blundered!
Things ripped to pieces there,
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LOSSES IN BATTLE.

Lord Methuen may talk about the bloodiness of his South African battles, but he can never paint a picture vivid enough to efface from Detective James McGregor's mind the gory slopes of Waterloo, as he viewed them after the famous day when the Duke of Wellington and himself broke the power of Napoleon forever. All day long the French Chasseurs had charged and hacked at the British squares. Finally, when night and the Prussians were both in sight, with odds in favor of the former, Napoleon ordered up the Imperial Guard. But it was no use. As the eagles of France were rolled back again General Lord Arthur Wellesley—he was not a duke then—turned to Detective McGregor and asked:

"Jim, what had we better do now?"

"Charge, my charge."

That stirred Wellesley up. Turning to the war correspondents he remarked, "Gentlemen, you may mention at this point that just here General Wellesley shouted, 'Up, boys, and at 'em.'"

That ended Waterloo. Wellesley was made a duke and Detective McGregor came to Chatham. They have not met since, but if Lord Methuen wants any pointers on losses in battle Mr. McGregor can furnish them on a magnitude that would make his hair stand.

FOR ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I again solicit your vote and influence for alderman. Circumstances prevent a personal canvass, which I trust will not influence your support.

D. G. FLEMING.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if you will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTTE.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,

W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain,

Yours truly,

GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900. As I will be out of the city during the coming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE STEPHENS.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am,

Yours respectfully,

W. S. MARSHALL.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for public school trustee.

WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain,

ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,

ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

ANDREW J. PIKE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for School Trustee for No. 5 Ward.

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