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SIMPLY OUTRAGEOUS.

The summoning of a number of respectable and inoffensive citizens to testify in police court against a palmist is a proceed ing that no language is strong enough to condemn. All the necessary evidence was available without any such course having to be followed. The business of this palmist was being publicly conducted. She had a sign out announcing it and by advertisement invited the public to call. There was no secrecy in the case The police could gone have there or any one else they wished to send and found out all there was to find out.

Instead of that, what has been the course pursued? The names of private residents who visited the palmist have been obtained. If two or three ladies for pure amusement have chosen to gratify a natural curiosity they now find themselves dragged into court and given most unenviable no-

Nothing can justify such a course. If evidence of this kind were necessary to bring to justice some daring criminal there would be an excuse for it, but where all the facts in the case were readily available it looks to us most unwarranted and uncalled for.

TARTE'S DISLOYAL UTTERANCES.

The Liberal press has been trying to excuse Israel Tarte's treasonable speeches in France by saying that the reports of them were garbled. "However, we now have the official report of his utterances at Rouen and they may make what they like out of it; Comment is altogether unnecessary. In the course of his address, according to the official report, Mr. Tarte said:-

"We have come here to see the country of our ancestors, because we have kept the old traditions which our fathers and mothers brought with them. And let me say here, and let me repeat it, we have remained French; we become more and more French; we are more French to-day than we were 20 years ago, aye, we are more French than we were one year ago. We have found means to live in peace with the English, who surround us. We have been able to become their equals, for we have always believed that French genius could successfully compete with the genius of their race. We represent in America the France of Europe, and I believe that I am not mistaken when I say that in 25 years we will be in the majority. Out of a population of about six millions in Canada we are two million French against, three million English, 500,000 Irish, and 500,000 of other aces. We are, therefore, a respe able minority, and we know how to secure respect, because we declare openly that we are French, and intend to remain such.

"Our eyes are constantly turned to wards you. Your reverses cause us the greatest pain, and your success gives us greatest joy. We are, of course, loyal British subjects, but we are French before everything else. If you visit Canada one day, you will see; on sailing up the River St. Lawrence, the tricolor flag floating over our villages, as it is still the national flag of the

French Canadiansi" Mr. Tarte's remarks were naturally received with the greatest enthusiasm by his French auditors. How long will Sir Wilfrid Laurier allow Mr. Tarte to misrepresent Canada in this way?

TAKE THE WITNESS.

We take the following details of the turning down of Mr. Birmingham from the Toronto World:

"The resolution passed at the executive of the Conservative union of Ontario was to the effect that the resignation, from July 1 next, of Mr. Birmingham, as secretary of the union, was to hand; that the union considered that Sir Charles Tupper had dismissed Mr. Birmingham on May 22, and that the union endorse the action of Sir Charles. This was carried unanimously. Nor was any claim of Mr. Birmingham for unpaid services considered; it was, however, plainly intimated that ho claim would be considered until an opportunity was given him of going before the royal commission and telling what he knows of the wrong-doings of the Conservative party."

The Liberals can take the witness as our legal friends say in court. The Tory party has done everything in its power to make Mr. Birmingham a first-class witness for them for the purpose of exposing the corruption in the Tory party. He has no excuse for keeping his tale to himself. Everything he has demanded has been refus ed, and he is entirely at liberty to carry out his threat to "peach."

Things are coming to such a pas in this town that if a man predicts the weather 24 hours ahead he is in danger of prosecution for fortune-telling.

Here is the succinct way the independent Ottawa Journal, sums sums up its opinion of Mr. Tarte's recent oratory in France: "Consider as a matter of taste, it is bad; considered as a matter of politics, it is blank

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es who work this kind of thing and go to the States to avoid giving evidence in Canada should be required to remain there by a penalty that would forever keep them off British soil.

Why will the police keep secret the name of the individual or individuals who are at the bottom of this palmist's prosecution? If any man is so morally high-toned that, a palmist's proceedings appear sufficiently iniquitous in his eyes to require suppression by the police he ought to also be man enough to bear the responsibility of his own act. Report saddles this prosecution on several persons who are probably innocent of any complicity in the matter. Yet the real instigator shirks behind cover of the police, and instead of coming out in a manly, straightforward manner, and with the courage of his convictions laying the information himself, he lets the police do it and stands by while this or that one is blamed for the affair. What depths humanity can fall to in the name of morality. Faugh!

> A PERTINENT QUERY. Hamilton Herald.

If Dr. Devlin's vitaline is identical with Hatch's protose, why did the four government members of the emergency ration committee eight times vote down Mr. Clarkes' motion for an analysis of the protose?

THEY SLAP AND SCRATCH JUST LIKE OTHER PEOPLE. New York Press.

It is a strange fact that, though Christian Scientists decline to take con liver oil for consumption microbes, yet during the mosquito season they slap the woods of the Northwest, was John as wildly and scratch as industriously as the benighted victims of sin and death.

A DIS-TARTED METAPHOR.

Toronto Telegram. It is said that Hon. J. Israel Tarte's Laurier only wishes that Mr. Tarte's mouth did likewise.

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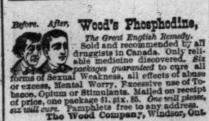
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Philadelphia Press. The more poetry we read of Mr. Aus tin's the more we are convinced that he ought to be put into Westminster Abbey-at once!

A PAIR OF POLITICAL PROPHETS. Ottawa Journal.

It was long the settled belief of Goldvin Smith that the Canadian Federation was a fore-doomed failure. He was not able to see how provinces so strung out across a continent could be combined with single polity; how divergencies so great of interest, and not only of interest, but of political character, could be overcoma

One is reminded of a notable political forecast once made by the Right Hon. John Morley, a philosophical politician of much the same temperament as Mr. Goldwin Smith, and of the same weak national stomach and thin blood. Mr. Morley in an essay some years ago prophesied that if ever Great Britain got into a serious war her colonies would desert her. They would scout he said, the idea of spending money much less blood, for the sake of kingdom with which they had no rea connection, and in whose quarrels they had neither voice nor interest.

Taking no lesson from the past, any more than Mr. Goldwin Smith does, Mr. Morley is now engaged in prophesying that the British cannot successfully pacify Boer-land, and as before, his logic is most cogent.

> "AN ARMED NATION." Punch.

"Her Majesty's War Office has decided to grant one rifle to every ten men joining the new rifle clubs throughout the country." - Daily

Extracts from the New Rules. 1. In face of the enemy the rifle must be fired as quickly as possible and then passed on to the next man.

2. No squabbling in the ranks as to whose turn it is to shoot shall be allowed by the commanding officer, and his decision shall be final.

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3. The other nine men, while awaiting their turn, must stand at "attention," and scowl fiercely at the enemy.

4. Where the commanding officer, in his discretion, sees opportunity for the commanding officer, in his discretion, sees opportunity for in his discretion, sees opportunity for so doing, he shall employ several men simultaneously to fire the rifle—i. e., one to hold the rifle to his shoulder, a second to close his left eye, and the third to pull the trigger. This plan would leave only seven men out of ten unemployed.

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The above-named seven would be at liberty to throw things at the en-emy while awaiting their turn for the

6. In actual warfare, the commanding officer may request the enemy to wair a reasonable time while the soli-tary rifle is handed round after being

fired off.
7. While an attack is going on, the unemployed men of a company shall not be allowed to leave the ranks to play, but should be encouraged to take an intelligent interest in the shooting prowess of their solitary comrade.

A True American.

He was one of the most peculiar characters of the many who lived in Bordine, and most of all he, was a squaw man. His wife was an old Pottawatomie squaw, and it was very hard to believe that a man like Bordine, with a college education and the refinement of a good family, could live with such a person, but he did live with her until he died, and they seemfoot goes to sleep if he keeps it too ed to be much more contented than long in one position, and Sir Wilfrid many apparently more congenial married couples. John Bordine was a foreigner, but he had adopted America first as his home and then as his own

There were plenty of persons who said that he laid claim to being an American because he believed that as an American he could sell more skins and could more easily collect bountles

paid for wolves, etc. It was in the spring of 1880 that sentiment against John Bordine, the squaw man, changed. There was away north of the Menominee reservation a soldier buried. Above this grave John Bordine planted an American flag, a very curious emblem, but it was the nearest approach to the Stars and Stripes that Bordine's limited wardrobe and that of his squaw wife could furnish. Bordine had taken a part of his squaw's old, faded blue gingham skirt. This he made into his flag, as the field of stars, and the stripes were alternate stripes of white linen and

red flannel A hunter found the flag floating over the grave, and it was Bordine's squaw who told him how it was placed there and how Bordine had fired his gun three times over the grave, and then the hunter knew that the squaw man had remembered what he had forgot-ten, Memorial Day. Bordine refused to take any credit for his act of pa-triotism, and to the day he died longed for a chance to fight for his new country. He is dead now, and on a plain headstone is written, "Here lies John Bordine, a patriotic American.'

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