

THE VOICELESS.

OLIVER WINDKILL HOLMES. We count the broken lyres that rest... When the sweet wailing singers slumber...

POLITICAL UNION.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH ON MR. BUTTERWORTH'S RESOLUTIONS.

Not a Stroke of Party Tactics—A Surprise to Commercial Unionists—The "Conspiracy" Theory Foundation.

Sir,—Whatever may be the general effect of Mr. Butterworth's resolution, there is no illusion which, in any sane mind, it cannot fail to dissipate forever.

Such, I say, must be the effect produced by Mr. Butterworth's action in any sane mind. I do not presume to say what will take place in the minds of those who threaten to shoot down their fellow-citizens in their tracks, and to have them massacred by Sepoys brought in over the C. P. R. for that purpose, or present us in sensational type with apocalyptic pictures of the streets of Toronto running with blood.

The Commercial Union Club has been accused, directly or by palpable innuendo, not only of being a limb of a conspiracy, but of being the medium through which American money has been transmitted into this country with a view to preparing the minds of our people for an "invasion."

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what course they may; the position of such an organization as the Commercial Union Club remains the same. The association was formed solely for the liberation of Canadian commerce and industry from restrictions which are representing our productive energies, keeping our natural resources, especially our minerals, undeveloped, and driving the finest of our people over the seas.

Toronto, Dec. 19.

GOLDWIN SMITH.

A NEW GATEWAY.

By the completion of a new bridge across the Missouri River at Rulo, Nebraska, the Burlington Route has established, for the entire distance over its own tracks, a new direct, though not the shortest, route to Kansas City, Chicago and Denver.

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There is no reason to suppose that Mr. Butterworth's resolution is a stroke of party tactics, or that it has been brought forward with the concurrence of his political friends.

Mr. R. C. Winlow, Toronto, writes: "Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Dicycary is a valuable medicine to all who are troubled with indigestion."

The Very Thing.—"It looks as if the child was poisoned," remarked the doctor, gravely.

Aggie.—"Yes, he held me, my head was on his shoulder, with one hand he caressed my flowing curls, his lips met mine, his eyes beamed love, and—"

Aggie.—"Well? Aggie.—"And then he said: 'What is this beautiful weather for the season?' 'It is not,' replied the doctor, 'it is the breath of my wife's back.'

CHRISTMAS DAY DISASTERS.

Ammonia Explosion at Toronto

TWO STEAMBOATS BURNED.

Over One Hundred Lives Lost.

Toronto, December 25.—A dreadful explosion occurred this morning about 11 o'clock, in the ammonia tank at the works of the Toronto Ammonia Company, corner of Parliament and Front streets.

SEATTLE, W. T., December 25.—The steamer Lief Erickson was burned at Alkali Point, five miles west of this city, at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—The steambot John H. Hanna, from the Onaluta river with a large number of passengers and a cargo of 2,500 bales of cotton on board, was burned last night at Plankenin.

THE DEBTS OF TWO COUNTRIES.

[From the New York Sun.] Our esteemed contemporary, the Toronto Empire, from whose rosette the British flag floats higher than anywhere else in the Dominion of Canada, resents the recent proposition of annexation, but it supports its feeling upon a very unground basis.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Croup, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men.

NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED.

De Smith—Don't you think Miss De Collette is a splendid creature?

BURLINGTON ROUTE DAILY EXCURSIONS TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Railroad ticket agents of the Eastern, Middle and Western States will sell, on any date, via the Burlington Route from Chicago, Peoria or St. Louis, round-trip tickets at low rates to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, or Victoria; also to Denver, Cheyenne, Colorado Springs, or Pueblo.

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TORY STATESMEN AND PAPERS SOMETIMES TELL THE TRUTH BY ACCIDENT.

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NAMES OF STATES.

Where They Came From and How They Were Made.

Maine was so called as early as 1623, from Maine in France, of which Henrietta Maria, Queen of England, was at the time proprietor.

Rhode Island was so called in 1664, in reference to the Island of Rhodes, in the Mediterranean, Popular name, Little Rhody.

New York was so called in 1664, in reference to the Duke of York and Albany, to whom this territory was granted by the King of England.

New Jersey was so called in 1664, from the Island of Jersey, on the coast of France, the residence of Sir George Carteret, to whom the territory was granted.

Pennsylvania was so called in 1681, after William Penn. Popular name, the Keystone State.

Delaware was so called in 1703, from Delaware Bay, on which it lies, and which received its name from Lord De la Ware, who died in this bay.

Maryland was called in honor of Henrietta Marie, Queen of Charles I., in his patent to Lord Baltimore, June 30th, 1632.

Virginia was so called in 1581, after Elizabeth, the virgin Queen of England. Popular name, the Old Dominion, or Mother of Presidents.

Carolina was so called by the French in 1564, in honor of King Charles IX., of France. Popular name of South Carolina, the Palmetto State; of North Carolina, the Old North or Turpentine State.

Alabama was so called in 1814, from its principal river, meaning "here we rest."

Mississippi was so called in 1800, from its western boundary. Mississippi is said to denote the whole river, i.e., the river formed by the union of many. Popular name, the Big Bend State.

Tennessee was so called in 1796, from its principal river. The word Ten-ness-ee is said to signify a carved spoon. Popular name, the Big Bend State.

Kentucky was so called in 1792, from its principal river. Popular name, the State of the Dark and Bloody Ground.

Illinois was so called in 1809, from its principal river. The word is said to signify "the river of men." Popular name, the Sucker or Prairie State.

Indiana was so called in 1809, from the American Indians. Popular name, the Hoosier State.

Ohio was so called in 1802, from its southern boundary. Popular name, the Buckeye State. Meaning of the Indian word Ohio, beautiful.

Missouri was so called in 1821, from its principal river. Indian name, meaning "red water."

Michigan was so called in 1805, from the lake on its border. Indian name meaning "a water for fish." Popular name, the Wolverine State.

Arkansas was so called in 1812, from its principal river. Indian name. Popular name, the Bear State.

Florida was so called by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1572, because it was discovered on Easter Sunday. Spanish, Pasena Florida.

Wisconsin was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning "wild, rushing river."

Iowa was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning "the sleepy one." Popular name, the Hawkeye State.

Minnesota is also an Indian word, meaning "the whitish water."

California, a Spanish word, and named from an arm of the Pacific Ocean. Popular name, the Golden State.

Texas, a Spanish word, applied to the republic. Popular name, the Lone Star State.

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FRANCE.

If we may believe the dispatches from Paris, France once more approaches a political crisis—not the Cabinet affair, a mere phantom of the dictionary, but a ferment of the people, whereafter they, in blood and pillage, may overturn one despotism and establish another.

The populace of France are to be viewed in two ways. To their devoted admirers they are the most wonderful and heroic of peoples. With patience beyond the meekness of other nations, the French have been terrible when they rose against tyrants.

On the other hand, has there ever lived a people which would wallow so low in despotism, retaining the active principle of liberty? Have men of other nations ever played the varying roles of Danton, Marat, and Robespierre?

What shall be said of French prowess in 1870? Did not the prisoners of Bismarck profess to Paris and read that city as a Roman emperor would have hesitated to do?

Now this same people, this nation which may be lauded or execrated, is on its way to fall down before a man named Boulanger, whose glory is like a candle in a pumpkin.

GLADSTONE FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The following is a description of Gladstone published in a London paper of 1838, the date of his marriage:—"Mr. Gladstone's appearance and manners are much in his favor. He is a fine looking man. He is about the usual height and good figure. His countenance is mild and pleasant, and he has a highly intellectual expression.

ENGLAND AND EGYPT.

English blood and treasure have been lavished in Egypt for the benefit of the London money-lenders. The present expedition to raise the siege of Suakin meets with little favor at the hands of English journalists.

EXPERIENCE A PARTICULAR TEACHER.

Uncle Pete—Manda, is yo' got dem chickens shot up in the smoke house, like I tote yo'?

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STARTLING IRISH STATISTICS.

The Registrar-General of Ireland, Dr. Grimshaw, recently delivered a most important address on the decay of Ireland. In the course of it he observed that a people which had been considered one of the most prolific was found to be one of the most rapidly diminishing in the world within its own ancestral limits.

IRISH CONGRESSMEN.

The following men of Irish birth and descent have been elected to the Fifty-first Congress, according to the Irish Companion, a bright, novel Irish weekly lately established in Elkhart, Ind.:

A GLORIOUS EPITAPH.

On a gravestone in New London, Conn., appears the following inscription: The records of ancient Greece or Rome do not exhibit a nobler instance of patriotic heroism: "On October 6, 1781, 4,000 British troops fell on the town with fire and sword. A line of powder was laid by them from the magazine of the fort to the sea, to be lighted—then to blow the fort into the air. William Hotnam, who lay wounded not far distant, heeded it and said to one of his companions: 'Let us endeavor to crawl to this line; we will wet the powder with our blood. Thus, with the little life that remains to us, we shall save the fort and our country.' A few of our comrades who saw only wounded men, heeded it and said to one of his companions: 'Let us endeavor to crawl to this line; we will wet the powder with our blood. Thus, with the little life that remains to us, we shall save the fort and our country.'"

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