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God's is His heaven.

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

—The man who was "knifed" now
says he has had the first installment
of his revenge.

—The politician who thought no Lib-
eral a good enough Protestant to live in
November last now blossoms out as a
gilt-edged "loyalist," who regards every
Liberal as disloyal because he did not
support him. How sensible men laugh
at the antics of the demagogue!

—The report of the royal commission
on the liquor traffic will fill 4,500 printed
pages—4,500 printed pages that no man
will ever read.—Hamilton Spectator
(Conservative). No; but the taxpayers
have to pay some \$200,000 for getting it
up. Mr. Foster's "moments of weak-
ness" trying to hoodwink the electorate
cost this country a "pretty penny."

—Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army,
sails on the steamer Paris from New
York on Wednesday. The entire Sal-
vation Army of New York and vicinity,
headed by a full band, will be on the
pier to give him a send-off. Gen. Booth
will go direct to London, where great
preparations are making to receive him.
After a short visit there he leaves for
India. The general's tour throughout
Canada and the United States has been
a most successful one.

—Those who fear that Sir Oliver Mow-
at is too far advanced in years to take
an active part in the coming Federal
election should have seen the Little
Premier yesterday. He was, appar-
ently, as active in body and clear in mind
as the day he first assumed his present
position nearly a quarter of a century
ago.—Toronto News.

Why, yes; Sir Oliver will take an in-
terest in the coming Dominion elections.
The Ontario Premier is a patriot, and
he recognizes the necessity for getting
rid of the class system of taxation that
has done so much to injure the masses
of this magnificent country. Sir Oliver
is a tariff for revenue only man every
time.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

The world still wonders whether Fer-
dinand De Lesseps' gigantic attempt to
unite the Atlantic with the Pacific by
the construction of an inter-oceanic canal
will ever be completed. The present
appearance of the would-be canal is
indeed woeful. As one views the huge
masses of machinery, steam dump cars
and enormous dredges, long since
wrecked by exposure, and non-utiliza-
tion; the wharves, houses and railroad
tracks rotting and rusting to dissolution
in the fetid, fever-stricken atmos-
phere of the isthmus, one is reminded
of the deserted cities of the ancients,
and perhaps ponder how that for once
at least man's nineteenth century capabil-
ities have met with insurmountable
difficulties. As early as 1525 the idea of
constructing the canal was first mooted,
and from that date until 1881 as many
as nine propositions and surveys were
considered. M. De Lesseps at the latter
date estimated the cost of the canal at
\$42,000,000 francs, and 800,000 people
took up shares in France. The gigantic
enterprise, however, did not prosper.
Hundreds of workmen were swept away
in the hotbed of malignant disease; the
interest on the loans became burden-
some, at the same time money being
squandered lavishly, until on Jan. 1,
1889, the company was forced in liqui-
dation, and soon the complete plant,
valued at \$6,000,000, became useless. The
Government of Columbia granted a
few years further to complete the con-
tract if work should be recommenced
in 1893. This was not done, and it is
probable never will be, swamps, marsh-
es, volcanic ridges, earthquakes and
tidal waves make the plan be adopted
almost impracticable. Whether the
canal will ever be completed is still
dubiously discussed, and even were it,
it is questionable whether the world at
large would benefit from it to any ex-
tent, since at the present time there are
large lines of steamers running up and
down each side of the isthmus con-
nected by the Panama Railroad, and
were the canal completed the tolls
would be enormous and extortionate.
Of this there is little doubt.

WHY IT WAS NOT DOUBLED.

The Ottawa Citizen is inclined to find
fault with the Dominion Statistician for
not having made a greater showing
with the census than he did. Where
Mr. Johnson missed it was in failing
to offer a monetary reward to the enu-
merators for the discovery of a popula-
tion. That was the plan he adopted
with reference to the industrial census,
and look at the magnificent result! If
he had offered a reward of, say, 15 cents
per hundred names it is quite likely the
population could have been doubled.—
Toronto Globe.

A NECESSARY EXCEPTION.

The Utica Herald is doing its best to
hasten the spelling reform by omitting
the letters "ugh" from words ending
with them, such as though, through, al-
though, etc. It makes an exception,
however, in the case of cough.

NATURAM gas is reported to have
been discovered in the bed of the Rio
Plata, near Buenos Ayres. A bill grant-
ing a monopoly of it to the discoverer is
before the congress.

The phenomenon cold weather which
has been prevailing in Great Britain
seems to have finally broken up. The
mercury stands at about the freezing
point in most parts of the country. Traf-
fic on the Thames, which had long been
at a standstill owing to the great quan-
tities of ice, is being gradually resumed.
At one time it was thought that the
river would be entirely closed at Lon-
don bridge, and many persons were
anxious to have it occur so that they
might take unto themselves the honor
of telling how they crossed the river on
the ice. Now that the weather shows
signs of becoming more seasonable,
hunting and racing are expected to be
in full swing. Interest increases in the
American horses that have been
brought to seek honor on the British
turf, and their performances when in
training will be eagerly watched.

EXCITING WEEK POLITICALLY.

The week just closed has been an ex-
citing one politically. On the whole,
the Government, instead of having been
turned out of office on the question of
Indian duties on cotton, is now stronger
than it was a week ago. To begin with,
the victory of Colchester, where the
Liberals in the bye election succeeded
in wresting the seat from the Conserva-
tives by a very comfortable majority,
was a great philippic to the waning party
spirits which had been more or less cast
down by the reverses sustained in pre-
vious bye elections in different parts of
the country. The exact attitude of the
leaders of the Opposition toward the
motion of Sir Henry James to adjourn
the House of Commons, in order to call
attention to the cotton duties of India,
would be hard to exactly define at pre-
sent. That the motion was an ill-advised
attempt to dislodge the Government is
very widely conceded. It is alleged that
the motion had the support of ex-Prime
Minister Salisbury and Mr. Chamber-
lain.

LAUGHING AT CHAMBERLAIN.

The whole country is laughing at the
action of Mr. Chamberlain in the di-
lemma which he found himself in Thurs-
day night's division. He did not desire
to vote with either side, but failed to
leave the house before the doors were
closed for the division. The rules com-
pel all members present to vote by going
on division into one lobby or the other.
The sergeant-at-arms refused to allow
the Liberal-Unionist leader to pass out
when he tried to escape. When he found
himself in this plight Mr. Chamberlain
happened to think of a little close back
of the speaker's chair. He was there and
locked himself in until the division was
over. The members were surprised yester-
day not to find his name on either list, and
one raised a point of order to discover why
he was omitted. The speaker intimated in
guarded language that he knew what
had become of the member for Birming-
ham, but he declared it was too late to
call him to account. The House roared,
and Mr. Chamberlain looked uncomfort-
able. The Chancellor of the Exchequer
is credited with the possession of a
scheme to be embodied in the next
budget for paying the members of Par-
liament so drafted as to insure its ac-
ceptance by all parties and to obviate
the concurrence of the House of Lords.
Public opinion is certainly ripe for such
a scheme.

NAOROJI CAUSES COMMENT.

Some comment has been aroused by
the speech against the motion on the In-
dian cotton question made by Dadabhai
Naoroji, who was once called a
"black man" by Lord Salisbury. M.
Naoroji is a full-blooded Indian, his
father having been a Parsee priest. His
mother's name was Manekbai. His wife
is the daughter of a priest. He has held
several important political positions,
notably the Premiership to the Dewan
of Baroda. In addition he has held the
position of professor of mathematics and
natural philosophy at Elphinstone
College and is a member of the firm of
Cama & Co., of London, Liverpool,
Bombay and Calcutta. It will thus be
seen that he is fully qualified to speak
as to the feeling of the native Indian
population. He declared in the course
of his speech that the adoption of the
motion would be driving the first nail
in the coffin of British rule in India.
He went on to say that the ever present
question of his statement is not
without significance.

COUNTRESS TO APPEAR AGAIN.

When the Countess of Clancarty, bet-
ter known to former frequenters of the
music halls as Belle Bilton, reappears
on the stage, as she has announced she
will shortly do, she will be accompanied
by the Marchioness of Ainsbury, who,
as Dolly Tester, also made a reputation.
The Countess of Clancarty is the wife
of the Marchioness of Ainsbury, who
will possibly appear under the management
of Sir Augustus Harris.

The weather played havoc in the
theatrical profession. Mr. Irving is to
be out of the bill at the Lyceum
Theater, Messrs. Stoker, Wyndham and
Toole and Miss Mary Moore are also on
the sick list. D'Oyly Carte is mending,
but very slowly. George Edwards,
manager of the Empire Theater, is
down with influenza.

"The City of Pleasure," George R.
Simms' version of Gigolette, will be pro-
duced at the Prince of Wales Theater,
Birmingham, on April 22 by Robert
Pateman. Charles Frohman will give
it its American premiere in August next
at New York, with Miss George Cayvan
in the part of Zelle.

TYRANNY OF LANDLORDS.

The great things that were expected
from the Parish Councils Act in Eng-
land show no signs of materializing yet.
This is not the fault of the miniature
legislatures, some of whose members
show a laudable disposition to work for
the general good of the parish so far as
rates and improvements are concerned.
It springs from the worst features of
tyrannical squirearchy which it was
hoped the measure would effectually
quell. From various quarters come
complaints of intimidation on the part
of the landlords when the council does
not act according to their ideas. Vil-
lagers who have lived all their lives in
one place are driven away to other
spots to start life anew. This is terror-
ism of the worst possible kind, for vil-
lage cobblers and village blacksmiths
have little chance of making a living
outside their own cramped districts. If
the councils were authorized to provide
cottages for villagers some spirit of re-
sistance could be shown to the buldo-
zer.

ing squirearchy. Landlords would then
be unable to rid the parish of those who
were not willing to enslave themselves
body and soul. The present state of af-
fairs is discreditable to the boasted
liberties of the Englishman. An effort
making in Yorkshire especially to se-
cure an amendment to the act which
will protect the village legislator from
undue interference on the part of the
local squire.

UNEMPLOYED ON SKATES.

While the British Parliament has
tried to grapple with the great problem
of the unemployed, certain of the idle
ones do not bother much about it them-
selves. Indeed, according to late devel-
opments the question has a humorous
as well as a serious side. Three days
ago a lady entered a registry office in
Marylebone to engage a housemaid.
There were only one or two old women
in the place, and she did not like the
idea of making her selection from them.

"I want a young woman," she ex-
plained to the manager. "Haven't you
somebody about 25 years of age?"
"Yes," replied the manager. "We have
a number of spry young women on the
books, but I am afraid I won't be able
to provide you with one until after the
thaw. The fact is they have all gone to
the parks to skate, and not one of them
will take a place until the ice breaks
up."

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

In the religious world there are sev-
eral matters of general interest under
discussion. An influential committee
has drafted a scheme for the more ef-
ficient oversight of youth associated with
the Wesleyan Methodist Church. This
new movement owes its initiation to
certain action taken by the London
Wesleyan Methodist Council, which
body felt that the time had come for the
creation of an entirely different organi-
zation for young people suited to the
genius of English Methodism. The name
of the new organization is "The Guild
of the New Life." The main principle
in the new movement is comradeship
in the highest aims of life. It is to
awaken and deepen the Christian life in
the young people of the congregation
and the Sunday school, to link together
the various departments of church work
in which young people are engaged, to
arrange for social and friendly inter-
course and to provide generally for the
oversight of the young people by young
people. Of course much of this scheme
has already had practical trial on this
continent, where church societies for
the young have long flourished and
borne excellent fruit, but it is somewhat
of a novelty in English church associa-
tions, which, until very recent years,
have been too sober and austere to at-
tract and interest young folks.

PROPOSED CHURCH UNION.

A question exciting great interest in
Scottish religious circles is whether the
Congregational Union of Scotland
should join forces with the Evangelical
Union. The two bodies are virtually
similar in doctrine and polity, and their
independent existence is now felt to be
unnecessary and wasteful of energy.
Negotiations to bring about amalgama-
tion have been in progress for a long
time, and a joint committee of the two
bodies has drafted an amalgamation
scheme. Opinion, however, is not un-
divided on the matter, and an authority
report advising delay has been issued.
Meanwhile the churches of both bodies
are discussing the matter in its various
aspects and trying to come to a con-
clusion whether the proposed union is
or is not advisable.

WAS IT CRUELTY?

Contradictory Evidence in the Street
Car Cases.

Veterinaries Say the Horses Were All
Right—Mr. Hellmuth Raises an
Objection—Cases in
Progress.

Police Magistrate Parke had his hands
full again today hearing the various charges
of cruelty to animals preferred against
certain street car drivers by Sergt. Crake.
The three defendants—Wm. Tate,
Arthur Rockett and Phillip Stephenson
were represented by Mr. L. F. Hellmuth,
the street railway manager. Mr. Carr,
Mr. McKillop prosecuted. Humane In-
spector Sanders and a large number of
horsemen and veterinary surgeons were
in court.

Mr. Hellmuth at the outset entered a
vigorous objection to the cases going on,
urging that the same complaints had been
lodged before and withdrawn on Feb. 13.
The magistrate noted the objection and
then proceeded with the case against
Driver Tate. The evidence was similar to
that taken a couple of weeks ago, and the
same witnesses were examined. For the
prosecution Chief Williams, P. C. Johnson,
P. C. Green, L. Meredith and Robert
Fonkles all swore that the horse taken
from Tate's car was unfit for service. It
had a lumpy sore as large as a man's hand
on its shoulder; it interfered, and was
lame behind.

For the defense a long array of veteri-
nary surgeons were placed on the stand.
W. J. Wilson, V.S., an employee of the
company, saw the horse on the evening of
the day on which it was taken from the
car. It was in good working condition,
and its legs were all right. There were no
interfering sores whatever, and no lump on
its shoulder or under the collar. It was in
as fit a condition to work as any horse in
the city of London. The lump spoken of
was on the neck and was on the horse when
it was purchased.

C. S. Tamlin, V.S.—The horse was in
fairly good condition to work.

Geo. M. Kennehan, J. H. Wilson, and
Supt. Deharte gave corroborative evidence.
This closed the case.

It was then nearly 1 o'clock and the
magistrate reserved his decision and ad-
journed the court until 2:30 this afternoon,
when he will hear the other cases.

Why will you allow a cough to lacer-
ate your throat or lungs and run the
risk of filling a consumptive's grave,
when by the timely use of Bickle's
Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can
be allayed and the danger avoided?
This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and
unsurpassed for relieving, healing, and
curing all affections of the throat and
lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

"Life is full of narrow escapes," said
the life insurance agent to his victim.
"Even the Turkish bath is a close rub."

A DARING ENGLISHMAN.

Eludes the Chinese and Carries Arms to
Japan—Handsome Reward.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 28.—Captain
F. J. Handford, of London, arrived Sat-
urday night from the Orient on his
way home from a successful block-
ade running expedition. He says
he was closely pursued by the
Chinese vessels, but managed to deliver to
Japan \$4,000,000 worth of arms and ammu-
nition shipped from Hamburg by a British
syndicate. Handford, although only a
young man, has a reputation as a
blockade runner, having made a successful
trip to Chili with a shipload of arms at
the time of the war with Peru, and another
to Brazil with war munitions for the Da
Gama rebels. The Englishman paid Hand-
ford well. He was given a purse of \$2,500
and each of the crew received a bonus.

DR. CHASE'S

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These Columns

For Important Announcements During the Next Few Weeks.

Our Buyers

Men of long experience and recognized abil-
ity are visiting the leading European fashion
centers. In a few days we expect to open
out many lines that will make the store still
more full of interest to our patrons and the
public generally.

This Week

We show 15 pieces only wide width imported
Flannelette, regular price 7½c, for 5c, in
plum gray, pink and fancy stripes.

10 Pieces

More of our celebrated 33-inch Flannelette
at 8c; also special value in plain cream at
5c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c.

Have You

Secured one of those beautiful White Bed
Spreads, full size, which we are selling for
\$1.25? They are a big money saver and
are selling fast.

Excellent

Twill Sheeting selling here for 8½c, or 12
yards for \$1, full 36 inches wide.