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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.

—(BROWNING.)

London, Friday, July 17.

THE WORKER'S REST-TIME.

The speech of Mr. Charlton, M.P., on the observance of the Sabbath, delivered in the House of Commons last month, has been reprinted in pamphlet form. The question is discussed with reference to the day as a civil Sabbath only. In the opinion of a great number of men, eminent not only in religion but in politics and science, it is a crime to deprive man of his day of rest against his will. The story is told of a college professor, who, calling some students to account for having their fellow-students, said: "Do you know that this conduct of yours is displeasing to God? It is, and furthermore I will not stand it." With regard to depriving man of his rest it is certain that it is not only displeasing to God, but that man himself ought not to stand it. Such a bill as that under consideration is demanded not only by the Christian sentiment of the country, but it is demanded in the interest of labor, and in the interest of the employer of labor. After quoting the opinions of various Catholic and Protestant authorities on the subject Mr. Charlton gives the views of public men of the past and present, of jurists and labor organizations all in favor of the Sabbath as a political institution. Mr. T. V. Powderly, chief of the Knights of Labor, and Henry George are strongly in favor of Sunday rest. Thirty-one railway managers, in response to circulars or letters issued by the Sunday rest promoters gave it as their opinion that Sunday railway traffic was totally unnecessary, that it might with every advantage to the public and without detriment or loss to the corporations be entirely suspended. Mr. Charlton is to be complimented on his able presentation of the case. It is

evident that there is a vast difference between English institutions and the institutions of continental nations, and it is impossible to over-estimate the value to the people of this country, and to the people of other English-speaking commonwealths, of the blessings that have resulted from the observance of the first day of the week as a day of rest.

HOPEFUL VIEW FOR THE FARMER.

The relation of the increase of the world's food-consuming population to the production of food, especially grain, has been made the subject of a most comprehensive and thorough study by Mr. C. Wood Davis, whose contributions to the reviews and agricultural papers have attracted widespread attention. He shows that while bread-eating populations have increased more than 60,000,000, or 15 per cent, as against an increase in the wheat acreage (any part of the product of which finds its way into the channels of commerce) of but 2.3; while the productive power has increased less than 2 per cent, owing to the reduction of the productive area of Britain as against an increase in less productive regions. With regard to growing populations we find that by the recent census India shows an increase since 1881 of 29,000,000, and though they eat largely of rice, millet, etc., yet it is said that 80 per cent. of the wheat product is consumed at home. Besides this for such vast increases in population food from some source must come, and whether rice or wheat it matters but little. Furthermore, a reputable writer in the Englishman, one of the leading papers of Calcutta, predicts that owing to the great increase of domestic consumption, in a few years, comparatively speaking, India will cease to export wheat, and soon after become an importing country.

Another factor to be taken into consideration, is that in Europe there has been a great diminution in the supply of rye, which, with the equally great increase in population, means the absorption of vast quantities of wheat for food. Furthermore, it is not the case that with the decrease of wars and death-dealing plagues and epidemics, population will increase with still greater strides? Of this proposition India is a signal proof.

Upon a close calculation Mr. Davis estimates that the world's wheat product is now 100,000,000 bushels less per annum than the world's current needs, and with the acreage not increasing one sixth as fast as the population how are the reserves to be replenished and what are the obvious probabilities for the price of wheat in the future? If the pinch is not already on, he asks, how is it with the European product for the harvest of 1890, greater by 70,000,000 bushels than the average of the past ten years, and that of the world greater by 50,000,000, that the price is lately so much higher than during recent years?

As an index of the correctness of the view taken by Mr. Davis on this subject eighteen months ago or more when wheat in Kansas was selling at from 40 to 50 cents per bushel he stated the situation as he understood it and foretold what has since come to pass.

INSURING WOMEN.

The usual practice of life companies if they insure women at all is to charge an extra price. This seems justified by facts of vital statistics, which show from age 22 to age 33 greater mortality among women than men. After that age there appears no reason for making a difference. At 42 the women show an advantage, and from that age to 77 the mortality is below normal and less than that of men.

WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS ABOUT IT.

Among the things which mystify readers of books or papers about electricity are the names of the units by which electric currents are measured. A certain horsepower is something that can be calculated or guessed at, but the constant recurrence in works of electricity of volt, ohm, ampere and coulomb is bewildering. It is some relief to know that these four words represent simply the names of so many eminent electricians—Alexander Volta, an Italian; George Simon Ohm, born and bred in Germany; and two Frenchmen, Andre-Marie Ampere and Charles Augustin Coulomb.

A very season prevailed previous to Monday last, on which day in about a score of places drums were beaten vigorously and almost unceasingly throughout the day. Scientists tell us that concussion will bring rain, and the fact that rain did come generally and in great abundance on Tuesday morning, verifies the theory of the scientists! Hereafter, when drought prevails too long a remedy may be resorted to, and the effect will doubtless be the same if each individual drummer does his thumping at home as if they congregated together in stated places to vie with each other in feats of agility and strength.

SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING "SPARK-LEERS."

(From La Patrie (Montreal).)
One can see at Ottawa in official regions five gentlemen who display rich diamonds on their fingers, neckties or shirt fronts. Have all these diamonds as pure an origin as Mrs. Perley's brooch?

MEMORIALS FROM A MINISTER'S MISRULE.

(From Le National, Montreal.)
Parliament will never be called to vote a sum of money to erect a monument to Sir Hector Langavon. The Louise basin, that of Esquimaux and the Langevin block are monuments that will repeat the name of the Minister of Public Works to posterity. The small booklets of the Ottawa Government have been suspended. The turn of the big ones approaches.

COSTLY FISHING.

(From La Patrie (Montreal).)
Sir William Ritchie is now performing the duties of Governor-General, while the holder of those high decorative functions is fishing salmon in New Brunswick. What

has Baron Stanley done since the last session to earn \$50,000 given him by the Canadian Government outside the sending of a few splendid salmon to some of the high dignitaries of State. As a rule to save appearances and show that they are not altogether the fifth wheel on a coach, our Governors-General pass the time of the session at Ottawa. Should the Government be suddenly defeated the present Governor-General would lose the only occasion left him to show that he is officially useful for something. The heat is great it is true, but since the representatives of the people can face that heat for an allowance of \$1,000, it seems that the Governor-General could do the same for \$50,000. True it is that in Europe they are not so particular with their Sovereigns but we are in America, and we have as neighbors a nation of 60,000,000 of citizens whose President works like the humblest clerk in the public service all the year long.

IT WILL BE IMMENSE!

Pushing on Preparations for the Big Western Fair.

The Western Fair office is a busy place. Commences are active at work in the direction of making the Great Western the exhibition of the year. Correspondence is rolling in, and everything indicates that the exposition of 1891 will, if possible, eclipse its predecessors. A great deal of attention is wisely being given to special attractions. Cowboys and Indians will depict wild Western life in all its startling reality. Balloon ascensions, including a daring woman, have contracted to make thrilling aerial voyages. Crack marksmen will exhibit their skill with the rifle, and renewing jugglers will puzzle thousands with their mysterious feats. A cross-cut sawing exhibition will be given daily in front of the grand stand, and many other novelties will afford recreation for the multitude of visitors.

Negotiations are now in progress with Jamaica authorities with a view to securing the splendid Ontario exhibit at the great Jamaica fair for the Western. If secured, this will be a rare addition to the always interesting display.

The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association has given two prizes of \$100 and \$50 respectively for the cow of that breed making the best butter in two days' contest. This has been supplemented by the Western Fair Association, which offers \$50 for a similar match open to any breed.

Dr. Shaw, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has kindly offered the services of his able assistant, Mr. C. A. Zavitz, to conduct the dairy tests.

In the main building, in the machinery hall, and in all the agricultural departments the displays will be marvels of immensity and excellence. Long live the Western Fair!

THE RATTLE OF THE RAIL.

An Important Invention—Earnings of the Grand Trunk.

Chief Engineer E. P. Hannaford, of the G. T. R., is making his annual tour over the western portion of the road, and was at Windsor Wednesday.

It is expected to have trains run between St. Jerome and Ste. Adele on the Montreal and Occidental Railway by the last of August, as the last twenty miles of the road are now being ballasted.

The Canadian Pacific and the Oxford Mountain Railway having completed negotiations for the Bolton and Potton Valley division of the former line, the Oxford Mountain Company took possession of the same to-day.

Grand Trunk Railway returns of traffic for week ending July 11, 1891: 1891, passenger train earnings, \$142,028; freight train earnings, \$222,185; 1890, passenger train earnings, \$149,499; freight train earnings, \$241,258. Total for 1891, \$364,213. Total for 1890, \$390,757; decrease for 1891, \$26,544.

What is pronounced by leading railroad men the most important invention within the last 25 years applied to railroad business was exhibited at Indianapolis on Wednesday. It is a car scale and is a simple piece of mechanism which can be attached to the car and its weight shown with perfect ease. The test here was witnessed by many railroad men, who pronounced it a great success.

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