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BRYAN'S FINISH.

By unanimous agreement of representatives to the Democratic National Convention in Denver yesterday, William J. Bryan was voted out of existence as a political leader. He will not be elected, and he will never again receive nomination.

Twelve years ago Bryan sprang into prominence when in a disorganized convention he delivered a remarkably eloquent speech. Previously he was unknown. Since then he has been the recognized leader of the Democratic party, and although he retired from the contest the year Alton B. Parker was nominated, his influence has always been strong in shaping the policy of the party. But people are getting a little tired of Bryan. He has been unsuccessful for so long that even his exceptional abilities—beyond doubt he is one of the cleverest men and perhaps the cleverest of all politicians in America—cannot insure his hold on the support of the people. If Bryan were able to control the Democratic party, he would be elected, but many of his own party favor the Roosevelt policy, or else are lacking in confidence in the brilliant New Yorker, and there is much greater loss to the Democratic cause by this than there is to the Republicans through dissatisfaction with the methods of Roosevelt. There should be room in America for two such men as these, but the fact that Bryan is seeking the highest office in the face of unsurmountable opposition renders his ability valueless to the country. He is now near the end, and on election day will disappear from the front rank of Democratic fighters. His career has been spectacular, and although it has not brought him the honor of an office, it has conferred that pecuniary which has resulted in providing him with a very satisfactory income. He has done well in politics.

IN THE DAYS OF OUR YOUTH.

The development of a country means as a rule a great increase in the public debt. It should also mean an increase in the personal wealth of the people. In Canada the present generation is given an opportunity which should not be missed. National old age is the time of individual extravagance, but a nation may die prematurely through unwise expenditures on the part of its citizens. During the present half century the people of this country should be holding on to their spare cash. Truly the national tendency of the time is proclivity as children want to copy the habits of their fathers, so all the young countries emulate the customs of those older than themselves. We can see in the world around us many examples of extravagance, but it will be well for Canada if we disregard them and adopt for ourselves those methods of life which will lead to a full enjoyment of life. A child is bad for children until their stomachs are strong; extravagance is bad for the people of any country until they have laid by sufficient wealth to warrant the use of it. But in these the worst policy is in saving. Putting aside each day, each week or each month a portion of our earnings is the real road to comfort and contentment. Members of the Jewish race are spoken of as ideal in this respect, and there is much truth in this assertion. If a Jew earns ten dollars in a week he lives on nine—not on eleven as do many of his Christian neighbors. He is always within his income, and so long as he earns power continues, so long he accumulates something against the days of misfortune. The habit of thrift is painfully lacking in Canada, and yet we come of a race that appreciates the true value of money.

Those six dreamers who, declaring their intention of liberating the Doukhobors, are defying the Mounted Police, are liable to have a rude awakening. Some few years ago a gentleman known as Almighty Voice took a bunch of leaves with him and, with rifle, redoubled arrest on the charge of murder. We don't hear much about Almighty Voice these days. The happy hunting grounds had an increase in population.

Because a newspaper hinted that she and her family were not only extravagant in dress, but also dressed with bad taste, a woman and her two daughters in Vienna committed suicide. In spite of their desire for sensational news stories, Halifax papers are more considerate of the feelings of their lady readers.

Speaking at Queenstown of the growth of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, Cardinal Logue said that in 1808 there was only one Catholic Bishop in the whole of the States and its Territories, whereas in 1908 there are fourteen Archbishops, sixty Bishops, 14,444 priests, 11,584 deacons and chaplains, and 20,000,000 of a Roman Catholic population.

London Board of Trade returns show that the world's total production of gold in 1908 was worth \$10,000,000. Of this the British Empire supplied 61 per cent. The total value of the world's output of minerals was \$4,245,000,000.

The Hamilton Spectator remarks that Taughed laughed when the result of the first ballot was announced. Well, Bryan isn't crying.

CAMPING.
My white walled castle stands afloat, Reflected in the limpid stream, And I, seated in solitude, Am king of river and of wood. My kingdom is the world afar, The trees and hills my subjects are.

My boat with which to cross the seas Lies idly swaying 'neath the trees; It is the only battleship I need on such a lonely trip. My rod, my only tool of war, Stands close beside my castle door.

Up, up between the trees of green A spiral streak of smoke is seen; It is my campfire burning low And fading in the afternoon. All sounds of strife have died away, And quiet crowns the close of day.

My white walled castle is my own, I rule supreme upon the throne, I'm guarded by each towering tree, I own the waters under me. I drink of earth and sea and sky— What worldly king so rich as I?

"No," said the threesome man, "I never knew a woman who could tell a story so well. Most women appreciate that fact and don't try."
"Yes," interrupted the bored one, "the most of the men appreciate it, too."

"What, then," asked the professor, "is the exact difference between logic and sophistry?"
"Well," replied the bright student, "if you're engaged in a controversy, it's just the difference between your line of argument and the other fellow's."

Hubbard (arriving with his wife at the station just as the train steamed out): There! If you hadn't taken such a fearful time dressing we shouldn't have lost that train.
Wife—And if you hadn't hurried me so all the way here we wouldn't have had such a long time to wait for the next one.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

WHY SHE WAS NOT MARRIED IN JUNE.

Because, in the first place, courtship, like all other luxuries, is getting more expensive all the time. It did not cost our fathers more than fifty cents a week. Now it costs from five dollars up.

In the city there are theatres, concerts, carnivals, restaurants, roses, Rockwood Parks, ice cream and other delights, and it makes getting a wife something that only a well-to-do young man can afford.

In the country our grandfathers and grandmothers went to the circus and camp meetings once a year and their own extravagance was immovable and great. Her dowry was a feather bed, a cow and half a dozen sheep. They could drive and carry on their backs all their worldly goods, with the exception of the farm.

Grandmother could card the rolls and spin and weave. No. I don't think I will part with the place."

So the matter ended for the moment, and the gentleman returned to town to think over a plan for purchasing the farm. The farmer no doubt chuckling to himself, was thinking of going to town to see the success of his scheme. Meanwhile the diamonds had been shown round Johannesburg, and attracted great attention, the gentleman keeping it a profound secret, whereabout the farm lay. During the week he got a number of his friends and some financiers to guarantee \$200,000 for the purchase of the farm, but the farmer to his surprise, and to the surprise of all, he would accept.

CAREFUL INSPECTION.
Together with one of his friends he again visited the farm and a gain critically examined the work in progress, and after careful inspection of all over the estate, expressed his opinion to the farmer that he did not think they would be successful in finding water at any rate on that particular spot where they had been working and suggested trying another place.

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CUTE FARMER.
The farmer promised to do so, and Store open till 10 p. m.

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A DIAMOND RUSE THAT SUCCEEDED

A few years ago a man purchased a small farm in an adjacent colony of Johannesburg, and built himself a nice house and stables on the property. He did very little in the farming line, but as he was supposed to be rich, people assumed he had only gone in for farming for his own amusement. But if he was rich enough to play at farming, it did not concern his neighbors.

This farmer had a small parcel of rough and uncut diamonds which he had brought with him, and when he was asked for their safety or his own, he buried them on his farm, carefully locking the spot. After they had been hidden for a year or more, a bright thought struck him. What was the use of going in for farming unless he had a good water supply? Of course he must have water and that at once.

POCKETED DIAMONDS.
Accordingly he started next day for Johannesburg and consulted a firm of eminent engineers, and they agreed to send out a man with the necessary apparatus and machinery and start boring at once. The man duly arrived, fixed his gear, and set to work to bore the spot indicated by the farmer as the one on which he was most likely to be successful.

On the second day he was astonished on withdrawing his tube to find several diamonds. The next day the same thing occurred—a few more diamonds. These he carefully pocketed, never mentioning the matter to the farmer. On the Saturday he had to return to Johannesburg and showed his find to his employers. They were equally astonished, and told the man not to open his mouth about the discovery he had made until such time as they could have them thoroughly tested, meanwhile rewarding him with an extra \$25 for his smartness.

BUSY FARMER.

Now during the engineer's visit to Johannesburg the farmer must also have been busy, for the man found a few more stones the next day he resumed work, and the next day he found more, and so it went. Saturday and he informed him that he was not to open his mouth about the discovery he had made until such time as they could have them thoroughly tested, meanwhile rewarding him with an extra \$25 for his smartness.

WHAT HE DID OBJECT TO.
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WOULD NOT SELL.
"Now, look here," said the gentleman, "I have a fancy to go in for farming myself and I have taken quite a liking to your place. Do you sell?" "Well," he said, "I don't understand much about the business, but I have a great liking to this place, and so has my wife; then it is convenient to the children to go to school, and I was thinking of going in for fruit raising, and I know it would break my wife's heart to leave this lovely place. No, I don't think I will part with the place."

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his visitors departed. A few days after he called upon the engineers and paid the expenses of his unsuccessful boring experiment. He then said he had talked the matter over fully with his wife, and he was prepared to sell it for \$150,000, but not for a cent less. The gentlemen asked to be allowed an hour to consult his friends and see if he could raise that amount.

On his return to the office he found the farmer waiting for him, and he explained to him if he would bring in his title-deeds next day he would take him to his solicitors and complete the sale.

"Oh," said the cute farmer, "here they are," pulling the documents from his inner pocket. "We can settle the whole affair now; it will save me coming to Johannesburg again over the matter."

STILL BORING.
The two proceeded to one of the best known legal firms in South Africa, the contract was drawn up, duly signed by both contracting parties, witnessed, stamped, and sealed—the title-deeds of the farm handed over to the solicitors, who had to add a clause to the agreement "that in the event of minerals, diamonds, etc., being found on the farm, the seller was to receive an additional bonus of 10 per cent. per annum" on the turnover.

A cheque for \$150,000 was drawn and handed to the farmer, who departed, assuming a very sad expression of countenance at the loss of his beloved farm. The little syndicate quickly floated a limited liability company with a capital of \$1,250,000, which was taken up several times over by the public. The "mine" has been working now for over two years. They are still boring.

THE TERM "BABY CAT."
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"Some men," muttered Uncle Allen Sparks after the tiresome speaker had sat down, "remind me of an old water mill that's running with empty hoppers. Their wheels keep on going, but they don't turn out any grist."

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KINDNESS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Victoria, paid a surprise visit to St. Luke's House, Haymarket, London, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Her Majesty's visit was a surprise to the day. Their Majesties called for Russia, and spent half an hour with the patients.

The visit was an absolutely surprising one. The officials of the institution, of which Her Majesty is the patroness, and also to the poor girls for whom Her Majesty especially made the call. It appears that some days previously Martha Massey, one of the patients in the house, the existence of which is for the reception of cases of mortal illness in their latest phases, surreptitiously wrote a letter to the Queen, saying how much she would like to see Her Majesty.

QUEEN'S KINDNESS.
The unfortunate girl, in respectful terms and a delightfully simple phraseology, explained that she had been unable to see the Queen when Her Majesty drove through London, owing to her illness. Would Her Majesty gratify her dying desire by coming to see her before going abroad, because she was afraid she would not be living when Her Majesty returned.

Touched by the sincerity of the missive, Her Majesty, with characteristic thoughtfulness, decided to visit Miss Massey. No intimation of her intention was communicated to the house, which was reached at 4.45. Her Majesty driving from Buckingham Palace in her white automobile. Arriving at the principal entrance, the Queen inquired, "Is Miss Massey in?" The astonished servant who opened the door and at once recognized Her Majesty replied in the affirmative, and invited the Queen to the room of the matron, who was equally astonished.

Her Majesty, who was carrying a lovely bouquet of orchids, lilies, carnations, and asparagus fern, was at once escorted to the ward where Miss Martha Massey was lying. For a moment the poor girl was overcome with surprise and joy, but Her Majesty's kindly and sympathetic manner quickly put her at ease.

TOUCHING INCIDENT.
The Queen thanked the girl for her letter, and after expressing the pleasure it afforded to her to respond to the invitation, handed to her the bouquet of flowers, telling Miss Massey it was specially for her, and that the flowers were cut from the Palace gardens. The girl, with eyes bedimmed with tears of joy, was too full to do more than briefly reply, "Thank you, Your Majesty."

The Queen then passed to other patients who had been enquiring the good fortune of Miss Massey, and distributed some lovely roses amongst them, besides addressing a few words of sympathy and encouragement to each.

A touching incident occurred as Her Majesty was about to leave. Whilst chatting with the matron in the hall, the Queen heard some one cough, and asked who it was. Being informed that it was Miss Massey, the Queen ordered cough-lozenges to be brought from her automobile, and returned with them to the girl's bedside, while she herself placed one of the lozenges in the girl's mouth, and handed a number of others to the matron, with a request that they should be given to the patient when she was attacked by severe fits of coughing. Again shaking hands with Miss Massey, the Queen with a charming smile once more bid her good-bye, and then left the house.

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