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THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 1908

STATES HIS PLATFORM

Mr. Geo. E. Ford Returns Thanks to His Friends.

TO THE ELECTORS OF MISSISSQUOI:

I cannot let the excitement of election pass without thanking those electors who, though unasked, backed the platform I put out by voting for me. It might not be amiss to again state my political belief.

1. PURITY IN ELECTIONS - If the spring be dirty the stream is foul and if the foundation is laid on sand the building must fall. Remember, I do not blame the very poor man who on the eve of a hard winter takes a V or a barrel of flour for his vote. I rather pity him, but for the well-to-do man, and there is quite a number of them - who to gain a few dollars sells his vote, I have no power of the English language to express my utter contempt for the thing who does so and calls himself a man and a freeman, and I do blame the man who to gain his own selfish ends makes use of his brother's necessity and bribes him to sell his birthright. May his light be put out in utter darkness and may he go down to the grave unwept, unhonored and unsung after serving a couple of years in the penitentiary.

2. TARIFF FOR REVENUE AND REVENUE ONLY - The Government must be supported, so have a tariff for revenue and for revenue only. The moment the tariff reaches protection you tax one part of the people for the profit of the other part. This is wrong. The price of all we farmers sell is fixed by prices in England, open to the world. We as farmers can have no protection and we don't want it. Protection and robbery are Siamese twins, you can't separate them.

3. THE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE FOR THE LAND - Actual population is what makes a country. We have little enough land for our people. From the talk of some papers you might imagine that the railroads made the country. We can always build railroads but cannot make a single 100 acre farm and our land has been given away in huge sections to build railroads and we do not own the railroads. The candidate who talks about giving land or bonuses to railroads or any other enterprise, avoid him as you would a leper.

4. PROHIBITION FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS - We have tried for fifty years to regulate the liquor traffic and there is no regulating it. Away with it, no compromise.

5. CHARACTER FIRST - In choosing a candidate for parliamentary honors examine his platform or rather his aspirations and his character and not as is now generally done to find out how much money he will put up for election expenses irrespective of everything else.

6. OUR HERITAGE - We have a glorious land in these Eastern Townships. Let us be worthy of our heritage. Again thanking my unknown supporters,

Believe me yours, GEO. E. FORD, Cowansville, Nov. 18th, 1908.

What are Your Boys and Girls Reading? They are bound to read something. They will read trash unless you give them something better that is equally interesting. Try The Youths Companion. There is plenty of adventure in

the stories, and the heroes and heroines are of the real kind, finding in the line of duty opportunity for courage and unselfishness. More than 250 such stories will be published in the 52 issues of the new volumes for 1909. There will be fully as many articles, sketches and reminiscences to impart useful information in the most agreeable way, familiarizing The Companion's readers with the best that is known and thought in the world.

Full illustrated Announcement of The Companion for 1909 will be sent to any address free with sample copies of the paper.

The new subscriber living in Canada who at once sends \$2.00 for 1909 will receive free all the remaining issues of 1908, besides the gift of The Companion's Calendar for 1909, entitled "In Grandmother's Garden," lithographed in 13 colors.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley St. Boston, Mass.

Letters to the Editor

International Correspondence Club

Editor of THE OBSERVER.

Dear Sir - For some time past I have been cudgelling my brains for some method of bringing intelligent people of all lands into personal touch with each other. The plan I have hit upon is that of an International Correspondence Club which would promote epistolary intercourse among kindred souls all over the world and introduce to each other persons of like tastes who are separated by continents and oceans. Such a club would prove useful in many ways. It would open up a world of new friendships to many lonely persons of both sexes who are suffering intellectual isolation from one cause or another. It would bring together nature students who are anxious to procure specimens of seeds, flowers, woods, plants and minerals from different parts of the earth. Then one could also exchange books, Magazines, newspapers, photographs, view-cards, stamps and curios with collectors both at home and abroad. If any of your readers would like to belong to a club of this kind, I would be glad to hear from all who would. I may say that in reply to letters, I have written papers in various parts of the world. I have already heard from quite a number of interested persons living in Japan, India, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, the United States and West Indies. As I desire the club to be thoroughly cosmopolitan in its make up, people with all kinds of beliefs, all kinds of hobbies, all kinds of interests will be welcomed in into it.

In writing me correspondents are requested to tell me something about themselves and enclose stamp for reply. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kindness in publishing this letter. I am

Sincerely yours, WILL R. SHIER, 314 Wellesley St., Toronto, Canada.

Rather Rough

Reports of the New York Horse show published in English papers say that the function was an orgie of wealth, and that more attention was paid to the ladies gowns than to the horses.

Here is what some of the London newspapers say: "The Horse Show was an orgie of snobbishness. The newspapers describe not only the costumes of the women, but those of the men. Even garments worn by the little boy and girl millionaires form the subject of elaborate articles filled with speculations regarding the cost."

And again: "The costumes exhibited were all in the director style. Two displayed by well-known women of wealth excited a great deal of comment. They were both sheath gowns, one peacock blue, the other pale blue satin, and both revealed black silk garments to the hip. Neither of the women wore petticoats. They were pointed out to us as belonging to the younger set of smart society."

A Great Chew! STAG BRIGHT FLUO CHEWING TOBACCO has just been increased in size.

GENERAL INTEREST

The Latest Events in the Practical World

The life of a 4-inch trolley wheel averages between 8,000 and 10,000 miles, while a 5-inch wheel will run between 20,000 and 25,000 miles, as shown by extensive tests with trolley wheels in Baltimore.

The latest mechanical toy that is now being seen in the London shops is that of a policeman taking a suffragette to the station. A pneumatic ball and tube make the figures move in a lifelike manner.

Seeds of wild fruits and vegetation growing in Central China are to be forwarded to Luther Burbank to see if he can cultivate them and produce luscious fruit and useful trees and foliage in places rarely penetrated by white people.

Nearly 300 miles of line for power transmission purposes is to be put up by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission in order to supply various towns and cities in Ontario with electricity generated at Niagara Falls. About a million pounds of aluminium wire will be used. The line will consist of three cables supported on towers spaced 550 feet apart.

A new postal transport system, which will render the service independent of railways, is interesting the postal authorities of Milan, Italy. It is proposed to construct an underground tube for small electric trains consisting of an engine and two or three postal cars, which will run at over 90 miles per hour. The wheels would have leather tires and run on cement rails. The line would run between Milan and Genoa, a distance of about 100 miles.

Fossil eggs, some of them large as a man's head, which were recently found in the 2,000-foot tunnel at Copperhead, Nevada, have been pronounced genuine by Prof. Horace Chapman, of the University of Pennsylvania. The eggs were found by blasting in the end of the tunnel. The adjoining strata indicated to the discoverers that the fossil eggs had been buried to a depth of about 7,000 feet. The specimens show that minerals have displaced the contents of the eggs.

An automatic grade-crossing gate has recently been installed on the Montreux-Bernese Oberland electric railroad in Switzerland. At a certain distance from the grade crossing a parallel line close to the main trolley wire is connected with the power by means of the trolley bow. This energizes the motor which lowers the gate across the highway. At the same time an electric bell is sounded and a couple of electric lights are lighted as a warning that a car is approaching. The gates are lowered in about twenty seconds. After the car is passed they are raised by a counterweight.

The rapidity with which England builds her warships is shown in the remarkably short time occupied in the construction of each of the six "Dreadnoughts," which she will have afloat by next month, when the "Collingwood" has been launched. The average time of construction, from the time of laying the keel to the launch, was seven and one-third months. With this rate of building and the large number of government and private dockyards at her disposal, she could pretty well replace the wastage of war, as it occurred, with new ships, if she should ever be forced to a protracted struggle.

Although it is early as yet to compare the cost of operation of electric and steam locomotives, enough has transpired to indicate that the electric locomotive costs considerably less. It takes 30,000 miles of running to wear down the tires of an electric locomotive 1-32 of an inch, whereas that amount of wear will take place in from 8,000 to 9,000 miles on steam locomotives. It is not necessary to give the electric locomotive a roundhouse inspection at the end of every day's work. They are inspected at the end of every thousand-mile run, and the work can be done in about three and a half hours. The roundhouse examination consists in blowing out the electrical apparatus with an air blast; examining the motors; cleaning the commutators, contactors, switches, and controllers; gaging the contact shoes, and oiling the journals. The inspection can be commenced at once, since there is no fire cleaning, coaling, or watering to be done.

LUCID INTERVALS

Recovering damages in a suit - patching old clothes.

"You have two very bright pupils, Miss Minsome," remarked Mr. Sweetly to the schoolma'am.

"Which ones do you mean, Mr. Sweetly?"

"Why, those in your eyes, to be sure."

Bingo - How does your cat take to your new dog?

Stingo - Oh, fur-straight.

Oratory is saying what you feel and feeling what you say. - W. J. Bryan.

Clerk - What shall I mark the new lot of black silk at?

Employer - Mark the selling price at \$1 a yard.

Clerk - But it only cost 40 cents a yard.

Employer - I don't care what it cost. I am selling off regardless of cost.

The word "love" in one of the Indian dialects is "chemlendamoughkugogogagu." Fancy a sweet forest maiden telling her copper-colored brave that she "chemlendamoughkugogogagu" him. The conjugation of the verb "to love" in that dialect must take at least a year to recite.

As a Northern Pacific train drew into a station up in the Rockies a pleasant-mannered gentleman stepped out on the platform and, taking in a long breath of the fresh air, enthusiastically observed to the brakeman: "Isn't this invigorating?" "No, sir," said the man bluntly, "It's 'Catamount Creek.'"

On one occasion a lady called and persented a check which she wanted cashed. As she was a perfect stranger to the paying teller, he said very politely: "You will have to bring some one to introduce you before we can cash this check."

Drawing herself up quite haughtily, she said, freezingly, "But I do not wish to know you, sir!"

It is well known that many of the "bulls" attributed to the Irish are in fact very ancient jokes, taken from the Greek or the Oriental languages. Here is a good one of this order which is found in the Hsiao Lin Kuang or Chinese "Book of Laughter":

A certain man was walking along when he stumbled over a stone and fell down. On trying to rise he again tripped, and fell a second time. "Hang it," he cried, "if I had known I was going to fall again I wouldn't have tried to get up."

\$70,000 IS TOO MUCH

To Run House on; \$30,000 is Ample

Here are things of joy to the wives of those who work in the shops, factories and mills, for notwithstanding the high cost of the necessities of life a woman may manage her household on \$30,000 a year. The secret is out now. Mrs. Howard Gould, whose husband worked hard, till divorced, at clipping coupons and sitting in easy chairs on the deck of his private yacht, has declared that \$70,000 a year is a meager pittance.

But let all society women "back off the yards" for Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago says that \$30,000 a year is ample and that \$70,000 is foolishly excessive.

Here are some of the things which the careful housewife may have for the modest, the trifling income of \$30,000 a year, at least Mrs. MacVeagh has bought these on her income:

A painting by Turner, the man Ruskin admired so much, you know; oriental rugs in profusion, mural decorations by well known artists, historic furniture and a music and ball room with dainty little balconies of the Romeo and Juliet style - all that and a host of other things for only \$30,000 a year.

Mrs. Howard Gould had maintained that \$57,000 annually for jewelry was modest. Mrs. MacVeagh thought that "excessive."

As to social gayeties, Mrs. MacVeagh said:

"Four dinners a week, I should think, would be almost as much as anybody would be equal to from other considerations besides the money. And they, with the wine served at them, and all of the delicacies necessary, ought not bring up the bills to more than \$30,000 a year.

"One item that can swell the amount indefinitely, of course, is charity and the demands made in its name on people of wealth. Any sum of course can be given away wisely, but \$10,000 carefully dispensed goes a long way toward alleviating suffering.

Two for One

WE have decided for a Limited Time to make the offer of Two Subscriptions to THE OBSERVER for the price of one. But

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THE OBSERVER has mapped out a line of progress for the coming year, and subscribers will get very generous value. Important changes are in store, as The Observer will become a paper appealing to all Canada in general, and the Eastern Townships in particular.

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The Hamilton Times points out that notwithstanding the existence of sixty-eight hotel licenses in Hamilton the members of the Sheffield Choir had difficulty in obtaining satisfactory accommodation. It asks how many so-called "hotels" are mere groggeries. That question should be pressed to a definite answer. A hotel should be something more than a barroom, with only make-believe accommodation for the travelling public.

The Canadian Club's year book has been ignored by seventy of the seventy-five libraries to which it has been generously offered.

Don't lay away the things you don't need. Sell them. Put a little ad. in THE OBSERVER. Somebody else wants them.

One Canadian and one American subscription to THE OBSERVER for \$1.50. Only one must be new.

A census of Chinese in Canada is being taken at the instance of the Imperial authorities.

Want to sell or buy a horse, or other animal? Try a want ad. in THE OBSERVER.

CANADA Province of Quebec In the Superior Court No. 8043 DAME JESSIE GLEASON, of the city of Manchester, in the state of New Hampshire, one of the United States of America, widow of the late Magistrate Tetrault, in his lifetime, of the Township of Broton, District of Bedford, farmer deceased, PLAINTIFF vs. HENRI TETRAULT, of the said Township of Broton, and J.E. TETRAULT, formerly of the same place, but now absent in the United States of America, DEFENDANTS. The Defendant J.E. Tetrault, is ordered to appear within one month. LEONARD & NOYES, P. S. C. Sweetburg, Nov 18th, 1908. -12-21.

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