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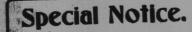
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Weekly Herald Free For One Year.

This is without doubt the greatest offer ever given by a Provincial news-

for his newspaper said as much last even presents great difficulties, the expedition ing and pointed to the MacKenzie & Mann which is sent will be a strong one, for the system as an alternative in case the G. T. Thibetans might attack it in force and the P. failed to come to time. column could not be reached by aid for a The hesitation of the Grand Trunk t neet squarely the requirements of the long time. ment goes far to justify many crit

from the Indian frontier. As the country

CANDIDATES.

ims of the scheme and the company made by Hon. Mr. Blair. The country requires The Telegraph reveals no secret in saymore railway facilities and wants then ing that Colonel Tucker returned from his with as little delay as possible, but it excursion among the fishermen more conwould learn with relief that the matter vinced than ever that he will be one of

of the new trans-continental had been the candidates for these taken out of the hands of the Grand The Colonel, no doubt, has his own idea Trunk, which has too many American confor thinking he may dominate a conven nections to prove a satisfactory all-Canation. At all events, the news he has from dian carrier. Besides, the G. T. P. scheme his friends is not at all favorable to cer as it stands involves the spending of \$15,tain gentlemen whose candidacy is being 000.000 to duplicate and injure the Interdiscussed in the streets and whose names,

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Russia and Japan are nearly at grips. The Montreal Herald says:-

the deposit would not be made in form,

There would seem to be no ostilities in the Orient. Japan has may have been made up beforehand. earned and has not approved of Russia's Delegates to any nominating convention terms regarding Manchuria and Corea. A Liberal or Conservative, will, beyond quesrefusal to accept and a request for a modi tion, be moved solely by the fitness of fication of the terms has been sent back the candidates whose names may be subto St. Petersburg. Whether it is accommitted for their consideration. panied by an ultimatum or not the de These delegates well know that spatches do not say. But from the present tions now are not as they were in 1900, osition to the ultimatum stage is as short

next Liberal convention.

and will resent any attempt to foist upon a step as from that to war. them candidates ready-made if they have "The Japanese people are spoiling for not something to offer more than mere a fight, and the Russian government is apparently quite willing to accommodate party regularity. The Liberal party work The caution and concervatism of ere, judging from the reports which have the Japanese government is all that has reached this office, will work only for canprevented the two nations coming to didates who might fairly represent the

blows. The cool heads who are guiding constituency, and whose nomination would attract the full strength of the party. the destinies of the Oriental island em-Such candidates must be free from corpire realize far better than do the Japanese people the danger of measuring swords poration control and must represent the with so formidable and merciless a foe as best that is in the community. To select mere men of the machine at this juncture,

"The stakes in the conflict would not be would be, in the eyes of these Liberal even. Russia would place at the hazard workers, exectably bad politics, which the rank and file of the party would not of war's fortune some ambitions, some territory and some Pacific ports. Japan, understand.

If there is an election to run, say these on the other hand, would almost risk national existence. If Russia should beat folk, the difference between now and 1900 the Japanese forces on Corean soil, where is apparent enough, and a ticket should the land battles would be fought, it would include only men who can command the mean the end of Japanese expansion. The full strength of the government party, a

r 1,000 persons have al- islands are already overpopulated, and r an overflow. hands, is not as great as it was at the

thereof, so the natives come slowly to any man can give them forage and some

excuse of courage But, above all, it is but necessary that some one make diversion till the Eastern folk of warlike tastes do better. At the word taxes they take fire; and so you have a revolution-in Cuba.

EDITORIAL REVENGE.

They shot a man in South Carolina re cently, and acquitted the man who sur vived the episode. It was in the state of Senator Tillman and, since his nephe was the man who shot the man, he ful minated somewhat. Some of the news papers approved of the good old verdic it appears certain, are to go before the of acquittal. Some-a very few-took chances, and disapproved it in no pleasing

It is the right of any man to appear language. One editor, whose language was strong, in that convention claiming the nominand who questioned the proposal that any ation of his party. When the party has been assembled it will, no doubt, make a body had a right to kill anybody, was choice with little regard to slates which held up by his subscribers, and the acquitted murderer talked of challenging him. The editor was ready to shoot, but the encounter did not come off. Senator Tillman questioned the right of the state press to comment upon the doings of him and his creatures in the state,

and mentioned names. He and the editor got into a clinch as to whether Henry Clay and sundry others were famous. The editor was charged with the sin of omis sion. He had not mentioned Clay in hi list of heroes. In retort he said :--

They say the lion and the lizard keep The courts when Jamshyd gloried and

deep And Bahram, that great hunter, the wil Stamps o'er his head and cannot break his

The retort was received by certain New York editors as particularly in line with the circumstances and peculiarly fit in Tillman's case, and the press, from cos to coast, punctured him freely with the editors' dart and said it was an unusually pungent application of old Omar; which it was, considering Tillman.

IN BRITISH POLITICS.

Mr. Chamberlain, in closing his can paign for 1903, made the interest ing announcement that he had been strength which, it is admitted on all getting together a committee of thirty

men to look into

They will not work. All history is against it. Fight? They will do that if any man can give them forage and some Honesty in Overcoats. It's the hardest thing in the world for a man to carry values in his eye; he may see an overcoat marked \$15 at one store and \$18 at another,

but he can't remember "whether it was just the same thing or not."

¶ Cloths and styles in so many stores look alike—it is confusing.

¶ So he must depend upon the reputation of the

store and its garments.

The Oak Hall reliability is behind every overcoat we sell - not one penny beyond its actual value is ever tacked on to the price of a garment.

Men's W nter Overcoats, \$5 to \$20

AT \$5.00-Blue and Black Beaver Overcoats, made Chesterfield style, having Italian body linings and mohair sleeve linings.

AT \$6.00-An All-wool Grey Frieze Overcoat, made Raglanette style, body linings of Italian. Best value ever offered in an overcoat. Can't be got else where under \$8. HERE FOR \$6. We also show at this price a good quality of Blue and Black Beaver Overcoats made Chesterfield style.

AT \$10.00-Men's fine Overcoats of Cheviots, and Dark Grey Military Frieze made Raglanette style, also of fine English Blue and Black Beaver. These coats will compare favorably with those shown elsewhere at from \$2 to \$3 more.

AT \$12.00-Men's stylish Overcoats, made of fine Dark Grey Vicunas and Cheviots in Raglanette style. In the lot is one of fine Grey Cheviot, having a fine stripe, which should command your attention; also at this price five Imported English Blue and Black Beaver's made Chesterfield style.

AT \$18.00-A line of Men's Overcoats made of finest quality of Grey Cheviot with a fine white stripe running through the cloth, with all the style and good trimming usually put on a \$22 coat. OUR PRICE \$18.00.

The above will give you an idea of the Overcoat stock. To fully describe it would take a whole page. Price ranges from \$5 to \$20.

Your Winter Underwear.

You don't want to neglect purchasing your winter supply of underwear longer, for the change in temperature is very apt to cause you to contract colds which a little judgment now in displacing the thinner underwear of Summer will prevent. We absolutely know that we offer the very best values in Winter Underwear for your money to be found

Candidate Chosen.

Carleton County's Demand.

As to Reciprocity.

The people of Canada were anxious for

a treaty after the old reciprocity treaty was abrogated, because they thought that

we could not prosper without free com

the higher the tariff walls of the United States has been raised against us, the more Canada has prospered.—Fredericton

Bell for Pictou.

A. C. Bell, M. P., was nominated Thurs

day afternoon by the Liberal-Conservative convention of Pictou as their candidate in

convention of Fictor as their calificate in the election for the commons. R. L. Bor-den, C. E. Taner and Mr. Bell made speeches at the public meeting. They also addressed a large gathering at Westville

Mr. Blair's Position.

It may be inferred that before Mr. Blai

tendered his resignation to Premier Laurier, he fully considered what he was

mercial arrangements with our neighbor This idea has proved to be a delusion,

Gleaner.

tonight.

Shirts and Drawers 45c to \$2.50 per garment.

Boys' Clothing for Winter.

The Boys' Clothing store serves all tastes, and stands for good qualities alike to all.

Just a hint today of what, perhaps, your boy wants in his winter out-

fit, with price ranges. Double Breasted Suits \$2.00 to \$6.00 Norfolk Suits \$2.50 to \$6.00 Russian Suits. \$3.50 to \$6.50 Reefers. \$1.50 to \$6.00 Odd Trousers 50 to \$1.75

Shirts and Drawers 20 to \$1.40

ready taken advantage of it. Why not join this rapidly increasing list and get this splendid paper for a year? We intend making sight drafts through the Bank on all persons who do not remit before DEC. 31st, and when we are compelled to collect in this way we cannot give the premium, as the cost of collecting is then largely increased. We believe our friends wil much prefer to remit direct, and receive this splendid premium free. Address all communications to

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A BROKEN AGREEMENT.

Speculation as to what the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters would do as to the deposit of \$5,000,000 required as security for campaign.' e carrying out of their contract involu ing the construction of a trans-continental railway is over. The Dominion government, after long delay which evoked much ment, made public last evening an official statement to the effect that the Grand Trunk Railway Company had deposited £1,000,000 of its guaranteed stock to the government's credit, subject to the ratification of its shareholders at a general meeting. The government added the comment that this stock is now worth more than par, and that the surveys and other work preliminary to the construction of the trans-continental will proceed. The agreement ratified by Parliament specified that this deposit should be made India through Thibet will be considered cash or in government securities. The practicable. What the ruler of the Thibetguaranteed stock of the Grand Trunk, however much it may be worth, is not what the agreement calls for, and so the bargain could be called off on the ground that the little force sent to protect the Viceroy's G. T. P. has not lived up to the condi- agents will be strongly augmented and tions fixed. A general meeting of the Grand Trunk stockholders might not Lamas. A Calcutta despatch of Dec. 16 ratify the action of the directors in making the deposit. Aside from that, cash the preliminary expedition encountered. or government securities were required and The Himalyas were crossed at the Jelap the guaranteed stocks offered is neither. As the terms of the agreement have not been fulfiled, new legislation will be reou red if the Dominion government decides the trasport bullocks. Both native troops that it is prudent or advisable to overlook the violation of the signed burgain and ac e pt the dop sit of which the Grand Trunk stockholders may hereafter approve. The date set for the deposit has gone by. It is now evident that the promoters of the G. T. P. could not raise the \$5,000,000 in

cash which was necessary, or desired some excuse for further haggling over terms. The agreement cannot be altered except by Parliament. That means another seasion before the railroad question can be settled definitely. It may mean that the whole contract will be subjected to the fire of increased opposition, and that the securities offered might be rejected, however good, to satisfy growing sentiment against the Grand Trunk deal. Seeing that the etock is as good as the Ottawa de patch says it is, there will be some wonder that the company did not raise the money instead of offering this stock as, its substitute.

Indications have not been wanting that the eish deposit would not be forth coming, and the government has not been strengthened by the growing doubts as t the nature of the hitch which prevented the prompt carrying out of the the condiitions fixed by Parliament. Attorney-Gen eral Puge'ey, who returned from Ottawa on Thursday, was evidently convinced that

"With Corea taken away, there is place left. If Russia should win on the sea nothing but British interference would prevent the Czar insisting upon provisions n the terms of peace which would enable him to immediately or eventually dominate the land of the Mikado. The mer of the Japanese administration and the older advisers who have been called to uncil realize how serious it would be if the outcome of war with Russia should be anything but a complete victory for Japan. Therefore they heaitate and temnorize

"The Japanese people demand war, and it now looks as though the demand would have to be conceded. A spirit of this sort pervading a people is an awkward thing for statesmen who want to arrange a compromise. But it is the best thing in the world for a general undertaking

AN INTERESTING ROAD.

That road over which the British ex pedition is now getting ready to push toward the capital of Thibet is described as one of great difficulty, a fact which is of interest because, if the British find many obstacles going, the Russians would find many com ing, and once the present mission is concluded it may be assumed that the British will hold this pathway to India for the future. After Younghusband and Macdonald have traversed this almost impassable route it is not likely the invasion of ans will do is not yet known, but since he has returned the letters sent to him by Lord Curzon, and so refused to treat, the pushed on to the mysterious city of the gives some idea of the difficulties which Pass, 14,380 feet above the sea level, and the cold was intense, thirty-six degrees of frost being registered. Anthrax attacked winning card. Doctors of international and the British artillerymen who accom pany them have enjoyed good health. The return of Lord Curzon's letters sent to the government at Lhassa ends all thusiasm with which Americans are too diplomatic attempts to effect a settlement. apt to follow any man whose policy ad-Col. Younghusband, as one observer puts it, "will proceed toward Lhassa as the ! enforce, short of disastrous war.

political agent of the Viceroy, and his advance will be sustained by a strong military force under the command of Colonel Macdonald, a soldier of experience in frontier campaigning. This is war without declaration. Whether it succeeds or fails there will be much talk of 'unjustifiable aggression,' and a great deal of misplaced sympathy for a people who think that solation is the first law of nature. Civilization by force may not be righteous according to the stricest moral code, but it has done not a little for the world's advancement." More than that, the British have their frontier to guard. Thibet alone,

isolated, a hermit among peoples, they could afford to ignore. But Thibet controlled by Russia would be another mat- i there is an invader. The East is not Thibetan capital has no doubt decided him; it may fight him; the probability is ably with the temper of the people at this the British government to take precaution which may be of great value here-

power in this community was at high tide. The rank and file of the party, to be plain about the matter, does not understand why certain men whose candidacy will surely be unwelcome to an open convention, should be openly canvassed and spoken of as if these were to be the men. As has been said before in these columns, there are all signs of a fight in the convention if certain men are put forward, and a fight there should be if the party managers ignore the general recognition that the party, this year, should put

forward none but its strongest sons. OUR NEIGHBOR'S

NEXT PRESIDENT. Harper's Weekly, discarding Hanna of

the one hand and Cleveland, Gray, Olney and Gorman on the other, decides that next year's presidential battle will be fought out by Theodore Roosevelt and Judge Parker. But read Harper's summing up of the conditions and its con-

The only chance of Democratic success lie in convincing the people that Mr. Roosevel There is no other issue in sight.

This would mean, if Harper's argument be well founded, that next year, Roosevelt, his honesty being conceded, could be elected in spite of the handicap of his known faults. The Democrats, to mov the nation as they must if they are t win, must present to that people now somewhat hypnotized by the pole-star of expansion, some more convincing issue than the personality of Mr. Roosevelt. The United States of America is not the mood to regard any president as safe who has seized Panama and gener ally enforced the idea that any bluff in sight is wise if it can be carried out without actually involving the nation in great and costly war with one of the Powers. Mr. Roosevelt appeals with peculiar strength to a spirit which, in some measure, he has created. Beaten he may be, but not because of his spreadeagle policy, for that, in the present tem winning card. Doctors of international law may thunder against the president but they are poor folk at the polls and their logic is likely to be forgotten in the waving of the flag and the headlong en vances all claims which the country can

CUBA.

Spain has lost Cuba. No one doubts that within the next twenty years the

presidentes and high citizens who now are the men most revered in Havana, will be but agents at Washington. It all looks that way now. A recipro city treaty has been accorded. The men who for thirty years warred with Spain have little use for such a treaty, but the

clerks and merchants have approved of Eastern Cuba has not approved. In the end there will be trouble. The East has little to sell and less to buy. It wots not of electric railways. It knows only that ter, and news of Russian activity at the kindly to the invader. It may listen to great hearing. His speech squared a mir-

that it will fight him in the last instance. after. The dectance to Lhassa is some 200 miles of men without occupation. In Cuba tions. She does desire the solidification of the At-The dectance to Lhassa is some 200 miles of men without occupation. In Cuba tions. She does desire the solidification of the At-British possessions on this side of the At-British possessions on this side of the At-

home and in the Colonies, and hoped their in St. John. work would remove many causes of mis understanding. There is much room for such work. While the ministerial triumph of Tuesday in Lewisham and Dulwich is naturally quoted as showing the success of the Chamberlain propaganda, the London Leader of a recent date shows the London Leader of a recent date snows that the fiscal question was by no means that the fiscal question the fiscal qu the sole issue. The Leader said ten days COR. GERMAIN

Both at Lewisham and at Duwich the Lib-ral candidates are evidently making head-way. Disgust at the Education Acts, at the war mudding, and at the scarcely veiled protectionism of the government candidates will no doubt carry over to their side many who have hitherto supported the Tory party's nominces. But the majorities in both con-stituencies are large, and there is much work to be gone through it the seats are to be won. We would earnestly urge upon Lib-erals the imperative duty of giving all the help they can in the struggles which are now proceeding. If London is to be rescued from the grip of the monopolists and Eng-land from the tyranny of the Trusts to which protection will deliver her, it must be now. There will never again be so favor-ment is so weak that a few shrewd blows will overthrow it altogether. The greatest danger in the present political situation will then have been removed, and the path clear-ed for real reform. Both at Lewisham and at Duwich the Lib plain that he is as much in favor of a preference as any other fellow. . . . It is a good enough guess that neither moters contemplated any such compro as is now proposed. The Charlottetown Guardian has thrown The Balfour government does pear to be as weak as the Leader inti mated and Tuesday's results are certainly

not discouraging to the Chamberlainites ONE VIEW OF IT.

The Fredericton Gleaner is not at all alarmed at the Grand Trunk Pacific's failure to deposit the \$5,000,00 in cash It says, calmly:

"It is quite possible that the failure to put up the money is only a pretext put forward for the purpose of inducing the government to abandon the Quebec-Mone ton section of the line. There has (?) been whispers that this section of the road would never be built and that the terms would be modified. It ought to be thoroughly well understood by everyone that this is something to which the people of the Maritime Provinces will not submit We have borne our share of the burdens of Canada and we are determined to have our share of the benefits that may result submit to a 'boss from the expenditure of building railways in the Northwest. It would be apsolutely absurd for us to submit to the carrying of the products of the Northwest to New York, Portland and Boston, while the ports of the Maritime Provinces were ne glected. The Grand Trunk contract mus be carried out in its entirety and that corporation must be compelled to bring

its traffic to our ports.'

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Liberals here are in the old fix. They want strong men.

It will not do to make canvass up an down Prince William street. The worst is yet to come.

The fact remains that the government demanded cash or approved securities. These are wanting. . . .

Mr. Aylesworth, who spoke in Toron in favor of the early acquisitio of Newfoundland, properly received

time and his reasons are solid. Canada desires no more so-called boundary ques-

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lantic, and the settlment of all loss quertons regarding rights and boundaries. Hon. Mr. Fielding appears to make it

the government nor the G. T. P. pro-

gey. out a challenge. It says: "The Guardian fights no party battles. We are for the men who can and will best serve the pubic interests of the island. We stand for a better telegraph service, a better winter steamer service; for the same rights, privileges and immunities in regard to the federal public service as the people of the mainland enjoy." There is a dispute over the site of the There is a dispute over the site of the service as better winter the service as the people of the service as the people of the mainland enjoy." There is a dispute over the site of the service as the site of the service as the service as the people of the service as the service as the people of the service as the service as the people of the service as the people of the service as the people of the service as the service as the people of the service as the service as the people of the

There is a dispute over the site of the proposed new railway station in Charlotte own, and the Guardian serves this gen eral notice upon all concerned:-

"The interests of speculators, whether official or otherwise, who have purchased property or obtained options with a view to making money out of the selection of an Eastern site for the railway station must not be permitted to dominate the decision of the government in this matter Charlottetown has spoken by her may board of trade, h representatives in the legislature, her pu lic men and her deile men and her daily newspapers. want no jobbery in connection with the station site, and the sooner the government realizes the fact the better. time has not yet come when the city will

Recently there appeared in a British newspaper the erroneous statement that 1,000 homeless and destitute immigrants ere tramping the streets of Toronto. The letter was written by Phillips Thompson, a Canadian newspaper man, who i employed as the Toronto correspondent of the Canadian Labor Gazette. He ha

been denounced roundly by many Canadian newspapers. He has explained that he culled his information from the Toronto World and Mail and Empire. The Labor Gazette pays him only \$100 a year. "An earnest, sincere old chap is Thompson,'

says the Ottawa Free Press. Some othe newspapers had painted him as a pet of Sir William Mulock and a monster who was likely to arrest the great immigration novement, receiving at the same time an mlary from the government. I

low appears that he receives only tw dollars a week from the Department Leubor, and so is really not maintained b Mr. Mulock at an extravagant salary to poison Europe's mind against Canada.

POLITICAL NOTES.

F. M Anderson's Position.

certain Conservative politicians who were zard to be Liberal candidates, subject to at the <u>Royal</u> was entirely misleading. Mr. Anderson says he is not a Conservative and never voted Conservative. He is a Liberal. Mr. Anderson, however, op-posed the Liberal candidates in St. John in the last local election. more names can always be rubbed out and others written in.—Charlottetown Guar-

The Vacant Portfolio.

As some of the Westmorland Liberals might be misled by the persistency with which the Tory press is expressing doubts about the disposition of the vacant port-Hon. James W. Richards, a member of the P. E. Island government, has been nominated to contest Prince county in the interests of the Liberal party at the federal elections, opposing A. A. Lefurolio for New Brunswick in the Fede cabinet, it may be incidentally mentioned that these doubts are without warrant. It is said that Hon. Mr. Blair will re-enter the cabinet. There is no reason for lieving the statement to have the slightest foundation; but Hon. Mr. Blair will The interests of the Upper St. John certainly make an ideal chairman of the railway commission both from the stand-Valley require representation in the local government. Carleton, Victoria and Madain the local point of past training and legal ability. It is said that Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who was chosen as the Liberal leader for this province, on the retirement of the Hon Mr. Blair, has been side-tracked. I would not surprise Mr. Emmerson's thousands of friends in Westmorland County to discover that he is on the main track gentieman most concerned, are unanimous in commending cur stand regarding the proposed elevation of Mr. Wendell P. Jones to a seat in the local cabinet. Judging from the expressions of both par-ties, a more popular move could not be made.—Carleton Sentinel. instead of being side-tracked, a vise the Tory party that a headon col-lision is about the last thing they should seek. Selections to the Laurier cabinet are not made to suit the Tory party, either in personnel or in point of time.--Moncton Transcript.

-: Pad and Pencil. :-

If Hon. Mr. Emmerson is to get that portfolio, it would come very gracefully as a Christmas box.

Is it to be a consultation or a post mortem in the case of the Western Ex-tension? Ferry patrons are growing

The weather has been decidedly against Christmas trade, but there will be a rush this week, whatever the state of the air or the streets.

Mr. Charlton appears to have donned the mantle of silence since he returned from Boston. The Globe's suggestion that he might be taken into the cabinet has not been received with enthusiasm.

The Fredericton Gleaner suggests a route for the trans-continental railway that would eliminate the Chipman-Moncton section. It says: "A still better arrange ment would be for the railway to com s right down the vest side of the St. John river from Woodstock to Westfield, pass-ing through Fredericton. This would give excellent railway communication to a well settled section of country in the counties of Carleton, York, Sunbury, Queens and Kings, which at present does not enjoy any railway facilities. It must pass through A Liberal convention for the nomination of two candidates for the house of com-mons in Queens county is called for the 24th December at noon. This with the Liberal convention being held today in Prince county will complete the selection of candidates for both parties in this prov-John by way of Chipman, and it would make it certain that the new trans-con-tinental line would carry its freight to St.

One slate contained the following names: B. Rogers, of Fairholm, to be the next lientenant-governor; Hon. John F. Whear In the rock of Gibraltar there are sevents

doing, and is not disposed to recede from the position he then took. A public man of Mr. Blair's standing does not take so important a step as the resignation of on of the highest ministerial positions in country because of consistent adherence to his sense of duty, only to go back, a if he were a hasty and disappointed schoo boy, and do "the baby act" by asking to be reinstated.—Miramichi Advance. P. F. Island Politics.

The slate makers were busy yesterday.

