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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

PLAIN SPEAKING.
 The Woodstock Express, a vigorous independent publication, says:—
 It is amusing to see the Windsor Record denouncing the Tories for putting party before prohibition. Of course the Tories put party before prohibition; and they, always did. There is no doubt about that fact, and there never has been any doubt. The Tories never professed to do anything else. They are under no contract and no obligation to do anything else. But what about the Grit leaders? Not only have they put party before prohibition; they have put party before their own solemn obligations. A large majority of the prohibitionists of Ontario are or have been supporters of the government; and this fact is not the outcome of mere accident; it is the result of a deliberate attempt on the part of the government to secure the prohibition vote and pay for it in fair promises which the government probably expected it would never be called upon to fulfill. It is the consideration of this fact that rouses the indignation of the prohibitionists to-day, and makes the hypocrisy of the Tory newspapers seem but a trivial matter. After all, what are parties for but to put their own interests before anything else? It need surprise no one that both Grits and Tories are putting party before prohibition; that is what was to be expected. The important question now is, what will the prohibitionists do? Will they put party before prohibition, too?

THE STUMBLING BLOCK.
 Woodstock Express, Independent.
 Now that the Liberals have control of the Senate, there is nothing to prevent the government going ahead with its program of Senate reform.—Hamilton Herald.
 Oh, yes there is. There is the fact that the Liberals have control.

CAUSE OF THE DELAY.
 Tilbury News.
 An exchange is cruel enough to remark that it understands that the ransom has been paid for the release of Miss Stone and that she will be released as soon as she can get her bones set to suit herself.

SMIFF IS SUSPICIOUS.
 Bobcaygeon Independent.
 The latest report regarding the detention of Miss Stone by brigands, is that the ransom was paid on the 6th, but by some unaccountable delay the lady has not yet shown up. She surely has not taught the brigands bridge-whist or ping-pong, and is trying to win back the ransom before coming out.

WEDDING PRESENTS.
 The other day a popular young lady of title was married in England, and the aggregate value of the gifts received by the bride was something like \$1,500,000. So the cabled reports said, points out the Hamilton Herald. Perhaps they exaggerated the truth; but at any rate it is true that the custom of bestowing costly wedding gifts has become so common in England that it is keenly felt as a great hardship, and an outcry against the custom has been raised. "Shall we boycott the wedding present?" is the question asked by a writer in the London Daily Mail. The extravagance, ostentation and glittering spread of endless gifts which have of late been showered on newly married people in society have created a feeling akin to dismay in the hearts of many people. Says the Mail writer:
 The habit of giving wedding presents has, apparently, grown beyond all bounds. Everyone is expected to give, and while there are many who would be happy to do so in moderation they feel that unless they go far beyond their means their little token will be merely brushed away as unworthy to be placed side by side with the gorgeous things that are showered down in every direction. "It is all due to a fact," said a lady, yesterday, "that we are living in an artificial, unreal, unhealthy age. We are eaten up with a love of ostentation. We want to show and be shown."
 "We are a lot of sheep, we English, because we fail to see that we are going the inevitable pace to ruin. Stop it! How? I wish I could."
 "Here, for instance," she continued, "is a card for a wedding this week. Now, I am bound to go to it, since people, and naturally I must give them a present, though I am only on speaking terms with the bride."
 Another lady, a marchioness, said: "I do hope you will be able to show people that they are unkind in giving such lavish presents to comparative strangers. You do not know what suffering it causes among people who are necessarily obliged to follow suit. Of course, there are many people who give costly things merely for the sake of seeing their names in the papers."
 The unconscious snobbery of these complaints is more pathetic than amusing. Why do these people, who can't afford to give costly presents, feel compelled to give them? Simply because they are too mean-spirited and envious to act as they wish to act and as common sense would dictate. Anyone who voluntarily becomes the slave of a foolish fashion

—who feels bound to spend on wedding gifts more than he or she can afford to spend because wealthier people give in proportion to their means—anyone who lacks the courage to be sensible—should not whine about the folly of the custom and protest against it. They are the silly persons who are to be blamed.
 We have the same folly here. Though, of course, ostentation giving is on a smaller scale in our country than in England, the same spirit of snobbery is commonly manifested. Why cannot people be content to give, as well as live, according to their means?

Sometimes you hear it remarked that invitations to a wedding are only a polite form of beggary. In the great majority of cases such a reflection is unjustly cynical. In almost all cases, we believe, the invitations are prompted by friendship and genuine kindness and without any mercenary motive. It must be admitted, however, that occasionally there are weddings for which invitations are bestowed so promiscuously that people, with whom neither the bride or the groom or the families of either of them have even a calling acquaintance, are hidden as guests. In such cases it is neither unreasonable nor uncharitable to suspect that the wedding arrangements are directed in some degree by the commercial spirit. But all those persons who are invited through motives of thrift can, if they have the necessary moral courage, discourage a bad custom by withholding the expected gifts.

THE FOUR D'S.
 Charles Spurgeon once said that there were three great enemies to man—"dirt, debt and devil." He might have added one more and included dyspepsia. The evil results of this disease could hardly be exaggerated. Its effects are felt in mind and body, and are as far-reaching as the "dirt, debt and devil." He might have added one more and included dyspepsia. The evil results of this disease could hardly be exaggerated. Its effects are felt in mind and body, and are as far-reaching as the "dirt, debt and devil." He might have added one more and included dyspepsia. The evil results of this disease could hardly be exaggerated. Its effects are felt in mind and body, and are as far-reaching as the "dirt, debt and devil."

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