

The Planet.

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THE BUDGET.

The Hamilton Spectator congratulates Hon. Mr. Fielding upon having been able to present the budget in a short speech, and congratulates Mr. Oler upon having been able to criticize the budget in a shorter speech. And we congratulate the country on the good sense displayed by both speakers—so far as the length of their speeches was concerned.

Inasmuch as there was no change in the tariff, Mr. Fielding had really very little to say, and Mr. Oler very little to criticize.

The announcement that no change is to be made in the tariff will be far from satisfactory to those interested in Canadian woolen manufacturers.

The refusal to give a bounty for best sugar will be a disappointment to those who have come to imagine that the government is very fond of farmers.

The change in bookkeeping in respect of the steel bounties really amounts to nothing. The people pay—no matter what "account" the money is pushed into.

THE SUN MAKES AMENDE.

The New York Sun has made the amende honorable in connection with the garbling of the Morrison letter and has done so in a manly and straightforward fashion, says the Ottawa Citizen. The only note of insincerity in its statement and apology is the remark that its correspondent garbled the letter "from some motive of which we are ignorant." If the Sun is really ignorant on the point we can do it a favor by informing it. Notwithstanding the denunciations of the British press the Sun is not a "yellow journal." It is one of the most ably edited newspapers in the United States. But great journals like great men have their weaknesses. That of the Sun is the annexationist fad, a strong feature of its general anti-British policy. It believes that one flag should wave from the north pole to the Gulf of Mexico but it has not awakened to the reality that that flag is as likely to be the Union Jack as it is to be the Stars and Stripes. Any alleged evidence of disaffection in Canada towards Great Britain is seized upon with avidity and apparently printed without question in its columns. Some of its correspondents in Canada know that and cater to its weakness. Circumstances have caused it to make an example of one correspondent in this case. Consistency should cause the Sun to make other examples throughout Canada, or at least to be more guarded in the acceptance of yarns obviously cooked to sell. If the Sun was a "yellow journal" we would not take the trouble to point this out, but we believe it deserves to be fair. Its attitude on this occasion proves that, no less than the honorable and candid manner in which on a memorable occasion it gave credit to Great Britain for its friendly offices at the time of the diplomatic crisis preceding the Spanish war. Coming from a journal holding its Anglophobic views its utterance at that time did it honor and won for it respect among Canadians. If the present incident, comparatively insignificant as it is, has the effect of drawing the Sun's attention to the continuous injustice that is being done to Canada by much of the Canadian "news" printed in its columns, it will not have happened in vain.

POOR RUSSIA!

Ottawa Citizen.

If Russia has to govern many people like the Doukhobors she has Canada's sympathy.

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Sioux City Journal.

John L. Sullivan is now officiating as travelling salesman for an eastern distillery. Business is bound to be good whether John sells much or not.

THE EARLY BIRD.

Hamilton Spectator.

Carnegie is probably receiving about 200 letters a day from Canada just now. He'll be able, pretty soon, to regret that he ever heard of Ottawa.

NOT TO BE BLAMED.

Toronto Telegram.

Jail rules will not allow Mrs. Nation to refer to her esteemed contemporaries in the language of the Hamilton Times, and, therefore, that journal should not blame the lady for merely calling them "liars and devils."

THE DEGENERATE GRANDSON.

Toronto Telegram.

An American writer insists that some families are like the potato plant the best part under ground—and Bourassa, the grandson of Papineau, appears to belong to that variety of family.

SMALL MINDS EASILY AMUSED.

Hamilton Herald.

It would be ungrateful to blame that infant terrible of the Dominion parliament, Bourassa of Labelle, for introducing his foolish resolution about the British policy in South Africa and making his schoolboy speech in support of it.

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EXACTLY.

Ottawa Citizen.

On Tuesday the Germans fought the Chinese at the Great Wall. And the Chinese were up against it.

A WOUND BY A FRIEND.

Toronto Star, Grit.

Dan. McGillicuddy has been shouting at the judges to hurry up with their verdict in the case involving the West Huron seat in the Legislature. And now that the verdict is given we venture to guess that he is not satisfied with it.

HOW NAILS WERE NAMED.

Book World.

Two accounts are given of the term "sixpenny," "eightpenny," "tenpenny" and so on, as applied to the various sizes of nails. According to one statement, when nails were made by hand, the penny was taken as a standard of weight, and six were made equal to the weight of a copper penny. This explanation is open to criticism on account of the very small size of the nails, of which six were needed to balance even the large-sized, old-fashioned copper penny. Others are much more probable. One explanation holds that tenpenny nails originally sold for tenpence a hundred, sixpenny for sixpence a hundred, and so on, the smaller nails selling for the lower price. Another explanation is that 1,000 nails of the tenpenny size sold to weight ten pounds, 1,000 of the sixpenny size six pounds, and so on for other sizes. Of the ordinary sixpenny nails there are eighty to the pound; of the eightpenny there are fifty; tenpenny, thirty-four; twelpenny, twenty-nine.

WEAVING.

Sometimes he gives me thread of gold
To brighten up the dye;
Then sombre tints, so bleak and cold,
That change the gold to gray;
And so my shuttle swiftly flies,
With threads both gold and gray.
And on I toil till daylight dies
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,
And I shall cease to spin,
He'll open wide my Father's door
And bid me rest within.
When safe at home in heavenly light,
How clearly I shall see
That every thread—the dark, the bright—
Each one had need to be!

God works in all things; all obey
His first repulsion from the night;
Wake thou and watch!—the world is gray
With morning light!
—Whittier.

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A COUNT BANGS A PARIS EDITOR

Jay Gould's Daughter's Husband in for a Duel as a Consequence.

Paper Accused of Publishing a Libellous Paragraph—The Editor Refused to Retract.

Paris, March 16.—Paris has a new sensation, one that overshadows the Deroulede affair and that promises to be fully as spectacular. Count Boni de Castellane, the impetuous husband of the late Jay Gould's daughter, called on M. Fernand de Rodays, editor of the Figaro, and slapped his face red hard. Boni accuses the editor of stating that he (Castellane) had betrayed the Deroulede plot at the funeral of the late President Faure on February 23, 1899. He was accompanied by his father, the Marquis de Castellane, to see that all things were carried out as per program, and incidentally took along M. Morel, a newspaper man, as his press agent. A kinetoscope could not be obtained at the time, but Mr. Morel will see to it that the waiting world is fully informed of what takes place in the future. The story up to date is as follows:

ADJECTIVES USED.
Count de Castellane—"You published in the Figaro this morning an abominable paragraph against me."
M. de Rodays replied that he did not understand what the count meant, to which the latter retorted hotly: "Will you retract or not?" To this M. de Rodays replied by saying that the paragraph was courteously couched and that no mention had been made of the name of Count de Castellane. Then, without further ado, Count de Castellane boxed M. de Rodays' ears, several times and repeatedly.

M. de Rodays, who was seated, recoiled, and M. de Castellane followed him up and slapped his face again. The Marquis de Castellane and M. Morel then interposed and protected M. de Rodays from further violence. The Castellane party then withdrew.

RODAYS SAYS FIGHT.
M. de Rodays later in the day said he had decided to send seconds to the Count de Boni de Castellane. The affair is the sensation of Paris. Since the speech of M. Deroulede at San Sebastian last month, in which he intimated that the royalists of Paris had notified the police of his attempted coup d'etat, after his refusal to allow the Duke of Orleans to appear in ranks of the agitators, very great interest has been aroused respecting the identity of the royalist emissary who approached M. Deroulede and M. Marcel Habert on that occasion. Names suggested including Jules Guérin, the hero of Fort Chabrol, while the royalists denied that the emissary acted in behalf of them. The duel arranged to take place near Lausanne, Switzerland, between MM. Deroulede and Buffet, the agent of the Duke of Orleans, is a direct outcome of the discussion on the subject of the coup d'etat which failed.

CAUSE OF THE SLAPPING.
The paragraph in Figaro, which was the immediate cause of the assault on M. de Rodays was as follows: "People have been asking who the person M. Deroulede wished to designate. It appears that he is a member of parliament, and it is affirmed that he is the young deputy whose name is best known, and who, on the eve of starting for America with his young wife last week, very very loyally delayed his departure in order to reply, if necessary to the polemics which may develop."

Count de Castellane has written the following letter to the newspapers here:
BONI FILLED WITH INDIGNATION.
"Reading the Figaro, I was filled with indignation at the perfidious insinuation accusing me of treachery. I immediately begged my father and a friend, M. Morel, to accompany me to the residence of M. de Rodays. The latter received us and, after a few brief observations to which he gave satisfactory responses, inflicted correction. I reserve a similar one for any person permitting himself the same accusations."

RODAYS TELLS HIS STORY.
M. de Rodays gave the following account of the affair:
"I received the card of the Marquis de Castellane, whom I instructed to be shown in immediately. I found myself in the presence of three persons—the marquis, the count, and a third person, whose name I don't know. The marquis said:
"You insulted my son."

"Count Boni de Castellane then asked me for explanation regarding the paragraph in the Figaro. I replied that the paragraph was in no way offensive to him, and that on the contrary, it was worded in the most courteous terms and that his name was not mentioned. Then the count threw himself upon me and punched me without even giving me time to defend myself. I believe it was a prearranged attack."

Count de Castellane was interviewed at his residence on the Avenue Dubois de Boulogne, on his return from the residence of M. de Rodays. He said:
"Yes, I boxed M. de Rodays' ears several times in the presence of my

father and M. Morel, who is editor of the Journal de Castellane. They are here now and can give you particulars of the incident."

The count, who was calm and smiling, then retired to his study and the Marquis de Castellane gave the following account of the affair:

BONI DEFENDED.
"The paragraph in the Figaro clearly designated Boni as the traitor of whom M. Deroulede spoke, but Boni could not have acted such a role, nor be suspected of so doing. It was a most outrageous insult to designate him. Boni determined to ask an explanation of M. de Rodays and begged us to accompany him in order to serve as witnesses in case of need. We therefore went to M. de Rodays' residence, which is on the fifth floor of the house where we presented our cards. M. de Rodays immediately received us. He had on a gay dressing robe. After polite exchange of salutations the Count de Castellane said:
"You published against me an abominable paragraph. I have come to ask for explanations."

"M. de Rodays replied: 'Do you mean an article?'
"I interposed, saying: 'Have you not read your paper?'
"Yes, said M. de Rodays, 'but I do not understand.'
"Boni without allowing him to conclude, said: 'Can you say formally that the paragraph is not intended to refer to me? Reply quickly that it is not I. I speak quickly or—'
"At the same moment Boni approached him and boxed his ears several times."

"M. de Rodays recoiled and Boni struck him again. We then intervened and stood in front of M. de Rodays. The whole party withdrew. M. de Rodays, much agitated, accompanying us to the door."

M. de Rodays' seconds, M. Prestat and Pottier, have called on the residence of M. de Castellane. The representatives of the count are not yet publicly known, but it is understood that the count will meet them to make arrangements for the duel."



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Tentative efforts are again being made both here and abroad in the direction of shorter skirts, but no one can yet make absolute affirmation concerning them, as the matter stands at present in the hands of American designers and specialists.

There are new graceful autumn models in both five and seven gored skirts, the backs cut to conform to the latest style, of a certain amount of fullness at the back, in slight draperies, in box plaits, a number of partly stitched plaits, or French shirrings, very closely massed.

Chartreuse green, a rich beautiful shade of dahlia red, deep rose colored and jet black velvets are often seen on evening toilets of cream and ivory white satin, crepe de chine and net over taffeta silk. The velvet decorations are almost covered with a lattice network of jet or of lace designs en applique.

After a season of universal favor, it would be supposed that the demand would cease in at least the strictly fashionable world, but the majority of the new autumn styles, for youthful wearers particularly, are made with some form or other of open fronted coat or jacket for either street or house use, and this color again for some description of waist to wear beneath, and the skirt waist is still found, as it has been for seasons past, to be the prettiest, smartest and most comfortable and becoming finish.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

The late Professor Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche left 51 unpublished manuscripts. Arrangements are now being made to put them to print.

Augustus St. Gaudens, the sculptor, is hard at work in Paris finishing the medallion of his friend, Robert Louis Stevenson, to be cast in bronze for the cathedral at St. Giles, in Edinburgh.

Domenico Morelli, the greatest of living Italian painters, is illuminating on parchment the prayer of Queen Margherita. His work will be reproduced in majolica, and the tablet will be set up in the Church of San Francesco di Paolo in Naples.

"Deaf as a post" is an actuality as regards Mr. Swinburne. Conversation with him is almost impossible, and he lives in a world of his own. He owns something like a gold mine in the shape of a large collection of pictures by Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

Rider Haggard, the author, in a recent public address in London, said that athletic training was a most desirable preparation in the life of a missionary because nothing in a missionary impresses the savage so much as to find himself equalled or surpassed in strength and agility by the stranger.

Frederick MacMonnies, the Brooklyn sculptor, will be awarded the gold medal of honor for his exhibit at the Paris exposition, which consists of seven pieces—the historic "Bacchante," "Sir Henry Vane," "Shakespeare," "Venus and Adonis," two groups of horses and a marine and an army group.

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