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Comments on the Cartoons.



POLITICIANS, GET FROM UNDER!—With the race of politicians courtesy, privilege and favor are measured by a well-recognized standard—political influence—votes. The man who can control two ballots will receive just twice as much consideration in high quarters as the man who can only control one; and the church which is so constituted that it can be transformed in a moment from a spiritual organization to a political weapon, controlling the solid vote of thousands of electors, naturally commands more deference than its neighbour which is not so constituted. This is precisely why the Roman Catholic Church gets more attention and more political favors in this country than the Society of Friends. If that Society asked for Separate Schools, etc., etc., etc., however necessary it might think them, the Government of the day, whether Grit or Tory, would laugh it to scorn. The corporate vote is the thing that inspires respect—aside altogether from the question of right or wrong. The demand now made pretty widely is that politicians of both parties shall cease to tremble at the Catholic vote, and that the Catholic Church as such shall cease to assert undue claims because of it, and be content to stand on a level as to rights and privileges with the other churches. This demand can be made consistently with the utmost respect for that Church as a spiritual body. For religion in any proper sense of the term, has "nothing to do with the case."

THE AMBITIOUS JACKDAW.—In one of his interesting Moral Stories, Mr. Æsop tells of a Jackdaw who, seeing an Eagle carry off a lamb with elegance and ease, deemed that there was nothing to prevent him from carrying off a sheep. Acting upon this conclusion he fixed his talons in the wool of a desirable animal, and endeavored to soar away. This part of the performance, however, proved a disheartening failure. The artist suggests this absurd fable as an illustration of the Mail's present endeavor to capture the Prohibition vote.

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE PLATFORM.—During the great Conservative open-air meeting at the Murray Canal last week, the platform upon which the speakers—Cabinet ministers—were assembled,

gave way with a crash, causing considerable excitement. This incident is regarded as ominous for Tory chances in the forthcoming campaign, as it is well-known that the principal planks upon which the Government proposes to stand, are worm-eaten with age.

THE INDEPENDENT DOG.—The Globe is exceedingly anxious that the Mail should demonstrate its independence, and as a means of so doing, suggests that it should give the public an article on the blind-share scandal. The Mail scorns to take the hint.

ORAL EXAMINATION IN LAW.

Examiner.—Suppose you found a \$100 bill, how would you reconcile your conscience to keeping it?

Student: (without pausing for breath). The man who could lose a hundred dollars didn't deserve to have it; I wouldn't lose it; "Down with monopoly"; if I returned it he might lose it again; some dishonest person might find it; I need the money more than the loser; so does my Tailor; "This is an answer to prayer"; he might use it badly; I would spend it better; "Virtue is its own reward."

Examiner.—What arguments would you use in order to reconcile you to returning it?

Student.—"Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, "The owner might have seen me pick it up; he might be bigger than I and able to run faster; "The Devil takes care of his own," therefore the man who lost the money was a good man; I might spend it and get found out afterwards; my creditors would get it anyway; The owner might suicide with grief; I would be his murderer; "Honesty is the best policy." "Wealth does not bring happiness" "Easy come easy go."

Examiner.—You have passed a very successful examination sir, and I congratulate you on your success; you are now one of us and I trust you will soon get an estate to manage. You will one day be wealthy.

R. A. W.



"GENERAL REJOICING."

Soldier.—God bless you, sir; if it hadn't been for the Army, I would ha' been a miserable outcast yet! Now I'm the happiest man in the place!

[And this is what Gen. Booth hears wherever he goes. Where is the next general who has done as much for his country?]

FLIPKINS was passing along the streets, and saw a trunk outside the door of a dealer, bearing the legend, "This size for \$10." "So do I," said Flipkins.