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-{BROWNING

London, Friday, August 4.

HALF-BAKED JINGOISM.

Toronto has a peculiar type of journalism in the Empire. In Wednesday's issue it not only gloated over the financial troubles in the United States, but actually considered itself entitled to lecture its local contemporaries because they also were not gloating over these fiscal difficulties.

The Empire's course is not simply un dignified. It is senseless, and it is un christian.

There is not a journalist or citizen o Canada, apart from a few half-baked Jingoes, who does not regret the temporary financial troubles of our neighbors, and who does not realize that no ill can befall the United States without some reflected injury to Canada a little later on.

It may need a month or two, it may need a year or two, for the United States to get once more into settled business shape; bu there is nothing permanently wrong. the repeal of the Sherman Silver Act, a scaling down of tariff taxes, and a little patience while things are adjusting them-selves, the United States will enter upon an era of prosperity as marked as that of any previous period of "good times."

WE understand that there is an indisposition on the part of some citizens to answer correctly the necessary questions put by the assessors to make the voters list complete. It is well that every name should be on the list that has a right to be there: the Provincial voters' list should have on it every citizen who is 21 years of To ensure that no names shall be omitted, the present voters' list act passed last [session, provides that any person who without lawful excuse refuses or neglects to answer the necessary inquiries of the assessor, or who wilfully answers falsely any sor, or who will may all or assessor and requisite for obtaining all necessary information shall for every refusal or neglect or wilfully false answer be liable to a penalty of not exceeding \$20, which may be recovered before the police magistrate. When it is known that such is the result of contumacy, it is to be hoped there will be no need for police court action. But it will be remembered that the assessors are sworn to do their complete duty, and one portion of that duty is to put the name of every qualified person on the voters' list with the co-operation of the householders.

"ANGLO-SAXON SPIRIT AND STRENGTH.'

The following appears in Wednesday's New York World:

"ENGLAND

"There has been a good deal of war talk in Europe and some of it has been interest-ing. But the most interesting thing in connection with the Siam incident is the astonishment with which Europe generally discovered that England would fight.

"It is the fashion to say that England

"It is the fashion to say that England does not, and dare not, make war on any one but 'niggers.' They who utter this bit of insolence do not know England or English pluck. There is still a vast amount of muscle in the English character, and any country that expects to have an easy time in a war with the people whom God set 'in blown seas and storming showers' is ignorant of history, past and present, and of the Anglo-Saxon spirit and strength.

"There is no navy in the world whose officers and sailors can compare with the English except their kindred's of the United States."

The New York World is right. "The

The New York World is right. "The Anglo-Saxon spirit and strength" are ready whenever needed. The generous recognition by our contemporary recalls the fact that the New York Recorder's Columbus prize, by public vote, for the most popular warship in New York harbor, in competition with the war-fleets of all nations, fell to a British ship.

Yes! there is any amount of muscle, spirit and strength in Angle-Saxondom; and just as much in the Canadian and in the United States branch as in the British. What a force they would make united They would command the peace of the world by the very majesty of their combined strength, without needing to strike a blow. If they did need to strike a blow in righteous cause they would be invincible

friendly words. Such utterances promote the day when Britain, the United States and Canada shall be one not only in sentiment, but in some form of organic union. Speed the day!

WHO says that China is not waking up? It will soon have a modern postal system.
The Imperial Government has approved a plan, drawn up by Sir Robert Hart, under which the native postal organization will entirely disappear and will be replaced by an imperial postoffice, with branches throughout the country, under the management of qualified foreigners. When the reform is completed China will ask for admission into the Postal Union.

A CONFESSION There is no use in lamenting about the foolish people who have exodusted from Canada—thoseof us who are left are just as well off as if the others had stayed here. Five millions of people can be as happy and as presperous as sixty millions.—[Hamilton Spectator.

Does this flippant rejoinder meet the arguments of those who have called ttention to the failure of the present Ottawa Government to fulfil its pledge to stay the exodus by means of the policy of high taxation?

It is quite possible that five millions o people can be as happy and as prosperous as sixty millions, but it is equally possible that both the five millions and the sixty millions may have allowed themselves to be plundered through accepting the false eachings of a few interested monopolists.

What we desire to emphasise is the fact that the high tax policy is a confessed failure in Cauada. It did not stay the exodus, it has not enriched the workers, it has robbed the many for the benefit of a few, it has destroyed industries in this and other cities that prospered under the ow tariff, and it has retarded the growth of many cities, towns and villages by concentrating producing power in Toronto and

If increase in population is no object, as the Hamilton high tax journal would fain nake believe, why has the Dominion Government within the last dozen years spent several million dollars to coax emigrants o Canada? Our contemporary being the vitness, and the census its corroborator, these millions were worse than wasted.

THE Herald has at length published the Hamilton Spectator's "crushing exposure" of the London Advertiser's comparative table of American and Canadian duties, and just as we expected, the Spectator resorts to the trick of giving as the actual duty on specified articles of import the average duty on the classes of goods in which the articles specified by the Advertiser are classified. Almost anything can be proved by tricky legerdeman the Advertise are classified. Almost anything can be proved by tricky legerdemain of that kind. The Spectator knows better, but simply evades the effect of specific duties, combined with ad valorem, in calculating the duty on actual invoices of goods. The Herald does not know any better, but wildly gulps down the Spectator's quibbling as substantial fact. It is certainly a pitiable exhibition they make.

[Halifax, N. S., Chronicle.

The high tax newspapers are extingled.

The high tax newspapers are artful dodgers ever, but the people are finding them out from Dan even unto Beersheba.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

THE SMALL BOY.

What is the most terrible possession of towns in general? What do the timid person from the country, the fashionable young lady, the drunk, the parson, the dismal yellow dog, fear exceedingly, beyond all, policemen, desperadoes or runaway horses with which cities are supposed to teem? The Small Boy!-the omnipresent, vindictive, unerring Small Boy! Straight the gate and narrow the way you must tread if you wish to pass anchallenged. The small boy's instincts are all against individuality, and things outre or unaccustomed. He is conserva tive, is the small boy, and sets his face resolutely against any attempts of wild ocialists to break time-honored laws by appearing on the public streets in a threeimmers-ago straw hat, raked out by your wife from some corner in the attic. Likewise, gentlemen who have been off on a little "jag," who ensconce themselves in

wise, gentlemen who have been off on a little "jag," who ensconce themselves in the gutter for a few minutes the gutter for a few minutes as youth and the street railway system, are liable to find themselves visited with swift and instant retribution in shape of various small fiends who will dance up and down upon him, exclaiming, "He's drunk! Hi, Johnny, come here!" and before the small boy has finished with him that misguided man will have vowed to sign the pieige.

My last night in Victoria Park I was forced to witness the chastisement of a thoughtless youth by these lawless young law-protectors. He had taken his best girl to the band concert, and they had strolled to a remote corner of the park. It was "in the gloaming," indeed, but not too dark for me to see the swain slip his arm gently around his lady love's waist and saunter slowly up the apparently deserted path. It was all very nice and delighthil, I have no doubt, but that young man was infringing, and might have been prepared for what happened. No sooner was his arm securely placed, than theenemy, who had been lying in wait behind a clump of shrubs and

infringing, and might have been prepared for what happened. No sooner was his arm socurely placed, than the enemy, who had been jving in wait behind a clump of shrubs and plants, burst into a yell of triumph; and derisive cries and sardonic laughter made the night repulsive to "love's young dream;" then, like the dark-skinned coyotes, the small boys commenced to shadow the footsteps of the now thoroughly disconcerted pair. Wherever they went, the trie followed, appearing suddenly around bushes and cutting across the path as a means of diversion, with a gleeful "Yah, Yah!" ready in their throats should there be the slightest attempt at further settlementalities.

I suppose the small boy is human. Probably he has a mother who tubs him every Saturday with the addition of plenty of brown soap. He may even say his prayers and then sink to sleep in a little white night shirt, locking like a cherub made of pink sugar. But O, it is hard, very hard to imagine him anything less than an impose hard, in ragged boots and stocklings, springing mysteriously from the earth and smilling with malicious glee should we happen to lose our temper for a moment when the wind lifts our hat from our head, or the butcher's big ill-tempered brate piles on to the little fox terrier you have brought along with you, while you stopte order the meat fordinner. Vive le Small Boy!

London, Aug. 3.—The yacht race for the town prize took place te-day off the Isle of Wight. The wind was blowing a stiff gale, which proved altogether too much for the American yacht Navahoe, which was entered for the race. The yacht became ummanageable and nearly capsized. Her main sail fell, but was hoisted again, and under double recfs the yacht ran for South-ampton, having been compelled to give up the contest. The race was won by the Satanita, beating the Valkyrie by eight minutes.

Conscience tells us what is right and Coats, should be followed accordingly.

THE OPEN FORUM.

City School Board Empenditures,
To the Editor of the Adventisen:
Is there any possible way of getting i
into the minds of the city school trustee

they constitute a most extravagant? Why should there be these incessant motions for increased salaries to teachers, who are already about the best paid and least worked people in the com-munity? Is there a mechanic or industrial munity? Is there a mechanic or industrial employe in the city who could get a "raise" of \$100 a year for his work? I doubt if there is a single one. And still we are taxed and taxed to provide soft jobs and fat salaries for others. And isn't \$425 a good lump of money to pay for a 1st of July harangue from the chairman of the school board to a lot of children? Economy and retrenchment is the watchword in all lines of business, why not with the school lines of business. ines of business, why not with the school board? Kindly ventilate this matter in your valuable journal, and oblige a number of workingmen and taxpayers.

EDISON, THE WIZARD.

The Turning Point in the Career of the Menlo Park Inventor

Menlo Fark Enventer.

His second venture in practical telegraphy was the turning point of his life. The story is told as it was related to the writer by Mr. J. U. Mackenzie, who, during the early sixties, was the station agent and operator at Mount Clemens, Michigan. Michigan.

Michigan.

As a newsboy, Edison's run took him twice a week through Mount Clemens on the train known as the "mixed" division. This train reached that station between 10 and 11 a. m., and returned to Port Huron between 4 and 5 p. m. Young Edison was popular with the railroad men, whom he delighted to entertain inhis train laboratory with chemical experiments, and had made a staunch friend of the Mount Clemens operator. Mr. Mackenzie and his wife and family lived over the station. operator. Mr. Mackenzie an family lived over the station.

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It was a summer day. The "mixed" arrived in good time, and the train was cut loose shead of the bargage ear in order to pick up a car of freight on its way to Jackson. This left the passenger and baggage car at the north end of the station platform. The engine and freight cars backed in on the freight-house track and pulled out the car on to the main track, without a brake-man, giving it a gentle push toward the baggage car. The track was very level.

"My son, then two and a half years old," said Mr. Mackenzie, "unobserved by his nurse, had strayed upon the main track and was amusing himself throwing pebbles, when Edison, who stood near with papers under his arm, turned and saw the child's danger. Throwing aside his papers,

was amusing himself throwing pebbles, when Edison, who stood near with papers under his arm, turned and saw the child's danger. Throwing aside his papers, he plunged between the cars just in time to drag himself and the child clear of the approaching cars. Excepting scratches, both escaped without injury. The act was heroic, and our gratitude unbounded. I was just then unable, however, to substantially reward the young hero. Then I remembered his absorbing interest in telegraphy. Many a time I had driven him from my office, for his curiosity led him into all sorts of mischief, to my annoyance.

"Al,' I said, 'stop at Mount Clemens from II a. m. until 4 p. m. several days each week, and I will perfect you as an operator and get you a position.' The offer was eagerly accopted.

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"Edison soon had erected a line from the station tank to my brother-in-law's sleeping room over the station. The instruments used were made by Edison's own hands at a gun shop in Detroit. In construction and operation they were perfect. Subsequently the boy put up a perfectly equipped working line from the station to the village drug store—a distance of one mile. It worked very well in the fine, dry weather, during which it was built, but the first rainy day rendered it useless. It could hardly have been otherwise, for ninetenths of the line was fastened with mere enths of the line was fastened with penny nails to the ceder of a snake-stake. There were no insulators of any kind, and the line was what is known as stove-pipe annealed wire. Excepting two paid messages sent over this line, the whole was a financial failure.

"One day while the line was in operation Al. rushed into my office, his eyes electric

Al. rushed into my office, his eyes electric sparks.

"Mr. Mackenzie,' he cried, 'I can send two messages at the same time over a single wire!"

"'Away with your nonsense!' I replied, and drove him out of the office. After the Boston trial in which Edison's claim to the invention of the 'duplex' was contested, I recalled to him the incident.

"Had I your evidence, Mackenzie,' said the inventor in reply, 'it would have saved

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6 pieces Salisbury Flannelette, spots and flowers, 10c regular, 6c to-day.

10 pieces Anchor and Spot Flannelettes, cream grounds, 120 regular, to-day 7c.

4 pieces Union Angola Shirting, regular 25c, to-day 14c, 2 pieces Unbleached Sheeting, worth 20c, to-day 16c. 18 only Art Table Covers, regular price \$1 75 and \$2, to-day

15 only Silk Embroidered Table Covers, worth \$2 50, to-day

3 pieces Table Linen, very wide and fine, to-day 44c. 6 pieces Heavy Oxford Shirting, 18c and 20c, to-day 12½c, 10 pieces Printed Sateens, 18c and 20c goods, to-day 12cc. 20 pieces Fine French Sateens, fast colors, regular price 30c

and 35c, to-day 18c. 6 pieces Canadian Tweed, strong for boys, to-day 25c. 15 only Table Cloths, colored border, 22 yards long to-day

10 pieces Fine Plaid Chambry, 25c goods to-day 16c. I bale Factory Cotton, 36 inches wide, worth 9c, to-day 7c. 1 case White Cotton, cheap at 10c. Yours to-day at 8 2c.

Ladies' Fast Black Hose, 25c for 19c. Fancy Belts for Ladies' wear \$1 00 for 50c. Fancy Jap Fans 5c, worth 10c; at 10c, worth 15c. Ladies' Silk Gloves, 40c quality to-day 31c.

Ladies' Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 13c value to-day 3 for 25c. Ladies' Blouse Waists Silk, \$2 50 quality to-day \$1 69. Fancy Japanese Pocket Panels 25c, to-day 17c. Ladies' Ribbed Vests, summer weight, only 6c.

Silk Ribbons at 7c, worth 10c; at 9c, worth 15c. Silk Ribbons, beautiful quality, fancy and plain, worth 50c and 75c for 25c; worth 35c and 40c for 15c. Ladies' Black Hose, 15c for 10c.

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6 pieces French Flannels, for house dresses, worth 60c, today 38

pieces Navy Serge, with polka silk dot, worth 75c, today 47c. 3 pieces Black Lace Flouncings, 45 inches wide, worth 40c,

to-day 15c. 100 pairs Lace Curtains, one half former price, Ladies' Straw Hats, 10c, worth 35c. Gents' Underwear, 50c a Suit, worth 88c. Gents' Silk Coats and Vests, only \$3 95, worth \$5.

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