

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

A VICTORY FOR THE MACHINE.

There will not likely be any further adjournment of the proceedings in the West Huron election case when it comes before the court to-day. The missing witness, John T. Linklater, is still missing. He will not be forthcoming, according to those who have searched for him from Black Rock, N. Y., to the mining camps of the north shore of Lake Superior. The Conservatives, who are the petitioners, will not ask for another adjournment, and, in fact, did not ask for the last, which the court granted on its own account. They will argue the case on evidence taken at the trial. They are confident they can establish agency without the evidence of the absent Wingham miller. Judgment in the East Elgin case has made them still more hopeful. The Liberals, on the other hand, declare the petition against Hon. Mr. Garrow will be dismissed for lack of proof of agency.

HOW BRITISH CORPS HAVE SUFFERED.

Table showing casualties to British arms to date, by battalions. Columns include Regiment, Killed, Wounded, Captured. Total Grand total, 2,283.

THE MISSING LEONIDS.

Astronomers have been assuring us all along that on the 14th, 15th and 16th nights of November, 1899, we would simply be dazzled by brilliant meteoric displays. The meteorites known as the Leonids, wandering pieces of a "burnt-out" sphere, have an orbit which at one point touches the orbit of our earth. The question of right of way has never been threshed out, and since neither the earth nor the Leonids will hang back till the other passes, a collision is inevitable. The meteorites, moving at a velocity which would enable them to give a streak of lightning forty-nine miles start in a fifty mile race, strike the atmosphere which envelops the earth. Speed and friction generate fire so that about 74 miles from here the meteorites begin to burn, and before they have come twenty miles further they are entirely burned out. This self-destruction undoubtedly saves us considerably unappreciated, for as between meteorites and llydite shells among crowds the latter would be harmless playthings. As these Leonids failed to materialize in great numbers this year something seems to have gone wrong. Either the astronomers are out in their calculation or the earth last ran into the Leonid zone it cleaned most of them out.

THE NEWSPAPER HABIT.

The circulation of books in a certain Connecticut library fell off over 9,000 since last year, and the librarian says it was because "popular interest in current events was so great that newspapers were read rather than books." It was against this tendency that the Rev. Dr. Greer spoke at the Episcopal conference at Minneapolis, when he deprecated the "newspaper habit." Dr. Greer's point is not well taken," says an American exchange. "If the American people purchased fewer novels and other books, last year, because they were busy following the fresh-made history of the Spanish war, it is a fact for congratulation rather than for regret. It is a healthy sign that the reading public tends more and more to keep close in touch with the public events. The base of the old style of education was that it kept its students delving in the dusty past which they remained ignorant of the history that was making before their eyes. There is no longer such a thing as a great man who does not read newspapers. The "newspaper habit," is as necessary for good and intelligent citizenship as the "eating habit" is for good health. In both cases the only thing to avoid is slothful consumption or gluttony, with the consequent indigestion. The only vicious "newspaper habit" is the habit of dwelling over a paper with lazy and indiscriminating mind. Such a habit is injurious and wasteful of time, but it is more likely to be contracted in reading novels than in reading good, well-edited newspapers.

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As long as the mind is alert and judgment alive the time spent in reading the news may be made as profitable intellectually as that spent in reading books.

An armoured train seems to be a good vehicle not to travel on.

Windsorites are kicking as hard over compulsory vaccination as if the board of health had ordered them to take a bath.

When a municipal candidate asks you for your vote this year ask him what he proposes doing, if elected, towards paving the leading thoroughfares.

If Ridgeway fails to induce Howard to build a town hall for its benefit it can thank the Dominion for laying down the principle that such a deal smacks of hogwashness.

"John James now wears a smiling face," says the Courtright correspondent of the Wallaceburg Herald. Mr. James will have to wear something more than that if he intends to comfortably endure the rigors of an Ontario winter.

W. J. Stewart, who is looking for a site for a sugar refinery in this country, was in Aylmer the other day. He left there to visit Dunnville and Warrington. The mayor should make another attempt to get on his track.

The Detroit Free Press should not keep itself awake at night worrying over American sympathy for Great Britain. A country that cannot even subdue a few half-naked and badly armed Filipinos is not in a position to cut much of a figure in the world of diplomacy.

We are now told that binder twine is likely to jump to 29 or 25 cents a pound next year as manila is up to 15 cents. But possibly the cost of manila has not much to do with the price of twine. When the raw material was 33-4 cents per pound the farmers were being charged 16 cents for the finished article.

The Detroit Free Press declares that American sympathy is with the Boers and not with the British. It says Great Britain deceives herself if she believes the imperialist press of New York voices American sentiment. Any fat-headed loon could tell at a thousand miles distance that the respectable press of New York does not voice the sentiments of the riff-raff, scum, scurf, Fenian, cut-throat, tough, and all the other baser elements that go to make up the United States. Their sentiments are represented by such sheets as the Detroit Free Press. Some papers can afford to cater to the more intelligent and respectable classes of the community. Then there are other papers which would ruin their circulation unless they pandered to the prejudices and ignorance of the unwashed.

Bystander (Prof. Goltwin Smith) in the Toronto Sun.

Whoever will trace the history of the connection between church and state in England will find that the bond has been the fruitful source of pollution to the church, and of calamity to both. In the time of Charles I. they dragged each other down to utter ruin. The political privileges of the Anglican clergy estranged the whole body of Nonconformists from the nation and its government. It

prevented the pacification of Ireland, and at last produced the Irish rebellion. It excluded a large section of the educated classes by religious tests from the national universities, thus condemning them to a forfeiture of the highest culture, as well as to a certain measure of social disparagement. We thought, after 1837, that we had got rid of the nuisance here. To great extent, happily, we have, but not entirely. A gentleman whose name few of us had heard before is appointed to a place in the provincial cabinet. Ask what is his claim and qualifications. The answer is that he represents the Catholic vote.

LITERARY NOTES.

A LIFE OF CHRIST FOR THE YOUNG.

In this volume are grouped the chief incidents in our Lord's life, written in so simple a style, in chronological order with geographical connections, as to secure the interest of the young. The author, George L. Wood, from careful study and experience is fully qualified to select material, and give it form suited to the younger mind. Having personally visited the Holy Land, the scenes of this volume are full of the spirit of reality, freshness and vividness. It has been strongly endorsed as being at once reverent and practical, simple and sympathetic, clear and forceful, deserving wide recognition as a story of Jesus Christ, as a brief but comprehensive study of His person, work and teaching. It is illustrated with seventy-five full page illustrations, which add much to its interest and value. It is a book of four hundred pages, well bound in cloth, with handsome embossed cover. The publishers, The Westminster House, Montreal and Toronto. Handsomely engraved illustrations and valuable reading matter are features of the production.

A FINE NUMBER.

One of the finest trade numbers that ever reached the Planet sanctum is the recent special production of The Canadian Grocer, gotten out at the McLean Publishing House, Montreal and Toronto. Handsomely engraved illustrations and valuable reading matter are features of the production.

CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL.

The November issue of the Canadian Home Journal is an exceedingly fine number. Among its most interesting contributions are "Mattie's Wish," by Ellen Vavasour Noel, of this city, and "A Victory for the Heart," by S. Jean Walker, of Thamesville. The whole number is an especially good one, and well worthy of perusal.

SELF CULTURE MAGAZINE.

The Self Culture Magazine will be obtained for Planet subscribers at the rate of eighty cents per annum. If Iowa State College—Self Culture is a most commendable magazine, and deserving of wide patronage.—W. M. Beardsley, President.

LIBERAL POEMS, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The Mail has been rearticulating some of the scintillating gems of campaign poetry with which the Liberals have bombarded their Conservative opponents in the past. Here are a few of them, which make good reading: Hurrah for Tarte, so bright and smart, Hurrah for Mulock, too; McGillicuddy and everybuddy That fights the Tupper crew.

Oh, Blake is the man for the nation, A statesman both able and true, A foe to oppressive taxation, And all the taxcollector crew.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, to victory marching, Brace up! let the Tories know, That the plotting, tricky French, Who in power they would entrench, Cannot rule the roost in Ontario.

Rouse, ye Liberals, one and all, Mark it is your country's call; Break each chain that would enthrall Canada and thee. Joined together, heart and hand, Liberals for free trade stand, From our fair Canadian land Banish the N. P.

Oh, let the Free Trade shout be heard To far Vancouver's land; Loud every province echo it, Aloud on every hand.

Ring the knell of hoodlum boys, We'll sound it loud and long, Ring it with a spirit That will make it thrill the throng.

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A MOVABLE FASHION PLATE.

"You manage to keep right up with the modes in the suburbs, Mrs. Plain." "Yes; when our new coats come, they always bring the latest styles."

EXPLANATORY.

For the past month there has appeared in the advertising columns of The Planet the legend, "Tidy Tablets," and there has been considerable curiosity expressed as to its meaning. The explanation is furnished elsewhere in this issue by the announcement of the Dr. Hope Medicine Company, Limited, of Toronto. From the large sum of money these gentlemen have invested in Dr. Hope's remedy, they must have a good deal of faith in its remedial qualities.

THE VOLCANO BATH.

People in California Plunge in Ice Cold Mud.

Volcano baths are the proper thing nowadays in certain parts of California and Mexico. Down in Mendocino county, California, such baths have become most frequent. The volcano bath is not a water bath, says the San Francisco Bulletin, nor is it a fire bath or a lava bath, as might be supposed. It is a mud bath, and no ordinary bath at that. Ice cold mud of a bluish tint and of the consistency of freshly mixed mortar is the element into which the bathers plunge, splashing and spluttering. The way they manage is unique. A sapling is felled in the forests near the volcano craters, stripped of its limbs, carried to the crater and placed across it, so that each end of the pole rests on firm ground. Fancy yourself sliding out on one of these saplings stretched across a crater's mouth, then slipping gently off into the middle of a gurgling, bubbling, ice cold mass of mud and swinging yourself there, suspended by your hands, until fatigued! Then, with just life enough left to crawl back along the log, you reach unyielding ground again.

Once plunged into one of the craters of mud, with all ties to the sapling above severed, a person would be lost forever, being swallowed up in the murky depths in an instant, for vastly quicker in action and surer of its victim than quicksand is the mud of Mendocino's mysterious volcanoes.

Cleanliness has nothing to do with it. It is not that for which people face the dangers of the volcano bath. The mud which is belched forth from the earth's interior is supposed to contain important medicinal properties.

There are about twenty-five of these singular mud belching volcanoes in Mendocino county, and they are among California's many wonders. They are situated high on a mountain side, seven miles from Cahto. At this time of the year they are unusually active. Their gurgling roar may be heard for a distance of several miles when they are most violent. The mud frequently shoots over the rim of the crater, flows down the mountain like a lava stream and enters one of the Bel river's tributaries called Mud creek. It fills the craters, which are about five feet above the earth's surface and bounded with a circular base or miniature crater from four to seven feet in diameter at the base and two to three feet at the top. Prospecting parties have hewn down saplings fifty feet in length and pushed them into the mouth of a crater. Some of these have disappeared altogether. Others remain near the surface, playthings of the muddy element, which tosses them about like fishermen's bobbers in a rough sea. A significant incidence is the fact that when the ocean, twenty miles away, is unusually heavy and rough the volcanoes become intensely active, belching forth not only their burden of ice cold mud, but volumes of warm vapor. In some mysterious way the ocean seems to control their action.

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In the Surrogate Court, County of Kent.

Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of twenty days from the first publication of this notice that application to the judge of the aforesaid court will be made for a grant of letters of guardianship of the persons and estate of Gertrude Elizabeth, Maudie, Kathleen, Minnie Winifred and Marion Tighe, late of the City of Chatham, deceased, to Ida Elizabeth Tighe, of Chatham, mother of said infants. Dated at Chatham this 16th day of November, A. D. 1899. IDA ELIZABETH TIGHE. By her Solicitor, C. R. Atkinson, jr.

Wanted: Brains.

Dr. Burt G. Wilder, professor of Physiology on the Cornell staff of instruction at Ithica, has recently issued a circular asking prominent men in the United States to bequeath their brains to the university. He says that while it is easy to procure the brains of criminals and of insane or ignorant persons, it has hitherto been extremely difficult to obtain those of persons in whom the cerebral development is beyond the average. He adds that it is highly desirable for the advancement of science that a considerable number of brains of this character should be secured. This request, which has been circulated principally among the students and graduates of Cornell, is accompanied by a blank form of bequest, which, however, contains a clause by which the legacy becomes void if serious objection is made by the relatives of the deceased.

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