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A YOUTHFUL "CHAMPION."

We have a note from Mr. John G. Kerr, of Chatham, taking exception to the news item from that city which appeared in Friday's issue, regarding the finding of alleged "burned" (not burned) ballot boxes. Mr. Kerr dissents from what he calls "an attempt to connect the discovery of three old ballot boxes under an old Garner House stairway with any wrong doing on the part of the Liberal party," and declares such inferences to be false, and that "there never was any rendezvous of the Liberal politicians in the Garner House block, and the store near which the boxes were found never was used as a Grid committee room." He states that the boxes were found under the stairs, but "were found in a sort of attic, above what was many years ago the wash-room adjoining the old Garner House office."

How the boxes got there our informant does not offer to explain. His disclaimer, on the part of the Grid party is all well enough as far as his personal knowledge goes, but Mr. Kerr may not be possessed of all the secrets of the prison house connected with Grid ballot boxes, many of which are notoriously dark and mysterious, but some of which are matters of authentic record. Reasoning from the known to the unknown, the Chatham writer may have thought it a fair conclusion that the ballot boxes in question may have been Duncan Boleized after the manner of West Elgin. But in this he may have been mistaken. The finding of the ballot boxes in such an out of the way corner of Chatham, warrants a suspicion that they were placed there under circumstances of peculiar electoral emergency, and as there was no apparent ground for suspecting it as the handiwork of Conservatives, the only alternative assumption naturally arising from the discovery was that Grid workers, prompted and guided by both near and remote precedent, had had a finger in the pie.—London Free Press.

The Free Press seems to have "sized up" its correspondent pretty accurately. In this district, where the young solicitor is better known, his rushing in "where angels fear to tread" is quite amusing. As champion of the "Liberal party," his appeals with infinite humor to local Conservatives, and it is hardly surprising that it is somewhat annoying to the stalwarts in the Liberal party.

RELENTING.

The New York Sun in past years was an unrelenting enemy of Canada. It was one of the advocates of starving us into submission, alias annexation, by a high tariff wall, alien labor laws and other evidences of legislative antagonism. But though the Sun under-estimated the Canadian spirit and Canadian resources at that time and blundered, it was one of the first newspapers in the States to see the danger to American interests on the horizon when the Chamberlain policy dropped up, and it has since been doing its utmost to placate Canada and to awaken the people of the republic to the necessity of taking action to head off the fiscal confederation of the empire by seducing Canada from any inter-imperial compact. The Sun is very much hurt at the statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the joint high commission will remain disjoined until such time as the United States asks Canada to reopen negotiations. It says:—

"With all respect to Sir Wilfrid, who admires us so much, this is not a very commendable intemperance. There is a touch of bombast in an expression which is equivalent to a statement that if the United States thinks it can get on without Canada, it is certain that Canada can get on mightily well without the United States. It may be the fact, but it is not entirely politic to throw it in our faces at a time when there is unquestionably an increasing feeling on this side of the line for more friendly and closer relations. The United States does not expect Canada to bow the knee and sue for favors of any kind, but nothing is to be gained for either side by any display of bumptiousness. Canada and the United States are being drawn into closer commercial brotherhood by the operation of broad economic laws, and benefit accrues to both. The wisest course for both is to allow these laws full play and to avoid all unnecessary obstruction to their operation."

It is really too bad to give the Sun such pain. We are glad to learn that it no longer expects Canada to bow the knee and sue for favors. It did so once on a time, but it is gradually becoming wise.

PANIC-STRICKEN MINISTERS.

The spectacle in the Legislature on Friday, when the Ross Government was brought with its improperly acquired majority of three absent, was without precedent. As the situation dawned upon the Ministers the horrors appertaining to loss of office



overwhelmed them, and a panic set in. First they pleaded with the Opposition not to press for a division, but to spare them until reinforcements should arrive. Was it kind, was it generous, was it gentlemanly, to insist upon a vote when a part of the Ministerial strength was not at hand? Then, seeing that pleadings were in vain, another expedient was resorted to. It was discovered that a vote on a Friday was a breach of faith, and was unfair! Mr. Harcourt, the hero of the saw-off scandal, waxed exceedingly violent, and charged the Opposition with fighting with "poisoned swords" and "violating flags of truce."

Eventually the Government was rescued through the arrival of some of the missing members, and Ministers breathed freely once more. Their offices had been saved. But it was a trying experience while it lasted. The Minister of Education had, perhaps, the worst fright of all. He was so alarmed that in a moment of extreme agitation he moved the adjournment of the debate, thus putting a time limit on the speeches in a crisis when the widest latitude was required by the Ministerial orators. If Mr. Harcourt is as potent at administration as he is in tactics the Education Department sadly needs a change. The incident, from beginning to end, is extremely suggestive. In the first place it is well to consider the nature of the proposition the Government opposed at the peril of its life. Lake Temagami is a promising summer resort situated with beautiful islands. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt wanted the House to declare that these islands should not be sold, but should be occupied on lease. It was a proposition to save the property of the province from the speculators and "grifters" who have the run of the Crown Lands Department. It was a reasonable proposal, which an honest Ministry would promptly accept. Why did the Ross Government combat it? Having opposed it in behalf of their coteries the Ministers wanted the Opposition to drop the proposal until sufficient members could be gathered together to defeat it. This was cool. What is the use of attempting a defence of the public property if those who offer the defence are to spend the struggle while the means of effecting their defeat are being perfected?

But the appeal to "fair play" and generosity caps everything, considering its source! Here are politicians from whom we get the perronander, the ballot-box fraud, the gerrymander, and corruption of voters, the purchase of legislators, and the early session to thwart election trials and to enable illegally elected men to hold them in office, abjectly prostrating themselves before Mr. Whitney, who has been the principal victim of their misconduct, and pleading for generosity and a flag of truce. It cannot be said that these gentlemen are familiar with that generosity which they wish their chief opponent to exercise to the detriment of the people in their behalf. Nor will it be agreed that any such generosity ought to be extended to a Government which the people have ordered to retire.—Mail and Empire.

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Brantford Expositor.
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Toronto News.
 Boyd, the professional runner, successfully sprinted away from the provincial constable who arrested him. Once for all the question of the utility of athletics is settled.

THURST UPON HIM.

Ottawa Free Press.
 Notwithstanding all his disclaimers, there is the best reason for believing that Governor Cleveland expects to receive the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States.

LOOKING TO CANADA.

Toronto Globe.
 The Northern Securities Company, incorporated in New Jersey, has been declared illegal, and it is believed that it will revive in Canada. Mr. Hill, in spite of his denial, may remember that eloquently linked to "The civilized world, Canada, and the State of New Jersey."

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

March 22nd.—J. B. Tuckwell spent Sunday with friends in Chatham.

Jas. Hughes, of Kent Bridge, was a Dresden visitor on Saturday.

John Bridgewater, who has been working in Kent Bridge for the past ten weeks, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Tassie is visiting friends in London.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson went to Florence on Sunday, owing to the illness of her father-in-law, Hiram Wilson.

Mrs. J. W. Sharpe left yesterday morning to attend the annual convention of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association of the Church of England in Canada. Mrs. J. C. Tassie, who is visiting in London, is the other delegate.

F. A. McKim was a Maple City visitor last night.

R. C. Battersby, of the Bank of Commerce staff, left yesterday for Collingwood, to which place he has been removed. Mr. Melville, the new teller, arrived yesterday morning.

An interesting debate was held at the Epworth League meeting last night. The subject of the debate was "Resolved that theatre-going and novel reading are a detriment to civilization." F. Boylan and M. Brown, the affirmative debaters, were winners by a score of 4 votes to 2.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Raymond, of Cambridge, is visiting their uncle, C. W. Raymond.

Wm. Singer, of Chatham, and Wm. Richmond, Mr. Huff, and Mr. Lake were at the Bay last week, on business.

Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Allen, of the City, were Chatham visitors on Saturday.

J. Murphy, who has been laid up with the grip, is much better, and is able to be out.

The warm weather has again made its appearance and is welcome as we have to pay \$2.00 per cord for stove wood and it is scarce, too.

SOUTH BUXTON.

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