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AMERICAN FALL ELECTIONS; HOT TIMES AHEAD.

In the fall of this present year, 1898, the whole of the House of Representatives (for shortness termed the "House") are re-elected. This takes place every second year and is a clean sweep-out of all the members. They are however eligible for re-election. As may be supposed, a bitter fight between the Republicans and Democrats is likely to ensue. Vast political consequences affecting the control of the newly-acquired territory caused by the war will follow the forthcoming elections. On this point the N. Y. Tribune ing which there is doubt. A few

to oppose, as strongly as it can, 'the election of Representatives and Senators who will support the Administration in completing its work and in shaping the future of the great territories acquired."

In other words, the Democrats are about to make a bold bid to secure the Senate and take out of the hands of President McKinley and his Republinewly-acquired territories wrested from Spain. There is to concealment of the fact that the Democrats led by ex-President Cleveland are dissatisfied with the project for the permanently acquiring the Philippine and at last accounts was about to known and could not be known to any They hold that, to do so, would party to the Eastern question" (meaning China); that all the United States should desire to acquire there would be a naval station and necessary harbors should be abroad at this particular for American shipping. Looking ahead, the Democratic party is averse to the interference of the United States in had control of both events, dis own the China seas. With Hawali annexed, and with Cuba. Porto Rico and the rest of the Spanish territory atready secured, the Democratic leaders think vince have all gone against prohibithere is plenty of hard work before the nation without embroiling the Republic in the European complications which are sure to follow American designs on the entire area of the Philippine group.

In addition to the election of these Representatives, one-third of the Senate also retires. There are 45 States. each sending to Congress two to the bers. They are elected for six years, and every second year one-third of the number retires; this fall one-third will go out, their places being filled by nominations from their respective State legislatures. This coming November, the States will elect the House, year: thus, the old House will continue to sit till May 1899, notwithstandbeen voted on by the people in November. The old House continues to of Congress after the election of the pired, a period of four months. In the after a new Congress had been elected: the constitution of the United States.

At present, the Republican majority in the House is about 50, but it is doubtful when the November elections are held if President McKinley will have a majority at all. Thus, Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee now sitting at Washington admits as much. He does not attempt to conceal the gravity of the situation. He is reputed guising the fact that the election of do. They prefer straight lines and a majority in the House will be a very close and difficult matter, and our Republican friends should understand The reasons for our losses in the House will come from dissatisfaction over the disposition of patronage." The same Mr. Babcock has better hopes of the composition of the Senate for the Republican party, and says:-"I am satisfied that we will have a majority in the Senate of from six to nine." This is close enough out of a Senate of 90. But the Democratic party argues to the contrary.

the country will prove most ungrateshould become Democrat and take them with a fine powder. Arrived at as many different names; that his apfrom President McKinley and his associates not only the glory of the and slowly clamber up again the diswar but strip them of the spoils of office after all that has been effected. Experience of the past demonstrates the fact that there is no gratitude in have only to take for example the way Lord Salisbury is being hounded

by the Liberal opposition in Britain. The Democrats are already howling travagance, the inefficiency of the follow. Then, the party fight comes in to capture the prominent posts which will have to be filled in the adother islands ceded by Spain, not to mention particularly Hawaii now antheir opponents the Republicans have ber elections will then be fought out her husband and his friends. patronage in the gift of the party in power. Thirty new Senators, being most important was one written by loyal Druses or his unitarians, as they under arrest. The two men were brought over to Sarnia and locked up to the Persian Gulf, destroy Mecca, prior to their appearance at the police one-third of the whole have to take insects with bacilli.

the places of the outgoing Senators, as we all know the Senate has he veto power on most matters inclusive of treaty arrangements with ther nations. The angry passions of before a month has passed, and no one is wise enough prophet to predict on which banner Victory will perch.

### What About Mr. Fisher. St John Sun

Some of the government organs are anxious to know why certain Liberalsentative of the temperance element administration, Mr. Fisher is in a position to accomplish a great deal, and to explain some matters concernmonths ago the Minister of Agricul-"It is plain that a political party intends ture appeared to be of the opinion that the plebiscite measure was the most important bill of the year. On the day that he moved the second reading of the bill a deputation of ladies presented to the Premier the world's robibition petition. In the church where this happened, Mr. Fisher addressed the delegation, and a mass meeting of sympathizers. He there said that he did not then intend to putting the bill through, but that he proposed to make many speeches and take an active part in the campaign was ordered. The campaign is now secrets of his subjects, whom he would is not bright. on, and within less than a month of depart for the continent. It is true that he is understood to be there in the interest of his department, but it Hakim urged as proof of his own is a remarkable coincidence that the divinity, for he said he possessed not one minister who has this plebiscite in charge, and who had promised to take a leading part in the campaign, time, or that the time when he is abroad should be selected for the plebiscite campaign at home. Mr. Fisher trip to Europe, and the plebiscite. He has established a coincidence of date. In the meantime, the organs of the Government in his own Protion, and his supporters in Parliament have begun to issue anti-prohibition manifestoes.

### No Sighting of Gibraltar.

Prof. Simon Newcomb in the Atlantic. One of the first things I did the without a permit. I soon learned from Sprague, the American consul, who the proper officer was to issue the

The consul presented me to the military governor of the place, Gen. Sir Fenwick Williams of Kars. He was a man whom it was very interesting to meet. There was no need of troubling him with such a detail as that of a permit to take sights; but the consul ventured to relate my experience of the morning. He took the information in a way which showed that England, in making him a general, had lost a first-class diplomatist. Instead of treating the matter seriously, he professed to be greatly amused, and said it reminded him of the case of an old lady in Punch who had to pass a surveyor in the street, behind a theodolite. 'Please, sir, don't shoot till I get past." she begged.

### Animals at Play.

The Play of Animals. Karl Groos. Cats delight in racing about, but not so often, I think, in circles as dogs sharp turns with the genuine goat jump,. This sudden flight into the air, the animal's knowledge or intention, cannot here be preparatory to life in the mountains, but the cat finds the high jump very useful, not only in pouncing on its prey, but in escaping ts hereditary enemy. Brehm records movement play of young chamois. When in summer the young chamois delight to play on it. They throw The Republican party leaders and swimming motion to get a start, and Druses are now accessible by the pubtance they have slid down.

### Took the Wrong Widow

From the Kobe Chronicle. of a raid by some disconsolate widower her marriage to the widower. An instance of this kind has recently come to our notice. A widower living in of which so many poor fellows have one of the villages of Kangwha with lost their lives, and many more to eleven friends went to a hamlet close to the walls of Kangwha city where a widow lived and seized and carried off. after somewhat of a battle, a young lady. It so happened, however, that ministration of Cuba, Porto Rico, and they had mistaken the house, and unfortunately got hold of the wrong lady. Early the next morning an indignant posse came in pursuit, but the men nexed as a State, and the Philippines. who had committed the dastardly deed succeeded in eluding them. The young lady, however, was rescued, and after the house of the widower and its conhad a splendid innings, and they, too, tents had been completely demolished, are hungry office-seekers. The Novem- she was escorted home in triumph by

EXFERIMENTS WITH BACILLI.

SOON, THEY BELIEVE, EL HAKIM WILL REAPPEAR ON EARTH.

Events in China Regarded as Sigus of the Fulfilment of the Promise Made Centuries Ago, the Extermination of Their Enemies and the Triumph of Their Faith.

Shweir, Mount Lebanon, Syria, Aug. -The time set for the return of El the Druses are turned to the far East. Among them there are rumors of war and anticipations of the extermination f their enemies

youth, 11 years of age, a Fatimite El Hakim (the self-appointed), and ployed some forty old women, who call at times and question about matend. Mr. Fisher is in England, ters which they supposed were not save themselves. The knowledge thus acquired through his female spies, El the gift of prophecy or the function of an apostle, as others had done be-fore him, but was deity itself. Once he caused hundreds of Egyptian women to enter a certain public bath, and then walled them in and they perished, while at different times he had many women sewn up in bags and flung into the Nile. His whole career, both as a man and as a prince, was in keeping with such acts of reckless assassination and murder, till at last his own sister caused him to be despatched, at the door of the great mosque that El Hakim had disappeared for the necessary trial of believers. During his lifetime his tyranny had

extended over Jews and Christians, and among other depredations he destroyed the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, men were found to take up his cause and promote his views, chief of whom were El Durzi and Hamza, men of unusual ability. The former wrote and once started to read in one of the mosques of Egypt a book to prove the deity of El Hakim, but the author was The candidates were Wim. Campbell mobbed and he fled to the vicinity of (Con.) and Dr. Robertson (Lib.). At Mount Hermon. There he preached this hour, eight o'clock, returns not the divinity of El Hakim and called all in, but generally conceded that Robed to be taken on the fortifications. I on men to accept the faith. El Durzi ertson has the election. Full returns changed his mind later, and began to are not expected before 9 p. m., and told him I was not taking sights on put himself forward to the disadvant- as the telegraph office closes at eight, the fortification, but on the sun. But age of El Hakim, whereupon his own it will be impossible to give the corno sights of any sort could be taken turned upon him. He fled, and in his flight he chanced to take refuge in an oven where some women were baking The women were his converts and had permit, which I was assured would heard of his apostacy, and in their inhe granted without the slightest diffi- dignation roasted him Wlive in the oven. To this day members of the sect execrate his memory, but he has imposed upon them his name-Druse-

> that is, followers of El Durzi. Hamza remained loyal to El Hakim. and he is the author of most of the epistles which make up the six books recognized as the Druse Scriptures. The Druses, who are to be found in the land of Bashan, Mount Lebanon and Northern Syria, hold their re ligious meetings on Thursday evening in the utmost secrecy, and to this day. during nearly nine centuries of the existence of the sect, it has been found impossible to induce any of them to sell a single leaf of their Scriptures or ligion to an outsider. Not long ago a medical man here wrote to the British Museum that he could furnish to it a certain copy of the Druse Scriptures, in manuscript, of course. museum authorities wrote at once, saying, "Please send the book and state your price." but very soon he found that while it was the easiest thing in the world to name the price. t was utterly impossible to secure the

book In the second and fourth quarters of this century the Druses had wars with the Egyptian and Turkish Governments respectively, in the course of which some of the Druse homes and places of worship were invaded and a few copies of worship were invaded and a few copies of these books taken. These are now. for the most part, safely deposited in European museums or libraries. But climb up to the perpetual snow, they since these books are in manuscript and are written in the Arabic langu themselves in a crouching position on age, in a style comprehensible only the upper end of a steep, snow-cover- by a few of the initiated, it cannot be ed incline, work all four legs with a said that the religious secrets of the then slide down the surface of the lic. But this much we can now say snow, often traversing a distance of that the followers of El Hakim hold from 100 to 150 meters in this way, that he was God incarnated; that he while the snow flies up and covers had appeared nine times before, under the bottom, they spring to their feet pearance in Egypt was absolutely the last; that he gave the world twenty-five years of grace, during which Hamza and his coadjutors were urging mankind to submit themselves to El Hakim, and that when the twentyfive years were ended those who were found within the fold were safe, but the rest of mankind was irrevocably shut out and doomed to nameless punishment upon the return of El

day and are without the fold cannot dispute the justice of our exclusion. for Hamza assumes the ancient doctrine of the transmigration of souls. The inhabitants of the world were at first lifeless bodies lying about, he taught; then El Hakim gave them souls and they lived and began to move, and when anyone died he was born again somewhere else in the world-that is, his soul passed simply from one body to another. This being so, it is argued that the souls of the whole human race did live during the a chance to hear Hamza's preaching, and that those who are not Druses age then, and therefore there is no inagainst them.

The best of the Druse souls, those to China and have been born and are and consign the faithless to appropriate court.

punishments, while the unitarians shall THE WORLD'S IRON TRADE. live in magnificent palaces, which shall be illumined, not by gas or electric light, but by the jewels which adorn the wives of the faithful.

It is a curious coincidence that the roubles of China, first with Japan and now with European powers, should happen just sufficiently near the time indicated, as the period for El Hakim's eturn from the far East. No wonder then, that the Druse heart, from Moab to the entering in of Hamath, quivers with interest or palpitates with expectation. The death of a religious elebrity which occurred a month ago produce, the cheapest pig-iron in the n a Lebanon village was made the ccasion of a quiet but bewildering lemonstration. One hundred and thireen villages were représented at the funeral by sympathizers of both sexes and every age. . Many of them had guished in El Hakim's triumphant

Protestant missionaries have labored people. Years ago they baptized and make a prohibition speech, as he had was equally distinguished for murder Druses have been educated by the misto return to the House and assist in and religious frenzy. He secretly em- sionaries. Some of them have studied, not only in this country, but also in did excellent detective work for him drawing them away from the religion

AMERICANS REFUSED BAIT. St. John's, Nfld. Aug. 31.-The American brig Clara Charita, from Gloucester, with the barges Fillid and J. K. Manning, fitted with chemical refrigerators, arrived at Burgeo, on the Burge Island, off the south coast, yesterday for the purpose of loading herring and squid to bait the American fishing bankers. The custom authorities issued a prohibition, on the ground that if such an act were permitted it would completely revolutionize the purchase of bait from Newfoundlanders by Americans. More than this, the authorities assert it would put in jeopardy the interests of the colony at the Quebec conference, as no concession could be expected and the announcement was posted up from the United States if Newfoundland had nothing to offer in return. The outfit of the vessels cost \$50.000 and the projectors were very foolish in coming to Newfoundland without

### A P. E. I. BY-ELECTION.

first making inquiries as to their privi-

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 31 .- A by-election was held to-day in the first district of Queen's, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Premier Warburton to County Court bench. ect result before morning.

### ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

Toronto, August 31.-Fred. Sharp, of Owen Sound, was found unconscious at Cardiff, Middlesborough, Barrow or Glasgow, at a price sufficiently low, there in a room in the Grand Central Hotel in a room in the Grand Central Hotel can be but little doubt that Sweden is this morning, with the gas jet in the likely to be our chief future source of this morning, with the gas jew supply. The ascertained quantity of ores room turned on full. Sharp rose early supply. The ascertained quantity of ores available in Swedish Lapland is reckoned this morning and had breakfast. He available in Swedish Lapland is reckoned to be him again and lay by hundreds of millions of tons, most of its available in the available in the same again. down. The gas apparently had been down. The gas apparently had been running from 60 per cent, to 70 per cent, turned on in the meantime, for when of metallic iron, with mere traces of phos-Sharp recovered consciousness he de- phorus and sulphur. A good deal clared he had not touched it. Sharp is now at the hospital, and is doing well.

ON THEIR WAY HOME.

Guayama, Island of Porto Rico, August 31.—The hospital ship Relief, with 76 men from here, fever and typhoid cases, and with 35 sick men from Ponce, sailed for Boston to-day. The reveal the least thing about their re- Fourth Ohio Regiment is anxious to go

### CANADIAN

Dr. L. J. Proy, who was connected with the Quebec Provincial Health Board, was found dead on the street at Montreal about ten o'clock Wednesday morning. He has not been well for several weeks.

The fifteen \$1,000 bonds of the Outrement municipality, which mysteriousy disappeared at Montreal Monday, have been found. They were picked up on the street by a old man, and royalty, and these considerations not only were returned to-day.

The Muskoka Express will run for The Muskoka Express will run for has been wonderfully successful in reduc-a week later than usual this year on ing the rates of freight for the transport account of the extra heavy traffic. The of all kinds of commodities, but especially last train will leave for the north on Sept. 10th, and the final train from Muskoka will run on Sept. 12th.

John Smith, tailor, of Hamilton, has

asked the Buffalo authorities to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of his daughter Martha, who went to Buffalo last winter. Smith says he has learned that his daughter died in Buffalo under suspicious circumstances. It is said a riminal operation was performed on her, from the result of which she died. A former bartender in Hamilton is said to have enticed her to leave Hamilton and accompany him to Buffalo. Archbishop-elect Gauthier, of Kingston; Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton; Bishop R. A. O'Connor, of Peterborough, and Bishop Dennis O'Connor, of London, arrived at Toronto Tuesday, and at St. Michael's Palace held a conference, at which many clergy of the Toronto Diocese were The object of the meeting was to select three names to be sent to Rome, from which the Pope will choose a successor to the late Archbishop Walsh. The names selected are

kept secret. \*\*Alexander McGregor, a guest at the Chapman House, Sarnia, sat down in the sitting room of the hotel, and while there, dozed off asleep. awakened in a few moments and discovered that his watch had been stolen from his vest pocket. He immediately notified the police, and of twenty-five years of grace and had feers started out to look up the guilty parties. The officers went to Huron, and in company with Officer now are those who rejected the mess- Collins, of the Port Huron police force located two Sarnia men-John Me justice in closing the door of mercy Arthur and James Wynne-in a pawn shop in that city, disposing of the watch. The men had pawned the that have been most faithful since watch for \$2, and when the officers Hamza's preaching, have transmigrated located them, they had just returned to try and get some m living there It is among them that the watch, claiming that \$2 was not Syracuse, N. Y., August 31.-At to- El Hakim shall make his triumphant enough for a gold watch such as the day's session of the American micro- appearance, and it is thence that he one in question. Of the \$2 that they of the enormous patronage arising scopical Society several papers on ex- shall proceed, that is, from the far had already received, they only had from the war as well as the ordinary periments with bacilli were read. The East, accompanied by the best of his 50 cents of the sum left when placed

England Hopes to Reconquer Its Primary With Ores from the Aretics-How It Lost Its Lead.

From the London Times. We were quite justified until recently in laiming that with Spanish ores we were in a position to produce and actually did world of equal quality

We can still make this boast so far as

Europe is concerned, but meanwhile, alike in Europe and in the United States, matters have greatly changed. The discovery ome great distances, over rugged and and development of the Gogebic range of ough roads, not only on foot, but also iron ore mines in Lake Superior, in 1885, arefoot, that their reward might be and of the Mesabi range, in 1893, enhanced. They at once lamented him placed at the disposal of the American iron and in their secret hearts blessed him trade ore supplies of much greater extent, or his entrance into the Sin (China), richness and cheapness than any previouswhence he shall soon return distin- ly available in that country, and as a consequence the prices of ores fell very rapidly after these events. Between 1892 and For nearly fifty years American 1894 Lake Superior ores fell from \$5.50 to among or been in contact with these \$2.50 a ton, which means that the American admitted into communion a young man relatively cheaper than anything we had from a Druse community. They train- available in Europe. Since 1894 prices have to the throne of Egypt, and having as- ed him as well as they knew how, put fallen still further, until in 1898 Lake sassinated his sister, named himself him through a theological course, and Superior ores of the highest quality, and ultimately licensed him to preach. He of a richness superior to anything we have has now disowned Christianity and re- in Europe on a large scale, were selling at began an interesting career, which turned to his former religion. Many \$2 to \$2.05 per ton. Coincidently with the price of hematite pig iron, produced the United States, but the prospects of therefrom, fell to a lower point than anything we have ever known in Europe for in favor of prohibition when the vote and supplied him with many of the of El Hakim, which Hamza preached, iron of the same description, and this was the true basis and explanation of the American competition in fron and steel prolucts, of which during the last two years ve have heard so much, and of whch, also, British ironmasters have been so seriously prehensive. With regard to the future, the Americans can prove their ability secure ores relatively cheaper than those vailable to the British iron trade, then their supremacy as an iron-producing nation is assured, and that of our own country must be looked upon as a thing of the past. But if, on the contrary, Great Britain can still, as hitherto, secure as cheap ores as any other European nation, and as ch having regard to the geographical conditions to be met, as the United States, we may continue to hold our own until these conditions have been reversed. This. then, is the crucial problem of the moment in the British iron industry, and the prob-

lem which the forthcoming meeting of the

Iron and Steel Institute in Sweden may artly aid in solving. It is well known that Sweden possesses est resources in iron ores of the highest quality and upon the purity and richness of these supplies the Swedes have built up a reputation for iron and steel products of unapproached excellence. The largest de-posits, however, are far from tide water, and within the Arctic circle, where unre lieved darkness reigns for something like one-half of the whole year. Gellivare is the principal centre of these deposits. which are almost equidistant between the port of Lulea, on the Gulf of Bothniaalmost equidistant between the closed for seven months out o Within the last twelve years a railway he been built from Gellivare to Lulea, whereby considerable quantities of ore have been ransported and shipped to England, Ger many, Belgium, and even Austria. A railway is now being built to connect mines with Ofoten, on the other where there is open navigation all the year round. It is an icipated that when this line has been completed and other facilities provided, a very large traffic created in the shipment of these for British consumption, and much interest is now being taken in the question of the lowest prices at which they can be deliver-ed at British ports. If they can be landed Cardiff, Middlesborough, rich, and much of it exceptionally highest quality has already been delivered to Cleveland furnaces at 18 shillings per ter, while secondary qualities have been lelivered on trucks at Antwerp for 15 shillings 6 pence per ton. These prices are higher than those paid at the same ports for Spanish ores, but the bulk of the latter ores contain from 12 to 15 per cent. less

irm, and are therefore considerably less valuable. As the matter now stands, it be-comes a question of whether Scandinavian res can be delivered in England at a price which will enable them to compete in this ountry with Lake Superior ores delivered of the same approximate quality. pere and on this special point that the ques-tion of supremacy between the two greatest on-making countries of the world is being erence in the distances over which the res have to be carried between mines and urnaces, the average being nearly 1.200 miles from the Superior mines, in America and about 1.600 miles from Sweden to Engand. Nor should there be much difference n the average cost of the ores at the nines, both being found in enormous open eposits, canable of being largely worked depend upon, but largely govern the extent of the traffic. As it is, the United States for that of initierals, until from ores are now carried on the great lakes, a distance of well on to 1,000 miles, for less than 2 shillings per ion, and coal is sent from Alabama to be shipped at Mobile and Pensacola, a distance of 260 to 200 miles by rail, for 3 shillings to 3 shillings 6 pence per ton. If our Swedish friends can give us similarly low rates there need be no cause to fear for the future of the British

New York, Aug. 31.-The laborator ies and packing rooms of R. H. Macey in this city, were partially burned last night. Loss, \$10,000. A miner named E. Crawley was killed at Old Bridgeport mine, Sydney, C. B., yesterday by being crushed under a mass of falling stone



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