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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNSON.]

London, Tuesday, Dec. 29.

THE CITY APPEALS.
On Thursday next Judge Elliot will hear the appeals from the decision of Revising Officer Fraser on the Dominion voters' lists for the city. After the unanimous decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, it is not probable that His Honor will consent to take up any of the appeals except in so far as it may be necessary to determine whether or not the appellant is entitled to go on the lists because of his alleged actual qualifications.

THE CIVIC NOMINATIONS.
The aldermanic elections are really the most important from a public point of view. We need a good mayor to preside over the deliberations of the Board, to counsel and to hold in check as far as in his power lies irrepressible ward grabbers. There are always some of these elected. But the alderman after all carry through the civic legislation and are in the main the controlling force in either spending the people's money economically or squandering it.

There is a pretty big field of aldermen to choose from this year; in some of the wards the number nominated is so large that it may be that some of the best men will be left at home. That would be a regrettable circumstance. What the city needs this year, as every year, is the service of successful business men who will bring the experience and tact that they have applied to their own calling to bear upon civic improvement, who will have no direct or indirect personal interest in corporation contracts, and who can be trusted in all things and at all times to economically administer our affairs.

The city is a co-operative concern, and the mayor, aldermen, water commissioners and school trustees are the directors selected by the taxpaying co-partners to manage their business. We each and all have a responsibility therefore in selecting only the best men available for the respective positions.

PROFITS OF A LOTTERY.

There are profits in a lottery, but with the exception of a very small amount distributed as bait to those who are anxious to get something for nothing, the money goes into the coffers of the lottery managers. In Canada, the promotion of lotteries—even the sale of lottery tickets—is prohibited by law, but notwithstanding this fact no strongly has the gambling spirit seized a portion of the people that the customs authorities to be sent in and find ready purchasers. On Thursday last the customs authorities at Montreal seized a large number of tickets, which will entail a heavy loss to the agents and purchasers. It is too bad that the lottery managers are able to escape loss or punishment, as they had already been paid for the tickets. Moreover, if by chance any one of the seized tickets should draw a prize, the company will be enabled, as the ticket cannot be produced. Only a small percentage of lottery tickets sent into Canada are seized by the customs authorities. The Louisiana lottery managers take about \$40,000 a year out of Canada, while lotteries in Mexico, Havana, Hamburg and elsewhere manage to wheedle many dollars of hard-earned money out of Canadian patrons.

Some idea of the manner in which lottery-crazy people are imposed upon by the management of these enterprises may be gathered from an article on the famous Louisiana lottery in the January Forum. We are there informed that the income and the outgo of this colossal financial octopus per year are as follows:

Face value of tickets, twelve drawings..... \$28,000,000
Total of prizes, twelve drawings..... 14,767,200

Remainder, representing gross profit..... \$13,232,800

It is doubtless true that all tickets issued are not sold; but this does not affect the dishonesty of the general rate. So, the unsold tickets are placed in the wheel, and the sold, and the company is the beneficiary of the winnings upon them. The meaning of this is, that the company would sell tickets to the value of \$28,000,000 and collect the same; generously refund to a comparatively small number of winners less than \$15,000,000, and approximate to themselves more than \$13,000,000. In other words, this company takes a trifle less than 47 per cent. for themselves, a trifle more than 53 per cent. for the limited band of winners. This is as near as an appropriation of one-half as these men dared to venture. The daily drawings, the scheme which deceits the miserably poor, are cast in a still more dishonest mold. And it is to individuals who have been exploiting the public at such a rate that the proposed constitutional amendment proposes to leave all discretion and control over the regulation of the plans of drawing and the manner of conducting the business.

This amendment which the lottery crowd are working hard to have engrafted on the State constitution is promoted chiefly through an appeal to the cupidity of the people. They reason that the \$1,000,000 a year which the lottery managers offer to pay as a license for liberty to ply their nefarious traffic is found money to the people of Louisiana, inasmuch as it will almost entirely come from the pockets of outsiders. By this argument they try to have the demoralizing business rendered a permanent in the State. It is to be hoped that the scheme will not be endorsed by the electorate.

The injury to the morals and good name of Louisiana that such a license would inflict could not be overcome for many times \$1,000,000. But the fact that a movement of this kind is endorsed by even a small section of the people proves how strong the gambling spirit becomes when it is clandestinely cultivated. Nothing more disastrous to the future of the young State can be devised than these schemes to make them risk their earnings in hopes that they may get hold of money which they have never earned. By the way, there are other gambling games than lotteries, which are in many instances as demoralizing to those who indulge in them as is the regularly established lottery. The member of a combine who puts up his money to aid in sustaining a government that promises him wealth which he has not earned is none the less a gambler though he does not obtain a ticket for the "draw," and the spirit that the expedient is calculated to cultivate in him is not likely to be an improvement on that which dominates the professional gambler.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.
The civic contests have so far been quiet, but there is still a week in which to work up enthusiasm and votes.

LONDON, is the healthiest city in Ontario, according to the returns of the mortality in the principal cities of the Dominion during November. The proportion of deaths per 1,000 in this city that month was only .77. The average for the cities of the Province was 1.03 per 1,000.

The Buffalo Express issued a 24-page Christmas supplement. It is one of the finest works of the kind that has reached the ADVERTISER for a long time. Both in reading matter, illustrations and press work the annual is simply superb. Nothing is done by halves at the Express office.

DR. KEELY, who has a "gold cure" for drunkards, persists in keeping its make-up secret. He says his reasons for so acting is because he is afraid that it might be used merely as a sobering-up process instead of a cure. Another reason is his fear that if given away the secret might be used by liquor dealers to see their patrons up after a protracted spree, only to get into condition for another debauch. Under such circumstances to give the cure to the public would be to destroy its efficiency.

THE humorous feature of the great fog in Great Britain is the loud call for some one to invent a process whereby fog might be got rid of, at least fog at short range. Why, it has been asked, will an

intelligent and self-respecting populace suffer heavily under a calamity that ought to be remedied? The London Times says that, if such an affliction as a London black fog of a week's duration were visited upon New York, American genius would rise to the occasion and invent some method of dispelling it. More than one newspaper has cited the case of the rainmakers in the United States with a view to stimulating scientific research in the matter of vanquishing king fog. But not even the most conscientious writer of "letters to the editor" ventures to suggest a method of exterminating the evil. There's millions in it for the inventor who rises up and successfully dispels the mist.

IN REPLY to a correspondent we give the following table of total payments each year to members of the British Royal Family:

Per year.	Per year.
The Queen..... \$1,250,000	Princess of Wales..... 250,000
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Princess of Wales..... 250,000	Duke of Edinburgh..... 125,000
Duke of Edinburgh..... 125,000	Duke of Cambridge..... 62,500
Duke of Cambridge..... 62,500	Princess Christian..... 30,000
Princess Christian..... 30,000	Princess Beatrice..... 30,000
Princess Beatrice..... 30,000	Princess Louise..... 30,000
Princess Louise..... 30,000	Duchess of Albany..... 25,000
Duchess of Albany..... 25,000	Duchess of Teck..... 25,000
Duchess of Teck..... 25,000	Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz..... 15,000
Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz..... 15,000	Other royal persons..... 15,000

Total per year..... \$2,950,000

There seems to be some ground for kicking by a number of the English newspapers against the proposal to still further subsidize a son of the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his marriage. The family are now well provided for.

THE proposed State system of old age pensions has occupied a good deal of attention in England recently. The Royal Statistical Society discussed the matter the other evening and the experts dealt very roughly with several schemes, including Mr. Chamberlain's, submitted to it.

It was generally agreed that the initial capital outlay required would be from \$85,000,000 to \$130,000,000, and that the working expenses would be about 10 per cent. per annum. In face of these stupendous figures, which constitute only part of the difficulties involved, it is not likely that any practical steps will be taken for a good many years to come. Mr. Chamberlain seems determined to bring the question before Parliament next session, but it is probable that the question will be shelved by the appointment of a royal commission of inquiry.

THE United States and Chili.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says: There is no question that the Administration fully expects a refusal by Chili to comply with its demand for an apology and indemnity, and is ready to ask Congress for power to declare war, for which preparations have been and are still being actively made. A demand on the part of Chili for arbitration would place the war section of the Cabinet in a very ridiculous light. The Cabinet is in a very awkward position, and the Minister Egan is staying away from the inaugural ceremonies of President Montt has evoked much commotion.

Mr. Egan acted upon his own responsibility entirely.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—District Attorney Carter has taken the depositions of the officers and crew of the steamer Reynolds regarding the attack on the Patrick Shields by Valparaiso police. The testimony will be sent to Washington at once.

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