

..The Planet..

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THE CONSERVATIVE CHIEFTAIN.

A per-ferid style of oratory is not one of the qualifications essential to the successful leadership of a great party, points out the Guelph Herald. Salisbury is not an orator; Chamberlain is never eloquent; McKim's speeches are dull and prosaic compared to the polished diction of William Jennings Bryan.

Mr. R. L. Borden is not eloquent in the sense in which that word is generally understood. He speaks with deliberation and clearness and his delivery is pleasing, but he never indulges in oratorical flights. Like that other great Nova Scotian, the late Sir John Thompson, Mr. Borden appeals to the heart rather than the head. He has his matter well in hand; his facts are marshalled with the skill of the able counsel; he never uses an unnecessary word and he never fails to securely clinch an argument.

There is such a thing as a fatal fluency of speech. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has in the enthusiasm of the moment often said things which he and his party afterwards would have given a great deal to recall. Sir Wilfrid's eloquence has been a weakness as well as a strength to him and if to Mr. Borden comes not the glory of the maker of a masterly oration he will also escape the responsibility of an ungarded statement.

Possessed of a personality that commands the affection and esteem of his followers, able in action, careful and deliberate in utterance, a shrewd parliamentarian and a high minded honorable gentleman, the new leader of the Conservative party possesses qualifications that make for his enduring popularity and success, and the success of his party, far more than a honeyed throat or a golden tongue.

A TRUE ANARCHIST.

Bresci, the Anarchist who slaughtered King Humbert of Italy, died strictly in accordance with Anarchistic methods. We are gravely informed by cable that before springing from the edge of his couch with the fatal cord encircling his neck he solemnly wrote the word "Vengeance" on the wall of his cell with his life's blood.

This is as it should be. What full fledged Anarchist would think of doing otherwise? It is as much a part of their opera bouffe traditions as the secret meeting and the password. Every duly accredited Anarchist who dies in prison is supposed to do this, just as the blackface comedian of vaudeville is required by the restrictions of his trade to stumble violently over a pin as he enters upon the stage. Had Bresci neglected this essential feature of his demise he would have been regarded as one who failed at a crucial moment.

Just what particular significance the word "Vengeance" scrawled upon the wall of an Anarchist's cell really possesses no one not of the clan may say, but that this formula must be gone through is known to every reader of dime novels. It is a part of the Anarchistic ritual, in fact. To die in one's cell without writing "Vengeance" upon the wall of the cell is to neglect the most important feature of Anarchy. The Anarchist who passes to his death without having attended to this detail may expect nothing from his fellows. His biography will be found lacking the one thing to make it thrillingly complete, and the reader will scorn it as being an unprofitable bit of literature.

Bresci died a true member of the faith, one of the accepted. He failed in no particular. He was as careful of the final detail as he was of the marksmanship when he fired the fatal shot at King Humbert, and his family will have the satisfaction of knowing that his fellow Anarchists regard him highly. Bresci is a fresh flower upon the bosom of Anarchy.

THE THANK CRANK.

"Charlie Churner," in the Toronto Star, enters a protest against the cranks of thanks, who, he says, are relics of the dark ages, and should be killed with as little cruelty as possible. We have a few of them in Chatham, as elsewhere, and this fanciful sketch of his methods of operations will be found true to life.

"The lecturer whom I heard last night spoke for one hour and got \$25 for doing it, and was pleased to get the money, and the audience were pleased to hear him."

"It was nine-thirty when he sat down, and when the fiend with a motion for a vote of thanks had ceased sizzling, he had wasted 20 minutes, the man who delighted to second the motion took 15 minutes more, and there were two who might also add, and one who forgot to state previously, and the "What is Your pleasure, brethren?" chairman. The audience were all asleep when the lecturer rose to thank them for their thanks. Not

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O, Dry up!

Good-bye, May—Au reservoir!

That'll do, now. Plenty, thanks.

Has this blooming country been going into liquidation?

We are full of pity for those poor Manitoba people who need rain so badly.

The Transvaal relief leaguers in the United States are still doing business. The Boer families get none of the money—don't need it—but the American philanthropists must live.

The Grits say that the Tories are not satisfied with Leader Borden. The Tories say they are—exceedingly well satisfied. And in well-informed circles it is suspected that the Tories know more about it than the Grits.

Liberal organs are busy belittling R. Borden, the Conservative leader, in connection with his recent visit to Toronto, says the Brockville Times. The Liberal editors had better devote all their time to excusing the misdeeds of their own leaders. Mr. Borden suits the Conservatives very well.

The large number of accidents, some trifling, some very serious, that occur every Twenty-Fourth through the agency of fire-crackers, should have an influence in decreasing the popularity of those dangerous little playthings, properly comments the Tilbury News. This "snatching" the "fearful joy" that these little explosives afford, is too expensive when paid for by the loss of eyes and fingers and sometimes a hand, as happened in Toronto last Friday.

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GROSS CARELESSNESS.

Ottawa Citizen. Old Probs must have gone off on a toot and left the lawn sprinkler running.

WORSE THAN RARE.

Ottawa Citizen. "What so rare as a day in June" inquires the poet. We would suggest a day in May. Some of them are positively raw.

LET US BE THANKFUL.

Toronto Telegram. Poets to the contrary notwithstanding, this fourth month of May, 1901, can fill a tank with rain water much faster than it can fill anybody's heart with joy.

THE SHORT AND THE LONG OF IT.

Goderich Signal. Shortening the session at Ottawa and lengthening the indemnity are enough to bring a wide smile to the face of the average parliamentarian.

MERELY A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

Goderich Signal. Kimber is the name of the Ottawa functionary known as Black Rod. To watch his genuflections at the closing ceremonies one would think that his name should be Limber.

WILL CUT HIM OUT.

Tilbury News. If burglars pass the news around, as tramps are said to do, about likely houses and people to call upon, the chances are that George Gibb, the old-time athlete, of Blenheim, will henceforth be struck off the calling list.

SENATE VACANCIES.

Winnipeg Free Press. Sir John Macdonald recommended 27 senators during his premiership and Sir Wilfrid has already recommended 26. From 1879 to 1891, a period of twelve years, there were 23 vacancies, while between 1896 and 1901, a period of five years, there have been 26 vacancies.

ENCOURAGING.

Toronto Star. The Scotch pioneers in Ontario used to cheer themselves up with this bit of rhyme:—"A windy March and a drappy May. Makes full barns of corn and hay." We offer it for what it is worth, in view of the present climatic conditions. We certainly have had a drappy May.

MRS. HOODLESS ENDORSED.

Kingston Whig. Mrs. Hoodless, of Hamilton, has been lecturing in Toronto on domestic science. She believes in the women remaining at home and doing its work, and leaving the business and commercial world to the men. There are a good many who will say "amen" to that.

HOW'S THIS FOR HIGH?

Goderich Signal. Fishing with a pickaxe is a little out of the common order, but it seems that big game can be caught in that way. At least Geo. Morrow found it so the other day. He was hauling stone from the river last Saturday morning and while he was working with his pick in the river, near the bridge, he caught sight of a sturgeon of immense proportions. He went after it and stuck the pick into its head, but it got away from him and went some distance down stream, carrying the pick with it and leaving a trail of blood behind. He followed it and at last landed it and brought it up town. It weighed 92 pounds and measured 5 feet 7 inches in length.

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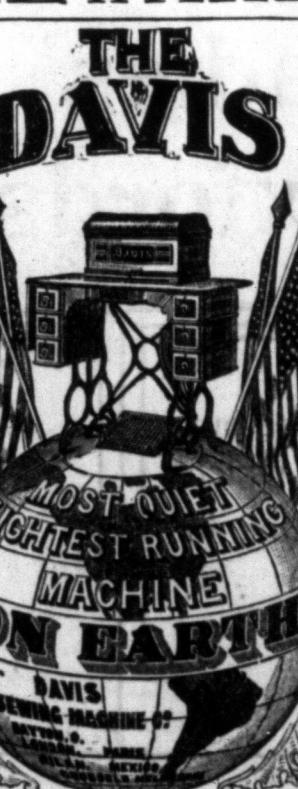
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