

RANDON REMARKS

ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

POLITICAL GUESS WORK. — Always prior to an election—be it a general one, or that of a President of the neighboring Republic—there are people who make it a business to forecast the results. In eight cases out of ten these general predictions are worthless, but sometimes they "strike the nail on the head." Here is an estimate of the electoral vote as it will divide itself next November in the United States, according to a Catholic exchange. We skip the long list of States, and merely give the totals. States sure for McKinley number 188, and States sure for Bryan number 140. Then the report adds—

Table with 2 columns: State, Votes. Includes Delaware (3), New York (36), West Virginia (6), California (9), South Dakota (4), Kansas (10), Washington (4), Total (87).

Bryan may hope to get the additional 64 votes he needs from: Idaho (3), Kentucky (13), Maryland (8), Nevada (3), Utah (3), Wyoming (3), Colorado (3), New York (36), Washington (4), Kansas (10), Indiana (15), Total (102).

The editor adds— "All of these states went for Bryan in 1896, except New York, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland. From the above estimates it will be seen that either McKinley or Bryan may be elected without New York."

The writer might have left out the words, "without New York," and his prediction would be very safe. Provided both Mr. McKinley and Mr. Bryan are alone in the field, it is safe to foretell that either one of them "may be elected." These are predictions after the form and style of M. de la Police; which mean no harm, and are about as vague and uncertain as were the famed decisions of the Delphic oracle. A better illustration could not be had than the foregoing. Under the actual condition of things political in the United States, we do not believe it possible for any persons to form a correct estimate. If a wave of anti-imperialism sweeps the country, they will carry Bryan to the White House; if none such exists, it is altogether probable that Mr. McKinley will not need to pack-up for four years to come.

KILLED BY A LION.

The full story of a remarkable adventure in which Mr. Ryall, a well-known district superintendent of police, was killed by a lion in a railway carriage while journeying in East Africa is told in the "East African" by a fellow-passenger. The train had come from Mombasa to Kinn. Here Mr. Ryall was told there was a lion within 200 yards, and he therefore detached his carriage, walked up the corridor, and he therefore detached his carriage, walked up the corridor, and he therefore detached his carriage...

A LITTLE WHITE SLAVE.

Some of our young girls who are inclined to grumble in their homes should meditate upon the following sad story of a little girl in London. Her mother being dead, little Ellen Clare, aged 12, who lived in Whitmore Road, Shoreditch, had to keep house. She had a few brothers and sisters. She had also to look after a dog. The dog ran away and what befell her is told on Saturday at the North London Police Court. Her father, a laborer, charged at the session a charge against the child...

He cared more for the dog, she said, than for his children, and gave the animal all the bits he did not want himself. Mr. Fordham declared that a more terrible story had never been told in his police court, and sent the cruel father to gaol for six months. The court missionary promised to look after the children.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

TRAIN AND BUS COLLIDE.—Fifteen persons were instantly killed and eleven others, several of whom will die, were seriously injured on Sunday night in a grade crossing accident near Sidington, Penn. A passenger train on the Lehigh & New England railroad crashed into an omnibus containing twenty-five persons. All the dead and injured were in the omnibus, and but three escaped uninjured.

A TRAIN DITCHED.—It is reported that several persons were killed and forty injured by the wrecking on Sunday of the west-bound fast passenger train on the Southern Pacific road leaving Lake Charles at 5 p.m. The trucks of the engine left the track and the entire train was ditched except the sleepers.

COLLISION AT SEA.—During manoeuvres of the French fleet off Cape St. Vincent, on Sunday last, a collision occurred between the first-class battleship Benvenut, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Fournier, commander of the fleet, and the torpedo boat destroyer Frames. The Frames sank immediately. The accident was due to the fact that the Frames turned to the right when ordered to the left. It is believed that no fewer than fifty were lost.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—A dispatch from New York says: Nine persons enjoying a picnic who hurriedly sought shelter under some trees and bushes in the "woods" in the Bronx section during the storm on Sunday afternoon were struck by the same flash of lightning.

LINEMAN KILLED.—The lineman's occupation is a hazardous one, as the frequent fatal accidents go to show. Adelard Brisbois, a lineman of the Royal Electric Company, received a shock while working on a pole on Sunday, near the City Hall, and was hurled to the pavement below. His injuries were so bad that he died in a few minutes while being carried into the Notre Dame Hospital.

KINETIC HEAT.

If Mr. Allen G. Ingalls, the discoverer of these phenomena, which embodies the practical application of an automatic mechanism for the production of heat units whether for the tiniest coal-stove or the largest marine engine, causing a pound of coal to produce the heat equivalent of three pounds of coal, had lived in a foreign country—Russia for example—he would be spoken of as a great scientist. He is however a Canadian living among us right here in Montreal. After a long series of experiments Mr. Ingalls found that combustion does not depend solely upon oxygen, because chlorine and iodine would also support it; that combustion was in reality the action of oppositely electrified bodies operating powerfully upon each other. Knowing that hydrogen produces a greater heat than carbon he used ordinary paraffin for hot water furnaces which he has done and is now engaged in further experiments to apply his discovery to steam boilers, smelting processes and the like.

THE PESSIMIST'S CRY.

"And I will begin too to exploit the superior bliss and blessedness of Catholic married life, as soon as I begin to see that most Catholic mothers are comfortably supported (in their old age at least) and kindly cared for by their Catholic sons. Oh! I think not I undervalue the spiritual opportunities of married life. No, no! I, in my old age, would prefer to be a saintly wife and mother—and if a woman yearns for sainthood and martyrdom, if she yearns for opportunity of great bitterness here below in order to reap great sweetness up above, why, let her marry and become the mother of sons!—Miss Elder."

AN AUXILIARY NAMED.

Right Rev. Bishop Spalding of the diocese of Peoria has received a papal bull announcing the appointment of the Very Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, the vicar-general of the diocese, as auxiliary bishop. The appointment is made at the request of Bishop Spalding.

ZEL.

ZEL is a much-needed virtue at all times and it requires careful cultivation in a restless age like our own, when so much time and energy are wasted on trifles or employed for evil.

It sounds like a revelation to some ears, to say that every man should be zealous for his neighbor's good. The ministers of evil seem to recognize naturally enough that they have a mission to sow evil in every human heart, and their zeal in doing so never varies: good men look on, astonished at their destructive activities, but they never dream that they have a mission to save others. Extract from General Instruction for the Clergy, 1899, Messenger Standard Heart.

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If you want a pair of Boots, our Samples for Ladies' and Men's, sold at factory cost, are going fast. We never had anything like it.

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THE POWER OF THE ADVERTISEMENT.

In the course of some remarks on the great increase in the use of advertising columns by the banks of all countries, the American Banker indirectly bears testimony to the power of the newspaper advertisement, says an exchange. It points out that the old-fashioned idea, that advertising a bank was, if not infra dignitatem, at least superfluous, has now become a thing of the past, and that the banker now knows well enough that this is an age of competition with banks as well as other branches of commerce and that he must, if he wants to maintain his position in the race, have recourse to the only means in existence of effectually keeping his name constantly and prominently before the public. And the Banker adds that the change has come slowly and that it was not easy to overcome "a prejudice the product of conditions long passed away," and that "the old-fashioned idea that the solicitation of business was undignified, gave way only before the experience that it paid."

A PIG STORY.

A very curious incident is reported in connection with the seizure of fourteen near Dunnany. It appears that when the police had made their haul, the District Inspector, with a cruel disregard for the feelings of others, ordered the liquor to be spilled. There was a considerable quantity of it there, and with a sorrowful look in their eyes and feelings of deep anguish in their hearts, the awed bystanders watched the snatching of the great tragedy. Broken bottles of the precious liquid, and the thirsty soil swallowed it as fast as it came. Then the strange thing happened. A squadron of pigs snatched the fumes from afar, and forgetting their dignity and their caution in presence of the police, poked their unclean noses into the rippling stream of mountain dew. Intoxication was the result. Drunk and disorderly pigs wobbled about under the eyes of the appalled Constabulary. It was simply shocking. But the narrator of the story should have stipulated the public with the equal. It was an unforgivable omission not to state how these pigs felt next morning.—Cork Herald.

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MARKET REPORT.

GRAIN.—There was little change in the grain market during Thursday. A few lots of oats changed hands at 30c, and peas at 70c to 71c, all at Montreal. Other grains follows: Wheat, 48,218,000, increase 683,000 bushels; corn, 11,851,000, decrease 969,000 do.; oats, 5,857,000, increase 272,000 bushels; rye, 624,000, increase 17,000 bushels; barley, 250,000, decrease 55,000.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Flour is dull and unchanged, but feed is in active demand with short supplies. Very little Manitoba feed is finding its way to this market, as it meets with a good demand at more profitable prices at home. Quotations are as follows: Manitoba patents, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.20; winter patents, \$3.80 to \$4.10; straight rollers, \$3.50 to \$3.65; in bags, \$1.67 1/2 to \$1.75; Manitoba bran, \$1.4 to \$1.5 in bulk, and shorts, \$1.65 to \$1.7 in bags.

PROVISIONS.

The demand continues steady, and values show no change. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$8 to \$8.25; lard, 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c for pure Canadian, and 7c to 7 1/2c for compound; bacon, 11 1/2c to 12 1/2c; hams, 11c to 12c, according to size. Canada short cut mess pork, \$17 to \$18.

BUTTER.

The market is steady with a good demand for finest creamery at 21c to 21 1/2c for export, while the country buying price for current receipts is 20 1/2c to 20 3/4c. Choice stock is quoted at 20c to 20 1/2c per spot.

CHEESE.

There is said to be some improvement in the demand for cheese, but business is slow, as holders have advanced their price to 11c to 11 1/2c for western. It is understood that 10c to 11c is offered. Quebec cheese is offered at 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c, and Easterns at 10c.

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