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A NEW ISSUE.

Goldwin Smith, in the last issue of place in history as the most profuse the Sun, expresses no surprise at the of presidential speechmakers. Now evident determination of the Ontario government to hang on to power and endeavor to secure a majority hundred or so people gathered at through the courts and bye-elections. It was pretty certain, he says, on which of the two courses before it the Ontario government would decide. The natural course, and that which was dictated by the broad inirests of the country, surely was a espeedy meeting of the newly elected the United States, but in distant legislature for the purpose of taking ing a decisive veot, after which, if tended advertisement may be of great mecessary a fresh appeal might be advantage in the molding of governmade to the country. But the tac- ment policies; but there is much dantical advantage of the government, with its financial resources, means of influence and machinery, pretty clearly lay the other way. The government, however, in its course is felt to be regulated by mere party strategy, and will be in some danger of raising a new issue between itself and the

people. The writer proceeds to speak of the experience of the old land. It is true, he observes, that ministries in England have, on recent occasions, been content with the verdict of the constituencies without a meeting of the legislature, and he proceeds:

But the verdict of the constituencies in those cases was clear. The majority in 1868 was 123, in 1874 it was 108, not counting Home Rulers, The verdict of the constituencies in the present case is as far as possible from being clear. While one side has a majority of a single seat, there is a large popular majority on the Even the majority of a single seat on the side of the government can hardly be taken absoluteley for granted till the legislature has met. Not all the elections were fought on perfectly strict party lines. The one thing made clear, in fact, by the election, is that The ministers have not support enough to carry on the affairs of the country. The inference from this, if any, would be rather that they should resign. The English judges are now appointed with little reference to party, and are there, little exposed to political suspicion. But such a strain has never been put on Their reputation for impartiality, as will be put on our judiciary by calling on them to decide to which of the two contending parties the government shall belong."

After pointing out that governments have, in this country, ursurped the power of pulling off bye-elections to suit their own convenience, the professor insists that there ought to be at least an assurance that the Clerk of the House, on whom, there being no Speaker, the issue of the writs will devolve, should issue them all without delay. That he entertains doubts as to the power of the Onzario government, in the present sitpartion, to issue writs for the byeelections the concluding paragraph of the article plainly indicates:

"The Controverted Election Act is mot a very lucid piece of draftsmanship, and it may be well to examine it carefully, in order to make sure that when there is no speaker or organized legislature, the judges and the clerk of the house can, if an election is voided, do between them all that is necessary for the holding of a bye-election."

HAPPY NEW ZEALAND.

Buffalo Times. Simple, intelligent application of the principle of government ownership of public utilities has resulted in giving to New Zealand the highest general average of comfort, general industry and prosperity-wealth-of any country on earth. There are few men with large fortunes, and no multimillionaires, but the policy of Premier Seddon has given to each and all requal opportunity to do business, and has brought about "the greatest good to the greatest number"-that greatest of all governmental desiderata.

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NOT WHOLLY VICIOUS:

Woodstock Express. Of course we are told that compulory arbitration is all wrong in theory, and that it is an infringement of the rights and liberties of a free people; but society is largely a compromise with theories, and an adaptation of principles to needs and necessities. Compulsory arbitartion is not an ideal system; but so long as it gives the results Premier Barton says it gives, it cannot be wholly vicious.

ROOSEVELT THE GARRULOUS. Philadelphia Record.

Probably President Roosevelt, if his health should hold good, will take his that the press and the wires enable the head of the nation to talk to a Wiscasset or Oshkosh, and yet, on the same day , or the next day, have the whole nation for his audience, the importance of executive utterances is wonderfully magnified. What the president says becomes matter of serious discussion net only throughout countries. In discreet hands such ex- a new set of farming rules. His neigh-

WHO IS THIS RASCAL? London Free Press.

The Dominion fruit inspector of Winnipeg has sent to the department | headgates, weirs, laterals and zanjes. of agriculture at Ottawa a box of ap- He finds that he is "under" a certain ples taken from the middle of a consignment of apples shipped to Winnipeg by an eastern firm. The apples were described by the shipper as "fanof good average size would weigh a two wheeled cart, with a shovel and forty ounces. It is too bad that On- a long crooked tined fork by his side cellent markets of Manitoba and the northwest territories in this manner. It is killing the trade out and playing directly into the hands of fruit growers and shippers from California.

MADE A GOOD GUESS. Spare Moments .

She was an amateur artist, and, like most of her kind, considered herself several laps in advance of the averever, to know how her work would impress one of the masters who had managed to grasp fickle Fame by the

One day a real painter called at her nome, and she immediately conceived in his community as an honest man .the idea of testing htm. She would Ray Stannard Baker in Century. show him a sepcimen of her handiwork, but would reveal nothing that might lead him to suspect her as be ing the creator thereof. So the fair amateur proceeded to guide the real painter toward her masterpiece "Of what school would you call this painting?" she asked, expectantly. "Of the boarding school," promptly

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He will very promptly make the acquaintance of the king of the irrigated land, the zanjero, in Arizona called cy Canadian apples." The specimens "sankero," in California sometimes sent to the department are very poor shortened to "sanky," the water master quality indeed. Twenty of them weigh or ditch rider, a bronzed man in overonly eight ounces. Twenty hen's eggs alls and sombrero, who drives about in and precious keys in his pockets. He is the yea and nay of the arid land, the arbiter of fate, the dispenser of good and evil, to be blessed by turns and cursed by turns and to receive both with the utter unconcern of a small god, for it is the zanjero who distributes the water. He opens the headgate of each farmer's canal, and when the water has run the necessary time he shuts it down again and again locks it securely. If the water is short, he sees that it is divided properly between Smith and Jones and Brown, usually with Smith and Jones and Brown watching him like cats. It is a hard place, that of zanjero in the valleys. subject to accusations, temptations, heartburnings; but, be it said to the credit of the American, there is many a zanjero who is universally respected

MEN AND BOOKS.

Chopin rarely read anything heavier than a French novel. Lord Clive said that "Robinson Crusoe" beat any book he ever read. St. John Chrysostom never tired of

reading or of praising the works of the apostle John. James I. of England was a lover of the classics and very familiar with

most of the Latin writers. Bunyan read little besides his Bible and often said that Christians would do well to read no other book. Salvator Rosa liked any kind of poet-

ry, but more especially that relating to the country or to country scenes. Hume said that Tacitus was the ablest writer that ever lived and himself tried to model his style on that of the Roman historian.

Locke gave most of his attention to works of philosophy. He said, "I stand amazed at the profundity of thought shown by Aristotle."

The elder Pitt liked Shakespeare, but not the labor of reading plays. He enjoyed hearing them and once said that, he had learned more English history at the theater than at the university.

Vacancy For County Student at Agricultural College.

By an act of the Ontario Legislature "Every county in Ontario is entitled to have at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, during all College terms, one student in attendance, without the payment of any tuition fee." There is now a vacancy for such a student at the college, and candidates for this vacancy are re-

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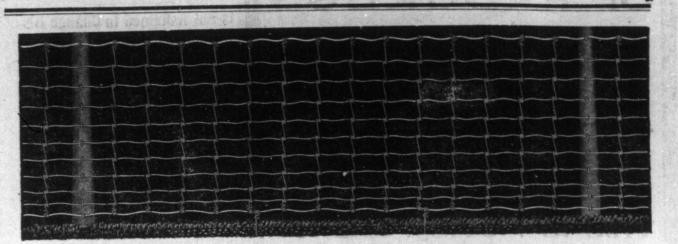
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A Thrifty Fatner-in-law. An Arab named Aissa Ben Koulder, native of Algeria, has made his way to Paris to complain to the president of the French republic of an overthrifty father-in-law. Last year he bought a wife for 75 francs from her father, who is a sheep owner in the province of Algeria. After six months of wedded life Aissa Ben Koulder was bidden, with his wife, to a feast in his father-in-law's tents. He went to the place of rendezvous, but after the fetes were over he had to leave Mme. Aissa Ben Koulder behind. Her father claimed her, stating that she was top young to have a husband and that she would have to remain with him for some years longer. Aissa Ben Koulder had to part with his wife and resolved to begin legal proceedings against his father-in-law, who, he states, had already sold the girl once and who now takes her away for the purpose of raising money out of a third husband. The lawsuit came off in due course of time, but nothing was done for the husband

who was deprived of his wife.

Thought and Action. Some men think once before they speak, some twice, others not at all. Some think once before they act, some twice, some not at all. Many will take no action until they have had a short "horizontal view" of a question, which is the essence of wisdom. "I will sleep on it," says the puzzled man of judgment, and on the morrow, with brain clear, he is resolved. Henry Watterson writes an editorial today, lays it away in his desk over night, rewrites it tomorrow and has it put in type, revises it in proof and reads the corrected proof, making more corrections, additions, subtractions, etc., then puts it in the Courier-Journal and finds that it is not what he wanted to say at all. Richard Grant White, America's leading philologist, often told me that his best articles were rushed, sheet by sheet, to the composing room before the ink from his pen had time to dry and when there was no possibility of revision. Many writers do their best

work under high pressure .-

Holman Hunt's Flies. The veteran painter, Mr. Holman Hunt, now in his seventy-fifth year did not commence life as an artist, al though his first Royal academy picture was painted when he was only twenty years of age. It was in an auctioneer's office that he commenced life pursuing the routine work of a clerk, but ever then there was no mistaking the bent of his mind. The office windows were made of ground glass, and, to vary the monotony of clerking, young Hunt took to drawing life size flies on the rough ened surface. As the days passed by so the number of flies increased until at last the head of the firm, stopping in front of the glass, exclaimed, "The flies are becoming more and more of a nuisance here and seem to multiply daily." And taking his handkerchief he attempted to flick them off.

Children Born Blind. The startling charge that many New York children are born blind in subterranean apartments under great office buildings in New York because their mothers for years have never seen the light of day is made by the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, one of the curates of St. Bartholomew's parish. Dr. Steele says: "How many know that some of the great office buildings have under them apartments for fifty families and that in these families children are sometimes born blind because their mothers for whole years never see daylight? How many know that on the roofs of the buildings there are families of janitors whose sixyear-old children have never stepped upon the ground?" Dr. Steele is an authority on life on the east side and in the tenement districts.

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