

PACIFIC RAILWAY OFFERS.

How They are Suppressed by the Government. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World says: "The Government, by refusing to bring down other offers, virtually admit that they did receive better offers, which were afterwards withdrawn. From a little light that has come out, I believe this to be the true story of the syndicate negotiations. Before the Ministers went to England Sir Charles Tupper saw George Stephen in Montreal, explained his scheme, and said: 'Make us an offer.' Mr. Stephen remarked, 'I have never thought of it, and don't want to have anything to do with it.' 'Well, make us an offer anyway,' urged Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Stephen and his friends thereupon got together and made an offer, which was the one referred to by Sir John in his speech at Bath on the 29th of June last. It was not, however, satisfactory to the Ministry, who thought they could do better in England and crossed the Atlantic. Their hopes being disappointed Sir John called to Mr. Stephen in reference to his original offer, but Mr. Stephen, seeing that the Government were at his mercy, made his terms more exacting, and the present contract is the result. This explains why the Government do not want to give Parliament the other papers.

Origin of Christmas.

The precise date of the institution of the Christmas festival is involved in obscurity. The origin of Christmas as a religious feast, is ascribed to the decretal letters addressed to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138. It was at first the movable of Christian festival, and was confounded with the Epiphany and celebrated by the Eastern churches in the months of April and May. Under the Pontificate of Pope Julius I., 337-352, St. Cyril of Jerusalem urged the importance of making Christmas an immovable festival, and obtained an order from the Pope to make a proper investigation for the purpose of determining the exact date. A conference held between the churches of the East and West resulted in the adoption of the twenty-fifth of December. Gibbons says the festival of Christmas was placed at the winter solstice with the view of transforming the Pagae Saturnalia into a Christmas festival. It is curious to note that at the present day many of the customs which are observed at Christmas are of Pagan origin, as describe by Martial and other Roman authors. The Christmas tree is another example of the power and influence of Christianity to transform Pagan myths and ceremonies. The Christmas tree, which is of German origin, is simply the symbol of the tree Isdragil, or tree of life, which figured so conspicuously in Scandinavian mythology. No festival of the Christian church surpasses Christmas in the exemplification of the power and influence of religion. Wherever the Christian was when this day arrives his heart is moved with that common impulse of joy, peace and good will which the season invokes. The old recall the days of youth, the young are absorbed in the present, the distant wanderer receives kind thoughts of home, and tender recollections serve to render absent friends more dear, and that one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin exhibits its best influence. —[Progressive American.

YOU WILL NOT BE SORRY.

For being courteous to all. For doing good to all men. For speaking evil of no one. For hearing before judging. For holding an angry tongue. For thinking before speaking. For being kind to the distressed. For asking pardon for all wrongs. For being patient toward every body. For stopping the ears to a tale-bearer. For disbelieving most of the ill-reports.

A LEAP YEAR PARTY.—On Thursday evening last, a number of the young ladies of Exeter carried into execution a brilliant idea which they with remarkable unanimity had conceived on the first day of last January. This was nothing less than a dozen or so of them, taking a corresponding number of the sterner sex out for a drive to Mr. Werry's, in Ushorne, where they were right royally entertained, and passed a pleasant evening singing, etc. The girls paid for everything, but failed to make the affair a complete leap year success by taking Dave Bisset instead of an *opinion* (a tiny leap year parties for that) young lady as Jehu (nothing personal) for the evening. The young gentlemen enjoyed immensely the novelty of being—ahem!—courted. It didn't cost them a nickel. We learn that several of them had their hearts badly used up. It is to be hoped that they will not forget to return the compliment when they are again permitted to exercise the privilege of lavishing their superabundance of shekels on the girls.

Mr. Blake has many of the personal qualities which go to make a reliable as well as a great man; that he has also those minor qualities which will enable him to retain his personal hold on the masses of the people is what those who know him best most firmly believe; and will watch his leadership with profound interest. We believe that he has only to be seen, heard and known in the Maritime Provinces to excite a good deal of the enthusiasm which he arouses in his own Province and also in Quebec. We judge that his political opponent are pretty well impressed with the same idea. They read his coming victory in signs of the times; they feel it in the air, and cannot escape the conviction that the next Premier will bear the pure and distinguished name of Edward Blake. —[St. John, N. B., Telegraph.

Hay pressing is being extensively carried on in Kincardine just now. John Gentles, Arch. Stewart and Robt. Hunter are engaged in the business. The extreme type of perishable property has yet to be discovered. Mr. James R. Keene has found out that money can melt away more quickly than in margin on grain. He paid \$20,000 in England for Blue Gowen, a famous horse, and the weather being very stormy on the voyage here, the poor animal fretted itself to death.

Manchester.

The Auburn Star Lodge of O. Y. B's intend having a soiree on New Year's Eve.

Miss A. L. Brown has been engaged for School Section No. 2, West Wawanosh.

Mr. John Wilson has been engaged for S. S. No. 9, Hullett. This is to be the 7th year for Mr. Wilson in that section.

The Wesleyan Methodists of this place are making arrangements for a tea-meeting about Christmas.

Miss McGowan, of East Wawanosh, has been engaged as assistant teacher for Union School Section No. 5, Hullett.

Mr. Dey's bell broke loose from its moorings and tumbled off the roof of his shop at 6 p. m. on Friday last. No serious damage was done.

Mr. John Sturdy, of this place, has returned from Hardy township, Parry Sound district, where he has been all summer working on a farm he has taken up there. He says it is a good farming country, but the settlers think the Government should let the owners of the land have the privilege of selling the pine timber.

Origin of Breeds of Cattle.

Prof. Sheldon, of England, in a lecture says: "We are not in a position to state how it came to pass in one country, that two such diverse races of cattle as the Long-horns and the Short-horns, should have been evolved. But whatever may have been the process of crossing the breeds, whether designed or not, this one thing is clear—viz., that while the Long-horns were produced in the district of Craven, a fertile corner in the West Riding of Yorkshire, bordering on Lancashire, the Short-horns sprang up in the Teeswater district, on the other side of the same County. We may venture to assume that the marked distinctions between these two famous breeds of cattle are owing, in the first place, to the proportions in which the ancient blood became intermixed; and, in the next, to the soil and climate of the districts severally. In the one it is reasonable to suppose the blood of the Bos urus predominated; in the other that of the Bos longifrons. The rest is owing to the influence of locality and to the control of man. Of the other great breeds—the Herefords, the Devons, the Sussex, the Jerseys, the Ayrshires, the Friesians, the Scotch and English, the Welch breeds, the West Highlanders and the Kerrys—we can speak no more definitely, and we must be content to assume that to natural and artificial selection, coupled with the influence of climate, of soil, and of herbage, are attributable the diversities of character in our breeds of cattle, which are at once so interesting and so marked.

Says the Kingston News.—The time occupied in selecting jurors for the year 1880 was 21 days. Those who perform this duty, according to the present law, are the Judge Warden, Mayor, Sheriff, County Treasurer, and Clerk of the Peace, each of them receiving at the rate of \$4 per day. Six persons at the rate of \$4 per day for 21 days, would make the amount paid this year for the selection of jurors \$504, which is something enormous. The County Council recognizing this fact, have decided to memorialize the Ontario Legislature with a view to a reduction of selectors. This \$504 does not include the sums paid by the local municipalities for their selections, which, at the rate of \$10 apiece, would increase the sum by \$200.

The Hanlan fever is beginning to abate a little. It always does abate when the enthusiasm evoked by a victory has had time to pass off and people's heads get cool. The City Council shows the estimate it puts upon bravery by passing a vote of thanks to the firemen who risked their lives to save others. This is something, and would be looked upon as being a very nice tribute to courage in the face of death, were it not already decided to exempt a champion oarsman from taxation for all time to come. Possibly the man who wins a boat race does a nobler act than the man who risks his life in saving a fellow-being; but a good many old-fashioned people do not take that view of it. As we said the other day there is a young man in this very city who took his life in his hand on nine different occasions in order to save others from drowning. There are others who have risked their lives less frequently. Yet these brave fellows are all thrust aside to make way for a champion oarsman, who risked nothing at all, and who has made thousands of dollars by a few twists of the wrist. It looks as if civilization in this age were advancing hind-end foremost. —[Telegram.

Personal beauty is enhanced by a lovely disposition. A vacant mind takes all the meaning out of the fairest face. A sensual disposition deforms the handsome features. A cold, selfish heart shrivels and distorts the best looks. A mean, grovelling spirit takes all the dignity out of the figure and all the character out of the countenance. A cherished hatred transforms the most beautiful lineaments into an image of ugliness. It is impossible to preserve good looks with a brood of bad passions feeding on the blood, a set of low, lecherous, tramping through the heart, and a selfish, disdainful spirit enthroned in the will, as to preserve the beauty of an elegant mansion with a litter of swine in the basement, a tribe of gipsies in the parlour, and owls and vultures in the upper part. Beauty and beauty will no more keep company a great while than poison will company with health, or an elegant carriage survive the furnace fire. The experiment of putting them together has been tried for thousands of years, but with one unvarying result. There is no sculptor like the mind. There is nothing that screeches, polishes, and ennobles face and mind, and preserves the presence of great thoughts. The man who lives in the region of ideas, moonbeams though they be, becomes idealized. No arts can do the work of nature.

Mr. Hugh McBrien, Maitland Block, Hullett, has let the contract of a new house to Jas Young, Manchester. He is going to retire from farming.

The "Globe" on the Syndicate Terms.

But there is little use in comparing the bargain now before the country with bygone proposals. Compare it with the estimates, and we find that the Dominion is asked to pay for a second-class road \$30,000,000 in excess of the estimated cost of a first-class road. In consideration of this sum of \$30,000,000 the Company engages to maintain the line. But the security to be given on account of this engagement will amount to but \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000 of land grant bonds. It can in no case amount to more than \$1,000,000 and 5,000,000 acres of land. Now, if over \$30,000,000 in excess of actual cost may properly be paid on account of running expenses, it is clear that the Company will be tempted to forfeit the security, amounting to about one-fifth of the running expenses, rather than pay such expenses. On completing the road the Company will have received \$70,000,000 for work that the Government Engineer says can be done by the Government for \$48,500,000. The Company may forfeit their security, refuse to maintain the line efficiently, and yet make \$21,500,000. At the end of ten years the country will have paid \$21,500,000 more than the value of the work, and will yet have gained no security whatever for its maintenance. The Company will then have to consider how their interest may be best served. By keeping faith they may in the next ten years get the security retained by the Government, viz., \$1,000,000 and 5,000,000 acres. But will they keep faith if it does not appear in their interest to do so? If it does appear their interest to maintain the line after completing it, not less would be the interest of other railway men to take the line if it were completed by the Government. The country will in fact pay \$31,500,000 too much for construction, and will then be in a position not one whit better in respect to responsibility for maintenance than if the formation of the Pacific Railway Company were postponed till the completion of the road.

GOOD ADVICE TO RAILWAY MEN.—W. J. Spicer, Superintendent of the G. T. R., has issued a circular to the employees of that Company, earnestly recommending them to renew the pledge of total abstinence from strong drink. He urges in behalf of his appeal, that "We know the habitual use of stimulants too often leads to excess; inexcusable neglect and careless performance of duty follow; and then sooner or later loss of position and employment is and must be the inevitable result. The unpleasant position is then fully realized, and the most pressing appeals are made for re-employment. The mere chance for the sake of an anxious wife and the children, who are always the greatest sufferers in such cases. Indulgence in such stimulants do no good at any time; it is an expensive habit, a positive waste of money." The circular also sets forth that the employees have the lives of the public and the safety of property at stake in their care, requiring utmost possible caution and vigilance in the performance of their duty. In conclusion he says:—"Believe me it is the right thing to do, a very safe step to take. We can guarantee that the results will be in every way beneficial, both financially and physically, and I do trust that we shall have a considerable accession to our number of total abstainers for the year 1881."

They can instantaneously photograph express trains going at sixty miles an hour, so that it looks, smoke and all, as if it were taken at a standstill. And yet they can't, or won't, photograph a man sitting in a chair without screwing his head round in a vice like a movable doll, and keeping him looking at a smudge on the wall till his lip drops and his eyes water, and the pleasant little speech he meant to think about, just to hold the expression, goes maundering through his head like the ghost of a homeless echo. —[Ex.

Twenty Years a Sufferer. DR. W. PIERCE. DEAR SIR—Twenty year ago I was shipwrecked on the Atlantic Ocean, and the cold and exposure caused a large abscess to form on each leg, which kept continually discharging. After spending hundreds of dollars, with no benefit, I was persuaded to try your Golden Medical Discovery, and now in less than three months after taking the first bottle, I am thankful to say I am completely cured, and for the first time in ten years can put my left leg to the ground. I am, sir, yours respectfully, WILLIAM RYDER, 87 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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