

The Planet

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UNDER THAT FLAG ALL RELIGIONS ARE FREE.

Speaking at midnight mass in Montreal, Archbishop Bruchesi said:—"The flag which protects us and which gives us our liberty is at war with a bitter enemy. Let us hope that the war will soon end with the triumph of our great country and of the principles of justice propounded by the church."

What a magnificent tribute it is to the flag, which guarantees the absolute freedom of every man's religion be it what it may, to find all creeds uniting in support of the empire in far off India the Brahmin priests, in old London the Jewish rabbis and in our own Canada the clergy of all denominations are invoking divine blessings on the arms of the power which so amply protects them and theirs. It is only such ingratitude as the Davitts, Redmonds, and the ilk who have been given so much liberty of speech and opinion that their limited intelligence fails to appreciate the boon. This is the only charitable construction which can be put upon their antics. If they are not ingrates they must be worse, for no paid traitors to the cause of Irish home rule could have accomplished the utter ruin of its prospects and left it so thoroughly friendless than these self-same leaders of it. The question is, was it their own selfish disloyalty to the Empire that protects them, or was it gold from the Imperial secret service treasury which induced their pro-Boer demonstrations?

We trust the London Advertiser, which has a knack of finding concealed race insults in apparently harmless articles, will not consider it offensive to the British if we rise to remark that that affair at Colesburg was a great French victory.

Hamilton ratepayers carried a by-law for the permanent improvement of the roads at an estimated cost of \$150,000. What a fine thing it would be if we could get the ratepayers of Chatham vaccinated with some of Hamilton's progressive lymph.

How many people in Chatham really prayed the old year out and the new year in at watchnight service? Because an act of the Ontario legislature says so it doesn't follow that the year 1900 really commenced on standard instead of sun time. The legislature can regulate time for the sake of convenience, but it cannot change the laws of nature. The new year could not in reality commence half an hour before the astronomical time showed it was midnight on Dec. 31. So those who were guided in their devotions by the time ordinarily used were probably tucked away in their little beds some time before the new year actually commenced at 12:30 o'clock, standard.

Both the old political parties had better pay heed to the fact that the people are getting tired of being ruled by combines, trusts and monopolists. A man who has for years been denounced as a penniless adventurer defected two popular, well-known and substantial citizens for mayor of Toronto, because he promised to get after the local monopolists with an axe. In London a Socialist-labor candidate came within an ace of being mayor in spite of the fact that his opponent got the full Liberal and a large part of the Conservative support. Public dissatisfaction is breaking out, all politicians may find that it will not be content with testing its strength on municipal contests.

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Goods Delivered

Robert Barr, father of the famous writer, has been elected an alderman in Windsor. Here is another illustration of how greatness runs in families.

The rural debating societies of the province should take out an injunction to stop Editor Morrison, of the Ottawa Citizen from going to South Africa. If he settles the question, that good old standard subject of debate, is the pen mightier than the sword? will no longer be available for budding young orators to display their eloquence over.

ONLY ONE.

Toronto Star.
A fossil, evidently prehistoric, has been found in Chili. Any Toronto alderman missing?

ABDUCTED BY THE ANGELS.

Aurora, Ill., News.
Despatches from Iowa state that a young man of that state, who neither smoked, drank, chewed, swore, nor used slang, is missing. Perhaps the angels came down and stole him.

VIVE MURPHY!

Kingston Whig.
The Irishman, Capt. Murphy, who chastised the French editor, M. Marcel, for his insults to the Queen, has done his race and nationality an honor. Long live Murphys, and all honor to their name.

WINDSOR NOW LEADS.

Ottawa Citizen.
St. Catharines has a considerable negro population, and it has been commonly understood that in this particular honors were even between the City of Saints and Chatham. The Planet, without any display of ill-humor, admits that the Maple City cannot claim that distinction, but passes it on to Windsor, whose assessment returns show a "colored" population of nearly 1,000, while Chatham has fewer than 700. Thus do honors fade upon investigation.

QUESTION OF ASSESSMENT.

Ottawa Citizen.
In the course of his address to the Grand Jury at Stratford, the other day, Judge Barron referred rather pointedly to the present assessment system, which he strongly condemned, remarking that a "law which penalized a man because he painted his fence or made improvements was a blot on the statutes." It is certainly a "blot" to the extent that it is apt to prevent an owner from making improvements tending to add to the beauty of a city and which it ought to be glad to get. There are certain points in the assessment act which may with advantage be looked at with an eye to making a change, and it is to be hoped the Judge's remarks will cause the Government to consider the matter.

West Kent Farmers' Institute.

Meetings of the Institute will be held as follows:—Chatham Township Hall, Jan. 13th, 1900. Afternoon Session at 1:30 Presidents Address; 2 p. m., address "breeding and feeding of cattle" by John McMillan, of Seaford; address "breeding and feeding the bacon hog" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; Address "the orchard for profit" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Evening Session 7:30. Presidents Address; address "the Ontario Agricultural College" by John McMillan, Seaford; Address "cultivating clover hay" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; Address "ornamenting the home" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Dover Township Hall, Jan. 15th, 1900. Afternoon session 1:30, Presidents Address; address "breeding and feeding cattle" by John McMillan, Seaford; address "cultivation and curing clover" by W. C. McGregor, Tilbury; Address "corn growing" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Evening session 7:30, Presidents Address; Address "hog feeding" by John McMillan, Seaford; Address "potato growing" by J. K. Longmore, Raleigh; Address "ornamenting the home" by F. M. Lewis, Burford. Other speakers will take part in the discussion. Come and give us the benefit of your experience. Come one, come all. W. C. MCGREGOR, Pres., Tilbury. J. R. LONGMORE, Sec'y, Chatham.

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Peterborough—It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.

Hazlett—The more we do, the more we can do; the more busy we are, the more leisure we have.

It is said that the fishing industry of Maryland gives employment to 42,812 persons. Which, in its way, is something of a fish story.

Souza, the march king, pronounces his name as if it were written "Sue-sar," or in other words, as if he had been born and brought up in Boston.

"Here's a fierce one, Mr. Primrose. Why is it that there never was a woman moonshiner. Well—you give it up, of course—a woman can't keep still."

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James A. Garfield—We hold reunions, not for the dead, for there is nothing in all the earth that you and I can do for the dead. * * * They do not need us, but forever and forever more, we need them.

"What do you know about babies?" scornfully asked the matron of the young man who had ventured a remark on that subject. "Well," was the apologetic reply, "you know I was a baby once myself."

"It may not be what you call an incentive to art," said the newspaper artist to the portrait painter, "but we draw some things that some of you color men are strangers to." "And what is that?" "Why, a good regular salary."

Arthur Helps—Always say a kind word if you can, if only that it may come in, perhaps, with singular opportuneness, entering some man's darkened room like a beautiful firefly, whose happy convulsions he cannot but watch, forgetting his troubles.

"Goo bo wow ee bah wow," yelled the baby as it dropped its milk bottle. "Bless its little heart," said the mother, "don't you hear what it says?" "Sure," answered the brute of a father. "Rubber neck," that is, its bottle; give it to him."

Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City starts the insurance world by paying \$253,228 for a "paid-up" life policy, which insures him an annuity of \$5,000 during life and to his heirs \$200,000 when he dies. If these figures are correct the insurance company has the best end of the deal.

To prevent the extinction of India rubber trees in the Congo Free State the government has decreed that for every ton of rubber yielded annually there must be planted not less than 150 trees. The law which prohibits gathering rubber except through incisions in the bark is to be more strictly enforced, and violation will be punished by a fine up to \$2,000 or by imprisonment.

"Pall Mall," incidentally pronounced pel mel, comes from Palle Malle, an ancient game supposed to have been played on the present site of Pall Mall by Norman monks, by whom it was introduced into England. The observant Pepys, in his famous diary, makes mention of it thus: "April 2, 1661. As to St. James's park, where I saw the Duke of York playing at Pelemele, the first time that I ever saw the sport."

In a letter to an Ottawa county, Kas., paper one of the famous "Twentieth Kansas" writes: "Night before last I was on picket duty all night, and yesterday morning I found that the nigger picket was within a hundred yards of me. After a little talk we both laid down our guns and met between the lines and had a little visit. He said the people in their army did not want to fight us, but they had to or their officers would kill them. He also said that he had not had a bite to eat for three days. I gave him what hardtack I had with me, and it did me more good to see him eat it than if I had eaten it myself. When we parted, we shook hands, and he cried like a baby."

ALL SORTS.

Advanced English barmaids object to that name and call themselves "illegitimate victuallers' assistants."

The Jagat Guru Sankaracharya of Dwarka is lecturing in Calcutta on the "Vedas and the Upanishads."

There was a lively football match near Glasgow recently, in which the spectators took part, with the result that nineteen policemen had to be taken to the hospital.

An "improvement" introduced by the Great Eastern railway consists in widening the cars to the limit of safety in order to allow six passengers to wedge themselves into one seat.

The Arkansas supreme court has decided that a man cannot escape jury duty because he has not paid his poll tax. Heretofore the fact that a man had failed or had refused to pay poll tax has excluded him from such service.

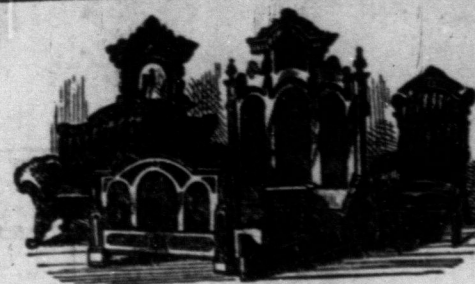
The North Carolina courts have just approved the will of E. T. Clemmons of Forsyth county, who left \$100,000 to the Moravian church to build a house of worship and a school, and bequeathed to each member of the congregation an acre of land.

Potato bread is used by the natives of Thuringia to feed their horses, especially when they are worked hard in very cold weather. The animals thrive on it, and their health and strength are excellent.

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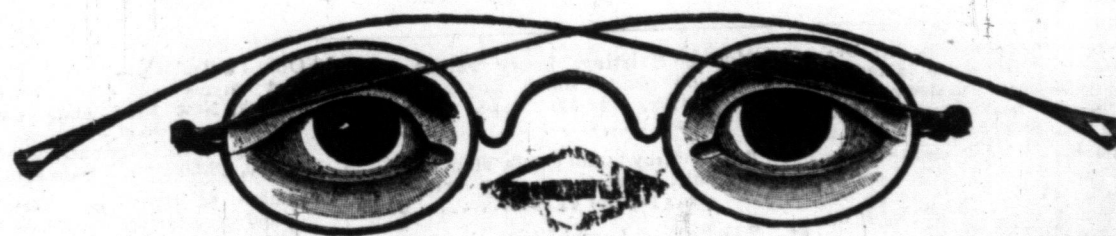


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