

The Planet

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PREMIER LAURIER AND THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Here is the next way Mr. Foster summed up Premier Laurier's position on the prohibition question during the recent discussion in parliament:

"I have learned enough in the short years that I have lived to know that we need to be very liberal and very charitable in our judgment of the opinions and beliefs of our fellow-men; that we need to take a comparatively charitable view, but I do say this, that when the right honorable gentleman comes here to-day and states what he believes to be the unalterable opinion of his province, and then his position on the idea that unless you can have a complete national prohibition you cannot have it by sections, he speaks the last word to the prohibitionists of this country, and tells them plainly, abandon all hope, ye who entered under my banners in 1890."

"What does the right hon. gentleman state? He states that prohibition is an impossibility in this country so far as he reads the signs of the times."

"He stands up here, in 1900 and says the most I can promise to do in aid of the cause, if the people will all agree and say that they want it, is to re-enact the Scott Act."

"That is the position that he takes. If he had been candid he would have taken that position in 1890, and the people would not have been deceived, and there would not have been that period of turmoil which has resulted, in nothing, in worse than nothing."

VERTICAL HANDWRITING.

The public school board of New York city has resolved to abandon vertical handwriting and revert to the Spencerian system. This step has been taken in response to the demand of the business men of that city, who do not like the writing in their books. The N. Y. Sun favors the return of the slanting writing and says of the vertical that it is slow of execution. Many protest against this latest decision of the school board as appearing in the New York papers, but they will likely prove ineffective to prevent its execution.

The vertical handwriting is practiced in the Chatham public schools and is most favorably regarded by those who have studied the results. While it may be argued that the vertical writing is the more legible, it must be allowed that it affords almost as little play for individuality and style as the typewriter, and to that extent is destructive of originality, and favorable to the production of copyists, of which we have already a superabundance. The American press is discussing the action of the New York school board, and as far as we have been able to learn, the judgment is against the board's decision. The Detroit Journal says: "What seems to be the fact, is that the conservatism of New York merchants, who apparently do not like the appearance of the vertical handwriting on their books, is going to deprive the children of New York of an improvement of real value."

With the approach of the full moon our esteemed contemporary seems to be breaking out in its usual way—writing anonymous letters to itself.

The Democrats are sticking to Bryan for the presidency, and Bryan is sticking to free silver. Thus the people of the United States will be able to enter two forks at once.

The Montreal Gazette says: "The lack of protest in the emergency food, the accuracy of the reports of Tait's speeches, the going on of the Yukon hardship, the collapse of Martin or the obstinacy of Molasses, when the session will end and what month the elections will take place in—all these burning questions of the hour are sunk into insignificance in the minds of the faithful in Montreal by the issue as to who will get the superintendency of the Lucerne canal. Three efforts to settle it have proved ineffective. The Laurier cabinet—the strongest business government Canada ever saw—is stuck." This is on a par with the county court clerkship.

The sins of the parents descend to the children even to the third and fourth generations. Three score years ago Great Britain committed a most atrocious crime in forcing the opium trade on China at the point of the bayonet, and to this day she has never righted the wrong. Even Gladstone, the goodly good, because the Indian exchequer needed the money derived from the manufacture of opium, refused to do anything. The Chinese Government of that period wanted to shut out opium to save the people from the greatest agent of destruction the celestial empire knows. For daring to regulate her own trade Great Britain thrashed her. It was the open door policy then as now. And the feeling of hatred against foreigners engendered at that time has never since died out.

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If the English and Canadian vote is any good at all Pro-Boer Bryan's finish is now in sight.

The proposal to protect the lives of Europeans in China by threatening the graves of the royal family is, by no means so absurd as it might seem at first glance. Just as the Hindu fears to be blown to atoms from a gun, the Chinaman fears the desecration of his ancestors' graves. To the Hindu, blown to pieces means loss of paradise. To the Chinese his dead are gods, to be treated with infinite respect.

A correspondent in the London Mail thinks Kruger's fate was foretold in the following passage from Addison's Cato (Act II):

And canst thou think
Cato will fly before the sword of
Caesar?
Reduced, like Hannibal, to seek relief
From court to court, and wander up
and down
A vagabond in Africa?

WALLACEBURG.

July 6.—Miss Ethel Burnie, of Dresden, is visiting friends in town.

Cliff Burgess, who has been in Detroit for some time, has returned home.

The junior leaving part I and matriculation exams took place at the high school this week.

Willis Little, formerly of this place but now of Detroit, is spending a few days with his parents on Nelson street.

Master Ray Dobie left on a visit to Detroit friends on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, of Detroit, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. N. D. McKee, have returned home. They were accompanied by the latter.

Gus Judson, who has been away for some time, has returned home.

Harvey Little, of Lorraine, Ohio, is spending a few days with his parents in town.

Wilfrid Shaw spent Wednesday in Chatham.

J. N. Plewes, principal of the public school, is presiding at the junior leaving exams at Dresden.

Mr. Saucy, of the firm Senevel and Saucy, who has been in Windsor for a few days, returned home last evening.

Quite a number patronized the excursion to Detroit by the steamer Hattie to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, left last evening for New Jersey to spend the summer.

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SIGNALS PHOTOGRAPHIC.

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Information for Certain Hearers.

"I have noticed," said the Rev. Dr. Goodman, pausing in his discourse, "that two or three of the brethren have looked at their watches several times in the last few minutes. For fear their timepieces may not agree I will say that the correct time is 11:45. I set my watch by the regulator at the jeweller's last night. The sermon will be over at 12:01. It would have closed promptly tried to call the congregation, but for this digression. Let us proceed to consider now what the apostle meant when he says, 'I press toward the mark.'"

SOME SMART CROWS.

They Fooled the Dog and Carried Off the Meat.

In the inn garden I saw a dog eating a piece of meat in the presence of several covetous crows. They evidently said a great deal to each other on the subject, and now and then one or two of them tried to call the meat away from him, which he resented.

At last a big strong crow succeeded in tearing off a piece, with which he returned to the pine, where the others were congregated, and after much earnest speech they all surrounded the dog, and the leading bird dexterously dropped the small piece of meat within reach of his mouth, when he immediately snapped at it, letting go of the big piece unwisely for a second, on which two of the crows flew away with it to the pine, and with much fluttering and hilarity they all ate, or rather gorged it. The deceived dog looking vacant and bewildered for a moment, after which he sat under the tree and barked at them inanely.

A gentleman told me that he saw a dog holding a piece of meat in like manner in the presence of three crows, which also vainly tried to tear it from him, and after the consultation they separated, two going as near as they dared to the meat, while the third gave the tail a bite sharp enough to make the dog turn around with a squeak, on which the other villians seized the meat, and the three fed triumphantly upon it on the top of the wall.—Our Animal Friends.

Four Ways of Cooking the Potato.

Boil some veal bones, a knuckle bone of ham and a bunch of vegetables in three quarts of water until reduced to about half. Chop an onion finely and add to the stock. Peel and boil three large potatoes, and when cooked mash them, mixing in gradually one breakfast cupful of cream or cream and milk. Mix the potato cream with the stock; strain it through a colander into a soup tureen, season with salt, pepper and one tablespoonful of finely chopped parsley.

Cut four good-sized potatoes into shreds; sprinkle salt and pepper over them. Butter lightly some tartlet moulds, cover the bottoms with grated Parmesan cheese, arrange a layer of potatoes on the top, sprinkle more cheese over them, and continue till all are filled, finishing by sprinkling cheese over the top and putting a little clarified butter over all. Set on a very hot stove for two minutes, then bake for twenty-five minutes in a hot oven. Serve on a folded napkin.

Bake some large potatoes in the oven. When tender cut a slice off the top of each and carefully scoop out some of the interior. Rub this through a fine sieve and mix with it one ounce of butter, one tablespoonful of cream, salt and pepper. Stir in steppan over the fire till hot. Then move it on one side and add the beaten whites of two eggs. Fill the potato skins with this mixture and brush them over with warmed butter. Place them on a fancy dish paper on a hot dish and garnish with parsley.

Mash one pound of the pulp of boiled potatoes; add the yolk of two eggs, set the bowl over the fire, stir until the potatoes are quite dry. Form it into a case or shell, brush it over with the yolk of an egg, put it into the oven and bake a light brown. Ventana, put one gill of white sauce into a saucepan and mix in one teaspoonful of lemon juice, half a teaspoonful of essence of anchovies and the flesh of a lobster. Heat the mixture without letting it boil. Pour this thick sauce into potato case and serve.

Thoughts.
We do not make our thoughts;
they grow in use.
Like grain in wood; the growth is
of the skies,
Which are of nature; nature is of
God.
The world is full of glorious likenesses.
—Bailey.

Address Letters.

A gentleman is entitled to the suffix "Esq." although "Mr." is always used on "notes of invitation. Doctors are addressed as "Dr." or "M.D." The President of the United States should be addressed "The President, Executive Mansion, Washington."

A letter by one of her subjects to Queen Victoria was addressed "To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty."

A cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church: "To His Eminence (Christian name), Cardinal (surname)."

An archbishop is addressed: "The Most Reverend Sir."

A bishop is: "The Right Reverend."

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