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—(BLOWING.)

London, Monday, August 7.

The death of Judge Davis, chronicled in another column of to-day's ADVERTISER, will be heard of with regret, not only by the citizens of London, but throughout the counties of Middlesex and Lambton, in both of which his name was a household word. As a private citizen, he was a genial, kind-hearted man, endearing himself to those with whom he came in contact. As a judge, he was unwavering in his integrity. No one could say of his decisions that they were influenced either by partisan predilections or by personal considerations. He held the scales of justice in all matters coming before him evenly, and maintained to the last the respect and the confidence of all who had dealings with him, whether members of the bar or suitors. The memory of such a judge, how honored! How consolatory to the sorrowing ones left behind!

A MONKEY in Central Park, New York, severely beat the man in charge for trying to make him drunk. That monkey had far more sense than his keeper.

CANADIAN prowess has triumphed at Chicago once more. Not only were the majority of prizes in the amateur athletic competitions carried off by the contestants from the Dominion, but in the tug-of-war for the championship of America, the famed men of Zorra, Oxford county, triumphed. This bracing northern atmosphere is a great aid in developing strength and stability.

A LONDON cablegram announces that Lord Randolph Churchill has gone to France accompanied by his wife. It is said that he is seriously ill and that it will be long before he is seen in England in public again. An intimate friend of his family said recently that Lord Randolph's nervous system is shattered. There seems little doubt that he is seriously broken in health. The illness of this Conservative war-horse will be a serious blow to the fighting forces on that side of the House of Commons.

MANY of our contemporaries miss the main point when discussing the conduct of Mayor Desjardins, of Montreal. That civic functionary was a Papal Zouave at the time when the Italian Government decreed that the temporal power of the Pope should cease. Because of this fact, and because he believes that the Pope should have temporal authority in Rome, the Montreal mayor refused to extend the customary courtesies to an Italian man-of-war which visited Montreal a day or two since. This was very silly on the part of his worship. Neither he nor any other mayor has a right to conduct public business according to his private whims. When Mr. Desjardins was elected mayor, he was selected with the common sense view of representing the whole people, and carrying out ordinary common sense views with regard to public affairs. If he had taken that stand in this case, he would have recognized the visiting Italians as belonging to a nation most friendly with Great Britain, and as deserving at least common courtesy. He has taken the course of the small man who looks at everything from his own narrow, contracted point of vision.

GETTING married in England, to people who are not able to buy a license, is a very embarrassing matter. A license is expensive, while a marriage by banns costs only a few shillings, so most prefer the banns. You have to be cried three times on three separate Sundays, and if a fellow happens to make a mistake and go to church on the Sunday when his banns are cried he finds the proclamation of his matrimonial intentions to be very embarrassing, for of course he is unmercifully grinned at by the rest of the audience. Couples having their banns cried usually stay away from the morning service or prevail on the clergyman to proclaim the banns at an afternoon or evening service when few are present. Very often, however, the parson refuses to do this, arguing that as the banns are designed to give publicity to the occasion the most public time of proclamation should be chosen, so the afflicted man and his unfortunate companion that is to be forced to bear the gibes of their acquaintances for at least three weeks. In Scotland the law is different. There a couple can either be "called" in church or have their names posted on a billboard outside the door of the registrar's office, as having entered upon "a purpose of marriage." The popular wedding time among the Scottish masses is the New Year holidays, and on the Sunday immediately preceding the new year a parish church precentor, who is the proclaimer of the banns, sometimes has nearly an hour's hard work immediately prior to the forenoon service. The result, it is needless to say, is in point of interest generally, ahead of the sermon.

## CONGRESS MEETS ON MONDAY

The United States Congress assembled in special session on Monday to consider the silver question. We are much mistaken if President Cleveland's message to the legislators does not afford unassailable reasons for the repeal of the Sherman silver coinage measure. Whether or not a substitution measure will be advanced at the ensuing session remains to be seen. There are nine kinds of currency authorized by the United States Government, as follows: Gold coin, silver coin, gold certificates, silver certificates, legal tender notes, national bank notes, treasury notes of 1890, subsidiary silver coin and minor coin. Statesmen generally acknowledge that under the present condition of affairs there can be no harmonious currency system, and the recent upheaval in business in the United States is undoubtedly due to this fact, accelerated by the cessation of the free coinage of silver in India, which has been the chief foreign customer for United States silver.

It is a serious condition of affairs, but it must be met if confidence in business is to be restored. The practical present result will be a widdling out and liquidating of many speculative concerns, and a period of compulsory "hard-up" living.

The advocates of silver coinage take the ground that the Government should maintain the price of silver. That, however, can only be done by international agreement, and after the conversion of Great Britain, which first established the single gold standard. The unsettled question is, how long will it take to bring about that conversion? The settled question is that no single nation has ever been able to maintain the double standard. At best it has been fluctuating and unsatisfactory.

To insure a general confidence in business circles over the border, there must also be reform in the banking system of the country. With these changes honestly effected and a scaling down of the national taxation, the United States would enter on an unexampled era of prosperity. It has the men and the material; all it needs is well-established commercial confidence at home and abroad.

## WHAT IS TAUGHT IN OUR SCHOOLS.

A valued correspondent asks us to undertake a pretty big project when he requests that we "give the different branches of education taught in the kindergarten and common high schools of the city," but as more than he seems to be interested in the matter a summary is herewith supplied.

In the kindergarten the education is light, cheerful games, intended to cultivate such habits as will lead to a love of industrial pursuits. Such occupations as sewing, coloring with crayons, mat weaving, paper work and modeling engage the attention of the children. Object lessons, leading to a taste for elementary science, also form part of the course. It has been proved that pupils trained in this way become more observing, more obedient to parents and teachers, more agreeable to one another, and are possessed of a greater love and consideration for the brute creation.

Pupils in the first three forms of the public school are taught reading and literature, geography, grammar and composition, history (chiefly Canadian and British), arithmetic, writing and drawing. In the fourth form the studies take a wider range. They embrace reading, literature, orthography and orthoepy, writing, geography, grammar, composition, history (including the municipal institutions of Ontario and the Federal form of the Dominion Government), and agriculture. The last-named subject is intended more particularly for rural schools, and is taught from the authorized text book. It is recommended by the Minister of Education that special attention to such points as how plants grow and what they feed upon; how farms are beautified and cultivated; the value of shade trees; what trees to plant and when to plant them; the relation of agriculture to other pursuits; the effects of climate on the habits of a people. In all the forms temperance and hygiene are taught, and in the kindergarten as well as in the other schools instruction in singing is given. The inculcation of morals is also stipulated and there are religious exercises of a non-sectarian character in every school.

The Collegiate Institute studies are taken up in four forms. For forms 1 and 2 the regular subjects are reading, English grammar, English composition, rhetoric, English poetical literature, history and geography, and arithmetic and mensuration, algebra, Euclid, the commercial course and drawing, with Latin, or French, or German, or physics, and botany. In form 3, English grammar, English composition, rhetoric, English poetical literature, history and geography, arithmetic and mensuration, algebra, Euclid and trigonometry, with Greek and Latin, or French and German, or chemistry, physics, botany and zoology. The subjects required for pass senior matriculation in any of the universities of Ontario can be taken up in form 4 in addition to regular subjects. Temperance is also taught, with writing, book-keeping, reading, drill, and gymnastics.

The subjects taught are plentiful; happy the pupil who masters at least those essential to his success in the vocation of his choice.

Be suspicious of the man or the newspaper that is always suspicious—that never sees anything but mean motives in the acts of an opponent. Sir Oliver Mowat has a number of such critics; but the animus under which they act is so plain that their persistent misrepresentation harms not Ontario's Grand Old Man.

## THE RIGHT WAY TO TALK.

D. D. Cowan, of Gananoque, thus testifies in favor of a revenue tariff and reciprocity in manufactures:

"I am a manufacturer, and I have sold goods under the 15 per cent., the 15 per cent., the 17 per cent., and the 35 per cent. tariffs," he said. "And I made the most money out of the 17 per cent. one. I make clothes wringers, carriage gears and harrows, and recently sold harrows in Richmond, Virginia. I can continue to sell if the tariff falls moderate a little, and am anxiously waiting to see what the Cleveland Government will do for us—and to see a Government in Ottawa that they can respect. Yes, I am a manufacturer and am against the N. F. T."

There are many hundreds of manufacturers in this and other cities who take the same grounds as this independent Canadian. They would be ashamed to have it argued in their behalf that they cannot live unless they are pampered at the expense of their neighbors. It is a libel on them to say that they need or ask for the so-called "protection" that is offered by the men now in power at Ottawa in exchange for fat election subscriptions.

## THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Are you surprised to learn that even in Bangkok the trolley has been established?

I hear that Dr. Leonard, late United States consul, has gone farming in Walash county, Ind. The doctor is a versatile genius. He has run a drug store, doctored a good deal, preached often, and now he has gone into stock raising.

Queer though it may seem, loose financing is invariably followed by tight money.

A visitor to the city has been telling his local paper that Dundas street has been plowed up for fall seeding. Perhaps so. The fruit may be electric currents some day.

All the advantage is not on the side of those who go out of town for the summer. Good! Good! A cool and comfortable home with wide beds and still wider windows should weigh something in the balance against the attractions of bathing, boating, and country landscape. Remembering that in the country one is denied all such luxuries as the summer fruits and vegetables, we home stayers revel in the choicest products of the market, while the tourist in Muskoka is spoiling his digestion for the year with an unvarying supply of pork, soda biscuits, with huckleberries, or raspberry pie thrown in as dainties. Huckleberries and raspberries are not bad, of course. I admit that. But after the first three weeks they begin to pall, and the gods defend me if you ever see any other fruit in Muskoka, except bears. Bathing, of course, is held up as an immense drawing card; and just here I will stop to admit that your seeming and minority, when I acknowledge that for solid enjoyment give me a nice clean bathroom, plentifully supplied with Turkish towels, warm and cold water, rugs and chairs. That's something like a bath now, and as near as we are able to come to the Romans at present, until we get free trade. But this standing around in lakes and rivers and places, in clammy, clinging grave clothes called "bathing suits," is not my idea of pleasure. I prefer no companion in my bath, and crabs and such small game are never averse to sampling a toe, be it pink or brown. Oh! the miserable scramble that follows in the attempt to get oneself into a glow in the back of the bathhouse with a tank six-inch towel, and don at least one or two articles of apparel before a rapidly-approaching bathing party bears down on one. Yes, the zone in the air is delicious. Of course it is; but you need all the appetite you get, don't you, to digest the heavy white pastry dealt out at dinner? Everyone will admit that the excitement of going away does not begin to equal that of coming home after a whole summer's outing. And now, lest anyone should think this a case of sour grapes, and that I am tied to the city this month, just offer to pay my fare to the Adirondacks, and see what "The Man About Town" will do.

I find that farmers in this Western Peninsula are everywhere complaining of the drought. There has been no rain for many weeks, and everything is drying up. In some parts of the Province, however, there have been welcome showers. A friend of mine, who has been camping in Kimberley Valley, Grey county, tells me that a week ago there was an all-night downpour of rain in that region. It must have got our share.

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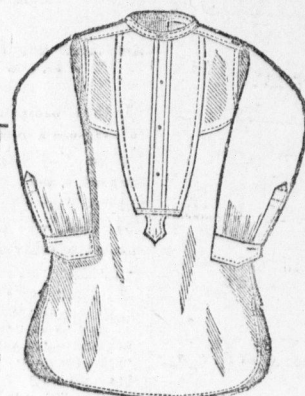
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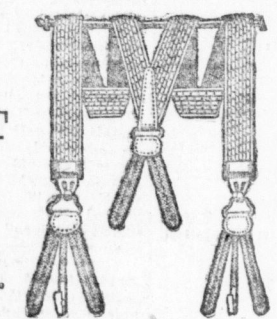
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