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THE PORTLAND DEFALCATION.

Mr. Tapley continues to preside over the Portland Police Court, and today he was trying cases in the Civil court, but we presume that his valuable services as a Civil and Criminal judge will not be much longer in request in the sister city. If there is any one of Mr. Tapley's friends foolish enough to believe that the present scandal can be hushed up and the wrong doing condoned, as other affairs of a similar kind have been, he will very soon be obliged to admit his mistake. Too many public thieves have already been allowed to go unwhipt of justice in this community, to permit any further toleration of the peculiar methods of Mr. Tapley. In our opinion there never was a greater wrong inflicted upon any community than when Mr. Tapley, who was short in his accounts about $10,000 as Almshouse commissioner, was allowed to compromise the crime by the payment of about one fourth of that sum. Mr. Tapley should then have been proceeded against criminally, and if this course was thought too hard, it was surely a shocking injustice to all the decent citizens of Portland to continue him in the judicial positions he has filled ever since the Almshouse disclosures. The proper and natural result of such a proceeding has just been seen in the report of the committee, which shows that the City of Portland has lost, in four years, the sum of $3,258.35, through the wrong-doing of some person, presumably of Mr. Tapley. One of the most suggestive features of the report of the committee is the manner in which Mr. Tapley, even after the appointment of the committee in 1888, and when he knew he was being watched, continued to deal with the public money received for fines or for discharges from jail. Here is the record:

John Graham, discharged March 12; money paid over May 1.
Michael Fitzmaurice, discharged March 20; money paid over July 2.
William Nixon, discharged March 31; money paid over May 2.
Thomas Morison, discharged May 1; money paid over July 2.
James Kidd, discharged July 19; money paid over Jan. 8, 1889.
George Holder, discharged Dec. 10; money paid over Jan. 8, 1889.
Bart. O'Brien, discharged Dec. 12; money paid over Jan. 8, 1889.

In these cases it will be seen that Mr. Tapley held the money for varying periods from four to ten weeks, and in one instance, did not pay in the money received until nearly six months after the discharge was granted. When such gross irregularities were committed, while Mr. Tapley was under the supervision of the committee, what could be expected of him when he had a free hand, as he had up to May of last year? The Portland city council have a serious duty to perform, in dealing with this matter, and we hope and believe that they will go through it without fear or favor. The public interests must be guarded.

A GRIT CHANGE OF FRONT.

The prospect of a general election being held the coming summer has frightened the Grit politicians all over Canada, almost out of their senses. In this city it has brought about a state of sullen despair among the party leaders, not one of whom can see the slightest prospect of holding a single one of the three seats now filled by Liberals. The Grit party here is in a hopeless state of confusion, with one of its organs denouncing the other for disloyalty, and without a common platform upon which its members can rally. The Grits feel that they have been caught flagrante delicto, and their emotions are similar to those of a man who has been taken with one of his neighbors sheep on his back.

In the upper provinces, however, some attempt is likely to be made to whip the party into line and give it a consistent policy. Mr. Laurier, the nominal leader of the party in the House of Commons, has issued a confidential circular to each of his supporters in Parliament, informing them that his great panacea of last session unrestricted reciprocity, must be abandoned, owing to the growing tendency towards annexation aroused by its advocacy. He informs his followers that at the approaching session he will revert to the anti-protectionist policy of 1879. The importance of this declaration lies in the fact that it is a clear evidence of defeat, and a confession that the Liberals, while they have been advocating unrestricted reciprocity, have been simply chasing shadows. They admit that they have been engaged in an campaign calculated to unsettle the loyalty of the people, and alienate them from their own country and their own flag, and that all their numerous changes of front since 1879 have been mistakes. This then is the end of the great Blake, Cartwright-Laurier combination which believed that it could carry the country with it in 1887. What confidence are the public likely to place in leaders who have erred so grossly that they are found changing their policy almost on the eve of election day? These leaders are now proved by their own confession, to be what THE GAZETTE always maintained that they were, imbeciles and fools, capable only of leading their party into difficulties. The theorizing of Blake, the scolding of Cartwright and the academic veiled treason of Laurier, have smashed the great Liberal party of Canada into fragments, driven some of its best men into the Conservative ranks, and made it impossible for it to win another election, without a thorough reconstruction of the party, and the elimination of this reptile and disloyal element by which it has been poisoned.

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COMMERCIAL UNION.

The Detroit Tribune has the following in regard to the Wiman fad, Commercial Union between Canada and the United States:—

The Toronto Globe and other Canadian papers speak derisively of the annexation proposition, and tell us that it is time to stop the "silly talk and buncombe" about political union, as the sentiment in Canada is quite unanimous against any such scheme. But, innocent souls, they seem to take it for granted that they are going to have commercial union very soon, and that all that is necessary to secure it is Canada's generous offer to 'reciprocate.' What are the poor, deluded Canucks giving us? There is no more sentiment on this side of the line in favor of commercial union than there is on the other side for political union. It is the silliest kind of buncombe to talk about it. If Canada refuses to entertain any proposition looking to political union, that ends it. There will never be a commercial union without political union and our Canadian friends might as well hang up their reciprocity fiddle now as later.

The views thus expressed by the Detroit Tribune are held by almost every organ of public opinion in the United States. They say, with a unanimity truly wonderful, that if Canada desires commercial union with the United States we must first consent to political union; in other words that, before we can have free trade with our neighbors to the South, we must renounce our nationality and our flag, and become part of a nation hostile to the land which we are all proud to own as our mother country. In view of such utterances what excuse is there for the Liberal party, when they propose Commercial Union or unrestricted reciprocity, as a cure for all the evils which they allege Canada to be suffering from, and denounce the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald for not securing these supposed blessings for us? In view of such declarations from the American press, we must conclude that those Canadians who hereafter advocate Commercial Union are in favor of political union, and are disloyal to the flag under which they were born.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The work of the Parnell commission is proceeding very slowly. Many weeks have passed and a vast amount of money has been expended, yet the main charge that Parnell and other leaders of the Irish party were in league with the dynamiters and assassins has not yet been touched. The Attorney General, however, promised yesterday that he would produce evidence relating to the forged letters next week, and the public will be well satisfied to have this promise fulfilled.

We congratulate Mr. George R. Parkin on his acceptance of a mission to Australia to discuss Imperial Federation there. Mr. Parkin has made himself thoroughly familiar with the subject in all its phases, and, speaking as a Colonist and a Canadian, his words will have more weight than those of any Englishman among our fellow Colonists of the Antipodes. Mr. Parkin has our best wishes for his success in his new work, which is alike honorable to his character and his abilities.

There is an agitation going on in Maine for the removal of the capital from Augusta to some more convenient point. Two cities, Bangor and Portland, are candidates for the coveted honor, and it is not improbable that their rivalry may result in the capital remaining where it is at present.

The Marquis of Salisbury is accused by the English Liberal newspapers of acting as a mere creature and cat's-paw of Bismarck, especially with regard to the alliance for suppressing slavery on the west coast of Africa. It is to be hoped that the British premier will be able to refute this statement, for the British people are not much in love with Bismarck at present, nor with his countrymen. The offensive conduct of the German Chancellor and his ill-bred son with regard to the Morier affair, and other acts of a similar character have caused a feeling of exasperation in the minds of the English people, which may produce important political consequences.

Minister Phelps will leave England in a few days, and this moves Smalley the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, to say that the proper person to leave in charge of the American legation in London is the hall porter. Smalley is full of wrath because Lord Salisburydoes not choose to send another Minister to Washington to be insulted by the beer drinking boor who now fills the Presidential chair. The hall porter suggestion might, however, be adopted with advantage for an average English hall porter is likely to be more of a gentleman than an average American minister. Lord Salisbury should be in no hurry to send a minister to Washington, and when he does so we hope that the new Minister will be a Canadian.

Little Rastus Wiman joins issue with Mr. Mowat in the statement made by him at the Toronto Board of Trade banquet that the United States is a hostile nation. As usual Wiman had no other proof of his statement but his own bare assertions. Every intelligent Canadian who reads American books, especially American history, and American newspapers knows that the people of the United States are hostile to Great Britain and to us, and that little Rastus is simply lying when he states the contrary. Nothing takes in the United States like abuse of everything British, and for twenty two years the tariffs of that country have been deliberately passed with a view to injure us.

A special commissioner of the Toronto Empire who has been travelling in the Northwest, thinks that Alberta will soon be able to solve the difficulty, in regard to obtaining remounts for the British cavalry. He says:—"It was hoped at one time that the horses of Eastern Canada would be sufficient for the purpose; but it has been found, among other things that the hoof of the Eastern animal is too tender and brittle to withstand the wear and tear to which the army horse must necessarily be exposed on occasion. The prices offered by the Home Government will not allow the average breeder, either in Great Britain or in the older sections of Canada, to leave the animals long enough unbroken to permit them to arrive at their full growth, and at the full developement of their feet and other tender parts of their really delicate organization; but the Northwest rancher can well afford to give ample time for the fullest development of all their best qualities, the food and care are not at all expensive, the dry, elastice atmosphere is exactly what is required to keep them in perfect health and strength, and all the other conditions are eminently favorable to the production of an all but ideal breed of horses, vastly superior to any that have heretofore been within reach of the British trooper."

HERE AND THERE.

Over half the favorites in the races on the British turf during the year 1888 were defeated.

The police reporter, notwithstanding he has to deal with coarse subjects, chronicles many fine affairs.—Binghampton Republican.

Mrs. William Astor wore all her diamonds at the Charity Ball, and so much did their 'razzle-dazzle' impress a debutante that she declared her motto would hereafter be 'Per aspera, ad Astora.'

Jimmy Blaine whose wife left him quite recently has entered the machine shop of the Maine Central railroad at Waterville. Jimmy tried newspaper work once but he was a miserable failure.

Horatio Moro cut his throat with two razors in a hotel in San Francisco a day or two ago. He had just arrived from England, and had brought letters from Baron Rothschild. A letter from his sister, No. 5 Kennett road, West Brompton, found in Moro's room, showed that he belonged to a well-to-do English family.

A report reaches Charleston, Virginia that Anse and Capt. Hatfield on Sunday last swore out peace warrants for Dan Cunningham and two other doctives who went into that section to capture the Hatfield gang, and had them arrested and lodged in jail at Logan C. H., where they now are no one there being willing to go on their bond.

Presidentelect Harrison will be inaugurated in a suit of clothes made in Chicago. There is some feeling in Indiana because he has snubbed the tailors of that state. It is felt that, as he chose an Englishman for his Private Secretary, he should have sent to London for his clothes if he was going out of Hoosierdom for them.

James Brown Potter witnessed his wife's debut as Cleopatra on Tuesday night and heard the comments passed upon the performance in the lobby. Few of the first-nighters knew that the stout handsome young man who strolled around and listened so attentively to all that was said pro and con was the husband of the 'star.'

The nine months old filly Carlotta Wilkes, owned by a gentleman of this city, is said to have trotted Wednesday at Newton Highlands an eighth of a mile in 20 1-4 seconds. This speed, which her owner thinks she can maintain for a much longer distance, is at the rate of 2.42 for a mile. Carlotta Wilkes will no doubt be well worthy of the great family whose name she bears.

It is said that Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York, is anxious to own the wonderful three-year-old filly Sunol. Senator Stanford, however, wants $50,000 for her and Mr. Bonner does not care to go quite so high as that. Sunol, it will be remembered, recently trotted against time as two-year-old in the remarkable time of 2.18. Bell Boy which recently sold for $50,000, is a half brother of Sunol.

It has been discovered that a former treasurer of a well known literary institution in Maine has made a fraudulent issue of bonds, which he sold to his friends, who are great losers. The institution being bankrupt, it sustains no loss. The ex-treasurer is now out of the state, a poor man working for day wages. He offers to come back, plead guilty, and take the consequences of his wrongdoing. At one time he was a very influential man in Maine.

A prominent physician in L. A. W. circles calls the attention of all wheelmen to the dangerous custom of wearing belts drawn tightly across the waist. the clothing should always be loose about the waist. He suggests as the simplest and best way of holding up the trousers a band sewed around the inside of the flannel shirt, with buttons sewed though the shirt and band then the buttonholes made on an extra band inside the breeches band, after the manner of joining little boy's waists and trousers.

"Pittsburg Phil's" wonderful luck seems to follow him to other places besides the race track. He has just fallen heir, with his brother and cousin to $150,000, left to him by his grandfather, who recently died. "Phil" is one of the most successful of plungers. He came out of the last racing season $150,000 ahead having won that sum in the betting ring. The biggest odds he ever pulled off was on Mr. Lorillard's gray colt Cambyses in the fall of 1887. The odds were 15 to 1 straight, and 6 to 1 for a place. He bet $2000 upon him, and cleared $21,000.

Mrs. Jay Gould's maiden name was Miller, her father being a retired New York merchant. She was a native of New York State. Her marriage with Mr. Gould was a love match, and she shared most of her husband's struggles in early life. Mrs. Gould was practically unknown in society for the reason that she seldom cared to go into the fashionable world. Her home was world enough for her, and she made it a happy one. She was the idol of her children. Many stories are told of the private charities of this modest woman.

Sarah Bernhardt's foreign tour has been a brilliant success in all respects, but she will not derive any permanent benefit from it, as her expenses are enormous. She actually makes her son an allowance of £240 a week, and his debts amount to £28,000. Sarah and her company always lodge in the same hotel when she is "on tour" and she is a Monte Cristo like hostess when things are going well and she is in good humor. She is still very extravagant, and wastes large sums in buying trash of every description, and she carries her purchases about with her. Her bills at the Austrian, Roumanian and Turkish custom houses amounted in the aggregate to £3,600.—London Truth.

Among the features of Adrian College which are not set forth in the annual catalogue is a "best girl trust." The young men are sworn to secrecy and to abide by the rules of the trust, the object being the monopoly of the best girls in the college. The organization began by selecting as many girls as there were members of the trust, who were divided by lot, the provision being that each man should entirely monopolize the lady assigned to him for one month, and to allow no other man to escort her, on pain of a heavy fine and imprisonment in a coal shed until released by the family. At the end of the month each member must trade girls with some other member, if called upon to do so. The trust has been in operation for some time, and is said to be flourishing.

Wanted, vocal artist who is heartily in love with his profession, must not object to waiting at table, and drinking with any of the audience.

A FRENCH SWINDLER RECALLED.

An Inventor Who Produced Cane Sugar From Potato Shavings.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 12.—The collapse of the Electric Sugar Refining Company recalls a somewhat similar swindle practiced in France in 1885. Extracts from the Chemical Gazette of July of that year explode the fraud. It seems that a man claiming to have invented a process for manufacturing cane sugar from starch caught several investors whom he impressed with the value of his scheme. He was immensely successful.

Every day at Moutplaiser, near Lyons, he performed his little trick before crowds, transforming potato shavings into cane sugar. His process, he claimed, was to heat the shavings under pressure in a close vessel with water and dilute sulphuric acid. When the starch had been converted into dextrine a strong current of electricity was run through the liquid. The sulphuric acid was finally saturated with carbonic acid and the liquors of crystallization evaporated.

Experiments were made by scientists on this formula, but no cane sugar resulted. It was necessay to find out how the cane sugar was introduced into the liquors, for the inventor operated in public with the utmost frankness. On examining the liquors it was noticed that no saccharose was present at any stage of the process even after the electrical treatment but it made its appearance after the lime was added to neutralize the sulphuric acid. Some of that slaked lime was procured on the sly, and it was found to consist chiefly of saccharate of lime.

This swindle was exposed at last, and everybody laughed except a few people who had invested their money in the scheme.

The British Navy.

An important addition will shortly be made to the effective strength of the royal navy by the completion for foreign service of the cruiser Narcissus, which was recently built for the government by Earle's Shipbuilding Company, of Hull, and has been fitted for sea in the Medway. The Narcissus is a cruiser of the Orlando type, and is built of steel, having a displacement of 5,000 tons, with a mean load draught of 22 feet 8 inches. She is to be propelled by twin screws, driven by triple expansion engines of 8,500 horse power, and at her official trials, outside Sheerness harbor, she realized a speed of between eighteen and nineteen knots per hour, on a four hours' run. The Narcissus is to be equipped with two twenty two ton breechloading guns, ten five ton breechloading guns and sixteen quick firing guns. The conning tower is protected by plate several inches thick, and the Narcissus is also fitted with an armament above and below the water line. She has a coal carrying capacity of 9,000 tons, and with full bunkers is capable of steaming 8,400 knots at a reduced speed of ten knots per hour. In the course of a few months the Admiralty will have six cruisers of this type ready for the pennant—viz., the Australia, Immortalite, Undaunted, Galatea, Aurora and Narcissus. Each of these vessels has cost the country close upon £300,000.

An Interesting Story About Keely.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Eustace Wyszinski, a map engraver, of Chicago, says that John W. Keely, the famous inventor of the mysterious motor, was known in Louisville twenty-three years ago as John Adam Huss, and he had then as now a motor mystery for capitalists to invest in. He organized a "Hydraulic Air Engine Company," with a capital of $450,000, and Mr. Wyszinski's son-in-law, Nicholas Semos, was one of the investors. The stockholders were to have an exhibition of the working of the machine, but Huss put it off, and finally disappeared. Two years later, Mr. Wyszinski says he saw and recognized Huss in a lithographer's shop, where he was getting pictures of his machine made. He says the recognition was mutual. Huss then called himself Keely. Wyszinski exhibits plans and descriptions of the Huss machine, which he says are exactly like those which have been made of Keely's motor. He has a letter from Keely denying his identity.

Indian Farmers in the West.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—Xavier Batoche, who owns a great part of the land in the district of Batoche, N. W. T., is in the city having arrived from Quebec, where he has been for some weeks past visiting friends. Captain Begin, of the Northwest Mounted Police, accompanies him. Today he had interviews with Sir John Macdonald, Hon. Mr. Dewdney and Sir Hector Langevin regarding a scheme which he has for bringing in settlers to the Batoche locality. Mr. Reynolds, Indian agent of the four reservations at the File Hills, was here to-day on business with the Indian Department and left for the west to-night. The Indians, numbering 300, on his reservations, he says, are all doing well. They raise annually about 20,000 bushels of wheat and have over 250 acres of ground broken. Last year they cut 700 tons of hay.

Ellis the Wrecker.

[Moncton Times.]

And now the St. John Globe finds fault with the speeches at the Toronto board of trade dinner, because they expressed a firm feeling of confidence in the future of this country. The publication of the Globe is a standing disgrace to the city of loyalists and a menace to its future. What stranger would invest a dollar in St. John after a month's perusal of Globe editorials and one-sided news?

The True Spirit.

[Springhill N. S. Independent.]

The St. John Gazette sends out to its patrons a neat New Year's greeting in the form of a little booklet containing three poems by able and well known St. John writers—W. P. Dole, James Hannay (editor of the Gazette) and H. L. Spencer. The contributions contain the true spirit of poetry.

A Careless Man.

Nat Goodwin is telling a story about town concerning the absent mindedness of Byron, the playwright. A new play was running through the dramatist's head as he was walking through Pall Mall, when a friend stopped him and said:

"I am in grief."

"What is it?" asked Byron, mistily.

"I lost my father last week," said the man.

"Too bad, too bad," said Byron, with an air of absent sympathy; "very sorry." Then he walked on and continued to think about his play. Three weeks later he happened to be again in Pall Mall, when the same man came up to him and said:

"Mere misfortune."

"Eh?" said Byron, absently.

"I have just lost my mother," said the man lugubriously.

"Dear me!" said the dramatist petulantly. "You lost your father only a little while ago. What an exceedingly careless man you are."—New York Sun.

An Exclusive Club.

Mrs. Westend—I did not know you were a club man, Mr. Newcomer.

Mr. Newcomer—I belong to one, Mrs. Westend; a very exclusive one it is, too; only college graduates are admitted.

"How delightful! It is a literary club, I presume?"

"No, madam; it is a poker club."—Philadelphia Record.

NOVELTIES IN STATIONERY.

Claret corks with bronze, brass and copper busts and figures are much admired.

Dainty sachets in hand printed satin envelopes of bright colors are in good demand.

A pretty stamp box represents a cockatoo's head. Natural feathers are employed, and the result is extremely lifelike.

A novelty in writing sets is one contained within a Brobdignagian cigar. It holds a paper knife, pencil, penholder and eraser.

A pair of worn out shoes attached to a cane of the "La Tosca" order makes a unique weight. Bronze is the metal employed.

A naturally colored dog biscuit of bronze, attached to which is a miniature pewter in watchful attitude, makes an artistic cigarette case.

Odd paper knives are in the form of flattened fish, in natural sizes. One can have either mackerel, perch or smelts, according to the size preferred.

Smokers' stands representing miniature houses, although not now, are always in demand. The designs are many, and are always quaint and pleasing.

A silver bronze ballet girl in airy costume is a unique design in cuff bells. Turning the damsel's extended arms produces a sharp clear ring from the metallic skirt.

A novelty in blotters is one designed to be fastened to the wrist. The device will doubtless be appreciated by ledger clerks and others who use a blotter continually.

A popular holiday inkstand represents a salver holding a bottle of wine and various fruits. The salver proves to conceal a pen wiper, while beneath the bottle is the well.

A miniature billiard table, complete in every particular, makes an odd inkstand. The balls are fastened to the baize and the cues are represented by the long cylindrical penholder and pencil case. At each end is a cut glass fount.

An artistic thermometer, recently imported, is of copper and gold bronze, in the shape of an enlongated pedestal topped with a bust of Silenus. A gilt cupid at the base looks wonderingly upward, and is evidently preparing to climb the shaft. The heat measuring scale occupies the front of the pedestal.—The Stationer.

There is a dog employed in the postal service in the office at Allentown. The mail bags are laid on the pavement and the dog sits on them till the proper person takes them away. No one else dares to touch the bags while in the dog's custody.

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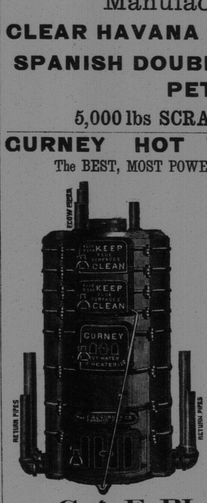

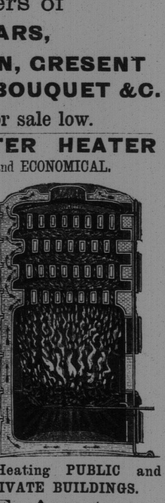

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