

If the donkey were in an open field he could get away from the pitchfork without taking the trouble to kick ; and if workmen were free to employ themselves as an alternative to working for an employer at less wages, they would never waste time striking, either. The Knights of Labor have lately discovered that the box-stall which encloses the wage-worker has land-monopoly for two of its sides and Protection for the other two, and that is why Powderly has come out so emphatically in favor of Free Trade and the single tax on land values. He is on the right track now, the path which leads to Justice.

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IT is time that certain members of the City Council I heard some plain talk from the citizens on the Esplanade question. There are three classes of aldermen pretty sharply defined in the public eye—first, those who are squarely honest and openly fight for the city's interests in this great matter ; this class could be numbered on the fingers of one hand ; second, those who are the sneaking servants of the railways while they pretend to be serving the city, in whose cases bribery is strongly suspected—also a small number ; and third, those who, through stupidity or supineness, take no active interest in the question one way or another—this class including the large majority of the Council. We can tell the gentlemen of classes two and three that they are being keenly watched, and will be reckoned with in due time.

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WHAT a profound and glorious document the Canadian Constitution must be, if Hon. William McDougall reads it aright ! According to that great lawyer, it spreads its sheltering wings over such defenceless mortals as Mr. Rykert, and estops Parliament from even denouncing timber limit jobbery as scandalous in a Member of the House. We have long been convinced that our Constitution required amendment in many particulars, and if this reading of it is correct the necessity becomes imperative. It was surely an oversight on the part of the framers of the Constitution to deny to the High Court of Parliament the power to protect its own respectability. Or, perhaps it never occurred to them that there could be anything questionable about a Member "making provision for his old age."

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MR. STANLEY has been so long in the Dark Continent and deprived of his daily newspaper that he may be pardoned for being a little behind the times in his notions. During the course of an interview on his arrival in Italy the other day, he was pointing out the bonanza there was in North Eastern Africa for some European Government. "There are millions of strong men to gain," said he, "men who can be converted into wealth by proper management. Every laborer who enters the United States is valued at a thousand dollars as an addition to the national wealth." In this last statement the intrepid explorer is "away off." Now-a-days the great cry in the land of Liberty is to shut the gates of Castle Garden, because the country is overcrowded, and every additional laborer makes it worse. When Africa becomes the private property of a few landlords its "millions of strong men" will become a nuisance instead of a blessing, in the same way.

WHEN D'Alton rises to debate  
On Jesuits or treason,  
He's like a natural inference,  
Because he stands to reason.

A THREATENED INVASION.



NEW cloud is arising in the Northwest. We are threatened with an invasion of the adherents of the Mormon (it should be called Morewomen) faith. Already some have crossed the border, and with many times the usual force of matrimonial gravitation, have settled down on our virgin soil.

The question arises, is it our duty to admit free of duty such large importations of appropriated femininity ? Or should we restrict it by tariff regulations ? One wife may reasonably be included in a man's personal belongings, but a dozen or more looks like smuggling. Or, seeing that they have been brought into the country in bond, should we not insist that the consignees forward their cargoes across the frontiers again, without breaking bulk, as the law relating to such goods directs ?

The latter course would seem to be the wisest. Nothing could be more injurious to the rising settler, than to have such a baleful example of prodigality in the matter of women set before him at the outset of his career. He is usually a poor young man, whose future success depends upon his practising for the present the most rigid economy. Monogamy may be for him a profitable investment in the matrimonial stock market, but when he sees so much speculation going on about him in the form of bigamy and polygamy, he, too, may be struck with the gaming spirit, and fritter away his little capital in a wild endeavor to husband it.

The Mormons may be right in their contention that there is nothing illegal in a man's marrying several women



THE ALTERNATIVE POLICY.

SIR JOHN—"Well, Cartwright, you oppose the N.P., and you can't promise Reciprocity, as Uncle Sam is against it; now, what I'd like to know is what policy you can offer the country as an improvement on ours?"

SIR RICHARD—"Well—er—"

GRIP (enthusiastically, aside)—"Here you are, Sir Rich !"