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The gravest Beast is the Ass; the gravest Bird is the Owl;  
The gravest Fish is the Oyster; the gravest Man is the Fool.

## The Hum in Snagsville.

The Snagsville *Trumpeter* promised to disprove the recent assertion of the *Globe* that the merchants of that enterprising town were not prospering under the N. P. and now publishes the following information gleaned by the untiring and sleepless activity of its reporters.

Mr. G DEAL, the energetic lumberman of this rising town, says that the erection of board fences has been so stimulated by the demand for space on which to paste notices of Sheriff's Sales, that his business is in fine condition. He paid half cash to two hands last week and the money thus put into circulation must soon have a great effect on business in this neighborhood.

Mr. HOE says that he looks for good times in his business, (the manufacture of agricultural implements) in a few months, when the tariff shall have produced its full effect on the crops. Last fall he did a large trade and he is sure that what invariably happens at that time of the year will go on happening under the N. P.

The Redhead Flour Mills have been grinding up to their full capacity of late, the farmers coming in rapidly with grists. The appetite of the agriculturists has so much improved under the N. P. that they eat more bread than formerly, hence the new activity in the flouring trade.

KITCHEN & BUSTDRUM, biscuit and candy manufacturers, say that their business has increased fifty per cent. during the last twelve months, and that it will be twice as big as formerly if it increases fifty per cent. more. They say that the people require a great deal of sweetening since the N. P. came in.

D. LEJUNE, confectioner, says his trade was dull in February, but owing to the demand for maple sugar cakes produced by the N. P. has largely increased during the present month. He is greatly indebted to Sir LEONARD for keeping out the pauper maple sugar of Europe.

SHORT BROS., confectioners and pastry-cooks were doing a good business last December during the holiday season and predict that the demand for their goods will

be as great this year in the same month. Their trade on market days and on Saturdays, when the children are out of school, is generally brisker than on Sundays. They hope to do a large trade with their soda-water fountain during the summer, the tariff effectually prohibiting the colic from entering Canada.

JOHN GRAVY, groceries, liquors, etc. His business has not fallen off, and he says he hopes it won't do anything of the kind. If something had not prevented he is satisfied that trade would have been much better than it was in February. On Saturday night the full effect of the N. P. is evident in increased sales. From various causes he thinks that business prospects are very promising, but not more so than customers. A good crop under the N. P. will induce the farmers to purchase more groceries and liquors than a bad one under CARTWRIGHT's fly-on-the-wheel policy.

Mr. MOORE says that his trade has been larger so far this year than it was before he went into business. He is of opinion that the roads would have been better had not sleighing been bad, but he remembers worse roads when MACKENZIE was in power. He says that trade is brisk on market days and always will be hereafter owing to the curiosity of farmers' wives to discover by experience whether goods have been raised in price by the N. P. They purchase large quantities of articles that have gone up in the hope of finding one which hasn't. As the search will never be rewarded by success he believes it will continue indefinitely. Thus the N. P. has an excellent effect on purchasers and the confidence of merchants is rapidly being restored.

The taffy and pea nut trades are very prosperous, considering the season, and altogether Snagsville may be congratulated on a great increase of business owing to the N. P.

## Bray to Ingersoll.

Quoth INGERSOLL,—“There is no Deity  
All good and powerful ruling o'er the earth,  
Else poisonous marshes there would never be,  
Nor pain and famine, pestilence and dearth.  
My God is Nature—beautiful and fair,  
The towering crag, the happy laughing hill!  
Well, BOBERT, what improvement have you there?—  
You have the marshes and the famine still!”

## A Great Event.

It is not often that GRIP has to chronicle a joke which is the offspring of the disordered brain of a member of the Police force, but he now takes pleasure in immortalizing such a *rara avis* in his columns.

It is currently reported that while the Policeman—whose endeavour to break a telegraph wire which obstructed the street was recorded in the morning papers some days ago—was rolling in the mud in exquisite agony, he was heard to make the following touching appeal:—

Oh, take it off, oh, take it off,  
My nerves are fearful shatter'd,  
I thought I was a Peeler bold,  
But I find I've joined the *Battery*;  
I tried to break this wretched wire, the end  
I did not see,  
Alas! instead of doubling it, the blame  
thing's doubled me.

A very little time ago, I was English heart  
and soul,

But now—how can these things be so—I'm  
a mere Electric Pole!

The operator shut off the current at this juncture and our informant passed on, leaving the gallant Constable hunting round for his scattered fragments.

As a brain-bewildering puzzle, the game of 15 has to stand aside for RIGGS' *Meriden Recorder*.

## Serenade a la Idiotique.

I.

Awake! oh fairest BETSY JANE, arise,  
And cause the blushing stars to screen  
For shame, their faintly radiant eyes  
And own thy planet orbs, their queen.

II.

This is no season for repose,  
High overhead the moon in silvery sadness  
Lamps up my lattice, and she throws  
An influence on me, akin to madness.

III.

Beneath thy casement, I, thy fondest slave,  
Am kneeling mid the soaking moonlit grass;  
For love of thee, a “death of cold” I brave—  
(I do so though I know I am an ass.)

IV.

Is it no proof of love to brave the ire  
Of the old termagant who keeps this school,  
Thy wrathful ma, your heavy-handed sire?  
I do so though I'm conscious I'm a fool.

V.

Should'st though unmoved thy lover hear,  
And from his manly bosom shrink,  
Soon will you see him on his funeral pile,  
Brought to the same by alcoholic drink.

VI.

So BETSY JANE, oh hesitate no more,  
Thy egress let no scruples dire retard,  
Contiguous to thy window and thy door  
Suspensively I supplicate regard.

Dead letters—R. I. P.

Men of note—Reporters.

To elevate the condition of the unemployed  
workingman—higher him.

Ritualism is growing in favor with the  
young ladies. It is so Rome-antic, you know.

*De mortuis nil nisi bonum.* How many  
many flattering lies are uttered in tomb's  
tones!

Mrs. ALLEN's Hair Restorer—the young  
man who found Mrs. ALLEN's switch and  
promptly returned it to her.

Cannibals believe that secret societies—  
or rather the members of secret societies,  
should be put down. A returned missionary  
says that every man eaten, so far, has proved  
to have been a gnawed-fellow.

An up-country paper frantically propounds  
the conundrum, “What is Money?” Money,  
my dear sir—why, money is what people  
formerly paid their subscriptions in—before  
the cordwood plan came in vogue.

Niagara Falls and a buffalo hunt are the only  
two things in America worth the attention of  
the aristocratic British tourist. And it was  
manifestly to oblige these people that the mighty  
cataract was built so close to Buffalo.

It is in the springtime of house renovating  
that the average editor can get his work in  
to advantage. A thorough knowledge of the  
manipulation of scissors and paste is necessary  
to the successful hanging of wall-paper.

MARK TWAIN is not so good at “Roughing It”  
as he was. He got wet the other day and the  
experience caused a severe illness. Some of  
MARK's recent alleged humor would stand a  
good deal of moistening, without becoming  
much sicker.

A portion of the clergy oppose the bill to  
legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister.  
These disciplinarians are possibly of opinion  
that the man who marries twice, and is afflicted  
with but one mother-in-law, has more happiness  
here below than is good for man.

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