

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1895.

—They what a wonderful being is man, and what marvellous things he is doing in these closing years of the nineteenth century! His ingenuity is devising so much that it is truly wonderful that he is not a pretty diligent student who would ever keep himself informed of the progress being made. In no other direction are these things so true as in the field of electrical science. The discoveries and inventions made along this line will stand out prominently the most wonderful among the wonderful features of this part of the century. Indeed, this is truly the electrical age. The telephone and the electric light are the products of this age. As a former decade steam largely displaced the horse as a motive power, so electricity is now fast taking the place of steam. It is now predicted that it will be but a short time when electricity will be the motive power on all railroads as it now is on street railways, and when we shall find ourselves whirling along at the rate of 100 miles an hour on these roads. Not only is it time to be saved by the change from steam to electricity, but the saving in cost is to be equally great. Recent experiments in transmitting electric power have opened up a wide field for speculation in this direction. That water power can be used in generating electricity and this can be transmitted to almost any distance by wire. In this way the great factory with all its machinery can be located beside a railway, while the distant water-fall, many miles away, can be made to provide the motive power for driving this machinery, at a comparatively trifling cost. Niagara, being very near the night, is being used for this purpose. It is being allowed to run to waste to be utilized as man's obedient servant. We read of electric carriages, electric plows and other mechanical contrivances of which electricity is the motive power. And aye, the science is just in its infancy. While the last quarter of a century has witnessed much that excites our wonder and amazement, the way of mechanical and scientific invention and discovery, who can now imagine what the next few years will see?

—Some of our American exchanges have recently been giving considerable attention to the question of campaign funds. From what side is playing over the other it is easy to see that the game of politics is an expensive one to say the least, as with us. Presidential elections are believed to cost each political party something like \$10,000,000, while congressional and state elections are proportionately expensive. One result of this terribly corrupt state of affairs is to lead the party managers to favor the selection of only men of wealth as candidates, whose other qualifications may be. And while public men are permitted to buy their positions it is unreasonable to expect that the best interest of the state will be their first consideration.

—We in the dominion are by no means in a position to cast reflections upon our neighbors, in this regard. With us, too, "money talks" to far too great an extent, as our election counts have clearly demonstrated. It is on this account too that our political history during the last few years has been disgraced with Paason, McCreedy and other scoundrels. Where does the blame for this corrupt state of things lie? Mainly and primarily we think, with the electorate. Thousands of men have come to regard a vote as something to be disposed of, for a consideration, and the temptation of getting six means whereby to secure this purchasable vote, which largely weighs the balance of power, leads politicians to go to great lengths in committing these questionable and shady transactions. Dr. Parkhurst and his class may preach as they will, and seek to hold the politicians responsible, but it is really the corrupt and purchasable vote which lies at the root of most of the objectionable features of modern political methods.

—A large manufacturing concern in Ontario recently sent an agent with a full line of samples to South Africa to see what could be done in the way of opening up trade with that distant colony of the Empire. After looking the ground over carefully the agent advised his firm that a profitable trade may be worked up in time, after the barriers standing in the way have been removed, by treaty between the dominion and the Cape, or in some other way. The fact that there is a special license fee or tax which is imposed upon all agents or salesmen, of £25 or £125, and which has to be paid before samples can be shown. There has been some considerable talk of a reciprocity treaty of some sort between Canada and the Cape, one of Sir John Thompson's last acts being the discussion of this subject with Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony. This country seems to be rich in natural resources, although there are as yet largely undeveloped. Like all other countries where such conditions prevail the cost of everything is extravagantly high.

—Could the present extraordinary local taxation be removed and certain other improvements in trade facilities be made, no doubt a profitable trade could be opened up with our cousins of the Cape. —The great international yacht race between the Defender and the Defender, which is to commence on the 7th instant, is this year attracting more than the usual amount of interest on both sides of the Atlantic. These races have been taking place at intervals for many years, starting, we believe, way back in 1851. At that time the cup was won by the American boat and has been kept on this side ever since. This year the English boat, the Defender, is regarded as the fastest one ever built in Great Britain, and great hopes are entertained by her owners and sympathizers that she will succeed in carrying off the prize from her competitor the Defender. In that case the cup will be taken to England and the American yacht will next time have to cross the ocean and compete in English waters.

—A oom deal of fault is being found in certain quarters about the delay in paying the county grant for schools. In many sections this is causing serious inconvenience, as teachers have not yet been paid. What is the matter with our municipal machinery this year that this long delay should occur? Whoever is responsible for it should at once "get a hustle on," as our teachers are deserving of better treatment than that.

—Nearly all business places in the principal towns along the valley observed Monday last, Labor Day, by closing their establishments. This was not the case, however, in Bridgetown, as business went on as usual. As the day had been proclaimed a public holiday by Lieut. Gov. Digby, and had also been set apart as a general holiday by the Dominion government, it should have been more fully observed. With the exception of the schools and the Bank of Nova Scotia being closed, business assumed its general routine.

—From first October postage rates will be established between Canada and the United Kingdom and reduced to six pence cents for the first pound and twelve cents for each additional pound. A direct parcel post will be established between Canada and New South Wales. The rate will be 20 cents for the first pound, and sixteen cents for each subsequent pound. The mail will leave Vancouver the sixteenth of every month.

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The letters of the town have been doing a lively business for weeks past. Your correspondent prepared a list of "personals," but found it too exhaustive for publication in this week's issue of your paper.

The award of the arbitrators between the Water Supply Co. and the town of Middleton, concerning the purchase of the company's works by the latter has just been handed in. The amount of award to the company is \$21,300.00, and as it is said that parties are much dissatisfied, the fact of the arbitrators must be pretty near a just one.

Visitors say that Middleton is doing more building than any other town of like size in the province. The foundation of another structure was laid today by Mr. George Smith. The dimensions are 30 ft. by 100 ft., two stories high, looking a seven foot square.

Mr. John F. Dent has gone to Gasperaux on business. Miss Gertrude Marshall has returned home from Farmington. Miss Annie Stoddard has returned from Greenfield, Quebec county.

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Lower Granite Notes.

American visitors are beginning to return to their homes in the U. S. Sch. Peas' Pearl headed here for Rockport, and will be in the city by Monday.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins preached his farewell sermon at the Union Meeting House on Sunday last. He leaves in a few days for the States. During his pastorate of two years he has made many friends, and by his indefatigable efforts advanced the cause of his denomination in this community to a marked extent.

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A GREAT PARADE.

Knights Templar in Charge of Boston.

ALL CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR THE MONSTER PROCESSION. Boston, Aug. 27.—To-day witnessed a very prominent event in the great Knights Templar procession in this city, the monster parade. All conditions were auspicious for the occasion.

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Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

To the Editor of the Monitor: I was much interested in your reference to the Single Tax theory in your issue of 28th Aug., and trust you will pardon a few remarks in this connection.

Whether we define the word "crank" in the sense you use it, or in the sense of "crank" or "cheat," as a Single Taxer I beg to take exception to any application for what we call Single Taxers are very certainly not impostors or cheats; and I would say that I am only professing to be honest in my belief that the adoption of the theory known as Single Tax would greatly alleviate our existing social and political ills.

I am aware that Delaware is being made the centre of endeavour on the part of Single Taxers but not aware of their methods of action. If some are questionable who would doubt the fact and sincerity that prompted them? Personally, I fall to see why the attack on Delaware should be so vastly amusing.

As you say, the revenues of that state has of late been chiefly derived from the taxation of railroads and other tangible forms of property. What laborer is so manifestly to tax wealth in its tax labor which we hold in unjust, as to tax according to ability rather than opportunity. And what field is more ripe for action than a state in which the property is so unevenly distributed?

Even allowing the possibility of success in that state, the effort would seem to be almost altogether futile; but there is only one remedy to be resorted to, and that is to rush to the rescue of the state, and we claim it is our duty to do so. The entire value one would have to take for the state and it would prove ample for the state and it would prove ample for the state and it would prove ample for the state.

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