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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST." -Peter.

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Editorial Outlook

ABOUT RECIPROCITY.

Senator Lodge, one of the United States members of the Alaska Boundary Commission, in a speech in Boston on his return from England, said that in negotiations for reciprocity with Canada the unsettled Alaskan boundary question had prevented any success, but now that it was settled the way is open for the discussion of reciprocity, which he seems to think can be easily accomplished. If our United States neighbors think the Alaskan boundary business has made reciprocity easier, of attainment they are greatly mistaken. There never was less desire for reciprocity on this side of the line than now.

TAMMANY.

The New York election resulted in a great victory for Tammany. Mayor Low, who two years ago was elected by a majority of 30,000, was last week defeated by about 70,000. Tammany represents the worst elements in the great city, and under its government every form of dishonesty and vice is encouraged and protected, for a consideration. Mayor Low was elected by a fusion of the best elements of the two great parties. While he gave the city a good administration in some respects, he was a disappointment to many who had strongly supported him, and who were, therefore, without enthusiasm in last week's contest. The principal reason, however, for the triumph of Tammany is that the majority of New York's voters don't desire reform, they like the kind of administration the Tammany gang gives.

SACRED EARTH.

The Roman Catholic Church in Germany is trying very hard to increase its numerical strength, and uses every means in its power to bring about this evil. Some of its methods are far from honest. For instance, in one large city a dealer has opened a store for the sale of earth from Palestine. He has earth from Gethsemane, from the Mount of Olives, from various places in Galilee associated with Christ's wanderings, but in largest quantities from Calvary. The faithful are buying this earth eagerly, and are under the impression that its presence in their houses is a specific remedy against a variety of evils; some even go so far as to swallow doses of it. In order that there may be no doubt about its being actually Palestine earth, the dealer has obtained an official declaration from the German consul in Jerusalem, that large shipments of earth have been dispatched to the dealer's address from Beyrouth, Jaffa, and other ports on the Syrian coast!

NEGRO PROGRESS.

The progress of the negroes of the United States since emancipation is quite remarkable. These facts show what they have gained: Forty years ago the negroes of the south did not own a square foot of ground, nor a roof to cover them. Now there are 130,000 farms owned by negroes, valued at \$350,000,000; 150,000 homes outside the farm ownership valued at \$265,000,000, and personal property valued at \$165,000,000. Starting from nothing they have here an accumulation of nearly \$800,000,000. When the work began, not one per cent. of the negro adults of the South could read or write. Today 40 per cent. can do so. Fifty per cent. of the children are attending school, and with more facilities more would attend. There are 800 colored physicians in practice, 300 lawyers and 30,000 school teachers. There are 300,000 books in the homes of the colored people, and they own and publish 450 newspapers and magazines.

THEIR POLITICAL CREED.

At a recent meeting of the Quebec Provincial Liquor Dealers' Association in Montreal, Lawrence Wilson, the president, declared the determination of the liquor traffic men to disregard all political party preferences for their own trade and personal benefit, and to support only the party and the men who will favour giving the largest privileges to the rum business. He announced, too, that they intended making their organization more and more a political force. He said:

As you know, we have no political leaning, but we shall always be ready to unanimously support a government which will accord us justice. The present government (Quebec) has promised to name a commission to investigate the grievances which we laid before them when sending our last delegation to Quebec. We anxiously await the fulfilling of these promises.

The rum traffic men everywhere throughout the country are working in the same way. They have made their business a political question—organized and determined opposition to temperance legislation being their whole political creed.

What does it suggest to temperance men? That they must be equally well organized and determined for the promotion of temperance legislation, making the great moral reform the first and controlling principle in their political creed. In no other way can they hope to succeed. But standing together they can succeed.

DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

Dr. Barnardo, of London, whose work in behalf of destitute children is known everywhere, has sent to Canada, Australia and New Zealand 13,184 boys and girls. Emigration is, he believes, one of the most successful agencies for the so-

lution of the serious problem of the destitution which prevails in large cities. To a newspaper man, Dr. B. said recently: "We could find homes for ten times as many as we are now sending, but in making up our emigration parties we are always careful to select young men and young women who are suited to farm life and domestic service. Our emigrants are not shipped at random, by any means, and that accounts for the great success that they have met with. Our records show that of the 13,000 young men and women we have sent less than 1 per cent. —0.84 per cent., if you want the exact figures—have gone to the bad, and only 1.96 per cent. have turned out to be worthless because of indolent and restless natures, bad tempers, insubordination and vicious habits." The work he is doing is a good one.

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

A new republic was born last week. Panama declared itself independent of the Republic of Colombia, and has set up house-keeping for itself. There was no bloodshed over it. The Montreal *Star* says:

The new republic probably came into existence assured of the support of the United States of America. The United States of Colombia may not like the deal, but then it must remember that it had a vineyard, which the northern Ahab very much coveted, and which it refused to sell at Ahab's price. The incident will serve to impress the South American republics with the value of United States protection, and the intrinsic beauty of the Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe doctrine is supposed to protect the South American States from European land grabbers, but it does not even pretend to save them from our Uncle Samuel. The little republic will be glad to sell its rights in the Panama Canal scheme to the United States of America for the price that the Colombia Congress refused, and may even be disposed to throw in the sovereignty of the Isthmus. The Panama revolution will not be counted among the greatest or the most patriotic of the world's revolutions, but it might, we think, take rank as the "slickest."

POLITICAL NEWS.

The Toronto *Globe's* Vancouver despatch says: All public works have been stopped throughout British Columbia. The explanation is that all appropriations have been exhausted and the bankers of the government decline to further stretch overdrafts.

Several Canadians, among them Senator Cox and Mr. Sifton, are mentioned as likely to receive knighthood on the King's birthday.

Solicitor General Carroll is mentioned as likely to be appointed Chief Justice of Quebec.

A man found guilty of attempting personation in the recent Sault Ste. Marie election, has been fined \$400.00 or three months in jail. It serves him right. Mr. Tarte has gone to England. He

says his mission is to look into the tariff proposals of Mr. Chamberlain.

It is announced that Sir Wm. White-way and ex-Judge Morrison are leading a new party, the principal object of which is to bring Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting Minister of Railways, made a tour of a portion of the I. C. R. last week.

NOTES.

The extraordinary value of land in Johannesburg may be judged by the statement that the Wesleyans of Johannesburg have just paid £35,000 for a site measuring 200 feet by 100 feet for a church, school, and minister's house.

The Toronto and St. John Boards of Trade have passed resolutions endorsing Chamberlain's imperial trade policy.

Chief Justice Tuck was banquetted by the Barrister's Society of the Province, in Fredericton, last week, in honour of his having completed fifty years in the legal profession.

The coal production of the British colonies for 1901 was: Canada, 5,560,000; Australia, 6,584,000, and New Zealand, 1,228,000 tons.

Canada gives a preference to South Africa of thirty-three and a third per cent.

Alaska's tin may yet be worth much more than its gold. A mining company which is now getting at work mining tin thinks it has \$100,000,000 in sight.

Mr. Chamberlain's campaign for the consolidation of the Empire goes on enthusiastically. Mr. Foster, who went over to help in the campaign, has already spoken several times, and has, evidently, made a marked impression.

"Elijah III" did not make a success of his New York crusade. He gave up the campaign earlier than he had intended. A very few people were added to his following, nor did he get the addition to his treasury he evidently expected.

THIS IS CANADA.—The P. E. Island *Guardian* has this to say: Just to show how things are running in regard to punishment for crime. It may be stated that the official reports show that last year forty-three convicts were given a free pardon from the various penitentiaries of the dominion, and of these six had been convicted and imprisoned for murder, and six others had been convicted and imprisoned for manslaughter, or as accessories to murder. A large number had their sentences commuted and 157 were released on parole, among whom were nine who were undergoing sentence for attempt to murder, or for manslaughter. The murderers and manslaughterers evidently have friends at court when such a record is made. What with commutations, free pardons and releases on parole the worst criminals count confidently not only on escaping the gallows, but on getting release from the penitentiary after a short time, if they should happen to be convicted.