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What Does All This Preparation Mean?

The Commoner (W. J. Bryan's paper): It may not be generally known, but the fact remains that in a quiet way the United States is being prepared for anything that may happen in the way of war by placing orders here and there for new guns and artillery. A Washington report to the St. Louis Post-Despatch gives the information that the War Department has sent to Germany an order for fifty of the new style field guns, the order calling for nearly \$2,000,000. It is said that this order would have been placed with American factories but for the fact that every American firm that could build the guns was already engaged on Government contracts. The Post-Despatch correspondent says: "The Government ordnance factories and private concerns are working night and day on supplies for the army, and their contracts will not be filled for many months. They are turning out new field guns, the new army rifle, the siege and coast defence guns, with ammunition for all of them. General Crozier, chief of ordnance, estimated that 250 of the new field guns would be needed, of which 180 are for the regular army and 70 for the State militia. He wanted 140 of them as quick as possible. The Government works could provide no more than 90 without delay and it was decided to advertise for the remaining 50. Bids were asked from 29 American concerns. Just one bid was received, and the firm making it could not promise the guns in less than 18 months. This would not do, and bids were invited from foreign firms. The Echardt Company of Dusseldorf, Germany, offered to deliver the guns in six months, and got the contract. The other 110 guns will probably be built in this country. Ordnance experts say the new field gun will be better than that of any other army. It is declared to be much superior to the German and British guns, and better than the new French gun, which has been the envy of other armies."

A Lawyer's Apology.

Some years ago there was an old judge on the bench in Berks county whose decisions, in consequence of numerous reversals, did not always command universal respect. One day in a case in which he was sitting one of the lawyers lost patience at his inability to see things in a certain light and in the heat of the moment remarked that the intellect of the court was so dark a flash of lightning could not penetrate it. For this contempt the judge showed a disposition to be very severe with the offender, and it was only after much persuasion by friends of the latter that he yielded and decided to accept a public apology. The following day the lawyer, accordingly, appeared before his honor and made amends by saying: "I regret very much that I said the intellect of the court was so dark lightning could not penetrate it. I guess it could. It is a very penetrating thing."

Feminine Figures.

"No," said the woman in the case, "I cannot marry you; the disparity in our ages is an insurmountable barrier."
"But," answered the man who would a hubby be, "you admit to having celebrated twenty-two birthday anniversaries, and I am only ten years your senior."
"True," said the fair one; "but think of the difference twenty years hence; you will be 52 and I will be 27."
And, being a wise man, he said never a word, but let it go at that.—Chicago Daily News.

Two Views of it.

"What do you think of married life?" asked the henpecked man, addressing the youthful bridegroom.
"Bliss is no name for it," said the young husband enthusiastically.
"You are right," said the henpecked one gloomily. "Bliss is no name for it."

Working Well.

The Querist—What do you think of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest?
The Egotist—It is all right so far. I am still alive.



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The Humors of War.

Among the humors of the late war the following incident well deserves to be recorded. The true Irish flavor about it is equal to anything in Lever's novels. I may say that this narrative comes from an officer of whose veracity and accuracy I am perfectly satisfied:

"Some time in the year 1901 a certain regiment of Irish Yeomanry arrived at Springfontein, under an officer well known as a good sportsman in his county in Ireland. On his arrival he was ordered to join a column in the neighborhood of Smithfield, some forty miles distant. He started with his men to find the column. This, however, like many things in South Africa, was more easily ordered than executed. In a country in which you can hide 100,000 men in a ten-mile square, and lose them, it was not surprising that he was unable to find a column of 500 men. After wandering for a few days aimlessly, the colonel thought it better to return, and he and his gallant men struck the railway line some miles south of Springfontein.

"As soon as the force was perceived, the nearest blockhouse promptly opened fire on the Yeomanry. The gallant colonel, who had come out to fight and was not going to be disappointed if he could help it, at once saw his opportunity. He put out his men in skirmishing order, and made a determined and well-conceived attack on the offending blockhouse. The noise of battle awakened the attention of the nearest blockhouse on the north side, which also promptly opened fire on the right flank of the Irishmen. The battle continued merrily for two hours or so, and a spirited assault was about to be made on the first blockhouse by the Yeomanry when an armored train arrived on the scene, and the nature of the conflict being discovered, stopped the hostilities. The colonel of the Yeomanry, being asked why he had returned the fire of the blockhouse, replied in excited accents, "Begorra, they fired on me men!" It is said he was ordered to go to Pretoria to explain matters, but his ingenious reply so charmed Lord Kitchener that nothing further was ever heard of "the battle of Springfontein."—London Truth.

ENGLISH JUDGE ON "PROMOTERS."

Bitter Words From the Bench—A Retort From the London Press.

A rather extreme view of the "company promotion" matter was voiced a week or so ago from the English bench in summing up for the jury on Tuesday last in the case of Showell vs. the Earl of Kintore and others, which concerned the promotion of the London Cold Storage Company. Mr. Justice Grantham made some sweeping remarks with regard to company promoters. Addressing the jury, the Judge said: "I cannot help saying that I am always sorry when I find men of character and position, and bearing honored names, mixing themselves up with those who are carrying on what is almost always the unwholesome, and sometimes the unholy, trade of company promoting—a trade of mushroom growth, a parasite upon the traditional honesty of commercial London."

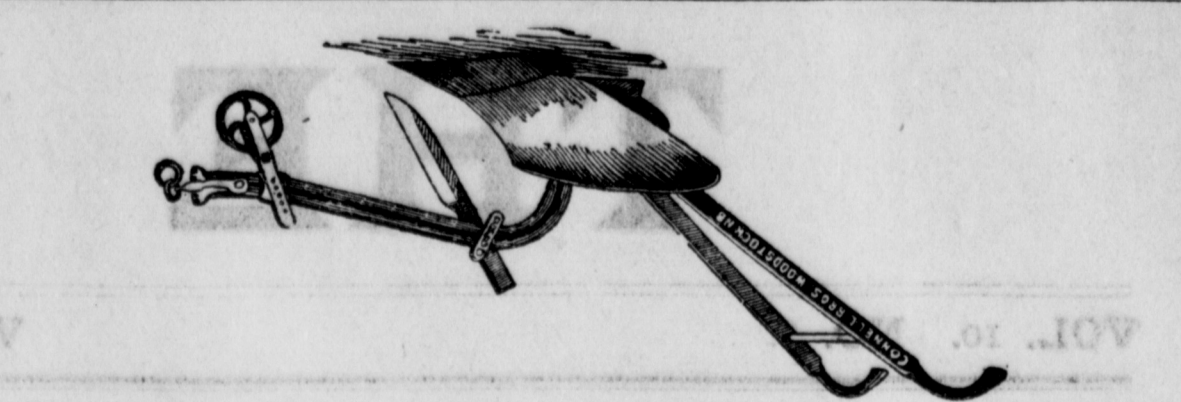
To this diatribe the London Economist pointedly replies:

No doubt the business of company promoting has got into bad odor in consequence of the methods of unscrupulous practitioners, and these had been conspicuous in the case upon which his Lordship was engaged, but the business was hardly of mushroom growth, nor is it necessarily unwholesome, unholy, or parasitical. It is, in fact, a necessary link in the chain of modern joint stock development, and the promoter who conducts an honest business renders a service to the community, since he is the medium through which capital that is seeking investment is directed into the channels where it is most needed, and where there is a prospect of its giving a good return. Of course, he always during the process endeavors to secure a fee, and often a big fee, for himself, and if he works honestly and efficiently it is as legitimately earned as is the physician's or lawyer's honorarium. When the dishonest company promoter is found out, let him be pilloried by all means, but the mere fact that fraudulent promotions occasionally take place constitutes no justification for stigmatizing the whole profession as swindlers.

A Gentleman.

What is it to be a gentleman? It is to have lofty aims, to lead a pure life, to keep your honor virgin, to have the esteem of your fellow citizens and the love of your fireside, to bear good fortune meekly, to suffer evil with constancy, and through evil and good to maintain truth always. Show me the happy man whose life exhibits these qualities, and him we will salute as gentleman whatever his rank may be, show me the prince who possesses them, and he may be sure of our love and loyalty.

"Look here, Mr. Editor," exclaimed an irate caller, "you referred to me yesterday as a reformed drunkard. You must apologize, or I'll sue your paper for libel."
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The poll for taking the vote will open at nine of the clock in the forenoon and remain open until five of the clock in the afternoon of the said TWENTIETH day of AUGUST next, and the vote will be taken under the authority of the Acts of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick 62nd Victoria, Chapter 62 and Amending Acts.
By order of the Town Council.
J. C. HARTLEY, Town Clerk.
Woodstock, N. B., July 10th, 1903.

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8.25 A MIXED—Week days—for Aroostook M Jet, and intermediate points.
11.23 M EXPRESS—Week days—for Presque Isle, Edmundston, and all points North.
1.50 P MIXED—Week days—for Perth Jet. M and intermediate points.
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ARRIVALS.

11.28 A. M.—EXPRESS—Week days, from Saint John and East; Fredericton, St. Stephen, Houlton, Boston, Montreal, etc.
12.15 P. M.—MIXED—Week days, from Perth Jet.
12.25 P. M.—MIXED—Week days, Fredericton, etc., via Gibson Branch.
5.45 P. M.—EXPRESS—Week days, from Presque Isle, Edmundston, etc.
8.27 P. M.—MIXED—Week days, from Aroostook Jet.
11.10 P. M.—MIXED—Week days, from Houlton, Fredericton, St. John and East; St. Stephen, St. Andrew, Bangor, Portland, Boston, etc.
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