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WORK READY FOR THEM.

It gives considerable pleasure to note that the cabinet formed by Mr. LAURIER has met with decided approval throughout Canada. The new cabinet has great strength and the New premier has shown himself to be a man of keen discernment, good judgement, and with power to discriminate in the selection of his ministry.

WOMAN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

About the strongest argument that has ever been advanced since the inception of the movement in favor of woman's enfranchisement, is that her influence will have a purifying effect upon politics. If there were doubts in any honest mind of the need of such purification the events of a single campaign would remove it.

Notwithstanding, women are clamoring for the ballot to little purpose. For one thing the chief difficulty is that they are beginning at the wrong end of the proposition. After all it is not really the simple possession of a vote that gives an individual importance in politics, as it is the power to create public sentiment and control votes.

The majority of women know very little, in fact it might be said absolutely nothing, about politics, except to believe in a vague way, that men are unjust in refusing them enfranchisement. As a rule they do not keep themselves well informed regarding the issues, circumstances, and candidates of a campaign, but rather find fault with newspapers for publishing so much politics and go to some women's organization to listen to some elegantly worded essay on the divine right of suffrage.

only, now primarily because women will then be fitted for suffrage, but because politicians want their influence.

ROCKEFELLER'S GENEROSITY.

Chicago University was built up and endowed by the magnificent gifts of JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER and yet Mr. ROCKEFELLER has just paid his first visit to that institution. The vast amount of money he has given to that college make him one of the greatest of private contributors to the foundation of a school of learning in the history of the world.

It is a striking circumstance that at this time of decaying faith a man who ranks with the three or four richest men of modern times should be impelled by religious convictions to a course of life which is so unusual in its austerity.

And now the "Suburban" press is getting in its work and the result is, it not absolutely startling at least surprising.

Reverend, Mass., paper gives a fearful and wonderful account of the press people's visit, and about the only thing in St. John that gets a word of praise are the hotels. Says the paper mentioned above: "St. John is not an attractive city, it has few fine buildings or residences, but it is of much business importance. Its hotels are models of excellence and fully up to date in every respect."

Since the elections, the Bridgewater Bulletin and the Lunenburg Enterprise have been exchanging little pleasantries. The Bulletin is still one lap ahead. In a late issue it replies to a silly attack of the Enterprise as follows: "The Bulletin can take credit for showing up to the public the true condition of the disreputable and dirty sheet issued in this town by John Levi Oxner."

Beginning with 1884 the political history of the United States presents a strangely checkered course. It certainly looks as if for the past ten years the people had not known their own minds on the vital issues that have been presented to them at their national elections. The re-

cord of these elections, unexplained by reference to the facts behind the returns, would justify the conclusion that the American people have been oscillating between the approval of the extreme doctrines of protection and the most advanced principles of tariff reform; that between 1884 and 1888 they had changed their minds entirely on the important question of commercial policy and that between 1888 and 1892 they had again changed their minds and just as radically. And now if the world is to accept the confident prediction of the MCKINLEY tariffers as inspired auguries of the future, the people of the great republic are about to radically change their minds again by repudiating their judgment of 1892 in favor of tariff reform and demanding a return to the 60 per cent. tariff of 1890 or a yet more drastic dose of protection.

The American people are on the threshold of another great quadrennial controversy, which will shake the country to its very centre during the next four months. The main point of course to be decided is what federal policy will insure prosperity and contentment for the majority and amicable relations with other governments. The people are to engage in no less a duty than to decide the best means of making the country happy and prosperous and affording to every man and woman as wide a field of labor and profit as circumstances allow.

Mlle. JEANNE BENABEN is one of the most remarkable young ladies in France which has been par excellence a nation of remarkable women. Mlle. BENABEN is only 18 years of age and has already taken the degree of B. A. from one of the French colleges. After graduation she became a Professor of Philosophy in a ladies school in Lyons. This year she was a candidate for the important degree of Licentiate in Philosophy.

If more funds are needed to send the racing crew to Halifax in proper style the plucky committee who took the matter in hand should have no trouble in getting subscribers. So far the amounts given have been generous but there are many who should subscribe without being asked in order that this city may send her men in a proper way to the Halifax regatta.

The Northwest is rejoicing in the pleasant speeches of the Hon. MARY ELIZABETH LEASE of Kansas, and the Gophers cannot complain that the dignified truths of Populism are not given to them from commanding lips. The ablest of Kansas statesmen gives kindly warning that during the present season she will be loaded for bear and stripe.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING the greatest female poet England ever produced is to have a monument erected to her memory in the little church at Killoe in Northumberland where she was baptized.

And now it is Premier MITCHELL. Reduced in Price.

Mr. Charles K. Cameron the King street milliner is having a busy time of it this week, as his store is thronged with ladies who come to inspect and buy, from his stock of millinery which he is now selling at greatly reduced prices. The trimmed and untrimmed hats, bonnets and toques are all in the very latest styles and Mr. Cameron is sacrificing them in order to get ready for the autumn trade which it is expected will be very large.

The Belle View Hotel at Rothesay is certainly a model house for a suburban place. Its situation could not be improved upon; the surrounding scenery is beautiful beyond question, while the avenues leading from the highway to the house give one a very favorable impression at once. The rooms are certainly large airy and handsomely furnished, the dining room recently constructed will seat seventy guests and is lighted on three sides. The best proof that the Belle View is appreciated is the fact that the house is crowded all the time and that vacant rooms are eagerly sought for.

A wonderful mechanical contrivance is announced from Switzerland in the shape of a watch that calls out the hours in a voice like that of a human being. This mechanical curiosity is the invention of one Casimir Livan, who based its principles upon his knowledge of the workings of the phonograph. The case, instead of containing a striking apparatus, as some of the late costly watches do, is provided with a sensitive photographic plate, which has received the impression of a human voice being inserted in the watch.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Flowering Reed. Wait O beloved trust me longer still, The tender thought's my saddened soul that fill, Are pure and changeless in This world's commotion; Soon shall our fond hearts hold communion sweet, And soon when many doubts in silence meet Love's holy light shall crimson All life's ocean.

A City Love Song. All woodland songs our ears must lack; In vain the meadow's charms must woo, For a city threefold is my love's abode, My love has built a nest for you. There, oak scoured from duns and bores, We'll grow domestic as you wish, And buy our country as the ores, And in the market buy our fish!

The Man and the Woman. From out of the frowning gateway of the wall That bounds the narrow world of Chastity, The mortal, castled prince of Yesteryear, Steal forth to wander unrestrained and free.

And an Cradle Song. Swing thee low in thy cradle soft, Deep in the dusky wood; Swing thee low and swing aloft— Sleep, as a poppy should; For safe in your little birchen nest, Quiet will come and peace and rest, If the little poppy should be good.

Love's Way. Why do I love you, sweetheart mine? I sooth, I cannot say, Love came to me so stealthily I never saw his way.

Her Pies. 'Way back in the sweet, sweet long ago, When the world seemed just new made, And the hours swept in a goodly train O'er pleasure a bright cascade, 'Twas then in childhood's realm I met Dear Mother's little pies, And stood entranced as the delectable Did fashion the wee mud pies.

The Sweet Girl Graduate. Oh, potent seniors! wherever pause And knit each reverent brow, In solemn study o'er the laws To which mankind must bow? Why contradict and storm and frowl? Just wait a bit, we pray, Till Phyllis brings her essay out On graduation day.

Laureate of the Conservatory of Brussels. Mr. A. Letcndal, Laureate of the Royal Conservatory of music of Brussels, Belgium, has selected and purchased a Pratte Piano for his own use.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

GOLD AREAS AND GAMBLING. A Halifax Official Who Does a Seemingly Very Disinterested Act. HALIFAX, July 16.—The gold areas of this province furnish an opportunity for some gambling occasionally. They also afford an opportunity once in a while for a display of sharp practice, though happily this is guarded against as much as possible by the regulations of the mines office of the provincial government.

and the greatest thinkers, amongst others Lord Kelvin, hold that this attraction is due to the continual emission by the earth of longitudinal vibrations into the ether. Although these rays, like the Roentgen rays, are visible to human eyes, yet it seems reasonable to assume that the inhabitants of some stars may have retinas so sensitive that they can see both the radiant heat and the gravitational rays.

When the prospector at last came up to renew his leases he was thunderstruck to find that he had lost them, that they had been taken by another and that all the results of his labor and his future prospects were in the hands of a wealthier man. The poor man bestirred himself to try and retrieve his fortunes, and interviewed a firm in the mining business, getting them to see what could be done about the lost areas.

The new lease-holder demanded \$1,000 for a relinquishment of the rights which a stroke of the pen in the mines office had brought him. This announcement was a severe blow to the original holder who had procrastinated in renewing his lease, and one which meant a tremendous set back to him. The city father stepped in at this emergency, taking the role of the kind hearted philanthropist. He said that he and the \$1000 citizen had an arrangement under which each had agreed to share half and half the mining gains or losses of the other. In this case he would forego his half of the gain on the transaction so that the owner might get back his areas for \$500 instead of \$1000.

It seems hardly credible that a motor carriage can not legally be run at the average speed of city vehicles in the streets of London. The old law is still in force that no self propelling vehicle shall travel along the streets at a higher speed than four miles an hour, and that a man carrying a red flag shall walk twenty yards in front to warn people of the approaching danger.

It is well known that the farther we dig into the earth the hotter it gets, and therefore heat is being continually conducted outwards from the interior of the earth to its surface, where it gets reflected into space. Now this radiant heat is known to be a vibration of the ether exactly similar to the vibration we call light, and called in scientific nomenclature infrared light.

When is it to be? This question is disturbing the soul of politicians. In view of the material alteration in the commercial policy of the country which would be involved in a change of government it is a matter which concerns the general public. Meanwhile the aching corns of the populace cry for a remedy and the government gives no heed to the demand. Look here! don't suffer this neglect to delay the use of means open to all and which removes the most painful and obstinate corns in two days. Painless, sure acting corn cure. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor.

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