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"PROSPERITY STRIKES."

Strikes are not necessarily a symptom of bard times. Indeed, when business is dull labor leaders are slow to recommend their followers to quit work. They know that the odds are against them. Thousands of idle workmen are waiting to take places which are voluntarily vacated. Employers who may keep their shops run ning on half time or at reduced wages, rather than scatter their workmen, find it more profitable to shut down altogether, than to yield to inconsiderate demands. A cut down is hard upon employees, but in most instances they realize that low wages are better than no wages. So they keep at work, and if they have grievances, wait until business is better than trying to have them removed.

So it comes to pass that "prosperity strikes" are a recognized feature of periods of great business activity. The factories are busy; the demand is active; employers seem to be getting rich; there are a great many combinations which imply the existence of vast capital. Is labor getting its tair share of the good things? The labor leaders think not. Sometimes they are right in their impression. Too many employers are reluctant to share their prosperity with those in their employ until they are sharply reminded that it is wise to do

Such a strike as that of the machinists is distinctly a prosperity strike. The workmen want their share of the general improvement in the form of fewer hours' work without diminished pay. If the conditions of trade justify their demand, no one should begrudge them the gain they

But even prosperity strikes, although they may not be so disastrous or entail so much misery as those of a different type, are wasteful. There is a "more excellent way" than striking. It was illustrated the other day by the vice president of a great railroad, who was conferring by telephone with a labor leader. "Before you strike, let us have another talk," said the railroad official. "All right. Good by !" said the other. The talk took place, and the strike did not.

ADAPTED TO THE MARKET.

Those who raise fruits and vegetables for the market find it to their advantage to develop varieties which will best stand shipment. This does not necessarily them those which are best in flavor. A tomato, no matter how delicious, that becomes "mushy" under a few hours' shaking in a freight car is unprofitable, except for local markets. The railroads have made the range of supplies for every region so wide that the first requisite of any perishable article is that it shall be a "good

shipper.' Scientific agriculturists are now bending their energies toward securing, by crossbreeding, a combination of delicacy of flavor and of good travelling quality. They have already accomplished much. Every year some new fruit or vegetable enters the general markets, and better varieties of the old are introduced.

In these times not only the palate but the eye must be satisfied. Celery must be white, strawberries must be red, and an apple attractive in color. Any new variety however excellent, that does not come up to these standards cannot expect a wide

market. Then nature puts 'trade-marks' upon certain varieties, and so greatly aids their commercial success. The 'navel' is one of several kinds of seedless oranges, but it 20th December next. The choice of loca-

nbon me sabbare .---

is so distinctly marked as to have acquired almost a monopoly of the field.

The coronation of EDWARD VII. will give England another great holiday. The crown, which will be placed on the head of the kneeling king by the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a curious historic tossil. Its devices include four Maltese crosses and four fleurs-de-lis. The crosses date from the reign of HENRY VIII., who was decorated by the pope with the title, 'Defender of the Faith,' because, while still loyal to Rome, he had written a book against the heresies of MARTIN LUTHER. The lilies represent the long-abandoned claim of the English sovereigns to the throne of France. Thus the crown offers an odd double instance of what are called 'legal fictions.'

ANDROW CARNEGIE'S division of gifts between the country of his birth and that of his adoption suggests how easy it is for a man to move about between two nations which have the same language and institu. tions. STANLEY, the explorer, has divided his life between England and America. The famous Smithsonion Institution in Washington is the gift of an Englishman; several Americans occupy professorships in English colleges.

THE FATE OF A SPY.

Reflections on An Old Political Drama in York County.

The Fredericton capital of a recent date gives an interesting account of a political drams played in York county some years ago. Many of Progress readers will remember the circumstances here recited and the great excitement caused at the time. The capital gives the following interesting account.

"The most dramatic incident in connec tion with any election in this county was that when the late Senator Temple and Mr (now Judge) Gregory ran for the House of Commons in 1887, the former as the Conservative candidate, and the latter as the Liberal candidate.

John Woodworth, a policeman, sometime previous to the election, was actively associated with the Liberal party here; but at the commencement of the campaign he intimated to leading Conservatives that he had become a convert to Conservative principles and was prepared to canvas in, the interests of that party during the contest. Acting on this information, Woodworth was a constant visitor at the Conservative caucuses and committee meetings, thus and in other ways obtaining much information of the secret work of the party, and was, for his promised assistance, given a considerable amount of the conservative campaign funds. Mr. Temple was elected; but on Declara tion Day, Mr. Gregory sprang a sensation on the entire community by entering a protest against Mr. Temple for personal bribery, he being aware of the Conservatives being trapped into giving Woodworth a pretty large amount of money. At the trial which ensued, it transpired that Woodworth deceived the Conservatives, as he had not left the Liberal camp, but had been used as a spy and confederate by the leaders of that party, with the ob ject of voiding Mr. Temple's election and to disquality bim from again offering for the House of Commons during the pre scribed number of years.

During this remarkable trial in response to the presiding Judge's indignant enquiry why he (Woodworth) had acted so basely, he elicited the statement from him that he did it "in the interest of the Liberal party." However, the carefully planned plot failed and Mr. Temple took his seat at Ottawa. The trial proved that Woodworth was capable of perpetrating the lowest villainy, and as a sequence after that everyone gave him the cold shoulder, and he became despendent and morose. To a party in a well known hotel, this Judas confided to him that he did not mind the Conservatives giving him the go bye, and when his former Liberal friends passed him by without net even noticing him, it was more than flesh and blood could bear, and he was heartbroken at their palpable marks of

Shortly after this, on a Sunday, the whole town was profoundly startled with the announcement that Woodworth had in a fit of despondency that day attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself with a pair of scissors. On his reccovary, he left the city bag and baggage went to Indiana, and this historical and disgraceful drama closed by Woodworth committing suicide on his arrival there.

A Maritime Fat Stock Show. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Assoc. listion, at Amberst last week, it was decided that a Fat Stock, Dairy and Poultry Show, would be held by the Association at some central point in the Maritime Provinces, on the 18th, 19th, and | Till the burdens of manbood loose their hold.

cation will depend largely upon the desire which different towns or cities express. Over \$2000 will be offered in prizes. After the cattle, sheep and swine have been judged alive, a number of them will be slaughtered and submitted to the block test. Lectures will be given on the breed ing, selection and teeding of the different classes of animals, and also as to the desirability or otherwise of the various carcases. The Dominion Department of Agriculture is co-operating with the Provincial departments to make this winter show a great object lesson in meat pro duction. Already a number of beef raisers are preparing to feed some good cattle. Handsome prizes will be given. A practical test of dairy cows will also be made. The different poultry Associations in the three provinces will be asked to join with this movement, and so insure a grand poultry display. Dressed poultry, and the killing and packing of poultry, for export will be shown. This show will furnish a splendid opportunity for our meat dealers to secure their Christmas supplies, and save them the trouble and expense of sending to Ontario, and their competing with Upper Province meat dealers, and will undoubtedly do much to encourage the feeling of more and better animals.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Fish Lines. A fish sat him down with a blink to think, And dipped his fin thoughtfully into the ink;

Then finned this short note. 'Dear Tommy,' he wrote, In response to you line of the other day I hasten to thank you without delay. But, had not that squirming, delicious young worm Shown a set in in his curves too suspiciously firm might not be here To write you my dear

What you may not believe, 'tis so monstrously That the wriggler you sent With most kindly intent

Had swallowed a pin that was frightfully bent !

You see—if I'd greedily taken a bite, The pain and the shock would have finished me So, the next time you send, My juvenile friend. Just mark if the worm has a natural bend Ere you dangle him temptingly down here to be.

And he grinned as he used some dry sand for a (Ink dries rather slowly, you know under water), then signed it in haste And sealed it with paste,

It was growing quite dark and he's no time to So he posted it slyly, without wasting more, On the crest of a ripple that ran toward shore; Then shaking his scales in a satisfied glow. All shinins and glimmering, sank down below. Where he soon fell asleep In an oyster bed deep. With the green sheets of water his slumber to keep

Orchids.

'O Cinderell, fie!' I hear Prince Charming sigh, Why, here's your crystal shoe All trozen stiff with dew. The pretty, mottled strings Are spread like beetles' wings; The bright toe has a crack; And oh I the satin back Is trodden down quite flat. How could you, dear, do that ?'

'O Cinderella, fie !' I hear godmother cry, · How dare you make my slipper A sort of water dipper For all the bugs in town To tumble in and drown? Well, mistress, since your p.oven I'll turn your slighted dower-Hey presto! to a flower.

The Spell of Spring.

I'd like to be a millionaire and aid the worthy I'd like to be an author known to fame, I'd like to do a work in life that would for aye en

And dying leave a well beloved name. But when I see soft sandaled Spring across the meadow steal To pin her blooms on every orchard tree, Each d isy stem and violet, I cannot help but feel I'd rather be a butterfly or bee.

I have a soulful yearning to be honored, rich and To lead a more than mediocre life, To have a need of blessings parceled out to me by

And feel the more of unshine than of strife. But when the lilac bushes wear a faded purple When meadow lands are all a yellow sea Of dandehous, to myself I willingly confess I'd rather be a butterfly or bee.

To enter in the palace of a violet so blue I'd deem the sky were underneath my feet. To sip from out the chalice of a doisy drops of dew A golden bottomed chalice, ah, 'twere sweet! In summer, fall and winter there's a weath of From out my heart that fate be friend of me And make me rich or great or both, but in the blossomed spring I'd rather be a butterfly or bee

Hearts that Misunderstood. "He is so cold!', she said and sighed,

The shell enchanted of his old Cremons violin. They met and passed, and as she went She dropped upon the stair A rose that opened in the soft Brown sunshine of her hair.

The maid forgot her dream of love Anoth r man to we !; Years after came a dawn that found The white batred minstrel dead. With violin upon his breast His soul han taken wings, And, lo, a rose, a withered rose, Was tangled in the strings -New England Magazine.

A Song of the Rose-Breasted Grosbeak.

na med refrain.

Hak! Hark! From the elm-tree's topmost spray, As the suu's first spark O'erleaps the dack, He sings to the dawning day. Over and over and over the thrilling strain! Never more clear On love tured car

a listed and hear! s whishe, the criole's note, Bo n are drowned In the golden sound That pours from his perfect throat.

Sing, spirit of night, Bird of beau'y and tune .-Sable-winge. · mari' t. t. With the red-os o esst as soft, as b p . . .

Sing, sing, sing about Sing, sing, sing Ot a joy beyond our ken, And the heart grows young, and the Age of Gold Return to the souls of men!



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News of the Passing Week.

The wife of President McKinley is much improved in health.

Lord Minto and party are fishing in the Restigouche this week.

Ex Gov Pirgree of Michigan died in London the first of the week.

The Fredericton Herald was gutted by fire early Thursday morning.

The Trackmen strike on the C. P. R. was settled satisfactory to all parties.

Thursday last was the twenty fourth anniversary of the great St. John fire.

The Methodist conference of New Bruns wick opened at Marysville Wednesday. Rhodes, Curry & Co. Amherst, suffered

to the extent of \$4000 by fire on Tuesday. The first of a series of band concerts was given in St John on Wednesday evening.

Rothesay College and King's College, Windsor, held their closing exercises this week.

Over a quarter of a million dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire at Buffalo Tuesday.

The Citizens' committee of Toronto has decided on a Museum and Art Gallery as Victoria memorials.

Carleton County Council has decided to issue debentures for \$10,000 towards the erection of a new jail.

The Canadian Bisley team was inspected at Montreal last night and was to sail for England this morning.

Prot. McGregor of Dalhousie college, Halifax, has been appointed to a professorship in Edinburgh University.

The Presbyterian general assembly refused on Wednesday to receive the Rev. J. C. Madill into the ministry.

Geo McLaughlin was arrested in Charlotte County Tuesday charged with the murder of Harris McLaughlin.

According to the best information about 2,500 armed Boers are in Cape Colony, and continue to secure recruits.

W. A. Henry and G. W. Farrell Hali fax are on the Canadian Cricket team that play the United States next Friday.

Smith a brakeman has recovered a verdict of \$2500 against the Canada Eastern railway for injuries received while coupling

Dr. Kennedy, charged with the murder of Dolly Reynolds, New York, has been released on bail, the jury failing to agree in

The war office authorities at Kingston, Ja., have decided to construct an additional fortification in Kington harbor with battery of modern quick firing guns.

At the end of the week in the big baseball contests, Pittsburg leads in the national league, Chicago the American, Providence the International and Portland, the New England.

Rev. O. W. Howard, formerly mathematical master of the Rothesay Church school, has been offered the chair of Apologetics at the Diocesan Theological college, Montreal.

The government at Havana has rejected the bid of approximately \$14 000,000 made by Dady, Onderdonk & McLellan for the sewering and paving of Havana and will readvertise the contract for three

Fire Tuesday morning destroyed a large portion of the bu: mess section of Greenville, S. C. The destruction of the Western Union office has rendered communicate ion impossible. It was learned over the southern railways wire that no lives were lost.

J. Pier, ont Morgan, E. H. Harriman, George J. Gould, the Rocketellers and James J. Hill, it is believed, will soon control the entire western railroad situstion. Each interest will take in charge a group of railroads and a community of interest will embrace all of the roads.

Sec. Gage, acting for the government. has accepted to United States mint which has just been completed at Philadelphia, at a cost of more than \$2,000,000, and is said to be the finest and best equipped building of its kind in the world. The ceremonies attending the transfer, which took place in Cleaning Works.

the coining room, were simple, but inter-

At the Coliseum track, New Haven, Tuesday night, Floyd McFarland of San Jose, Cal., broke the world's record for one mile in competition, covering the distance in 1.55 3-5. Owing to the handicaps of the others, however, McFarland failed to get inside the money.

Henry M. Magilton, a once famous acrobat, is dead at Philadelphia. He was about 70 years of age. By a fall in the London Alahambra in 1859 Magilton sustained incurable spinal injuries. Magilton's specialty was that of a monkey and he was known as 'Jocko, the Brazilian ape.'

Special despatches to Berlin from Neissen, Saxony, say that three Italian anarchists have been arrested in the Senttenburg Miru on evidence that they had been connected with Bresci in the assassination of King Humbert. The three anarchists were delivered over to the Italian authorities.

Many frauds in the recent Havana municipal election have been brought to light as a result of military investigation made at the request of citizens in districts where the elections have been contested. The reports submitted show that the election of at least eight mayors will be revised. The work of investigation is not yet finished.

A gift of \$100,000 from a business man. whose name is to be secret, was announced at Smith's College Tuesday. Half of this amount is to be used for the erection of a new building and the balance for the endowment fund. This gift is conditional is upon the raising of an equalamount. A trustee of the college has already contributed \$1,000.

A cablegram has been received at the State department, Washington, from Special Commissioner Rockhill tully confirming the Associated Press report from Pekin to the effect that an early and com plete agreement of the indemnity question is expected and that, too, on the basis of the proposition variously known as the American, the British and the British American.

The court of appeals in Buffalo, N. Y., Monday heard the first argument for a new trial for Roland B. Molineux, the young New York clubman, athlete and chemist under sentence of death for poison ing Mrs. Katherine J. Adams in December 1898, who was the unintended victim of a plot veiled by the use of the American mails to take the life of Harry Cornish. manager of the athletic sports.

Another fishing schooner bound for abrador has been lost in the crushed ice in the strait of Belle Isle. Forty-seven persons on board were rescued. Two other fishing vessels have reached St Anthony. Their crews were in a destitute condition, having lost feverything they possessed. The British flugship Charybdis arrived at St Johns, N. F., Monday even-

Capt Richmond P. Hobson, U. S. N., delivered an address in Baltimore, Tuesday night at the Commencement exercises of the Baltimore Polytechnic institute. Speaking of Dewey's battle in Manila bay at a distance of 2,000 yards from the Spanish fleet he said: 'A British admiral probably would have gone in like Nelson or as the British are fighting in South Africa, getting close to the enemy, and losing nearly the same number of men even when victorious.

Rumors of the early retirement of Lord Pauncefote have again been circulated by bis arrival in London with his family. It is said, as it has repeatedly been said before, that he will not remain in the diplomatic service for many months, and as he is 78 years old, he has certainly earned a rest from his heavy responsibilities. It was intended that he should terminate his career as the British ambassador to the United States last year, but his term of office was prolonged because of important ques ions remaining to be settled between England and America, and it may perhaps be extended again for the same reason.

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