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SPONTANEOUS TRIBUTE

The Liberals of Kings county are understood to be carefully preparing a spontaneous and unpremeditated burst of affection for Hon. Dr. Pugsley. It is said that Dr. Pugsley has intimated that if the outburst were sufficiently spontaneous and unexpected he would come down from the heights at Ottawa to have it thrust upon his attention by an eager and untrammelled electorate. Word to this effect has been circulated, and unless a hitch occurs the faithful will no doubt do that which is required of them. It will be remembered that the Liberals of Albert declared themselves in favor of Dr. Pugsley as a candidate. If those of Kings did likewise, he would then have at least a choice between two evils—running toward defeat in St. John or Kings county. In the meantime something else might turn up. It is important, of course, that the call be unexpected—that it come to him as a great surprise—and he may have intimated as much to his friends, who would no doubt undertake to see that his wishes were respected.

There are few things in politics more impressive than the spectacle of a great party of independent electors paying unanimous and unsolicited tribute to the merits of a great leader. Dr. Pugsley was the party leader in the late provincial elections.

SETTING BRUSH FIRES

The following editorial article from the Montreal Star is commended to the attention of the readers of the Times. We have had in this vicinity of late too much evidence of the carelessness of campers or others in the forest areas:

"No camper or tourist purposely or deliberately would set fire to a forest or burn over a section of timber that affords him his means of enjoyment and recreation. Yet by his carelessness the sojourner in the north country starts many a disastrous conflagration. In the dry summer season a neglected camp fire, a cigar end, or a match thrown to one side, may precipitate a blaze which will cost the country millions of dollars. The destructive element creeps along in the soil and some day is fanned into a giant forest fire, consuming all before it. The patriotic camper may assist in the conservation of his country's resources. The Canadian Forestry Association asks every such traveler through our woods never to leave a camp fire without being sure that it is completely extinguished, and never to toss away a lighted cigar end or match. Every fire should be built on a rock if such is available, and, if not, the leaves and inflammable top soil should be cleared away before the match is applied. In no case should the fire be built against a log. It is often advisable, especially in windy weather, to confine the blaze to a deep hole dug in the soil. The recapitulation of these rules may catch the eye of some campers or canoemen northward bound and save the country many thousands of dollars."

ROOSEVELT ON SOCIALISM

President Roosevelt's term of office will soon expire, but it is not conceivable that his days of activity and influence in the public life of the United States are near their end. So strenuous a figure must reappear upon the scene, and exert a powerful influence upon the thought and policy of the nation. His views on Socialism, therefore, which is now so active in the United States, are of more than passing interest. In an address last Saturday he declared himself in strikingly plain terms against the doctrines of Socialism, just as he is opposed to the tryanny of wealth. We quote:

"I believe emphatically in doing everything that can be done by law or otherwise to keep the avenues of occupation, of employment, of work, of interest, so open that there shall be, so far as it is humanly possible to achieve it, a measurable equality of opportunity; equally of opportunity for each man to show the stuff that is in him. But when it comes to reward, let him get what by his energy, foresight, intelligence, thrift and courage he is able to get if the opportunity opens. I don't believe in cuddling anyone; I would no more permit the strong to oppress the weak than tell a weak man or a vicious man that he ought by rights to have the reward due only to the man who actually earns it. Very properly we in this country set our faces against privilege.

"There can be no grosser example of privilege than that set before us as an ideal by certain Socialistic writers—the ideal that every man shall put into the common fund what he can, which would mean what he chose, and should take out whatever he wanted; in other words, this theory is that the man who is vicious, foolish, a drag on the whole community, who contributes less than his share to the common good, should take out what is not his, what he has not earned; that he shall rob his neighbor of what that neighbor has earned. This particular Socialistic ideal would be to enthrone privilege in one of its grossest, crudest, most dishonest, most harmful and most unjust forms. Equality of opportunity to render service—yes, I will do everything I can to bring it about. Equality of reward—no, unless there is also equality of service. If the service is equal, let the reward be equal; but let the reward depend on the service; and mankind, being composed as it is, there will be inequality of service for a long time to come, no matter how great the equality of opportunity may be, and just so long as there is inequality of service it is eminently desirable that there should be inequality of reward.

"But in securing immeasurable equality of opportunity let us no more be led astray by the doctrinaire advocates of a lawless and destructive individualism than by the doctrinaire advocates of a deadening Socialism. As society progresses and grows more complex it becomes desirable to do many things for the common good by common effort. No empirical line can be laid down as to where and when such common effort by the whole community should supplant or supplement private and individual effort. Each case must be judged on its own merits. Similarly, when a private or corporate fortune of vast size is turned to a business use which jeopardizes the welfare of all the small men, then in the interest of everybody, in the interest of true individualism the collective and common power of the community must be exercised to control and regulate for the common good this business use of vast wealth; and while doing this we must make it evident that we frown upon envy and malice exactly as we frown upon arrogance and oppression."

THE FUTURE OF CHINA

There is no more fascinating field for speculation than is afforded by the China of the future, and no country ever had a more optimistic prophet than is Sir Robert Hart, inspector general of the maritime customs of China for 45 years.

The Times not long since quoted portions of interviews with Sir Robert, printed in London papers, in which he predicted a marvellous development in the ancient empire. Last week the veteran official was the guest of the China Association in London, and his address on that occasion was distinguished by the same high estimate of the potentiality of Chinese character, and the same confidence in the great development which must mark the future of the race. We quote from the report:

"China, as they knew, had been for many cycles living her own quiet life in a state of seclusion from the rest of the world, and she had been developing in a sort of family circle. But that development, although supposed to be death by some, had been full of life, and he was quite sure that the events of the years that were to come would show that energy and vitality had been stored up to meet the new environment to be faced by China. For the times had changed. Formerly China was not in association with the rest of the world; but now foreign intercourse had been commenced and extended, and treaty relations had been established and developed, and new problems were to be met. China was preparing to face those problems and was planning for the future. What that future would be it was impossible for him to say, but time would tell, and he was sure that they would hail with satisfaction every step in the direction of progress. The time of transition might be long—both accidents and mistakes might have the effect of checking progress—but advance there certainly would be, and sooner or later, when the transformation was complete, with her immense territories, untold and yet to be developed wealth with the millions of intelligent, law-abiding and easily governed people organized to meet the requirements of new times, armed with the teaching and appliances of science, the day would certainly come when China would show herself in the first rank, among the powers of the world, and would be a great factor in history."

In referring to the work done by the department of which he was so long the head, in bringing China into closer touch with the world, Sir Robert said it had been a cosmopolitan department, in which the representatives of all the treaty powers were to be found. As an instance of that cosmopolitanism, he said at his own office in Pekin last year he had the representatives of fourteen different nationalities working side by side, and working harmoniously. If there had been anything good achieved for China and for the world by the customs department much had been due to the harmony and the loyalty of the Chinese, who had worked for him and with him during so many years and on so many points and subjects.

In concluding his remarks he said: "The old had passed away, the new was coming, and the work before China was of immense importance and of enormous difficulty. It was not merely a small village that had to be dealt with, but it was an immense population, that represented a large section of the human race, and the work to be done was one which meant not merely transition, but the addition to, if not the substitution of, the complex arrangements which the necessities of the times called for."

St. John will be well represented in the military pageant at Quebec next week. The itary pageant at Quebec next week. The citizens will on that account have a keener personal interest in the tercentenary celebration.

With Mr. Hearst's paper and the Brooklyn Eagle both opposed to him, Mr. Bryan is somewhat handicapped in his campaign in New York state.

In renewing the London loan the provincial government is able to make a substantial reduction in the interest charge. The money market is easier.

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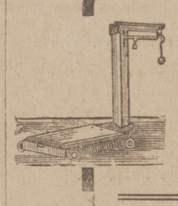
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And Millamant and Romeo?
Into the night go one and all.

Where are the braveries, fresh or frayed?
The plumes, the armors—friend and foe?
The cloth of gold, the rare brocade,
The mantles glittering to and fro?
The pomp, the pride, the Royal show?
The cries of war and festival?
The youth, the grace, the charm, the glow?
Into the night go one and all.

The curtain falls, the play is played;
The beggar packs beside the Beau;
The Monarch troops, then troops the Maid;
The Thunder huddles with the snow,
Where are the revellers high and low?
The clashing swords? The lover's call?
The dancers gleaming row on row?
Into the night go one and all.

ENVOY.

Silenced in common overthrow
The Hero tumbles with the Thrall:
As dust that drives, as straws that blow,
Into the night go one and all.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

TOO THIN.

Waiter (who has just served up some soup)—"Looks uncommonly like rain, sir.

Diner—"Yes, by Jove! and tastes like it, too. Bring me some thick soup."—Tit-Bits.

SURE THING.

"This watch will last a life-time," said the jeweler, as he handed the watch to the customer.

"Nonsense!" retorted the other; "can't I see for myself that its hours are numbered?"—Tit-Bits.

WANTED TOO MUCH.

Tenant—"I came to inform you, sir, that my cellar is full of water."

Landlord—"Well, what of it? You surely did not expect a cellar full of champagne for $30 a month, did you?"—Chicago Journal.

SHE KNEW.

"I hear you are going to marry Charley."

"Yes; he asked me last evening."

"Let me congratulate you. Charley is all right. He is one of the nicest fellows I was ever engaged to."—Nashville American.

FAR BETTER.

"History states that hungry, young Ben Franklin bundled into Philadelphia with a roll."

"That was better than rolling into town with a bun."—Washington Herald.

THE THESPIANS.

Bob Footlite (actor)—"Failure? I should think it was! The whole play was ruined."

She—"Gracious! How was that?"

B. F.—"Why, at the end of the last act a steam pipe burst and hissed me off the stage."—Tit-Bits.

GETTING TRIM.

Mrs. Jones—"Good gracious, Mrs. Brown! Why is your husband going through all those strange actions? Is he training for a prize-fight?"

Mrs. Brown—"Not at all; he's merely getting in form to beat the carpets."—Harper's Weekly.

RETORT COURTEOUS.

She had just been stating her reasons for refusing his hand. "I hope," she said, "that I have made everything plain."

"No, I cannot say that you have," he replied, "I—I think nature had something to do with it." Then he made his exit.—Tit-Bits.

SIMPLE JUSTICE.

"Tommy," said the teacher, "what is the half of six?"

Tommy—"I don't know, sir."

Teacher—"Now, Tommy, if two men stole six dollars, and agreed to divide it equally between them, how much would they get each?"

Tommy—"Fourteen days, sir."—Tit-Bits.

SHOULD HAVE STUCK TO HIS POST.

A certain society woman got off a good one the other day, which has not yet reached her husband's ears. Maybe he'll see this, and if he recognizes himself, and sees the joke, he can have a good laugh out of it.

The coachman who had been in the employ of this family for several months, had also been driving the water wagon part of his time, but the other day, he fell off.

The next morning, he took it for granted that he wouldn't be wanted at his old job any more, and he therefore didn't show up. At the end of the week, however, he recalled that he had some pay coming to him. He went around with a hangdog air after the money, and was ushered in to see Mrs. Jones, as she may be called.

"Why, James!" she exclaimed, reproachfully, "what did you mean by leaving us in the lurch the way you did, without any notice?"

"Well, ma'am," said the coachman, shamefacedly, "er—that is—you see—I didn't suppose you wanted a drunken coachman around, and I jes'——"

"Oh, shame on you," interrupted Mrs. Jones. "That was no excuse. You don't see Mr. Jones go away and leave me every time he becomes intoxicated, do you?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TRADE CONDITIONS

An illustration of the effect upon trade of the financial panic in the United States last year is given in the following statement by President John Claflin of the H. B. Claflin Co., dry goods, in his semi-annual report for the season ending June 30th:

"In our last report we stated that we had inventoried our merchandise at prices lower than those announced by manufacturers for the spring of 1908. In point of fact our figures were greatly below market prices, and we thought they would prove low enough to insure a satisfactory profit in the season just ended. The experience of the season, however, in cancellation of orders and in almost continuous crumbling of prices was beyond precedent. We again inventory our merchandise below current prices, making a loss of $7,436.52 for the six months but we believe prices touched bottom in June and we look for improvement in values during the autumn. The fact that the retail trade throughout the country has pretty thoroughly disposed of surplus stocks justifies the expectation of a steadily increasing business at wholesale."

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