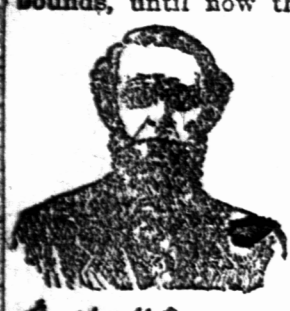


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Professor Judson of Chicago University the other day told the people of that city that "the election for aldermen is more important than the election for President of the United States." He added: "If our communities should get into the habit of electing decent aldermen in every ward, that would mean that the fountains of political action would be pure, and the Presidency would take care of itself." The expenditure of Chicago is more than four times as great as that of the State of Illinois. In that regard the aldermanic elections are important. But when the number of cities and towns in the United States or Canada is considered and the basic character of aldermanic elections is added, it will readily be seen that what to the average citizen seems so unimportant really becomes of most vital consequence to the welfare of the nation.

In a recently published History of Chinese Literature there is much about books that are more than 2,000 years old. Among the Chinese books is said to be a collection of 48,900 poems. In the preface is a "Counsel of Perfection" for those who court the muses, and this is the "counsel." Discard commonplace thoughts, commonplace form, commonplace phrasing, commonplace words, commonplace rhymes." If these ancient, Oriental rules were observed by Canadian poets, we should not be pestered as we are with so much verse that is not merely commonplace, but "hardly good enough for a newspaper," as Brother Nash would say.

Many signs point to the early exhaustion of the Boer resistance in South Africa. Piet Dewet, brother of the formidable and resourceful commander, says that Botha would surrender if Steyn and Dewet would do so. Their plentiful supplies of arms, ammunition and horses are well nigh exhausted. If by any good fortune either Dewet, Steyn or Botha should be captured the end of the resistance might come suddenly. Wolmerans, once high in their counsels, has written from Paris urging surrender. Even the Boer sympathisers throughout the world have given up the cause as hopeless.

An Ottawa despatch to the Halifax Chronicle tells that the Conservative members in caucus have unanimously agreed to support an increase up to \$1,500 in the indemnity of members of Parliament, with \$3,500 extra to the leader of the Opposition. We doubt not that the Liberal members, like Barkis will also be "willing." We can see some reason why the Opposition leader, in view of the time and labor which his public duties call for, might be entitled to receive some extra remuneration, though even this would be without precedent in British countries. But we do object in the strongest way to the nearly 300 members of the two Houses voting \$150,000 a year additional into their own pockets.

"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it's out and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The protective nations have been for some time playing at reprisals. Not long ago Russia sought to promote the production of beet sugar by giving state bounties on the production. The United States responded by increasing the duty on bounty produced sugar by about three quarters of a cent per pound. Now Russia has retorted by adding 50 per cent to the duties on machinery, iron and steel goods in which American manufacturers had developed a great and growing trade with the Czar's country. The Chicago Tribune, a protectionist journal, says this will put an end to the expanding and profitable business which American manufacturers have developed with Russia. If we could get the good there is in protection without the inevitable evils and losses, what a splendid thing it would be.

The Examiner now speaks of what "a newspaper actuated by a gentleman" would do under certain conditions. We cannot conceive of a newspaper actuated by gentlemanly motives appropriating to itself thanks under the conditions in which the Examiner appears to have received those of Mr. Martin. But we are quite content for the public to judge as to the relative fitness, justice and courtesy with which the Examiner and THE GUARDIAN, respectively have discussed the thanks aforesaid.

The Stanley will be in as great demand next year as she was last year. Summerside and Charlottetown will want the steamer, no doubt, and a telegram from Ottawa to the Patriot tells that "St. Louis promised, at the request of Mr. Lemieux, if the steamer Stanley is available he would endeavor to have her make a trip in December to the Magdalen Islands in order to carry the Christmas mails."

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