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A WRONG CONTENTION.

The Patriot contends that the large products of the present year are due to the present government. Let us see. Did the Liberal Party open up the Northwest prairies and the mineral region beyond. No; they opposed the building of the C. P. R. with might and main. Did they promote mining? No; they opposed the protection and encouragement to miners. Have they done anything whatever towards the enlargement of the products of the country? They have done nothing except in so far as they have—contrary to their pre-election contentions—adopted the policy and methods of their predecessors. They are entitled to no credit whatever for the enlargement of our exports and the prosperity resulting therefrom. The Patriot's contention is wholly wrong.

LIBERAL METHODS.

Some of the papers are having a good deal of fun over the "negotiations" as to certain judgeships and governorships. Others take the matter more seriously. For instance the Montreal Gazette says "It is trusted, however, that in the future the bargainers will have sufficient respect for public decency, and for what is right to carry on their huckstering with less publicity than has, during the present week, been exhibited at Quebec in connection with the nomination of men to fill vacancies on the judicial bench, that it is hoped to create. The situation is more than unseemly. It has given rise to reports that judges are being offered inducements to retire on the pensions they have earned by long service. It is injuring both the men on the bench and the men who hope to ascend it. It is making the ministers who are freely staid to be taking a part in the negotiation, objects of odium. It is degrading the judiciary. It is bringing it to the level of the lowest in our not too elevated politics. It has gone beyond anything that has come to the public knowledge in Canada before. It should be stopped. Generally, appointments to the bench have been men of whom it could be said that they by legal knowledge, character and standing in their profession, gave guarantees that as judges they would maintain the honor, dignity and reputation of their offices. It is not desirable that this should be changed, and that the occupancy of the judgeship should be, even by hostile critics, looked on as an evidence of anybody's power to manipulate a political deal."

But this is the effect of the methods of the trading politicians who are now "running the country." It is now stated that Sir Adolph declined to trade, that he will, therefore remain in Spencerwood for another term and that Langelier, Choquette and other prominent place-hunters will be placated with judgeships.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Chinese Government has caused it to be made known that, up to the time of the German occupation of Kiao-Chau Bay, no claim was made by Germany for reparation as a result of the murders of the two German missionaries, Nies and Henle, and that there were no other differences between the two Governments. Consequently the Government of China points out that the missionary question is regarded a pretext to obtain a naval station, which it is shown Germany has long coveted. The Chinese Government, it is said in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao-Chau Bay, as their presence there deprives China of a harbor, which, since the war with Japan, has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

—Right Rev. Peter F. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska, in his annual report to the man-

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agers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has this to say of the Klondike gold fields: From the beginning the story of Alaska has been romantic. It has been a story of surprise. The latest one is the almost fabulous richness of the recent gold discoveries. The stories of these read like fables, but they contain much that is true. The district in which these rich claims are found is Canadian territory. It is undoubtedly rich and of great extent. A sober estimate of the number of men likely to go to this section within the year is from 100,000 to 500,000. It is more than likely that a large percentage of this number will find their way into large unprospected gold districts of our own territory, Birch Creek, Munook, Copper, etc. Certain it is that great development is on the way. So many persons going in at once are sure to create a serious condition of things. The ground is not sufficiently prospected supplies of provisions will be inadequate hardship and trials will be too great for many. Distress and suffering will be the result. No one should give up a salary for uncertainty, and uncertainty it is. No one should venture to go without taking a year's provisions and \$500. While I have all possible faith in the country, yet I fear that nine-tenths of those who venture will fail. I feel compelled to state this that men may not go there ignorant of the true conditions."

MADRID, December 8.—The correspondence de Espana says that, after reflection, Spanish opinion on President McKinley's message to congress is less optimistic than at first. It proceeds to impugn the sincerity of the president's protestations of friendship for Spain, and the respect for international obligations; but it admits that the message was "addressed to congress principally and in language, which though not intended to please Spain, will annoy jingoes and filibusterers."

FRIEDRICHSCHE, December 8.—Prince Henry of Prussia, the commander of the second squadron of German war ships bound for Kiao-Chau Bay, visited Prince Bismarck to-day and remained two hours in consultation with the great statesman. It is understood that the far eastern situation was thoroughly discussed. Prince Bismarck, who is suffering from rheumatism in the limbs, was obliged to remain in an invalid's chair throughout the time of the prince's visit. On leaving Prince Bismarck Prince Henry said: "Let me also salute that brow my grandfather so often kissed." He then kissed Bismarck on the forehead and cheeks. The aged statesman wished him a safe voyage, good success and a happy return. Dr. Schweigger, Prince Bismarck's physician, says the prince will soon recover from the effects of his recent attack of neuralgia pains. Prince Henry of Prussia started for Kiel this afternoon. A number of officers, headed by Count Waldersee, were at the railroad platform to bid him farewell. The prince thanked them and made his adieu. He said: "I ask you to believe that in going where the emperor's favor sends me, I thank him for reposing such confidence in me. In the name of the emperor, and to the honor of the fatherland, I will discharge the duties of my command. Long live the emperor!" The officers responded with a hearty cheer.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The announcement of McGill University, Montreal, for 1897-98, has been received. There are seven pages in all, and each contains information of special interest to those who may contemplate attending this institution. Changes in the examinations are noted, and the names of the students who have won scholarships as well as the names of those who have passed for entrance at the session of 1897-98 are given. In both cases Prince Edward Islanders, as usual, cut a highly creditable figure.

In spite of the protests of leading members, the Legislature of the Territories has passed the second reading of a bill to incorporate the president and High Council of the Alberta Stake of Zion, that is, the Canadian branch of the Mormon Church. There is a wide measure of religious freedom legislatively recognized in our Canada. Dr. H. Walton L. Jones, who was sent by the Dominion Government to the Stockholm Exhibition, has returned to Montreal, and reports that there is very little prospect of immigration from Norway, Sweden, Finland, or Russia, as times at present are good in Norway, and fair in the other countries mentioned.

A BACHELOR'S REVERIE.

Oh, a home is a terrible handicap To a soul that fain would be free! It has captured many a prisoned chap But it shall never shackle me. Instead of the cares I would have to face In the same old rounds each day Oh, give me a room in a lodging place And a lunch at a chance cafe! I never need hurry to catch my car, For I haven't a place to go, And early or late no meals I mar, For I'm dining alone, you know. The hands of the clock I never chase, For I drift in an easy way, Since I sleep in a transient lodging place And lunch at a chance cafe. A brother of mine—I loved him well— Went wrong in his early years, For he married and bought him a place to dwell (Oh, the thought of it brings me tears!) And there he has lived—what a pitiful case— And there he will likely stay, While I still sleep in a lodging place And lunch at a chance cafe. I sometimes think of his wife and child And the vine at his cottage door, While I dream of the perfect lips that smiled, But they smile for me no more. And I muse, "If the saint with the angel face Had answered me 'Yes' that day, Would I sleep in a transient lodging place Or lunch at a chance cafe?" —Nashville Banner.

DR. JASPER ON THE SUN.

His Famous Sermon Shows That the Orb Really Moves.

Among the show places of the city of Richmond the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist church, with its pastor, the Rev. John Jasper, is not regarded in the same rank as the capitol or the site of Libby prison. But he ought to be, for he is the author of that famous sermon on the sun called "The Sun Do Move."

Dr. Jasper is proud of his sermon and loves to dilate on the various times and places in which he has delivered his unique argument. It was first heard in his own church, and then by request in the Market house before a vast gathering. After that, under the direction of a Lyceum bureau, which paid him \$100 a month and all his travelling expenses, he delivered it in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Camden, Pittsburg and many other places, convincing many deep thinkers of the fallacies of the now generally accepted theory of the solar system.

The doctor lives in a little room near his church in which he welcomes visitors with much cordiality. His masterpiece is an attack on the doctrines of Mr. Copernicus, who, he says, "claims that the earth revolves on axles." Mr. Isaac Newton and Mr. Herschel and other scientists of that caliber. He is not at all sure of where these eminent philosophers reside at present, but he has a vague idea that it is "up north somewhere."

The text for the sermon Dr. Jasper finds in Exodus. It is "The Lord is a man of war, the Lord is his name." It is a long way from this to a philosophical portion of his argument. This he establishes by quoting from Revelation the verse which relates to the spectacle of four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds. Through this he points out that the earth is square and not round, according to the general belief which has existed for some years.

Of the fact that the sun really does move he brings the Scriptures again to bear witness, notably in the psalm beginning "From the rising of the sun." But in Joshua's command to the sun to stand still Dr. Jasper finds his greatest argument and his peroration. The eighth verse of the thirty-eighth chapter of Isaiah and the twelfth and thirteenth verses and the tenth chapter of Joshua end the sermon thus:

"Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sundial of Ahaz 10 degrees backward. So the sun returned 10 degrees, by which degree it was gone down." "Thus spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon. "And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies."—New York Press.

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Early Man.

"Was early man a savage?" asks a scientific friend. We were not on such familiar terms with the early man that was as would enable us to give details of his private life, but if our friend will alter the verb and ask about the early man that is, we think the following reply will satisfy him:

It depends upon circumstances. Two winters ago we had an experience of the early man that will last us for years. He was early because he had to catch a train.

He lighted a candle—the gas was turned off at the meter—and proceeded to dress. He got on fairly well (merely taking off a little skin here and there, shooting all the things out of his pockets in his endeavors to get his clothes right side up and gushing himself with the razor through using cold water) until he tried to button his collar. Then the trouble began.

He had cut his nails overnight. He turned and writhed as he used one thumb and then the other, he cast his eyes up at the ceiling, hung out his tongue, jumped about and made faces and remarks, but that hole would not go round the stud. He had a rest, wiped away the perspiration and started again very deliberately, but without result. Then he tried the button hook, but he only succeeded in claving out a piece of flesh and losing the stud on the floor under the bed.

Then he made more remarks. This aroused his wife, who proceeded to show him the superiority of woman in the great enterprises of this life. In exactly two minutes she had found that stud, buttoned his collar, arranged his necktie, told him to make haste and called him an idiot. After that our early man was too savage for anything.—Pearson's Weekly.

Origin of Names.

Where a community persisted in calling a man Black, it was useless for him to try to call himself White—he had to acquiesce in the choice of the majority, says a writer in Good Words. This class is the most difficult of all to do justice to in the short space of a paper. Indeed the bases of nicknames are so numerous that it is almost impossible to classify them—physical peculiarities, complimentary, as Strongheart, and derogatory, as Spindleshanks, Sheepshanks, Crookshanks, Heavysides, etc.; mental attributes as Grave, Stern, Wise, Sage, Moody, Proud, Courteous (Curtels), on one hand, and on the other Blythe, Gay, Foolhardy, Jolly, Meek, etc.; nicknames from complexion and color of the hair, as Black, White, Brown and Browning, Buddy, Readman, Hoare, Grey, etc.; nicknames from peculiarities of dress, Curtmantel, Shorthose, etc.; from social position, as Bastard, Lacklands, and so on; from the animal and vegetable kingdoms, from birds and fishes.

Then compounds were made by applying a sobriquet to a Christian name, as Micklejohn, Littlejohn, Brownjohn; if he was a comely, well made fellow he was Properjohn. These names appear again in Norman guise, as Grosjean, Petitjean, Bonjean, from which comes Bunyan—so that when we speak of good John Bunyan we are (perhaps unconsciously) only transposing the name of "the inspired tinker."

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