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After occupying the attention of the House of Commons for some weeks the Yukon railway bargain was passed last week by a substantial majority. It now remains for the Senate to deal with it. Mr. Foster's denunciation of the scheme was one of the most masterly arguments we have read in a long time, but even that was of no avail.

The battle of the ballots, which has now been transferred to the law courts, appears to be going strongly with the Conservatives, they having gained one member in West Huron and held Ottawa and South Perth, where the Reformers had demanded recounts. Should Russel elect a Conservative to-morrow there will without doubt be another election in the near future. As the figures now stand Mr. Hardy has a probable majority of only five at the most, and two constituencies will have to be opened when the new cabinet appointments are made, with a possibility of the government losing one or both of these. In any event the government cannot be carried on with this majority, as a speaker will have to be appointed and some are an unknown quantity. Mr. Beatty, who is really independent, and Mr. Evanturel, whose position is uncertain, have been classed as Liberals. The actual standing of the house, should it now be called, would, according to this classification, probably be 44 Conservatives and 48 Liberals, not counting the speaker, or it might be 46 Liberals and 46 Conservatives. This uncertainty exists. Altogether Mr. Whitney's chances appear to be getting brighter. But law is as uncertain as politics, and it is difficult to say where we will be at when the lawyers get through with the prolific crop of protests and counter protests which they are now adjudicating upon.

The past week has been one of great excitement in the financial world and in diplomatic circles. The United States continues to make preparations for war and has purchased two new war vessels from Brazil. She is mobilizing her standing army in the east and has ordered immense quantities of firearms and war material from the manufacturers. Spain has started her war fleet across the Atlantic, and maintains an ominous silence as to her intentions. These things certainly look upon the surface like war, but there are those who say even now that it will not be. This paper does not here count itself among the optimists but hopes its conclusions may be wrong. The possibility of war among our cousins to the south, however, has been somewhat overshadowed by something more serious in the far East, where there is a possibility of Great Britain and Russia coming to blows over the maintenance of open ports in China. Great Britain has issued an ultimatum, and should Russia disregard this a war of unheard-of magnitude might result. Great Britain has taken upon herself the task of guaranteeing to the world free ports in that portion of the globe and she will stand or fall in the undertaking. In this she will have Japan as an ally, and it is thought the United States would form the third power in a triple alliance against the world. But while all these things form grounds for uneasiness it is well to remember that all scare despatches in the newspapers are not necessarily facts, and in many instances it is suspected that such despatches are prompted by interested parties for mercenary motives—in plain words, to manipulate the stock markets of the world.

A Word for Chicago

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR —I am not a Democrat nor am I a Republican. I am not a naturalized citizen of the United States, but I am a Canadian-American who believes in "giving the devil his due." I do not hold my business as a compliment of any party, and neither do I come under the jurisdiction of the civil service commission. Consequently I have no axe to grind. I am in contact with the best element of U. S. citizens and reflect their opinions when I say that Chicago is enjoying a cleaner form of government at the present time than it has in the past. The better element is gaining supremacy. The spoils system has been largely suppressed by civil service reform. Aldermen are paid a salary more adequate to the service rendered, thus removing to a great extent the temptation for boodling. Mayor Harrison is not a butt for constant attacks of the Chicago press, which is a relief. Papers which were opposed to his election have no unfavorable criticisms to make.

The courts are doing business in favor of the people rather than in favor of criminals. Some striking examples are before the public of how money failed to stay the hand of justice.

The city water supply has not been pure for some time, owing to repairs being made on the pumping system. President McKinley has won to himself the admiration of all sober thinking men by his business-like management of affairs since his inauguration, his good judgment being shown in the selection of his cabinet, men being chosen who have long been regarded as business models. His actions in the case of the Maine disaster have been all that could be desired, except perhaps by a few fanatics. He is a tried soldier and his past record on the field of battle proves that he does not lack courage where necessity demands it, and those who know him well are firm in the faith that wisdom and justice shall be meted out in any emergency that may arise. What man is there who can guide the affairs of men in such a satisfactory way that every one of seventy millions of people may be satisfied?

F. A. THURSTON, D. D. S.

Chicogo, March 16th '98

Lady Bank

From our own Correspondent

Mr. John Linley, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is, we are glad to hear, on the mend. Miss A. Whewell and her brothers, Walter, Willie and James, and Mr. B. Linley, left for Dakota on Monday. We wish them every success.

Miss Alice Sloan is visiting at Mr. A. Ferguson's.

Miss Lizzie Findlay spent last week with her mother.

Miss Allie Whewell was the recipient of an address ond present previour to going west. Following is a copy of the address and reply:

Miss Allie Whewell:

OUR DEAR SISTER IN CHRIST:—As you are about to depart from our midst, we, as members of the Epworth League, feel that we cannot let you go without in some way showing our appreciation of your residence among us. In our League work we have always found in you a willing and earnest helper. Your bright testimonies we feel sure have done good to all. We deeply regret that you must leave us, for we feel that your departure leaves a vacancy not easily filled. But in the language of our Blessed Master, we would say, "Not our will but God's be done." We pray that as He has seen fit to call you to labor in another part of his vineyard, He may open up for you greater fields of usefulness and enable you to do a grand and noble work for them in the far-off land to which you are going. As a slight token of our esteem and well wishes for you we ask you to accept this book, hoping that as you read it you may breathe a prayer to God for your dear friends at Providence. We earnestly pray that God's blessin may attend you in every way, and that you may always be kept steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of your Lord, till we all meet in that blessed country, where parting shall be no more. Signed on behalf of the members,

HATTIE A. WALLACE,
MARY A. ROBERTS.

Providence, March 3, 1898.

REPLY

DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST: Accept my heartfelt thanks for your book and more than kind reference to my connection with the Epworth League at Providence. The chief regret I feel is that I have been able to accomplish so little by precept and example for the cause of Christ. My connection with you will be a pleasant memory. I shall always rejoice at your success and pray that you may be instrumental in winning many souls for Christ. Though sundered far by "mountain, stream and sea," the mercy seat is as near and accessible in one place as another. I will remember you and hope to be remembered there. May we all find finally abundant entrance in that home where the sorrows of parting are unknown,

ALICE WHEWELL.

AUCTION SALE

Of Valuable Farm Properties in the Township of Glenelg and Artemesia, County of Grey.

Under and by virture of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by George E. Arrowsmith to the vendor now in default and to be produced at the time of sale There will be offered for sale by public auction at the Flesherton Hotel in the

Village of Flesherton on

Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1898

At the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, lh, and singular, firstly, lot number twenty in the fifth concession of the township of Glenelg, containing 100 acres more or less. Secondly: Lot number one in the fifth concession of the township of Artemesia, containing 100 acres more or less.

Of the property firstly described 86 acres are said to be cleared and well cultivated and erected thereon are said to be a log house in fair state of repair, frame barn and shed on stone foundation with good stabling, all said to be in good state of repair.

On property secondly described are said to be a arm house and outbuildings in fair state of repair.

The properties are situated about five miles from Flesherton and convenient to church and schools. The soil consists of light clay loam and wel adapted for agricultural purposes. There is also upon each of the properties a small orchard.

The properties will be offered for sale separately and also en bloc subject to reserve bid.

TERMS:—10 per cent of the purchase money will require to be paid at time of sale and the balance according to favorable terms and conditions to be then made known.

For further particulars apply to

Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbitt, Chadwick, Riddell
58 Wellington St. E., Toronto, Solicitor for Vendor,
Dated at Toronto this 5th day of March, 1898.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Pile Work at Meaford Harbor, will be received until Monday, 4th day of April, 1898, inclusively, for the construction of pilework in the harbour of Meaford, Grey Co., Ontario, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of H. A. Grey, Esq., Engineer in charge Harbour and River Works, Ontario, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at the office of the Postmaster at Meaford, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works for seven hundred and fifty dollars ($750) must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
E. F. E. Roy,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 12th March, 1898

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it.

AUCTION SALE

Of valuable property in the township of Artemesia.

The following property will be offered for sale by public auction on

Tuesday the 29th day of March 1898

At two o'clock p. m., at Munshaw's hotel in the village of Flesherton, under the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage which will then be produced.

Lot 32 in the 6th concession of the township of Artemesia in the county of Grey, containing one hundred acres more or less, now or lately in the occupation of one Archibald McLean.

TERMS—Ten per cent cash at time of sale. Liberal terms for payment of balance.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to R. J. SPROULE, Esq., Flesherton, or to

O'BRIEN, GIBSON & DEFRIES,
Vendors' Solicitor, 74 Church St, Toronto.

License Notice

Notice is hereby given that I have made application to the Licence board of Centre Grey for a transfer from John Connor to George Hawk for the Globe hotel at Flesherton Station,

GEORGE HAWK.

Flesherton Station, March 15, 1898.

Farm for Sale

For sale cheap—Lot 37, Con 12, Artemesia. Apply to R. J. SPROULE, Flesherton
Flesherton, Nov. 16, 1897.

VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE

Park lots in the Village of Eugenia, comprising 26¼ acres in two blocks. On these are erected a frame and a log house. There is a good cellar, orchard, two barns, etc. Apply to

H. FENWICK, Eugenia.

Eugenia, Dec. 6, 1897

BOAR FOR SERVICE

The undersigned having purchased from Mr. P. Muir that Magnificent thoroughbred Berkshire boar, "Mountain Sheik," has now the same for service on lot 155, L. T., & S. R., Artemesia. Terms $1. Pedigree on appplication.

A. BOYD.

M. Richardson & Co.

Spring Dress Goods

As already intimated in a previous advertisement we have made special preparations for spring business, and in consequence are receiving large consignments of new goods of every description

In no department is the result of forethought more strikingly shown than in our Dress Goods section. We have just received and passed into stock large shipments of direct imports from British, French, German and Swiss manufacturers, and it is no exaggeration to state our spring display of

Imported Dress Goods

Is the best we have ever shown and will compare most favorably with any between Owen Sound and Toronto.

As usual we have made a special feature of Dress Lengths and our selections comprise some of the most handsome, tylish and artistic designs procurable—no two dresses alike.

A Few New Imported Lines

Black Dress Goods

Plain Soleils, Satin Cloths, Cashmeres, Alpacas, Grenadines, Lustres, French Crepons, Poplins, Figured Soleils, Henriettas, Serges.

COLORED DRESS GOODS

Fancy German Plaids, Fancy Checks, Fancy Shot Effects, Matalasse Plaids, Covert Cloths, Habit Suitings, Fancy Tweeds, Fancy Boucles, Silk and Wool Mixtures, Bradford Fancies, Fancy Silk Mixtures, Colored Serges, Cashmeres and Henriettas.

A FEW PRICES

Colored Wool Mixtures	18c	Silk Warp Henriettas	55c
German Plaids	20c	Silk and Wool Figured Goods	55c
Fancy Figured goods	25c	Silk and Wool Crepons	68c
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46 inch Colored Cashmeres	28c	Fancy Dress Tweeds	37c
Silk and Wool Tartans	50c		

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