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REICHSTAG ELECTIONS.

The Method of "Running For Congress" in Germany.

For election to the reichstag there is equal universal suffrage with secret ballot for all made citizens twenty-five years of age, there being certain excluded classes, criminals, paupers, etc., while persons in actual military service have their voting rights suspended.

Nominations are not made by regular conventions, as with us. Any man may put his name before the people, but in practice, of course, committees in each election district make the nominations for the parties, and the methods of securing the nominations, by personal solicitation, by trades among the aspirants, by the influence of dominating personalities, are much the same as with us, for the Germans, too, have their "bosses," and they are even now using the English word to express the fact.

One hears little or nothing of bribery in German elections, but the influence of the government, amounting practically to coercion of officials and the direction of their political activity by their superiors, is generally recognized as going far beyond the "pernicious political activity" that has been so emphatically condemned and so nearly suppressed in the United States.—American Review of Reviews.

INSULTED HIS COLONEL.

An Offense For Which a French Soldier Had to Die.

By deliberately insulting a superior officer at a court martial a French soldier at Lille incurred the death penalty. The incident is a deplorable one. The fact that the officers had to condemn the man is likewise painful, but the military regulations were plain and left no alternative.

A dragon in one of the regiments at Lille was being tried before a court martial. Another dragon of the same regiment, who was undergoing arrest for some other fault, was summoned as a witness. When this dragon entered the room of the court martial he was asked by the presiding colonel to take off his cap. The man took this in bad part and flung his cap at the colonel, following it up with a storm of abusive language.

When he had finished, the colonel, out of sheer good nature, asked him to reflect and express regret for his action, which he was willing to look upon as a momentary outburst of temper. The dragon merely repeated his insults. The court martial immediately deliberated and at the end of a quarter of an hour gave judgment condemning the dragon to death.—Boston Transcript.

Book Without Errata.

A London publisher once determined to publish at least one book which should be faultless in the matter of errata. He had the proofs corrected by his own proofreaders with the greatest care until they had exhausted their skill and patience and assured him that there were no longer any errors to be eliminated. Taking duplicate proofs of the last revise, he sent them to the universities and other large publishing houses, offering large money prizes for each error discovered. A few errors only were found, and after every one had a chance to detect any additional errors the plates were made, the book printed, expensively bound and sold as an absolutely perfect book and unique in all literature. For a long time this was conceded, but six or eight months after its publication a letter called the publisher's attention to an error in a certain line and page. Later a second was announced, and before the first year had elapsed some four or five errors had been reported.—Charles Winslow Hall, in National Magazine.

Natural Turkish Baths.

Preston, Ont., about seventy miles from Toronto, enjoys natural Turkish baths. Near the town is a lake the waters of which are impregnated with sulphur and other chemical properties. The lake is government property, and the cost to those availing themselves of its virtues is merely nominal, about sixpence being sufficient to remunerate the services of the halfbreeds preparing the bath.

This is taken in what is locally called a "sweat lodge." The lodge is made by digging a hole four feet deep, lining it with small boulders and covering it with an air proof tent. A fire is then built in the hole and kept burning until the stones are thoroughly heated. Water from the lake is sprinkled on the hot stones, and a steam arises which is laden with medicinal properties.—London Graphic.

Nature.

"We say that nature is blind," says John Burroughs in the Atlantic, "but she has no need of eyes, she tries all courses. She has infinite time, infinite power, infinite space, and so far as our feeble minds can see her delight is to play this game of blind man's buff over and over to all eternity. Her creatures get life and the joy and pain that life brings. But what is augmented or depleted or concluded or satisfied or fulfilled who knows?"

A Thorough Test.

"Inspector, that woman I said was always listening on my party line must have quit."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, my wife has been listening for three weeks and hasn't caught her yet."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Pessimist.

Tommy Cod—What is it they call a pessimist, pa? Pa Cod—A pessimist, my son, is a fish who thinks there is a book in every worm!—Puck.

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STANDING FIELD CROP COMPETITION

Besides the splendid prizes offered for grain and sheaves to the five prize winners in the Standing Field Crop Competition at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, the directors of the Central Ottawa Exhibition, to be held in Ottawa, Sept. 5-16, are offering the following cash prizes for which the winners in the local Standing Field Crop Competitions are eligible:

SHEAF EXHIBIT.

Oats	\$12.00	Sp. Wheat	\$12.00	Barley	\$12.00
1st Prize	15.00		9.00		9.00
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4th Prize	6.00				
5th Prize	3.00				
6th Prize					

POTATO EXHIBIT.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
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These exhibits must consist of two bushel sacks of grain, and one one-half bushel of potatoes. The Ontario Department of Agriculture will supply stencilled and numbered sacks to those who make entry.

All exhibits for the above prizes must be made to the Superintendent, J. Lockie Wilson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, not later than August 20th, 1912.

The grain winning prizes at the Central Canada Exhibition will be retained by the Department of Agriculture for experimental purposes and that which does not receive an award will be sold to the best possible advantage, and the money received for same will be forwarded to the owners, or if exhibitors wish their grain returned they can have this done by paying express charges on same.

Express charges on all these exhibits will be paid by the directors of the Exhibition in conjunction with the Ontario Government.

IDLE IMAGININGS.

I used to guide a safety plow drawn by two buckskin mules: the honest sweat streamed from my brow, and lay around in pools. And as I labored in the field, I saw the rich drive by; "I wish that I like them were heeled," I sadly used to sigh. "How full of joy must be the man whose wealth's in bales, like hay, who doesn't have to drive a span of bughouse mules all day! It isn't fair that one should bask upon a golden stack while 'otter man pursues a task that breaks his heart and back." And now I ride around in state, deferred to by the throng; and I have greenbacks by the crate, for which I used to long. I look with envy at the lads who ply their farming tools, who wish and wish they had my seeds while standing up the mules! "It isn't fair," I sigh, "that some should bask in perfect health, while my insides are out of plumb, and can't be cured by wealth. I'm old and battered up in truth, and yonder toiling clouds enjoy the priceless boon of youth the first gift of the gods! It isn't fair—there's something wrong! I'm too short-winded now to push those buckskin mules along and guide the safety plow!"

SEXTON SAID TO HAVE TORN UP TOMBSTONES.

Donald McLeod, former sexton of the Methodist church at Delmer, near Hillsburg, is under arrest on a charge of desecrating the cemetery. Upwards of one hundred tombstones and monuments have been damaged. This is the second time desecration has taken place. On the previous occasion, about a year ago, the former sexton was charged with the offense, but the case was dismissed.

McLeod, who is about sixty years of age, will be examined as to his sanity.

The arrest was made by Provincial Inspector Reburn, who was sent to the scene by the Attorney General's Department.

GENERAL BOOTH IS BEING SUED FOR ALLEGED LIBEL.

A cable despatch to a news agency from Dresden, Germany, says: General Booth, of the Salvation Army is the defendant in a libel action which will come to trial here in a few days. The Association of Dresden Bar, Cafe and Saloonkeepers complains that the War Cry libelled it in its bitter criticism of the conviction here of Dr. Euk. Dr. Burk is a German temperance preacher, who was found guilty of libelling saloonkeepers. The Dresden brewery and saloonkeepers. They have brought suit now against General Booth and the War Cry editors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Second Quarter,
For June 23, 1912.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Luke vii, 36-50. Memory Verses, 37, 38 or 40—Golden Text, 1 Tim, i, 15, R. V.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This anointing of Jesus by a penitent woman is recorded only by Luke. There is another anointing later in His ministry which is recorded by Matthew, Mark and John, but not by Luke. That was at Bethany, and Mary, the sister of Martha, anointed Him for his burial. This was probably at Nain, and the name of the woman is not given. Both anointings were in the houses of men called Simon, but the one is called Simon the Pharisee and the other Simon the leper. In today's lesson the woman washed His feet with penitential tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed them and anointed them. At Bethany Mary anointed His head as well as His feet, but there is no record of her washing them. They are manifestly two wholly different incidents at different times and in different places, but Jesus Christ Himself is the center in each, as He is in all the Bible, and everywhere and at all times revealing God the Father. In our lesson He is in the house of one who knew Him not nor treated Him with common courtesy, as we learn from the words of Jesus in verses 44-45, "Thou gavest me no water for my feet; thou gavest me no kiss; my head with all thou didst not anoint." At Bethany He was in the house of those who loved Him. This Pharisee reminds us of the one in chapter xviii, 11, 12, and in verse 30 of our lesson chapter we read that "the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves." In chapter xvi, 14, it is said that the Pharisees derided Him and His teaching. He went wherever He could do good and heal a sin sick soul or a diseased body, never thinking of Himself or of His unkind treatment by others. He did not hesitate to touch the world in any form for its good, but He was as separate from it as light from darkness. He came to save sinners, to seek and to save the lost, and, inasmuch as He Himself said, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke xv, 20), He was no doubt full of joy when He found any one like this woman, or the woman of Samaria, or Nicodemus, or Zaccheus, or the penitent thief, willing to be saved. Perhaps she had heard His "Come unto me" or His words to another, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matt. xi, 28; ix, 22). Somehow she had heard and believed and had wasted her opportunity to thank Him. Now it had come within her reach, and she hastened to do all that was in her heart. It mattered not to her that the house was that of Simon the Pharisee; she was not thinking of either Simon or his house, but of just one person who had made her blind to all but Himself. She knew her sin better than Simon did, and so did He to whom she had now come. How unusual such tears and such devotion, and how refreshing all must have been to Him. She washed His feet with her tears, but He had washed her soul by His precious blood, soon to be shed for her. See her humility, at His feet behind Him; see her contrition, weeping over His feet and thinking how her own had wandered. Some one has said that the essence of her heart was distilled to bathe His feet and the glory of her head unbound to furnish Him with a towel. Had she kingdoms to give they would have been laid at His feet, but she did her best, and He accepted. She did not send by another. She rendered personal gratitude. She was so occupied with Him that Simon's frowns were nothing to her. There is no record of a word she uttered; but, oh, how the tears, the disheveled hair, the precious ointment, did talk for her! She had no thought of calling any one's attention to her; she cared for no one's opinion; she was endeavoring to thank Him. He accepted her gratitude, He looked at her, He took her part, He spoke to her and said to her, "Thy sins are forgiven; thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" (verses 48, 50). Her name we know not, but it is written in heaven (Luke x, 20). May the joy of sins forgiven be a reality to us and a whole souled devotion to Him be seen in our daily lives. Simon thought that he knew her, but that Jesus did not know her, whereas Jesus knew both of them as they did not know themselves. He would have saved Simon as readily as He did the woman if Simon had confessed himself a sinner, but there is neither salvation nor a Saviour for self righteous people. He came not to call the righteous, those who think they are righteous, but for all who know themselves sinners and bankrupt there is salvation. Many who are called Christians seem never to have been forgiven much, for there is no devotion to Him in their lives. How very different the devotion of this one, or the woman of Samaria, or Paul, or Peter, or John! Why are we not constrained by such love as His? Do we know Him?

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3.28	6.38	" Maple Hill "	12.25 9.50
3.37	7.47	" Hanover "	12.17 9.42
3.45	8.55	" Allan Park "	12.08 9.33
			A.M.
4.00	7.10	" Durham "	11.54 9.19
4.11	7.21	" McWilliams "	11.44 9.09
4.14	7.24	" Glen "	11.41 9.06
4.24	7.34	" Preeceville "	11.31 8.56
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