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THE WOMEN IN EVIDENCE

The women who had votes in six states made a record in the American elections on Tuesday. In California they were an active and influential factor in the fight. For the presidency they seem to have favoured Roosevelt. They clearly love a warrior, and Teddy proved that he was a soldier of the better sort when he championed principles and suffered for them.
But the women were, best of all, in San Francisco, very much in evidence on behalf of good measures. Hurrah! They fought, and helped to defeat, a movement to restore the race track; and they demanded free

books for the scholars in the public schools. Of all the electors they seemed to be the best posted, and because they had been thoroughly educated upon the issues of the day at the women's club meetings.
Everywhere—in Wyoming, Wisconsin, Idaho, Montana, California—the women did their sex credit by the manner in which they discharged their duties as electors. Not in many years, and certainly in no great election, have the suffragettes made so good the promise that with the franchise they would bring about marked reforms. The friends of the cause have been very much heartened by the experience.

FARMER AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A reported decrease in the attendance at Queen's College has started a canvass as to the cause. It is said that the number of students from the far west cannot be so large now that the railways have withdrawn the special privileges which they formerly granted to students. Reduced rates of travel were secured on the production of the necessary certificates of attendance from the registrar. This was before the western provinces, of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, had colleges of their own, and colleges which could not be built up and developed without the support of the people and students of the soil.

The Weekly Sun touches another point which will stand examination. It is as to the financial ability of the farmers' sons to attend college in consequence of experiences that are due to weather and the crops. High living affects no one more than the student, especially if he depends upon his own efforts and earnings for his winter's fees and expenses. He cannot, in the vacation, out of the employments at his disposal, save a great deal, and he faces the session with class

dues which must be paid in advance, with increased board bills, and a round of petty taxes, for educational and social purposes, which makes even a weekly pocket-book attenuated.

"We suspect," says the Sun, "that the many influences at work are slowly withdrawing higher education from the farmers' reach." This would be a great misfortune, and one that can only be contemplated with profound regret. From the farm have come some of the brightest intellects, and from it others must come. The farm must ever remain the home, the training ground, the origin of the men who will become leaders in politics, in commerce, in industry, in the learned professions.

The Sun does not say this, but it is the logical conclusion which follows a consideration of the case. Our contemporary says "Toronto University is overcrowded, and discipline is occasionally weak, and personal influence, so important in forming character, ineffective." Words wisely spoken. In view of them one can easily see that Queen's must grow in power and usefulness, and cater to a constituency particularly her own.

DUNRAVEN'S B'D FOR PEACE.

There is a movement to take the home rule question out of politics. This movement is led by Lord Dunraven, who was the one who brought about the compromise between landlords and nationalists ten years ago, and opened the way for the Land Bill. There was a private meeting in Dublin on October 2nd, and as a result a document was prepared and signed by a number of influential men, including, besides Dunraven, Sir H. Grattan-Bellew, a great grandson of Henry Grattan; Lord Carrick, Lord Fingall, a unionist peer; Lord Gosmaster, unionist peer; Lord Rossmore, unionist peer, and a dozen of men who are the landlords for their countries.

These persons, on the paper to which they subscribed, claimed that through a conference representative of all views and interests concerned, a solution of the problem was probable; that the Parliament of Ireland Bill, if passed into law, would not afford a practical settlement; that the financial provisions were faulty, and also the provisions for electing universities; that the completion of the land purchase was an indispensable addition, and that a bill dealing with the government of Ireland should contain provisions for the completion of land purchase by the imperial parliament, on the lines and in the spirit of the Act of 1903; that the distortion and embitterment of the whole question by a revival of sectarian prejudices and animosities,

was deeply deplored; that the signers dissociated themselves from the fear expressed with regard to Ulster that under any system of Irish government (Protestants would be exposed to injurious and civic disturbance, that in tolerance or civil oppression was not to be feared.

Dealing with this issue the London Chronicle says the conference was not reactionary. Some of the points raised in the document have already been disposed of, and apparently satisfactorily, by parliament, and there does not seem to be any reason why the bill now so far advanced, should not be disposed of. The Land Purchase Act will be carried out in any case. That is the pledge of the government, and in stating this pledge Secretary Balfour said that land purchase was almost, if not quite, as important as home rule. Mr. Redmond did not consent. He had been interested in the land purchase scheme—indeed the unionist party had figured through it upon conciliating the nationalist party—but he was interested in home rule more, and between them he and his party know what to do.

The special feature of the Dunraven document is the declaration of peace in any event. The Irish landlords, and some of the unionist members of the upper chamber, do not take any stock in the Carson-Londonderry-Ulster performances, including the covenant, to resist home rule at any price.

THE QUID NUN'S ARE BUSY.

All sorts of speculation are being indulged in by the politicians, as with regard to Mr. Wilson's attitude towards tariff reform. Wall Street, it was noticed, was perfectly reconciled to his election and because the democratic programme would not "seriously interfere with the business revival now in progress." Mr. Wilson, said leading brokers, is a conservative man, who will give the country a splendid administration.

The Montreal Witness, a free trade journal, is quite willing to concede that Mr. Wilson, also a free trader cannot be willing to wipe out the protectionist features of the tariff or which existing production had learned to depend, that infant industries however overgrown, must learn to toddle on their own feet. "All that has been achieved," says the Witness "is that the nation has dropped protection and socialism and pronounced for a purely revenue tariff."

The Toronto News calls Mr. Wilson the elect of a minority, and says that had there not been a split in the republican party either Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt would have been elected. The Syracuse Post-Standard, a republican paper, disposes of this

It is obvious that the changes we make should be made only at such rate and in such way as will least interfere with the normal healthful course of commerce and manufacture.

On Oct. 29th, in New York, Mr. Wilson said in a speech: "No thoughtful democrat in the United States has so much as proposed free trade. Do you not suppose the democrats live in the United States? Do you suppose that democrats have come to the conclusion that they had better pull the house down about their ears? Are they so rich that they can afford to retire from business? Are they going to commit economic suicide? Do they look like tyros, innocents and beginners?"

He followed this on the day after the election by a statement in which he said the country had declared for freedom from corporate and private influences, but business men had nothing to fear, if they were proceeding without violation of the right of free compensation and without alliances of a hurtful kind. He hoped to see the prosperity of the country given a "freshness and spirit and confidence such as it has not had in our time." Something is going to happen—something that is remarkable—but the wisecracks do not seem to be able to forecast it, and perhaps it is as well.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There's more fun in a municipal election. Why have a vote if you cannot use it?

More talk about a majority acclamation, and in the interest of an alderman whose term of office has not expired.

The Chinamen should bring out some of their own women if they want to marry. Alliances of the whites and yellows should be prohibited by law.

Women have been granted the suffrage in Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona. In time they will have a commanding influence in the United States.

The voting machines were not used in the recent presidential election, and the Watertown Times hopes they will not be put in commission again. More machinery for the scrap heap, eh?

In Montreal the liberals have formed an association which finds places for dismissed government officials. In one day sixty of these displaced officials were found suitable employment. That is the way to do things.

Coal is scarce because the dealers cannot get a supply. Why? The council has appointed committees to inquire into matters of far less importance. Why not delegate some one to ascertain what the difficulty is?

Should the public utilities be taxed? That is the question in the west. What's the odds if the municipality steals or appropriates all the plants make. To take the money in taxes looks better, and there may be some justification for it.

Mr. Rowell is not retiring from the liberal leadership. Why should he? He is a great debater, a man of ideas, a man of action, and he makes Sir James do things. The province appreciates Mr. Rowell's work, and will in time reward him.

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