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OUTLOOK IN MANITOBA.

The liberal party in Manitoba goes into the provincial election with an advanced platform, and it remains to be seen whether results depend on platforms skillfully constructed, or on money bags liberally supplied by affected interests.

For instance, the school system, as advocated by the liberals, calls for compulsory education, in English, without any of the compromises to which the Roblin government has committed itself.

All these suggest advanced work in the legislature, with a liberal government in power, but it does not mean that the people will vote for it. The elections in Manitoba have been characterized by the rankest political corruption, and it would be too much to expect that for once it would be missing.

GIVING THEIR ADVICE.

Some of the papers have assumed the role of counselors of Mr. Rowell. It may be consoling to him, in defeat, or it may be mollifying to learn that he made a mistake in magnifying the temperance side of his policy.

These people, mostly newspaper editors, speak in an "I-told-you-so" tone, and affect to be very wise. They do not remember that Mr. Rowell has, since he became leader of the liberal party, been progressive in his policy. He has not acted on his own initiative. In every step he has consulted with his party, and the party press.

tario should be proud to have as its leader a man of Mr. Rowell's high character and ability. In entering public life at all he makes a sacrifice, which does not seem to have been measured by the little men who are now criticizing him.

CAPITAL AND WAR.

The announcement comes that the peace mediators have concluded their work. They have not established the terms upon which the revolution in Mexico is to be ended, but they have succeeded in securing the consent of the Mexican government to deal with the claim of the American government for satisfaction, for the loss of life and property which it represents, and they have defined the routine by which the Huerta and Carranza parties may meet and become reconciled.

Simultaneously the New York Herald publishes a series of letters, (unsigned, or with the signatures omitted), and tending to show that the capitalists of Wall street have been busy with representatives of Governor Carranza, seeking alliance with him and for the protection of big interests in oil and railroads. The New York capitalists appear to fear the Pearson interests of England, with which Lord Cowdray's name has been freely linked, and assuming that there is something in the correspondence, that it points to something diabolical in commercial conspiracy.

Senator William A. Smith expresses the mind of many of his class when he charges that the "ambitious marauders" have been operating against peace until they had the assurance that their big interests would be protected. What they have been aiming at, according to Senator Smith, is control of the government so as to recoup themselves for the money they have advanced for the revolution.

Against this inflammatory talk, and offsetting it, are the declarations of certain peace envoys at Niagara Falls, that they have no connection, and one of them not even a slight acquaintance with Lord Cowdray, while the representative of the Carranza party, or the constitutionalists, in Washington, F. Zubaran company, denies that it has any knowledge of conduct or action dealing with the revolution, and in its settlement in the interests of any of the Mexican people.

The big interests may be safely left to take care of themselves. Wall street men appear to have large sums interested in Mexico, and it may be assumed that they must be eager to bring about conditions in which they will realize upon their investments.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

These copious showers are worth a lot of money to the farmers. How are the sons of toil showing their gratitude?

The local government did not gain by the gerrymander in the last election. In this time of lessons here is one that should be remembered.

The clergymen of Winnipeg are preaching temperance from the pulpit on the eve of an election, without the fear of the belted knight before their eyes.

electors have forgiven bigger political sinners.

Ex-Mayor Ellis, of Ottawa, cannot trifle with a serious issue in the legislature any more. He was an ardent tax reformer who fell down, or sat down, when the premier on certain occasions intimated that he was weary of the talk.

The clergy are said by the conservative press to be rebuked by the election. Rebuked for what? Doing their duty? Obeying the dictates of their conscience? Reflecting and expressing the mind of the great church bodies with which they are connected? Surely not.

In the last Manitoba elections great rasquities were resorted to in the interests of the Roblin government. It is charged that the Winnipeg lists have been loaded with 1,500 names of fictitious persons, and these will be represented by pluggers on election day.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Cause Advances.

Nova Scotia has abolished all bars outside of the city of Halifax, and the anti-bar party have a chance to suppress them there by a bare majority.

It Begins Well.

In our enthusiasm over the opening of the camping season, let us not forget to enthuse over the opening of the camp meeting season which, by all reports, is off to a good start.

A Cooling Process.

Throwing militant hecklers into the water may not be a complete refutation of their arguments, but it will certainly be effective in cooling their ardor.

Out of Tune.

With nearly all the able-bodied men in Ireland eager to bear arms, in our or other of the volunteer organizations, this is a poor time for the peace propagandists to preach anti-militarism in the Emerald Isle.

Kick in a Sting.

Lloyd George pays his respects to Magnate J. J. Hill, who has been criticizing British social legislation. And it must be admitted the sting of the little wasp has quite a "kick" to it.

Not Complimentary.

It is not flattering to Canada that, while its recent loan brought tenders from the public for only twelve per cent. of the amount asked, the South African loan a few days later, offered in terms only a little more favorable to the buyer, was oversubscribed.

Kingston Event 25 YEARS AGO.

Ald. Polson returned this morning from a three-months' trip to Europe. Cows are still prowling on the boulevards on Rideau street. At the teachers' examination in the city hall there are eighteen candidates for second-class certificates and thirty-six for third-class.

Unsatisfied.

A garden picture, oft retouched, and never finished, never done. Now on my easel, now my wall. Awaits me with each rising sun.

I fail to give it what I would. Though more and more its colors please; It should have mingled odors sweet. And songs of bird and sounds of bees.

And gentle airs that, whispering round, Would sway its lilies to and fro; And glimmers that would change their place. And shadows that would come and go.

Its roses' petals then would fall. Its fountain then would glisten by. Its leafy trestles then would part. And give another glimpse of sky.

My picture is so dead to me. What subtle touch has been denied! Until I give it life and change I never shall be satisfied.

Is Ancient Law Justified?

Is there any sanction for capital punishment in the New Testament? No. On the contrary the whole spirit of the New Testament would seem to be decidedly against it. Jesus referred to the old standard: "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, and replaced it by a higher standard of forgiveness and service. By his spiritual discernment and authority he prevented the stoning of a woman convicted of a crime punishable under the Mosaic law by death.

Paul refers to the bearing of the offenders. He is merely urging Christians to keep the civil law, saying that if they do righteously they will come into conflict with it.

Even the billboard man will tell you there is quite a difference between being well posted and being stuck up. Two heads are better than one—except in a family. And some women are as contrary as regular men.

COMMENTS BY ZACCHEUS.

Who Sees a Good Spanking in Store For Frontenac Member.

A—Appeal of western mother against curse of liquor, as we have read in her a force unsurpassed by the pupil itself. She is the bulwark of the people against servitude. Churches, schools, charitable institutions, philanthropic works of all sorts can always count on her doing her big share toward their advancement. To hinder her progress, restrict her activity by under exactions, is to strike a blow at our very life material, political, intellectual, national!

B—Better day coming, let us hope. C—Civilization owes much to the public press, science, liberty, truth find in her a force unsurpassed by the pupil itself. She is the bulwark of the people against servitude. Churches, schools, charitable institutions, philanthropic works of all sorts can always count on her doing her big share toward their advancement. To hinder her progress, restrict her activity by under exactions, is to strike a blow at our very life material, political, intellectual, national!

D—Don't be so blind, Monsieur le Grand-General des Postes. E—Entire number of representatives in next House of Commons will be 234 instead of 221 as at present, a difference of 13—a bad omen for Borden's little business.

F—For legislature, a good spanking is in store for the present member for Frontenac. G—Govettes, polkas, minuets, will replace the trots and dips and wiggles in select society.

H—Hugging to music is a great invention. I—In matter of ocean routes, the St. Lawrence shouldn't be so bad when the "Corinthian" sinks the "Orion" in the Thames, and the "Pretorian" and "New York" ram each other in American waters. Fog the fog!

J—Jolly makes a bad binocle. K—King of Siam, whilst favoring modern reforms, wants his people to remain Siamese. L—Let him who loves his own race and blood throw the first stone at this patriotic ruler.

M—Montreal had her procession, but the 65th bore fraudulent arms. Great man, Sam Hughes! No equal for blustering, blundering, bungling. N—No wonder everybody is in love with him. He is a credit to Borden's insight.

O—Only France could give herself 48 ministries in 43 years and live. P—President Poincare has enemies, but he is no deceiver. Certainitis the nation, as a whole, looks upon him as one who would do wrong, doing in any form and will adhere to principle no matter what the cost.

Q—Quite characteristic of "Bob Gamey, the Manitoulin Mastiff, snarling "sneak, skunk and scoundrel" at his political opponent. R—Run and get a little rose water, quick. S—Sun is to hide his face for a little while on August 21st. Watch the hens go to roost, then climb down and hold an indignation meeting for having been fooled.

T—The good Vicar of St. Paul's is, we understand, going to Ireland. We hope Saint Patrick will grant him a bon voyage. U—Unusually large number of baldheaded men witnessed the hair-raising antics of Ringling's nymphs of the air.

V—Valiant warriors can cover themselves with glory if not with clothes. W—White duck, in Wisconsin, laid black egg which is to be fertilized. X—Xpect a wee "quack doctor" of the Ethiopian persuasion will be the issue, or else a Y—Yankee carard just!

ZACCHEUS.

THE COST OF RODENTS.

Cause Annual Loss of \$360,000,000 in United States. Rats, mice, flies, mosquitoes, and the various forms of body parasites have always been held in contempt and disgust, and always and everywhere have been regarded as vermin. Growing knowledge of the important role played by these lower forms of animal life in the transmission of disease is ample justification for this feeling. They are exceedingly expensive.

The Journal of the American Medical Association comments on a recent article in the Farm and Fireside, which discusses the amount of damage done in this country by rats, and estimates that, there are in the United States at least 300,000,000 of these animals, alike destructive to property and dangerous to health. Rats are said to destroy \$100,000,000 worth of grain every year in this country, or enough to feed one hen for every man, woman, and child in the nation. The annual cost of rats to the nation is estimated at \$360,000,000.

In addition, the rat population of the country forms a fertile field for the dissemination of bubonic plague, which one needs a starting point in any of our seaports to spread throughout the country and cause the loss of thousands of lives. In the same issue of the Farm and Fireside, but in a different department, appears an article on the cattle tick, in which it is estimated that the difference between the market value of an animal free from this parasite and one infested with it is about \$8 a cow, and that the cattle tick is today costing the stockmen of the country \$1,000,000,000 each decade, or \$100,000,000 each year.

The discovery development of bacteriology showed that man had been carrying on for centuries an unconscious struggle with the lower forms of vegetable life. Recent additions to knowledge of the habits and characteristics of vermin show that an equally relentless struggle has been going on between man and the lower forms of animal life.

An Old Ballot Box. Simcoe Reformer. While rummaging around in the basement at the county building, Jailer Robertson stumbled onto an ancient instrument of public use in days gone by. The find was an old-fashioned ballot-box. There is nothing to suggest just what period it belongs to but it is safe in saying that it is very old. It is made of solid oak boards, dovetailed together with a funny little trap that opens like a cellar door. The trap has an ordinary pair of iron hinges and a trunk lock with the key sticking in it. There is also an ordinary auger hole in the top, about 3/4 of an inch in diameter, through which the rat-payers dexterously poked their noses.

Painful duties are best performed by an understudy.

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