

The Olden Time.

We resume our recitation of the proceedings of the famous "Nine Penny Whist Club," presuming that the actions of those choice spirits of the olden time cannot fail to be of great interest to our readers of the present day.

Most dread Emperor—Who, the committee of the Nine Penny Whist Club, tender you the homage of our high respects and our congratulations upon your elevation to the greatest of all possible dignities.

Such was our former condition; such is our present. Every circumstance, most dread Emperor, which led the way to your glory and our happiness, is a matter of congratulation. Let me, with all his brazen trumpets, proclaim to the remotest posterity, that the Club was unanimous in their choice—that your election was brought about by the united efforts of the members—not the smallest influence or compulsion was made use of—and that the danger of confiscation and banishment, in cases of refractory votes, could not, and ought not, in a republican government like ours, have the least effect upon the freedom of the will.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE—I receive your dutiful address as an Emperor ought to receive it. Yes, it is true, you were in a state of confusion and dismay—without order, without concert, without any necessary connection of ideas.

That my election was unanimous, does honor to your discernment and to your choice, for who but myself is fitted for the station! On your part, I expect that this my truly republican form of government will be cherished and supported—as on my part, I shall take due care that your equal rights shall be duly respected.

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time be fined 8 nine pennies nisi. Whereupon the Emperor, desiring of taking the opinion of the Club, and the advice of the Arch Secretary, propounded the question, and it was unanimously resolved, by the Emperor, that the Arch Secretary be suspended from office until the next meeting; and that he then be heard in his defence, and his excuse, if reasonable, received.

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Much experience in connection with legislative bodies, has demonstrated to us that industry and close attention to duty is as essential to the good legislator as ability. To acquire and retain the moral influence necessary to be useful representatives of the people, the legislator must not only press his measures at the proper time, but must exhibit thorough knowledge of the merits of the proposition and show an honest desire to have it receive the attention of the body.

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GOV. WORTH'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Delivered in the Presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, in the House of Commons, on the 23d of December 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Commons: It is known to you that the pressure of important official duties for some days past, has left me no time for the preparation of a formal inaugural address.

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