

If the number of election petitions filed within the last two weeks against members elect for the dominion parliament, is any indication of the number of by-elections that will have to be run this year, the government might as well bring on a general appeal to the people at once. Over sixty petitions have been filed up to date, in which liberals and conservatives are proceeded against in about equal numbers. One side is therefore as blamable as the other for this miserable business.

In New Brunswick, however, the onus of instituting these proceedings must be placed upon the conservatives. They petitioned against Mr. King and Mr. Gillman before any conservative candidate had been attacked except Mr. Burns, of Gloucester, whose antagonist is not a liberal. No doubt this will lead to further reprisals on the part of the liberals upon Mr. Foster in Kings.

If anything was required to demonstrate the wisdom of Mr. Blair's much maligned fusion into which the country will be thrown during the next twelve months, by reason of these petitions, will supply the most ample proof. The present dominion election law is all wrong and should be repealed without delay. It is calculated to drive decent men out of politics and to induce the thick-skinned gentry who remain to reimburse themselves by questionable means for the persecution they have undergone. There are too many influences already dominant in Canada by which the free voice of the people is stifled and their independence undermined. The exercise of the franchise has already been brought into much contempt. For what reason do the people of Canada go to the polls if the verdict they give is to be of no effect? If the verdict has been purchased one it has been purchased in most cases at public auction, and what guarantee is there that it will not be purchased again. It is unfortunately the case that too many of the electors are open to ulterior and improper influences. But this state of affairs will not be remedied but by a change in the law which will make it impossible for the electors to be bribed, and which will make it impossible for the electors to be bribed, and which will make it impossible for the electors to be bribed.

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By the common consent of civilized mankind, Marshall Von Moltke will rank as the greatest general of the age. By some he will be classed with the most renowned military captains of ancient and modern times—Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Frederick the Great and Napoleon Bonaparte. Others will place him by the side of such illustrious warriors of the second class, as Marlborough, Saxe and Wellington.

There is no fixed standard by which true greatness of any description can be accurately determined, least of all military greatness. The chief ingredient of all renown, and more especially of martial renown, is success. Military failures may be grand; they can never be glorious. The conditions under which, and the means by which, the wonderful achievements of war have been accomplished require to be considered if we would ascertain their true value.

PURITAN POSIOMITY.
The unanimous voice of the press in condemnation of the recent expulsion of a student from the Normal school shows that the day of tyranny in the school-room has gone by. It is only about twenty years since teachers were permitted to indulge their passion for vengeance, or wreak their ill-humor, by beating their pupils with clubs and whips at their own sweet will. The curriculum was that of the cudgel. Public sentiment has at last come to be sufficiently educated to declare against the enforcing of discipline by brute force, and who will say that the change has not been for the better? The schools of the past generation for efficiency and order cannot be compared with those of the present.

And now, public sentiment seems to have advanced a stage further. It declares that no pupil shall be subject to the shame and disgrace which attach to public expulsion upon any except the most clearly justifiable grounds. It realizes that the consequences which attach to an act of this kind are beyond the control of their author, and nothing but the most vital necessity can excuse such a punishment. It recognizes that no one has a right to be visited with a penalty which he has not incurred, and that he should be dealt with by constituted authority purely and simply according to his just deserts. He should not be made an example of because some canting moralist, eager to show his sanctity, is too severely to think that he is contaminating somebody. As a matter of fact in this case nobody believes that anybody was contaminated. The moral nature that could be contaminated by such means is too guileless, too verdant for any practical purposes in this life.

The Woodstock Press has some sensible remarks on the subject. "The offence may have been a big one," says brother Holyoke, "but the remedy which does not effect a remedy is too severely. Whatever the rule or the penalty, none can be justified for driving a young man out of the country under any such circumstances. The public will be more disgusted with young Mr. Creed and old Mr. Creed too, than with the young man who was expelled, unless something further can be shown against him."

We publish to-day a communication from superintendent Crockett, in which he defends Mr. Creed from the attacks made upon him in the press. It may be that some of the comments upon Mr. Creed's action have been too severe. He has to some extent been made the scapegoat of his unpopularity. Mr. Crockett is of opinion that the ingredients of the young man Tesso were not those of which a fit instructor of youth could be made. We would like to have Mr. Crockett's opinion as to whether the ingredients of Mr. Creed are happily compounded in this respect. We recall the fact that Mr. Crockett himself once said in public of that gentleman: "Mr. Creed is not only peculiar; he is peculiarly peculiar."

As to the communication, we gladly publish it. It is to be regretted in Mr. Creed's interest that the statement which Mr. Crockett makes, though not entirely conclusive as to the facts, was not made before. The general feeling in the community is that the proceeding by which young Tesso was made an outcast and an exile was hastily taken; that he should have been admonished as to the consequences that would follow the repetition of his acts instead of being turned adrift with a blasted reputation. It is the unanimous testimony of those who knew Tesso that he was not a vicious character, and the sense of contrition and shame which he showed after his punishment establishes the correctness of this opinion beyond all question. The fact that the lad had neither parents nor guardians in this country was a powerful plea for mercy.

We are prepared to admit that Mr. Creed acted from a sense of duty in the matter and had Mr. Crockett's statement been made earlier he would doubtless have escaped much of the harsh comment made upon him.

ENGLAND AND ITALY.
The cable brings the report, apparently reliable, that England has concluded an alliance with Italy, the basis of the agreement being that in the event of a general European war Italy will place her fleet at the disposal of England while England will engage to protect the coast of Italy from the operations of any hostile power. On paper the land and naval forces of Italy make an imposing show. There is no doubt that the navy if properly maintained would afford a great service to the British Empire, and adding together the debts of the state, the provinces, the communes, and the individuals, we find that Italy is indebted to almost \$4,000,000,000.

The "denunciation" of the commercial treaties between France and Italy by Signor Depretis and their subsequent breaking up by Signor Crispi, has struck a heavy blow for the present at least to the negotiations for a new agreement also trying up, slowly but surely. Accordingly the sons of Italy, like the sons of Ireland, are flying away to strange lands, and seeking in the pampas of Brazil, in the busy streets of New York, or the sands of Africa, those means of living which they denied them at home.

The new premier in the meantime promises an "economic recuperation," which it is to be hoped he will be able to bring about.

GREAT CITIES OF THE FUTURE.
Telegraph.
Mr. Van Horne, one of the greatest railway men of the world, has recently made the prediction that in the not distant future Chicago will be the foremost city of the United States and Winnipeg the first in importance of Canadian cities. This opinion is eminently flattering to the two western centers, and is not without a fair foundation in fact. Both cities are the principal trade centres of very extensive and fertile regions of country, and each is already the focus of a large number of converging railways. Chicago has already a vast population and immense wealth. Winnipeg starts in the race 50 years later, but stands in gain rapidly by the overflow of population northward when the western states and territories have filled up. It is far north for a great city, but not so far as St. Petersburg which already has nearly a million inhabitants. In the fertility of the country surrounding it the prairie city of Canada has an immense advantage over the Russian capital. But there are long strides to be taken before the city of 30,000 can reach the million mark, or even pass Toronto and Montreal in the race for first position in Canada.

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PARNELL'S FOLLOWING.
All reports tend to confirm the opinion that Parnell has ceased to be a factor of importance in Irish politics. The Irish are a generous race and, except under extreme provocation, will not desert a friend. It is to be characteristic of the nation that Parnell owe whatever supporters he still has after the miserable exhibition he has made of his selfishness, and his betrayal of the cause of home rule on the eve of victory. But the indications supplied by the English press point clearly to the conclusion that the reign of Parnell is over. It is said that there are only two friends in Ireland where the ex-dictator's friends are in a majority. One is Dublin, where the Freeman's Journal exercises a great influence. The other is Thurles where Archbishop Croke, Parnell's most powerful opponent with the people at large, is personally unpopular. Everywhere else he is regarded with a little mob of tailors ready to shoot, fight and take his money, but the great mass of voters are emphatically against him. His abandonment of evicted tenants and refusal to supply them with the funds of the league, of which he still occupies a high position, are his chief crimes, recognized by all and to sink him in the estimation of all thinking Irishmen beyond redemption. His alliance with the conservatives will probably result in the loss of several seats in Ireland by the liberals. Mr. Gladstone, however, is reported to be confident, in fact jubilant at the prospect of an early appeal to the people.

LIKE ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA.
Mrs. McCabe's Blood Red Scars due to God's Grace or Scarlet Fever.
Devout Catholics in St. Paul, Minn., and St. Paul has many devout Catholics who are much interested in the strange marks visible on the hands and feet of Mrs. McCabe, who lives four miles from Newport. She is according to the statement current, the wife of a farmer, and a rigorously pious woman. She has been for many years in the habit of making protracted fasts and performing other acts of penance.

When the McCabes came to St. Paul, Mrs. McCabe refused to visit or be visited for the first year. She invariably denied herself to callers, and spent most of her time in prayer. Later, however, she relaxed somewhat of her rigid self-discipline, and some of the church's most faithful followers imbued with deep admiration for the piety of their neighbor, visited her frequently. Thus it was learned that Mrs. McCabe was scarred on her hands and feet with the marks of the crucifixion in precisely the same manner as was the martyr, St. Catherine of Sienna, 600 years ago.

Mrs. McCabe explains the blood-red marks on her hands and feet by saying that three years ago, when she was sick with scarlet fever, the marks appeared gradually, growing plainer day by day until they assumed the vivid color of the present. She has also a red scar directly over her heart, in which detail her case further corresponds with her predecessor. The bearer of the scars believes that they were inflicted to show that God had heard her prayer. Scapists suggest that the scars are simply traces of the scarlet fever, a disease capable of strange vagaries, but the majority of the religious attach a deeper significance to these singular markings.

NEW MUSIC AND THE MANDOLIN.
(Boston Post.)
That music is in a measure the sport of fashion is illustrated by the history of the guitar. In the sixteenth century it was the favorite, the reigning instrument. It was made of the oracles of the first opera and the first oratorio. Poems were written in its honor. So common was its use in France and Spain that even its name, an name of eastern origin, entered into the proverbial slang of the nation. The ingenious Hamilton mentions it respectfully in the "Memoirs of Grammont." Le Sage speaks of a woman so beautiful that all the guitars of the province had been scraped in her praise. In the time of the Directory, which already has nearly a million inhabitants. In the fertility of the country surrounding it the prairie city of Canada has an immense advantage over the Russian capital. But there are long strides to be taken before the city of 30,000 can reach the million mark, or even pass Toronto and Montreal in the race for first position in Canada.

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ROUND THE WORLD.
The Week's Events in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.
It is stated that the New Orleans District Attorney's report shows that all the Italians lynched by the mob voted at the last election, which practically made them United States citizens.

County Warden Flanagan of the North Shore leads them all in the big coil line. He has one sired by the government percheron, Prefere, that is only one year and eleven months old and weighs 1,825 lbs.

Letha Watts, the most notorious woman in Kansas City, with a long record of shooting and cutting, was shot and severely wounded by Dr. James Brownlee while beating Mrs. Brownlee with a base ball bat.

Lorenzo Coleman, the insane son of a well-to-do farmer near Steubenville, Ohio, shot his mother and sister and the hired man, because he thought the shooting would reduce the price of coffee. The maniac is in custody.

A dispatch to the N. Y. Herald from Port-au-Prince says it is believed that the Haytien government has refused to lease to the U. S. the coaling station at Mole St. Nicholas, negotiations for which have been in progress for some time.

A four-year-old son of Edward Rider, of Gardner, Me., while at play a few days ago, plunged his hand into a pail of boiling water. The hand was scalded to a blister and pieces of flesh fell from the bones. It is doubtful if he regains the use of his hand.

About ten days ago Mrs. Albert Martell, of the Martell hotel, Arichat, gave birth to twin girls. She was married in January, 1888, since which time, five years and three months, she has been the mother of seven children. Mrs. Martell only weighs one hundred pounds.

A young man named George Stark, died at Anderson, Ind., a few nights ago, in horrible agony. The excessive use of cigarettes caused his death. A short time after death his body turned a livid green. Physicians claim that death was due to arsenical and nicotine poison.

A Halifax despatch says that Pigott (or Plogot), who sold \$40,000 worth of cattle belonging to his employer in Texas and skipped to Canada, as reported the other day, has been arrested there. Only \$400 was found on him. The woman in the case was not with him, but is said to be in Montreal.

A young man named Charles Barber, of East Settlement Que., who was recently discharged from the Protestant hospital for the insane, committed suicide on Wednesday. He took out a flat-bottomed boat, and after diving himself into the middle of the river and threw himself in it.

The British consul at Delagoa Bay reports a brutal assault made by a Portuguese officer upon two officers of the British South African company named Hawley and Colquhoun. Hawley suffered internal injuries and is unconscious. The officer who made the assault has not been arrested. The lives of the British residents are unsafe.

In swearing in the Quebec police force on Tuesday, Recorder Dery took advantage of the opportunity to give them some good advice. He urged them to stop fast driving in the streets by any means in their power, even to striking the horses with their clubs. He also denounced the sale of liquor without a licence or after lawful hours, and asked the police to see that down too.

R. P. Hutchinson, "Old Hutch," is missing from Chicago. He bought a ticket to Florida and is supposed to have left the city. His son, Charles L. Hutchinson, president of the Corn Exchange Bank, says his father has been mentally unaccounted for two years. Mr. Hutchinson's liabilities are placed from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. His friends are satisfied his assets will more than meet the obligations.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is making preparations for the summer travel, which the officials say will be the biggest since the present inauguration. Seven sleepers have been sent to Vancouver for the passengers from the Empress of India. Two monster excursions are already being arranged for American tourists over all the line to the Pacific. These are to be followed by smaller parties later in the season.

G. D. Libby of Gardner, while at Cobboosee pond, recently captured an enormous mud turtle which weighed nearly 150 pounds. He shot at the turtle while in the water, stunning it, and then rowing alongside, he lifted the animal out of the water with a boat hook and gave him the contents of the other barrel. The claws were as large as a man's hand and its head as large as that of a good sized baby. He pulled the turtle to the shore and saved the shell for his cabinet of curiosities.

John Devine, a fireman while removing dead telephone wires at New York on Tuesday received an electric shock and fell to the pavement. His skull was fractured and he was killed. Thomas McManey, who was on the same pole sustained a slight shock. He hastened down to help Devine, touched a wire at the foot of the pole, received a severe shock, was hurled some distance and made unconscious for several minutes. Two horses were also severely shocked by treading on the wires.

Sir James Ferguson, under foreign secretary, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Portuguese government had not yet accepted the convention regarding South Africa, but instead had sent counter proposals, which were now being discussed. Lord Randolph Churchill has gone to Mashonaland in the event of a syndicate composed of Col. North, Lord Brassey, Cecil Rhodes and two others. Letters from him are to be printed in London. For this work and his influence he gets £25,000 and pays his own expenses.

A burglar entered the store of John Manders, of Maberly. He was heard shortly after he entered. J. Manders and his brother, Charles, found some money taken. They awoke up the village residents and took after him, catching him, got the money in his possession. They brought him to the station and left him in charge of constable Kerry, who sent him to Perth by the first train. When Charles Manders took after him first, the tramp looked back and seeing him fired three shots at him. This is the same fellow that, in company with another, entered the same store last fall and escaped.

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