

Russell Sage now keeps a bodyguard. He is a stout, burly fellow who, when his master is in his office, stands guard at the door.

Judge Bennett, of Janesville, Wis., has awarded Andrew Ingle custody of a child, heir to \$40,000. Ingle was the father of it, but the child was not born until seven months after his wife had been divorced from him and married to Alexander Sherman. The woman died and Sherman claimed the child and the fortune. This is rather a curious case.

Yellow fever is raging in Brazil.

Gladstone was 82 years old on Tuesday.

The theatre Royal at Glasgow was burned on Saturday.

Sir Thomas Chambers, Q. C., recorder of the city of London, died on December 24th.

More fighting is reported from Rio Grande do Sul, the scene of the recent revolt in Brazil.

It has been determined that Mr. Chamberlain will lead the Unionists in the House of Commons.

Sir Arthur White, British ambassador to Turkey, died from influenza at Berlin on December 28th.

Pope Leo is reported very ill. His physicians say his life cannot be prolonged much more than six months.

Earl Russel, of divorce-suit fame, has abandoned agnosticism and has become a broad churchman and an earnest evangelist.

Lord Howard de Walden has begun divorce proceedings against his wife. Lady de Walden has instituted a counter suit.

A gunner and coxwain of H. M. S. Tartar were drowned by the upsetting of a boat at Great Sound, Bermuda, a few days ago.

Advices have been received from South Africa that a store of gunpowder, carried by the Portuguese expedition to Nyassa, exploded recently, killing several persons.

The parliament of Victoria was prorogued on Tuesday. Lord Hopetown, the Governor, expressed a belief that Australian federation is only delayed and not defeated.

The Russian Government has decided to support France in her application to the Powers to enforce Bulgaria's observance of the capitulation between France and Bulgaria.

There was a panic in a theatre at Yateshead near Durham, Eng., on Saturday caused by an alarm of fire being raised. Nine children were rampled to death and many more were injured.

It has been officially announced that the marriage of Prince Albert Victor to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck will take place February 27. The ceremony will be performed in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor Castle.

The Guion steamer *Abyssinia* was burned at sea on December 16th in latitude 49, longitude 29. The steamer *Sprea*, which was in the vicinity, took all the *Abyssinia's* passengers and men on board, landing them in London on December 22nd. Perfect order was maintained, and there was no panic.

The action for slander taken by Captain Osborne against Captain Hargreaves and his wife for alleging that Mrs. Osborne stole Mrs. Hargreaves' jewels has been dropped, as the crime was conclusively proved to have been committed by Mrs. Osborne. She had been obliged to endorse some Bank of England notes she received in payment for the stolen jewels, and she had no escape when confronted with the evidence of her guilt. She confessed to her husband, who immediately withdrew the libel suit. The Hargreaves will not prosecute, so unless the public prosecutor undertakes the task Mrs. Osborne will not receive the punishment due for her wickedness. There is one thing about the greater number of these London scandals, they do not really touch the upper classes. Such people as the Hargreaves and Osbornes are shoddy, and do not mingle with the nobility.

It is believed that China is willing to cede Formosa to Britain in exchange for support against Russia. Formosa is rich in minerals.

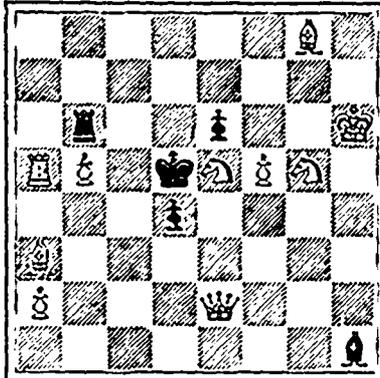
The parliamentary election in Waterford on Dec. 23rd resulted in the election of John E. Redmond, (Parnellite). The vote was Redmond, 1,725; Michael Davitt, (McCarthyite), 1,229; Redmond's majority 496. This was the first bye election won by the Parnellites since the split in the Irish party. The result was a big surprise for the McCarthyites.

CHESS.

Solution to problem No. 96, R to K2. Solved by C. W. L.

PROBLEM No. 98.

By G. P. Greenshields.
From Kingston Gleaner.
Black 5 pieces.



White 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No. 99.

One of the seventeen games played simultaneously by Mr. H. E. Bird, at the Montreal Chess Club, June 1st, 1889.

Two Knights' Defence.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
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| Mr. H. E. Bird. | Mr. J. Henderson. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 B to B4 | Kt to KB3 |
| 4 Kt to Kt5 | P to Q4 |
| 5 P takes P | Kt to QR4 |
| 6 P to Q3 a | P to KR3 |
| 7 Kt to KB3 | P to K5 |
| 8 Q to K2 | Kt takes B |
| 9 P takes Kt | B to QB4 |
| 10 P to KR3 | Castles |
| 11 Kt to R2 | Q to K2 b |
| 12 Kt to Kt4 c | B to KB4 |
| 13 B to K3 | B takes Kt |
| 14 P takes B | B takes B |
| 15 P takes B | Q to Kt5 ch |
| 16 P to B2 | C to Q3 |
| 17 R to R3 | Q to Q2 |
| 18 P to Kt5 | P takes P |
| 19 Kt to Q2 | KR to K |
| 20 Castles | P to KKt3 |
| 21 R to B sq | K to Kt2 |
| 22 Kt to Kt3 | R to R sq |
| 23 Q to KB2 | Kt to Kt5 |
| 24 Q to Q2 | R takes R |
| 25 P takes R | Kt to B3 |
| 26 Q to Q4 | Q to K2 |
| 27 Kt to B5 | R to K sq |
| 28 Kt takes KP | Q takes Kt |
| 29 Q takes Kt ch | K to R3 |
| 30 Q to B3 | Q takes P ch |
| 31 Q takes Q | R takes Q |
| 32 R takes P | R takes RP |
| 33 R takes P | P to Kt5 |
| 34 R to B8 | K to Kt4 |
| 35 R to K8 | P to Kt6 |
| 36 R to K sq | P to Kt7 |
| 37 K to Q2 | R to R8 |
| 38 Resigns d | |

NOTES.

- a Morphy's favorite continuation.
- b P to QKt4 is the correct play.
- c An embarrassing move.
- d If 38 P to Q6, 38 R takes R: 39 P to Q7, 39 R to Q8 ch; 40 K takes R, 40 P (Q's) ch; 41 K moves, 41 Q to QKt3, etc.—Gazette.

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