

The town of Gloucester, Mass., passed by an overwhelming majority, at the beginning of its civic year, a vote to permit the sale of liquor under license from the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Robinson, the mayor, a prohibitionist, refused to sign the licenses. The Supreme Court being appealed to, ordered the Mayor either to sign or resign. Mr. Robinson accepted the latter alternate. As he knew the result of the popular vote when he took office, his action has the appearance of a predetermined demonstration.

The condition of the German Emperor continues favorable. Mr. Bright has passed the crisis of his illness and is slowly improving. It is reported that Lord Lansdowne is to receive the degree of D. C. L. from Oxford.

The new steamer, the Empress, on the Dover-Calais route, is expected to cross the Channel in 50 minutes.

The Duke of Sutherland is conceded to be the best performer of the Highland fling in the whole of Scotland.

It is reported that it is intended to crown the Czar Emperor of Central Asia at Samarcund, to offset the influence of Queen Victoria's title as Empress of India.

Some surprise is felt at the smallness of the amount (\$5000) left by the late Matthew Arnold in his will, which bequeaths everything he possessed to his wife.

The Duke of Bedford is about to remit twenty five per cent. of the rents of the tenants on his Devonshire estate and there are reports that other English landlords intend taking similar action.

The young English Earl of Dudley who has just come into his majority, succeeds to a rent roll of £150,000 a year and an immense sum of money that has been accumulating during his minority.

The expenditure on the British Navy has increased from £2,100,000 in 1881 to £5,358,000 last year and a still larger amount for the current fiscal year. This does not look much like neglect of this important service.

Poor Canada! The C. P. R. Company's bonds have been eagerly sought for by English capitalists, ten times the amount wanted being applied for. The credit of Canada stands higher in England than that of any other dependency.

Russian intrigues have been renewed in Corea, with the object of inducing the King to sever the connection between Corea and China. The King resents the retention of the Chinese resident at Seoul, as interfering with his administration.

The premier of New Zealand has introduced the budget in the General Assembly of that colony. He estimated the revenue at £9,016,000. He proposed that a special primage of one per cent. be levied upon all imports for two years to meet unfunded deficits.

The French are so irritable that they will by and by "put their foot in it." They have been hoisting their flag on an islet, belonging if anywhere to Channel Islands, and have been warned off by H. M. Gunboat "Mistletoe." They want another thrashing or two yet, to sober their restless self-conceit.

The St. Petersburg Gazette says the completion of the Trans Caspian Railway should improve the relations between England and Russia, and should convince the former of the expediency of ceasing from political intrigue, now that Russia possesses an ever ready means of rejoinder through her proximity to India.

One Walsh suspected of being implicated in a plot similar to that of the murders of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke, finding himself dogged at every step, was interviewed at Paris by a Scotland Yard Agent. He professed to be convinced that the Police had discovered all the details, and said he had abandoned his mission. Walsh and another miscreant sailed for New York from Havre, being watched by detectives till the steamer took her departure.

Lord James Douglas, a brother of the Marquis of Queensbury, has been sent to jail for annoying Miss Scott, an heiress, with his attentions. They are an eccentric family. The Marquis lost his seat as a representative peer of Scotland on account of his free thought proclivities, and his sister Lady Florence Dixie will be remembered as the heroine of an adventure of dubious credibility, in which she represented herself to have been murderously attacked by Irishmen.

An extraordinary epidemic of murder is reported to have broken out in England. The encouraging example of one Jackson, a convict who knocked out the brains of his warder with a hammer, appears to have set the fashion. Since then, in about a fortnight, a man has been stabbed to death by several other men in Regent's Park, a father has dashed out his child's brains on the pavement, two policemen have been shot, and one beaten to death by a burglar, two husbands have stabbed their wives, and a soldier has shot his comrade dead.

There is a tendency to under-estimate the population of Australia. Whitaker, 1888 gives the following:

N. S. W., June	1887	1,022,767
Victoria "	"	1,019,106
S. Australia "	"	313,355
Queensland	1886	342,614
W. Australia	"	39,584
Tasmania	"	137,211
		2,874,637

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