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THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Blair made a speech last evening at a supper which was given to the committees which worked for the government ticket in Fredericton, and he is reported by the Telegraph to have said that he was in a position to know the facts and he was satisfied that on the first test vote in the new House the opposition would not be able to muster more than 14 or 15 voters against the government. If Mr. Blair is correct in his estimate he will have an ample majority in the new House. But there is always a possibility of a politician being mistaken, and suppose Mr. Blair is mistaken in his estimate and is out voted in the new House; what then? The responsibility of forming a government will be cast upon the opposition and largely we should suppose upon the following gentlemen.—

Marcus C. Atkinson, M. P. P. for Carleton, a Liberal.

Silas Alward, M. P. P. for St. John city, a Liberal.

Alfred Augustus Stockton, M. P. P. for St. John County, a Liberal.

William James Lewis, M. P. P. for Albert, a Liberal-Conservative.

H. T. Stevens, M. P. P. for Westmorland, a Liberal-Conservative.

Lemuel J. Tweedie, M. P. P for Northumberland, a Liberal-Conservative.

Hon. Robert Young, M. L. C. a Conservative.

It will be seen that this list embraces three Liberals and four Conservatives as against four Liberals and three Conservatives in the present government. As matters stand now the seven we have named would be undoubtedly the men selected to form a government. The only variation that would be likely to take place in this programme would be in the event of some member in York finding it convenient to resign and make way for Mr. Gregory. If Mr. Blair should be defeated there is little doubt that an attempt will be made to bring in Mr. Gregory in this way, for otherwise the government without any representative from York in it would be considered weak. If Mr. Gregory could be got in the personnel of the government would be something like this:

George F. Gregory, Provincial Secretary;

A. A. Stockton, Attorney General;

L. A. Tweedie, Solicitor General;

M. C. Atkinson, Board of Works;

W. J. Lewis, Crown Lands;

Hon. Robert Young and H. T. Stevens, without office.

In the event of this arrangement being made Dr. Alward would be speaker, and a very excellent speaker he would make, although, we think, not better than his predecessor. If Mr. Gregory could not be got into the Legislature then Dr. Alward would have a portfolio, perhaps the Secretaryship, or the Solicitor General ship, and there would be a rearrangment to suit the altered circumstances of the case.

Having arrayed the personnel of the government the next thing would be to find a policy or a common platform. One plank in that platform would undoubtedly be economy, but that is a plank in the platform of every new government, so that something more distinctive would have to be found. The St. John members would probably demand the removal of Mr. Ritchie and the restoration of Mr. Peters to the office of Magistrate, but this would be vigorously opposed by Messrs. Stevens, Tweedie and Young, so that it could hardly be carried. Dr. Stockton would probably desire to redeem his promise to obtain a further subsidy for the dock and harbor improvements here, but in the face of the violent opposition of Mr. Tweedie and his colleagues who are pledged to fight tooth and nail against it this could hardly be done. Then the North Shore members are pledged to obtain a reduction in the rates of stumpage, so that they may have an advantage over the lumbermen on the St. John River, but neither Dr. Stockton, Mr. Gregory nor Dr. Atkinson could agree to this. Still if some concession to the North Shore in the matter of stumpage was made a condition of the support of the government by the North Shore members, what could Dr. Stockton do but yield to their demands, or see the new government die in its infancy!

It will be seen from the above that whatever may be the difficulties of Mr. Blair in retaining his position, the task of the opposition in forming a new government will not be a light one. Perhaps another appeal to the electors may be necessary before a stable government is formed.

DEAR FOOD NOT WANTED.

The Sun does not appear to be satisfied with the reply of the Minister of Finance to Mr. Marshall that it is not the intention of the government to impose any additional duty on imported meats, but in alliance with Mr. Josiah Wood, M. P. for Westmorland, has commenced an agitation for the imposition of an additional duty on the Chicago dressed beef imported into Canada and largely into the Maritime Provinces. The Sun says that the importation of fresh beef from the western states has become a serious affair to the farmer who looked to St. John and other provincial cities for his market. According to the Sun the trade stands upon a different footing from the business in salt beef and pork; salt meat is generally and continuously used by people of all classes, particularly by working men. But fresh beef imported from Chicago, according to this authority, is not distinctively food for the less wealthy classes. The average price of beef the year through is not so reduced by the competition as to bring roast or steak within the reach of families who otherwise would be obliged to go without it. These, let the reader remember, are the arguments of the Sun which then goes on to say:—

We can get along well enough without the Texan steer fatted in Kansas and slaughtered in Chicago. The provincial farmer is the customer, at first or second hand, of the city dealer and manufacturer. He deserves to be considered when the town man wants to buy his dinner. He ought to be protected against the sharp and disturbing competition of the man from the far west. He is not protected to any great extent by his nearness to market, for the car-load of western beef is brought to the sea coast for a surprisingly small sum of money. It seems to us that if Mr. Wood confines his request to an increase of duty on fresh meat he will have a strong case.

The meaning of the above is that the Westmorland farmer ought to be enriched at the expense of the people of St. John, who are of the opinion that they have now to pay quite as much for meat as it is worth. If the duty on fresh meat was placed at a sufficiently high figure, Chicago dressed beef would be wholly excluded from our markets and the Westmorland farmer would be enabled to sell us poor beef at a high price. At present Chicago dressed beef pays a duty of one cent per pound, and to reach St. John it has to be brought over the railway from that great produce centre a distance of 1336 miles. But the cattle which are slaughtered in Chicago and brought in the shape of dressed beef to this market have been conveyed by railway hundreds of miles before they reach Chicago, so that it is no exaggeration to say that the Chicago dressed beef which comes to our market has been brought on an average at least 2000 miles from the place of production. If the Westmorland farmer whose cattle are grown and fattened within 150 miles of his market in St. John or Halifax cannot compete with Chicago dressed beef which is brought 2000 miles and pays a duty of one cent per pound, then he ought to turn his attention to some other line of business. There is no reason why he should be enriched at the expense of the working man of St. John. If the Westmorland farmer gave more attention to his farm and less to driving fast horses he would not need to ask for higher duties.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The present season has clearly demonstrated the great superiority of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the American trans-continental lines, which have been blocked up with snow, while ours has been entirely free from all impediments. The Central Pacific has been closed for a fortnight, and it may remain closed for another month yet.

The Telegraph publishes a rumor which is said to be current at Ottawa that at he close of the present session Hon. Mr. Foster will resign his portfolio to accept the position of Collector of customs at this port. This story will probably turn out to be as false as many others that have preceded it. The collectorship of customs at this port is not vacant.

We publish elsewhere the full text of the extradition treaty which has been laid before the Senate of the United States for ratification. The new treaty is supplementary to that of 1842 which covered only a very limited list of offences. There seems to be little doubt of its ratification by the Senate. If ratified and properly enforced Canada will soon cease to be a place of refuge for American rogues.

The crisis in Portugal seems to have passed and that country will submit to the demands of the British government without danger of a revolution. The anger of the Portuguese seems to have been largely due to their utter ignorance of the subject in dispute and to a misunderstanding of their position as a nation. The British have always been the best friends the Portuguese had in Europe and they have proved their friendship by a lavish expenditure of their blood as well as their money.

The death of Henry O'Neil in a coach while being conveyed to the public hospital yesterday is a matter which demands an investigation, and which we think might be a proper subject for the grand jury to consider. O'Neil had been drinking heavily but that fact did not justify such treatment as was calculated to result in his death. It appears to us that he ought to have been sent to the hospital on Sunday morning, instead of being kept in a cold cell without anything better to lie upon than a hard plank. Dr. Berryman who is the police surgeon will not hold any inquest, and it would certainly be very improper for him to do so, as his own conduct might come in question, but there are other coroners in the county of St. John who might deem the matter worthy of investigation.

The New York Marine Journal seems to be alarmed at the proposal to lay a cable from Vancouver to the Hawaiian Islands. It says:—"Canada's little game is to get the first cable to the Sandwich Islands, arrange trade relations and put in a line of subsidized steamers. The grasping at the Pacific trade, which belongs by right to the United States, has long been a favorite policy with Great Britain, and Canada wants to have a large finger in the pie. The welfare of our shipping in the Pacific trade demands an American cable to the Sandwich Islands and Japan, and such legislation by Congress as will enable it to compete with British shipping now crowding ours to the wall." The Pacific trade will go to the country that has the most enterprise and that possesses the best facilities to carry it on, and in these respects the superiority of Canada is admitted.

Two Plucky Maine Girls.

I wish to state what two girls, daughters of Capt. Rodney C. Barber, of Island Falls, have done in haying seasons. Ella, the oldest, commenced to lead the horse attached to the hayfork when she was four years old, holding on to a stick fastened to the bridle to keep her away from the horse. This work she followed until she took the rake and tedder when she was eleven years old, doing nearly all of that kind of work for eight years on a farm that cut on an average seventy-five tons of hay. Mattie, her sister, commenced to handle a mowing machine when she was thirteen years old, following after her father (who was running another machine) the first year. The four following years she handled the machine without aid and did the larger part of the mowing on the farm described as well as assisted in other work. They are residents at Sherman Mills and are highly respected in the church and society.

Southwestern France has been devestated by a fearful hurricane.

From the Capital.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—In the commons, today, Hon. Mr. Carling introduced a bill to amend the patent and copyright act by transferring the trial of disputed cases from the department to the courts.

Replying to Mr. Curren, Hon. Mr. Tupper said the question of granting a gratuity to dismissed members of the Montreal harbor police was being considered by the government.

Mr. Mulock rose to move his loyal address to her majesty, but Sir John Macdonald asked that the motion stand until he had a consultation with the mover.

Mr. McMullin moved for statement showing the cost of government since confederation.

Sir John opposed the motion saying that the public could gather the information from the public accounts.

Hon. Mr. Laurier declared the motion a very proper one and expressed surprise that the government opposed it. The motion was lost on division and the house adjourned.

In answer to Mr. Pope, Hon. Mr. Carling said it was not the intention to establish a cattle quarantine on the frontier at some inland port of Ontario or Quebec. The importation of live cattle from the states might even have to be prohibited entirely, in consequence of an intimation received from the British government if Canada was to maintain her present exceptional standing in the British market.

Col. O'Brien moved for copies of the case submitted to the law officers of the crown to secure their opinion on the Jesuits Estates Act, and for correspondence relating thereto. He expressed regret that the matter had not been submitted to a tribunal where both sides might have been heard.

Mr. Laurier having asked for correspondence relating to the Anderson mail contract, Sir John said other negotiations were in progress now for a fast Atlantic service, and public interests would be prejudiced by the production of the correspondence at present.

Mr. Curran this afternoon presnted a petition from Messrs R. R. Dobell of Quebec and J. H. R. Molson, Hon. E. A. Drummond and other capitalists of Montreal, asking for incorporation as the Canada Cable company. The petitioners ask power to construct, equip, work, maintain and operate submarine electric telegraph line by means of a cable or other means from a point in the United Kingdom across the Atlantic to a point in Quebec on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, through the Straits of Belleisle and to connect the same with the telegraph systems of the Dominion. The promoters have got plenty of capital to back up their scheme and expect to go on with its construction in the near future.

Railway mail clerks throughout Canada have petitioned the postmaster general for a mutual benefit grant for the purpose of providing a sum of money for the families of clerks upon their death, and also for an increase of salary, claiming that the present rate of wages is the same as 32 years ago, while living has become higher and the responsibility under the new regulation system lately introduced been increased ten fold. The letter carriers also ask for an increase for the same reasons, making the maximum salary $800 instead of $600 as at present. Mr. Small, M. P., of Toronto, has taken the matter in hand, and intends to make inquiries whether it is the intention of the government to take action during the present session in the matter.

It is understood that no action will be taken forming a mutual benefit society of railway clerks, but that a favorable view may be taken in regard to an increase of salaries asked for.

At the latter part of last session a discussion was taken part in by quite a number of members relative to the establishing of a health department in charge of the department of agriculture. With this in view Mr. Roome has given notice that on Wednesday, in opinion of parliament the time has come when the federal government should establish such a department with a responsible head, presided over by the minister or deputy head, for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease, collecting mortuary statistics and educating the people as far as possible in all health and sanitary matters.

Senator Rodier of Mille Isle district died last night at Montreal. He was only called to the senate fourteen months ago. This makes six vacancies in the upper house, three in Quebec, two in Ontario and one in New Brunswick. It is understood that some of these vacancies will be filled in a few days.

Mr. Platt intends introducing a resolution that machinery designed for use in mining operations should not be subject to customs duty when imported into Canada for mining purposes.

Enquiry will be made by Mr. Bain (Wentworth) if the official trade returns of the United States are correct when it shows that over half a million pounds of oleomargarine has been exported into Canada the past eleven months, and had any recent investigation been made to ascertain if it is being brought into Canada in evasion of the statute forbidding its importation.

Mr. P. A. Landry, of Kent, N. B., who has been confined to his bed since his arrival here some days ago, appeared in the house today for the first time. He is still quite unwell.

J. B. Snowball, Chatham, arrived today. He says he has business with the railway department and purposes interviewing Sir John Macdonald tomorrow. He will leave for England via New York on Friday next.

It is now considered certain that C. A. Dansereau, of Montreal will succeed the late Senator Trudel in the senate.

Senator Perley, of Moosomin, N. W. T., expresses himself as a supporter of Dalton McCarthy's bill to abolish the French language in the Northwest.

Mr. Platt has given notice of a resolution favoring the abolition of duties upon all machinery imported for use in mining operations.

The dominion government has forwarded to the imperial authorities a strong protest against the proposal to disallow the dominion copyright act passed last session.

In consequence of the illness of Lady Stanley, the festivities at Rideau hall are postponed.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau met a deputation of the bureau printers this afternoon and repeated his refusal to grant any increase of wages. He intimated that the government might decline to recognize the union any further and deal with the men individually, making a special contract with each. The deputation promised to recommend the printers to take another week to consider the situation before going on strike.

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A FREAK'S MARRIAGE.

He Puts on the Ring with His Teeth and Fishes Out a Fee with His Toes.

A very unique marriage was celebrated in Squire Hauser's office yesterday afternoon, the squire officiating. The bride was Miss Jessie Troeger, who lives at the corner of Main street and McMicken avenue. She obtained some celebrity two years ago by leading a strike of the waitresses in Rockwell's restaurant. She is 20 years old. The groom is Charles K. Adams, better known in the dime museum world as the Armless Wonder. He was born without those useful members of the body, and in lieu of a better and more profitable means of livelihood, hired himself out to dime museums. Adams is now about 30 years of age, and barring the lack of arms is a fine specimen of physical beauty.

The absence of arms is little felt by the Wonder, however, for he has become very expert with his toes and mouth. He can thread a needle or write a neat letter with the former, while with the latter he paints dainty little pictures, decorates chinaware, etc., holding the brush between his teeth.

When the couple entered the squire's office the other day and said they wanted to be united in wedlock, that official was perplexed for awhile.

"How can you join hands?" he asked blandly, pointing to Adams.

"Oh, that is easy enough," said the pretty bride, who stood fully three heads shorter than the groom, and she reached up and grasped the stump of his undeveloped left arm with her right hand.

"See," she said, as she stood smilingly on her tiptoes.

"But the ring. How can he put the marriage ring on your finger?"

"In this way," said Adams, and the astonished officials in the squire's court were thunderstruck to see the circlet of gold between the armless man's teeth. Bending his head he deftly slipped it over the girl's finger.

Satisfied that the couple understood their business, the squire went ahead and performed the ceremony.

After being made man and wife Adams sat down, and slipping the shoe off his right foot, disclosing a stocking with the front of the foot cut off, he reached into his vest pocket with his toes and brought out a roll of bills. Selecting a five-dollar note he tendered it as a fee, and, putting on his shoe, went away, his little wife sticking close to him.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Touching Scene.

Annie Payne contributes the following lines to the "Minor Key" column: Clear and strong did the sweet old words, "Hide me, O, my Saviour, hide," come to us, sitting forlorn and disconsolate, in a wrecked train, on the outskirts of a little village way up in Maine, waiting for the promised train to arrive that was to take us onward. Turning to discover whence the sweet sound came, we found a tiny chapel just beyond, crowning a noble hill surrounded by a beautiful grove, which seemed to shelter it and its quiet guardians, who so peacefully rested in their narrow homes, from the inquisitive eye of the passing stranger. We soon found our way up the wandering path, and in a short time had quietly slipped into the old fashioned, high backed pews, and were listening with bowed heads to the prayer offered up by the white haired pastor, who in his snowy robes looked a very patriarch.

There was indeed only "two or three gathered together," but none the less earnest were the words of their aged pastor, as he exhorted them in trembling tones to seek that "home not made with hands," to which he seemed so near—so near that he was only awaiting his Master's call. It was only evening prayer, but which of us who was so unexpectedly called to God's house by those simple words, brought to us by the gentle breeze, shall soon forget those few moments of quiet communion with our Heavenly Father? And as we bent our footsteps towards the scene of wreck and destruction, from which we had been so mercifully preserved, it was with a feeling of tender reverence that we turned to have a last look at the little village church, athwart which the sunbeams seemed to linger with a loving touch as it shed its last golden rays amongst us. —New Orleans Picayune.

Origin of Black Maria.

Way back in the morning twilight of the settlement of Boston, Maria Lee, a colored woman of gigantic stature, possessing the courage of a lion, kept a sailors' boarding house down at the old North End. One night a party of drunken tars got into a row and began throwing the chattels out of her house. The "watch" was called in, but was soon overpowered and dismay spread abroad through the street. Then Maria stalked out of her habitation and stopped further outrage by collaring two of the leading offenders and carrying them bodily up the old "watch house," then standing near where Union street now crosses Hanover street. "Black Maria" was known throughout the city for her prodigious strength, and for years she aided the police in quelling rows and had been known to take three strong men to the "watch house" at once, or at one time. So, years afterward, when the first police "cart" was made it was called the "Black Maria"—hence the name.—Boston Globe.

A Handy Test for Sewer Gas.

It is not generally known that silverware furnishes one of the most reliable means of detecting defective drainage. If it is covered with a black coating, or tarnished, soon after being cleaned, and after a second or third cleaning again becomes darkened, one may be certain that there is some trouble with the drainage system of the house. The agent which furnishes the tarnishing is not sewer gas itself, as it is commonly supposed, but a gas which always accompanies it, called sulphureted hydrogen. It is the same gas which is generated in decaying eggs and other putrefying animal and vegetable matters.—Herald of Health.

"General."

With all their democratic theories and feelings, Americans are not a whit behind the rest of the world in a fondness for honorary titles.

When Samuel C. Pomeroy, afterward Senator Pomeroy, was on his way from Massachusetts to settle in Kansas, his traveling companion, a man familiar with western customs, said to him:

"Pomeroy, a man on the frontier is nobody without a handle to his name. You must certainly have one of some kind or other."

Mr. Pomeroy declared that he was not entitled to any, but his friend persisted:

"You were once a member of the Massachusetts general court, weren't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, that will answer perfectly."

The new comer was accordingly introduced as "Gen. Pomeroy," and as long as he lived he was known by that title. —Youth's Companion.

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A SCHOOL GOES CRAZY.

A Curious Epidemic of Insanity in Pennsylvania. Inspectors and Doctors Fail to Discover the Cause.

The epidemic of insanity which broke out among the boys of the orphan's school at McAllisterville, Pa., attracted wide attention among the Medical fraternity. Dr. Banks, one of the doctors in charge of the cases, said that the disease was primarily a nervous effection and impressed the brain through the nerves thus causing confusion of the brain. But the real cause of the nervousness had not been discovered.

Could this insanity have been caused by over-study, the same as in older people it is so often caused by over-work? It is the beginnings of nerve and brain trouble that should be attended to. Excessive nervous excitability, sadness, despondency, dejection, irresolution, with nervous throbbing in the head, tremor of the heart, confusion and heaviness in the head in the evenings, specks before the eyes, ringing or roaring in the ears, pale or sallow skin, coated tongue, heartburn, variable appetite, a feeling of weakness in the stomach, palpitation of the heart, trembling of the limbs, rheumatic pains, alternations of chill and heat, great sensitiveness to cold, emaciations, debility and prostration, a tired and worn out feeling—these are a few of the early symptoms that if unchecked, lead to insanity, paresis, and death. This is the way the well-known actor Bartley Campbell's paresis began, and in the same small beginnings have the terrible endings of other noted people commenced. There is but one means of relief. The cure for brain and nerve troubles is Paine's Celery Compound, the famous discovery of Prof. Phelps. Use it before too late. Take these symptoms at the start, and conquer them with this medicine. There is nothing like it in composition and effect, and no other medicine in the world can show such strong and positive statements of remarkable cures.

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The following extract is taken from the introductory paragraphs:

'A crime has been committed by an unknown assassin, within a short distance of the principal streets of the great city, and is surrounded by an impenetrable mystery. Indeed, from the nature of the crime itself, the place where it was committed, and the fact that the assassin has escaped without leaving a trace behind him, it would seem as though the case itself had been taken bodily out of one of Gaboreau's novels, and that his famous detective Lecocq only would be able to unravel it. On the 27th day of July, at the hour of twenty minutes to two o'clock in the morning, a hansom cab drove up to the police station, in Grey street, St. Kilda, and the driver made the startling statement that his cab contained the body of a man whom he had reason to believe had been murdered."

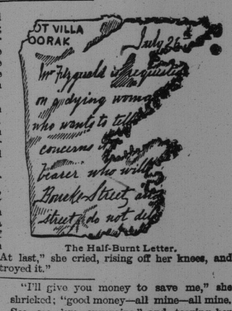
The incidents are then described in detail.

The letter, however, was not to be found in the desk, nor was it in the sitting room; they tried the bedroom, but with no better result; so Madge was nearly giving up the search in despair, when suddenly Calton's eye fell on the waste paper basket, which by some unaccountable reason they had overlooked in their search.

"How long has that waste paper basket been standing like that?" he asked, pointing to it.

* * * "Six weeks," repeated Calton, with a look at Madge. "Ah, and he got the letter four weeks ago. Depend upon it, we shall find it there."

Madge gave a cry, and, falling on her knees, emptied the basket out on the floor, and both she and Calton were soon as busy among the fragments of paper as though they were ragpickers. * * * Suddenly a cry broke from Madge, as she drew out of the mass of paper a half-burnt letter, written on thick and creamy-looking paper. "At last," she cried, rising off her knees, and smoothing it out. "I knew he had not destroyed it."



The Half-Burnt Letter.

"I Sold My Soul for It."

"Fitzgerald!" gasped Moreland, growing pale. "I—I—what's that?" he shrieked, as he saw Whyte's coat, all weather-stained, lying un a chair near him, and which he immediately recognized.

"That is the rope that's going to hang you," said Kilsip, quietly, coming behind him, "for the murder of Oliver Whyte."

"Trapped, by G——!" shouted the wretched man, wheeling round, so as to face Kilsip. He sprang at the detective's throat, and they both rolled together on the floor, but the latter was too strong for him, and, after a sharp struggle, he succeeded in getting the handcuffs on Moreland's wrists. The others stood around perfectly quiet, knowing that Kilsip required no assistance. Now that there was no possibility of escape, Moreland seemed to become resigned, and rose sullenly off the floor.

"I'll give you money to save me," she shrieked; "good money—all mine—all mine. See—see—ere—suverains," and, tearing her pillow open, she took out a canvas bag, and from it poured a gleaming stream of gold. Gold—gold—it rolled all over the bed, over the floor, away into the dark corners, yet no one touched it, so enchained were they by the horrible spectacle of the dying woman clinging to life. She clutched up some of the shining pieces, and held them up to the three men as they stood silently beside the bed, but her hands trembled so that the sovereigns kept falling from them on the floor with metallic clinks.

"All mine—all mine," she shrieked, loudly. "Give me my life—gold—money—cuss ye—I sold my soul for it—save me—give me my life," and, with trembling hands, she tried to force the gold on them. They did not say a word, but stood silently looking at her, while the two girls in the corner clung together, and trembled with fear.

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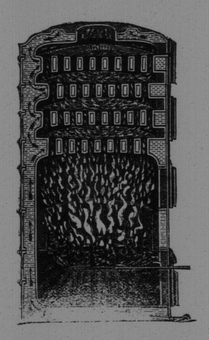

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