

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEATH.
FERGUSON—In this city, on May 31, 1899, Alexander Ferguson, aged 44 years.
Funeral from his late residence, 27 Askin street, on Friday, June 2, at 3 o'clock; services 2:30. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation. 59u

Amusements and Lectures

Baseball Championship
Toumash Park, June 2 and 3.
Games called 2:30.

London vs. St. Thomas
NEXT GAMES—Hamilton, June 5 and 6; Guelph June 7 and 8. 59c

THE SECOND CARLYLE RECITAL
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Meetings

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Regular meeting this Wednesday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock. 57c

MASONIC—AN EMERGENCY MEETING
of Kiwanis Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the lodge room on Thursday, the 1st, June, to confer degrees. Visitors welcome. T. W. Soandrett, W.M.; John Overell, P.M., secretary. 57c

ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST MIDDLE
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mover, 22 years with London Furniture Co., will do you a good job. Call phone 310. 57c

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fifty-acre farm in the township of Dawn, county of Lambton, or will exchange same for city property. Tennent, McDonagh & Coleridge, London. 57c

IN ORDER TO CLOSE AN ESTATE
the following properties are now offered for sale, viz.: Brick dwelling, No. 297 Queen's avenue; 3 frame houses, Nos. 228, 231 and 233 Queen's avenue; brick dwelling, No. 432 Park avenue; brick cottage, No. 350, Burwell street; 2 frame houses, Nos. 197 and 199 Mill street, and frame house, No. 1072 Dundas street, together with lands thereto belonging. Also a number of good building lots on Charlotte and Dorinda streets. For particulars inquire at Abbott's Carriage Factory. 26t

Agricultural College

GUELPH.

By an act of the Ontario Legislature, "Every citizen in Ontario is entitled to have at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, during all College terms, one student in attendance without the payment of any tuition fee." There is now a vacancy for such a student at the College, and candidates for this vacancy are requested to apply to

T. G. ROBSON, County Clerk.
London, May 30, 1899. b&bw

TILE SEWER

TENDERS for the construction of a TILE
SEWER on Central avenue will be received at this office up to 5 o'clock on Thursday, June 1. Plans and form of tender at this office. 57c

A. O. GRAYDON,
City Engineer.

AUCTION SALE.

Steam Laundry Complete, on Friday
June 2.

NEIL COOPER has been instructed to offer for sale at auction room, 241 Dundas street, a first-class steam laundry outfit at rate on dollar, as per inventory which can be seen at the auction room. Terms cash known on day of sale. Sale at 2:30. NEIL COOPER, Auctioneer. 58c

The Ostrich Policy.

We observe by this morning's Free Press that the Street Railway Company consider "the strike is no longer in progress." Coming from the Free Press, we take this to be official.

Is it worth while to keep up such pretenses? Is anything to be gained by this ostrich policy—this sticking one's head in the sand, and being willfully deaf and blind to the surrounding facts? If we take the company's words literally—that the strike is between the company and the men is practically over—what is the conclusion? Simply this: the company are face to face with the fact that it is the people of London who are on strike. They are on strike to such an extent that scarcely anybody will ride on the cars. What are the company going to do about it? They are confronted by a condition, not a theory. Theoretically they may hold that the strike is over, but the hypothesis is upset when they examine the fare-boxes. They may hire a whole regiment to take the places of the strikers, but they cannot replace the striking public.

The company appear not to realize the degree to which a corporation with a public franchise is dependent upon public good-will.

The Value of Street Railway Franchises.

It would be interesting to know the value set by the London Street Railway Company upon their public franchise. The Toronto street railway, after its original owners had been expropriated by the city, developed into a money-making concern beyond the dreams of avarice. The men who afterwards procured the present Toronto franchise are able to reap fortunes, and still pay a large percentage of the gross receipts and a handsome mileage rental to the municipality. One reason for the extraordinary value of a street railway franchise is this: The larger the community, the larger is the earning power of a street railway system, not only absolutely, but relatively. The London street railway franchise has 25 years yet to run, and each succeeding year, if the city continues to grow, the net receipts of every mile of railroad will increase. In other words, in a growing community, the revenue of a well-managed street railway will increase faster proportionately than the expenditure.

It is only within the last few years that public opinion in the United States and Canada has awakened to the peculiar value of public franchises. A striking symptom of this is the Ford franchise bill, just passed by the New York Legislature. We shall have something to say about this measure on another occasion. In many of the great cities there has been a popular revolt against private ownership of public utilities. The tendency of the times is toward the municipalization of all such services. In Detroit, for instance, the municipality is now taking steps to buy out and control the street railways of that city, one of which is owned by Mr. Everett, the president and chief stockholder of the London system. In Toledo, Chicago, New York and other great centers, the local authorities have declared for the same principle. The people of Toronto, although their share of the street railway receipts is about \$150,000 a year, feel that the present franchise is unjust. They have a shrewd suspicion that it was hoodled through the city council, and they would call it today if they had the power.

No wonder, then, that a charter like the London Street Railway Company's, which has 25 years yet to run, should be regarded as a veritable gold mine. We must consider not only its present, but its prospective value. The profits on the actual outlay are already enormous. What they will be, say, twenty years hence is beyond calculation. The moral for the company is this: Knowing the trend of the times to be against private ownership, and knowing also that they hold a charter contrary to public consent, they should try to row with, and not against, the current of popular sentiment. Their position as a public monopoly, under private control, is sufficiently difficult now, and will be-

come anomalous in the future. Common prudence should teach them not to further embarrass this position by a pedantic and obstinate adherence to a line of action running counter to the spirit of the age, and the will of the particular community to whom they must look for support. In the nature of things they cannot be a law unto themselves. They should recognize the situation, and admit the right of the men to have their own organization for protection and concerted action. Where there is a will there is a way of assuring fair play to both sides. Arbitration is the golden bridge over which the company can retreat from untenable ground.

Strong Statement Attributed to the Transvaal President.

Oom Paul and Sir Alfred Milner
in Conference.

Danger of Grave Disagreement at the Hague Conference.

Disabled Steamer Missing—Liberal
Elected in Southwest Lancashire and Balfour's Nephew Beaten.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, May 31.—President Kruger, on his arrival here yesterday, to attend the conference with Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, arranged for the purpose of considering the demands of the Uitlanders, was received by a guard at the railroad station, which was decorated in his honor. He was welcomed by the president of the Orange Free State, M. T. Steyn, and the cabinet. Salutes were fired and the Transvaal national hymn was played. Replying to an address, President Kruger said he had come here to work for the welfare of the whole of South Africa and to discuss all questions, except the independence of the Transvaal.

London, May 30.—Pretoria, Transvaal, advices today say: Before leaving to meet Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner, President Kruger informed Raad, one of his advisers, that he would insist on the utmost independence of the Boer republic.

BURGHERS ARMING.

The Mail's Cape Town correspondent says: Sims Secret, a member of the Cape parliament, having recently toured Barkly district, Cape Colony, reports that a number of farmers there have received Mauser rifles and scaled parcels of ammunition from the Transvaal Government, and in return are pledging themselves to rally to the Transvaal flag at Christiana on the signal from the Transvaal. Secret also says a detachment of Transvaal artillery recently inspected a bridge across the Val River, north of Kimberley, with a view to destroying it in the event of hostilities.

REPLY TO THE UITLANDERS.

The letter addressed by Conyngham Green, the British agent at Pretoria, to Wynberg, the president of the Transvaal Province South African League, with reference to the petition signed by 21,694 British subjects resident in Witwatersrand and addressed to the Queen, reads: "I have instructions to inform your petitioners that their petition has been received by the serious consideration of Her Majesty's government, and without expressing an opinion at this stage of the proceedings several allegations contained in the petition, her majesty's government cannot but express a general feeling of sympathy with the memorial, and is earnestly desirous of seeing a speedy and substantial change effected in the position. That the government refrains from further reply to the petition at this moment is due to the fact that a meeting is arranged between the high commissioner and the president of the republic, at which it is expected these questions, with others now at issue between the two governments, will be discussed in a conciliatory spirit. Her Majesty's government regards the agreement of the president of the republic to meet the high commissioner as an indication that both the Volksraad and the government of the republic are sincerely desirous of arriving at a solution of the long-standing expectations of the unfriended population."

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, May 31.—The Times' correspondent at The Hague says: A proposal will be submitted at the meeting of the drafting committee of the arbitration committee today (Wednesday), under which a nation which sees a danger of grave disagreement with another state may apply to some third state, not having an immediate interest in the case, to act on its behalf with a view to mediation. The other party to the dispute will then have an opportunity of taking a similar course, and the mediating states will investigate with a view of finding a pacific solution. If, despite this, war should break out, the mediating states shall continue to represent the belligerents without affecting their rights and duties as neutrals, with a view to bringing about the speediest possible cessation of hostilities. I understand several delegates of the great powers are favorable to this proposal.

The correspondent of the Standard at The Hague says: An important advance was made in the direction of a scheme of arbitration combining the Russian, British and American proposals. The representatives of the three states met at an agreement which seems to find general acceptance. Sir Julian Pauncefote conferred yesterday afternoon with Mr. Seth Lowe and Mr. Hollis, and both the British and American proposals were examined, and the result that the United States will support the Pauncefote scheme for a permanent tribunal. In all practical and essential features the British and American plans are identical, but the American delegates have gone further, covering the whole field of arbitration and drafted provisions for a rehearing in the event of a disagreement. Their proposals will be submitted to the drafting committee today.

RUSSIAN WHEAT RUINED BY THE DROUGHT.
The winter wheat crop of Southern

Boer Independence

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DISABLED STEAMSHIP PERTH-SHIRE MISSING.

Dunedin, N. Z., May 31.—Four tugs, which were dispatched from here to the assistance of the British steamer Perthshire (Capt. Wallace), from Sydney, N. S. W., April 26, for Bluff, N. Z., after she was reported by a schooner as having been spoken on May 13, about 450 miles east of Sydney, with tail shaft broken, have returned, without finding the missing steamer.

HON. A. J. BALFOUR'S NEPHEW
BEATEN.

A parliamentary bye-election was held on Tuesday in the Southport division of Southwest Lancashire to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. Sir Herbert Naylor-Leland, on May 25 last, who had represented the constituency in the Liberal interest since August last. The result was the election of the Liberal candidate, Sir George Augustus Pilkington, who defeated his Unionist opponent, Mr. C. B. Balfour, by 583 votes. The voting was as follows: Sir George Pilkington, Liberal, 5,635; C. B. Balfour, Unionist, 5,052. Mr. C. B. Balfour is a nephew of the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, government leader in the House of Commons.

THE QUEEN'S EYES.

London, May 31.—Truth says that Queen Victoria has decided to undergo an operation for cataract, when Prof. Hermann Fagenstecker, director of the ophthalmic hospital at Wiesbaden, thinks the proper time has arrived. The operation will be performed, according to Truth, either at Osborne or Balmoral, probably after the parliamentary session.

CABLE NOTES.

Dr. Norman Kerr, the inebriate specialist, is dead, in London.

The Russian steamer Moscow has sailed for Port Arthur with 3,500 Cosack emigrants.

The position of the American Line steamer Paris remains unchanged.

The placarding of Belfast with parti-colored posters announcing a Nationalist demonstration to take place on June 5, to celebrate the rebellion of 1798, and the fact that there is to be an anti-Nationalist demonstration on the same day, are causing the authorities much apprehension.

Included in the forthcoming sale of William Wright's unequalled collection of Dickens' original manuscript, entirely in Dickens' handwriting, is the manuscript of "Mrs. Gamp With the Strolling Players." Although the first portion of the tale was written it was never published.

Harley House, Marylebone road, London, is about to be destroyed to make room for a more modern structure. It was once occupied by the Queen of Oude, who brought from India 2,000 idols, and was attended by a staff of 300 persons.

The agents in Paris of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, deny the report that M. Paderewski has married the former wife of Ladislav Gorski, the violinist. The lady in question is Paderewski's sister.

IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY

Direct News of Lieut. Gilmore—Fino
Insurgents Wreak Vengeance on Friendlies.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—The following dispatch, received by the navy department, the first direct news of Lieut. Gilmore that has been received for over a month, is taken by the department as a hopeful indication of his situation:

Manila, May 31.—To secretary of navy: Washington: Escaped Spanish prisoner reports seeing Gilmore and some sailors well. Gilmore is allowed a horse—Barker.

Manila, May 31.—Third officer Fred Hepp and Assistant Engineer Charles Blandford, of the United States hospital ship Relief, rigged a sail on one of the ship's boats and went sailing along the shore, opposite the insurgent lines. The boat became becalmed, and Filipino in canoes captured them.

Friendly natives arriving here from the country around San Isidro and San Miguel report that a reign of terror has prevailed since the American troops were withdrawn from these parts of the islands. The insurgents who are returning there deal vengeance upon their countrymen who have shown any friendliness towards the Americans during the latter's occupation of the territory. The friendlies declare unoffending people are being murdered daily, and that their houses are being burned and their property confiscated.

MISHAP TO THE CRUISER BROOKLYN.

New York, May 31.—Another United States man-of-war, this time the cruiser Brooklyn, has come to grief through contact with a hidden obstruction off the Battery, which lay but a short distance from the spot where the battleship Massachusetts met a sunken enemy, an encounter which sent her to drydock for several months. This accident may keep the Brooklyn in drydock for a similar period.

The Jamaica Legislature has decided to immediately send a delegation to Washington for the purpose of endeavoring to negotiate a reciprocity treaty.

Jacob M. Paterson, president of the New York State board of quarantine commissioners, was found dead this morning at his home in Fordham. The cause of his death is at present unknown.

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