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CANADIAN NEWS.

The Fruit Growers of Ontario in Session.

The Stipendiary Magistracy at Algoma to be Abolished.

Immigration to Ontario During the Past Season—Fifty Per Cent. of the Settlers from England.

Determined to Die.

WIERTON, Ont. Dec. 12.—Mrs. Kyle, wife of a stone-cutter, suicided to-day by taking arsenic and cutting her throat with a razor. She had been ill a long time and very despondent.

Death of Mrs. Boyce.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Boyce, daughter of Rev. Dr. Williams, who came from Texas to nurse her father during what was supposed to be a fatal illness, died to-day from the effects of operations performed a few days ago for a malady which developed itself after her arrival here.

Ontario Fruit Growers.

WINDSOR, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association is in session. There is a large attendance. The president in his address urged that efforts be made to have the science of horticulture taught in the public schools.

Immigration to Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—The total immigration to Ontario during the season just ended was 16,000, against 20,000 last year, and 19,000 in 1887. During last year fifty per cent. of the settlers were from England.

Athletic Contest.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 12.—In the match between Prof. Reid, of Toronto, and Sergeant-Major Morgan, of the Royal Military College, for the championship of Canada in the following contests: 1st foils, 2nd swords, 3rd bayonet, 4th Morgan with sword and Reid with bayonet, and 5th hat competition reversed, Sergeant-Major Morgan was declared the winner by a score of seventeen to twelve points.

A Vacant Magistracy at Algoma.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 12.—The government has decided not to fill the vacancy in the stipendiary police magistracy at Algoma, caused by the death of John Gillies, who had held the office about a year and a half. The place was worth $1,600 annually.

"THE COLD, COLD GROUND."

Funeral of the Late Jefferson Davis at New Orleans.

The Chivalry of the South Follows Its Idol's Ashes to the Grave—Memorial Services.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—The city is crowded with people, representing the prominence, wealth and chivalry of the Southern states, including six or seven governors. As soon as the doors of the city hall opened a stream of visitors began to pour through the death chamber to take a farewell view, the crowd of visitors being even greater than yesterday. At 11:30 the casket was closed and the remains conveyed to the front portico, where the simple and impressive rites of the Episcopal church were performed. Lafayette square, in front of the city hall, was densely packed with people and the balcony and every available space from which the pageant could be viewed was crowded to the extreme.

The obsequies were conducted by Bishop Gallagher, assisted by five officiating clergymen of various denominations. There were altogether twenty surpliced ministers besides the attendance of numerous clergy of different denominations. From the various Southern states a surpliced choir of thirty-six voices, accompanied by an organ, sang the anthem—

"Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,"

After which Bishop Gallagher made the address. Following Bishop Gallagher, Rev. Dr. Markham read the lesson, while Rev. Martin repeated a psalm, the Rev. Bakewell the versicles, and Rev. Thompson the creed, and thus ended the services at the city hall, which, though simple and brief, were wonderfully impressive.

The casket was borne by a detachment of soldiers to a handsomely decorated caisson, on which it was conveyed to the cemetery. The caisson was covered with a canopy supported by cannon and muskets, draped with United States flags. The casket rested on a slight elevation, and the caisson was drawn by six black horses, each led by a soldier in uniform. With marvellous precision the battalions wheeled into line, preceded by a detachment of city police, followed by the clergy, pallbearers and so on until a mammoth line formed the procession.

The honorary pallbearers were: Governor Nicols, of Louisiana; Lowery, Mississipi; Buckner, Kentucky; Gordon, Georgia; Richardson, South Carolina; Fellows, North Carolina; Fleming, Florida; Eagle, Arkansas.

The pallbearers were: General George N. Jones, Iowa; Hon. Charles E. Tenner, Louisiana; Sawyer Hayward, Mississippi; Hon. Thomas H. Watts, Alabama, a member of President Davis' cabinet.

The procession was an hour and ten minutes passing a given point. As the grand funeral cortege traversed the streets, from the turrets of every church a knell tolled, while dirges blended with the booming of minute guns. Parts of the city not directly located on the line of march were literally depopulated.

WEEPING DIXIE.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 11.—Memorial services were held to-day in almost every town in Georgia during the hour of the funeral of Davis. Here a largely attended memorial service was accompanied by the tolling of bells. The city was draped in mourning and public and private business suspended.

IN TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Memorial services in honor of Jefferson Davis were held in this city at noon, and in every town and hamlet in Middle and Western Tennessee.

IN NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 11.—All the state offices were closed and business suspended during the hours of the funeral of Jefferson Davis. Elaborate memorial services were held.

IN ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 11.—Montgomery is wrapped in emblems of mourning and sorrow. During the hours of the funeral the bells of the city were tolled, minute guns were fired from Capitol hill and memorial services held.

IN VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Dec. 11.—Business was generally suspended to-day and stores and dwelling-houses draped in black. Among the most conspicuous places decorated was the "White House," the home of Davis during the war. All the street car lines had cars draped with mourning. Memorial services were held in the various churches, which were well attended.

ROBERT BROWNING,

Poet and Dramatist, Dies at His Italian Home—His Death was Painless.

VENICE, Dec. 12.—Robert Browning, the poet, died at 10 o'clock to-night. His death was painless.

The deceased poet and dramatist was born in 1812 at Cumberwell, Surrey, and was educated at the University of London. At the age of twenty he went to Italy, and during his residence in that country he diligently studied its mediæval history and became acquainted with the home-life of its people. His first published attempt in poetry was "Pauline," a tale in verse, to which was appended "Paracelsus" (1835) a dramatic poem—dramatic in form at least—in which the principal character is the empiric and alchymist of the sixteenth century. While not attracting general attention this work was welcomed by the discerning few as the product of a purely original mind, rich in performances and richer still in promise. Following "Paracelsus," came from Browning's pen the tragedy of "Strafford;" then "Sordello," a poem, a collection of dramatic and lyric poems bearing the title "Bells and Pomegranates;" and "The Duchess of Cleaves," a play. In 1846, Mr. Browning married Miss Elizabeth Barret, the poetess, who died in 1861. After his marriage, Mr. Browning spent the greater part of his time in Italy.

In 1849 his collected poems were published in London and in the United States, and in 1850 his "Christmas Eve and Easter Day" made its appearance, followed by "Men and Women," a collection of poems looked upon as one of the most powerful of his works. In addition to the works mentioned Mr. Browning has published "King Victor and King Charles," "Dramatic Lyrics," "Return of the Druses," "Colombe's Birthday," Dramatic Romances," The Soul's Errand," "The Ring and the Book," "Balaustion's Adventure," "Saviour of Society," "Red Cotton Night Cap Country," "Aristophan's Apology," "The Agamemnon of Æschylus," "La Saisiaz," "Dramatic Idyls," and "Joe's Serial."

Mr. Browning, in addition to being a poet and dramatist, was a painter and musician of ability, and in 1882 had conferred on him the honorary degree of D. C. L. by the University of Oxford. The Browning Society, having for its object the study of his works, was formed in London in 1881, and now extends to his admirers in all parts of the world.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

The California Floods.

COLUSA, Cal., Dec. 13.—Another break is reported below Tolman's. This, it is said, will settle the fate of Grand Island. Editor Green, of the Sun, told a correspondent to-day that fully two-thirds of Grand Island must be under water. The narrow gauge road that runs from the town of Colusa and connects with the main line, is in a bad way. In places the road-bed is ruined, and trains can only creep over it at a snail's pace. The stage between here and Marysville has been abandoned, and mails are sent around by Sacramento. Green says he estimates that 20,000 acres of grain are drowned out on this side of the river. He puts the loss on the district at $500,000, and says that between 15,000 and 20,000 acres are drowned between Biggs and Butte creek. Fully 70,000 acres of grain already sown on Grand Island are gone. It is impossible to render this loss into dollars and cents with any degree of accuracy.

To be Sent Back to China.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—This morning U. S. Commissioner Sawyer decided to remand Wong Guay to the custody of the United States Marshal to be sent back to China next Saturday. Wong is the Chinaman who first obtained admission to the country on a purchased red certificate and afterwards deserted from the s.s. Arabia.

Earthquake.

NEWARK, Cal., Dec. 13.—There was a severe shock of earthquake felt here this morning.

Shipping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Sailed—steamers Costa Rica, for Nanaimo, and Cosmopolis, for Gray's Harbor.

New Zealand's Rabbit Pest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Two dozen of the little gray foxes which are found only on the islands off the Southern California coast will be shipped to New Zealand to-morrow on the steamship Zealandia. They were ordered by the New Zealand Government to ascertain what they can do in the way of rabbit extermination.

The Pacific Coast Steamer Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The steamers Santa Rosa and Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast line, both of which are under repair, which shortly replace the Oregon and Columbia on the line of the Oregon Railway. These vessels are to be laid off for repairs in the spring. All the steamers of the coast fleet will running.

Paid the Penalty.

EMPIRE CITY, Ogn., Dec. 13.—John Gilman, murderer of Mrs. Eilenhover and child, was hanged to-day in the jail-yard. He mounted the scaffold at 1 o'clock with firm step, and murmured only a few words. Death was instantaneous.

Life Imprisonment.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Horace Gibbs, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing young Jas. McDevitt, was sentenced to the state prison for life to-day.

A Surprising Verdict.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 14.—The jury in the case of the men charged with robbing United States Paymaster Wham of a large sum of money a few months ago returned a verdict of not guilty to-day. The result was a surprise to all.

Pocketed the Coin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A warrant was issued to-day for the arrest of Lem Go, employed as foreman of the orchard at Vina, who pocketed $1000 received from the sale of a lot of dried apples. It is expected he will attempt to escape on the China steamer.

Ill-Treatment of Sailors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Evidence in the case of the sailors of the American ship Reese against the captain for ill-treatment and poor food was completed to-day. The decision is expected in a few days.

CAPITAL NOTES.

New Land District Created on the Mainland.

Claims in Connection With the Quebec Land Slide.

Dalton McCarthy Lectures at Ottawa Under the Auspices of the Equal Rights Association.

(From our own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—A new land district, to be known as Kamloops District, has been created out of New Westminster district. E. M. Boville has been appointed agent, with headquarters at Kamloops. The extent of the district is from Salmon River to the summit of the Rockies.

Dalton McCarthy delivered a magnificent speech here to-night under the auspices of the Equal Rights Association. He announced that eight months ago he had resigned the position of president of the Ontario Conservative Union; that he still supported the general policy of the Government, but that duty urged him to support the platform of the Equal Rights Association.

Claims amounting to $200,000 have been filed against the Government in connection with the Quebec rock slide.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Haldiman appeal case was heard to-day. From the judge's observations, the belief is that the appeal will go against Colter.

Sir John will probably be banquetted here on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

The government has adopted resolutions for the governance of Rocky Mountain Park.

There promises to be a big row in the separate school board over clerical interference.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Claimed by O'Connor, Who Offer to Row Any Man in the World for the Title of Champion.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Wm. O'Connor having claimed the single scull championship of the world, and posted his challenge to row any man for a purse and the championship, Mr. Chas. H. Thayer, of this city, offers a purse of $5,000 for the championship race, open to every oarsman who thinks he has a right to the championship, the race to be rowed on American waters.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

The London Gas Men's Strike a Failure.

Lecaron, Spy and Informer, to Publish his Adventures.

Obituary Notices of the Late Robert Browning—A Berlin Scandal—Proposed Banquet to Parnell.

EMIN'S CONDITION.

Emin Pasha's physicians say he was restless throughout last night, his sufferings being increased by an almost incessant cough.

THE OUTRAGES IN CRETE.

Advices from Crete state that Chakir Pasha is disarming the Christians as fast as possible, while the outrages by the Turkish troops and officials increase rather than diminish. Several Cretan chiefs are organizing for a general rising of the oppressed people of Crete, which the latter will welcome as a means of their deliverance.

A THREATENED STRIKE AVERTED.

The nail makers in Midland county have conceded an advance of ten per cent. on wages to their employees. This action will avert a strike threatened by the men.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS AUTHOR.

Edward Bradley, whose writings as "Cuthbert Bede" have gained him a world-wide celebrity, is dead.

BEGINNING OF THE GAS-MEN'S STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The first lot of strikers left the Gas Company at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The crowd which had gathered cheered the men as they marched out. Plenty of non-union men are available for the companies, and there is no interruption to work.

THE GAS MEN'S STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The success which has thus far attended the gas companies' resistance of the strikers, and the comparative ease with which they have been able to obtain more than enough men to fill the places of the old hands, has driven the strikers to an extreme of desperation which augurs their complete defeat and discomfiture. Already the strikers are quarreling among themselves, and, with few exceptions, giving themselves up to drink and debauchery to an extent which is in fact depriving them of the little public sympathy their cause enlisted. There seems to be no men among them upon whose directions they implicitly rely, and the jealousy which prevails among the would-be leaders is fatal to the unanimity of purpose remaining in the ranks. In fact the movement is fast losing the dignity of a strike, and is rapidly exhausting the patience of the police and people. It is stated that among the new men employed by the company are a number of thieves and rogues whose sole object in applying for work was to seek the opportunity for pillage. This is probably the truth, but this element is not of sufficient strength to cause the company much anxiety, or give realization to the hopes of the strikers that their case will be improved by the disorders within the works. Those of the new men against whom suspicion rests are being closely watched, and the likelihood of their resorting to unlawful acts is very remote.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

The Court of Queen's Bench has dismissed the appeal of the Rio Tento Copper Mining Co. in its litigation with the Comptoir des Compte.

THE DECEASED POET.

The newspapers, without exception, print extended obituary notices of the Poet Browning. They agree that the deceased poet possessed and displayed a high degree of genius, but are inclined to the belief that much of what passed for admiration of his works was really affection.

PARNELL TO BE BANQUETTED.

Parnell will be entertained at a banquet given in his honor by the Liverpool Reform club on the evening of December 19th.

A BERLIN SCANDAL.

Great excitement has been caused in high circles in Berlin by the arrest of a woman occupying an exalted position in society on a well sustained charge of being a procuress. It is learned that she has been engaged in her nefarious pursuit for several years, her operations being confined to pandering to lubricity of men of high social standing, most of her customers being also of the better class. Extraordinary efforts are being made to suppress the details and prevent a public trial of the woman, while on the other hand there is a strong desire, on the part of many who see in a public exposure of the scandal an opportunities to crush rivals and revenge themselves upon real or fancied enemies, to force a trial through the ordinary channel.

LECARON TO PUBLISH A BOOK.

Lecaron, the spy and informer, is shortly to publish a book relating his personal adventures and experiences, in which enterprise he is understood to be backed by several men prominent in the leadership of the Conservative party.

A HOPELESS UNDERTAKING.

It is said that in the last letter written by Dr. Peters, the German African traveller, which has found its way to Europe, he stated that the route he had taken was an almost impassible one, and in entering upon which he had as little hope of his ability to return as to push through.

"JACK THE RIPPER"

Believed to Have Resumed His Fiendish Work.

The Body of Another Unfortunate Woman Found Mutilated—The Remains Discovered in a Ship's Ballast.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The body of a woman was found among the ballast of a vessel arriving at Middleboro to-day. One of the hands had been severed and was found in another place. The vessel sailed from Millwall Dock, London, and the police suspect that the woman is another victim of Jack the Ripper.

CABLE NEWS.

Dom Pedro's Pension.

LISBON, Dec. 13.—In response to enquiries made by the republican government of Brazil through the Brazilian legation here, Dom Pedro has finally declined to accept any sum of money beyond that authorized by the laws of Brazil.

Fatal Colliery Explosion.

MADRID, Dec. 13.—An explosion occurred in a colliery pit at Belmez today, and the number of killed and injured is unknown; but two dead bodies and fifteen wounded men have already been brought to the pit mouth.

Mozambique News.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 13.—Mozambique advices state that Serpapinto after deceiving British Consul Johnson by declaring his intentions to be peaceful, obtained a reinforcement in Mozambique and proceeded to the Makololo country where he and his party entrenched themselves and declared war against Makololo, slaughtering hundreds with galling guns.

Browning's Grave.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—When stricken with his last illness, the poet Browning had just received the freedom of the city of Asolo, Italy, whither he purposed going. The Dean of Westminster has offered sepulture for his remains in Westminster Abbey, but it is probable that it will be decided to bury him in a grave with his wife.

THE CRONIN TRIAL ENDED

Judge McConnell Delivers His Charge to the Jury.

After Being Locked Up Several Hours the Jury Fail to Agree Upon a Verdict and Court Adjourns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Judge Longenecker concluded his argument for the prosecution to-day, and then Judge McConnell began the reading of his charge to the jury. He said that if the jurors found defendants guilty, any or all of them were to be punished by death, imprisonment for life, or a long term of years, not less than 14. The charge was very elaborate and the facts on both sides clearly pointed out. The prisoners listened to its reading with interest. At the conclusion, the sewer exhibits that had been introduced in evidence were given to the jury, and five bailiffs were sworn to take the jurymen to the grand jury room there to keep them without meat or drink except water until a verdict was rendered. Recess was then taken till 8 o'clock p. m.

FAILED TO AGREE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—At 11 o'clock the Cronin jury had not agreed upon a verdict, and Judge McConnell adjourned the court till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

Chilliwhack Indians Swindled Out of Twenty Ponies.

Appointment of Officers for the Artillery Corps by Lieut.-Col. Holmes—Fine Grade of Tobacco Leaf.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WESTMINSTER, B.C., Dec. 13.—A quantity of tobacco grown at Chilliwack and submitted to M. P. Kolberg, a San Francisco expert, has been pronounced by him as equal to the finest Sumatra leaf.

Lieut. Col. Holmes inspected the artillery stores to-day and appointed new officers to fill the vacancies. The new appointments are not those selected by the men, and consequently there is much dissatisfaction and disappointment in the ranks. The gentlemen chosen by Col. Holmes are in every way worthy of the position.

Mr. J. Aikman, who leaves to-morrow for Victoria, where he will reside in future, was banquetted by the law students last evening.

Two men have swindled the Chilliwhack Indians out of twenty ponies. They gave a promissory not for the horses, which is perfectly worthless.

A Strong Following.

MANY diseases result from neglected constipation such as sick headache, bad blood, foul humors, heartburn, dizziness and general ill health. From one to three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters is guaranteed to cure constipation and all diseases caused by irregularity of the bowels.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

AMERICAN NEWS.

Alleged Wholesale Bribery in Dakota.

New York's Overhead Electric Wires Must Come Down.

The Apostles of the Mormon Church Issue a Manifesto—Gigantic Railroad Fraud in Indiana.

A Big Railroad Fraud.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—For two days past two prominent Indiana lawyers, Lew Wallace, jr., and A. W. Hatch, have been at the Grand Pacific Hotel on a secret mission, extraordinary measures having been taken to prevent publicity. The object of the visit of Wallace and Hatch was manifested this p. m., when they appeared in Judge Gresham's chamber and laid before the judge charges of a sensational character against Hy. Crawford, a Chicago lawyer and railroad speculator. The accusations against Mr. Crawford are in brief that in 1885 he bought the Midland Railway Co. of Indiana for $40,000 at a foreclosure sale, and within a short time after originated a scheme for floating the bonds for $10,000,000, upon a road the value of whose rolling stock, right of way and all other assets would not exceed $175,000. Fraud of a bold kind is charged against him, and on a portion of the ten million dollar issue of bonds $200,000 are known to have been obtained with a prospect that this is only a part of the sum fraudulently realized. Messrs. Wallace and Hatch represent the Loan and Investment Co. of New York, which claims to be a victim of Crawford's railroad financiering to the extent of $100,000, and is the first to complain. They arrived here on Wednesday with a bill in chancery filed in the United States district court of Indianapolis, but it was suppressed and withdrawn from the files to be secretly presented to Judge Gresham. The road is said to be in a rotten and demoralized condition.

The Defaulting Cashier.

WYSHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The case of C. E. Silcott, defaulting cashier of the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, is now before the grand jury of the district and a number of witnesses have answered the subpoenas issued. As far as can be learned no trace has been found of him. Requests for photographs and descriptive data have been received at the office of the sergeant-at-arms from detectives in Canada, but as far as known they are made with a view of enabling the detectives to identify the fugitive in case he is discovered.

Another Strike Settled.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 13.—General Manager Bond, of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., returned from New York to-day, and in conference with the Pratt miners all differences were arranged and the miners agreed to return to work to-morrow at present prices. Their wages are to be raised as the price of iron advances.

A Mormon Manifesto.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 13.—Wilford Woodruff, Geo. A. Cannon, and Joseph A. Smith, apostles of the Mormon church, have issued another manifesto unqualifiedly denying all charges made against the church in the recent hearing before Judge Anderson. So far from any doctrine or teaching of the church being hostile to the U. S. government, the members of the church are under Divine command to revere the constitution as a heaven-inspired instrument, and to obey as supreme all laws made in pursuance of its provisions. The signers of the manifesto regard the attempt to exclude aliens from naturalizing, and citizens from the elective franchise, on account of their membership in the Mormon church, as an impolitic and dangerous encroachment upon civil and religious liberty. They earnestly appeal to the American press and people not to condemn the Latter Day Saints.

Alleged Wholesale Bribery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The Herald special from Fargo, North Dakota, says: M. N. Johnson, the defeated candidate for the U. S. senate, in a long communication in the Argus from Bismarck, claims that E. A. Dodge, attorney for the Manitoba Railway, came to his room at 4 a. m. after his nomination in caucus, when it was conceded he would be elected, and implored that the railway be allowed to name the district judge. Johnson says he refused $25,000 cash and a consulship worth $7,000, and that names can be given.

Loss by the Boston Fire.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The adjusters of the insurance involved in the late fire have not yet completed their labors, but from the results thus far reached, it is believed the entire loss by the fire will not be over $3,000,000.

U. S. Ballot Reform.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The executive committee of the ballot reform league to-day decided to hold a mass meeting in Cooper Union at an early day. Henry George, Carl Schurz, and Chauncey M. Depew are among those who are expected to speak in favor of the Australian ballot system.

Kilrain's Case.

PURVIS, Miss., Dec. 13.—Ten jurors were obtained in the Kilrain case today. The other two will probably be secured to-morrow. Capt. Fitzpatrick and other witnesses for the state are present.

The Electric Wires Must Go.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—After receiving the decision of the court to-day authorizing him to remove the overhead electric light wires from the streets, Commissioner of public works Gilroy notified all electric light companies he would begin work early to-morrow. He also made a requision on the board of electrical control for an electrical expert to accompany his men and point out which of the wires are imperfectly insulated. He instructed the various companies to cut off the current at 8 a. m. on all wires. The decision of the court is that the commissioner is justified not only as an officer, but as a citizen in abating any public nuisance. The companies cannot have any right which would be infringed by removing the dangerous wires, for the legislature had no power to grant a right to maintain a nuisance.

The Missing Bank President.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—A man answering the description of Bank President Ditman, called at the eating house of George Denny here on Wednesday night and asked for lodging, but was refused. Mr. Denny on reading the story of Ditman's disappearance and seeing his picture in a paper told the family of the missing man. The family infer from this incident that Mr. Ditman is alive and has left the city to avoid the troubles that he was laboring under.

Gambling Caused His Downfall.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—A Cheyenne, Wyo., special says: Thos. R. Adams, manager of the cattle ranche of the Milwaukee and Wyoming Investment Co., has absconded. His defalcations are estimated at $15,000. He has been married but six weeks. Drink and gambling are the causes attributed.

Rewarded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Lewis Wilson, of Minnesota, who lost both hands by the explosion of a cannon while firing a salute in honor of Harrison's election as president, was to-day appointed one of the doorkeepers of the House of Representatives at a salary of $1200 per year.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Port Arthur's Tax Claim Against the C.P.R. Settled.

Mularky & Co.'s Liabilities Foot up $250,000.

Lieut.-Governor Schultz Presented With a Confederation Medal—Rev. Dr. Williams' Serious Illness.

Lieut.-Governor Schultz Honored.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—The government has granted a Confederation medal to Lieut.-Governor Schultz. The last recipient of this honor was Bonaparte Wise, who visited this country.

A Tirade Against Dancing.

HAMILTON, Dec. 13.—Evangelists Hunter and Crossley, who have been tirading against dancing, have been invited to a ball by the Empire Quadrille Club. The club will give $100 to charity if anything objectionable can be seen in the entertainment.

Rev. Dr. Williams's Illness.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—Since the death of his daughter, Mrs. Boyce, a day or so ago, Rev. Dr. Williams of the Methdist Church, has gradually sank, and is at present very low.

Port Arthur's Claim Against the C.P.R.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 13.—Supt. White submitted a letter to the council last night enclosing a cheque for full taxes due, without interest, the amount being $11,807. The question of interest is to be submitted for settlement. The seized goods were released to-day and forwarded west.

The Mularky & Co. Failure.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—The failure of Mularky & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, is worse than at first expected. Their liabilities already foot up $250,000. The largest creditor is the Merchants Bank for $57,000, the larger part of which is secured.

Thompson vs. Albani Gye.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—The appeal of Albani Gye against her examination in Chicago in the suit of Thompson vs. Albani Gye has been allowed, and the order for the 3rd examination set aside.

FANCY DRESS BALL.

An Enjoyable Event at Duncan's Station—List of the Guests in Costume.

On Friday evening a most enjoyable affair took place at Duncan's Station, in the shape of a fancy dress ball given by the bachelors of the settlement. The hall was elaborately decorated with evergreens, flags, and Chinese lanterns. There were about seventy-five couple on the floor, many of the costumes being very beautiful, and making a pretty and pleasing picture as the dancers moved about the brilliantly lighted ball-room.

At 12 o'clock a sumptuous repast was enjoyed, after which dancing was resumed to the strains of alluring music furnished by the London Harmony, under the direction of Prof. Granate. Dancing was kept up until next morning, when the company dispersed, after extending a hearty vote of thanks to the bachelors for the enjoyable evening spent, and which was pronounced by all to be the best dance ever given in the district.

Following is the list of guests in costume:

LADIES.

Mrs. Smith, Mary Queen of Scots; Miss Smith, Spring; Miss Holliday, jockey; Miss Alexander, Queen of Spades; Mrs. Sutton, fishwife; Mrs. Keir, sunflower; Miss Currie, Red Cross hospital nurse; Miss A. Currie, Summer; Mrs. Wellburn, Patience; Mrs. Maitland-Dougal, 19th century; Mrs F. Leather, 19th century; Miss Barclay, Queen of Hearts; Miss Wilson, 19th century; Mrs. Williams, America (stars and Stripes); Mrs. Lomas, 19th century; Miss Lomas, Fatima; Mrs. Jaynes, 16th century; Miss Jaynes, Normandy; Mrs. Harrison, Pedcross; Mrs. Sayd, five Miss Arrowsmith, undergraduate; Mrs. Conway, oriental dancer; Miss Askew, peasant girl; Miss Price, 19th century; Miss Tothill, senorita; Miss Drake, 19th century; Mrs. Gray, Canada; Mrs. Mackay, lawn tennis; Mrs. Pimbury, 19th century; Mrs. Wilson, 19th century; Mrs. Matthews, 19th century; Mrs. Mawdsley, 19th century; Mrs. Edgson, domino; Miss Edgson, milkmaid; Mrs. Roberts, Queen of Spades, Miss Adams, 5 o'clock tea; Mrs. Porter, 19th century.

GENTLEMEN.

Joe Macdonald, Claude Duval; F. Price, Hamlet; A. C. Good, Admiral, R. N.; T. C. Eaton, Esquimaux; S. Alexander, Turkish officer; J. C. Dwyer, English huntsman; P. F. Jacques, English colonel; G. Keir, Chief of Police; J. Keir, Someone; P. Roberts, policeman; H. Bolton, football; T. Bolton, Cowichan Lake ranger; H. Hague, cadet; E. Raymond, page, Henry VIII; C. Price, counter, Henry VIII; W. C. Wood, page, Henry VIII; E. Price, football; H. Harrison, South African planter; R. Wilson, Lancaster Rifles; R. H. Parkinson, Turkish Pasha; H. Greaves, midshipman; John Street, Turkish ambassador; D. Alexander, 19th century; W. P. Jacques, Peck's Bad Boy; H. Simpson, 19th century; H. Macaulay, Romeo; S. Gray, Lord Mayor of Chemainus; R. D. Conway, Forrester; Lieut.-Col. Matthews, 19th century; R. S. Leacher, 19th century; W. Wainman, Manitoba; W. Cargill, 19th century; J. Hirsch, Cowichan Lake meshack; J. C. Maitland, gladiator; H. Wilson, 19th century; J. Cathcart, four-in-hand.

Fish Photographed.

Mr. Thomas Mowat, inspector of fisheries, has had some photographs of rather a peculiar nature taken at Harrison river. The subject of the principal picture is a shoal of salmon entering the Harrison from a creek; the fish are in the shallows and they are reproduced with wonderful fidelity in the photograph, and the pretty effect given by seeing them dart along in their native element is very pleasing. The surrounding scenery is lovely, and the foliage with the sunlight simmering on it, and the sparkling waters of the creek and river make up a study any artist might be proud of. Mr. Mowat is sending copies of this beautiful scene to various parts of the country. It will make a capital advertisement for British Columbia's fish and scenery. The beauties of the Harrison lake and river certainly deserve all the praise they get.—Columbian.

PROF. LOISETTE'S MEMORY SYSTEM is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country, and persons wishing to improve their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column. no23-4t-dw

AND YET NO VERDICT.

The Cronin Jurymen Fail to Agree.

Eleven for Conviction and One for Acquittal.

The Jury Provided with Blankets and Locked Up for the Night—The Prisoners Betray no Anxiety.

AN OBSTINATE JUROR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Information of most reliable authority was received in the courtroom during this afternoon to the effect that the jury, from the first ballot, had stood 11 to 1 for the conviction of the five prisoners. The one man who held out was Calver. The States attorney declined to say anything about the report except that he was hopeful that it would prove untrue. "In case it is true," he added, "I don't think it will materially hurt us, because it is not very likely that Calver will stick out against the 11 for a whole week, and the judge will not discharge the jury before." Judge McConnell in response to a note sent him by Foreman B. F. Clark, went to the jury room to explain some knotty points of law. This over, he disappeared and kept out of sight the rest of the afternoon. At 4 o'clock Sheriff Watson entered the court room and said recess would be taken until 6 o'clock. At the latter hour the sheriff announced that Judge McConnell was at his home, and would not convene the court again until 10 o'clock p. m., unless sent for by request of the jury. The Sheriff added it was unlikely that the judge would be sent for. Bailiff Santa, in charge of the jury, said at 5 p.m. he felt most positive no verdict would be reached to-night. The standing of the five men he would not disclose, nor would he deny or affirm the statement that the 11 to 1 opinion still existed.

LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT.

MIDNIGHT.—Judge McConnell took his seat on the bench at 10 o'clock tonight, but no word was received from the jury. After waiting until 10:35 the judge decided to return to his residence, leaving instructions with Sheriff Matson to send for him at any hour, if so requested by the jury. No recess or adjournment was declared, and the court will consequently be in continuous session until Monday morning. If a verdict is reached to-morrow it can be brought into court. At 10.40 the jury made a request for blankets, and a supply was taken to the room. All communications between judge and jury to-day were made through the medium of sealed envelopes. The general impression still remains that the body stands 11 to 1 for the conviction of all the defendants.

HOW THE PRISONERS TAKE IT.

The five Cronin suspects preserved the same stoical demeanor in the morning that has characterized them during the trial. Little Kunze received calls from two of his sweethearts this morning, and chatted pleasantly with them through the bars. Coughlin and O'Sullivan read the morning papers in the cells and betrayed no anxiety whatever to learn what the jury was doing. Beggs wore a smile of satisfaction as he read the papers and was apparently satisfied he would be discharged. Burke, in the boys department, whistled, sang and chewed tobacco. He was no more anxious about the jury than the others.

WRAPPED IN DARKNESS.

The Electric Lights Extinguished on Gotham's Streets.

Energetic Action at Last Taken to Protect the Lives of Linemen from the Deadly Wires.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The city is enveloped in gloom to-night. Not a single arc light is burning on any of the principal streets. This was the result of to-day's onslaught by the department of Public Works on defective and improperly strung wires of the electric light companies. A large quantity of improperly insulated wire was cut today by gangs sent out by the department, and in some cases in the lower part of the city poles were removed. The electric light people have given up the fight so far as lighting the city is concerned, and they will do nothing further until the matter is settled in the courts. The shutting off of the lights caused great inconvenience to pedestrians and no little amount of grumbling.

CABLE NEWS.

Coal Porters' Strike.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The coal porters at Greenwich struck to-day, giving notice that they will not work on vessels carrying coal to works employing non-union men.

A London Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A heavy fog prevailed here to-day. It was feared owing to the fact that it was necessary to burn gas during the day, that the supply would not prove adequate because of the strike of the gas workers. These fears were groundless, however, as the supply was well maintained.

The Spread of Influenza.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Prof. Lyden, lecturing at the Clinical Institute last night, traced the epidemic of influenza and the cause of its spreading to a very dangerous fever which prevails in the East. Clinic journals announce that the influenza is spreading.

A Duel Arranged.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, MM. Dreyfus and Laguerre became involved in a quarrel which resulted in the subsequent issuance of a challenge. The duel will be fought to-morrow.

THE OPIUM IMPORTERS.

Large Consignment Just Received in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The Chronicle claims to have information that 2,500 pounds of opium, valued at $50,000, was smuggled into this port on the steamship Zealandia, which arrived from Australia, November 24. The drug was shipped in boxes containing household goods, which were not on the steamer's manifest.

Special Agent Brooks, of the treasury department, arrived here from Washington six weeks ago for the purpose of capturing a large shipment of smuggled opium and breaking up the opium ring in this city. Brooks found no opium, but it now transpires that the drug arrived here on time, despite the efforts of the entire customs service.

When the opium was expected here from Victoria by steamer it was shipped East, and then brought to this city by rail. If the customs officers watched the China steamers very closely the contraband drug invariably came by way of Honolulu, Australia or Panama. The smugglers are so completely organized that they can change their tactics easily. There was a large shipment of smuggled opium due here about two weeks ago, but the ring cabled their agent not to send the drug by the China steamer.

THE STRIKE IS OFF.

The Cascade Employes Meet the Road Officials.

Freight Trains Now Moving Without Interference, and the Employes Decide to Resume Work.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—Supt. Dickinson was seen about 5 o'clock this evening and asked the result of the conference held with the striking brakemen this morning.

"It has been declared off," said Mr. Dickinson. "I met the men this morning and considered their case and told them that where there was cause for a grievance it would be rectified. The men left and held a conference, and decided to declare the strike off, and a telegram to this effect was sent by them to the strikers at Ellensburg. The matter now rests with Superintendent Powell, of the Cascade division, and myself. I will proceed to Ellensburg at once and the matter will be adjusted as soon as possible."

ELLENSBURG IS QUIET.

ELLENSBURG, Dec. 13.—As a result of a conference held at Tacoma to-day between a committee of the strikers and Assistant General Superintendent Dickinson, the strike was declared off this afternoon. There have been no concessions by either party. Freight trains are now moving without interference.

There will be a meeting