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SUBMARINE TELEGRAPHY

A GREAT MONOPOLY CONTROLS THE ATLANTIC CABLES.

Poor Cables—Silencing Opposition Companies—Gould Quits—The Cable Magnates—What an Ocean Wire Costs.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The whole cable business has passed into the hands of a monopoly, and John Pender, M. P., now traveling in America, is the king of the combination. Many efforts have been made to break down the monopoly, and at times it has appeared as though the efforts would be crowned with success; but every new company which has been started, with the intention of establishing a healthy competition in the Atlantic cable service, has been met by the Anglo-American Co. in the same manner. Immediately upon the opening of any rival line the tariff has been depressed to a point at which it was admittedly unprofitable; and this has continued until such time as the new rival, depressed by the meagreness of its revenues, has been brought to terms. Those terms have always been sufficiently favorable to enable the new concern to secure a larger amount of business than it was at the moment transacting, and the result of each and all of these efforts has undoubtedly been to weaken the position of the original company. Still, however, they pursue the same tactics, their motto being anything rather than competition, and in their efforts to maintain a monopoly they have been most efficiently aided and abetted by Mr. John Pender, M. P. There appeared at one time a probability that

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would have resisted all their efforts to establish a joint purse agreement, for that company's prospectus and articles of association directly forbade any such arrangement; but Mr. Pender soon proved himself master of the situation, for he turned out the original board and made himself chairman of the company, at the same time altering its constitution so as to permit of the pooling arrangements considered necessary by the rival company. In his operations he was materially assisted by the enormous voting power placed in the hands of a clique by the cable trust concerns of which he is either chairman or trustee; and it is really a difficult matter for an opposition concern to withstand the operations of so powerful and so united a body of men as those now ruling over the destinies of the cable companies of the united kingdom.

OTHER LINES.

But not only do Pender and his friends control the Atlantic lines but all the other great lines throughout the world. There are twelve or more great corporations connected with cables in various parts of the world, and all these are in the hands of the Penderites. The Gould cables, recently laid, have already joined the combination. And if Garret of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, lays cables, as he threatens to do, an attempt will be made to silence him. But there is some prospect of a

RELEASE FROM THE MONOPOLY

and its present high rates. The load for the Anglo American company will go too much for it to carry out and there will be a grand collapse. The property of these companies do not represent anything like the money invested. The Anglo-American company's capital stands at not less than £7,000,000, a sum which at the present day would be sufficient to lay more than fourteen cables. The French cable capital stands at £2,000,000 francs, or £1,680,000, the Direct company's capital is £1,318,900, and the Gould company I am not certain about, though it no doubt exceeds £1,000,000. Here, then, we have considerably over £11,000,000 embarked by the pooling companies, and the number of cables which they have in working order at the present time is, I understand, nine, making an average of £1,250,000 for every cable, and, with all their advantages of being first in the field, such heavy weighting places the parent concern at a serious disadvantage.

THE COST OF A CABLE.

It should be remembered that a private individual could purchase and lay an Atlantic cable for little more than one-half what some recent companies have been compelled to disburse. It is quite certain that the mere cost of manufacture nowadays need not amount to £100 per mile, and it is quite possible for anyone possessing command of say £400,000 to lay such a cable possessing all the latest improvements, and to find himself at the end of the operation possessed of a sufficiency of working capital. But the company which lays a cable across the Atlantic has to provide a capital of half as much again to cover promoters' charges and so forth.

THE CONDITION OF THE CABLES.

Though the combination claim to have nine cables in working working order it is more than doubted if they have half that number. There are only two really reliable wires, the Direct and the French, both of which were examined by electricians as well as metal experts during the process of manufacture. Every suspected piece was condemned and new wire put in its place. The result is these wires are always in good working order. I have the authority of a gentleman thoroughly posted for the statement that not more than four of the wires are ever working or to be depended on. The Gould cables were not inspected and are almost worthless. Instead of letting them into the pool Pender should have kept them out and their cables would have given out. But Gould might have been incited to get better ones in their place.

HOPE FOR RELIEF.

What is wanted is a wire controlled and owned by persons on the American side either in Canada or the United States. I have heard it mentioned that the British government have had a scheme submitted to them for a government cable to Newfoundland and then connecting with the Canadian system on to British Columbia, and ultimately reaching to China and India. But a wire owned on the American side would soon be able to pour hot shot into the Anglo-American and bring the rate down to tenpence a word or ten words for $2.00.

FIRES.

KINGSTON, Sept. 27—Richardson & Son's grain warehouse was destroyed by fire this morning. The building contained 8000 bushels of peas, about 2000 bushels of rye, and between 600 and 700 bushels of wheat. The peas will be a total loss. The barley which was in the first flat will be saved in a damaged state. The rest must be destroyed or rendered valueless. The loss is estimated at $20,000, with an insurance of $12,000, of which $500 is held by the Queen's, and one half repeated in another company, and $7000 in the Royal Canadian.

LATEST EGYPTIAN NEWS.

Hon. Mr. Fawcett on the Future of Egypt—The Powers and the Egyptian Question—British Troops Preparing to Return.

LONDON, Sept. 27—The Right Hon. Henry Fawcett, postmaster-general, speaking at Hackney, said: "England has no selfish object. Her chief concern is to secure to the Egyptians the best government and the greatest amount of liberty possible. The abuse connected with the late control will be avoided in the future, and the Egyptians will not have to submit to the injustice of an unduly large part of their revenues being appropriated by foreign officials."

RETURN OF BRITISH TROOPS.

CAIRO, Sept. 27—The British troops will begin to return home immediately after the military review on Saturday.

BERLIN, Sept. 27—It is semi-officially announced that the powers expect a communication from Great Britain within a few days, soliciting an expression of their views upon the state of affairs in Egypt.

NOTES.

The British anti-slavery society have appealed to Gladstone to suppress slavery and the slave trade in Egypt.

CANADIAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

There were 69 deaths in Montreal last week and of these 45 were children under five years of age.

A respectable married woman was arrested in Ottawa on Tuesday evening in male attire. She was "shadowing" an erring husband.

The contract for the St. Anne's works has been given to Mr. Gilbert, of Montreal, his tender having been accepted by the government.

The late schooner Guelph, partially damaged by fire, and lying at Blais Bovins, was sold by auction yesterday to Mr. Jas. G. Ross for $1160.

The side-wheel steamer Maggie Bell, lying in Davies' dock, Levis, has been sold to Mr. John Wilson for $2300, although it originally cost $22,000.

Baltis Rose was unanimously chosen as a candidate in the interest of the liberal conservative party for West Hastings at a meeting of delegates Tuesday.

Eleven persons were found on Bird rock in the gulf the other day to be entirely without food, there being no communication with the shore on account of rough weather.

The Montreal hardware houses have advanced the price of bar and manufactured iron ten per cent on account of strikes in England as well as the enormous demand for iron and the increase of freights.

A large barn and two smaller ones on the premises of John McGregor, second concession of Westminster, were destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, together with about 300 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of oats and large quantity of unthreshed grain. The loss will be about $2500.

Samuel Stewartson, a young man employed by Mr. Taws, of Onondaga, met a sudden and awful death on Tuesday. He was driving a steam thresher from one farm to another in the New England settlement when the horses took fright and ran away. Stewartson was thrown under the wheels and his brains were crushed out.

Some villains in Stratford have lately been amusing themselves by throwing a thick black oil on ladies' dresses in the streets. The other night a lady detected a man in the act of thus soiling her and she heroically dragged him to the house of Constable Wilson, who happened not to be at home. Next morning the stamp was at the lady's house bright and early and begged of her to accept money compensation for the damage done, which unfortunately she did.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

HANLAN AT CARLTON PLACE.

Edward Hanlan and Fred Plaisted arrived at Carlton Place yesterday evening, where they will give an exhibition of acquatic skill at the regetta there.

NEWMARKET RACES.

NEWMARKET, Eng., Sept. 27—In the Great Eastern railway handicap, P. Lorillard's Aranza won, Hornpipe second, War-Horn third.

BASE BALL YESTERDAY.

At New York—Meta 6, Providence 3.
At Worcester—Worcester 8, Troy 4.
At Chicago—Chicago 8, Buffalo 1.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 6, Louisville 3.

OBITUARY.

Leclanche, the inventor of the Leclanche electric pile and other improvements in electricity died at Paris yesterday.

CABLE NOTES.

Smythe's hosiery factory at Balbriggan has been burned. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Boston Journal says there is a strong and growing feeling that Gen. Ben Butler will decline the democratic nomination for governor of Massachusetts.

The New York grand jury found indictments for violation of the lottery law against seventy persons on Tuesday. The jury yesterday took up some new cases.

Jay Gould denies that he has been attempting to buy the Journal of Commerce and the Times.

A New England anti-vacination society was organized at Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in St. Louis yesterday morning.

Toadstool Poisoning Case.

KINGSTON, N.Y., Sept. 27—The family of George Everett, at Plattekill, were taken sick on Sunday after eating, it is supposed, mushrooms. On Monday evening the grandmother died. Everett, his wife and daughter are in a critical condition. [This is only one of many cases recently recorded of death from eating poisonous fungi. There are several other species besides the common mushroon, which is distinguished by being dark underneath, that are edible: but care must be taken in gathering them.

A Notorious Poker Game.

NEWBURGH, Sept. 27—A settlement has been made in the notorious poker case between Weed, the victim, and Dr. Hedges and Scott, the victimizers. A motion to *nolle prosequi* the indictments against Hedges and Scott was granted yesterday. It is understood Weed accepted $20,000 in full settlement of the matter. This reduces Weed's loss to about $73,000. It is stated that the overtures for settlement came from Weed.

THE WRECK OF THE ASIA.

THE ADJOURNED INQUIRY BEFORE CAPT. SCOTT.

Examination of Experts—Boat Badly Constructed—Why She Became Unmanageable.

COLLINGWOOD, Sept. 27—The adjourned inquiry before Capt. Scott, R. N., was opened this morning at 9 o'clock. The first witness called was Mr. Adam Dudgeon, mayor of Collingwood, who for twenty years was engaged in ship building. He has also had considerable experience as a sailor. He thinks the old style of canal boats, of which the Asia was one, are not adapted for the upper lakes, and objected to that model, considering them too short, too full and wall-sided. He especially denounced the upper work and thought the boats were far too high out of the water. He did not blame the owners of the vessels, however, as he thought they did not possess a practical knowledge of what a boat should be and they are misled by the classing of the boats and the certificates granted them by the government inspector. He proposed radical changes in the construction of the boats and he thought owners should be compelled to keep a complete shore register of all passengers.

Mr. J. B. Fairgrieve of Hamilton, owner of the Canada, said he had commanded that boat when he first owned her. She was a boat similar in construction to the Asia and sailed between this port and Chicago. The steering qualities of the boat were good. The Asia had finer lines than the Canada and he thought she ought to speed well. He considered that the upper works made his boat easier in a sea, and though she carried sails she had no occasion to use the staysail for several years. The Canada was 144 feet long and 26 feet beam. Her hold was 11 ft. 6 in. deep, and he thought the boat was too broad for her length. He thought the Asia was caught in a heavy swell, keeled over and could not recover.

Capt. John McGriffin, of the Canada, is a sailor of 22 years experience, three of which were passed on steamboats. The Asia was like his boat, but has more housing. He did not think anything but a very heavy sea would prevent the Canada from answering her helm. He thought the rolling braces were a sufficient protection for the upper works and he knew nothing about the Asia trouble nor has he formed any opinion.

Murder in Ireland.

KILDYSART, Ireland, Sept. 27.—The son of Land Agent Keane has been found dead on the roadside. His father recently ejected a tenant.

Illness of E. Dwyer Gray.

DUBLIN, Sept. 27.—Serious apprehensions are felt for the health of E. Dwyer Gray, who has been suffering acutely from affections of the chest, which has been aggravated by his confinement.

An Entire Family Drowned.

HEATHVILLE, Pa., Sept. 27—During the storm on Friday night, while a man named Bush went to look after the safety of his mill, the flood carried away his house with his wife and five children, all of whom were drowned.

Cruel Murder of a Woman.

NEWBERN, N. C., Sept. 27—The body of Fanny Williams was taken from the river here this morning. She had been choked to death and thrown into the river with a heavy rock tied to her neck. The murderer is being pursued.

A Pleasure Party Drowned.

SOUTH LEBANAN, Sept. 26—A skiff containing Abraham Lucas, Belle Lucas, Newton Wallace and Ella Wallace, capsized in Little Miama river last night. All were drowned. The capsizing of the boat was due to a playful struggle for possession of the oars.

Floods in Northern Italy.

ROME, Sept. 27—The situation of a number of communes in Northern Italy continues critical. Great floods have taken place throughout the kingdom, but the weather is now improving. The municipalities of Rome and Florence have issued appeals to the public for charity.

Protecting Mexican Coal.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 27.—The Pueblo legislature offers a premium of seventy-five cents a ton on all coal mined in the State, and exempts from taxation for five years any one engaged in the cultivation of cotton. Placer mines have been discovered in the State of Sinaloa ten miles long.

Probable Suicide.

RIDGEWAY, Sept. 27—The body of an unknown man was found in a field four miles west of here this morning, with a bullet hole through his breast. The man was lying on his back with a revolver laid across his chest. An inquest will probably be held to-day.

Marshal Serranno's Idea.

MADRID, Sept. 27—Marshal Seranno, liberal leader, announces his intention, upon the reassembling of the senate, to declare for the constitution of June 1st, 1869, which made the king inviolable and irresponsible and placed all the responsibility upon the ministers. The ministry and their supporters have resolved to oppose it.

An Æronaut in Danger.

MILLFORD, Mass., Sept. 27.—A balloon escaped this morning with Professor Allen in the basket. He had no anchor, nor had preparation for the journey been completed. The valves were not in working order. When last seen the balloon was passing east of Douglass, going south-west.

Ontario and Quebec Finances.

OTTAWA, Sept. 27—On the 4th of October the Hon. Mr. Mousseau, premier of Quebec, will come to Ottawa with Mr. Wurtele, the provincial treasurer, where they will meet Mr. Wood, the treasurer of Ontario, when they will have an interview with the premier regarding unsettled accounts standing between the government of the dominion and of the governments of the two provinces.

Dissensions in Bonapartist Ranks.

PARIS, Sept. 27—While the Jeromist section of the Bonapartists were holding a meeting to denounce the newspapers Pays and Petit Corporal, the opposition section of the party forced an entrance into the hall. Revolvers and sword canes were displayed, and a number of assaults committed. The Jeromists declare that the recent duel between Dichard, editor of Petit Corporal, and Demasse, editor of the Combat, in which the latter was killed, was virtually an assassination. The feud between the two sections is becoming very intense. The republicans are, of course, delighted at the dissensions among their enemies.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

Who Will be Judged—Who Responsible—Where the Judgment Throne Shall be—Robt. Ashcroft's Lecture.

Mr. Robert Ashcroft, of Liverpool, delivered his third lecture under the auspices of the Christadelphian society in Temperance Hall last evening. The audience was large and very attentive.

The lecturer said that God formed the earth—to be inhabited by good people, not for the aristocrat, the ambitious prince, avaricious merchant, and swinish multitude. In Jeremiah God says that if the sun, moon and stars pass away, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation for ever. This is an apparent contradiction to the statement that the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements meet with fervent heat; yet they can be reconciled. It was the Mosaic heavens that were to pass away with a great noise, and it is a fact that in the first century the Mosaic order of things melted away and were forever sealed and placed aside as an old parchment.

Then if Christ isn't coming to burn up the world what is he coming to do? We believe that his first work will be to organize his household. Some think that Christ will be glad to accept any sort of a character into his household, but he will select only those who have had a firm confidence and hope and held that fast until the end. "We shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ," the scriptures say, and those who appear good shall receive a permanent body as reward of their good deeds.

There is every reason to believe that the judgment seat of Christ, instead of being placed in the heavens, as some suppose, will be on this earth. Only those that possess some knowledge of good and evil shall appear before this tribunal. He will first exercise his wonderful recreative powers until people have reassumed their former state; since it would be the height of folly to expect skeletons and semi decayed bodies to appear before that tribunal to answer for the deeds done in the flesh.

The doctrine of the judgment is one of the first principles of the oracle of God. Were it so that none but righteous persons shall appear before Christ Paul would not have said "He will judge the quick and the dead." There will surely take place a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; but it looks unreasonable that those who know nothing, though they be resurrected from the grave, should be obliged to appear before the judgment seat and give account for their wrong deeds. "For where there is no law there is no transgression." There are numbers so debased that they could not appear. Or again is it in accordance with reason that those who have died in childhood or demented should be granted an immortal body in that state? Christ says "If I had not come and spoken unto them they had not had sin, but now have they no cloak for their sins." There is no difference between the man who knows not the distinction between right and wrong and the beast of the field; both perish and that is their end. If this be not true, then it has no business on the inspired page; and if it be true it was no creation of the speaker's. And does not this seem to be justice also, for why should they be brought before a judgment seat and questioned for their sins since they did not know of such a thing as sin? We cease to be distressed for the dead after they are gone, and if any of the countless throng of the dead do live again it will be at the pleasure of the Almighty only. Some will say that it is very harsh that men should be left forever in the congregation of the dead. But is there any wrong done any one by this? Whose rights are infringed? Since no human being has ground to put forth any claim to immortality.

Where on the earth shall this tribunal be located? I believe it will be on the peninsula of Sinai. In psalm LXVIII, 17, there is clearly referred to a manifestation of the deity in Sinai. This peninsula of Sinai is almost completely deserted and shunned by everyone, and no nation seems desirous of annexing it as part of its territory. The judgment seat might accordingly be established there without any one knowing anything about it.

A fashionable religion can make no man responsible to the judgment seat of Christ, and therefore they are not qualified to appear before this tribunal as candidates for immortality. It must be dreadful to be turned away from Him who has the power to confer such a priceless gift as immortality with the words, "You sought the world and its pleasures, now go to the world for your immortality." Different far is the answer that awaits the truly good man, "Thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The joy of possessing an immortal body is part of the joy here mentioned. After the judgment all the earth shall be in the grasp of a deathless power. There will then be no fear of death, and all families shall rejoice in the prospect of companionship with God. Such is the gospel, and is it not a reason for great joy.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The March Out Last Night—"F" Company Prize Winners—John Brown's Body.

The Queen's Own rifles paraded last night in full strength, Col. Otter in command. After leaving the armory the regiment marched to Clarence square, where the right and left half of the battalion went through some skirmishing drill in rotation. On the way home Col. Otter formed his men into fours of double companies, and on the cessation of the strains of the bugle band, gave the order to commence singing, when the boys broke out lustily into "John Brown's Body," "Marching Into Kingston," and other choruses popular in the regiment. They fairly made the welkin ring along Wellington street. The battalion rifle match comes off on Saturday October 7, on Garrison common. A full list of prizes has been prepared.

ANNUAL MATCH "F" COMPANY.

The annual rifle match of "F" company Q. O. R. came off last Saturday afternoon at the ranges, Garrison common. Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was favorable, and that there was little wind, the shooting was not extraordinarily good. The following is a list of the prize winners:—1st private G P Ham, 2nd private Parsons, 3rd bugler Rugg, 4th private Austin, 5th private Freeland, 6th private Murray, 7th captain Hamilton, 8th lieutenant Mason, 9th corporal Walsh, 10th private Alexander, 11th private Anderson, 12th private Weir, 13th private Boyd, 14th private Howard, 15th private Gibson, 16th sergeant McLaren.

Non-prizemen—1st private G P Ham, 2nd private Murray.

Range prizes—200 yards private G P Ham, 400 yards private Parsons, 500 yards private Austin.

BUSINESS AT THE CITY HALL.

The Civic Committees Met Yesterday—Matters that were Disposed of.

The fire and gas committee met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Ald. Adamson in the chair. A fire alarm box was ordered to be placed in the vicinity of the Toronto bridge company's works. George M. McConkey, Mrs. McDonald and T. S. Fisher were granted permits to put up engines and boilers on their premises. An application was received from Joseph Bond for permission to erect a blacksmith shop on Queen street, near Brock, but the committee were strongly of the opinion that the application should be refused, so the matter was referred back for further consideration. At the request of Prof. McVicar a gas lamp was ordered to be placed in Bloor street, near Avenue road. Considerable discussion took place in reference to the hose supplied by the Canada rubber company. Ald. Maughan read a report to the effect that the hose supplied was not of the same quality as that used at the test some time ago. On motion of Ald. Boustead the chief was ordered to examine the hose and report to the committee. Several applications were received to fill a vacancy on the fire brigade. The blank was filled with the name of Mr. Evans.

The Waterworks Committee.

Ald. Boustead presided at the meeting of the waterworks committee. The only business transacted was a further discussion of the report, which had been sent back by the council, concerning the waterworks extension contract. The original report recommended the payment of the balance due F. B. McNamee on his contract, some $10,000, and the strict enforcement of the penalty for time overdue in furnishing the work. There seems to be not a little misunderstanding in the council and in the waterworks committee as to just how the contractor stands, and there is apparently doubts whether the work will be satisfactorily finished this year or not. The penalty which Mr. McNamee is liable for is $100 per day for every day the contract remains unfinished after a given date. Council has already made one remission of penalty. The report was sent back to the council without amendment.

Board of Works.

Ald. Turner presided at the meeting of the board of works. Petitions and deputations from Parliament and Ord streets waited on the board, protesting against the proposed block-paving of these streets. As the necessary signatures were obtained, it is not at all likely that these protests will avail much. However, the work will not be commenced for another week out of deference to these petitions. Ald. Booth produced samples of broken stone which was being laid down on Ontario street by one Farquhar, the contractor. The stone was not in accordance with the specifications, and the board decided not to accept any more such stone. A long discussion took place on the resolution of council directing the return of $60 to Messrs. Trimble & Co., who had tendered for the sewer in Queen street east. The firm's tender was for $1400, $1000 less than the next lowest. They afterwards found out that they had "made a mistake." Thinking that it was a bona fide mistake the council released the firm from the contract and also agreed to remit the $60 put up as penalty. Chairman Turner took the strongest grounds against the action of council, and read from the by-law to prove that the council had acted in an illegal manner. He said it was a case of principle and precedent. The matter will again come up in council if it gets past the executive committee. The necessary signatures have been secured for the construction of a common sewer in Church street, between Gerrard and King streets. The petition is headed by James Beaty, jr. The announcement of the petition was received with joy by the board. A common sewer was also petitioned for Dovercourt road.

A PAIR OF PANTS.

And the Convulsions they Created in a Church at Galt the Other Sunday.

A correspondent sends us a very good story from Galt. The "Manchester of Canada" is a godly town and noted for the regularity with which its inhabitants attend divine worship. Rain or shine everybody goes to church. It looked like a shower the other Sunday evening and so before starting for the sanctuary, the wife of a prominent citizen hurriedly took from her clothe's closet what she thought to be her dolman. Gracefully carrying the garment over her arm Mrs.——— sallied forth accompanied by a young lady friend. They floated down town with the stream of church-goers and passed into the house of the Lord feeling that they had done their duty to themselves and their consciences in braving the threatening elements to take part in the service. Mrs.——— threw her wrap over the seat in front and was about to say her little prayer when, gracious goodness! her eye caught the glitter of buttons and white lining. With a horrified look she turned to her companion and gasped: "Good heavens! its a pair of Harry's pants instead of my dolman." To continue in the words of our correspondent, (who is none other than the companion in question), "That was enough. I nearly bolted my prayer book, and if it had not been for my wool shawl I don't know what would become of me. As for Mrs.——— I thought she would go off by silent combustion. We laughed until we cried, and it was with difficulty that the poor dear could summon up courage enough to seize the innocent trousers and cast them beneath the seat, but she managed at last to do it, and there they lay extended, every look at the vile things throwing us into fresh convulsions." And here our fair correspondent's story ends, but she forgot to tell us, as we subsequently learned, that the choir very appropriately opened the service with the anthem As pants the Hart, and that Mrs.——— bribed the sexton to remove the other pants under cover of darkness.

The Grand.

Lotta closed a very successful engagement at the Grand last night. This evening the Richmond Specialty company will appear. This company has been a long time before the public and is well indorsed. The combination consists of a full line of variety artists of a high order and gives a good entertainment.

A Storm-bound Steamer.

The Rupert took over a large number of people to Niagara yesterday, the military camp being the attraction. In the evening Mr. Cornell received a telegram from the purser that they would have to remain over night, as the lake was running high and a severe gale was blowing. People who have friends on board need not therefore be anxious as to their safety and welfare. The Rupert will bring them back this afternoon.

AGAINST ANNEXATION.

MR. JAMES FRENCH'S PLAN FOR GIVING YORKVILLE WATER.

A System That Will Cost $25,000 Complete—The Drainage of the Village—Mass Meeting to be Held To-Night.

Mr. James French is opposed to the annexation of Yorkville to Toronto. The reasons he gives therefor appeared in The World two days ago. When he was interviewed Mr. French promised to furnish figures backing up his contention that Yorkville could get good water without annexing to the city and at a moderate cost. His project is to utilize the steam in rear of Senator Macpherson's property, erect an engine house, put in new engine and pumps; and connect this steam with the present Yorkville system at the corner of Cottingham and Yonge streets. The water he claims is purer than any the children of Israel ever encountered in the desert on their way to the happy land of Canaan. The supply is, he claims, more than sufficient for the village for years to come. He has consulted competent men who give the following estimate of the cost:

From the spring to the corner of Yonge and Cottingham's reets, 5280 feet, 10-inch pipe and excavation at $2.25 ..... $11,880
Engine boilers pumps 7,500
Engine house 3,000
$22,380

And to show that I am in earnest, said Mr. French, I will do the work for that money myself and guarantee satisfaction as to work and as to quantity and quality of water.

Another objection to annexation is that Toronto is getting in debt; Yorkville is not. And if Yorkville wants money to build waterworks, I or others will buy her debentures at 6½ per cent, provided a sinking fund to meet them is established, as has been done in the past.

As to drainage Mr. French contends that Yorkville has a better and natural system of her own. He sees no reason why the people of Yorkville should be called on to assist in building a trunk sewer for the people of Toronto's sole benefit.

"But come up to the meeting to-night," said Mr. French, "and hear me discuss the question."

JUDGE AND JURY.

The Assizes Yesterday—Suit About Stocks—Saved His Bacon—A Liquor Case.

Judge Armour and a jury continued the hearing of Smith v. Forbes and Lownsborough yesterday. Plaintiff, who lives in Buffalo, gave defendants an order to buy Montreal telegraph stock when it was low, but they failed to execute the order. The stock subsequently rose considerably and, plaintiff sued for what he would have made had defendants carried out his instructions. Plaintiff was awarded $240.

In Porter v. Coatsworth, for wrongful taking of property and trespass, a verdict for plaintiff for $350 was entered by consent.

In the case of Thompson v. Madden the plaintiff stated that he purchased 2000 sides of bacon from defendant called poppett, and made by extracting the shoulder bone. The places where the bones were extracted were filled with salt, making a difference of 4000 lbs in the amount of bacon purchased and that delivered. The action was taken to recover $400 but the jury only gave plaintiff half that amount.

Goodwill v. Wilkins is a rather interesting case. Plaintiff is well known in Toronto in connection with the liquor business and defendant is a Montreal liquor dealer. In May of last year defendant engaged Goodwill to take orders for him, paying him $100 per month and a commission of 1 per cent on case goods and 2½ per cent on bulk goods, besides an allowance for treating expenses. Defendant dispensed with plaintiff's services on the ground that he indulged too freely in the beverage in which they dealt. Goodwill denies the allegation, scorns the alligator and brings suit for damages. He was two hours in the box yesterday and the case will be continued to-day.

Peremptory list for to-day: Macdonald v. Murray, Seaton v Toronto, Starr K. P. Co. v. McCarthy, Young v. Prittie, Hemphill v. Sumner, Trowers v. Strong, Maughan v Brampton.

DOINGS OVER THE DON.

A $1500 Fire at Leslieville—Rev. J. S. Howard—Political Talk.

At two o'clock yesterday morning a lurid glare was observed by an early wanderer in Riverside, which appeared to be in the direction of Leslieville. He immediately rang the Riverside fire alarm bell which was quickly responded to by the boys. The engine and hook and ladder wagon rattled along the Kingston road when they found the brick yard and out-buildings of Mr. David Wagstaff of Leslieville to be in flames. They immediately got ready for work when it was discovered there was not a drop of water near the premises, and consequently could do nothing. A stable, large barn, shed and about twenty cords of wood were burnt, also about 100 bushels of oats and a large quantity of hay were destroyed. The horses in the stable were let loose and they were saved. Damage estimated at about $1500, partly covered by insurance.

The newly appointed incumbent of St. Matthew's church, Riverside, Rev. J. S. Howard, was around the parish yesterday making himself acquainted. He will formally take charge of the parish next Sunday morning, when he will hold his first service.

The liberal conservative association has gone up owing to a split in the camp.

A new political association will shortly be formed in Riverside entitled the "Riverside Independent Debating society."

The Thunder Bay Branch.

From the Winnipeg Sun.

The opening of the Thunder Bay branch to traffic is attended with considerable difficulty. According to Mr. Schrieber the government will probably not allow passengers to be carried over the road while freight traffic is to be delayed and retarded by the scarcity of cars.

Home from the Northwest.

John N. Lake has just returned from a three months' visit to the Northwest, having traveled as far north as Prince Albert, and as far west as the elbow of the North Saskatchewan. He is very enthusiastic over the beauty, fertility and extent of the country. He speaks strongly of the desirability of raising a special fund, of not less than $50,000, to be issued in purchasing property for church purposes and in the establishing of Methodism. Towards such a fund, the Christian Guardian understands, Mr. Lake would give a large sum.

HALF A CENTURY.

Proposed Celebration of the City's Semi-Centennial Incorporation.

The first actual step in the proposed semi-centennial celebration of the incorporation of the city of Toronto was taken yesterday afternoon at the city hall, when the committee, composed of the chairmen of the different standing committees, met and adopted a series of resolutions. Mayor McMurrich was in the chair at the opening of the meeting, but on the arrival of Ald. Boswell that gentleman took his place. The meeting was held by virtue of a resolution of council, passed on the suggestion of the mayor in a message to the board of aldermen, mentioning among other things that it was desirable to hold the celebration in question. Mayor McMurrich and City Solicitor McWilliams had attended such a celebration in Buffalo recently and were much impressed with the benefit derived from such historical gatherings. The city of Toronto was incorporated on March 6, 1834, and consequently if the scheme is carried out the year 1884 will be the time in which the first 50 years of civic dignity and independence will expire.

As a basis of organization, it was moved by Ald. Love, seconded by Ald. Irwin,

"That this committee recommends, (1) The celebration of the semi-centennial of the incorporation of the city, to be held in the year 1884. (2) That a committee of council be appointed the same as standing committee, to have charge, so far as the council is concerned, of all matters pertaining to the celebration until the same has transpired. (3) That such committee shall act in concert with a permanent committee of citizens to be appointed in such manner as may be settled at the first meeting of the committee of the council under section No. 2. (4) That, in view of the variety of interests to be considered, and the general desire that the celebration should be worthy of the city, the council appoint such committee forthwith, giving them instructions to take such active steps as may be necessary to organize the proper machinery for accomplishing the objects aimed at."

It is probable that the civic committee will be so altered as to include one member from each ward instead of the chairmen of the standing committees.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

HAMILTON, Sept. 27—Yesterday about 10 o'clock a shocking accident occurred in the township of Onondaga near the farm of Mr. Wm. Taws. It seems that Samuel Stewardson, a promising young man in Mr. Taws' employ, was sitting on the seat of a threshing engine which was being driven by him along the road, when the horses became restive and ran away, throwing Stewardson from the machine. One of the wheels passed over his head, killing him instantly.

Montreal Post Libel Case.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—There was another full attendance at the court to-day to hear the defence in the libel suit of Mr. McNamee against the Post. A large number of witnesses were called, some of whom believed that McNamee was connected with the Fenian organization and that the Hibernian society which he formed was in reality the outer circle of "the holy order of the Fenian brotherhood." The case is still in progress.

A Duel in a Church.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Sept. 27—In the Baptist church, Hampton Cross Roads, Sunday, during the service, Jerry Cox and Levi Bryson quarrelled. They drew their revolvers and fired wildly. The audience rushed for the doors amid indescribable excitement. The air was filled with the shrieks of frightened men, women and children. One shot passed through the bonnet of a female. The minister remained in the pulpit calmly but energetically addressing the audience, to whom his words were inaudible. Some bullets passed over the head of the minister, who paid no heed to them. Several men tugged away at Cox and Bryson, appealing to them to desist, but they were shoved aside and the firing continued. Bryson finally fell mortally wounded, but was sufficiently conscious to raise and fire at his opponent, who fell dead.

Three Thieves Drowned.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 27—The police this morning pursued three colored thieves who had been stealing cotton from the wharves. They jumped into the river and were drowned.

Murder by a Minister.

CHARLESTON, Miss., Sept. 27—This morning A. Lacon Leight was shot dead by the side of his wife by Vernon Whiteson, Presbyterian minister. The assassin fled and the mob threatens to hang his father.

Unlucky Pair of Brothers.

ESSEX CENTRE, Sept. 27—A young man named Newton Gardiner of this place had his left hand shot off to-day while handling an overloaded gun on the street. The gun exploded and shattered the hand. It was amputated above the wrist. His brother had one of his fingers cut of yesterday at Naylor's new mills.

Second Suez Canal Scheme.

LONDON, Sept. 27—M. De Lesseps, writing to the Times regarding the proposed second canal, says his company possesses for 99 years the exclusive privilege of marl time communication between the Gulf of Pelusium and the Bay of Suez. The Times entertains grave doubts of the validity of this claim.

THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If that cartoon in Puck isn't rather rough on the royal family.

How long the east winds are going to blow.

Why our city mayors don't give a university scholarship.

What Arabi Bey is up to just now.

Why he don't join a circus and come to America.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I was on the ornamental not on the fighting staff. I took dinner with the khedive.—The Duke of Connaught.

I want to be another darling of the English people like Shakespeare's Henry V.—Sir Garnet.

Annex or not annex, that is the question.—Miss Yorkville.

Yes, I'll join the commercial travelers' association next.—The Mayor.

'Tis better to have "love" and lost than never to have played at all—*From the game of Tennis (by hit) son.*

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

TORONTO, *Sept. 28.—1 a. m.—Lakes: Fresh to strong easterly winds, fair to cloudy weather with local rains; stationary or slightly higher temperature.*

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Sept. 27	State of Indiana	New York	Glasgow