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OVER 200 LIVES LOST!

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Gen. Booth's Scheme Unmercifully Scored by the "Times."

Provisions Agreed to for Handling the Irish League Funds.

Five Thousand People Listen to the Deliberations of the Indian Conference.

Over Two Hundred Lives Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Further advices from China as to the burning of the steamer Shanghai near Woo Hoo, about 50 miles from Nankin, show that the disaster was much more serious than at first imagined. It now seems that the number of lives lost will amount to over 200, and that they all lost their lives by drowning. A terrible panic occurred among the Chinese passengers and crew as soon as the alarm of fire was heard, and the panic increased terribly when the flames spread beyond control of the terror-stricken crew. The few European officers on board the Shanghai seem to have done their best to maintain order among the Chinamen, but without success. The large majority of those who lost their lives did so by jumping overboard. Others met death through the swamping of the clumsily-lowered and overcrowded boats.

There are two British steamships bearing the name of Shanghai now in Chinese waters. One is the Shanghai of 244 tons register, which left this port Oct. 19 for Shanghai; the other is of 2,227 tons register and is a local trader. It is generally admitted that it is the last vessel which has been burned.

How He Got Sore Eyes.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A gentleman was suddenly attacked by ophthalmia, which his physician suspected was communicated to him. On inquiry it came out that the gentleman one evening at the theater sat next to a lady who appeared to him to be suffering from an affection of the eyes, and that she had borrowed his opera glasses.

The League Funds.

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The Freeman's Journal announces that the conferences between William O'Brien and Timothy Harrington have resulted in an understanding whereby the funds of the National League are to be devoted to the maintenance of tenants evicted for not paying rents under the plan of campaign, and to assist other sufferers who are depending upon the league for support. All disbursements will be made by Messrs. Kennedy and Webb, M. P.s, the joint treasurers of the league.

The National Indian Congress.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.—The National Indian Congress was opened here yesterday. One thousand delegates were present, and there were 5,000 persons in the audience. Advocate Ghose, a leading attorney of the High Court, delivered an address of welcome. He described the congress as the inevitable outcome of the generous policy of the British Government. Mervanji Mehta, a member of the Bombay Legislature, in his presidential address, made declarations as to the loyalty of the movement and its pacific aims. He said the Congress desired to assist the Government in the work of social reforms. Although the diverse nationalities of India were not yet ripe for representative institutions, yet the elective principle ought to be adopted in nominations to the Indian Council, and he appealed to the Viceroy to watch the movement in a spirit of generous sympathy. The speech concluded thus: "Our congress asks but to be allowed to show the pit-falls and to join the blessings which England will as surely earn as there is an eternal that maketh righteousness. We appeal to Englishmen not to let the prayer rising from a growing and hopeful nation prove in vain."

Gen. Booth Scored.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Times to-day publishes a three-column article severely criticising Gen. Booth's scheme of social regeneration as set forth in his book, "In Darkest England and the Way Out." The writer of the article says: "Gen. Booth cannot think he is to be authorized to collect by force the moral lunatics—irredeemable slaves of vice, crime and drink. He cannot expect us to believe he can compel to work men who admittedly will not work, or that any colony of such men even under the stimulus of the lash, which Gen. Booth is too clever to ask for, could be compelled to be self-supporting." The article accuses Gen. Booth of a child-like ignorance of farming, and of recklessness in entering on a contract for the purchase of land for a farm colony in Essex at £15 per acre. It admits that there is likely to be a certain percentage of successes in connection with the farm and colony schemes, but questions whether Gen. Booth is the right man to control the operations. The editorial states that the article is the first installment of a critical examination of the scheme by a well-qualified writer, and says: "We do not affect to regard the scheme with anything but profound distrust. We urge the public not to conclude in a fit of hysterical emotion that Mr. Booth deserves to be intrusted with an immense sum of money, but wait and hear everything that can be urged against the scheme."

The Nationalists.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Temps announces that after the meeting between Parnell and O'Brien a formal conference of the Irish leaders will be held. Among those who will take part in the deliberations will be Messrs. McCarthy, Power, Redmond, O'Kelly, Sexton, Kenny, and Arthur O'Connor. The aim of the conference will be a reunion of the two sections of the Irish party based on the temporary retirement of Parnell from the leadership.

Messrs. Gill and O'Brien are staying at the house of M. Raffalovitch, Paris. O'Brien enjoys excellent health. He refuses yet to discuss the situation, but described as an atrocious libel the statement of the London Times that while in America he contributed to the columns of Patrick Ford's newspaper, and that Ford, has just reaffirmed his faith in the gospel of dynamite. O'Brien telegraphed to the Times for a retraction of the statement, which the paper published.

Thomas Sexton, in an interview at Boulogne, said he considered Parnell's insulting references to his colleagues an insuperable barrier to his resumption of the leadership of the Irish party. He is quite certain that had Parnell consulted the partly in regard to Morley's alleged offer of a place, every man would have rejected indignantly the idea of sacrificing in any degree the independence of the party by an acceptance of the offer. The London News says: "As Mr. Sexton was supposed to be less decided in his opposition to Mr. Parnell, and more inclined towards a compromise than many of his political friends, his frank and clear declaration is important and valuable."

No Conference on Monday

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The announcement that the formal conference between the Irish leaders will take place on Monday next is officially stated to be untrue. William O'Brien complains of the number of false statements made in newspapers here, and attributed to Mr. Gill and himself. He especially classes as untrue the assertion that he would recommend that Parnell should be retained as leader of the Irish party

UNDER THE SEMAPHORE.

The decision of the Michigan Supreme Court in the case of Weimore vs. the Grand Trunk Railway, in which the Chapman Two-Cent Fare Act is sustained, has created considerable comment in railroad circles. The act in its practical workings only affected the Grand Trunk, as no other road in the State was earning enough to come within its provisions, except the Michigan Central and Lake Shore, which are acting under special charters and cannot be reached. The only part of the Grand Trunk affected by the law is the main line, and fares under it will not be affected on the D., G. H. and M. road, which is operated by the Grand Trunk.

Three Murders—A Woman in the Case.

TRENTON, O., Dec. 26.—Edward Gallagher was shot through the heart, John Oliver was killed by a blow on the forehead with a stone, and Henry Ingalls was fatally wounded at a dance here last night. The trouble started over a woman and ended in a free-for-all fight No arrests were made.

Wouldn't Act at a Drunkard's Funeral.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 27.—The Rev. F. S. Buenger, of Lemars, has created a storm of indignant comment by refusing to read the funeral service, or in any way take part in the burial services, over the body of Volga Eidges, a member of his congregation who died from the effects of the immoderate use of whisky

Skaters Drowned.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 27.—Gertrude M. Brundage, a member of the freshmen class of the medical department of the university, and Mr. F. E. Dickenson, a junior student in the Homœopathic Medical College here, went skating Wednesday night on a mill pond about a mile from the city. As they did not return a search was instituted and their bodies were found under the ice. Miss Brundage was 22 years of age and lived with her mother and two sisters here. Mr. Dickenson came from Dubuque, Ia.

Probable Murder of an Aylmer Man.

AYLMER, Ont., Dec. 27.—Word has been received that Mr. Wilber Doolittle, formerly of Aylmer, who has been living for some time at Axtell, Neb., has mysteriously disappeared and foul play is suspected. He and his wife and child left some few weeks ago on a pleasure trip to Kansas and nothing has been heard of them since. The road led through a portion of the country where a gang of horse thieves made their headquarters, and a few days later the dead bodies of a man, woman and child were found in that locality. His father, who resides at Centerville, is almost distracted over the alarming news.

Crooked Consuls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A Washington special says: "Frauds which have robbed the Government of over $1,000,000 within the past twelve months have just been brought to the knowledge of the treasury officials. The frauds have been committed by the consuls and consular agents of the United States in Canada and by the exporters of Canadian goods to the United States. Some 20 consuls out of 70, the larger number stationed in the Province of Ontario are implicated in the charges. The process consisted in the appropriation of illegal fees and the undervaluation of exports by the exporters.

The accounts of a number of consuls in Canada are now held up at the Treasury Department to await the result of the investigation.

Newfoundland's Grievance.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Monsignor Howley, prefect apostolic of the west coast of Newfoundland, publishes a letter in the Herald predicting that the condition of affairs over the French shore and Newfoundland fishery questions will inevitably result in war. The people of the French shore are desperate over the postponement of a settlement of their intolerable difficulties and will, he is afraid, take every means in their power to precipitate a crisis. The proposition to cede Burin to France cannot be entertained for a moment. Newfoundland might just as well be asked to cut out her heart and give it to France. Dr. Howley declares that the modus vivendi has only served to intensify the strained conditions of affairs, to inflict enormous losses on Newfoundland fishermen and vastly increase the probabilities of bloodshed between the rival fishermen.

Bradstreet's Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's report no material change in the state of trade throughout the country as compared with the preceding week. Refined sugar lower. Coffee and tea prices are reported to have an upward tendency. At western points live cattle, except for prime, are weak. Hogs are in decreased demand, and are 5 cents lower. Farm produce, potatoes and apples are in good demand, and bring good prices. Wheat has been quieter, and quotations have gone off ⅛c during the week. Available stocks east of the Rocky Mountains increased last week 189,160 bushels. Exports of wheat (and flour), both coasts of the United States and Canada this week equal 1,431,263 bushels, against 2,171,718 bushels last week, and 2,251,634 bushels in the like week of 1889. Rates for money west of the Alleghanies, except at San Francisco, where funds are tighter, are unchanged, but more ease is manifest, and a disposition to lend more freely to regular customers. No trouble is anticipated in making necessary settlements and disbursements in January. Drygoods have been dull in wholesale lines, reasonably active at retail. Wool unchanged.

Business failures reported number 396 in the United States this week, against 370 last week and 237 this week last year. Canada has 25 this week, against 35 last week. The total number of failures in the United States, Jan. 1 to date, is 10,518, against 11,590 in a like portion of 1889.

THE WORKING WORLD.

Prospects of Settling the Scotch Railway Strike.

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—As the resul. of a conference at Edinburgh of provosts, railway directors and delegates representing the strikers it is stated there are prospects of settling the strike. At Dundee yesterday an unsuccessful attempt was made to derail a train. The Caledonian Railway Company, which had steadfastly refused to yield to the strikers, has, says a Glasgow dispatch, practically won the struggle with its employes. The success of the other companies is thought to be doubtful. Another dispatch from Glasgow says freight traffic has not yet been resumed on the railways, but there is a slight improvement in the amount of passenger traffic done. Caledonian railway officials say they anticipate an early collapse of the strike. They state that many locomotive engineers and firemen among the strikers will resume work on Monday and that others have privately asked to be reinstated. The strikers generally express confidence in their prospects. The Caledonian Company yesterday engaged 36 English engine drivers. The various railway companies express a willingness to treat directly with the men, but decline to allow officers of the union to be present at an interview. A meeting of citizens of Edinburgh appointed a committee to confer with the railway directors and representative men with a view to the settlement of the strike.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The 1,500 employes at the Pullman Car Company's works have been notified that a new scale reducing the wages 10 per cent. will be enforced Jan. 1. Two hundred blacksmiths ceased work today, pending a settlement with the company.

GLASGOW, Dec. 27.—There is a slight change for the better in connection with the railroad strike, but the immense traffic is still in a state of complete stagnation, and the number of factories and mills which are closed on account of the strike increases daily.

TORONTO LETTER.

Badly Beaten in a Bar-Room—Municipal Reform Scheme.

TORONTO, Saturday, Dec. 27.

Robert Scarlett, a carpenter, is in a dying condition from the effects of a beating received in Douglas & Chambers' saloon during Thursday afternoon. He became noisy and was put out. He did not reach home till midnight, and his landlady remarked that he was covered with blood and badly battered and bruised. James Douglas, who put him out of the bar-room, has been charged with assault. Scarlett was once a large property owner here, but he went down in the world through drunkenness. His ante-morten statement was taken.

The 18th annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada was held yesterday and was followed by a dinner in the evening. The annual report of the Board of Directors was very satisfactory. It was agreed to present a testimonial to the retiring president. The association decided to purchase the premises formerly occupied by the Central Bank for about $40,000.

The Council this afternoon decided to submit Ald. McDougall's scheme of civic reform to the popular vote at the January elections. The scheme in brief is as follows: The mayor, as at present, shall be elected for one year by the whole people. The ward divisions shall be abolished, and instead the city shall be divided into six districts running north from the bay to the north city limits. Each of these districts shall return four aldermen to the Council for a term of two years, and two of the aldermen in each district shall drop out annually, making an annual election. The committees of the Council shall be four in number, being standing committees on (1) finance and assessment, (2) streets and public works, (3) property, (4) fire, light and water. The committees shall consist of six members each, and from the members of each committee at the beginning of each year the mayor shall nominate a chairman for the year. The chairmen, with the mayor, shall form a board of control or executive committee, and the members (except the mayor, whose salary remains at $4,000) shall be paid $2,000 yearly. This board shall have all nominations to office, and before it shall pass all appropriations for over $200. All aldermen shall be paid $500 per annum as indemnity. The new system of government, if approved by the electors, shall come into force on the 1st of January, 1892."

A note has been received from Prof. R. Ramsay Wright in which he states that owing to the proposition that the State shall undertake the manufacture of the lymph—there is very little probability of his being able at once to compass the chief object of his visit to Berlin—The learning of the method of preparation of the Koch lymph. He has, however, concluded to familiarize himself with the technique of the remarkable investigations as to the attainment of immunity against diphtheria and tetanus. He has applied for admission to Koch's new institute, in which the lymph will be manufactured.

Killed by an Electric Wire.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Charles McDonnell, a lineman employed by the Electric Light Company, was killed last evening by coming in contact with a live wire.

His Third Rescue.

HAMILTON, Dec. 27.—Grand Trunk Detective Humphries gallantly rescued a boy from drowning in the bay on Wednesday. The boy was skating near Walton's ice-house, and getting upon a thin piece of ice went through. This is the third rescue made by Detective Humphries.

A Christmas Day Catastrophe.

COBOURG, Ont., Dec. 27.—On Christmas morning, while 22 young people were driving home across Rice Lake to Harwood, from Bewdley, where they had spent the night dancing, the sleigh and horses broke through the ice, precipitating the whole party into the water. After a desperate struggle the men succeeded in getting the girls and themselves out on the ice, but before the half-drowned people could get ashore a number of them were severely frostbitten. Effie Johnston died and several others of the party are in a critical condition.

A Large Volume would not contain the mass of testimony which has accumulated in favor of DR. WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY as a safe, efficient and reliable remedy in curing coughs and pulmonary disease. Many of the cures are truly wonderful.

When the fires of youth go out in a man he wonders that they burn in others.

FAITHFUL FOR FORTY YEARS.

Brief Story of a Long-Lasting Love—Mr. and Mrs. Porter's Courtship and Marriage.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 27.—The wedding here on Friday of James Porter, a wealthy wholesale merchant of Pittsburg, to Miss Mary Clocky, of this city, marked the culmination of an interesting romance of love and fidelity. The groom, whose head is silvered with the brush of time, was a playmate of Miss Clocky down at Point Picasant, O., 40 years ago. From their childish frolics a feeling of friendship developed, which ripened into mutual love. Each understood the other, and her refusal to marry because her mother was an invalid and would be alone, practically, only made his his admiration for her the greater. Her father was a widely-known Presbyterian minister, and in 1855 moved to this city with his family, and during the long and many years that followed the twain remained true to each other. Yet Miss Clocky, who is an ardent missionary worker, refused to leave the side of her suffering mother. The Rev. Mr. Clocky died in 1884, and Mrs. Clocky's dependence upon her faithful daughter was greater than ever. Mrs. Clocky's earthly sufferings ended last July with her death. Mr. Porter had been like a member of the family, and when he asked the heroic little woman again to be his wife he was not rejected. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will live in Allegheny City, Pa.

BUILDINGS BURNED.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27.—The Masonic Temple on North Charles street was gutted by fire yesterday. Loss $200,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—Fire in the Varwig Manufacturing Company's buildings caused a loss of $40,000.

PLANTAGENET, Ont., Dec. 27.—The residence of Mr. Mackay, Division Court bailiff, was burned to the ground yesterday. Only part of contents saved. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay and two children narrowly escaped.

PORT JERVIS, Dec. 27.—A fire occurred Thursday night in the new Erie Railroad station here. The station, which was the finest on the road, was entirely destroyed. The fire originated from a telegraph or electric light wire. Loss, $30,000.

Canadian Gas Gusher.

BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Another great gas well has been drilled in Canadian territory. The gusher was struck a few days ago, and the flow of gas was terrific. Careful computation places the flow at 10,000,000 feet in 24 hours.

Among the Hostiles.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Information from the Bad Lands says there are at the least calculation from 500 to 600 warriors among the hostiles, all well armed and all declaring they will fight. Gen. Miles was heard to say in Rapid City yesterday that he was tired of fooling with these Indians. The best thing to be done was to attack them without further delay.

A Shocking Crime.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—About a month ago James McFarlane was arrested on a charge of feloniously wounding his wife. She was sent to the hospital and he pleaded guilty. It has since been learned that they are brother and sister, and that they have lived together as man and wife for about five years, and that her right name is Mrs. Ellen Insell, whose real husband resides in this city. McFarlane was an assumed name, the man's proper name being James McRay. The woman pleaded guilty, but the man denied the charge and was remanded. This is the first case of the kind that has been brought into court in Canada.

The Hull-less Oats Swindle.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 27.—Chester Wilmot Yerex, so well known in connection with the hull-less oats scheme, has been arrested at Bremen, Germany, under instructions from the British vice-consul there on a charge of forgery. He forged checks of Fox & Fox, of Lucan, Ont., to the extent of $700, having had checks neatly printed and numbered for their special benefit. Before leaving he purchased a revolver and insured his life for the benefit of his wife for $17,000. An excellent farm, about five miles north of the city, which he bought three years ago, has since been sold by his wife. Yerex will be extradited by the Bank of Commerce.

A Physiological Puzzle.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 27.—The doctors in this vicinity are marveling over a most extraordinary occurrence. They have ransacked the records and can find no case equally strange. On Nov. 19 last Mrs. John Sullivan, Parrow street, this city, gave birth to a baby, which was strong and healthy and is doing well. Mrs. Sullivan recovered from her sickness and proceeded with her household duties until Tuesday last, when she gave birth to a second child, also strong and healthy. The attending physician, surprised at this abnormal event, called in a dozen of the most prominent physicians in Orange. Although an old practitioner himself, he could not account for the occurrence, nor could his colleagues.

Brutally Murdered Her Babe.

KINGSTON, Dec. 27.—Four days after Peter Sharbott's marriage to Sarah, of the White Dick tribe, he murdered the illegitimate offspring of his bride. To win his spouse he had promised to care for the child, but his illusage began the first day they came together. Finally, in a frenzied state, he choked the child to insensibility, kicked it about the room and ended its days by hitting it dreadful blows with a pair of pinchers. The horrified wife was a spectator and fainted. Sharbott, after restoring his wife, led her to a swamp, where he dug a hole about two feet deep and threw his victim into it. Sharbott told his wife that if anybody asked her where the child was she was to say it had been given to a man and taken away, and that if she ever told anyone the true facts of the case he would make an end of her. She kept the secret a week and then confessed. Sharbott was arrested.

W. T. Strong, druggist, has secured the agency for Hasley Bros.' Homœopathic Remedies. These celebrated remedies have the largest sale on the continent, and can be had only at W. T. STRONG's, 184 Dundas street. 14 tf

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He (rapturously)—I love the very ground which is trod by your fairy feet. She (innocently)—Are you aware that this land does not belong to my father?

TELEGRAMS IN A NUTSHELL.

The Ohio Oil Company has increased its capital from $3,500,000 to $8,000,000.

The Mount Porter House at Keen Valley, in the Adirondacks, has been burned. Loss, $30,000.

The Dominion Government steamer Napoleon III., on the rocks at Cow Bay, is a total wreck.

The Dundas Baptist Church congregation, of Dundas, have extended a call to Rev. W. Harryett, of Toronto.

It is now announced that Chief Secretary Balfour will not deliver a series of speeches in Ulster next month.

The snow for which Manitobans have been praying for the past few weeks has arrived, but too late for Christmas.

A verdict of guilty has been found against Mrs. Webb, of Oskaloosa, for causing the death of her 5-year-old daughter by cruel treatment.

The Sanborn County Bank, Dakota, run by Leon D. Stevens, closed its doors on Friday. Some $8,000 of the county's money was in the bank.

Patrick O'Neil, proprietor of the Armstrong House, Glen Ross, Hastings, fell on Saturday and injured his hand. Blood-poisoning set in and he died Friday.

At Florence, Wis., on Friday Joe Heiden and John Neumer, lumbermen, fought a bloody battle with bowie knives. Neumer will die, and Heiden is seriously stabbed.

By an explosion in the cartridge house of the American Forcet Powder Company at Lake Hopatcong, N. J., John R. Johnson and Mahlon Sperry were instantly killed.

McCormick & Taylor, carrying on a dyeing establishment at Brockville, are reported in trouble, and owe $10,000, showing $14,000 nominal assets, but largely depreciable.

Rev. John McMurray, D.D., one of the fathers of Methodism in Nova Scotia, died Friday. He was a preacher for over half a century and a former book steward and editor of the Wesleyan.

Mark Haley has received a verdict of $15,000 against the Jump River Lumber Company, of Portage Lake, Wisconsin, for personal injuries received in one of the company's lumber camps.

A collision occurred Friday night north of Fresno, Cal., between a freight train and two wild engines. Brakeman J. Lafferty, was instantly killed. Engineer John Moore was badly hurt, and Fireman Stevenson jumped; cannot live.

An explosion took place Friday in the entrance shaft of the United Coal and Coke Works, Scottdale, Pa., caused by the ignition of kerosene. One hundred and 40 miners were at work, but only two were injured. Over 300 men will be thrown out of employment.

The recommendations of the late International American Conference for the establishment of an American monetary union and the issue of a common silver coin, have been adopted by all the American Republics except Guatemala, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The Adam Electric Railway Company, of St. Louis, will enter suit against the Thompson, Houston, the Sprague and other electric railway companies, whose systems are now in successful operation, for infringment of patent covering the fundamental principle of propelling cars with electricity.

The funeral of the late James Stewart took place at Hamilton, Ont., Friday. The pall-bearers were the five sons of the deceased—John F., Wm. C., Thomas C., Jas. H., and Adam A. Stewart—and Archibald Wilson, Gavin Stewart and Charles Stewart. Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, assisted by Rev. Dr. Fletcher and Rev. S. Lyle, conducted the funeral ceremonies.

LATEST SCOTTISH NEWS.

Mr. J. C. White, of Overtoun, has given £1,000 to "General" Booth's Salvation Army scheme.

Rev. Daniel Macfie, who was for about 40 years minister of Portnahaven, died at Tighnabruaich recently in his 86th year.

Miss Margaret Kennedy (daughter of the late Scottish vocalist) has been elected associate of the Royal Academy of Music.

Rev. Mr. Inch, speaking to the Dundee Y. M. C. A., declared that he for one "was not going to preach cream and live sour milk."

The Countess of Aberdeen was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Women's Liberal Association in Edinburgh recently.

A gipsy woman named Henry Chisholm, well-known over the Highlands, has just died in Inverness-shire at the advanced age of 103 years.

The estate of Hallglenmuir, in the parish of Auchenleck and county of Ayr, has been purchased by Charles Howatson, of Glenbuck, whose property it adjoins.

Mr. Ambrose Bars, photographer, Ayr, was thrown from his horse whilst following the Earl of Eglinton's foxhounds. His injuries terminated fatally on Dec. 11.

Mr. Wallace Bruce, U. S. consul in Edinburgh, has secured the original manuscript of Burns' "Blue-Eyed Lassie," "written to Miss Jeffrey, Lochmaben," 1789.

Mrs. Garvie, New Bridge, Broxburn, was found drowned last week suspended from a plank crossing a burn there. In stepping off her dress had caught on the plank.

Workmen at the restoration of Ethie House, Arbroath, have discovered an underground cellar, in which is stored a large quantity of wines and spirits believed to be of great age.

An inventory of the personal estate of the late Sir Archibald Douglas Stewart, Bart., of Grantully and Murthly, Perthshire, has been given up at £237,574 11s 6d. By his will he leaves all that, and also such of the heritable estate as is not included in the entail, to his widow, Lady Stewart.

There lived in the neighborhood of Dunfermline a decent, worthy kind of man who had married his third wife. Not very long after their marriage he one Sabbath day took her into the churchyard and showed her the resting-place of his two former spouses. He was a man of a serious turn of mind, and he called her attention to the tombstone he had got erected over them, and which bore the following appropriate text of Scripture: "Be ye also ready."

Steamers Arrived.

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City of Berlin	Queenstown	New York
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POLITICAL POINTS.

The official count gives Charles Fairbairn (Conservative) a majority of 133 in the election in South Victoria for the House of Commons.

Mr. Laurier, Mr. Fisher and Attorney-General Longley addressed a great meeting at Moncton, N. B., last evening.

Golden Wedding at Byron.

The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Dorman met at the parental home to celebrate the event of their parents' golden wedding, all arriving by 3 p.m. in the spacious dining room. There were two tables laden with everything one could wish for, and promptly at 3 p.m. Mr. Dorman escorted his wife to the dining room, amid the applause of all present. About 5 p.m. the enjoyment became varied. While the young people took possession of the farm sleigh to ride down a hill near by, the others settled down for a good visit, brother conversing with brother, after being separated by many miles and many days, relating old times, and the youngest son paying all attention to his mother, made a scene not soon to be forgotten. The bride and groom, although wedded 50 years, seemed full of life and energy, and appeared younger than many present. The presents were numerous and very costly. Some of them had attached words of cheer. Among those from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Vandecarr, North Branch, Mich.; Mrs. C. Kelly, Mayville, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dorman and son, Flushing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dorman, Byron; Mrs. E. C. Griffith, Byron; Mr. J. N. Dorman, Marlette, Mich.; Mrs. Cora Dorman, Flushing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillard, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. P. Leister, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dorman and daughter, Mayville, Mich. From the city the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vanstone, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Vanstone, Mr. and Mrs. Westman, Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall, Mr. J. Underhill, Mr. and Mrs. R. James, Brick street; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Deacon, Brick street; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Deacon, Brick street; Mr. B. Sowers and son, Brick street; Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrington, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. J. Forsythe, Delaware, and many others. About 80 people spent a merry Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dorman. Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Underhill presented the presents to the couple, after which Mr. Dorman replied in a very appropriate and affecting manner, and giving good counsel to his children, and no doubt all assembled there learned a useful lesson. This brought the most enjoyable golden wedding to a terminus.

Succeeding in Wardsville.

The Christian Guardian's Wardsville correspondent has the following to say regarding the work of a gentleman well known in this city: "The Wardsville Methodist Church has had a prosperous half-year under the care of the Rev. T. B. Leith. The outside of the church building has been re-painted, the tower re-roofed, and by a re-adjustment a very comfortable and commodious choir pew has been erected at the back of the pulpit. During a series of revival meetings which have been held for some weeks, the older members have been much benefited, some of the younger members have learned to take a hand and voice in the work, and some fifteen made a start to walk the better way. The reverend gentleman has won the reputation of a faithful and enthusiastic preacher of the Gospel, and it is with regret the admission is made that, either through the want of love and appreciation of the work of such a man, or the lack of means on the part of our church membership and members of our congregations, the circuit has to part with his services and to allow them to be taken away by either a more generous or a more wealthy circuit of our Michigan cousins. It is just possible that in our over-governed, over-taxed land, with its Protestantism split up into too many sects, this country will have to spare much of its best in more lines than one to our wealthier neighbors across the line."

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