

THE TORONTO WORLD

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS PARAPHRASED.

Holy Thursday.

The executive committee meets to-day at 4 p.m.

Yesterday, the magistrate committed a man named James Parkison as a lunatic.

It is reported that a skin disease has broken out in one of the private schools of the city.

The Frederick Davis that figured in the police court yesterday was not the Frederick Davis of 1641 Wilton avenue.

The coal supply of the water department is nearly cut and tenders for an additional supply will immediately be advertised for.

The first colonial train of the season for Manitoba, consisting of fifteen passenger cars, left Hamilton yesterday for Manitoba.

The property committee will erect a pavilion at High park during this spring. The pavilion is to be situated on the site of the old residence.

Mr. William Davis, business manager for the Toronto Globe, is visiting the city for a few days. Mr. Davis does not play during his visit.

"Bill" Davison had new boots, was sent to jail for picking Minnie Woods' pocket of \$5 yesterday.

Dr. Smith of the Ontario Veterinary College gave his annual reception and dinner to the students of the college last night at his residence, 257 Jarvis street.

Robert Mitchell was locked up at the western station last night for being disorderly in Queen street. He was in court yesterday morning for abusing his wife.

It has been customary for the gas company to erect and maintain a gas lamp opposite each mayor's residence. The company will soon place one before Mayor Bowell's house.

The present strength of the Toronto police force is 149-1 chief, 1 deputy, 4 inspectors, 8 sergeants and 135 constables. This is the largest that it has ever been.

The presentation of prizes to the candidates who were successful at recent examinations in the night schools will take place in the public school board room on the evening of March 28th.

Richard Scott was arrested by the police of No. 2 division on a warrant last night for obtaining money fraudulently from Mr. Thomas Davies. He was collector for a life insurance company in this city.

Chief of Police McFiggan of Galt is in town to take away John W. Edmondson, now in custody of the Ontario Veterinary College from the Ottawa insurance company. He will be taken back to-day.

Susan Barton was disorderly last night on Agnes street and lodged in No. 2 station. It appears that she has followed a young man named John Crow around for some time and incessantly plaguing him.

A building permit was granted yesterday to John Christie for the erection of a pair of semi-detached rough-cut and brick-fronted dwellings on the east side of Parliament street, opposite Oak street, to cost \$300.

The tender for purchasing the scrap iron for sale by the water department was yesterday awarded to Edward Beckett of Queen street at \$20 per ton. The tender to build a new firehouse at the corner of Dundas street, opposite Oak street, to cost \$195.84.

Mr. Edgar J. Jarvis and other property owners of Lower York street, who are to terms about a supply of water. The water committee however have refused to allow outside municipalities water. The city engineer will report on Mr. Jarvis' request.

On St. Patrick's day, Mr. Sheriff Merrick was presented with an address by the French Canadian residents of Toronto, congratulating him upon the recurrence of the day dear to all Irishmen, and joining in wishing him and his family health and happiness.

It is likely that before very long large gas burners like those in use on Yonge and King streets will be replaced by a Queen street. Ald. Millicanp moved a motion to that effect in the fire and gas committee yesterday, and Chief Ashfield is instructed to see about it.

Two performances of Uncle Tom's Cabin will be given to-morrow at Albert hall by Wattman's ideal double company. The cast will be two Tompays and two Marks, and Mr. George Crombie will appear as Uncle Tom. The performance will be repeated on Saturday night.

The Lilliputian opera company, comprising thirty artists, will give two performances in Toronto and vicinity on Monday and Tuesday to-morrow (Good Friday) at Andrew's hall to-morrow (Good Friday). Little Julia Keogly will appear as Buttercup. The price of admission being reasonable, 25 and 50 and 75 cents, the attendance ought to be large.

The City's Pumping Engines. The question of providing additional capacity at the pumping house is daily becoming of more importance. Mr. J. H. Venable, the engineer, has on several occasions called the attention of the committee controlling the water department to the matter. The capacity of the two engines now in use is 12,000,000 gallons per 24 hours. It is all these engines can do to maintain the level in the reservoir, and they are kept working night and day. In case of a leakage in either of them the city would suffer very materially, and more so in case of a fire. It is not unlikely that this committee will give the matter very serious consideration at an early date.

Yesterday afternoon it authorized Mr. Venable to visit Cleveland and inspect a system of pumping which is said to possess superior and economical advantages. Mr. Venable himself once proposed a system something similar.

A Foot and His Heels. It is hard to believe that the old confidence game that was played upon Van Matthews, an unscrupulous-looking young man, is still practicable. However, it seems that all the suckers are not dead yet. This verdant youth met a stranger at Fort Huron on the Grand Trunk train and rode with him to Toronto. Matthews was on his way to Orangeville. Arrived there the stranger told the young man all about his business and talked in the most confident way. In the telegraph office he successfully played the freight dodge on the young man. Would he lend him \$70 for a few minutes to pay a freight bill. He had a large check with him. The young man did so and that was the last of the money and the money. Detective Reid went around the city with Matthews all yesterday afternoon, but, of course, no trace could be found of Mr. Sharper.

The Troubles of a Pumping Mill Factory. For over three months Mr. J. Abernethy has been before the fire and gas committee for permission to erect a pumping mill factory in Fenning's street. Fenning's

is in favor and against it have been freely stated. Yesterday Commissioner Gowen submitted a report to the committee against the factory. Mr. Abernethy put an appearance and said the commission had been misinformed. He pleaded his case energetically but at times not very civilly before the committee. The latter was divided as to whether the report of the commissioner should be ignored or not, but through Ald. Millicanp's sub-committee was named to visit the site in company with the commissioner on Saturday, and report.

More Lottery Trials. Magistrate Denison held court yesterday afternoon, and disposed of a few of the pending lottery cases. Wm. Beck, the agent in Toronto of the Ottawa change lottery, was fined \$20 and costs for disposing of 25 tickets to James Lennox. Fred W. Moran, a young lawyer, was visited with a similar fine for selling 25 tickets of the late London lottery. Moran had gone to Mr. Fenton's office and told the gentleman to lay a charge against him, and when he was asked to withdraw the charge he said not guilty. He said that his calling on Mr. Fenton was a practical joke. The magistrate, however, did not take that view of it. The adjourned case against H. E. Trent was concluded. He was fined \$20 and costs on two charges of advertising and selling tickets for the orange lottery. George Hammond was also fined \$20 and costs.

Equipments for the Fire Department. The following tenders were awarded by the committee on fire and gas yesterday evening. For applying the fire department with summer suits (about 45), costs \$7,50; vests \$2, parts \$5.15, awarded to Messrs. Peley & Peley. The contract for applying a certain number of axes for roads and wagons was awarded to William Smith at \$60 and \$15. There were two tenders for rubber coats and boots required for the brigade. The chief of the department told the committee that the cheapest was not always the cheapest in the end, and that the men stuck to the lowest tender and gave the contracts to the Canada rubber company of Montreal for \$5 for coats and \$5.45 per pair for boots. There was some talk of re-opening the question in connection.

Something About My Partner. Parolee and Aldrich's names this day as well known as the stars. They will be at the Grand opera house to-night. The Dramatic News says: My Partner, produced at the Union Square theatre, made an instant and unqualified success. From almost the beginning, until the end, the audience was deeply interested, and the chief author got at the conclusion of the piece was more than satisfied to see his own play almost always played upon similar occasions. My Partner is in four acts, with moving and interesting situations, and almost natural climax.

Canadian Short-hand Society. Considerable interest has been created among the shorthand writers in this city—of whom they are nearly two hundred—by a proposition from the council of this society to establish a reference library and reading room for the benefit of its members. A meeting was held the other day at which the project was discussed very favorably. The engagement of Miss Churchill of Boston for an evening of recitation in Shakespeare hall on the 26th inst. is likely to aid the funds very materially.

Haulan's Departure. Edward Haulan, the champion, left by the 7.15 train yesterday morning for Washington to prepare for his race with J. A. Kennedy at Joint Pine, Chesapeake, on May 30. He was seen off by several friends and was accompanied by Wm. Ramsey as attendant.

The Globe Meeting. The shareholders of the Globe held their annual meeting yesterday but got no dividend. Gordon Brown was replaced on the directors by John Cameron, Donald A. Smith (of the Pacific syndicate) was present. He has \$20,000 in Globe stock.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD. Certificate and Length of Service to Date the Grading Salaries.

The public school board met last night, Mr. Galley in the chair. There were present Messrs. McGurich, Lamb, Crombie, Lee, Medcalfe, Hamilton, Roden, Somers, Johnston, Brown, Donovan, Boxall, Lamb, Whitehead, Scott, James and Dr. Kennedy. A communication was read from G. K. Powell, head-master of Elizabeth street school, complaining of irregularity of promotions, stating that length of service had been the first consideration in granting certificates second in the past, that he held a first-class certificate of the highest grade and the head-master of Church street a second-class of the lowest grade, and therefore he was entitled to promotion before the latter. The committee of the Toronto Teachers' association that they had passed the following resolution: "That the system of public school now in use in the city is better adapted for the proper advancement of the pupils than any system of movable lead lines. That it is desirable that the school hours shall last from 9.30 till 12, the afternoon session from 1.30 till 3.30 and that the recess both morning and afternoon be done away with."

The finance committee recommend that Mr. Brown's salary, the new assistant in the inspector's office, be \$450 per annum. Mr. Roden moved an amendment that the salary be raised to \$400 per annum. Dr. Kennedy said that the duties of the office were not sufficient to command the increase in salary recommended, and that if the increase were granted on the ground that he had not been sufficiently remunerated for his former service, then why pay him what they owed him, but in future only pay him in accordance to the duties he performs. Mr. Medcalfe thought it was not all right to reduce a man's salary from \$850 to \$450 without giving him one word of notice. Mr. Roden motioned to fix the salary at \$500 was carried.

The committee on school management recommended that the Easter vacation last from the 22d inst. to the 29th. Mr. Johnston moved in amendment that the vacation be extended till Monday, April 2. This was further amended by Mr. Johnston, who moved that the midsummer vacation last from June 29 till Sept. 3. Mr. Johnston's amendment was carried.

Mr. McGurich moved that the following clause be added to the report of the committee on school management, "That Mr. Church street school to that of Elizabeth street school; Mr. Powell from Elizabeth street school; Mr. Fene from Louis street to Church street." He stated that if justice and deliberation were exercised in making promotions the teachers would always be complaining to the trustee. It was not right that one teacher be ever so good, should remain

permanently located in any one locality. It was not right to lessen Mr. Oran's salary \$125, but he looked much worse to have Messrs. Hing and Howell occupying lower positions when they were fully competent to take higher posts and have also the qualification of length of service.

Mr. McGurich stated that if the male teachers' salaries were equalled the same principle as the female teachers, it would do away with the custom of canvassing the trustees of the board, how to be retained by the board, and that it was on this account that he wished them to amend these reports. Mr. McGurich's amendment was carried. The board going into committee of the whole the second time, however, it was carried.

The Board of Education. The board of education met last night at 7.30 p.m. in the board room. The council of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts association concluded its session at Agricultural hall yesterday.

Mr. Parker read the report of the committee to strike standing orders, as follows: Executive and Building Messrs. Parker, Moore, Rykert, Aylesworth, Shipley, Finlayson and Peasey—Drury, White, Seargeant, Morgan, Oates, Hargrave, Aylesworth, Lange, Hunter, and White. Herl Bode—Carmichael, Drury, Small, and the secretary, carried.

A program 'day' was set apart at the next executive meeting. The business of the day was to hold a separate prize list.

Mr. Rykert moved that the districts be composed as follows: No. 1, division, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; No. 4, division, 10, 11, 12; and that the representatives of the division be elected on the 15th inst. and the arrangements carried.

Mr. Legge moved that in view of the great importance of the dairy industry to the province of Ontario, and the necessity of encouraging the production of an improved quality of butter, his council should be authorized to employ a person to investigate the present state of the dairy industry in this province, and to report thereon to the next session of the legislature.

On account of the proven merits, it is recommended and approved by the board of education, that the following be appointed to the position of headmaster of the school at the Grand Opera house next week.

It is said that Mr. Denman Thompson is negotiating for the right to play the Silver Spoons, or an equivalent, at the Grand Opera house.

Brief obituary notice of Wagner: Sir has gone to his rest. He was a native of Paris.

Some of Longfellow's Laughing Water in Minnesota, in his poem of Hiawatha, is now a Laughing Lager beer.

Mr. W. H. Daly has been engaged as stage manager and superintendent of costumes and properties for the Cincinnati dramatic company.

Henry Irving has engaged Mr. Thomas J. Lennon, now at the St. James theatre, London, as a member of his company for touring the provinces.

Storm Brevet, Robert Buchanan's dramatization of his romance, God and Man, is a success at the London Adelphi, where it was first produced. It is now playing at the Grand Opera house.

Miss Clara Morris and Salvini will appear together at Boston, Mass., on April 9, 11, 13 and 14. Salvini will take a grand tour of the United States, stopping at New York, Philadelphia, and other cities.

It is more than likely that Mr. H. B. C. will be the leading candidate for the position of Mayor of Toronto at the next election. It is also not unlikely that the Ontario Standard will be a starting tour of America next winter.

The New York Standard theatre version of LeCoeur's "Heart and Hand" seems to be the best of the kind. It is now playing at the Grand Opera house.

The other version of "Heart and Hand" is doing a very heavy business in the west.

Mr. Francis Hodgson Barnett, the well-known author of Emeralds, That Lass O'Leary, and other plays, is now in Toronto, and is at work on new plays for the Madison Square theatre. It is probable he will be occupied on this work for some months, the expiration of any other important literary work.

Mr. Net Gopelin's connection with the production of "The Maid of Orleans" is now a well-known fact. It is now playing at the Grand Opera house.

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Not a Bathing's Game. Some dukes started a faro bank in a Kentucky town a short time ago, and no one was allowed to bet over 10 cents at a time. A man from Allen county was in to see what he could do, and in his ramble came upon the darkey faro bank. He pulled out a few "bought" ten work in chips, and put them on the bank. The dealer was busy, and at first did not see the big pile of chips and commended dealing. He at once looked up, saw Allen county's pile, and inquired: "Who's that got possessed on dat job?" Allen county, not knowing the value of the game, very sternly remarked, "That's mine."