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**THE MANITOBA RASH.**  
**IT HAS BROKEN OUT ON EVERYONE**  
**IN WINNIPEG.**  
 Winnipeg, Farm and Brandon Investments—  
 Real Estate Offices—Houses Wanted—A Hint  
 for Ontario Builders—Gegg and his Red Flag.  
 (From a Correspondent of The World.)  
 WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.—The fever is all  
 upon as though some of the speculators are  
 getting afraid, and it is hinted that some are  
 trying to scramble out of Brandon invest-  
 ments. Ald. Scarth is out there with his  
 private car, and every morning the whole  
 population of 700 come down to visit their  
 patron saint, whose coming was duly heralded.  
 Legitimate Winnipeg lots offer the  
 best investment of any. Arrest swindlers  
 that would not be touched here have been  
 paid off on the people of Ontario and  
 made fortunes for the owners of these paper  
 towns. Farm property here at present prices  
 offers a very good investment. Prices for  
 good improved farms range from \$5 to \$15  
 and \$20 per acre, the last figure being an  
 extra high one. I think that the large  
 amount of work projected by the C. P. R.  
 company for this season, not to mention the  
 numerous other railway projects in  
 contemplation, will create a much increased  
 demand for farm produce. The C. P. R.  
 company alone talk of employing 10,000  
 men on their works during the coming  
 summer.  
 THE REAL ESTATE OFFICES  
 here are 200 strong. Literally about every  
 second door on Main street is a real estate  
 office, and there are often four and five in  
 a row or in the same building. Most of  
 them are doing some business, and some of  
 them are making lots of money. They all  
 charge a commission of 24 per cent, not  
 on the amount of cash in the transaction,  
 but on the total amount of the sale, so  
 that it is no uncommon thing for an office  
 to make \$2000, \$3000 or \$4000 on one day.  
 The amount of business done in the registry  
 office is immense. During the high pressure of a  
 few weeks ago it is said they received on  
 some days over one hundred instruments to  
 register \$2 each, besides other business.  
 THE WATER OF WINNIPEG  
 is the great need of the town as well as of  
 farmers, and I believe that such men as  
 ex-Ald. Withrow of Toronto should be able  
 to build houses in Ontario and ship their  
 parts up here, where they could be put  
 together again. Rents are high, and hotels  
 overcrowded. It is not clear whether people  
 can take to tents. Table board at the  
 cheapest hotels is \$5 to \$12 a week.  
 THE PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING  
 cap be gathered from the following facts:—  
 In 1862 the first building was erected in  
 Winnipeg proper. In 1870 the population  
 was but 2000. By the time of 1874 it had  
 increased to over 3,000; while now the cen-  
 sus gives them 16,000, with an additional  
 floating population of 10,000.  
 HOW THE FEVER TAKES THEM.  
 A few days ago there arrived here Mr.  
 Edward Gegg, whom every one in your  
 city knows. He was in the Manitoba  
 rash had broken out all over him. A day  
 or two ago I saw him rushing on Main  
 street bearing a long pole with a flag  
 attached thereto. The flag was 12 feet  
 square.  
 "Where are you running to, Gegg?"  
 said I. "For heaven's sake don't stop me; I'm  
 in a hurry. I've got some lots to sell," and  
 by 7:30 about eight he had engaged an  
 auction room, had billed the town and was  
 perched on a counter selling "Portage prop-  
 erty."  
 OTHER TORONTOIANS.  
 Charley Perry, head bar-tender at the  
 Knappen home, cleared \$500 on his first  
 real estate venture.  
 Mr. Fairfield, who used to keep the  
 Terrapin restaurant of Toronto, has retired  
 from hotel keeping here with \$150,000.  
 He has left Winnipeg.  
 James Bennett, a well-known billiardist  
 of Toronto, is in business here with ex-  
 Ald. Ham Nicolson.  
 Alfred Monkman (Morphy & Monkman  
 in Toronto) has been here three years and  
 is now an alderman. He has a large law prac-  
 tice, and is said to be worth a hundred  
 thousand.  
 Colicoid the auctioneer is doing a big  
 trade in the Assiniboine warehouse and pays  
 \$25 a day rent.  
 Joseph Woolf is the best known auctioneer  
 and is as popular as he is big.  
 John Morris, a well known member of the  
 Toronto lacrosse club is in the registry  
 office here.  
 W. B. Casavan is doing a big law busi-  
 ness.  
 Robt. Tinning is lately here and is going  
 into hardware on his own account.  
**RADICALISM.**  
 A Lecture by Mr. B. F. Underwood—The Different  
 Kinds of Radicalism.  
 Yesterday evening Mr. B. F. Underwood  
 of Boston, delivered a lecture at Albert hall under  
 the auspices of the Secular Society. The  
 hall was crowded a large number being un-  
 able to obtain admittance. Mr. Piddington  
 occupied the chair.  
 The lecturer began by defining the mean-  
 ing of the words radicalism and conserva-  
 tism and the various shades in which they  
 were used, pointing out the common mis-  
 take and misapprehensions as to what radi-  
 calism and conservatism are, and what the  
 actual aim of each is. He did not need to  
 connote extreme  
 desire to destroy simply for the sake of  
 destruction—but had his rise in discontent  
 with the existing state of things and a de-  
 sire to improve them. A radical the  
 lecturer thought would be very much out  
 of place in the orthodox heaven where he  
 would find nothing to improve. He would  
 be much more at home in the other place  
 where he could devote himself to a study  
 into the laws of heat with a view of modify-  
 ing the temperature. (Laughter.) There  
 were various manifestations of radicalism  
 which tended to throw discredit on the  
 course of true radicalism. New converts  
 from orthodoxy were often disposed  
 to go to too great an extreme  
 and to bring down the spirit of bigotry and nar-  
 row-mindedness which characterized their  
 former creed. In order to be effective  
 the growth of liberal thought in the indi-  
 vidual should be gradual in accordance  
 with the principles of evolution. There  
 were in the States a number of people who  
 had really nothing to do with secularism,  
 had really nothing to do with the free  
 who put themselves forward as brought the  
 cause through platform and brought the  
 thought platform and wrote as representatives  
 of free thought and themselves with his  
 thought to familiarize the masses with the  
 underlying scientific principles. The great  
 reforms had been accomplished by radicals  
 and while the world was greatly indebted  
 to the radical spirit it was equally in-  
 debted to the conservative to prevent new theories  
 being too hastily put in practice. The lec-  
 ture was listened to with close attention  
 by the audience.  
 A new company, composed of Montreal  
 and Quebec capitalists, is being formed to  
 build a railway from Sorel to Lewis to con-  
 nect with the Intercolonial.

**A VANDALS WORK.**  
 The Monument of Major Andre Defaced by an  
 Unknown Man—An American Flag.  
 The spot where Major Andre was hanged  
 as a British spy in 1780 is marked by a  
 great block of gray granite, erected by  
 Cyrus W. Field of New York, at the village  
 of Tappin, Rockland county, N. Y. Last  
 Wednesday night a stranger to everyone  
 entered the village and went direct to the  
 monument, which stands on two courses of  
 the same granite, and topped off with an  
 obelisk. The four faces of the stone are  
 rectangular, and are polished. From the  
 ground to the apex the height is seven feet,  
 and the stone is something over three feet  
 through. It is surrounded by an iron fence  
 in a circle.  
 The night was very dark, and a woman  
 who lives near the spot, and of whom the  
 stranger asked the way to the pile, went  
 out the next morning to see if the stranger  
 had done anything wrong, as his movements  
 were very suspicious. She found that from  
 the apex of the granite block a small Ameri-  
 can flag was flapping in the breeze. The  
 stick which supported it was the same  
 which the stranger had carried the night be-  
 fore as a cane. It was held in place by a  
 pile of small stones. The tapping sounds of  
 the night before were explained by a glance  
 at the inscription on the western face of  
 the stone. It formerly read as follows:  
 Here died, Oct. 2, 1780, Major John Andre  
 of the British army, who entered the American  
 lines on a secret mission. Benedict Arnold,  
 was taken prisoner, tried and condemned as a  
 spy. His death, though according to the strict  
 code of the law, moved even his enemies to pity,  
 and both armies mourned the loss of one so  
 young and so brave. In 1821 his remains were  
 removed to Westminster Abbey. A hundred  
 years after his execution this stone was placed  
 above the spot where he lay by a citizen of  
 the state against which he fought, not to perpe-  
 tuate the record of strife, but in token of those  
 better feelings which since united the two  
 nations, one in race, in language and in religion,  
 with the earnest hope that this friendly union  
 will never be broken.  
 ANTHONY PERRY BRADY,  
 Dean of Westminster.  
 The letters were cut deep into the po-  
 lished face of the granite. The stranger  
 had hacked away at every line of the in-  
 scription, and had so battered the work  
 that some of them could be read only by  
 reference to the context. In the first line  
 and Andre's name he had pointed with  
 system and precision, but the hardness of  
 the granite had apparently been too much  
 for the light instrument which had been  
 used, and the blows were scattered all over  
 the face of the stone. On the southern  
 face was this line from Virgil's "Aeneid":  
 "Sunt lacrymae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt."  
 On the north face of the stone were these  
 words of Washington:  
 "It was never unfortunate that criminal;  
 An accomplished man and a gallant officer."  
 These inscriptions, too, had been so bat-  
 tered and defaced as to be but partly legi-  
 ble. On the plain surface of the granite  
 marks of a hack or two where there were  
 inscriptions. In the snow about the base  
 were footprints.  
 Held by one corner under the stones  
 piled on the top of the granite block a half  
 sheet of foolscap paper rattled. On it was  
 written in ink and in a backhand, appar-  
 ently disguised:  
 Too long has stood the traitor's shaft  
 A monument to shame,  
 Built up to praise a traitor's craft,  
 To mend the name of crime,  
 Are freemen bound to still forbear,  
 And meekly still improve,  
 When compared for their altar's rear  
 Within our very door?  
 This vulgar and insulting stone  
 Would honor for all time  
 Not speaking Andre's death alone,  
 But black his name,  
 And they who thus can glorify  
 On the plain surface of the granite  
 themselves high treason would employ,  
 If 'twould fulfil their needs.  
 Americans! resolve, proclaim,  
 That in our own dear land,  
 Never, while the people reign,  
 Shall traitors' statues stand;  
 And he who dares erect it next  
 On fair Columbia's breast  
 With fulsome, or with false pretext,  
 Shall drag his name in dust.  
 Mr. Field was notified by telegraph of  
 what had occurred, and sent an agent to  
 Tappin to inquire into the circumstances  
 and to ascertain the amount of damage.  
 He visited the monument, washed off the  
 four sides, and decided that it could prob-  
 ably be cut off and repolished below the  
 present marks of mutilation. He said he  
 Mr. Field would at once offer a reward for  
 the arrest and conviction of the man who  
 defaced it.  
**FOREIGN NOTES.**  
 The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will  
 take place on Saturday, April 1.  
 John Begg of Lochnagar distillery, Bal-  
 moral, Upper Desande, Aberdeenshire, died  
 recently aged 78. The deceased has been  
 known all over the United Kingdom for a  
 long period as a distiller of Highland  
 whisky.  
 At Norfolk (England) a sailor, Henry  
 Stebbins, 36, was charged with the mur-  
 der of Hannah Brett, aged 11, daughter of  
 a team man living at Sahn Toney, Nor-  
 folk, on Oct. 21. Prisoner had left Dart-  
 moor prison, where he had undergone im-  
 prisonment for stabbing a woman, and on  
 returning to Norfolk reported himself to  
 for a walk, and, meeting the girl, Brett,  
 murdered her by cutting her throat. The  
 prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to  
 death.  
**Discovery of Gold.**  
 VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—The discov-  
 ery of a rich gold bearing belt above the  
 60th parallel of latitude and immediately  
 back of the Alaska line, is reported.  
**Sunday Amusement.**  
 CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The Presbyterian  
 churches have appointed committees to  
 confer with other denominations with a  
 view to closing theatres on Sunday and  
 stopping indecent performances.  
**Dismantling of Travel.**  
 VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—At Kamloops  
 the Leighton and Kamogon mail carrier  
 while driving across Kamloops Lake to-day  
 broke through the ice. The two horses and  
 the horse were lost, but the mail driver and  
 passengers saved. The express sleigh which  
 was following close behind also went through  
 the ice. The sleigh and horses were lost.  
 All the men were badly frost-bitten before  
 shelter was reached.  
**Injustice to Nihilists.**  
 St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—No political  
 trial in Russia has been conducted with  
 such secrecy, severity and disregard of the  
 ordinary usages of legal procedure as that  
 of the twenty-one nihilists. The president  
 of the court insisted that the prisoners  
 should be tried separately or in groups,  
 according to their crimes. They were for-  
 bidden to speak or write to each other while  
 together in the dock. In the dock while  
 forbidden. The public prosecutor's pro-  
 ceedings against this decision which was illi-  
 mately withdrawn.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**  
 Some art critics have souls no larger than  
 a boarding house piece of cake.  
 Mlle. Courbet, sister of the artist, used  
 to prepare his palette for him, though she  
 could not paint herself.  
 Mountain-climbing in winter is becoming  
 more and more frequent in Switzerland,  
 and can be presented, within reasonable  
 limits, without serious danger or discom-  
 fort. On Jan. 22, two gentlemen from Lu-  
 cerne made the ascent of Mount Pilate,  
 and on the same day the Right was ascend-  
 ed by more than one hundred persons, who  
 found the temperature surprisingly mild.  
 At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the mercury  
 marked 78° in the sun at Right-Staffel,  
 and 44° in the shade.  
 The tower of London, is still screened  
 from the Thames by a huge warehouse,  
 built for the war department. This is to  
 be removed, and then the inner wall and  
 the lantern tower will be restored from  
 careful drawings officially prepared in ac-  
 cordance with the suggestions of some of  
 the chief authorities on architecture and  
 archaeology. It is assigned to produce an  
 exact counterpart of the ancient fortress,  
 and the total cost of the restoration is es-  
 timated at only about \$22,000.  
 The crown heads and the chief minis-  
 ters of Europe have, after all, one excellent  
 reason for desiring the independence and  
 integrity of England, in the fact that she  
 is the only European asylum in time  
 of trouble. At this moment the Emperor  
 Eugenie finds a home there, and so does  
 Don Carlos. Louis Philippe and Louis  
 Napoleon died there. The present emperor  
 of Germany, in 1848, found it convenient  
 to stay there, and when Bismarck's daughter  
 placed an armchair for him at 4:15, pushed  
 it aside, saying that humility was the order  
 of the day, and took an ordinary chair.  
 Ex-archbishop Count Andrássy taught  
 music in London, often not knowing where  
 the next meal was to come from. Victor  
 Hugo found an asylum in Jersey. Guizot in  
 London, Count Saffi at Oxford, and Louis  
 Blanc at Brighton. Bismarck has not yet  
 found an asylum, but as it is notori-  
 ously the unexpected which generally hap-  
 pens, it is worth his while to have a near  
 port of refuge always open.  
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