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TERRIBLE FATE OF TEN PENNSYLVANIA MINERS.

Remarkable Escape of a Number of Others—Extraordinary Bravery of the Rescuing Parties.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 11.—The mine of the West End Coal company, operated by Conyingham, Teasdale & Co. at Mocanaqua, was the scene of a peculiar and terrible accident this morning. Just before the night shift went off duty the fan broke. The boss knew of the accident and so did the men on day shift before they entered the mine, but notwithstanding this they went into the mine. There were about thirty in all and were supplied with safety lamps. About 75 men were in the mine when work began. The workmen repairing the fan were the first who were overcome with the gas, and in about an hour later the same fate happened to many of the miners in the workings. Before the men fairly realized the danger more than twenty became unconscious. Those who could then escaped. Superintendent John Teasdale, with a corps of men as relief went down the mine to assist them in making their escape, and after being in the mine half an hour Teasdale and several of his men were overpowered by foul gas and were with difficulty rescued. Others went down, and in the face of immense difficulties and in spite of being continually overpowered with gas got out all but ten men. Three of those were dead and the other six are beyond doubt dead. Doctor Hughes, a prominent physician of Shickshinny, who went down the mine to assist the dying men was overcome and was saved with difficulty. He was brought to the surface in a senseless condition.

AN INSURANCE AGENT'S GAME.

He Insures his Wife's Life for $58,000 and then Reports her Dead.

PATERSON, N.J., Aug. 11.—Last winter Louis Bauer, an employe of the Equitable Insurance company in New York, insured his wife's life for $58,000, in four companies. Mrs. Bauer, as alleged, died last June, and her body was removed to Long Island for burial. Bauer collected $25,000 insurance from the Equitable and New York Life Co.'s, but the other two companies refused to pay and started an investigation. A detective claims to have found evidence that either Mrs. Bauer did not die and a dead body was buried in her name or else a healthy woman was insured in her name, while Mrs. Bauer was mortally ill. There are also hints of foul play. The buried body will be exhumed and the matter thoroughly investigated.

A NEW YORK MYSTERY.

A Man Shot and Killed in the Afternoon at His Own Residence.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—No murder which has been committed in Brooklyn for years has caused so much excitement and comment as that of the shooting of Albert R. Herrick in his residence, 339 Pearl street, yesterday afternoon. Many theories are advanced as to who did the killing, some holding it was his stepson, while others claim that it was a burglar who was caught by Mr. Herrick, and who shot him down to effect his escape. Herrick's stepson Armstrong is in custody. The police are hard at work on the case, but so far nothing new has been developed. Armstrong says he was not at his stepfather's house during the afternoon, and accounts for his movements. Autopsy showed that the ball had entered Herrick's heart.

Preller's Alleged Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Maxwell, the supposed St. Louis murderer, was taken east to-day. He maintained till leaving the same cool indifferent air which he manifested yesterday, and passed the day smoking, chatting and reading novels. Maxwell has proved himself such a consistent oddity that the police officers have begun to doubt his sanity.

The Case of Laing, O'Connor and Enright.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 11.—At a meeting of the National association of oarsmen today Enright, O'Connor and Laing, of the Canadian association, whose entries had been rejected by the committee, were vouched for in a stirring letter from the association, and a sub-committee was appointed to act upon their cases to-morrow. The first race will be started at 1 o'clock p.m.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The Wabash committee have obtained a promise from the majority of the English shareholders to support the scheme for the reorganization of the road.

The striking employes of the Cleveland rolling mill company held a large meeting last night and agreed to stand as firm as ever and "never" accede to the demands of the company.

On Sunday evening as Hine and Stewart Pond, brothers, were leading a Holstein bull to a farm twelve miles from St. Paul, Minn., the bull became unmanageable and attacked the men. Both were killed almost instantly.

Hanoverian Fecundity.

From the Chicago Times.

The breeding qualities of the Hanoverians are something to excite astonishment in the sterile areas of New England. George III., in addition to being a sot, a libertine, and withal insane, managed to get together on the legitimate side of his house fifteen children, one of whom, William, the predecessor of the present queen, had two children by his legal wife and a large number by Mrs. Jordan, the actress, all of whom were legitimatized and supported at the expense of the English people. Nine are to be credited to Victoria.

The children of Victoria have imitated her illustrious example in the matter of fertility. The eldest, Victoria, the wife of the crown prince of Germany, has had eight children. The Prince of Wales has contributed six acknowledged grandchildren to his august mother; Alice of Hesse afforded seven; Helena, who allied her fortunes with the royal pauper Christian, has contributed four; Arthur, Duke of Connaught, has added thus far only two to the household, the same number being supplied by Leopold before his death. In all, thus far there have been born twenty-nine grandchildren to Victoria, with Louise and Beatrice yet to hear from. If the queen should live another decade, it is probable that she will find her flock of grandchildren materially increased in number, while her great-grandchildren will within that time outnumber the third generation.

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THE DEATH OF THOS. COX.

Opinion of the Jury on the Accident by Which it was Caused.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Aug. 11.—At the inqueston the body of Thos. Cox, the engineer killed by the Welland canal railway accident, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts previously published, and added:

"That the said bridge was not properly locked at the time the St. Catharines train entered upon it, the bridge tenders not having time to close and lock it before the train reached the said bridge, owing to the speed at which the said train was running.

"The jurors further find that the accident occurred in consequence of some defect in the air breaks and the want of caution on the part of the deceased in not having whistled for breaks when he found that the air breaks would not hold the train after passing through the tunnel, and in consequence of there not being a self-locking bolt on the swing bridge where the accident occurred.

The jurors further recommend that the station be placed further east as a safeguard, and that engineers be forbidden to apply the air break after whistling for hand brakes, as serious injury results from the practice, and the brakemen are afraid to act promptly, thereby endangering the lives of the traveling public.

"The jurors further find that the rule of the G. T. R. company of stopping all trains for three minutes before crossing the swing bridge at Merritton, where the accident occurred, is not complied with, and recommend that in future compliance with that rule be rigidly enforced."

I. O. O. F. GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Annual Meeting at the City on Burlington Bay.

HAMILTON, Aug. 11—A large number of delegates to the grand encampment, I. O. O. F., came to town this morning and assembled at their hall on John street for the transaction of business.

Patriarch A. Tory, D.D.G.S., welcomed the visitors, after which the grand patriarch, Joseph Oliver, presented a long and enthusiastic report to the meeting. The report of Grand Scribe and Treasurer Dawson for the year ending Dec. 31, shows a revenue of $3848.12, out of which $830.87 has been paid for the relief of widowed families and patriarchs. The membership at the end of the year numbered 2357. A grand complimentary concert in honor of the grand encampment delegates was given in the drill shed to-night.

Frank Clark and Alf. Goldsmith appeared before the magistrate this morning charged with larceny by R. Killman of Elfrida. They were committed for trial at the next assizes.

His excellency the governor-general was present at the complimentary concert to the delegates of the I.O.O.F. encampment held in the drill shed this evening.

DROWNED IN DESJARDINS CANAL.

A Couple of Pleasure-Seekers Meet Their Fate on Hamilton's Civic Holiday.

DUNDAS, Aug. 11.—Another has been added to the long list of casualities in the Desjardins canal. Yesterday morning John R. Clough, R. Dixon and Mr. Mattock hired a boat from Mr. Reynolds, who keeps the Dundas boat house, and rowed to Hamilton to take in the civic holiday sights. They left to return home about 9.30 p.m., and after proceeding about two miles up the canal one of the party rose to change seats. In so doing he capsized the boat, launching all three into the waters of the canal. Mattock was fortunate enough to seize the side of the boat and retain his grip until assistance arrived. Dixon and Clough being both unable to swim sank at once. The bodies of the unfortunate men were recovered this morning. Clough is a native of Bradford, Eng., and has no relatives in this country. Dixon's mother, brother and sister reside in Toronto.

RIEL'S SANITY.

The Opinion of One of the Jurors who Convicted the Rebel.

MONTREAL, Aug. 11.—One of the jurymen in the recent trial of Riel at Regina, writing to a friend in this city, says: "I found Riel clever and intelligent. I am sure that any one who followed the evidence closely could not come but to the same conclusion that we did as regards his insanity. Our opinion was that it was feigned, in fact there was no evidence whatever to prove that he was not of a sound mind and capable of reasoning and distinguishing as well as another between right and wrong. He made a very good speech on Friday, and a much poorer one on Saturday."

Midland Again Visited.

MIDLAND, Aug. 11.—A fire broke out yesterday morning in the roof of Messrs. Chew & Weeks' grist mill. The top story was completely destroyed with machinery contained therein. The machinery, etc., in the other stories was removed while the firemen confined the fire to the top story alone. The insurances on building and contents are as follows: Citizen's of Montreal, $1000 on building and machinery, partial loss; Gore Mutual, $2000 on building and machinery, partial loss; Royal Canadian, $500 on shingles, slight damage; Fire Insurance association, $1000 on stock, partial loss. The fire originated from the smoke stack of the shingle mill run in connection with the flour mill.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

The carriers delivered last week 152,402 letters; of these 5,384 were registered. Total newspapers, 43,853.

On dit: That a prominent city merchant is to entertain the whole of the Royal Grenadiers at lunoheon at a near date.

The Rupert will carry the moonlight excursion of Heintzman's band Friday next. The committee intend making this more than an ordinary moonlight.

Thomas Rennardson, boarding at 343 Queen street east, had his right arm badly lacerated while bottling beer at Copland's brewery, a bottle having burst in his hands.

Circulars have been received from Rome, N.Y., offering a reward of $600 for the arrest of Fong Ah Hong, who is wanted on a charge of having, in July last, murdered Sing Lee, a fellow Chinaman.

The remains of Ex-Detective Sheahan were interred at St. Michael's cemetery yesterday forenoon, the funeral service having been previously held at the cathedral. There was a large attendance of police and citizens. Detective Reburn, Policemen Stormont, McHenry, Miller, Macdonald, and Wm. Reddon were the pall bearers.

The Irish Catholic benevolent union postponed excursion to Buffalo will positively come off Saturday next per steamer Empress of India. The boat will leave Geddes wharf to connect with the G. T. R. at Port Dalhousie for Buffalo at 7 a.m. sharp, calling at Queen's wharf 7.15 a.m. Excursionists availing themselves of this trip will get 10 hours in Buffalo and return the same day.

CRUCIFIXES IN COURT.

QUEBEC'S RIGHT TO PASS A LAW ENFORCING THEIR PLACING.

The Case of Eliza Armstrong and the Salvation Army—Government Investigation of the Matter.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—In the house of commons to-day Sir Richard Assheton Cross, home secretary, in answer to an enquiry concerning the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Armstrong, alleged to have been decoyed from home by an agent of the Salvation army, and to be held by Gen. Booth for the purpose of exhibiting her as a minor saved from a life of wickedness by the army, said the government had submitted all the evidence so far obtained in the case to Attorney General Webster. This statement was cheered.

Frederick A. Stanley, colonial secretary, in reply to a question by Henry Broadhurst, radical, said the Quebec government had power to pass a bill enacting that crucifixes be placed in the courts of justice and enforce its operation without the approval of England.

THE LONDON SCANDALS.

Sir Charles Dilke's Mistress to Testify Against Him.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—A French woman who was formerly mistress of Sir Charles Dilke, has been cited for the plaintiff in the Crawford divorce case. She, it is alleged, will be the leading witness to prove the liaison of Sir Charles with Mrs. Crawford.

The Social purity society is agitating for a new trial of Mrs. Jeffries for the purpose of securing a public disclosure of the names of politicians and noblemen who frequent her house.

Spanish Conspirators in London.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Paul Angulo and other Spanish refugees in London are under surveillance, the Spanish government having received information that a plot to assassinate King Alfonso has been arranged in England and that emissaries have left England via France for the Spanish frontier. The Madrid government is considering whether or not to demand the surrender of Angulo on a charge of murder of Gen. Prim. All the leading republicans, including Castelar, Salmeron, Zorrilla and Margall, declare they have no sympathy with the Angulo party. The Globe, Castelar's organ, declares that Angulo should be classed among common criminals, and the Progresso demands that he be brought to justice.

The Cautious Afghans.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Times publishes a letter from Meshed, Persia, stating that the Afghans are acting in such a way as to give the Russians no possible excuse to make any attack. The ameer's troops do not pass the frontier which Russia admits as Afghan. They refrain from moving their troops towards the Russian positions, and even from strengthening their own outposts. The excitement among the Turcomans, which was recently attributed to the alleged brutality of Russian soldiers toward native women, is really due to the warlike preparations which Russia is making throughout the Turcoman territory.

Diarrhœa the Precursor of Cholera.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The Lancet has an article calling attention to the increasing number of fatal cases of diarrhœa as a precursor of cholera. Taking London and twenty-eight of the large English towns with an aggregate population of nine millions, there were 547 deaths from diarrhœal disease in the last week of July against 31 in the last week in May. Also a total of 409 cases from then up to the end of the third week in July. Nevertheless by comparison with similar periods of the preceding year the Lancet concludes that this diarrhœal mortality, considering the drought and high temperature, is satisfactorily low.

A Tory Electoral Manifesto.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—Lord Salisbury has drafted the Queen's speech proroguing parliament. His aim is to make it a manifesto in favor of the conservatives. The speech will refer to the quietude of Ireland without coercion, the successful issue of the Egyptian loan, the revival of peaceful relations and friendly alliances with foreign powers, and the activity of legislation since the tories came into office, as matters for national congratulation.

CABLE NOTES.

The archbishop of Seville died of cholera yesterday.

The land purchase bill has passed its third reading in the house of commons.

The relatives of cholera patients in many Spanish provinces assault the doctors in belief that they poison their patients.

A horrible bull fight took place at Nimes, Spain, on Sunday, resulting in the butchery of horses and bulls and the serious injury of Frascula, the famous Torreador.

Lord George Hamilton, first lord of the admiralty, announced in the house of commons yesterday that the committee of inquiry into the affairs of the admiralty office had been appointed.

The Parnellites have signed a requisition asking the government to grant loans under the Irish laborers' bill to enable laborers to buy allotments, the advances to be repayable in 49 years at four per cent. interest.

Col. Angel Rederiguez of the party of Limbano Sanchez and six bandits belonging to the party of Torre Jimenez have been shot at Matanzas, Cuba. They were captured while negotiating for an outward passage.

The Irish home rule members of parliament have arranged to give a grand banquet to Mr. Parnell in the city of Dublin on August 24 to celebrate the recent parliamentary triumphs of the Irish party.

A camp exercise in which fifty thousand troops will participate will be held at Lahore, India, probably at Christmas. The government is earnestly considering the question of reorganization of the native army.

Cholera and dysentery are causing great mortality among Russians on the Afghan frontier, especially at Penjdeh. Twenty-eight thousand Russian infantry and 16,000 cavalry are now in the trans-Caspian territory.

Four French soldiers while crossing a field at Fontainbleau yesterday found a bombshell. They attempted to unload it. It burst and cut two of the men to pieces and tore the arm off another. The fourth soldier was unhurt.

Advices from Tonquin say that the bishop of Quinhon reports that over 10,000 christians have been massacred in the provinces of Biendinh and Phyens. Murders and incendiary fires are of daily occurrence. The vicariate has been annihilated.

Everything reduced at the Bon Marche clearing sale.

NEW STREET ON THE ESPLANADE.

The Scheme Discussed at the Board of Works—An Abrupt Termination.

Representatives of the Canada Pacific railway, owners of property on the bay side of the Esplanade and the city board of works engaged in a triangular discussion yesterday afternoon on the project to construct a new thoroughfare to the south of the railway tracks on the Esplanade. The C. P. R. was represented by Vice-President Van Horne, Superintendent White, E. B. Osler and R. M. Wells. Among the property owners on hand were G. A. Chapman, Chas. Robertson, W. Freeland, R. Tinning, J. C. Graham, R. B. Hamilton, G. Pears, W. Polson, A. Chapman, P. D. Conger, J. Turnbull, R. Freeland, S. Sylvester. The members of the board of works present were Chairman Carlyle, Ald. Allen, M. J. Woods, James, Hall, Hastings, Hunter, Verral.

Neither plan nor proposition was placed before the meeting. The chairman wanted the property owners to express their views. G. A. Chapman thought a new street was due them as a matter of right, and they should be recouped for any loss they might sustain thereby. An additional space was required for dockage, the windmill line could be extended out into the bay, by legislative enactment. Charles Robertson would like to see a hundred-foot roadway. Additional dockage was not necessary; the marine trade of Toronto was dying away. R. B. Hamilton said the owners were not unanimous on the subject. The interests of some parties would be seriously affected by a new street; others would be benefitted. As a citizen he would like to see a new street, but the full cost should not fall upon the owners; he had figured up that they should not pay more than one fourth. Mr. Freeland said his property would not be benefitted by a new street, but he would offer no factious opposition; the city should bear the expense. P. D. Conger stated that the scheme was detrimental, rather than beneficial to his interests; he could not see that a change in the frontage line would enhance the value of property west of Scott street. If the roadway was widened, it should be at the public expense. Ald. Hall—A portion of your valuable property is on the street.

At this stage the meeting came to an abrupt termination by the sudden illness and death of Mr. Conger, the painful circumstances of which are related elsewhere.

DEPRIVED OF LUXURIES.

The Complaints of Convicts in the Central Prison—Twenty Give Evidence.

At the Central prison investigation yesterday the commissioners heard the complaints of over twenty prisoners. Their stories were all substantially the same. They complained of being deprived of tobacco, of being served with tainted meat, bad vegetable soup, rotten potatoes and sour bread. They also complained of the overbearing conduct and in some cases positive cruelty of the guards, and of unmerited and excessive punishments. With regard to the use of tobacco Mr. Massie remarked that the privilege had formerly been abused and that it had been almost impossible to keep the prison clean. He had therefore consulted with the inspector and decided to deprive the prisoners of tobacco. The prison surgeon had since expressed his approval of this step.

During the afternoon a conversation arose between the commissioners, the counsel and Mr. Massie regarding the meat and potato supply. Mr. Massie said that the prison is supplied with quarters of beef in the proportion of one hind to three forequarters. Only twenty-five pounds of liver are received with every 132 pounds of beef. The ice supply in the prison refrigerator is abundant.

Seraphin Caouette, a Frenchman unable to speak a word of English, was put in the box. Mr. Irving furbished up his rusty French and examined the man in real Parisian style. The prisoner complained of being deprived of tobacco and other luxuries to which he had been accustomed.

To-day the commission will continue the work of investigating the direct complaints of prisoners.

Bulls, Bears and Margins.

Several replies have been sent in to A Student's question as to the meaning of these terms. One is as follows:

A "bull" is one who believes that the value of a security or commodity will increase; a "bear" believes the reverse. The terms arise from the fact that a bull tosses up with its horns while a bear paws down. Margin can best be explained by an example. "A" buys $1000 Bank of Toronto at 180, believing it will advance. For the protection of the source through which he buys he advances $100—10 per cent.—which is the "margin," and he is charged interest on the balance, $1700, which is treated as a loan on the security purchased.

A facetious correspondent suggests that if A Student "goes on the street" he will understand the meaning of bulls, bears and margins quicker and more fully than anyone can explain the same.

"The Police Inspector's Purp."

Editor World: Had the person signing himself Pembroke first called upon the inspector referred to, he would at once not only have been undeceived as to the breed, character for howling, etc., of the (inspector's) dog, but also have been treated with the respect due to a citizen and a gentleman. But since the cowardly and scurrilous expedient of an anonymous letter has been resorted to, it is quite evident that he must belong to a class with whom it is impossible for any reciprocity to exist between him and

INS. D. ARCHABOLD, 19 Pembroke street.

Yesterday's Police Court.

Neil C. Love, J.P., presided yesterday in the police magistrate's absence. James Coady and James Storey, trespass, six hours in the cells each; Thomas Ryan and Thomas McLean, assaulting a Chinese laundryman, $15 and costs or 60 days, and $10 and costs or 40 days respectively; Patrick Norton for assaulting his daughter Frances, was bound to the peace for one year.

Necktie Factory.

The latest addition to local industries is the establishment of a necktie factory. It is roughly estimated that $100,000 worth of this class of goods are annually imported into Ontario from England and the United States, and the promoters of the new enterprise are satisfied that with the present protection of 30 per cent. they will be enabled to control the market.

Patience Makes a Hit.

The Holmans have made a big hit in Patience, and should be able to run it all week. Their performance of this pleasing and popular opera delighted another large audience last night. The leading parts are well taken, both as regards singing and acting, and the costumes are appropriate and pretty. See the æsthetics to-night.

GATHERING OF TEACHERS.

25TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

Papers on Science in Schools and the Study of English—The Minister of Education on Their New Regulations.

The Ontario Teachers' association commenced their twenty-fifth annual convention in the Normal school buildings yesterday. A large and representative number of teachers were present. In the absence of the president, Dr. McLellan, the chair was occupied by Dr. Purslow of Port Hope.

The treasurer's report was, after reference to an auditing committee, adopted. It shows the association to have on hand a balance of $514. The general convention then adjourned till 2 o'clock to allow the three sections of public school teachers, high school teachers and high school inspectors to meet for organization. A. Campbell, Dr. Purslow and James Munro were appointed chairmen of the three sections respectively. The sections met and arranged the program for to-day and to-morrow.

In the afternoon J. C. Glashan read a paper entitled "A Plea for the Study of Science in Our Schools." An interesting and profitable discussion followed in which several members took part. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Glashan. Wm. Houston, M.A., then read a paper on "The Study of English." He urged that practice and training as opposed to theory and teaching should be employed to educate the youthful mind. During the discussion that followed a good deal of criticism adverse to Mr. Houston's views was freely expressed. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Houston for his paper.

In the evening Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education, gave an exposition of the new regulations issued by the education department. These regulations have reference to the proper accomodation of scholars and to the various courses of study to be pursued. Orthœpy, hitherto a dead letter, is to be carefully attended to. Kindergarten principles are to be introduced into the lower classes. A teacher from each of the Normal schools in the province has been sent to the Boston school of oratory, and therefore elocution will be well looked after. A vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. Ross, the convention adjourned. It will meet again to day and to-morrow.

12 yds. check gingham for $1, and big bargains in parasols at the Bon Marche clearing sale.

An Answer to Mr. Beaty of Parkdale.

Editor World: Your paper lately published a series of letters, with remarks thereon, purporting to be between the authorities of Parkdale and Messrs. Foster, Clarke & Bowes, as solicitors for a gentleman named Beaty. These letters are evidently intended to convey the impression that the Parkdale officials are attempting to do some wrong to Mr. Beaty, whereas such is not the case. The commencement of the trouble with Mr. Beaty was in 1883, when he endeavored to secure for a relation the position of clerk and treasurer. In this he failed for the reason that the council were of opinion that the person proposed was not likely to be successful in such an important position. From that time to the present no opportunity has been lost by Beaty to cast reflections upon the members of the council and particularly myself. The council have lately been petitioned by a large majority of the ratepayers interested to complete the southwest system of sewers. This will necessitate the taxing of some of Beaty's property. It therefore becomes necessary in his opinion to prevent this work, and he immediately threatens an injunction, but the council did not take any stock in this flimsy threat, which they considered as impudent as it was absurd, more especially as the whole of the surveying had then been completed and the plans and specifications finished. Now our fine gentleman takes it into his head that a scare on the sinking fund question will perhaps give some trouble and annoyance to the council, but I am of the opinion that should this matter ever reach a court of justice it will be shown that the councils of 1883, '84 and '85 have done their duty and that had such men as Mr. Beaty, who lived in Parkdale during 1879, '80, '81 and '82 shown the extraordinary interest in village affairs then that they pretend to show now they might have been of some service to the people instead of being simply a nuisance and an injury to themselves and every one about them.

Parkdale, Aug. 11. W. C. BEDDOME.

The Canadian Press Association.

Editor World: In reply to "M. Quad's" communication in to-day's World, I beg to state the officers and executive committee of the Canadian press association are elected annually. The accounts are annually audited, and the auditors report the result of their labors. Any member can have access to these reports and the books of the association at the annual meeting, and members can also nominate any one they wish to serve on the executive committee. As the communication is dated from Bowmanville it would seem that the gratification of personal spite against the able and popular secretary, rather than the advancement of the interests of the association, prompted the writing of it. If the writer had any objection to the present executive, or desired any information in regard to the association's affairs, it would have been more manly for him to have stated his views at the annual meeting, held in Toronto on the 4th inst., than to make mean insinuations behind an assumed name in a leading daily journal such as The World. J. B. TRAYES,

Assistant-secretary C. R. A.

Port Hope, Aug. 11.

T. G. Hall Enters a Criminal Libel Suit.

R. Herring, editor of the Petrolia Advertiser, is in town gathering facts concerning the T. G. Hall oil swindles. Mr. Herring has made the people of his district pretty familiar with Hall's designs, and now he is threatened with a criminal libel suit. Mr. Herring had no difficulty in obtaining a vast amount of additional evidence in connection with Hall's antecedents.

It is now learned that some of the residents of Sarnia became so infatuated with Hall's alleged discovery that they have deposited $15,000 in the bank, subject to Hall's order, provided he can produce the results he claims. The people of Sarnia are anxiously awaiting those results.

A Poor Business Man.

From London World.

Ismail Pasha has sold his Florentine palace to an Italian railway company. I fear he has lost somewhat heavily by the investment.

The World editorials are instructive, its advertisements are guides to purchasers and its sporting column is a recognized authority.

MECHANICAL-POLITICAL PUZZLE.

A Tale of Fatty and His Lean Friend in Three Chapters.

Editor World: The plank mounted on rollers at once suggests itself as an excellent substitute for the roller coaster with the exception that in this case, being manipulated by the 100 and 50-pounders respectively, the smaller gentleman alone will have the benefit of the ride, but in a circular direction over the heels of the larger gentleman shortly after he begins pulling, when the plank loses its centre of gravity, and at this particular point the 50-pounder is "off for a drive on the new roller coaster," thus:

The impetus of the smaller gentleman (the down grade not being sufficient however to cause an ascent to the point of commencement, (thanks to a 3-inch floor) he will be entitled to a rebate on his fare for a distance of half the round trip, (viz.) 2½ cents, enough for another trip if not muchly fatty-gued. The results likely to follow would be clothed in uncertainty depending to a very great extent upon the strength of the head and neck of the smaller gentleman. He might require a ready appliance of several boxes of "Rough on Rats" after his first drive on The World's new roller coaster. The government might give Mr. Riel the first free ride. JIM-JAM.

Editor World: Your Mechanical Politics in to-day's paper to my mind proposes a very *pullish* conundrum. SWEET SIXTEEN

Editor World: In this morning's issue of your admirable journal (which, by the way, will doubtless before long rank as one of Canada's finest illustrated papers, judging from the really fine picture presented to the public to-day), is an alleged mechanical puzzle. The two short haired gentlemen, airily clad in a black line, apparently a tightly-folded printer's towel about their waists, are represented as seated at either end of a plank on rollers, tugging away at a rope; the one whom I will call Fatty pulling 100 pounds, whilst the other—allow me to christen him Skinny—is letting himself out for 50 pounds worth. Very well. You ask for the opinions of your millions of readers as to the result. Here is mine: Fatty, who, as your artist has shown, has his under lip well braced, and is evidently gritting his teeth to the job, will everlastingly yank Skinny up from his sedentary position on top of himself. This will bring the weight of the two tug-of-war'amen to the west end of the plank, which will then tilt up and land both Fatty and Skinny on the ground amid a volley of undiluted profanity. At least that would be the result if you, Mr. Editor, were Skinny and I Fatty. I should not, however, feel justified in appearing in public in the garb adopted by your two heroes, which is that alluded to by Artemus Ward as "the skandalus costoom of the Greek slair"—with a typographical towel thrown in. Prior to the result as above described, Skinny runs a mighty good chance of having that portion of his anatomy known as the glutei muscles fairly well loaded with slivers—that is if that plank is as untrustworthy as some that are used in certain political platforms.

As a believer in the nude in art, I must congratulate you on having secured an artist who is so able an exponent of its beauties without bordering on the objectionable, but surely it would not have cost much more to have given those athletes a couple of legs apiece, instead of a pair between both. I don't know much about art, and perhaps legs come high. I know they do in the ballet, which you will allow is about as near the nude brand as they make 'em.

That plank on rollers will never be budged one inch by all Fatty's endeavors otherwise than as I have worked it out for you, any more than a man-o'-war would be made to travel by the efforts of a man seated on the bowsprit and tugging away at a rope attached to the mizen mast. Them's my sentiments.

Toronto, Aug. 11. ARCHIMEDES O'SWIR.

Repairing Yonge Street Pavement.

The works committee yesterday passed a resolution instructing the engineer to notify the Toronto street railway company to have that portion of the Yonge street pavement along the side of the tracks put in good repair, and in the event of the company not proceeding to do so within the prescribed time (five times) that the same be done by the engineer and charged to the company.

The L. O. B. and Col. Ouimet.

The Grand council of the Loyal Orange brotherhood met Monday, with Bro. Hugh Sproule in the chair, and passed a series of resolutions condemning Lieut.-Col. Ouimet for his alleged harsh treatment of Protestant members of the 65th, censuring Hon. A. P. Caron for failing to probe the matter to the bottom, and calling for a full and impartial investigation.

Write to Col. Powell, Adjutant-General, Ottawa.

Editor World: You would confer a favor upon volunteers at large by indicating briefly the nature of the land grant made in favor of those on active service and the steps to be taken to entitle.

VOLUNTEER.

Cheap Trip to Olcott.

The Rupert will make a trip to Olcott, N.Y., to-morrow for the special benefit of the ladies and children who may wish to pass a day at this beautiful quiet spot. The steamer will leave at 7.30 a.m. Return tickets 50 cents, children 25.

An Ontario Cabinet Council.

A council meeting of the Ontario government was held yesterday afternoon, at which Hon. Messrs. Mowat, Pardee, Hardy and Ross (education) were present. Several important matters were discussed.

A Good Move.

The tollgate that stood on the Kingston road this side of Woodbine park has been moved further down the road, beyond Braun's hotel, thus affording a free road to the track.

He Was a Protestant.

Editor World: Would you be so kind as to inform me through your paper as to the religion of General Grant, Protestant or Catholic? SUBSCRIBER.

Gents' rubber coats worth $12 for $8 at the Bon Marche clearing sale, 7 and 9 King street east.

P. D. CONGER'S SUDDEN END

HE DIES FROM APOPLEXY AT THE CITY HALL.

Seized With a Fit Immediately After Speaking—A Sad and Painful Scene—A Prominent Citizen Gone.

Death abruptly adjourned a meeting at the city hall yesterday afternoon. Aldermen, railway managers and property owners had assembled in the executive committee chamber to discuss the proposed new street on the Esplanade. Several gentlemen had expressed their views: among others P. D. Conger, the coal merchant, who spoke as to the affect the scheme would have on his property at the foot of Lorne street. "Owners of valuable property," said Mr. Conger, "should be compensated for any loss that a change of frontage line would entail." This was the effect of his concluding sentence. "Oh!" but exclaimed Ald. Hall with earnestness, "some of your valuable property is on the street." Mr. Conger smiled pleasantly, and taking two or three steps backward resumed his seat on a form, having Superintendent Whyte of the C. P. R. on his immediate right and another gentleman at his left. Immediately afterwards, in less time than it takes to write it, Mr. Conger's fell backwards on Mr. Whyte's broad shoulder unconscious. Through his gold-rimmed glasses his eyes were seen to roll up, and he was heard to gasp as if for breath. A glance showed that he had been seized with a fit. Several hands laid him in a recumbent position upon the carpet. While one gentleman loosened his collar, others bathed his head, face and hands with water. Mr. Conger breathed heavily but not convulsively, and death was not apprehended. Dr. Canniff, who as medical health officer of the city has an office in the building, was speedily summoned. By the time he arrived Mr. Conger's face was beginning to purple. The doctor felt his pulse and pronounced his case critical. The stricken gentleman was gently borne to a spot where the breeze from an open window would fall upon him. The purple hue gradually spread over his features. "He's dying," said Dr. Canniff in a low voice. And so he was. His eyes were fixed and glassy, his frame was rigid. His breathing became more labored, and there were occasional spasms. His discolored lips were encircled with froth. In six minutes from the time of the attack Mr. Conger was a corpse. He died easily. It was an awfully sudden call and deeply affected all present. The deceased was apparently in good health prior to the fit. He spoke clearly and even fluently, was neither nervous nor excited, and as stated beforehand resumed his seat smiling. Seven years ago Mr. Conger was injured almost unto death in in the memorable Credit Valley railway accident at Carlton junction. Laid up at that time for weeks, he never fully recovered from his injuries. He used to say that his head bothered him. Dr. Canniff said the case bore every symptom of apoplexy. The body was removed to his residence, 51 Murray street.

Mr. Conger came to Toronto from Belleville thirteen or fifteen years ago. He was a prominent man in the Bay of Quinte district, and did a large business in coal, the late C. J. Starling being at one time his partner. Strange that these two gentlemen should close their earthly career under such distressingly similar circumstances. Mr. Starling, it will be remembered, died in an apopletic fit in the Toronto Grand Opera house last winter. Mr. Conger was one of the largest dealers in coal in Toronto. An enterprising and esteemed citizen, he enjoyed a high social position, and his loss will be generally regretted. He was an original member of the Hanlan club. His death occurred at a time when all but Miss Conger, his eldest daughter, were away from home. Mrs. Conger and her little boy went over to Niagara in the afternoon; the sad news was broken to her by a friend when the Chicora returned last night. Miss Lena Conger and Miss Jessie Conger, the remaining daughters, are traveling in Europe. Mr. Conger's life was insured for $20,000.

The Trip to Burlington Beach.

The number of our citizens who are daily taking this trip are unanimous in pronouncing it to be the best sail out of Toronto. The steamer Southern Belle runs daily excursions, leaving Milloy's wharf at 10.45 a.m.

PERSONAL.

Lord Wolseley has been elevated to the rank of viscount.

Vice-President Van Horne and General Superintendent Whyte of the C. P. R. went east last night.

Dr. J. A. McLellan, president of the Teachers association, now in session in this city, is detained in the Northwest on account of illness.

Hon. A. S. Hardy left at 3.55 yesterday afternoon for Saratoga, where he will be joined by Mrs. Hardy and a party from Brantford.

Gen. Sir Frederick Roberts, recently appointed to the chief command of the British army in India, is about to visit England on furlough. He will not return before November.

Hon. Peter Mitchell and John Ogilvie, both of Montreal, were in the city yesterday. Mr. Ogilvie took the Owen Sound train on his way to the Northwest, and Mr. Mitchell returned east by the evening train.

The death was announced in London yesterday of Lord Richard Monckton Milnes Houghton, one of the most famous of English litterateurs, at the age of 76. He was M. P. for Pontefract from 1837 until 1863, when he was created a baron. He began political life as a liberal, but soon allied himself with the conservatives.

Keep Your Dusters On.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Aug. 12, 1 a.m.—*A slight depression still hovers over the lower St. Lawrence; elsewhere the pressure continues high. Fine, warm weather prevails everywhere.*

Probabilities—Lakes, light to moderate winds, mostly easterly; continued fair weather; slightly higher temperatures.

Steamship Arrivals.

At New York: St. Laurent from Havre; Westerland from Antwerp; Wyoming from Liverpool.

At Antwerp: Nordland from New York.

The Maiden's Grief.

Oh! she was a girl with a sad, sweet face,
And her eyes ran o'er with tears.
And her form had the winning childish grace
Of woman's tenderest years.

And I said, "Oh! maid, why dost thou weep?
Ah! why is thy young heart sore?
Why should sorrow thy company keep
When joy would suit thee more?

Oh! say is thy lover false?" I said;
"Grieve not; why shouldst thou mourn?
For soon thou will laugh at the tears now shed,
And think of the swain with scorn.

And another will come who will love thee well,
And thy heart will forget its pain,
To beat for joy when the broken spell
By love shall be joined again."

"It is not that," she replied and sighed;
"I weep for no such thing.
But he wants his presents returned," she cried,
"And mother has pawned his ring." —*Swiz.*

An extravagant broker says: I've got to buy two Worlds, one for my wife and the house and one to read on the cars.