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A Shocking Record.

The recent burning alive of a negro at the stake by a Texas mob has caused widespread comment. It is true that the crime of which the young man was accused was an atrocious one, and that he well deserved punishment of the severest type called for by civilized humanity, but surely the time has come when every community on this continent, professing the doctrines of Christianity, should unite to put down lynch law. There should be an insistence on a fair trial for every criminal, or supposed criminal, however tarnished his record or revolting his misdeed. But that view does not seem to be entertained by very many of the inhabitants of the United States or there would not be such a dreadful record of lives taken without the trial, and accompanied by demonstrations that even the most savage of tribes might well be ashamed to be guilty of. It would be an interesting study to consider what relation the disposition of peoples to take the law into their own hands has to the general tendency to put little value on human life. For a country professing to be civilized, the United States has a murder record of a very unenviable character. The Chicago Times-Herald, which has been accumulating statistics on the subject, ventures the opinion that a murder map, showing the number of murders committed in each state, might easily impress one who does not take into account the vast area and population with the notion that the people of the United States are a nation of barbarians, and are still living in the dark ages. The average number of murders committed annually in the states of the Union during the last decade is as follows:

Alabama.....	461	Montana.....	90
Arizona.....	43	Nebraska.....	163
Arkansas.....	234	Nevada.....	39
California.....	422	New Hampshire.....	9
Colorado.....	232	New Jersey.....	129
Connecticut.....	74	New Mexico.....	38
Delaware.....	48	New York.....	612
District of Columbia.....	24	North Carolina.....	281
Florida.....	137	North Dakota.....	29
Georgia.....	261	Ohio.....	322
Idaho.....	27	Oregon.....	79
Illinois.....	215	Pennsylvania.....	312
Indiana.....	228	Rhode Island.....	32
Iowa.....	202	South Carolina.....	221
Kansas.....	238	South Dakota.....	44
Kentucky.....	269	Tennessee.....	174
Louisiana.....	338	Texas.....	1,021
Maine.....	18	Utah.....	57
Maryland.....	260	Vermont.....	4
Massachusetts.....	96	Virginia.....	265
Michigan.....	295	Washington.....	102
Minnesota.....	198	West Virginia.....	102
Mississippi.....	217	Wisconsin.....	114
Missouri.....	302	Wyoming.....	23

The feature of this table that will attract especial notice is the disclosure that the west and south lead in murders. It is noted that one-third of all the murders in the United States are committed in Texas, a fact which disproves the contention of criminologists that crime is in proportion to density of population. It is also noted that Illinois, with a population of 5,800,000, averaged a less number of homicides annually than Mississippi, with a population of only 1,650,000. Vermont, with a population of 250,000 has only six murders a year, while Nevada, with a population of only 60,000 has an average of 39 homicides annually. Our contemporary reaches the conclusion that with a homicidal record of 10,000 murders a year in the United States, the task that is before the church, the school, the home and the state is big enough to stagger human optimism and Christian courage.

We note that this Chicago Journal is inclined, in part, to find excuse in the great area of the country for the enormous number of persons murdered annually within the borders of the United States. The homicidal tendencies of our neighbors must be due to something else than greatness of territory, for why should not similar results come to this widely extended country? In Canada our 5,000,000 population is scattered over a wide territory, but we have no such proportional record of murders as are recorded in the United States. The average number of murders in this country, indeed, is but a dozen a year, being fewer by one-half than are committed every year in the small District of Columbia, in which the United States capital is situated.

May not the great number of murders and lynchings in the United States be traceable to the uncertainties of the law? Our laws for the protection of life and property are promptly and fairly carried out by judges who cannot be menaced by external attacks, and the findings of juries, while subject in capital cases to consideration by the executive, are rarely interfered with if backed up by the evidence adduced at the trial. The reverse, we learn, is the case in many of the adjoining states. Canada's system is much to be preferred. Its excellent results cannot be gainsaid.

The Toronto Mail started the cock-and-bull story that Hon. George W. Ross would leave the Ontario Premiership and go into the Dominion Government, etc. No need for the Mail to worry over Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross—a good man anywhere—is the right man in the right place.

Our Municipal Policy—VI.

8. That the city should possess a public hall capable of holding, say, two thousand. That in order to encourage the erection of such a hall, freedom from taxation for license be offered to anyone erecting such a hall or opera house, the city to have the use free for a specified number of nights.

It is rather humiliating that London has not a hall or opera house in which a public meeting can be held. It is injurious to the city. Travelers will pass a town or city in which there is no amusement, and men intending to retire or settle in a city regard a good opera house as one of the attractions of a city.

London is too small to make the erection of an opera house a paying investment. The license, the taxes, the high rate of insurance, all eat up the profits, and private enterprise ought on this account to be encouraged.

The proposition made in reality would be a good investment for the city, because every city should have a hall adequate for public meetings. Nearly all the villages have halls, but it is not necessary to have a hall idle all the time except when in use by public meetings. The granting of freedom from taxation would cost the citizens nothing, and the hall or opera house be of as much use to them as if they owned it.

The city of Kingston is entertaining a somewhat similar proposition.

The citizens would also have the advantage of seeing the best attractions to be had; such, for instance, as the representation of "Henry the Fifth," now being played by Richard Mansfield, and which it is said he intends to take on the road with a special train to accommodate the large amount of scenery necessary. The representation is a magnificent one, and he is regarded as the best living American actor. There are many other reasons which will suggest themselves. We hope some alderman will move in the matter and secure what London badly needs, a good public hall and opera house.

Sir William Van Horne is head of a company to build a great trunk railway line in Cuba, get alternate blocks of land, settle the country, etc., much along C. P. R. lines.

Mr. Whitney will shortly call a Conservative convention for Ontario at Toronto. We are glad to hear it. There is no way in which it can help Whitney more than it will help Ross.

There is not in Canada any system of minority representation to provide that men of different faiths, different races or different political parties should be represented in proportion to their numbers.—St. John (N.B.) Sun.

That is true. But it is no excuse for the gerrymander that has "hived the Grits" by the confession of its originators, in the Province of Ontario for so many years. The injustice must be got rid of at the earliest possible moment.

The Perth Courier hits off the attitude of the Ontario Conservatives towards the people of Quebec admirably in the following lines:

"For grate long tam when Sare John live,
The Frenchman he vote Torem;
Dey clap him on de back, and say:
You bally boy, you giorre!"

"Dis tam the Frenchmans he vote Grit—
Dis am a differ'nt store;
No put him on the Frenchman's back,
No exaltee boy, no giorre."

Canadians generally will be pleased to hear that the Duke and Duchess of York will pay a visit to Canada after they have completed their visit to Australia, to which they go with an unusually large suite at an early date. The Whitehall Review thinks that the whole expedition to Australia will be somewhat of a bore to the Duke, but that the Duchess will thoroughly enjoy it. "If the world had been searched through," remarks our contemporary, "it would have been impossible to find for Prince George of York a more suitable wife than Princess May of Teck. The characteristics he lacks she possesses in a marked degree, notably self-confidence and the desire to assert her position. If the Duke of York could follow his own inclinations, he would never be worried with public functions, never make a speech, and would like the life of a country gentleman, just putting in an appearance in society for, say, six weeks in the summer. He is by nature of quite as retiring a disposition as any of his sisters. But the Duchess, wise woman of her generation, has cured him of diffidence, and he now makes a very creditable appearance as a future King." All of which will no doubt be interesting reading to Canadians, who hope to have the royal pair among them before the first year of the new century has gone out. The visit of the Duke and Duchess will be an especially interesting event in the Dominion. The party will land at Vancouver, B.C., and journey across the continent—leisurely, let us hope—visiting all the principal points of interest and centers of population. This will be the first time in which an heir to the British throne will have crossed the continent, and viewed for himself the splendid heritage of this section of the British people. They will be able to make the journey of 3,000 miles across the continent, with its magnificent and varied scenery, with as great comfort as they can go from England to Scotland, and they will have such a welcome as only the favorite grandson of our beloved Queen and his consort could receive from her loyal subjects in this much-favored land. The visit of the heir to the throne and his good wife will indeed be an epoch of importance in the life of Canada next year.

Good Aldermen and Trustees Too.

In many cities throughout the province, now that the municipal elections are approaching, there is an outcry for civic reform, for better management, for more efficient services, for the keeping down of the tax rate.

Many people seem to imagine that the best results can be attained if a good mayor is put in power.

If the mayor were, like the President of the United States, possessed of a veto power, and could reject or shelve any proposal that he deemed not in the public interest; if he could be sufficiently "boss" to compel the council and other civic bodies to revise their estimates or economize in their expenditures at will, there would be much force in the contention that a good mayor was pretty much all that was required.

But an Ontario mayor has no such powers, and indeed, beyond his own personal, individual influence as chief magistrate—though that is an important matter—he has very little power over the deeds, good, bad or indifferent, of the aldermen.

It is, therefore, of the very highest importance that taxpayers, when selecting a mayor, should remember that good aldermen are pre-requisites to making the best of civic resources and advantages.

Let us have good mayors, by all means, but let it never be forgotten that it is even more necessary to have the best business talent in the community enlisted and elected to serve at the aldermanic board, and as school trustees and water commissioners.

The men around the civic board, and not alone their presiding officer, are really those who make or mar the position of any city, after all.

Very kind, really, of the Toronto Mail to interest itself in the Provincial Liberal leadership in Ontario. But suppose it fixes up the Dominion Conservative leadership first!

The Free Press is booming Hon. Mr. Foster for Dominion Conservative leader. The Toronto World is not.

An effort is to be made to get a constituency for Mr. Foster in Ontario.

The Toronto Star has been figuring it out that even on the vote cast in Ontario in the recent Dominion election, the Ross Government would have a very substantial majority. It must be remembered that the gerrymander, which denied fair play to Liberals in Dominion contests, does not apply to contests for the Ontario Legislature.

The proceedings of the Assessment Commission at Toronto illustrate the difficulty of the whole matter. Of course, there are those who have their little hobby as to how to settle it all; but then somebody else has another and a different hobby, and so it goes.

We suppose the truth is the average man does not take kindly to taxation of any kind, is disposed to kick against its imposition, while having no great objection to taxation that falls on someone else.

MARINE MISHAPS

Loss of a United States Cruiser and Five of Her Crew—The Loss of the Maumee Valley.

IT WAS THE MAUMEE VALLEY. Ann Arbor, Ont., Nov. 28.—It is now almost positively known that the schooner which was wrecked, and whose crew was lost, was the Maumee Valley, of Toledo, Ohio. She is identified by the wreckage which has come ashore at Point Pelee. The name was gained upon one piece of board which was washed in.

Capt. Frank B. Hackett, who went out in his own tug, the Home Rule, and tried to save the lives of the sailors in the wreck off Point Pelee, says that there is no doubt that the crew of the boat was all drowned.

UNITED STATES CRUISER LOST. Manila, Nov. 28.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite parted her cables off the harbor of San Luis d'Aparrá, Island of Guam, drifted 10 miles, struck a reef and was wrecked. Five of the crew were drowned. A collier rescued the remainder.

MARVELOUS ESCAPE. Detroit, Nov. 28.—The schooner Reuben Doud, which foundered on the rocks at Point Pelee last Sunday, is still on her rocky bed, with four feet of water in her hold, but may be saved. The crew escaped in a yawl boat to Pelee Island. Capt. Estell had a narrow escape from drowning. "We just got nicely seated in the boat," said Mate William Milner, "when a huge wave knocked Capt. Estell into the water. The same wave, fortunately, and a miracle, washed our captain back into the yawl."

PERILOUS PASSAGE. Halifax, Nov. 28.—The mail steamer Lake Megantic arrived yesterday, after a tempestuous passage. The steamer left Queenstown on Nov. 14, and twelve hours after leaving port encountered a severe storm. Twelve hours later

Something for MOTHERS.

EVERY CHILD born into the world with an inherited or early developed tendency to distressing, disfiguring humors of the skin, scalp, and blood, becomes an object of the most tender solicitude, not only because of its suffering but because of the fearful fear that the disfigurement is to be lifelong and mar its future happiness and prosperity. Hence it becomes the duty of mothers of such afflicted children to acquaint themselves with the best, the purest, and most effective treatment available.

Warm baths with CUTICURA Soap to cleanse the skin and scalp of crusts and scales, gentle applications of CUTICURA Ointment to allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal, followed in the severe cases by mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, afford instant and grateful relief, speedy cure, and leave nothing to be desired by anxious parents. CUTICURA is sold by all Colonial Chemists, FOSTER, DAVIS & CO., Ltd., Sole Proprietors, Boston, U.S.A.

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Printed Dress Flannelette at 7½c Yard.

2,750 yards Printed Flannelettes, for making wrappers or house dresses. The assortment includes Salisbury's, Velours and Cashmerettes, in colorings of red, blue, green and dark shades. Goods worth 10c and 12½c yard, on sale until sold, only 7½c yard.

Splendid Offerings for Friday.

50c and 60c Table Linen, 39c Yard.	7c and 8c Flannelette 6c Yard.
Linen Damask (pure linen), 62 inches wide, 5 patterns, 50c and 60c quality, special per yard..... 39c	1,200 yards 33-inch Flannelette, pink, blue and dark stripes, 7c and 8c quality, special per yard..... 6c
\$1 50 Bleached Damask for \$1 Yard.	10c Huckaback Toweling, 7½c Yard.
4 patterns Best Dye Bleach Irish Linen, double damask, 72 inches wide, \$1 50 quality, special per yard.....\$1 00	2 pieces only Best Scotch Unbleached Huck Toweling, 19 inches wide, 10c quality, special per yard..... 7½c
15c Flannelettes, 11c Yard.	7c Cotton, 5c Yard.
700 yards Best English Flannelette, in variety of stripes and plain pink blue and white, extra heavy, 36 inches wide, 15c quality, special per yard..... 11c	70 mill ends of Fine 33-inch Factory Cotton, free from spots, 7c Cotton for..... 5c

\$1 Kid Gloves, 79c Pair.

Pewney's Celebrated French Kid Gloves, blacks, browns, tans, gray and mode, self and fancy points, two clasps, every pair warranted, all sizes. \$1 Kid Gloves for 79c pair.

Buy Your Rubbers Friday.

Ladies' 45c Rubbers, per pair.....	30c
Men's 75c Rubbers, per pair.....	50c

\$12 and \$15 Jackets, for \$10.

An assorted lot of 20 of our best and latest up-to-date Jackets, 21 inches long, silk lined throughout, fawns, grays, blues and blacks, sizes 32 to 38, \$12 and \$15 Jackets. Friday, each.....\$10 00

Cut Price in Veilings.

One lot of 20c and 25c Veilings.....	15c
One lot of 15c and 18c Veilings.....	8c

\$1 25 Flannelette Gowns, 98c.

Fine Flannelette Gowns, lace and insertion trimmed, plain pink, blue and white, \$1 25 quality, for..... 98c

50c and 60c Corsets, 39c Pair.

A clearing up of odd lots, best 50c, 60c and 65c Corsets, blacks and grays. Friday, per pair..... 39c
\$1 Corsets, in black only. Friday, per pair..... 75c

Children's Jackets, \$1 Each.

22 only, Gretchens and Ulsters, assorted cloths, sizes 6 to 10, were \$3.50 and \$4.50 each; to clear, Friday, each.....\$1 00

90 Doz. Ladies' Wool Vests and Drawers

A Mill clearing Lot at Following Reductions:

30c Vests.....	20c	40c Vests.....	29c	85c Vests.....	62c
30c Drawers.....	20c	50c Vests.....	39c	85c Drawers.....	62c

Grocery Department.

19 pounds Redpath's Standard Granulated Sugar.....\$1 00
Our best 40c Imperial Blend Mixed or Black Tea..... 25c

Shoe Department.

75 Pair assorted kinds Children's Shoes, sizes from 4 to 10, regular price from 75c to \$1; on Friday, your choice for..... 58c
60 pairs only. Men's Laced and Congress Shoes, assorted kinds, in calf and cordovan, including a few pairs of Chocolate Calf Lace Boots, all sizes, regular \$2, \$2.25 and \$1.50; Friday for.....\$1 19

Clothing and Furnishings.

15 dozen only, Men's Special Heavy Weight Flannel Lined Shirts and Drawers, in all sizes, regular 50c; Friday..... 37½c
Men's Strong Elastic Suspenders, Friday..... 10c
75 pairs All-Wool Trousers, all sizes for men, good patterns, well made in every particular, regular price, \$1.25; Friday..... 98c

THE STOLEN NOTES

All But \$3,000 of the Napanee Bank's Missing Money Has Been Found.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The Dominion Bank bills found in possession of the prisoners Simpson and Mathers at Detroit, and which have been identified as part of the \$10,000 Dominion \$10 notes stolen at the time of the big Napanee bank robbery, are not the only notes recovered since the robbery. T. G. Brough, general manager of the Dominion Bank, says that of the unsigned notes \$7,000 worth have been recovered at various times, and that only \$3,000 worth are unaccounted for, including 30 bills found at Detroit. The bank pays 20 per cent of the face value of these bills when recovered as a reward, so that the Detroit officers who made the arrest, instead of getting \$2,000, which was the full reward for the recovery of the \$10,000 of unsigned bills taken, will get \$300. An officer from the Dominion Bank will attend the proceedings at Windsor on Tuesday and identify the bills.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 28.—The people who have been defrauded by Simpson and Mathers passing forged \$10 Dominion Bank bills on them will get their money back. Magistrate Bartlett holds that this is one of the cases provided for by statute whereby the money found on a prisoner may be used to make good his frauds. If the \$425 found on them by the Detroit police were not enough, there is still \$210 found on Simpson by Jailer Sparks when the prisoners were handed over to his care to await their preliminary examination before Magistrate Bartlett on Dec. 4.

The extreme penalty for the offense with which the men are charged, passing forged paper, is fourteen years in the penitentiary, but the authorities are thinking of laying a charge of forgery against them, which would make it all the more serious.

NOTICE TO DEER-HUNTERS.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The chief game warden is preparing a circular to send out to all deer hunters, asking the sportsmen how many deer they killed and their weight. By getting this information the game department will know better whether more stringent measures will be necessary or not.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Charles Nearang, a brickmaker, early today shot and fatally injured his wife, and then committed suicide by shooting. The tragedy followed an attempt by Nearang to slay his three children.

The most novel provision made in a will is that of a St. Louis woman that her remains be incinerated and the ashes mingled with those of her husband in the urn where his already repose.

Corn is so plentiful in the vicinity of Chagres, I. T., that the farmers are letting it rot in the fields. Twenty cents a bushel is all they can get for it, and they do not think that price pays for harvesting.

The United States contains nearly 6,000,000 separate farms.

WHAT AMERICANS SAY

You can't fool the American people on rolled oats. Hear what one of them says of

TILLSON'S PAN-DRIED

"I have several American customers who pronounce your rolled oats the finest in Canada or the United States."

The above is an extract from a letter received from a border town on Oct. 11. You can get the same kind by asking your grocer for "Tillson's."

The Tillson Co., Limited,
Tillsonburg, Ont.

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The choice of one copy from our large assortment of Ten-Cent Music will be given with every purchase amounting to 50c.
SPECIAL LINES—Books, Toys, Novelties and Sporting Goods.

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A new company, in which French and Swiss capital is interested, has just been formed for the purpose of engaging in financial, mercantile and industrial enterprises in Mexico.