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TWELFTH YEAR. TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 7, 1891. ONE CENT

TO DIE AT BREAK OF DAY.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO THIS MORNING FOR SING SING'S TRAGEDY.

Warden Brown's Preparations and His Precautions Complete Against the Details Being Made Public—Electrician Davis Satisfied There Will Be No Delay.

SING SING, N.Y., July 6.—Under the light of the July stars four men wait death with palpitating hearts. The clocks of the steeples in the village of Sing Sing have sounded the hour of 12 and now their lives are in the hollow of one man's hand. A signal from Warden Brown and Jugigo, Wood, Slocum and Smiler, one or all four, just as he wills it, must walk thirty paces and, sitting in a stout oak chair, ornamented with wires and backed by strange contrivances, must pay with their lives the penalty of black and hideous crimes.

Only two electricians will be present—Captain Hibbard of the prison staff, and E. F. Davis, who ran the machine at Auburn. If any hitch occurs these men will be held to a strict accountability.

Mr. Davis promises that there will be no hitch or blunder. He has learned lessons from Auburn.

When these lines reach the breakfast tables this morning, at least one of the four murderers awaiting execution in the silent chamber of Sing Sing Prison will, in all probability, have sat in the chair of death.

Prompt Work Expected.

All signs point to prompt work and efficient work. The men yesterday were ready for the sacrifice, resigned to the worst. Contrary to the expectation of those who have been nearest them, not one shows any sign of weakening as the fatal hour draws near.

Two—Wood and Slocum—are upheld by the consolations of the Catholic Church, as furnished them by the faithful and zealous Fathers Creeden and Lynch and the good Sisters of Charity.

Smiler, who claims to have accepted the truth of the Protestant faith, has ceased his weeping and wailing since the test came home to him that all hope was gone. His two visits from his wife and babe, the woman he wronged and the infant stamped with everlasting infamy, have apparently given him a new lease of manhood, and the keepers believe that he will now go to the chair with a brave mien and unfaltering step. Smiler is in the hands of Prison Chaplain Edgerton, who believes that he will make no cowardly scene at the final moment.

The Stolid Jap.

As for the "Jap," Jugigo, whose animal habits and low intelligence have placed him almost outside the pale of sympathy, he has refused to accept any aid from priests or parsons and will go to the execution chamber unsupported by any religious belief.

The men ate their breakfast yesterday as usual with a good appetite. It consisted of eggs, fish, steak, bread and butter, fruit, potatoes and coffee. The dishes came back well cleaned. For dinner they each partook of a section of choice roast beef and vegetables. This is the last regular meal of the day—perhaps it is the last that one or more of them may ever eat. But if any one should ask for anything the request would be granted.

The men smoked cigarets constantly through the day. Up to 3 o'clock in the afternoon Principal Keeper Connaughton and Fathers Creeden and Lynch were the only ones from the outside world to pay a visit to the condemned. They conversed with each in turn and found them cheerful. But in the case of Slocum and Wood it was a serious cheerfulness. They have given up all hope of further delay and feel that at last they stand face to face with death. Wood has been serious for weeks. Slocum only recently showed that he appreciated his awful position.

Two Thousand Volts For Each.

Two thousand volts of electricity will be forced into each prisoner. So say the electricians. In the case of Kemmler it is acknowledged that only 1200 were employed, and many believe that the dynamo was only run up to the notch of 700. Strange to say, although all news of the impending tragedy has been kept from the other 1600 convicts, not one of them but knows that this is execution week, and not many seconds after all is over the signal will be flashed from man to man and even the name of the dead be known. It is a queer mystery this mystery of prison signaling. What will be done with the bodies? Quicklime and the prison graveyard, says the law, unless the relatives claim them. There is no indication that Mrs. Spiller will make any claim for her husband's body, and there is no talk that the others will escape annihilation.

The priests went home soon after dark last night and said that they did not expect to return to the prison unless summoned before morning.

When Electrician Davis arrived at the prison he had a consultation with Warden Brown and then went direct to the execution room. Prof. Landy and Dr. Lockwell, both experts, are at the prison, and private advices indicate that death may take place to night.

THE ENGINEER AND HIS STAFF.

Mr. Jennings Gives His Answer to Ald Hill's Inquiry.

On June 27 Ald. Hill asked in council that a return be furnished of any salaries which had been increased in the Board of Works Department during the current year. Last night the City Engineer sent in to council the following statement:

Replying to yours of June 27, forwarding inquiry from Ald. Hill as to salary matters in this department, I beg to forward herewith a statement showing the changes and increases made this year, by which it will be seen on account of the retirement of Messrs Charles Sproatt and William Spry, the former through ill-health and the latter on account of the completion of the work on which he was engaged, that a reduction of $350 per month has been made in the salary account, while the amount of the increase as shown in the attached list is $130 per month, or a net decrease of $220 per month. The dates and amounts are given in the statement. The only change necessary to report to the Committee on Work is contained in my report to that body.

I would respectfully refer Ald. Hill to Bylaw No. 2534, being the one under which I took office.

W. T. JENNINGS.

Increase and Decrease Per Month.

Name.	Increase.	Decrease.
C. Sproatt	$.....	$250 00
A. C. Cunningham	21 00	
C. H. Rust	35 00	
W. T. Ashbridge	5 00	
Charles Carr	5 00	
H. D. Ellis	25 00	
G. F. Hanning	5 00	
John Williams	18 54	
William Spry		100 00
William McCarthy	10 00	
G. W. Strange	10 00	

Net decrease per month, $220.

The bylaw referred to by the City Engineer is the one which gives, under his appointment, full power to increase or decrease the salaries of his subordinates or dismiss them at his will.

The Toronto Bicycle Club.

A largely attended meeting of the Toronto Bicycle Club was held last evening in their club house, 346 Jarvis-street, at which a big amount of important business was transacted.

It was finally decided to hold the donation party on Thursday evening next, although it was at one time thought best to postpone it for the present.

It was also decided to hold the annual tournament on Civic Holiday at Rosedale grounds, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

A team road race was spoken of in conjunction with the tournament, but it was finally decided not to arrange one.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

55 Yonge-street (below King). We are selling the Junior Safety Bicycle for $33 net cash. Boys come and see them. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

"The Penetanguishene" now open for guests. See advt.

THE DISGRACED CLERGYMAN.

The Elizabeth, N.J., Pastor Formerly Resided Here.

Rev. Edward Ransford, the clergyman who is under arrest in Elizabeth, N.J., charged with assaulting two boys, was formerly a resident of this city. He is an Englishman and on his arrival in this city got employment on The Leader. He is a man of scholarly attainments and wrote well on subjects with which he was acquainted. When The Leader stopped publication he took a position on The Globe. This he held until about 1883, when he left to take charge of an Anglican parish in the United States. He has been stationed in Elizabeth, New Jersey, for some time. It is understood that he was born in the Roman Catholic faith, and had at one time been in the Franciscan Order of Monks in England. He left the communion and embraced the Episcopalian faith, subsequently becoming, as stated above, a clergyman of that church. Some time before leaving Toronto he married a lady in this city. He is at least 60 years of age, and somewhat peculiar in his habits.

Mr. Ransford's friends in Elizabeth believe that his mind is unbalanced, having become so by reason of undue mental worry and labor.

ALD. HALLAM'S PLAN.

How He Would Deal With Ashbridge's Bay.

John Hallam, the alderman, called on The World yesterday and after discussing the price of wool reverted to the Ashbridge's Bay reclamation scheme. In answer to the inquiry what would he do under the circumstances he replied: "For the present I would confine action to piling the north shore of Ashbridge's Bay from a point near the new Don away eastward for perhaps a mile. This would be done at the expense of the property fronting on it. I would then," said he, "start the dredges at work to cut a channel 200 feet wide immediately in front of this piling and the earth taken out I would dump on the landslide behind the piles. The expense of this I would charge to the whole city, as this channel would be eminently sanitary work and would settle the question of the pollution of Ashbridge's Bay. When that was done and a new wave of prosperity had struck the city further reclamation might then be discussed."

A Well-Known Musician Dead.

One of Toronto's best known musicians sleeps peacefully in death. Early yesterday morning Carl Martens died suddenly of apoplexy at his lodgings, 37 Wood-street.

He was born in Hamburg 43 years ago, was educated at Hamburg Conservatory, and came to Toronto about nine years ago. Since then his career is well known to the musically inclined of the city. He has been associated with several of the ladies' colleges of the city. For some time he was a teacher in the Conservatory of Music, in which he holds stock. But three years ago when the College of Music was opened he became connected with that institution, and up to the time of his death was one of its most successful and most popular teachers.

The funeral will be announced at a later date.

Island Attractions.

Mr. J.C. Conner's new attractions at Hanlan's Point this week are: Prof. Ray Burton, slack-wire artist, and Bondo, the wonder. They gave their first exhibition last night before a very large audience. Burton is everything claimed for him, making some fair shooting at glass balls while swinging on the wire. Bondo does some blood-curdling work, the bar of his trapeze being a naked sword, on which he performs with as much boldness as if it were the usual article. The Queen's Own Band furnished music. Bondo and Burton will repeat their performances every afternoon and evening throughout the week.

Persistent Burglars.

Last Friday night burglars made a bold effort to enter the store of J. Foster, optician, No. 13 King-street west. They made the attempt at the back door, but were driven off by the burglar alarm. Last night these enterprising midnight mechanics made another attempt with the same success, the burglar alarm calling up a squad of policemen and detectives, who searched the premises and the surrounding building for hours without success. The thieves had made good their retreat. An immense crowd gathered in King-street, attracted by the persistent ringing of the burglar-alarm.

An Echo of the Potts Failure.

DETROIT, July 6.—Judge Reilly this morning rendered his decision in the case of the Bank of Montreal et al vs. The J. E. Potts Salt and Lumber Company. Judge Reilly has held that the mortgages given by the J. E. Potts Salt and Lumber Company to the Bank of Montreal and numerous other parties are valid. This decision sustains the corporation in its discrimination of certain of its creditors whom it chose to prefer and leaves the unsecured creditors $700,000 less of assets out of which to satisfy themselves.

Q.O.R. Band at Riverdale.

The Band of the Queen's Own Rifles, under the direction of Mr. John Bayley, will play the following program in Riverdale Park tonight:

March	Hengist	Dodwell
Overture	Une Sair D'Automne	Bouillon
Valse	Doctrineu	Strauss
Serenade	Militaire	Morelli
Overture	Villageoise	Volti
Polonaise	Masken	Faust
Overture	Le Roi D'Yvetot	Adam
Quadrille	Wedding	Strauss
Galop	Marie Montante	Fahrbach

The Ocean and the Lake.

The powerful tug Hector of Port Colborne was hard at work all day yesterday dragging the ill-fated Ocean out of her unwonted berth on the sands of Port Union. The wreck was not as disastrous as was expected, and she will in all probability be afloat to-day, when she will be dry-docked at Port Dalhousie and made ship-shape once more.

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Paris Green.

BELLEVILLE, July 6.—Michael, alias Blackstrap McHugh, a noted character, wound up a ten days' spree yesterday by poisoning himself with paris green. Medical aid was summoned, but it was too late. The coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Deceased was 31 years old and unmarried.

There Are Five Prime Conditions of Happiness.

The fifth is bodily health. This is promoted by the proper use of health-giving fluids. For breakfast drink the Royal Dandelion Coffee, which contains a proportion of German dandelion root and fine coffee as a basis. It combines the medicinal virtues of this well-known plant with the refreshing and dietetic properties of coffee. Prepared by Ellis & Keigiley, Toronto.

Chat From Over the Sea.

Mortz Haupt, the Nestor of German organ composers, is dead.

King Humbert yesterday launched the new ironclad, the Silicia, at Venice.

But £376 has thus far been subscribed towards the testimonial to Mrs. Grimwood, wife of the commissioner murdered at Manipur.

During the exercises of the infantry near Weimar, Germany, 40 men were sunstruck, four killed outright and nine paralyzed.

The steamship Alvena, from Jeremy, Hayti, reports 200 persons were put to death just before the vessel sailed by order of Hippolyte at Port Au Prince.

A plebiscite just taken in Switzerland favors a new law introducing the ultra-democratic principle of popular initiative in legislation. The law empowers a body of 50,000 citizens to submit the text of bills to the Chambers and to compel the Chambers to discuss such bills.

GOOD NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS NOT DUE UNTIL SECOND INSTALMENT.

The Aldermen in a Pugnacious Mood—Dead-Set Made On the Board of Works—The Two St. Paul's Warders Lock Horns in Dire Conflict—List of Works.

The City Council last night was in a fairly pugnacious humor, and fought over almost every subject its members were called upon to discuss. Mayor Clarke presided in council and Ald. McMurrich in Committee of the Whole. With the exception of Ald. Boustead and Lindsey (absent on account of illness) there was a thoroughly representative meeting. The first burst of indignation came up under the head of questions of privilege. Ald. Shaw and Ald. Hallam gave Ald. Leslie particular fits for remarks made by him concerning them at a recent meeting of the Ashbridge's Bay Committee. Ald. Leslie responded in kind, and when the wordy war was over nobody seemed particularly hurt. Ald. MacMath in a sweeping speech voiced the general complaint of the citizens in regard to the burden of taxation, and moved that in view of the heavy burden of taxation that the local improvement assessments be paid in two instalments instead of in one as ordered at present. The Mayor suggested that it be paid at the time the second instalment of general taxes comes due. Ald. MacMath finally withdrew his motion, promising to bring it up at a later stage.

In committee of the whole there seemed to be a dead-set made on the Board of Works. Ald. Shaw as chairman of that body and Ald. Hall as leader of the opposition were at daggers drawn for the greater part of the night, one fighting to preserve and the other to strike out various items on the report of the department.

As a result of the struggle the Noblestreet sewer; Stanley Park, cedar pavement; the renewals of block-pavement on Winchester, Prospect, Amelia, D'Arcy, Baldwin, Cecil, Henry, Bellevue-avenue, Orde, St. Patrick, Sullivan, Grove-avenue, Northcote-avenue, Lisgar, Argyle, College, Sussex and Nassau-streets; the extension of Bellevue-place; and the "Eureka" sidewalk on west side of Dundas-street were referred back. In the Waterwork's Committee report Ald. Gowanlock's proposed water rate reduction caused an hour's fight. It was finally struck out and a motion to have it re-inserted in council afterwards was defeated by 19 to 18.

The extension of Bellevue-place was reinserted, it being shown to the satisfaction of the aldermen that the cost to the city was nil. Ald. MacMath pressed his resolution dividing the time for the payment of the local improvement assessments. It was ruled that the proposition was out of order and the following was adopted as a compromise.

"Be it resolved, that notwithstanding anything in Bylaw No. 2904 to the contrary, ratepayers desirous of deferring the payment of local improvement assessments until the date of payment of the second instalment of taxes, viz., Sept. 10, be allowed to do so without additional charge, and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to instruct the tax collectors accordingly and that the 6 est of the city be attached to this resolution."

The council adjourned at 11.30.

Another Investigation Looming Up.

This notice of motion was presented to council last night by Ald. Gowanlock: That Ald. Hill, Flett, Shaw, Bell, Maloney, Phillips, McMurrich and McMath be a special committee to inquire into and report as to the original estimate of King-street subway and approaches as compared with the actual cost of the work, and for the authority for said increase, if any, and to inquire into and report on the statements made by Ald. Gowanlock in connection with the work done in King-street west from the east bank of the entrance to the subway to Dufferin-street, with power to examine any official or workman or any other person; and that the Engineer be instructed to submit all time sheets of the different classes of work.

Another Montreal Failure.

MONTREAL, July 6.—G. F. Burnett & Co., wholesale clothiers of Montreal, have been served with a demand of assignment by A. F. Gault. The liabilities are about $100,000 direct and indirect. The principal creditors are: Gault Bros. $16,000, Weston Woolen Mills $6000, H. H. Wolfe $6000, J. Fisher, Sons & Co. $2500, and J. Macdonald & Co., Toronto, $1600.

Not To Have Custody of Her Child.

Mr. Justice Street yesterday handed out judgment on the petition of Mrs. Jane Burnard of Stratford for the custody of her 11-year-old child Barbara Burnard. The little girl is at present living with her paternal grandfather, Alexander Burnard, a farmer in the suburbs of Stratford, who is worth some $50,000. The mother of the child has possessed of great means and has several other children. She and her husband are not living together. The judge refuses the application and orders that little Barbara shall remain in the custody of her grandfather but the mother to have access to her at reasonable intervals, and stated at intervals the child is to be allowed to stay with its mother for a short time if she desires.

The best fitting shirts are Treble's perfect fitting French Yoke. Try a sample and be convinced. Made to measure, 53 King-street west. Illustrated price list and measurement card free.

A Michigan Murderer Caught in Canada

DETROIT, July 6.—Frank Gilligan, who murdered John Casey in a saloon recently, is reported to be in custody at Stoney Point, Ont., 40 miles from Windsor, and an officer has been sent after him.

Upon the maturity of a 7 per cent. guaranteed income bond of the North American Life Assurance Company the full face thereof becomes payable and an amount ranging from 10 to 50 per cent. is guaranteed in addition thereto; also a full share of the profit accumulations, or, if the holder desires, he may withdraw the profit accumulations and receive a guaranteed income of 7 per cent. annually during life, the face of the bond being paid at death. Upon the decease of the holder at any time the amount of the face value of the bond becomes payable. 246

Union Excursion.

On Wednesday per steamer Empress of India the employes of John Taylor & Co. and R. & J. Watson hold their grand union excursion to St. Catharines. This is always an event and marks the day with a red-letter for these two firms. Masters and men are considerate and loyal to one another, and this has much to do with their phenomenal success.

Taps from the Telegraph.

President Harrison denies a rumor that Secretary Blaine has resigned.

A boy named John Eaton fell from the back of an elephant at a picnic at Denver, Col., and was tramped to death.

The Cunarder Servia which left New York Saturday for Liverpool is returning with her machinery disabled. The Servia has on board a large number of passengers including Prince George of Greece.

A ragged urchin who gave his name as Thomas Gallagher, aged 14, and place of birth, Oshawa, Canada, was locked up at New York yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. He has been canaling for a year or two past, so he says.

Prof. Herrmann Kottinger, at one time a famous violinist on the Pacific coast, died at San Jose, Cal., yesterday, in a mean little shanty. Although worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and with $2000 in gold coin hidden in the bedclothes beneath him, he would not spend a cent for medicine and for a week he had absolutely starved. He was author of a number of prose works and poems, an elementary history of the world and numerous text books on free thought. The old man's violin, when found, was in his right arm, clasped to his breast, while his left hand was buried beneath the soiled bed linen and clutched the gold treasure, the hoarding of which cost him his life.

A ROYAL WEDDING.

Nuptials of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein and Prince Aribert of Anhalt.

LONDON, July 6.—The marriage of Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein and Prince Aribert of Anhalt, who is 27, took place this morning at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle and its neighborhood were fairly alive with people. Not since the marriage of the late Duke of Albany has the castle been crowded with so many distinguished people, and not since that event has St. George's Chapel been so crowded with members of royal families. The decorations of the chapel were grand. The stalls of the knights of the garter were set aside for some of the most important guests and the Bray and Rutland chapels were fitted up as retiring rooms. The route followed by the procession was the same as that taken at the wedding of the Duke of Albany. This route was lined on both sides with troops and at the castle guards of honor were mounted at every available point. The royal standard of Great Britain from the highest tower of the castle floated proudly over the whole, while here, there and everywhere were dazzling uniforms, gorgeous staffs and state carriages containing diplomats, statesmen, generals, admirals, princes of minor degree and high church dignitaries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury performed the marriage service which was simple and made only a brief exhortation.

DISASTER ON A WARSHIP.

Big Gun Explodes, Killing and Wounding Several Officers and Men.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., July 6.—The British warship Cordelia, Capt. Harry J. Grenfell, 10 guns and 2450 horse-power, has just returned to this port after a most disastrous trip to sea for target practice with her big gun. Captain Grenfell reports that while practising with one of the Cordelia's six inch breech-loading guns, the latter exploded, killing Lieut. William Hillyer, Lieut. Gordon and four seamen, and wounding three midshipmen and ten seamen. The Cordelia is a single screw corvette, built of steel and iron and cased with wood. She is attached to the Australian station.

SEVENTEEN ARE MISSING.

Loss of the Steamer Dunholme in the Channel.

LONDON, July 6.—A large steamer sank in the Channel off Dover Sunday night. The steamer Kinloch landed at Gravesend part of the crew of the sunken steamer, which was the Dunholme, bound from Middlesboro to Rio Janeiro. The Dunholme was struck at 2 o'clock in the morning two minutes after a collision with the Kinloch. Seventeen of the persons on board at the time of the collision are missing.

The captain, mate, two sailors and three firemen of the Dunholme are saved. They state the Kinloch struck the Dunholme at 2.50 a.m. in a thick fog. There was no time to lower the boats. The Kinloch assisted them as far as possible.

Spurgeon Improving.

LONDON, July 6.—Spurgeon is slightly better and some hopes are now entertained of his recovery. The internal congestion has somewhat diminished, and the delirium is milder.

House of Industry Picnic.

A picnic is to be held at the reservoir this afternoon for the inmates of the House of Industry, and this is the only outing which these poor people get during the year. It is expected that the charitably disposed will make it a success by sending refreshments to the house, corner of Elizabeth and Elm-streets, before 12 o'clock, which will be taken along with the pleasure-seekers to the grounds in vans.

Are you a hearty eater? if so, then ask Adams' Tutti Frutti as an aid to digestion. Sold by all druggists and confectioners.

The Macdonald Memorial.

At a preliminary meeting held in the Council Chamber, it was decided to appoint a committee for the purpose of taking active steps towards the erection of a suitable memorial to commemorate the life and work of the late Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald. The next meeting will be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday at 8 o'clock. The Mayor is chairman of the committee and Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, secretary.

Danger Ahead.

The Island is not safe yet. The terrific current that set through the bay on the day of the recent storm moved parts of the crib-work at the eastern gap in some places as much as 2 feet. All day yesterday stone-hookers and tugs were busy refilling the cribs with stone, and the work will be finished to-day. The question is asked how, if a fully gale does such damage what may be expected from a hurricane in December setting in the same direction?

"The Penetanguishene" now open for guests. See advt.

Fickle Chris Fickle.

WELLAND, July 6.—Nellie Backus of Fort Erie, Ont., is suing Chris Fickle of the same place for $2000 for breach of promise of marriage. The case will be tried at the Fall Assizes in Welland.

Look at these prices and see if you are not getting underwear down free. Natural underwear, regular prices $1.50 each, two pieces $1.00; any size from 34 up to 40. A. White, 65 King-street west.

Lot of Cheap Cooking Stoves for summer use. Wheeler & Bain, King-street, east.

Toronto Man Injured.

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 6.—Stanley McFarland of Toronto was run over by a wagon at Loyd and Canal-streets this morning. His leg was broken. He is now sojourning at the Fifth Hospital.

Brokers' Quotations.

Messrs. Smith & Priestman have opened a brokers' office at 71 Yonge-street, where quotations by private wire from the American stock, oil, grain and provision exchanges can be had at the earliest moment.

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The Election Protested.

Ross, Cameron & McAndrew, solicitors for James Copeland, yesterday lodged a petition at Osgoode Hall against the return to Parliament of Hugh Macdonnell, M.P.-elect, who was elected in the Conservative interest in the last election.

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Personal.

The Trinity Historical Society of Dallas, Texas, U.S., recently elected the Hon. James Young of Galt, Ont., an honorary member as an expression of their esteem.

G. W. Scott of Point Edward, F. E. Morgan of New Huron, R. Snelling, LL.D., and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin of Toronto were visitors at the Board of Trade yesterday.

Mr. S. J. Sharp, Canadian passenger agent for the Erie Railway, leaves to-day at 3.30 p.m. for New York yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. He has been canaling for a year or two past, so he says.

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IT RESPECTFULLY DECLINES.

Ald. Bell's Motion Too Big a Pill to Swallow.

The Bell Telephone Company has written to the Mayor formally refusing to accept the amendments made to their offer by the City Council. The communication states that to entertain it would be unfair to the shareholders of the company.

"While still willing," the letter went on to say, "to renew the proposition as made to the Committee on Works and recommended by that committee to the council, the company feel compelled respectfully to decline the amendment proposed respecting the company's employes." "The company beg to assure the council that no just cause of complaint exists on the part of its employes, either with respect to wages or hours of work."

This means that Ald. Bell's motion arranging for a minimum of $6 a week and 8 hours a day work for the Bell employes has knocked the bottom out of the negotiations. Later Ald. Bell gave notice that he will on to-morrow move that the offer of the Toronto Telephone Co. made to the council be accepted.

Died For Her Sin.

HAMILTON, July 6.—Mary Boyan, aged 35, an unmarried woman who was enciente, died at Mrs. James' boarding-house, 36 Catharine-street south, yesterday. She had been at the house since June 3 and refused to have a physician called, claiming that she was only suffering from la grippe. An inquest will be held.

Fatally Injured at a Barn Raising.

LUCKNOW, July 6.—At a barn raising on the farm of Thomas McKeith, 12th con., Ashfield, an overlay slipped and struck Donald McLean on the neck, injuring his spine. The lower part of McKeith's body from the waist down is powerless and doctors give no hope of his recovery.

Local Jottings.

William and J. G. Grey's employes excurt to Lewiston on Friday next.

Joseph Kane was yesterday sent to jail for 60 days for larceny of wearing apparel from his mother.

St. Luke's Sunday school had its annual picnic yesterday at Long Branch by the steamer Steinhoff.

The pleasant steamer Lakeside leaves to-morrow at 2 p.m. for St. Catharines, returning at 10. Tickets only 50c.

The Rehoboam Masonic Lodge No. 65 had an excursion to Niagara Falls yesterday per steamers Chicola and Chicora.

For rescuing prisoners from the custody of a Grand Trunk Railway constable, William Chandler was yesterday committed for trial.

The City Council will be present at the inaugural meeting of the National Educational Convention at Mutual-street Rink.

Broadway Methodist Tabernacle held its annual excursion yesterday to Burlington Beach by the Macassa and Modjeska.

Ald. Atkinson wants the name of "Catfish Pond" changed to "Silver Lake" and "Horticultural Gardens" to "The Allan Gardens."

The will of Daniel Kinnear, inland revenue inspector, Vaughan township, was yesterday admitted to probate. The estate is valued at $6057.

A. O. Andrews, the auctioneer, will sell at his rooms to-morrow at 2 o'clock Mr. Raymond's furniture. And on Thursday at 11 the furniture piano, etc., at 55 Elm Grove.

Ald. Hill in council last night gave notice of motion to amend the present bylaws, with a view to making all vehicles standing on public streets or lanes stand parallel to the curbing.

Lovers of flowers and owners of conservatories should attend the extensive auction sale of chrysanthemums, smilax, hydrangeas, roses, etc., at A. O. Andrews' sale rooms to-morrow afternoon.

Manchester Lodge No. 14, I.O.O.F.B.B., met last Wednesday night, when six new members were enrolled and 58 propositions of membership received. Receipts for the night $98.70.

Stock returns from the cattle market for last week show 1061 head of cattle, 1816 sheep and 781 hogs received; 742 cattle, 1258 sheep and 1234 hogs weighed; weigh fees received $47.60.

The Colored People's Literary and Social Society had a picnic at Long Branch per steamer Steinhoff yesterday afternoon. About 200 took advantage of the trip and had a pleasant outing. The banjo and tambourine were "in it" for once.

Large congregations were present in South-Side Church Sunday morning and evening. County Chaplain, Rev. George Sutherland, D.D., preached at both services. Between twenty and thirty new members were added to the church.

Edward Hynes, 141 Tecumseth-street, and Richard Maddocks, 504 Dovercourt-road, were arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing lead pipe and plumbing material from vacant houses in Shannon-street.

The Berean Methodist Church last Sunday celebrated their first anniversary. Rev. J. D. Dinnick preached at 11 a.m. and Rev. Charles E. Perry at 7 p.m. Theirocoroonsh, chairman of the Owl-street is well attended and a strong organization is being rapidly built up.

The little children coming within the jurisdiction of the central division of the Fresh Air Fund spent the day very pleasantly at Island Park while the steamer Chicoutimi took the children belonging to the eastern division for an outing to Victoria Park.

Ald. Pape presided at a meeting of the Level Crossings Special Committee yesterday afternoon. Present Mayor Clarke, Ald. Maloney, Burns, Hall, Bell and George Verral. A bylaw making Royce-avenue a public highway north of the railroad tracks was approved of.

While riding along Adelaide-street west, opposite No. 816, yesterday, James Langston, who resides at 296 Church-street, was thrown off his horse and suffered a severe bruise to one of his ankles. The ambulance conveyed the injured lad home.

About 350 persons attended the lawn party given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Parkdale Methodist Church, in the grounds of Mr. B. Westwood, Jamieson-avenue, last night. The Parkdale band, led by Mr. T. Hill, furnished the music for the occasion. The parsonage debt will thereby be materially diminished.

A retreat for ladies is being conducted at Loretto Abbey this week by Rev. Father Kenny, a son of the late Sir Edward Kenny. Mass is conducted every morning at 8.30; a sermon is preached at 10, and another at 3 p. m. The devotional exercises are concluded by the benediction of the blessed sacrament each day.

Chas Walkley, the caretaker at 39 King-street west, was arrested last night charged with threatening to shoot his wife. When taken into custody he was stropping a large razor. He said he was preparing to shave, though he evidently did not require it. He appeared to be insane.

The Rev. A. B. Lorimer was designated as a missionary to the Telugus in College-street Baptist Church last evening. It was an interesting ceremony, in which Rev. Dr. Rand, Rev. J. McLaurin and Rev. D. G. McDonald took part. The choir, assisted by Mr. J. M. Whyte of the Whyte Bros., contributed appropriate music.

A garden party and musical concert in the grounds of Mrs. Fisken, Lawton Park, brought out a large number last night of both Deer Packers and citizens. Mr. H. Simpson, ventriloquist, and Mr. O. A. Smily, elocutionist, gave a short and excellent entertainment. The Eglinton brass band was also in attendance. The receipts were in aid of the Deer Park Presbyterian Church.

A copy of the constitution and bylaws and journal of the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association has been forwarded to The World by the secretary. The discussions which were most interesting to the craft are printed, and will be found full of ideas for the practical newspaper publisher.

The Street Railway Committee will consider at its next meeting a motion moved in council last night by Ald. J. E. Verral, that the manager of the road, Mr. Gunn, will be requested to issue transfer tickets at once on all lines, so that all citizens will be enabled to reach any point in the city without paying extra fare.

A force of 10 carpenters commenced work at the Granite Rink yesterday in preparation for the teachers' convention. By Wednesday it is expected they will have all requisite courts and racks in position for the exhibits. Every available foot of space in the two rinks has been taken up and every mail brings applications for more.

Building permits were issued yesterday to Thomas Jones for erection of two pair semi-detached two-story and attic brick houses, on east side of Madison-avenue, north of Bernard-avenue, cost $16000; T. V. Whittam, a detached two-story brick-fronted dwelling, 107 Morse-street, cost $1150; and Neil Twaigg, one pair attached two-story brick-fronted dwellings, 143 and 145 Morse-street, cost $2500.

The question of regulating the various civic clocks, both large and small, was discussed by a sub-committee of the Property Committee yesterday. Ald. Parks is the chair. It was developed that there were fully 40 small clocks in the various public buildings, which at present cost nothing to look after. The clocks in the various towers number 7, and it costs $50 each a year to take care of them. It was resolved to invite tenders for this work to see if the expense could not be lessened.

At the last meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society it was resolved to advance the fee paid by students for the privilege of attending lectures from $10 to $20. It was also resolved to stimulate students by increasing the awards of merit by giving one gold, two silver and three bronze medals in the final examination, and one scholarship of $100, one of $60, and five of $40 each in the 1st and 2nd year courses of the law school.

BEFORE A HIGHER TRIBUNAL.

A CYCLONE USHERS TEN PRISONERS INTO ETERNITY.

The Penitentiary at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Demolished and Many of its Inmates are Killed and Two Score Injured—Scenes of Horror Witnessed by the Rescuing Party.

BATON ROUGE, La., July 6.—A terrible cyclone struck this city at 6 o'clock this morning passing from southwest to northeast. The cyclone was 300 yards wide and ricochetted along its course like a cannon-ball devastating as it went. In the city no one was killed, though several persons were seriously injured. The State Penitentiary was partially wrecked. Ten convicts were killed (7 white and 3 colored, including one murderer) and 35 injured.

The convicts were at work in the Jeans pants factory, third story of north wing when the storm struck the building and entirely demolished the second and third stories. There were many narrow escapes, several of the guards being blown into the yard. The damage to the buildings will reach $30,000.

There were 40 prisoners at work in the pants factory at the time of the crash and of that number six were killed and 22 wounded and horribly crushed. On the second story or central floor was the hospital, where 20 sick persons lay under medical treatment, of which number four were killed and 14 seriously if not fatally injured. The fire alarm was sounded and the entire fire department was summoned to the scene and together with the citizens and prison officials, aided by the uninjured prisoners, worked vigorously for the rescue of the unfortunates who lay, some dead and others dying, confined under the great heap of debris that was thickly strewn over every quarter of the premises. Scenes of the greatest imaginable horror greeted the rescuers, and pitiful wails, death's groans and cries for help from men buried by massive heaps of brick and mortar could be heard arising from every part of the wreck.

Of the 36 wounded about six are expected to die before morning, and the recovery of several others is extremely doubtful.

The Montreal Exposition Company.

In compliance with a widely expressed desire on the part of many prominent agriculturists and manufacturers the Montreal Exposition Company has been formed with a view of establishing annual exhibitions in Montreal. The Government of the Province of Quebec having made a grant for the purpose, the Provincial Exhibition will be held this year in the city of Montreal, opening on the 17th and closing on Sept. 25. The commodious and conveniently situated exhibition grounds on Mount Royal-avenue, which are so well known and so easy of access, have been secured for the use of the company. Extensive alterations and improvements have been made to the buildings and grounds; a new speeding track has been provided and every facility will be afforded to both exhibitors and visitors. Many features of more than ordinary interest will be presented in connection with the exhibition, and in addition to large displays from different parts of the Dominion, exhibits are promised from the United States. Reduced fares will be given by all railway and steamboat lines during the exhibition. A silo will be constructed on the grounds, and the process of preparing the ensilage will be shown by several of the best and most improved machines. An important feature of the exhibition will be the working dairy, in which the most recent and improved dairy utensils will be shown and their various uses properly explained and illustrated. An interesting feature of the exhibition will be the international bench show of dogs. Mr. S. C. Stevenson, manager and secretary.

A Snowball in July.

Cleveland's Great Consolidated Big Show is the name the minstrel company that were at the Academy last night are struggling under through the dry days. The house was crowded with a very good-natured audience ready to applaud anything of passable merit. The management very wisely state that there are no all-star features in the company, but forget to add that there are no new acts. As a minstrel performance it is not a good one, but the variety business helps it along and saves it from being altogether stale. The cake walk never fortionist, he was seen at the Toronto two seasons ago.

The hit of the evening was made by the four Emperors of music, Howard, Russell, Talbert and Blackford. They are clever and versatile performers on many instruments.

The show winds up with Ouda, who does an act similar to one of the well-known Vaidis sisters.

Died of Measles.

Jacob Blumberg, one of the best known Hebrews doing business in Queen-street west, a prominent member of Holy Blossom Synagog and of the Sons of Benjamin Benevolent Society, died yesterday morning of measles. Mr. Blumberg was seized by the disease some six days ago. The funeral takes place this afternoon to the Hebrew Cemetery in Pape-avenue. Mr. Blumberg was 58 years of age.

How the Account Stands.

This report under date July 6, on Street Railway finances, was submitted to Council last night by the city auditors:

As far as practicable, we have audited the books and accounts of the Toronto Street Railway. We find that the cash entered in the cash book as received from collections and the sale of t