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LOANING PLEDGED STOCK.

AN ACTION AGAINST THE FEDERAL BANK.

A Jeweler Borrows Money on Stocks—The Federal Bank Sells the Pledged Stock—But Still Asks the Borrower to Put Up—A Series of Interesting Revelations Promised—Where the Big Profits of Banks Come From.

Charles Carnegie is a jeweler doing a large business at 57½ King street west, and well known to the people of this city. Some time ago he had occasion to borrow a large sum of money, $50,000 or more, from the Federal bank, putting up as security stocks of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Ontario bank. The greater part of the loan was discharged by the sale of the Commerce stock. This stock was all transferred to Mr. H. S. Strathy as representing the Federal bank, and held as the security for the loan. The Ontario bank stock depreciated, and kept depreciating in value at that time, and Mr. Strathy as regularly called on Mr. Carnegie to make good the margin above depreciation. Mr. Carnegie paid up as long as he could; when he could not pay money it is alleged the bank insisted on getting a portion of his goods, and valuable watches and jewelry were handed over to the bank. But instead of keeping the Ontario bank stock intact it is alleged that Mr. Strathy had hardly got it into his possession than he "loaned" or "sold" this pledged stock at a high figure unknown to Mr. Carnegie, and contrary, so it is alleged, to all idea of justice or fair play between man and man, and that had Mr. Carnegie at any time called for a return of his pledged stock it could not have been produced—in other words, it is contended that Mr. Strathy's bounden duty was to hold the stock intact during the whole currency of the loan. Mr. Carnegie accordingly has entered an action to recover the sums with interest that he put up to make up the defalcation in the value of the Ontario bank stock, and also to recover $1500 damages.

The case is now before the court, and already considerable headway has been made. Mr. Strathy has been examined. Mr. Roaf, Mr. Carnegie's solicitor, has got an order from the court to compel the cashier of the Ontario bank to give evidence regarding the transfer of the stock in question and its alleged re-transfer by Mr. Strathy, but the Federal bank solicitors are going to appeal against this order holding good, and the whole question will likely be argued this week. Banks, if they are allowed to lend pledged securities, thus make double interest: they have the interest which the owner of the stock pays for his loan; and they have the interest which the man who borrows the pledged stock pays. They get it both ways, and therefore can pay by dividends and establish big rest accounts.

This suit will settle a number of cases of a similar character and will attract a great deal of attention. There are a number of men and firms who allege that they were ruined by just such transactions; that they were sold out at the lowest value touched by the stocks they had pledged, though this stock had been loaned or sold by the person entrusted with it at a much higher figure.

In the case of Mr. Carnegie, for instance, it is alleged that one of the very reasons why Ontario stock depreciated was that Mr. Strathy loaned or sold stock that he had no right to loan, and therefore, as it were, threw it on the market, thereby aiding to depreciate the property of his client.

A lively time may be looked for.

ALFONSO'S CHERISHED INSULT.

The Spanish Press on Grevy's Apology and the King's Reply.

MADRID, Oct. 8.—The ministerial council deliberated for four hours upon the contents of the telegram from the Spanish ambassador to France relative to the insults to Alfonso. "Iberia" says the government desires satisfaction without making any impossible demand for redress.

"Correspondencia" says Spain is not satisfied with the action of the French government regarding Alfonso's treatment and insists upon an official publication of the king's reply to Grevy's apology. A deputation from the army and navy club visited the king to-day and gave renewed assurances of their loyalty and attachment. The king replied that, seeing himself surrounded by officers, he forgot for a moment the acts of a few who recently failed in their duty. He added, "When necessary, I feel sure the army will fulfil its duty and be the safeguard of the nation. I am prepared to sacrifice my life for the integrity and liberty of the country and the honor of my army."

PARIS, Oct 8.—The Soir states that the Sagasta cabinet is pressing its demands for satisfaction for the insults to Alfonso simply to improve its position before the cortes. If this course is persisted in it will only expose Spain to a rebuff. Spain has had all the apology she can justly demand.

Ladies Attacked by Footpads.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Saturday night, about 9 30 o'clock, Mrs. D. McKim and her daughter were attacked by footpads on Talbot street. Just as the ladies were about to pass the ruffians caught hold of them, and the one who assaulted Miss McKim snatched her purse, which was attached to a ribbon wound around her arm. The young woman fought bravely, and in the scuffle gave her assailant several kicks. She sustained a severe cut on the arm besides the shock to her nervous system. The man, when he had got free with the purse, ran to the rear of the school house, while his companion ran down Talbot street. There was only 90c. in the purse.

France and Tonquin.

BERLIN, Oct. 8.—It is reported that according to the new proposition for the settlement of the Tonquin question the new frontier line will divide the Delta into two nearly equal parts. France has resolved to precipitate the settlement of the question by faits accomplis in Tonquin.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—The minister of marine has received a telegram from Tonquin stating that the Black flags have returned from Namdink and Santoy to Lao Kai on the frontier of China and that the Annamite envoys have arrived at Hai Phong and will start for the French headquarters forthwith.

France in Another Scrape.

GENEVA, Oct. 8.—Two Swiss officers sent to Savoy to ascertain whether the report was true that the French were erecting fortifications, report that several military works have been constructed in the neutralized portion of that territory. The government will make an energetic protest.

A DANGEROUS PLAYTHING.

Two Little Children Amusing Themselves With a Four-foot Rattlesnake.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 7.—A curious snake story comes from Michigan valley, Franklin county, in which the singular fact that venomous snakes will frequently allow children to handle them and play with them, seeming to enjoy it, while the approach of even an adult will arouse all their deadly nature, was well illustrated. Two little children, daughters of two farmers named Franklin Smith and John Heines, the one aged two and the other three years, were playing in Smith's yard, seated side by side on the grass. They remained this way for some time, Mrs. Smith occasionally looking out of the window to see that they were safe and doing no harm. After half an hour or so Mrs. Smith went to the door, and looking toward the children noticed that the little girl had a stick in her hand with which she was striking something in front of her very lightly. After each stroke the children would laugh as though something very amusing had occurred. Occasionally the little Heines girl would lean forward, her face almost touching the ground, and from her movements she was apparently stroking something. A small land turtle had been seen around the yard for several days, and Mrs Smith supposed the children were playing with it. After watching them for some time, however, Mrs. Smith's curiosity became excited, and she went toward the children. When she had advanced far enough to see the ground in front of the children, she was horrified to see, stretched at its full length before them, a large rattlesnake, apparently enjoying the caresses and attention of the children. At each touch of the stick the snake would raise its head and dart its tongue in and out a few times, making the children laugh. Mrs. Smith stood motionless and speechless, but recovering herself and securing a club she advanced nearer. The snake discovered her and instantly changed its whole attitude. Like a flash it threw itself into a coil, which gives it that power of springing by which alone it can inflict its deadly bite, at the same time sounding its rattles loudly. This frightened the children and they moved away out of its reach, when Mrs. Smith succeeded in killing it with her club. This done she fainted away and was found unconscious by a neighbor who was attracted by the cries of the children. The snake was only a few feet away. It was four feet long and had four rattles.

AN INSANE MAN'S SHOT.

Benjamin Neal Dangerously Wounded in Detroit.

DETROIT, Oct. 8.—Benjamin Neal was shot by John Sullivan, at the latter's house on Sunday. Sullivan was absurdly jealous of his wife. While Sullivan was on his way to church he met Neal and accused him of ruining his family. Neal, a man of 60 years of age, expressed astonishment, and offered to accompany him home and satisfy him he was wrong. Accordingly they went to Sullivan's house, and as soon as they were inside Sullivan closed the door, drew a revolver and fired at Neal. The ball plowed a furrow through the scalp on the left side of the head, and he was held to the floor by Sullivan, who struck him a heavy blow on the head with the butt end of the revolver. Sullivan then became furious, and kicking the old man several times about the head, left him in a pool of blood that ran from gashes on his head and from his mouth. Leaving his victim, he searched the house for his family, who, when they saw him coming with Neal, fearing trouble, quickly withdrew. Neal recovered sufficiently to rise to his feet and staggering to the door reached the sidewalk, blood streaming from his head. The physician who was summoned was doubtful as to his recovery. Sullivan was arrested after making some resistance. He had shown signs of insanity and his wife on Tuesday last had applied for an order to have him committed to the Pontiac asylum.

AMERICAN PORK.

A Commission to Enquire Into the Question of Its Being Diseased.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The secretary of state, in behalf of the president, to-day addressed a letter to the commissioner of agriculture stating that inasmuch as certain foreign governments have charged that the hog products of the United States are affected with disease and not proper for export purposes, the president has decided to appoint a commission to thoroughly investigate the curing of pork in this country and has named as members of such commission Hon. Geo. B Loring, Prof. C. F. Chandler, E. W. Blachford, F. D. Curtis, Prof. E. D. Salmon. The president states that he has no authority to guarantee the expenses of the commission, but has no doubt in view of the magnitude of commercial interests involved that congress will meet all the bills incurred. The commissioner of agriculture as chairman is directed to proceed with the work without delay.

Hunting Kimball's Murderer.

DETROIT, Oct. 8.—The persons arrested on the morning of Kimball's murder are still held on suspicion, with the exception of Billy O'Keefe, Ed. Doud and Frank Butler. The men and women detained belong to the lowest class which infest the Potomac quarter, and will be kept in custody till developments expected to occur justify their release. On Saturday the detectives arrested George Wagner, known as "One armed George," and John Dunn, and took them to headquarters. "One armed George," who has the reputation of being one of the cleverest pickpockets in the country told an officer he would only go with him as a corpse, and showed signs of resisting, but finally weakened. The prisoner is the pal of "Cabbage" Ryan, now serving a term picking pockets last spring. When questioned at headquarters he showed he was not in the vicinity of the murder, but it was thought best to lock him up. Dunn gave a satisfactory account of his whereabouts on the night in question, and was released.

An Ontario Private Bank Failure.

NEW HAMBURG, Oct. 8.—Denison & Crease, who have carried on a private bank here for the last four or five years, were obliged to suspend, the immediate cause being on account of the bank of Commerce, with whom they had always done business, refusing to cash their drafts. It is expected that the creditors will realize without much loss, and regrets for the firm's sudden misfortune are freely expressed.

A Decision Against Edison.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The patent commissioner has overruled the decision of the board of examiners and given priority to the invention of an incandescent conductor for an electric lamp formed of carbonized paper to Sawyer & Mann, instead of to Edison.

NO COLOR IN THE CHURCH.

The Bishop of Alabama's Speech at the Episcopal Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—At the episcopal conference to-day the bishop of Alabama spoke of the work among the colored people in the south. He said "wild orgies of revivals have a deadly fascination for the colored race. The question is, what shall be done with this remnant of the colored people?" The bishop said he would rather his hand should be palsied than he should give his consent to any legislation looking to dividing of man in social life by lines of demarcation. (Cries of good, good.) Here there is neither Greek or Jew, bond or free. The church is stopped at its threshold from pursuing such a course by its catholicity. She has a divine constitution. It had been urged that the black man has not intelligence to legislate in the church of God. Admitting such to be the case, would it be wise to throw him off by himself? The bishop protested against the drawing of the color line. Bishop Lyman of North Carolina said that at a meeting of bishops at Suanee, with regard to dealing with the colored race, it was unanimously agreed that there should be no separate organization. We should strive to extend the influence of the church among them. In the bishop's diocese he believed more had been done than in any other. In 1868 the St. Augustin's normal school was inaugurated at Raleigh for the elevation of the colored race. The primary aim of the school was to educate young men and make them teachers. The number of students in 1883 was 136, and of alumni 130. The services of the church have been regularly performed since the organization of the school, and there are catechetical exercises daily. There is an endowment of $50,000 well invested and secured. It had been deemed advisable to establish a theological department in connection with the institution.

GERMANS IN AMERICA.

Celebration of the First Landing of the Teutons.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—The German bicentennial parade to-day was one of the largest of its kind ever witnessed in this city, there being 20,000 men and 5000 vehicles in line. Window seats were at a premium. So great was the crowd along Chestnut street that the police were compelled to rope off the sidewalk, something never necessary heretofore.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 8.—The celebration today of the bi-centennial of the landing of the first German colony upon American shores was the greatest event in the local history of the German population of Pittsburg and Allegheney. The procession was fifteen miles long. There were 25,000 persons and 4000 wagons in the line, and 200,000 spectators.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 8.—The German celebration was brilliantly successful. Houses were decorated in German and American colors. A procession several miles long, estimated at 20,000 people was reviewed by the governor and his staff. The Hon. Samuel J. Randall will deliver an oration in English, and Col. Philip Bets of New York in German.

Coffee and Cakes For Ohio Voters.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 8.—The Ohio state elections take place to-morrow. The women's christian temperance union have rented stores, rooms, and in some cases whole dwellings, in close proximity to the voting places in every ward in the city, for headquarters at the election to-morrow. These places will be decorated with flowers, banners and mottoes. Hot coffee and cakes will be served. Men are employed to distribute tickets with the affirmative second amendment to the constitution. Ladies will do the same, and electioneer for the amendment. The most earnest and shrewdest work of the campaign will be done by and for the women's christian temperance union in favor of the second or prohibitory amendment.

A Modern Robinson Crusoe.

NEW YORK, Oct 8.—While the president was here last week Mrs. Hibben of Cincinnati asked him for the assistance of the naval authorities to find her son, aged 20. He was a passenger on the barque Spartan, which left New York for Honolulu on March 12. While near one of the Polynesian islands, on July 31, the captain sent his son and two of the crew and young Hibben to examine the island. The ship drifted off before the boat returned, and nothing has been heard of the boat since.

Poison Intended For Mice.

NEWBURY, Oct. 8.—The Rutherford family and boarders were poisoned Sunday morning with arsenic at Wardsville. They are all rallying under the care of Dr. Graham of Newbury, who was called from the injured man Carville to come to them. The arsenic had been mixed with oatmeal for the purpose of poisoning mice, and a member of the family coming on the parcel and not knowing what it was not observing the label, put it in with the rest of the meal and made the porridge of it.

Smuggling Chinamen from British Columbia.

PORT TOWNSEND, W.T., Oct. 8.—A customs inspector captured a sloop with eleven Chinese being smuggled across from British Columbia. It is reported several boat loads passed up Puget sound and the Chinese succeeded in landing. Two longshoremen of Victoria are said to have cleared $900 last month in smuggling

A Street Car Strike.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The strike of the street car drivers extended to day to all the important lines of the city. Street car travel to-night is suspended on all but two unimportant lines. Over 200 drivers and 80 conductors have quit. There is a general demand for an increase of pay and a reduction of hours.

Almost Killed by a Drunken Husband.

CHATSWORTH, Ont., Oct. 8.—Robert Green of this village has been drinking hard for some time. While under the influence of liquor he procured a revolver from his show case, went into the house, caught his wife around the neck and pulled the pistol from his hip pocket. His mother seeing this caught his hand. He discharged the weapon but without effect, his wife then broke from his grasp and fled to a neighbor's house. Green will be arrested.

A Charge Against a Captain.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Oct. 8.—It is stated that when the Canada's shaft was broken German steamer Harmonia passed at full speed, bound for New York, and within fifty yards of the Canada, and merely asked "What's the matter," offered no assistance, and passed on.

MYSTERIOUS ABDUCTION.

TWO VEILED WOMEN CARRY OFF A ST. CATHARINES GIRL.

How They Accomplished Their Object—The Girl Escapes and Makes Her Way Home.

ST. CATHARINES, Oct. 8—On Saturday afternoon last, about 3 o'clock, Minnie Brougham, 14 years of age, daughter of Mr. Brougham of the inland revenue department here, was sent to the store of Messrs. Lawrie & Co. to pay a bill of $6. While on the way there she was met by two middle-aged women, who said the police were after her for stealing fruit, and told her she must go to Hamilton. The girl got frightened, inasmuch as she had a few days ago shook down a few apples from a neighbor's garden. She walked with them as far as the postoffice where they persuaded her to take a hack for the Grand Trunk station, the women following in another one. At the station they told her she must buy a ticket with her own money, which she did. They showed her a seat in one of the cars, and after the train moved off the woman got into another car. Mr. George Lloyd, of this city, happened to be on the train, and seeing a young girl in the seat, apparently alone, entered into conversation with her. He soon found out who she was, and got full particulars of her journey. She stated the women were to meet her in Hamilton. Finding she had been misled he said that he would have her taken care of until she could get home again by the train, and accordingly secured her accommodation at the American hotel. She returned home on Sunday by the 2 25 p.m. train. She did not see the women again. The latter are described as women of the ordinary height, rather stout. Both had their faces covered with blue veils and wore black jackets trimmed with fringe. One had on a blue cashmere dress and the other a purple one.

OIL EXPLOSION AT PETROLEA.

A Boiler Blown to Pieces—Narrow Escape of Two Men.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A large boiler full of oil on the premises of the Imperial oil company, Petrolea, exploded Saturday, doing considerable damage. Mr. Herman Frasch, chemist of the company, and Mr. J. R. Minhinnick of this city had a very narrow escape, having just stepped from in front of the boiler as the explosion took place. The boiler was an old one, which had been in disuse recently. A short time ago it was turned over to the boilermakers for repairs, and on completion of these they guaranteed it to stand a pressure of seventy-five pounds. It was set up on trestles, just outside the boiler-house of the imperial oil company, where it was connected with the boilers. On Saturday Mr. Frasch, who is the chemist of the company, had the boiler filled with oil, and proceeded to make the usual tests. The pressure had reached about sixty-five pounds—ten less than the boiler was guaranteed to stand—and Mr. Frasch and Mr. Minhinnick had drawn a quantity for a test, and were stepping into an adjoining room when a terrific explosion took place, and the two men saw a boiler, weighing many thousand pounds, swept over the spot where a moment before they had both been standing. It seems that there was some defect, which was not discovered by the repairers, and which was the direct cause of the explosion. The head of the boiler was blown 200 feet into an adjoining derrick, cutting through pipes, beams and everything with which it came in contact. The rest of the boiler was carried 100 feet forward, over the spot where Messrs. Frasch and Minhinnick had just left. The oil was scattered in all directions and instantly caught fire, totally destroying the roof of the boiler house. The damage will amount to $600 or $700. Messrs. Minhinnick and Frasch returned to this city Saturday evening, both thankful for their narrow escape.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS.

The employes of A. R. McMaster Bro. will hold their annual athletic sports at Exhibition park next Saturday. A very neat program has been issued.

A Long Island Prize Fight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—A prize fight was fought near Clifton, L.I., early this morning between Joe Prendegast, the "Brooklyn giant," and James C. Daley, a New York boxer and wrestler. In the second round the fight was given to Daley, as Prendegast in the excitement repeatedly struck Daley foul blows while the latter was down. Prendegast had the best of the fight throughout.

The Chicago Meeting.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—First day of the Chicago driving park fall trotting and running meeting. Three minute class, Mary Bird won, Misfortune 2d, Martha Washington 3d; time 2 34¼, 2 26¼, 2 28½. 2.20 class, pacing, unfinished, Daesyd won two heats, Chestnut two, Wild Frank one; time 2 22½, 2.24, 2.24½, 2 25¼, 2.25½. Hurdle handicap, 1¼ miles; Bell Boy 1st, Carter Harrison 2d, Katie Creel 3d; time 2.04¾.

The Montreal Opening Trotting Meeting.

The Montrealers were disappointed on Saturday in the opening of their new driving park, owing to the delay of some twenty-one horses in arriving. However the bill was filled by two extra purses. The first was for a purse of $250, $125 to 1st, $75 to 2d, $50 to 3d. Five horses were started with the following result:

Daoust Bros., Montreal, brown s Harry B	4	2	1	1	1
P. Pickle, Sweetsburg, bay s Patchen	1	1	3	2	3
J. S. Snow, St. Johnsbury, Vt., b s St. Jacob	3	3	2	3	2
Mr. St. Jean, Montreal, b m Lady Moose	2	4	4	4	dro

Time—2.50, 2.47, 2.47, 2.49, 2.49½.

Second race—Purse of $250—$125 to first horse, $75 to second and $50 to third; best three heats in five:

Mr Swift's roan mare Quebec Girl	1	1	1
J. S. Snow, St Johnsbury, Vt., c. g. Dotty Goldust	3	3	2
T. Lesage, St. Eustache, grey mare Nellie Grey	2	2	3

Time—2.35, 2.45, 2.41.

During the afternoon the celebrated Canadian mare Phyllis, owned by Mr. C. Wagner of Dickinson's Landing, gave an exhibition mile, which she did handily in 2.25½.

Northcote on Britain's Destiny.

LONDON, Oct. 8—Sir Stafford Northcote, replying to an address at Strabane this evening, said: "We are on the eve of a great battle for the maintenance of the union. The tendency of the present government is towards separation. The loyalists must unite in preventing what would destroy the country's interests."

Seventeen deaths from yellow fever at Brewton, Ala., yesterday.

CANAL HORSES IN COURT.

Lengthy Litigation About the Qualities of the Tow-liners.

The case of Lemont against Gow was concluded in the assize court before Judge Galt yesterday and judgment was reserved.

The action of Thomas Reid, a Port Dalhousie merchant and vessel owner, against Martin and James Burton, lumber merchants of Barrie, was then taken up. The whole day was spent in hearing evidence, and when the court rose at 6 o'clock there were still two witnesses to be heard in rebuttal. The evidence was principally of an expert nature as regards canal horseflesh. The plaintiff in the fall of 1880 hired ten canal horses to defendants for use in the lumbering woods on Manitoulin island. The agreement provided that Reid should receive $75 for each of the horse's services during the winter months, and the animals were to be returned in good condition in the spring of 1881. The horses, the defendants claim, were in miserable condition when put on board the steamer and under no circumstances could have survived the winter. The majority of them died during the winter, and the plaintiff seeks to recover $760, which he estimates will cover his loss. Burton Bros. claim that the defendant consented to a settlement, and after receiving the amount agreed contended that it was merely payment for the services of the horses. Rykert & Ingersoll of St. Catharines, and Mr. James Bethune, Q.C., represent the plaintiff, and McCarthy, Pepler & McCarthy of Barrie, appear for the defendants.

THE SILVER KING.

Its First Production at the Grand before a Delighted Audience.

The new and powerful melodrama bearing the above title was produced for the first time in Toronto at the Grand opera house last night before a very large and highly appreciative audience. The piece took from the first. Its plot is already known to our readers. The rapid, graphic and fascinating play of interest, the series of rapid surprises, the thrilling and powerful climaxes, and the impressive moral lessons, all mark this play as a dramatic construction that is in closest sympathy with every right instinct and every just purpose of humanity. The Silver King conveys to the listener, in many subtle ways and in a hearty yet unobtrusive manner, a vivid illustration of the power of a determined will to reform evil habits and crush out evil appetites. The influence of the play is most beneficially exerted, and it is pleasant to see that it is well patronized by the best class of theatre-goers. The scenery was really splendid, being triumphs of stage mechanism. The rapid change from Skinner's villa to Nellie Denver's house in the third act was exceptionally fine. As to the acting it was good all round. As the hero, Wilfred Denver, C. A. Haswin was thrice called before the curtain. Special mention might also be made of Miss Etelka Wardell as Nellie Denver, Mr. H. Rich as the faithful servant Jaikes, Mr. Wm. Morris as the villain Spider, and Mr. Charles Manley as the parish clerk Parkyn. Little Blanche Newcombe as Cissy Denver drew well merited plaudits. The acting was so realistic that the gods hissed the villains of the piece. The Silver King is one of the best plays in the melodramatic line that has been seen here in a long time and will undoubtedly attract large audiences to the Grand this week. There will be a special matinee Wednesday for the benefit of the many lovers of the drama who cannot very well attend in the evening.

Theatrical Talk.

The Greenlaw opera house and other buildings in Memphis were destroyed by fire last night

The Wednesday matinee at the Grand will be the best time for ladies to see The Silver King. It is a fine piece well played.

Frank Curtis, who manages Mr. and Mrs. McKee-Rankin's Third avenue theatre, made his debut at that house last night as the Parson in The Danites.

W. O'Dale Stevens, the circus manager, died of heart disease at his home in Jersey City on last Sunday. He leaves a widow, Linda Jeal, the equestrienne.

M. B. Curtis recently invested a large amount in government bonds, being the net profits he realized since he first began starring in the season of 1880 81.

Miss Minnie Palmer has been so successful at the Grand theatre, London, that her engagement will be extended to Christmas if her manager can get rid of his provincial dates, which he is trying to do.

The first week of Miss Davenport's Fedora engagement at the Fourteenth street theatre, New York, panned out larger than ever her sanguine management had a right to expect, the receipts giving over $7000.

J. B. Booth died worth $100,000. He was a sensible man and a poor actor. When he failed at everything he undertook he went and started a hotel. If many other bad actors, some of whom were here last week, would see in this an example to follow, how many men might become useful members of society who are now the pests of all who know them.

Charles Wing and David Peyser spent most of the summer in getting up a panorama of the Life of Christ. They opened in Rochester week before last, playing to $50 the first night, $30 the second, and $19 the third. This led them to conclude that their efforts to further christianity were unappreciated, and they closed the season then and there, paid their people and went back to New York.

The Coal Ring.

Monetary Times:—The American coal monopoly has sent representatives to Toronto and compelled local dealers, under a threat of withholding supplies, to put up the price of anthracite to $7 a ton. A monopoly of so essential an article as coal is little short of a crime against society.

Ladies' Relief Society.

This society held its meeting at Shaftesbury hall yesterday afternoon when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Macdonnell; secretary, Miss Meikle; treasurer, Miss Barnett.

It is understood that nineteen million new Northern Pacific second mortgage bonds have been taken as follows: Winslow, Lanier & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., August, Belmont & Co., four million each; Jay Gould, Russell Sage, D. O. Mills, two million each, and G. M. Pullman one million. The issue is subject to the preference stockholders' approval.

A new form of cruelty seems to have been devised by a New York stableman, who is accused of driving nails into the frogs of horses' feet to spite their owner, who had discharged him.

TEMPERANCE AND POLITICS.

Annual Business Meeting of the Toronto Prohibitionists.

The annual business meeting of the Toronto prohibitory alliance was held in the upper parlor at Shaftesbury hall last night. There was a fair attendance. Mr. Arthur Farley, one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair. The first business of interest transacted was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, W. H. Howland (re-elected); vice-presidents, Rev. John Smith, Arthur Farley, Dr. Snelling, Henry O'Hara, Robert McLean, J. Jolliffe, David Dunlop, George Ward, Jacob Spence, F. S. Spence, Isaac Wardell, Joseph Tate, James Dobson, Wm. Stone, R. J. Flemming; secretary, James Thomson; assistant secretary, Robert Ray and William Munns; treasurer, Thomas Bengough; finance committee, Henry O'Hara, Jas. Dobson, Thos. Caswell, A. Farley, Robt. McLean.

A long discussion then took place on what course the alliance should pursue with regard to electing a proportion of temperance men at the forthcoming municipal elections. All of the former efforts of the alliance in this direction were fully canvassed, and the meeting finally decided to nominate F. S. Spence, Jas. Thomson, Robt. McLean, H. O'Hara, and W. Burgess a special committee to devise a plan of procedure and to report at a special meeting of the electoral branch of the alliance a week from next Friday. The committee will meet next Friday evening at the Canadian Citizen office.

A Great Entertainment at the Rink.

The Adelaide street rink held two audiences of entirely different sizes yesterday. In the afternoon the large building was but moderately filled, but in the evening it was crowded. The attraction was Jacobs' novel combination of liliputians and variety artists. The entertainment is indeed novel and of a high order. There are four very small people in the company and one of them, Hop O' My Thumb, is said to be the smallest living being ever in existence. The other small people are Count Rosebud and his intended bride, Miss Jennie Quigley, the miniature prima donna. This little lady sings as sweetly as a thrush. Baron Littlefinger, a brother of the count, completes the quartette. These little folks are all very clever. Then there is an array of other stars including the Powers Brothers, song and dance men; Mr. Alex. Davis, ventriloquist; Nelton, juggler; Zoe Meleka and her trained canaries, and Bonnie Runnells, a Dutch comedian well known in this city. For the low admission of ten cents this entertainment has probably never been equalled. Two performances will be given daily until further notice—1.30 and 7 p.m.

The British Association.

At the meeting of the British association on Sept. 21 in the department of geology, Principal J. W. Dawson, Montreal, made a very interesting statement on the subject of the geological relations and mode of preservation of Eozoon Canadense, embracing "The Dawn of Life." The oldest known geological formation in Canada, he said, was the Ottawa gneiss or fundamental gneiss, a mass of great and even unknown thickness and vast superficial extent. It might be regarded either as a portion of the earth's original crust or as a deposit thereon by aqueo-igneous agency. Principal Dawson described the other theories which had been advanced to account for the phenomena presented by this series of mineral in Canada, illustrating his remarks by sketches on the blackboard as he went along. In conclusion, he stated that many new facts had been obtained by Dr. Carpenter and himself, which would appear in a memoir now in course of preparation; and that he hoped to have an opportunity, when the association visited Canada next year, to make the subject more clear to his audience by illustrations on the spot.

Yesterday at the Police Court.

Twenty-one "blue Monday drunks" faced the Colonel yesterday and were variously disposed of. Three vags were put through the mill. After Mike Callaghan of Lombard street gets sober he will be discharged on the charge of stealing a pair of blankets from his mother. The charge of stealing a valise from the Simcoe house against Edward Allingham was not proven. Bob Berry was taxed $3 and costs for assaulting one John McLaughlin. The assault took place in Berry's house in Albert street. P. A. Bryan was ordered to pay Jacob Rose $9 60 for express hire. The amount in dispute was $12. The charge against Mattie Flint of keeping a disorderly house in Adelaide street west was adjourned till Oct. 17. A medical certificate was produced that the woman was ill. Archibald McDonald was fined $20 in two cases for selling liquor without a license. Several other cases were dismissed or discharged.

The Bergen-Cosgrave Case.

Mr. Bergen has something to say in reply to the piece headed "Persistent Persecution" in yesterday's paper. The first warrant charged Cosgrave with embezzling $10, not 25 cents, and the reason the case was dismissed was that Mr. Bergen's most important witness could not attend court on account of ill health, while another was not served in time. Mr. Bergen claims that his books show a balance of $199 37 against Cosgrave. He considers himself the persecuted party, inasmuch as he is the one who lost the money.

Revival Services and Luther's Birthday.

The Ministerial association resumed its meetings after vacation yesterday. Rev. J. C. Antliff, B.D., presided. A deputation from the Y.M.C.A. addressed the meeting regarding the advisability of inaugurating revival services in four parts of the city simultaneously. Two gentlemen, representing the Lutheran church asked the association to co-operate with them in suitably celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth. Committees were appointed to consider these questions.

Will the Rectors Go to Jail?

An order has been made in the now celebrated case of Langtry against Dumoulin to examine the plaintiffs. The examination commences before Mr. Bruce at the court house this afternoon. It is reported in certain circles that the rectors will refuse to answer on the grounds of self-crimination. In this event, would they be committed for contempt is asked on all sides.

Cable and El Padre.

These popular brands of cigars are being imitated by unscrupulous dealers and smokers have themselves to blame if they do not insist on getting the genuine article. Though twenty-five years before the public the Cables have lost none of their original merit.

A PROBABLE HOMICIDE.

AN OLD WOMAN FATALLY POUNDED ON THE HEAD.

Whisky's Work in a William Street Hovel—Mary Freeman the Victim—Arrest of Her Assailant.

At a few minutes past 6 last evening what in all probability will prove to be a tragedy was enacted in a hovel in rear of No. 26 William street. The parties in the affair are low down in the social calender and the den they inhabit is of the filthiest nature. Mary Freeman, an old woman 55, lived occasionally with Chas. Gleeson at the above place. Gleeson is an old pensioner and has repeatedly been in the police court for drunkenness. At the hour named a good deal of whisky was evidently being consumed in the place and Gleeson and Mrs. Freeman engaged in a row. The former picked up a club about three feet long and as thick as a man's arm and dealt the old woman several blows on the top of the head. In fact the scalp covering the entire skull was literally bruised to jelly. She was also struck over the eye. The old woman was taken to Dr. Diamond's, who dressed her wounds and ordered her removal to the hospital. Policeman Thompson took Gleeson and his murderous club to No. 2 police station. It will be the greatest wonder in the world if the woman recovers, although she was alive at an early hour this morning. The physicians were not sure whether the skull was fractured or not.

Mrs. Freeman has been the victim of several bodily mishaps. At one time she lost an eye. At another time she broke a leg, and while leaving the hospital she slipped and broke her arm.

Anniversary of the Pioneer Sunday School

The sixty fifth anniversary meeting of the Metropolitan methodist church Sunday school was held last night, there being a good attendance of pupils, parents and others interested in the school. Pastor Johnston presided. After praise and prayer, the annual report was read. The average attendance is 437, the average recitation of verses being 1147. The librarian issued 3238 volumes during the year. The receipts were: For school purposes, $395.28; picnic, $311.30; missionary purposes, $527. For expediency the school has been divided into senior and junior departments, and written examinations are held quarterly. Pupils to the number of 315 have signed the pledge and 204 are on the lower role. The officers for the ensuing year are: General superintendent, J. B. Boustead. Assistant-superintendent, A. H. Gilbert. Superintendent senior department, C. A. Massey. Secretary, P. L. Mason; assistants, F. W. Garvin, P. E. Beatty. Librarian, Robert Wood; assistants, James Garvin, C. S. Finch, — Rowan. Treasurer, J. S. Finch. Organist, Miss Boustead. Altogether this pioneer school is in a flourishing condition, and doing a good work. Speeches appropriate to the occasion were made by Rev. C. O. Johnston, Dr. Thomas, Rev. John McEwen and Dr. Stone.

Three Dead Beats from Eglington.

The three of them dropped into McConkey's last night and ordered oysters. They were duly served with stewed bivalves floating in milk. Two of the young men finished their dish before the third and walked out, remarking to the cashier that their companion would settle. But their companion did nothing of the kind. He hadn't a cent and blandly told the lady so. She called in Policeman Verney, but when the officer told her that she would have to appear in court if she preferred a charge against them she uttered, "Oh, my, not for the world!" and so the beat got off. If George S himself had been there it might have been different. The three belong to Eglington.

RIGHT YOU ARE, TOMMY.

From the London Telegraph-Herald.

The Guelph Mercury calls the brightest morning daily in Canada—The Toronto World—"An obscure contemporary." This is a little hard, but, we presume, The World will consider where it came from, as the man said when the ass kicked him. The World, by the way, has just added another column to its pages. Long life to you boys.

PLEASE DON'T.

Toronto Truth: It is all very well for my Lothario like the editor or the proprietor of The World to say no.

If Truth continues in this strain all the girls in the city will think that The Editor is that kind of a man and they will take to smiling on him, which would altogether interfere with his plans of self-mortification.

GOING TO TACKLE THE CHAMPIONS.

Some of the Torontos propose to get up a scratch team to play the champions, and this is what the boys are saying about it:

Bring on that scratch team—The Champions.

I'll have it there safe enough—Gamey.

I can play rag with ten of the champions, anyway—Pluck.

And so can I—Sewers.

Don't overlook me—Dr. Beers.

I am no meat eater, but I think I can down Piano Legs—Sammy S.

I don't care much about lacrosse, anyway (?)—Watty.

UNIVERSITY CREEK.

O, gentle Taddle! wandering by thy side,
I watch thy merry waters glide,
And hear the murmur of thy limpid tide,
Taddle.

Of undergraduates full many a race
Here by thy banks have dwelt a little space,
And known and loved this merry-hamted place,
Taddle.

And often have thy banks and bosky glades,
Resounded to the laugh of youths and maids,
As careless, happy, free, they sported 'neath thy shades,
Taddle.

Here many a deed of blood and derring-do,
Has bearded Senior or relentless Soph put through,
And stained with Freshmen green thy waters blue,
Taddle.

But sentimental fancies, deeds of gore,
Shall twine around thy sacred name no more.
Thy days are ended, and thy glories o'er,
Taddle.

The city council would thy stream immure,
And shut thee up with bricks and lime secure,
And make thee—Ichabod!—a common sewer,
Taddle.

Let's soothe thy parting spirit with a freshman's blood,
And while there's time, imbed him deep in mud,
And sail him tenderly adown thy flood,
Taddle, O, Taddle!

—*B. in the 'Varsity.*

FAIR, WARM WEATHER.

TORONTO, Oct. 9, 1 a.m.—*Lakes: Strong southerly to westerly winds; fair, warm weather, with showers in some localities.*