

Temperance meetings are good. Signing the pledge is noble. Prayers are very precious and essential to success, but with the saloons left open to manufacture drunkards it is uphill business; the remedy is clean cut prohibition and not high license. Support your prayers at the polls.

The drunkard maker always hates his oldest and most reliable customers, and is proud of cursing them and kicking him out. How we should be surprised to hear the shoe maker slam the door against an old customer, and say: "You villainous old scamp, I have made boots and shoes for you and your family for twenty years, and you have paid for them, and here you are for more shoes! Get out, and don't let me see your face again." How funny it would look to see a tailor basting an old schoolmate into a gutter because, after getting his clothes there for fifteen years, he wants to buy an overcoat. Or a minister assaulting an old stand-by because he has been twenty-five years a communicant and elder in his church, and therefore must be unfit company for anybody. Isn't it time for drunkards to be ashamed of drunkard-makers?

The *Brewers' Journal* shows that the ale and beer sold last year in six States alone, amounted to the following: New York, 5,852,254 barrels; Pennsylvania, 1,709,946 barrels; Ohio, 1,585,852 barrels; Wisconsin, 1,298,183 barrels; Illinois, 1,071,403 barrels; and Missouri, 1,022,695 barrels. New York city alone shows sales of 3,239,659 barrels; Philadelphia, 1,023,514 barrels.

General News.

CANADIAN.

It is stated that the postal treaty between Canada and France only awaits the signature of the French foreign Secretary to come into effect.

A temporary arrangement has been made between the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways as to running powers on the connecting line between the former railroad and the North Shore road.

Luke Phipps who murdered his wife last fall at Windsor, was hanged at Sandwich on Tuesday.

Mrs. Leach, widow of the murdered governor of Sandwich jail, has been allowed \$50 a year pension by the county. The Ontario Government gave her \$750.

Henry Owens was drowned in Kettle Creek, near St. Thomas, while bathing. The deceased came from Monmouthshire, England, last fall.

Arthur Robinson, 22 years of age, who was married but two months, was found lying dead in a pool of water at Maberly near Kingston, on the 15th inst. As he was sober it is thought that while on his way home he knelt down to get a drink, took a fit, and was drowned. His wife found the body.

News received from Amherst Island, near Kingston states that a father left a bottle of brandy he had brought from Kingston within reach of his son. Before going to bed the boy remarked, "Dad, see how tight I am," and reeled to bed. In the morning he was a corpse.

Seymour Storm, a young man about 18 years of age, a tea dealer by trade, who lived with his mother, sister and half brother at No. 31 Elgin street, Hamilton, was drowned in the bay on Sunday by the upsetting of a boat in which he and several others were having a sail.

A young man named Cochrane, a brakesman, while applying the brakes at Tweed station on the Ontario and Quebec railway fell between the train and was cut in two. His body was taken to his mother's residence in Carleton Place.

Capt. Hall, of the Salvation Army, has been liberated from the prison at London, Mr. William Gooderham, of Toronto, having telegraphed to her counsel that he would remit the fine and costs. The London people feel that they have struck a bonanza, and the police and the magistrate will keep right along fining the contraveners of the by-law.

The case of the two officials of the Hamilton Marriage Aid Association, charged with defrauding the public, has again been investigated by the police magistrate, and finally adjourned for a fortnight, bail in two-thousand dollars being accepted for the prisoners.

A fire at Moose Jaw has destroyed Walsh's livery and feed stables. Nine horses perished, and nearly all the buggies, cutters, and waggons were consumed, besides \$200 in cash belonging to Mr. Walsh and \$180 belonging to an employee. Mr. Walsh was baldly burned in trying to remove the horses. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$1,500. Had not a heavy rain prevailed the town would have been destroyed.

UNITED STATES.

Hon. S. H. Blake, of Toronto, presided at the fourth annual International Sunday School convention at Louisville, Ky., on the 14th inst.

There was heavy white frost last Sunday night all round Port Jefferson, L. I., destroying potatoes, strawberries, and all vegetables.

In consequence of a depression in the iron trade several ore mines near Easton, Pa., have suspended work.

A mercantile crisis is impending at New Orleans. Several heavy cotton failures have already occurred, and others are daily anticipated.

The anniversary of Bunker Hill has been celebrated this time in Boston more extensively and with greater enthusiasm than for many years.

Within the past ten days three attempts have been made to poison the inmates of the Williamsburg, Va., insane asylum by throwing poisoned bread into the enclosure in which the patients exercise.

On Saturday last an express and an excursion train crowded with passengers crashed into each other in a curve a mile west of Ashland, Pa., eight of the passengers being killed and a dozen more or less severely injured. The accident is attributed to neglect of orders on the part of a telegraph operator.

A fire broke out in a culm heap adjoining the Stetter Colliery, Pittston, Penn., on the 17th inst., and the destruction of a quarter of a million worth of property was threatened. Several fire companies and a large force of miners worked all day. Finally they got the fire under control, and the men and mules were safely removed from the mines.

The necessary papers to secure the extradition of John C. Eno, defaulting president of the Second National Bank of New York, were made out on Saturday, and officials left with them for Canada. The State Department formally notified the British Minister that requisition has been made for the surrender of Eno.

Edmore, Mich., was the scene of mob violence on June 11th. E. G. Hawley, harness-maker, and his wife were accused of cruelly abusing their eight months' old babe, with the intent to cause its death. The child was found to have been cruelly injured, almost starved, one ear nearly torn off, and its little body bruised in a terrible manner. Hawley was arrested and put in the lockup, when it was found the only lawful punishment the courts could administer upon the inhuman father was the sentence of ninety days in prison. Soon after a body of masked men overpowered the watch, dragged the inhuman wretch out of gaol, tarred and feathered him, gave him thirty lashes, with a heavy whip, and returned him again to the gaol.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Earl Spencer arrived in Belfast on Wednesday, and was received with great enthusiasm.

The opposition in the Imperial Parliament are said to be getting ready for an attack on the Gladstone Government.

The Tichborne claimant will be released from prison shortly on a ticket of leave.

Another war in immigrant passenger rates has broken out among European steamship lines.

Mme. de Kalomine, themorganatic spouse of the Grand Duke of Hesse, left Darmstadt for Berlin the day before her husband's departure for England, and she has since proceeded to Paris. The idea that the marriage was a great shock to the family of the bridegroom is entirely erroneous, for his intentions were perfectly well known to his daughters, and to Prince and Princess Alexander of Hesse, and the Queen was informed before she left Windsor for Germany.

U. S. Consul Roosevelt was shot, but not seriously wounded, by a French soldier at Bordeaux on Saturday, in mistake for an officer in civilian's dress against whom he had a grudge.

The Governor of Kasala has telegraphed that the result of Admiral Hewitt's mission to the Abyssinian King John has been successful. The latter has undertaken to relieve Kassala, and the Galabar tribe has assembled at Adowas for that purpose.

The 26th Royal Engineers, who have been ordered to Suakim, will construct a jetty there to facilitate the landing of the material for the railway, which is to be built five miles inland. Workmen have been sent from London to construct the railway.

The powers will probably intervene to secure a settlement of the frontier difficulties between Serbia and Bulgaria.

Persia has addressed notes to England, Russia, and Turkey insisting upon a prompt settlement of the frontier question. Russia supports Persia in her demands for a frontier commission.

New Zealand advices say that the British Ship "Syria" from Calcutta for Fiji, having on board 480 coolies, ran on the Nazalie reef. Seventy coolies were drowned. All the crew but three are missing.

There are fears of a revolution at Panama; the political feeling is very bitter. There is not an American man-of-war at Aspinwall. English men-of-war will protect British interests. England only wanted an opportunity to interfere, and has threatened to do so. Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, to Peru, has just landed at Aspinwall, having been visiting Nicaragua in the interests of the Nicaragua canal. He is very hopeful about the scheme.