WHOLE NO. 12293.

Amount to 2,000 Deaths Daily in Pekin Alone.

Steamer Noordland Grounded During a Fog-Her Passengers Transferred Safely.

THE TRADES CONGRESS.

Cardiff, Sept. 9.—Before the Trades Union Congress closed it was voted to send two delegates to represent British workingmen at the next meeting of the American Federation of Labor.

CHOLERA RAGING IN CHINA, St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.-The Vladivostock correspondent of the Novoe Vremya says that cholera is raging in China and that there are daily 2,000 deaths from the disease in Pekin.

FRENCH ARMY MANEUVERS. Paris, Sept. 9.—The maneuvers of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th army corps, comprising troops to the number of about 120,000 men, commenced yesterday in the Facilles Mountains, near the Vosges. The maneuvers are on a larger scale than usual. President Faure witnessed the operations from a landau. CONFESSÉD BEING A MURDERER,

London, Sept. 9.-A woman of the unfortunate class was found with her throat cut and her head battered yesterday morning on the waste land at Kensall Green, in Northwestern London. A rough-looking man who gave his name as Wingrove surrendered himself to the police in the afternoon and confessed that he had killed the weman. He gave no motive for the crime.

ACCIDENT TO THE NOORDLAND. Antwerp, Sept. 9.—The International Navigation Company's steamer Noordland, from New York, Aug. 28, for this port, ran aground in the river Scheldt at 4 o'clock yesterday morning during a fog. The passengers were transferred to a steamer that was passing up the river to Antwerp. Assistance was sent to the Noordland as soon as the news of the accident reached here.

SPANISH FLEET FOR BUENOS AYRES.

Madrid, Sept. 9.—The Government as decided to send a naval squadron to Buenos Ayres to protect Spaniards ably no other could administer it." there who by their desire to assist Spain in quelling the insurrection in Cuba have incurred the wrath of the population of Buenos Ayres who are deep in sympathy with the Cuban revolutionists.

THE SULTAN'S CONCESSIONS. Constantinople, Sept. 9.—The Sultan's note acquainting the powers with the concessions he is willing to make in the administration of Armenia has been issued. The Sultan says that no Christian vali will be appointed, but that other officials will be chosen in proportion to the Mohammedan and Christian population. Christian officers will be admitted to the gendarmeries and regular police will be created. The dragomans of the British, French, and Russian embassies will be entitled to com-municate directly with the President of the Turkish committee of control, which will sit as a porte.

Sparks From the Wife.

A C. P. R. special train is conveying through 200 Chinamen, who came in by the Pacific steamship at Vancouver. The New York pantmakers have car-

ried out their threat to strike for higher wages and shorter hours. About 1,000 men and over 200 girls went out on Saturday.

Sir Henry Irving, Miss Terry and pther members of Sir Henry's company will go to the Adirondack Mountains to rusticate a few weeks before the ppening of his theatrical season at

Much damage is being done by forest fires along the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroads, north of Green Bay, Wis. Timber is being burned and hay and other products are being destroved. If rain does not soon come the losses will be great.

The trouble with Canada respecting the seizures of Newfoundland fishing vessels in Labrador has been settled satisfactorily.

Le Temps newspaper has been served with a notice of action for namages to the extent of \$50,000 for alleged libel in editorial criticism of the Brothers as educationalists.

There was a parade in Toronto on Sunday of the Catholic Order of Foresters to St. Patrick's Church, where Vicar-General Routhier preached in French, and Rev. Father Whelan preached in English,

The death took place on Sunday, un ler sad circumstances, of D. P. Williams, one of the Montreal General Hospital staff. The doctor, while handing a dead body, cut himself, and blood poisoning was the result. The deceased was a native of Ottawa.

The Montreal police have arrested eight business men, who are charged with arson. The names of the prisonws are: Wm. Thomas, Louis Lowen-Isaac Davis, George Poyeur, Adolph Sassville, Edwin Richardson, John Berser and L. N. Dagenais. The insuronce companies claim to have lost \$1,-100,000 recently by incendiary fires.

Capt. George B. Smith, ex-alderman and at one time commander of the Hamilton Field Battery, was caught obbing corn from Wm. Webb's cornfeld Friday night. At the police court next morning Smith pleaded guilty and was taken back to jail to await sentence until Monday. The captain was once wealthy, but squandered his noney in dissipation.

Government members of the Newoundland Legislature are said to be mplicated extensively in smuggling. says the Labrador shipping embroglio A large number of Americans are amas been settled by the Canadian Gov- ong the visitors. rnment ordering the release of all

he vessels which were seized. n England of Miss M. A. Beatrice Wishing to join her "Ladies' Choir" next Thursday, the 12th instant, in Moss, of Toronto, Canada to Management has been announced Wishing to join her "Ladies' Choir" next Thursday, the 12th instant, in Somerset Hall, at 2:30 p.m. A von.

Buckinghamshire. The marriage will take place late this month.

A meeting of the finance committee of the City Council of Hamilton was held on Saturday night, when the projectors of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway submitted their request for a further bonus of \$200,000. The committee decided by a unanimous vote to refuse the company's request.

WILD WEST WAYS.

A Parkhill Family Tortured and Robbed.

The Brutal Burglars Make Good Their Escape.

Parkhill, Ont., Sept. 9.-Friday night about 12, three men-two of whom were small and all of them young,went to the house of John Bullock, about four miles from Parkhill, on the town line, where Mr. Bullock and his aged mother live. They tied Mrs. Bullock, who was sleeping downstairs, but she screamed to her son, who was upstairs. Then two of the burglars went upstairs and bound Mr. Bullock also. before he was able to defend himself. They then demanded money, and took matches and burned the soles of his feet until he told them where what money they had was. The robbers secured about \$35 and his watch; then they left for the stable, and took a horse and buggy and departed. Mrs. Bullock, after a great deal of difficulty, loosened the rope which bound her, and went to the house of Mr. Ellis, a near neighbor, and informed him of what had happened. Mr. Ellis went over and loosened the rope which bound Mr. Bullock, and found that the burglars had completely ransacked the house. They were traced for about four miles east, where they were lost track of. And the

TAKE THE WHIPPING GRACEFULLY English Papers on the Yacht Race—Were

Fairly Beaten. London, Sept. 9.-The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting today on the international yacht race of Saturday says We fear there is no American cup this year for Lord Dunraven. The better boat won, as it is likely to win every time. The chief defect of the Valkyrie is the fuss she makes getting through the water. With a calm she may do better, but in stronger winds she is not likely to do so well. English yachtsmen may console theinselves as best they can with recollections of Britain's triumphs over the Navahoe and Vigilant."

The Sun says: "There is no nation that we would rather take a beating from than America, especially, as prob The Star says that the defeat of the Valkyrie is far from being a disastrous one, and that there is no need to lose

hope The Evening Sun does not see much hope that the Valkyre will win. The paper also comments upon the enormous expense of building and equipping the Defender, whose success, it says, is another triumph of the aimighty dollar.

The Globe says: "Englishmen generally will be ready to echo the straightferward verdict of Lord Dunraven's representative, that we were fairly beaten."

CHURCH PANICS.

Attempt to Blow Up One-The Organ Caved In.

Greenville, Mich., Sept. 9 .- An attempt was made yesterday to blow up the First Congregational Church of this city with dynamite. The charge was placed under the cornerstone, but not being put under ar enough, little damage was done.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9. - There was almost a panic in the First Presbyterian Church yesterday. The regular quartet had just isen and stepped forward to sing when a arge section of the front of the great ergan fell out and crashed down into the chairs which they had been occupying. The con gregation instinctively rose to its feet, while women screamed in all parts of the house. Clarence Dickinson, the organist, saved his life by dodging.

RECEIVED THE PAPAL BLESSING

A Methodist Minister Gets It and Is Proud of It.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—There is great excitement in Hyde Park Methodist Church circles over the report that the Rev. Herbert G. Leonard, pastor of the leading church in that fashionable suburb, had yesterday received the Papal blessing from Mgr. Satolli. It is said that the ablegate blessed the Rev. Leonard in the name of the Pope at a function at the convent of the Sacred Heart, to which the Methodist minister had been invited. Rev. Mr. Leonard later admitted er. It reads:
that it was true. He said that he had re- "Operators will not be permitted to ceived the blessing and he was proud of it.

LIGHTNING'S FATAL WORK.

John Pickering Killed While Hunting-

Barn Destroyed. Caledon, Ont., Sept. 8.-John Puckering, aged 23, was killed by lightning yesterday while out hunting. He went into a vacant stable belonging to Mr. A. Hillock, during the storm, and was found later by Mr. Hillock dead. One of his dogs was killed also. Deceased resided with his father at

Credit Forks. Roslin, Ont., Sept. 8 .- Lightning struck John Preston's barns near here at 5 o'clock last evening and totally destroyed them, with a season's crop and all implements. Loss, \$1,200 to \$1,-400; insurance, \$400, in the London

Mutual. THE INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

Children's Day Was a Record-Breaker-

Now for the Dog and Poultry Snew. Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Sept. 8. large. The directors on Saturday entertained at luncheon the exhibitors in the machinery and implement depart-

The International Dog Show, as well as the live stock and poultry depart-ments, open tomorrow, and the show A dispatch from St. Johns. Nad., will then be complete in every detail.

Mrs. S. Chadwick will meet the ladles Moss, of Toronto, Canada, to Mr. S. tractive list of part songs is prepared squire Spriggs, of Farnham Royal, for the season's work

THE PIT OF DEATH.

Thirty-Two Men Imprisoned in a Burning Mine.

Nearly 3,000 Feet Below the Earth's Surface-No Hope for the Doomed Men.

Houghton, Mich., Sept. 8 .- At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon fire was discovered by timbermen in the 37th level of the Osceola copper mine. The timbermen at once rushed to the shaft, and when brought to the surface in the big bucket gave the alarm. At the start of the fire the whole force of 200 men, including miners, drill boys and trammers, were in the mine and all attempted to come up in the shaft where the fire was.

The fire was in No. 3 shaft house, commonly called the cage shaft, for the men are sent up and down in this only. When the smoke had nearly suffocated them, they returned and went through a cross-cut to the other shaft and came up there. In this way most of the 200 escaped, but many were half dead when they reached the sur-

face. The blaze is 2,600 feet below the earth's surface. The fire is evidently gaining rapidly. It is utterly impossible to quench the fire by the usual methods and preparations are being made to close the mouths of the shafts to shut off the air. It is believed it will take a month to extinguish the

The latest reports are that 32 are missing. The fire in No. 1 will not damage the working portion of the mine much, as this part of the mine has been nearly worked out. It will keep the mine shut down till the fire is cut. All the shafts will be sealed with earth and timber.

All of the doomed miners might have escaped had they heeded warnings, as Capt. Edwards, who was the first to detect the existence of the fire, dispatched messengers to every slope where the miners were known to be working. As the mine is not heavily timbered except in the shafts, the idea of serious danger was scouted. By going a roundabout way all the men who were in the lower level of No. 4 shaft might have escaped, but they preferred the shorter route of ascent by that shaft, and when they got up to the eighteenth level they found themselves cut off. Some passed into lateral drifts expecting to reach other shafts.

ALMOST WIPED OUT.

Disastrous Fire in Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Large Number of Public Buildings and Dwelling Houses Destroyed.

Liverpool, N. S., Sept. 9 .- This town was almost wiped out by fire which started between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning and raged nearly all day. The loss will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000, with \$20,000 insurance.

The fire started in an old building opposite jubilee hall, and burned from the water's edge up through the business portion of the town. Several of the most prominent business men are burnt out. In the house of Mrs. Chisholm, which was visited by death but a few hours previous, it became necessary to remove the body of Mrs. Coff twice for safety. All the principal buildings are in ashes. Hendry & Millard lost \$5,000 worth

of molasses on which there was no surance. The buildings, etc., destroyed are the store and wharf, estate of V. Dexter; Jubilee Hall, Mrs. Head's poarding house, Trilby Hotel, A. W. Hendry's store, Union Bank, Geo. Snoddon's store, Andrew McNut's house and store, D. Winter's butcher shop, J, Oudry's barber shop, N. H. Wetmore's store, Mallhall's grocery store, A. W. Harrington's house and store, Verge's lewelry store, Putnam's jewelry store, Mrs. A. W. Mader's fruit store, Hutching's drug store, A. W. Balcom's livery stables, the Congregational Church Mrs. Bain's tenement. James Winter's butcher shop and dwelling, F. O. Patch's wharf and two warehouses, Isaiah Wilde's house and shop, the Forte's block, Colin Campbell, sen., two ouildings, Colin Campbell, jun., two buildings, A. J. Vance's office, W. U. telegraph office, telephone office, and 'imes office.

"HELLO" GIRLS IN BLOOMERS.

Ordered Not to Wear Them, but, They Didn't Mind That.

Chicago, Sept. 9 .- An edict recently ssued by the Chicago Telephone Company has been conspicuously bulletined at headquarters, the rendezvous of 199 "hello" girls, and bears the offi-

report at this building at any hour of the day or night in bioomer costume, nor to assume that attire before departure for home."

"We still wear bloomers under the skirt," quietly said Miss Edith Brandt, one of the leaders of the innovation. 'Skirts are a nuisance, anyway," she added. "If there were no order against bloomers I really do not see why they should not be worn in the operating

room."

ABERDEEN'S LONG ABSENCE. Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Lord and Lady Aberdeen, their children and staff have been spending the last few weeks in Victoria, B. C. It is not probable that they will return to Ottawa before November, if then. Mr. Monro-Ferguson, A.D.C., is the only one of the old staff with them, Capt. Urquhart and Mr. Erskine are both in England.

PREMIER GREENWAY READY. Winnipeg, Sept. 9 .- Premier Greenway says he knows nothing of the reported conference between himself and Sir Mackenzie Bowell, or any member -School children's day was the great-est for the first week in the record of school question. Premier Greenway re-The attendance was very mains in the city for several days, and will be available if any interviewing is wanted by the Ottawa Ministers.

Steamers Arrived. Sep. 7. At Fromol Scotsman....Quebec...Liverpoal ake Superior...Liverpool...Montre

Sarmatian	Glasgow	Montreal
New York	New York	Southampton
Normannia	New York	Hamburg
La Touraine	New York	Havre
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Huron	Father Point	Shields
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	Father Pcint.	
Siberian	Quebec	Glasgow
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Disappearance of a Well-Known Stratford Business Man,

A Warrant Out for His Arrest-Bad Blaze at Rodney-Sarnia People Have a Thrilling Experience on the Ocean.

John Jelly, a prominent resident of Shelburne, Ont., is dead. The Young Liberal Fleet in St. Thomas is growing, and another company will be formed. John Bale's saw and grist mills at

Rodney were burned down Saturday. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,000. Hiram Walker & Sons, of Windsor, will give \$200 in special prizes for cattle and corn at the Essex fair.

The deanery of Oxford decided to assist in canvassing to liquidate the debt of the diocese of Huron (Anglican). Mrs. Collins, of Woodstock, has a

ed, upon which foliage has begun to sprout. In two weeks Rev. J. A. Holt, of Amherstburg, lost by death a child 6 years old, a child two weeks old and

new table, neatly turned and varnish-

The congregation of Christ Episcopal Church, Amherstburg, desires Bishop Baldwin to appoint Rev. John Berry, recently of London, permanent pastor. The representatives of the various municipalities bordering on the Lon-don and Port Stanley gravel road will hold a commission on toll roads in St.

Thomas shortly. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Crews, Methodist, Chatham, were presented with a hand-some piece of silverware and a wellfilled purse by their congregation upon their returning from their holiday Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Paddon, North Yarmouth, broke her arm and cut her face in a runaway accident in St. Thomas Saturday, but quickly got into the rig again and drove to the doctor's to get her wounds dressed. Wm. Campbell has bought a splendid farm belonging to the Finkbeiner

estate, south of Dashwood, in the township of Stephen. It consists of 100 acres, and the sum paid was \$5,500. Mr. Campbell now owns 550 acres. While Mr. Jacob Spetz, of Point Edward, was shooting sparrows in the road in front of his hotel the other

morning, some of the shot struck Fred Campbell in the neck as he was stand- I shook him off and went on and soon ing in the doorway of Suhler's store. came inside of the house, from which The wounds were painful, but not seri-W. McIntosh, Woodstock, and George Leacock, Sutton, were stringing wire for Sleeman's electric railway Guelph, from an elevated truck, when

the wire broke and both men fell to

the ground. McIntosh fell on a dray and had his left leg broken. Leacock fell behind the horse's heels and received a severe shaking up, but had no bones broken. A warrant is out for the arrest of Wilson McWhinney, of McPherson & McWhinney, the well-known Stratford furriers. Mr. McPherson recently retired from the firm, selling out his interest to his cousin and partner, Mc-Whinney. Mr. McPherson has a claim

of \$12,000 against McWhinney, and while absent from the city recently McWhinney sold out the stock and disappeared. The latter is a well-known society man, and was a shining light in the church. F. W. Kittermaster and wife, of Sarnia, were passengers on the steamer Seaford from Dieppe, France, for England, when she was run into by the steamer Lyon and sunk in the English Channel. Mr. and Mrs. Kit-

termaster had a thrilling experience, and although they happily escaped with their lives they lost most of their luggage, including all the mementoes of the trip picked up at the various places visited. The passengers on the Seaford were taken on board the Lyon before the former sank.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

The Westminster township council Odell's Hotel on Sept. 3. All the members present. A number of accounts for sheep killed by dogs amounting to \$26 65 was paid. Ralph B. Sumner, a pathmaster, reported that there was a dangerous sand pit on the road to Vauxhill bridge. Francis Elliott, who took most of the sand out, was notified to meet the reeve and J. Cousins at the pit and arrange to have it filled. Mr. Monroe, the overseer on lot 8, con. 4, reported that the quagmire on the road was filled complete, but the ditch was not quite finished. D. B. Burch sent notice to the council that some Russian thistles were growing in several lots near the mill at Byron. The councilor for the ward, D. Nicholls, was instructed to see that they were thoroughly destroyed. The bounty was promised for a wire fence on the west side of the side road between lots 5 and 6 on con. 6. T. Tambling was granted \$3 for gravel on Chester street. The treasurer paid a number of checks issued for road repairs and sundries amounting to \$302 69. A meeting of the local board of health is to be held at the Thompson House, London, on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at W. L. Odell's

The municipal council of West Nissouri township met at Thorndale Sept. 3, members all present. On mo tion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Farley, Dr. Ford was paid \$15 for medical attendance and medicine to one Jackson, indigent. An order for \$25 was issued in favor of the Agricultural Society. The following accounts were paid: W. H. Salmon, \$36 96 for gravel; John Bell, \$4 for digging ditch on west townline; Michael Phalan, \$23 36 for gravel; James Smith, \$43 96 for gravel; bylaw 92, levying a rate of 7 mills in the dollar for county and municipal purposes, and 1 mill on the dollar to pay the trustees of the several school sections the sum of \$100, under the provisions of the amer.ded school act, was drafted, duly read, and passed. On motion of Mr. Albert George Smith, seconded by Mr. Salmon, the tender of Tracey Bros., for building a bridge at lot 35, con. 4, for \$164, was accepted. Mrs. Fisher was paid \$4 40 for gravel. On motion of Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. A. G. Smith, the bill presented by Mrs. Harding for goods to one Mrs. Jackson, indigent, \$1 60, was paid. On motion of Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. Smith, the sum of \$30 was appropriated for the improvement of the Governor's road, on condition that North Dorchester grant a similar amount. R. stairs which had been used as a store-together to give them the use of it the books wife has boundless confidence."

sign boards for county use. Mr. F. Bailey addressed the council about a certain water course of let 3, con. 1, No action taken. Adjourned till first Tuesday in October.

THE MASSACRE DESCRIBED.

the Ku-Cheng Commission-

A Missionary Who Saw the Mob From Behind the Trees-Brutal Murders.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 9.—Private letters from Shanghai, just received here announce that the commission appoint ed by the British and American Governments to investigate the Ku Cheng massacre of Aug. 1, reached Ku Cheng on Aug. 17, without a shadow of mo-lestation from the barbarous hordes, alleged by the Chinese officials to have established a reign of terror throughout the province. The commission, consisting of the British consul, Mr. the United States ship Detroit; Rev. B. Annister, representing the English Church Missionary Society, and D. Gregory, of the American M. E. Mission, and an escort of about 100 of the viceroy's ill-armed and poorly disciplined soldiers, a circumstance which supports but feebly the Chinese contention that the massacre was entirely beyond official prevention, owing to the country being in revolt.
This defense is regarded by the British and American residents in China territory as quite as farcical as the commission, unsupported as it is by any display of British and American force and indignation runs high at the apathy displayed by those Governments in regard to the massacre. The commission, at last advices, had received the statements of three witnesses, Dr. Gregory, of the American Mission of the Foo Chow, Rev. H. E. Phillips, and Miss Hartman, of Ku Cheng, the latter two having been eye-witnesss to the fearful scenes of Aug. 1. Rev. Mr. Philips tells how he was awakened at 6 in the morning by shouting in the direction of the steward's children playing, but soon recognizing the voices of excited men, he dressed hastily and went over.

"I was met a few yards from my dwelling," he said, "by a native friend, who, while throwing his arms around me, told me the vegetarians had come. 40 or 50 bandits were car of plunder, their leader holding aloft a red flag. I could see nothing of our Europeans, and as I was in full view of the rioters, I crept up the hill in the brushwood, and concealed myself behind the trees, from 20 to 30 yards from the house. There I saw everything that could be seen. As I could see no foreigners, I concluded that they had escaped, and as to go down was certain death, I thought it best to await where I was. After a minute or two the retreat horn sounded and the vegetarians began to leave, first, however, setting fire to the house. Two minutes after this every vegetarian had gone. I came down and looked about the front of the house, but could see nothing of any one. I feared something dreadful had happened, as I heard the vegetarians as they left say: "Now, all the foreigners are killed. I just then met one of the servants who told me the Chinese were in the house in which Miss Hartman, of the American Mission was staying. I found Mr. Hartman's daughter, Mildred, with a serious wound on one knee and another severe cut. When I had washed these, turned to Mr. Steward's son, who was fearfully hacked and cut everywhere. Then Miss Cordington sent me a message that she too, was in the house. I found her in a fearful condition, but, with cold water and rags we managed to staunch the bleeding. She begged me not to wait, as she

thought Topsy Saunders was still "I then rushed to the back of the house and found the bodies of Miss Saunders, Miss Gordon and Miss Mar-shall. The latter was awfully cut, her head being almost severed, but beyond the wounds given in the struggle, the body was not mutilated. Later I found Miss Combs' body at the foot of the hill, in front of the house, where it had been thrown. As then I could see no signs of Mr. and Mrs. Steward. Miss Saunders, and Lena, the nurse, re hoped they had escaped, and I eturned to the house, where the Steward children and Miss Cordington Presently Miss Hartford arrived. She had received a cut under one ear, but had been saved from death by a native Christian. I learned later that the five ladies of the Zenana Mission Society, who lived in two houses which form the Ku Cheng Sanitarium, made a futile attempt to escape, got out of the back end, but were immediately surrounded. Some of the vegetarians were inclined to spare them, but were ordered by their leader to carry out their orders, 'Kill, and spare not.'"

TERRIBLE, THIS!

Mechanics' Institute Had a Skeleton in Its Closet.

All Unsuspected It Has Been Hidden for Nearly Forty Years-It Came to Light at Last.

It will no doubt be a severe shock to those connected with the management for many years of the defunct Mechanics' Institute when they learn that the Mechanics' Institute, like many private households, has for the last 40 years a skeleton in the closet. This was not suspected by the constant throng of readers for the last couple of generations. Nor was it known to the lady librarian, or she no doubt would have sent in her resignation years ago. Probably the directors were once cognizant of the fact, but they felt so secure in the concealment of it that they actually forgot all about it. Like some domestic skeletons it was however destined at last to thrust its gaunt and hollow features up on the light of day. It came about in this manner: The lessees of the old Mechanics' Institute building wanted the space under the stairs which had been used as a store-

Bedgood was paid \$75 cents for two and boxes were raked out and carted over to the new Free Library building. When one box was opened it was found to contain the well-preserved skeleton of a child who had passed to the great beyond when about 10 years old. The skeleton was presented to the old li-brary board when the building was situated on Talbot street by Dr. Anderson, deceased. This was about 40 years ago, and when the institute changed Testimony of an Eye-Witness Before | quarters the skeleton went with it and was locked away in a box under the stairs. In this manner the Mechanics' Institute has harbored a skeleton in its closet during all these years. It will now form the nucleus for the Free Library museum.

PETER PLAYED POKER

And Lost One Hundred and Sixty Dollars in Four Hours.

He Now Says That Hugh Sharkey Used Marked Cards-The Case Before the Police Magistrate.

Mr. P. B. Lewis played poker with Mr. Hugh Sharkey on the afternoon of Aug. 30, and inside of four hours he R. W. Mansfield; the American consul, Col. J. Courtenay Hixson; the British vice-consul, E. L. B. Allen, from Pagoda anchorage; Lieut. Evans, of the United State Lieut. Evans, of key of cheating him by means of key of cheating him by means of marked cards. Police Magistrate Parke refused to conduct the trial, preferring to send it to a higher court. He was agreeable to take the preliminary hearing, and at the Police Court this morning the case was heard. Lewis and Sharkey were there, and among those who hung over the railing as spectators or sat inside as witnesses were noticed many of the sports around town. Only one witness-Lewis-was examined. Mr. J. B. McKillop and Mr. Frank Love appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Sharkey was represented by Mr. Toothe. Lewis, the complainant, swore that as he was passing Sharkey's place on the afternoon of Aug. 30 he was beckoned in by Sharkey, who was engaged at the time with a customer. He was told that if he waited Sharkey would play him a "\$5 freeze out." A customer who was in the chair told the witness not to take the bluff. He didn't. He went into the back room, and on the way Sharkey asked him if any trouble arose could he (Lewis) eat the book; that all his barbers had eaten it He at first thought it was court). They sat down at 3 o'clock, every time they had gone up there (to and for half an hour played a 50-cent limit with a deck of cards which Sharkey took out of his pocket. Side bets of \$2, \$5 and \$8 were made, but luck went all the defendant's way. "How much did you lose in the half

hour?" asked Mr. McKillop. "About \$40," replied Lewis. Sharkey then suggested a ne of cards, and called Hugh Stevenson. one of his employes, handed him 25 cents to go to an adjoining store and get the cards. For half an hour they played with the second deck, but as Sharkey continued to win Lewis resolved to turn to the old deck. They went back to the old cards again, and a stop of play was brought about by Lewis getting four kings in a hand when there was \$5 in the pot and \$16 in side bets. He looked on the backs and saw that they were all marked. Mr. McKillop-And what was the result of showing hands

Lewis-Sharkey had four aces (Laughter.) Another hand was played after that

and quits were called. The old cards were produced and shown to the court. Lewis claimed the face cards were marked so that they could be distinguished. The balance of the deck were spotted with ink. Lewis dropped \$160 in the afternoon. On cross-examination Lewis said he had played only about eighteen games of poker. He never looked for it, and had played five or six with Sharkey, losing in every game but one. Witness had \$600 in his clothes when he went into the shop, and he was willing to lose \$200 if the game had been conducted "on the square." Lewis had heard that Sharkey was crocked, but he always thought him honest until this game. When the third change of cards was made Sharkey was about \$115 ahead, he having steadily won from the start. The game was brought to a onclusion be Lewis pocketing the red deck, which, he holds, is marked. A little tussle occurred before the men separated, and later in the evening witness went back and told Sharkey that he was going to push him for cheating. Lewis denied going around looking for the game. He had never beaten a man out of \$140 at the Grigg House on a leaded dice. He admitted telling Charles Brennan that he had trimmed Sharkey out of \$40, and that it was ike finding money to play with him. About three weeks ago he had played Barber Tracey in Sharkey's and won \$15, but lost \$40 to Sharkey the same day. Lewis' experience as a poker player had cost him about \$250. He had played in a boarder's room at Jerry McDonald's and also in an empty house on two different days. At dice and dominoes he was a few dollars

To show how the \$250 was lost Mr. McKillop examined him and showed that Lewis had played cards in Sharkey's on Aug. 11 and Aug. 18. This concluded the case, and Mr. Toothe urged the dismissal of the de-

ahead.

fendant. The police magistrate was not prepared to take such steps. He said the cross-examination had shown that Lewis was not the innocent man he appeared to be in the first brush of the proceedings. There was the uncontradioted evidence that the cards were marked, and this was sufficient to war-

rant further examination. Sharkey was bound over in his own recognizances to appear at the next court. The cards were left in charge of Sergt. Crawford. "The fact of their being in charge of Lewis since Aug. 30 has considerably weakened the prosecution," concluded the court.

BASEBALL. The ball teams of Hobbs' and Hyman's employes met on Erie Flats Saturday afternoon. A large crowd enjoyed a capital game. Score:

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