

CHICAGO AND THE WEST.  
HOW THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION  
CONVENTION WAS A FAILURE.

A new Juliet Makes her Debut in the Western Metropolis and is Lavishly Received—Veni, Vidi, Vici.

Since last I wrote you we have had any number of dull times in Chicago. You know all Americans love conventions. Deprive the average American of his conventions, and for him life would not be worth living. We have V. M. C. A. conventions, brewers' conventions, railway conventions, christian conventions at various camp grounds, infidel conventions at Watkins' Glen, and now by to-day's paper I see we are undertaken with

THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

There was very reason from the zealous character of the originators of this convention to expect great things, but the convention was a great disappointment. Never was a good cause made to suffer more from the want of good common horse sense than this last prohibition gathering. There were about 300 present delegates and of this number there were about 285 leaders and as that only left about five to follow there was a good deal of difficulty in the management of affairs.

I have no disposition to ridicule the proceedings of this convention, but I do not hesitate to say that the "pro-high-bishops" as they are called in calling themselves—have done their cause in measureable harm. And in a city where there are more millionaires than in any other city in the world, it is to be deplored. Defeat here is doubly disastrous. Chicago is a wicked city—but it is a fact that

EVERY FOOT OUT WEST

thinks he's made for life if he has been sent as "a delegate to a Chicago convention." These prohibitionists determine to be in the "north" and they are going quietly to bury the democratic and republican parties and start a reformation on prohibition principles. They were to settle and reform the civil service, and change the whole constitution of things and of course the prohibition of the manufacturing, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors was to come in at the end. "What about female suffrage?"

SCREAMED A SMALL FEMALE VOICE.

That was the question that "thru the now began." There was arching of an arched eyebrow, pursing up of lips that seemed parched and dry for the want of what Oscar called "pinkish kisses" and such stamping of umbrellas as was never heard before in Fawcett Hall. From the table we talked we hope some gentle hands were lifted in sympathy.

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before these women get political power. The fat was in the fire. It was all over, and from that moment the practical use of the convention was at an end. At the close of the business on the second day I called to me that many of the delegates regarded the whole affair as a huge joke. At the close the chairman said "the convention was laid on the table, and he might have added

THE NEW JULIET.

The lovers of the drama have long been promised a great treat in the debut of Miss Margaret Mather, a native of Detroit, a young lady of wonderful promise. Mr. Hill, an enterprising impresario, well-known in dramatic circles, has for nearly twelve months past exhausted all the wonderful forces of the science of advertising in preparing the American world to gaze upon a new and unexampled Juliet. It was boldly declared that the advent of this bright, particular star would be

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NOTICE.

We beg to inform the public that we have sold our retail business carried on by us on King street, Toronto, and known as The Golden Griffin to Mr. Joseph W. Petley, Manchester, England, and Mr. Wm. Petley, Toronto, who will in future carry on the business under the name and style of PETLEY & PETLEY, and for whom we solicit a continuance of that patronage so largely extended to us during the past thirty years, as we can with confidence recommend them to our old and valued friends throughout the Dominion. Knowing they have every ability and ample means for conducting this old established business which we feel confident will succeed in the future as it has in the past. We therefore bespeak for these Gentlemen a bright future.

Again thanking our old and valued friends who have stood by us through sunshine and storm, We are very gratefully yours,  
**PATRICK & B. B. HUGHES.**

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.

Judge Mackenzie is very ill. John Jordan will show his \$10,000 bank at the exhibition on Thursday.

Geo. C. Gray, M.P. is in town, home from the Northwest. He speaks well of the public school board meets to-night after a cessation of labors for two months.

Judge Boyd will hold county court chambers this afternoon and two following days.

A fashionable marriage is announced to take place at the Metropolitan church at 11:30.

High Dams (Vaughan, Dennis & Co.) is back in town after a forty days' yachting trip.

The Toronto Coffee House association will open a new coffee house at Shaftsbury next month.

Arthur Fisher, late organist of St. George's church, Montreal, will fill a similar position in the church of the Redeemer in this city.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Medical association takes place to-day in the city council chamber. Dr. Fenwick of Montreal will preside.

The Queen's Own rifles will parade in drill order for a march on the right to the city on Wednesday afternoon.

The recent and signalling classes will be resumed on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

A boy named Matthew L. Hime was arrested by Detective Burrows yesterday evening on a charge of stealing a gun from Alfred Smith at Victoria park. The alleged theft occurred over a week ago.

Once more at 75 Yonge street in this city since the arrival of Dr. M. Couville from Montreal, with two of his surgeons, in five days has taken place the most successful of 400 physicians and sufferers to receive treatment. Physicians and sufferers can consult him free.

Dr. Fenwick of Montreal, president of the medical association at present in session in Toronto, Dr. Canniff, president of Ontario Medical Association, accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, Graham and Adam, visited the city yesterday evening.

In the case of the Ontario and Quebec railway company v. Mrs. E. A. Townley, for immediate possession of land, Judge Boyd yesterday directed an order for possession on payment of \$7600. In that of the company versus Mrs. A. A. Smith, the plaintiff was ordered to pay \$1000.

Samuel Williams acted as treasurer of the picnic recently held by the employees of the Dominion bolt works. There was a balance of \$150, and at a meeting held yesterday Williams was requested to resign his office as treasurer, which he refused to do. A warrant charging him with fraud was sworn out against him. Officer Cordes arrested him last night.

Police Court Notes.

At the police court yesterday, fifteen drunk appeared before the colonel.

Mary Preston, with malice prepense, pulled Mary Smith's hair, and struck her; whether she struck her on the hair was not shown, but at all events the young lady's hair was taken. Madame Preston was fined \$2.

Edward Lister is of evidently fastidious tastes, as is manifested by his paroling a bottle of champagne jelly. A witness declaring that the boy was an orphan, and that his father would be "back on Friday," his worship, after remarking that, as the boy was an orphan, it might be some time before he came back, and discharged him.

Patrick Rooney, a promising young man, was charged attempting to outrage Mary Flanagan—likewise with stealing a pair of boots from one Tilly. He was remanded until the 7th.

Bad for English Landlords.

From the St. James Gazette.

A significant proof of the decreased value of land was afforded yesterday at Crencaer market. Mr. Bazley, in Haver's castle, Gloucestershire submitted the tenancy of two farms which he had in his hands to public auction. The reserve bids were half the former rents. The first farm, close on 700 acres in extent, was let at £25, only £5 above the reserve. The other farm was put up at £450, half the former rental, and there being no advance it was not let. The price of the farm that was let barely exceeded 12s. per acre, with freeling of cowslip.

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Important Announcement

Having purchased from Messrs. Hughes Bros. at a very low rate on the dollar the Stock of Petley & Company (Golden Griffin), consisting of DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, CARPETS and CLOTHING, amounting to

**\$88,500**

We will offer the same for on the premises, KING STREET East, commencing this WEDNESDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock in order to clear out the Stock to make room for our new Fall Importations. House keepers will do well to attend this great sale, as tremendous bargains may be expected.

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THE CITY OF QUEBEC.

Not in Paris itself one can so truly a French city as in Quebec. A very large proportion of the population are French people, who still retain the language, customs, traditions and religion of their ancestors, who came across the sea in the early days of the settlement. Although one can scarcely spend time and money to better advantage than by traveling in the Old World, less time and less money may be spent to equal advantage by taking a trip through Canada, and especially by visiting Quebec.

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