SALTED HIS WELL IN VAIN. Failure of Farmer to Sell His Farm as Oil Land.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

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(Some years ago," said the narrator, "an oil boom hit Litchfield, Ill., and everybody for miles around was seen sniffing for oil and every stranger suspected of being an expert looking for a good thing. An oid farmer named Loomis had a big place three miles out of town, which would have been a fortune for him had he not been possessed of a mania for swapping, manifest in a perennial attempt to trade off his land for twice its value.

"When the boom was at the top notch, Loomis received a visitor who took so much interest in the farm, so liked its appearance, location, etc., that the old farmer scented a petroleum man and saw visions of incalculable wealth. Being a shrewd man, Loomis did not care to take any unnecessary chances with Providence, and on the qulet he sent the hired man out the back way with orders to dump the kerosene can into the well. The visitor liked the entire place, inspected the barn, the chicken yard, and then, as if by chance, asked for a drink of water. "Loomis was waiting for that, and hauled up a brimming bucket before the man's own eyes and poured him out a gourdful of liquid with a fine, opal-escent secum upon it. The visitor smelled it, tasted it, made a wry face, and asked if the water was always like that. 'Oh, yes,' said Loomis, 'but you soon get accustomed to the taste, and our doctors say this is the finest water on earth for the stomach.' 'Well, I am ding danged if I'll ever get used to it,' was the unexpected response. 'I am looking for a farm, not an oil well, and if I have got to haul my drinking water three miles from Litchfield I guess I'd rather buy nearer town.'

"It took Loomis six months to get the taste of oil out of his well, 'and by that time the boom was over and nothing was left of the oil craze but rotting derricks and abandoned shafts."

SLOT MACHINES.

Turned Out in Numbers, in Spite of the Crusades Against Them.

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"More slot machines are made in the United States than in all the rest of the world put together," says John T. Mills, a well known inventor of Chicago, in the Washington Post. "Germany, which is next to us in their manufacture, turns out very crude machines compared with ours. A great war has been made on the slot devices which are gotten up for that element of the public that likes to risk a little coin—in plain English, gambling machines, into which if a coin be dropped the speculator may take out several times the ampunt of his investment. "In spite of the crusade against them, not less than \$150,000 worth are put on the market every month, Chicago leading in the output. Some sell

them, not less than slooply worth are put on the market every month, Chieago leading in the output. Some sell for as much as \$350 to \$400. At the fashionable seaside resorts rich people patronize the kind that takes in a dollar, and may pay back \$100, though it doesn't often do so. These are the aristocrats, so to speak, of the gambling machines, and more of them are soft in California than in any other state. I suppose it is because the coast people are a little looser with their cash or a trifle more sporty.

"Not long ago the factory with which I am associated sold \$1,000 worth of these speculative machines to a party in Hong-kong. They were not intended for use in that city, but their exact location we did not ask. Chinamen are born gamblers, and they will 'go against' any sort of a game a white man will.

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an lling to decide in favor of the supplicant on a point which might possibly raise the question of the legality of many other marriages. The prince: lawyers expect to secure an annument on the ground that there is no race of a dispensation having been either granted or read in the church at the time of the marriage which, according to canon law, is indispensible, as Mr. Parkhurst was a non-Catholic. The American clergy say that these formalities are generally omitted, and that a decision in favor of the princess will affect thousands of similar cases.

The lawyers have formally com-plained of the delay in reaching a de-daion, which they attribute to mal-hyplence. The case has aroused in-ense interest in American society.

WHERE HE DREW IT.

"How well I remember," said Dum-ley, as he proudly brandished the sword, "the first time that I ever drew that once shining blade!" "Where did you draw it, Dumley"— inquired Featherly, "in a raffle?"

REMEMBERS THE KINDNESSES.

"He says his proudest boast is that he never forgets a kindness."
"That's right. He never does forget one that he does you, and he won't let you forget it either."

ACRIMONY.

Barker-I see Molliwitz is going to marry Maggie Shrewsbury. I don't envy him, but I suppose money talked. Gruffey-He'll find that matrimony can talk too.

Barker-And I fancy that alimony will have something to say before

THEATRICAL TRASH. What a Suffering Public is Com-to Endure.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

There is a dim hope that before another ten years the people of this country will be able to see plays again in the theatre. It will be remarkable and will be welcome. Of late the stage has been much occupied with things that might be called shows, since that elastic term includes the albino in the museum and vaudeville. These might be called shows, since that clastic term includes the albino in the museum and vaudeville. These shows have but the faintest likeness to plays. They have some rhyme, but no reason. The rhyme bears on—it doesn't matter in the least what, and is sung by fat women in tights. While they change the tights from yellow to blue, comedians recite pieces and hold dialogues in broken English. They are recalled eight times, by arrangement with the ushers; then the women return and give a chorus with reference to politics, the Boers, Mr. Bryan, John L. Sullivan, crops mothers-in-law, Harlem and the trusts. This connected narrative being sung, a dancer is introduced, and after her fourth recall she retires in favor of the woman, who come back in pink and walk around to a march. In the second act the comedians speak more pleces and try to sing; they fire pistols to the general joy; they have another dialogue with their faces four inches apart, after the cruel fashion of persons whose breaths are disagreeable, the fat women walk around some more and hop a few times, there are several choruses and that is the second act. The third act is like unto it, and closes with the assembling of the massive establishment, the fat women in a double row, in all the colors there are, and the comedians in the center making faces, as the curtain falls. What it is all about heaven does not know, for not even heaven can. Yet people pay money to see and hear it.

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The utter hopeless rot which is brought by a certain class of managers betokens not a lack of plays, for probably there are more good ones gathering cobwebs on the shelves today than ever there were, but the predominance of a taste that in previous years was ashamed of itself. Things like "The Girls of New York" and "The Swells of New York" are not immoral; they are merely the work of feeble intellects. Their text, where there is any, is not, entertaining; the music is the cheapest lingle; the shows travel on legs, and it is required only that the legs be plentifully illuminated and not too plentifully clothed. London is accused of inventing this kind of entertainment. It is a charge to bring tertainment. It is a charge to bring up the whole population of that city with a roar of protest, if it is not true, but it is of no use to charge on London but it is of no use to charge on London the continuance of the practice in America. The man who is responsible is the impossible creature who buys tickets to see it. Going to school has never done him any good, and going to theaters does still less. He will remain a blithering hypothenuse as long as he lives. But the people who have stopped going to theaters are hoping that he is not going to have things his own way forever.

THE COAL STRIKE.

ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 4.—A tele gram was received here this afternoon from Vice-President and General Manager L. E. Johnson of the Norfolk and Western railway, stating that at a meeting of the United Mine Workers held at Keystone, W. Va., today, the strike of the coal miners, , which has been on in the Pocahontas and other ias since June 6 last, was declared off

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A VATICAN DECISION

That When Made Will Affect Thousands of U. S. Marriages.

RUME, Sept. 4.—The case of Princess Rospigliosi (who was a Miss Mar's Reid of Washington, D. C.), for the innulment of her first marriage with Frederick Parkhurst of Bangor, Me., involves a point of canon law, the decline of which is considered in church chroics as liable to effect thousands of marriages of Catholics and more latholies in the United States. The application for the annulment was almost everyone is dependent upon the union for food and clothing.

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A committee was appointed to confer as to the best methods to be adopted by the convention for bringing about, if possible, a termination of the struggle.

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Pennsylvania Magistrate Passes Judgment Upon an Erring Youth.

HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 4.—Like the Spartan father of old, Burgess Kressly of this place the pther day sat in judgment on his son, and when the evidence had been concluded he sentenced him to the lockup for three days. The action of the father has caused considerable talk, not all of it being in condemnation either.

In company with several other boys, Robert Kressly was enjoying himself at night. During the course of the fun-making the party became bolsterous and Chief of Police Derr warned them that unless they stopped their yells he would arrest the party. It is said that young Kressly sought to impress upon Chief Derr the fact that he, as son of the burgess, has certain rights which should be respected, but the officer had his views and arrested him.

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Next morning when Burgess Kressly took his seat and prepared to hear the many cases he was startled for the moment, when his son stood out and answered to the charge of disorderly conduct. Cool and collected, however, the father, sat while his testimony was adduced. When both sides had concluded, he looked at his offspring and there may have been tears in his eyes, but his voice was firm as he imposed the sentence. The lad was led away and the father resumed the hearing of other cases.

SPORTING NEWS.

| Mational League Games Yesterday, | At New York- | Chiclment | New York- | Chiclment | New York- | Ne

The game between the Alerta and Roses, scheduled for yesterday afteraoon on the Band A. grounds, was postponed by reason of the Davy the men entered the diamont.

THE RING. BOSTON, Sept. 4.—Joe Walcott was signed to box Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia before the American Club, Chicago, Sept. 22, in this city today.

THE OAR. THE OAR.
An offer from the Belyea four of St. John to row a Halifax crew in nine inch outrigged boats for \$150\$ as ide has been accepted by J. F. Gough, who has four men in view it the match is completed. It is not known what boat the Halifax crew will row in. The race is to take place the end of September.—Halifax Chronicle.

The rain storm yesterday afternoon put a stop to two races at Moosepath Park which promised to rank among the most interesting events ever held there. The rain came on before the races were started, but it was not thought it would continue for any length. The track, which is heavy at all times, became very much so with the downpour of rain, and it put all possibility of fast time out of the question. It was hardly safe, in fact, for the horses to move over the slippery surface, and in one heat two of the horses narrowly escaped falls. The attendance was large. The grand stand was fully occupied and the space in front of that place was filled with teams. The spectators were in a good natured mood, and failed to register a kick throughout the proceedings, although it was a trying experience for those who could not find a seat in the grand stand. Two heats were finished in each event, the free-for-all and the 2.28 class. Then the judges, acting under the advice of the directors of the track, postponed the races till this afternoon or the first fine afternoon.

Kate Willard won both of the heats in the free-for-all, and Walter K. was second a each of them. Great things were expected from Ituna, the 2.10 pacer, but the conditions were against her.

Golden Gate finished first in the two heats done in the 2.28 class, and Sousa put two seconds to her credit. Labena was the first in the two heats done in the credit. THE TURF.

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The officials were: Dr. Reed of
Guelph, starter; Dr. W. A. Christie,
John Wilson and G. H. Barnes (Sussex), judges; W. S. Jewett and J. R.
Lamy (Amherst), timers.

The summary is here given:

George, b. g., 2.27, C. B. Keith, Bery-ry's Mills... Joe Hal, b. g. 9.30 Joe Hal, b. g. 2.20%, Gnas Fergan, Woodstock. 7 6
Park Campbello, b. g. 2.20%, Fred Warren, Springhill 8.8
Time-2.25½, 2.20%, 2.20%, 2.28 class; purse, \$250.
Golden Gate, b. s., 2.29%, D. Steele, St.

y Lumps, blk. m., 2.28¼, D. W. Me-y, St. Stephen. M., br, m., 2.30¼, S. A. Fowler, St hn

e-2.34½, 2.34. There were a number of old time horsemen present including Geo. W. Leavitt of Readville and C. H. Eaton, who used to drive at Moosepath track

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Can Enter at the Charlottetown Races.
The published conditions of the horsoraces to be held on the Charlottetown driving park on the 24th and 25th September inst., stated that "no horse barred by record made after 13th September." This condition has been changed and a new condition made in its place as follows: "No horse barred by record made after 2nd September." This is a good change as it will allow all horses competing today at St. John, and also those which will compete next week at Hallfax, to enter heed the beautiful and also those which will compete next week at Hallfax, to enter heed of the according to the condition of the

Miss Evelyn Keirstead of Wolfville, who has been visiting with Mrs. L. P. Farris at Grand Lake, is in the city on her way to Middletown. Conn. where she is teaching.

COMMERCIAL.

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> 35¾ 50 95⅓ West Union Tel. .. 95 94% 95½ 95½ 95% STOCK MARKET.
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> NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(Wall street.)—The market showed but little trace at the opening of yesterday's heavy seiling movement, although Reading, Atchison, Union Pacific, Louisville and Southern Pacific were among the prominent stocks that were slightly lower. The last named sold at from 78% to 18% on the transfer of 15,000 shares. In the way of gains St. Paul was a feature with a rise of a point and there was some demand for United States steel and the high priced specialities. The stock market opened irregular. COTTON.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Cotton futures opened firm. September, 8.51; October, 8.54; November, 8.48; December, 8.47; January, 8.49; February, 8.37; March, 8.38; April, 8.39; May, 8.39.

SHIPPING NEWS.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports

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HALIFAX, N S, Sept 4-Ard, str Rosalind, from New York.

British Ports.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept 4-Sld, str Teutonic, for New York.

LIVERPOOL, Sept 4-Ard, bark Charles E Lefurgey, from Musquash, NB.

SWANSEA, Sept 4-Ard, bark Nino, Fravega, from Halifax, NS.

CARDIFF, Sept 4-Ard, bark Norman, from St John. from St John.

CAPE TOWN, Sept 2—Ard, str Cestrian from Halifax, NS.

ter a few words with Martin, appealed to the janitor to eject the visitor, saying she had been insulted. Hayner ordered Martin to leave the premises, and on the latter's refusal picked up a chair to enforce the demand. The men fought down two flights of stairs. Hayner gained the lead, and, dashing into his apartments, seized a revolver and fired two shots. Hayner surrendered himself to the police, claiming he shot in self-defence.

SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

Twelve Months in Servitude as a Penalty For Vagrancy.

SHELBYVILLE, Ky., Sept. 5.—Fisher Million, a negro, who was indicted in 1901 for vagrancy and who has been at large since, has been captured in Lawrenceburg and tried before Judge Davis in the County court. The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty and his punishment was fixed at being sold into servitude for a period of 12 months, the highest penalty. He will be put on the block and sold into servitude by Sheriff Briggs, if a purchaser can be found. The officials hardly know what to do in the event of no sale.

SHOT AND ROBBED.

NEWPORT, Vt., Sept. 4.—George Buchanan, a young man of this town, was attacked by a highwayman early this morning in a lonely place between Newport and Batesville, shot through the arm and left unconscious. When he came to his senses he found that his wallet, containing \$80 hade been taken. The robber escaped.

MORNING'S NEWS.

The flavor of Red Rose tea is deli-

The flayor of Red Rose tea is dellclous, and Red, Rose, never varies in
quality.

The list of electors for the city of St.
John have been made up for the current year, and are now ayailable for
consultation. The revisors will hold
their court in October.

The Royal Kennebeccasis Yacht Club
will hold a race on Saturday, starting
at 2,30 p. m, for the prize given by the
residents of Westfield. The race will
be from Westfield wharf to Brandy
Point via Day's Landing.

Capt. Betts, who has, been here
working for the owners of the str.
Lake Superior, and Mr. Miller, one of
the owners, left for Boston, yesterday
afternoon. Capt. Betts says that on
the pecasion of the attempt to float
the ship on Wednesday she straightened up and shifted six feet to the
northward. It is thought another effort will be made to raise her in the
near future.

The Europes liner Elopence from

fort will be made to raise her in the near future.

The Furness liner Florence, from London via Hallfax, reached port yesterday afternoon. She docked at the Pettingill wharf, where she will discharge her inward cargo, which is made up of 20 tons of scrap.iron, 450 barrels of cement, 600 or 700 bundles of hides, 3,260 bundles of tin. The Florence will probably get away Saturday for Charlottetown.

The men Davenport and Hopkins, who broke into the C. P. R. station at Florenceville, have been taken to Dor chester to spend two years in the peni-

chester to spend two years in the penitentiary.

American sportsmen are already coming into the New Brunswick woods for the shooting season.

William Fougere, a sailor, aged 57, was accidentally killed by a fall at Rexton, Kent county, on Monday. He belonged to Montague, P. E. I., and leaves a wife and six children.

Harrison Fawcett, one of the largest farmers in Memramcook, is at the point of death with hemorrhage of the lungs.

GENERAL

The Methodist conference opened in Winnipeg yesterday with 139 delegates present. Rev. George Steel was elected scretary,

HALIFAX SUPPORTS MUSIC,

(The Herald, 4th.) The annual meeting of the Halifax symphony orchestra chorus was held symphony oreestra chorus was need Wednesday at the Church of England Institute, and was well attended. The treasurer's report for the season show-ed a small credit balance, which was particularly gratifying after the series particularly gratifying after the series of very expensive concerts given during the past season. During that time four very fine cantatas The Pilgrimmage of the Rose (Schuman), and the three cantatas that comprise the set of were given, and the committee feel that the season's work was one that reflected great credit on the organization insomuch that the primary object of the society is to elevate the standard of music in Halifax.

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A BOASTFUL BOER

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NEW YORK, Sept. 4—3. H. Munnik, Flancon, NB, for New York: Brookline, and George L. Drake, from Parasboro, NS; E H Foster, from Fredericton, NB, for Foston.

FERNANDINA, Flancon, Sept. 4—81d, sch. Selity B Summer, for Dorchester, NB. Sept. 4—81d, str. Sigren, for Straighten, Sept. 4—81d, sch. FERNANDINA, Flancon, NB, East Fisher, Sept. 4—81d, str. Sigren, for Straighten, Sept. 4—81d, sch. FERNANDINA, Flancon, NB, East Fisher, Sept. 4—81d, sch. Fernander, Sept. 4—81d, mercial development that South Africa has never known before."

THAT SYDNEY GROUP,

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Copies of the now famous photo of the board of trade delegates taken on the steps of the Sydney court house have been received in this city. Mr. DeWolf had just passed along and Judge Meagher had also turned the corner, so that neither of these men are at all prominent in the landscape. But the result of Judge Meagher's remarks is apparent in the photo for the faces of all the members are wearing that well-known worried look indicative of a feeling of unrest. The photo is a good one, with the exception of this serious expression and it has been suggested as a means of forgetting the unpleasant incident that a certified and corrected copy be forwarded to Mr. Justice Meagher as a token of esteem.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS. C. P. R. OFFICIALS.
General Manager D. McNicoll and
Engineer E. T. McHenry of the C. P.
R. were taken for a drive about the
city this morning by Mr. Oborne and
afterwards had a conversation with
Mayor White and a number of aldermen at City Hall. They left this afternoon for Fredericton and will inspect the division.

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FIVE MET DEATH.

Grewsome Accident-Thousands Watched Vain Efforts at Rescue.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Five men were crushed to death yesterday in Williamsburg by the collapse of a vast circular bed of steel weighing 200 tons, which was to have been the bottom of one of the largest gas tanks in the weeld.

The tank was to have occupied nearly the entire block bounded by North 20th, North 13th and Berry streets and Wythe avenue.

Wythe avenue.

Fifteen thousand persons, surrounded the scene of the accident and watched policemen, firemen, ambulance surgeons and workmen rending apagy the tightly riveted sheets of steel to frach the victimes.

After three hours of heroic work these podies were taken out: Francisco Franco, agad \$2, 84 Eliza-

Deth street. Dominico Legata, aged 25, 141 Mulerry street. Nunio Pontello, agest 26, 84 Elizabeth.

Gluseppe Constanting, aged 40. 20 Spring street.

Peter Rittler, aged 35, 5 Baxter street.
All the victims resided in New York

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST.

Miss Ella Blake of P. E. Island, and Miss Byrne, Sussex, are viciting Miss Maher, north end.

Miss Josephine Corkery of Woodstock is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Josephine Bosawick has accepted a position as assistant classical teacher in Acadia Seminary and leaves for Wolfrille next week.

Miss Ether Edmerson of Dorchester is visiting with JaceWolf Spurr on German street.

Miss Sadie Gathoun of Calhoun's Mills is visiting at J. E. Dean's on Billiott Row.

Norah Chipman of Kentrille, N. S., who has been visiting with Miss Margaret Black, Duke green, returns to the property of diss Ella Blake of P. E. Island, and Miss