SLAVIN TAKES THE POT.

JEM SMITH ADMITS DEFEAT BY DISGORGING.

British Fair Play Not Abused—Notes of San Francisco Prize Fighters—Rochester Yachts—O'Connor Talks of Thayer's Race—The Skating Champions at Minneapolis—New England Baseball League.

(Special to The World.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A special cablegram to The Police Gazette from London states that Smith's backer has handed over to Slavin the entire stakes of the recent fight. Slavin bears no marks of punishment about the head except that one eye is slightly discolored and there is a scratch on one ear.

The Smith faction on calming down were not in sympathy with rioting, even at a prize fight. It was a lot of roughs at Bruges that interfered and Smith's backer's position necessarily made him the object of subsequent attacks. Even Jem Smith believes in British fair play. He knows he was beaten and, although the referee declared the battle a draw, he is now willing to disgorge the stakes.

RACING AT CLIFTON.

Olive, Caspar, Royal Garter, Barrister, Fordham, Autocrat Win Yesterday.

(Special to The World.)

CLIFTON, N.J., Dec. 27.—Following are the results of the races to-day:

First race—6½ furlongs. Miss Olive 1, Dongan 2, Groomsman 3. Time 1.23.

Second race—5 furlongs. Caspar 1, Pall Mall 2, Australand 3. Time 1.04¼.

Third race—1 mile. Royal Garter 1, Jennie McFarland 2, Belmont 3. Time 1.45.

Fourth race—1⅛ miles. Barrister 1, Eleve 2, Sam D. 3. Time 1.57¼.

Fifth race—6½ furlongs. Fordham 1, Red Cloud 2, Speedwell 3. Time 1.24¼.

Sixth race—7½ furlongs. Autocrat 1, St. Paris 2, Pocatello 3. Time 1.33.

Gossip of the Turf.

The hounds will meet this afternoon at the Dutch Farm at 3 o'clock.

The variation in Maud S.'s height before and behind is one inch; in Sunol, the young queen, it is fully two inches. Both stand [illegible]nt. Sunol has grown an inch since last spring.

[illegible]arker, secretary of the National Breeders' Association, is reported to be very much against what are called "tin-cup" records, and thinks the board will decide to allow only horses that have trotted the 2.30 in an actual race to enter the standard list. The talk of admitting pacers is decidedly premature.

Among the interesting items furnished by C. Williams in his article in The Chicago Horseman on Axtell are the facts that the champion stallion couldn't do better than a four-minute gait as a yearling and his breeder didn't find out that he had any speed till the beginning of his second year. Axtell never trotted a trial and his fastest working mile was in 2.27.

YACHTING IN ROCHESTER.

The New L.Y.R.A., Rules Prevent Them From Increasing Their Fleet.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 27.—Since the organization of the Rochester Yacht Club, nearly four years ago, its prospects never have been so bright as now. It will open the coming season with all the advantages that a fine club house can afford, and this will stimulate interest in the work of the organization as nothing else could do.

The yachts of the club are the same as last year, with the addition of two or three new ones, the most notable of which is Commodore Newell's new keel boat, the Ripple, which is now about ready to be launched. She will be in the water as soon as the harbor is fairly clear of ice in the spring. Her iron keel, which weighs over three tons, will be transported to the lake separately and will be bolted on before the yacht is launched. All who have seen the commodore's yacht are of the opinion that she will be one of the best of her class on the lake. Her finish is elegant—the finest, in fact, that has ever been seen on a yacht on fresh water.

There has been some talk in favor of purchasing one or two racing yachts which have become famous in the east, but as yet nothing has been done. At one time a few weeks ago it looked as if a syndicate would be formed to purchase the Papoose or the Saracen. But the Saracen has been sold to other parties and cannot now be bought, and the Papoose has been placed at a figure that will probably prove too high for those who have been thinking of buying her. Many of the members of the club who would have gone into such a scheme a few months ago are deterred from doing so now on account of the change from loadwater line to corrected lengths which was recently made by the Lake Yacht Racing Association. Most of the fast eastern yachts have been built to race at loadwater line length and there is some doubt as to whether they would prove successful under the new rules.

O'Connor and the Boston Regatta.

O'Connor has announced that he will enter in Thayer's Boston Regatta to row for a prize of the $5000 stakes.

"But," said the champion to The World last night, "it must be understood that I will not contest for any championship honors in such a race. I long ago declared that my race for the championship must be against an individual."

"Since The London Sportsman," continued O'Connor, "declares me the champion, and the press is almost uniform in the opinion that not more than one person besides myself has the shadow of a claim on the world's championship, I am justified in refusing to enter any regatta to contest for the title."

O'Connor will treat the Boston affair similar to the Lake Washington contest next May, and if Teemer, Gaudaur, etc., wish to row for championship honors they must simply accept his proffered challenge.

THE CURLING ANNUAL.

The Ontario Branch Committee Again Contribute Their Valuable Volume.

Messrs W. D. McIntosh, J. S. Russell and W. F. Davidson, the Ontario Branch Committee on the annual have given the curling public a neat, valuable and instructive book concerning the game in Ontario and elsewhere. The volume was sent to The World yesterday by Secretary Russell who, by the way, is confined to his house through a slight illness. The book contains the names of the officers of the Royal Caledonian Curling and of the Ontario branch and, among other things, laws and regulations of the game, the list of clubs in affiliation with the branch, the names of the officers and members of these clubs, the financial statement, a report of the important meetings of the branch and the results of all the matches played in Ontario. James M. Thomson of Edinburgh, has an article on a new curling stone, designed with ball bearings, for playing on asphalt, concrete, etc. There is also a good curling song by W. S. Ferguson of Scotland. A splendid steel engraving of President John Harvey of the Hamilton Thistles, with his autograph, adorns the frontispiece.

Moss Park Ready for the Fray.

The Moss Park Curling Club is now in full blast. The ice is splendid and the management have just had the rink nicely glassed-in, making it now one of the most comfortable in the city, either for day or night playing, the whole rink being lighted by electricity manufactured on the premises. The secretary is now ready for challenges.

WHY ROCHESTER BOLTED.

The International League Apparently in a Demoralized State.

Patsy Powers has moved the Flower City public into joining the American Association and it remains to be seen with what success his team will meet. The Herald looks at the disarded International thusly:

The International League has experienced many vicissitudes, but it was never before in such a demoralized condition as it now finds itself. Two weeks ago its future looked decidedly bright and roseate. With a full membership of eight clubs, all seemingly enthusiastic upon continuing in the organization the chances looked excellent for it to supplant the dying American Association which the Brotherhood war had cut down to four clubs. That was two weeks ago. Now all is changed. Toledo already having voted to desert the International and enter the Association, Rochester stockholders divided on the subject of remaining in the International or following Toledo, with an alleged majority in favor of the latter plan, Buffalo in the field with a Brotherhood club and Syracuse devoid of any signs of baseball life at all, the chances of the International League being among the living baseball associations at the opening of next season are decidedly slim. That either the American Association or the International League is doomed, seems quite sure. Which will prove the stronger organization, time only can tell.

[The Herald has good reasons for declaring the International demoralized. True, a few clubs have signed some players, but the uniformity of the circuit is disfigured. Toronto has declared her policy of delay in anticipation of the other clubs' intentions, and March 1 must be waited for to see how many deposits will be made and the League's proper complexion.]

A New England League Formed.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 27.—A meeting was held here to-day of representatives of the Worcester, Lowell, Springfield and Hartford baseball interests. It was unanimously voted that a New England League of eight clubs be formed and that the salary limit be $1500 a month for each club. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution to govern the new league.

Dust from the Diamond.

Daley is pitching winning ball for the Bostons in 'Frisco. He struck out thirteen men in a game last week, in which but one hit was made off him.

It is said that F. C. Bancroft, the well-known manager, and D. A. Sullivan of Lowell are interested in the formation of a new league for New England.

"The Brotherhood fights us and takes our players away if it can. We'll fight the Brotherhood and get them back if we can. That's the present plan of campaign in this city," said a local League official last night. He added: "We didn't have to fight for Zimmer, however; he came."—Cleveland Leader.

Some of the other teams never miss an opportunity to give the Hamilton management an undeserved slap about Hamilton being a dead baseball town. So far the Hamilton management has displayed more enterprise and signed more players than any of the other teams. It was not at the request of the Hams that the time for putting up the $1000 guarantee was extended until March, as they were ready and willing to put up the money on Jan. 1.—Hamilton Spectator. It is quite true that Manager Powell's activity in securing players this winter is admirable, but there are many grounds for saying that Hamilton is somewhat inferior ball town.

Prof. Savage Beaten in Kingston by Nine Points.

KINGSTON, Dec. 27.—Sergt.-Major Morgans of the Royal Military College won the sword competition to-night. There was a fair audience and some fine sport was enjoyed. Prof. Savage was the smaller of the two, in fact he looked slim beside his doughty adversary. There were five features. The score was as follows: Foils v foils, won by Morgans, 5 points to 4; sword v bayonet, won by Morgans, 5 points to 4; bayonet v bayonet, won by Morgans, 5 points to 3; sword v sword, won by Morgans, 5 points to 3; bayonet v sword, won by Morgans, 5 points to 2; total points: Morgans 23, Savage 16. On Monday Sergt.-Major Morgans goes to Toronto to meet Prof. Reid.

At Joe Popp's to-night.

At Joe Popp's Academy, Albert Hall-lane Yonge-street, to-night. Young Stemmyer, the champion light weight of Toronto and Alf. Ruby have a go to-night in a 6-round contest. It will give you all satisfaction. Don't miss it. The best talent in the city will appear, including. Langdon, Scott, Kelly, Griffin, Morton, Jim Popp. Old Joe will put on the gloves with any one, either a gentlemanly set-to or otherwise, just to suit themselves. Don't forget.

THE BIG SKATERS.

Paulsen and McCormick Cannot Agree to a Match—The Latter's Challenge.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 27.—Skaters Paulsen and McCormick met yesterday and talked much, but couldn't come to any terms for a race. Paulsen refused positively to skate any race whatever on the track at the Palace Rink in Minneapolis, claiming that it was too small to afford a fair test.

McCormick now comes out with a bristling challenge to skate Paulsen three races of five, ten and fifteen miles each, for $250 a side, or he will skate him a five-mile race for $50 a side. He has deposited the $50 and awaits developments. A new wrinkle in the skatorial complications is expected at any moment. In the meantime the champions are all heading this way and as soon as the smoke has cleared away some good races are looked for.

Black, the Canadian skater from Fergus, Ont., arrived here to-night and will endeavor to arrange a match with Paulsen and McCormick. Black is accompanied by Mr. Graham of Toronto, who is after Donoghue's scalp.

About that Rink Football Match.

SPORTING EDITOR WORLD: The statement made by "One of the Stanleys" is all wrong. The floor was cleared three times and the skaters waited 1½ hours while the football players waited for one of their men to turn up. The skaters had more right to the rink after they had waited so long, for they had paid their money and the football players had not, so I told the skaters to go ahead. "One of the Stanleys" refers to some roughs. The roughs must have come with the football players. We have always run the rinks without them until we let the football men into them. Everyone that has gone to the roller rinks for the last four years knows that we do not allow roughs. T[illegible] p[illegible] I think will bear me out on that point. The rough referred are the employes of the rink. They had a polo match that night and wanted a little practice. The foot ball players have been too well used at our rink. They have not been charged one cent. Their game is no use to us and from this out I will keep them out of the rink, and likewise away of the roughs.

TURNBULL SMITH, Manager.

Toronto, Dec. 27.

Notes of the Kickers.

Charlie Baird, the biggest Association football enthusiast in the city, spent his Christmas holidays in the great kicking centres, Galt and Berlin. There is quite an attraction for Charlie in the latter place.

A game of Rugby was played on the College grounds in Guelph on Christmas day between the fifteens of Messrs. Orton & Bayne, the former winning by five points to one.

The Caledonian cup, won temporarily by the Toronto League from the Western Association, the Western Association challenge cup, held by Varsity, and also a picture of the champion Varsity club are on view in Edy's window Yonge-street.

Spots of Sport.

An open practice shoot at blue rocks will take place this afternoon at the Stanleys grounds from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Sporting men predict that Sullivan will be a physical wreck before he is 40 years old.—Exchange. Sully was expected to wreck long ago, but now even whiskey is getting afraid of him.

The Pittsburg 72-hour walking match will close to-night. The score on Thursday morning was: Herty, 205 miles 11 laps; Hegeman, 215 miles 22 laps; Noremac, 141 miles 17 laps; Golden, 213 miles 26 laps; Day, 188 miles 5 laps; Connors, 203 miles 7 laps; Spicer, 166 miles 6 laps; Smith, 120 miles 7 laps; Seibert, 186 miles 14 laps, and Glick, 194 miles 16 laps.

One great advantage of Burdock Blood Bitters over other medicines, is that it acts at the same time on the Liver, the Bowels, the Secretions and the Kidneys while it imparts strength.

Ladies!

If you intend purchasing cigars for Xmas or New Year's presents, we respectfully suggest your buying any of our celebrated brands, "Cable," "Mungo," "El Padre," or "Madre e Hijo." To be obtained everywhere.

S. DAVIS & SONS,
the largest cigar manufacturers in Canada.

First prize medals in competition with the world, Paris, 1867; Centennial, 1876. 136

THE MINES OF SUDBURY.

A SIX MILLION DOLLAR SCHEME TO REACH THE IRON REGION.

A Big Deputation to the Ontario Government—The Bonus Asked by the Central Ontario Railway Company—Other Delegates Heard—The Municipal Amendments Will be "Seriously Considered."

A big deputation waited on the Attorney-General and his Cabinet yesterday afternoon to urge that a bonus of $3200 per mile be granted to aid in the extension of the Central Ontario Railway from Coehill to Sudbury, Ont. The delegates present were: Dr. J. M. Platt, M.P., J. A. Sprague, M.L.A., J. H. Allen, Mayor W. T. Crandall and C. H. Widdifield, Picton; J. A. Johnson, Corsecon; D. Campbell, Wellington; G. W. Ostrom, M.L.A., P. J. O'Rourke, P. Fraser, supt. of road, Dr. McLennan, Dr. Day, O. H. Bonter, W. H. Austin, J. D. Evans, chief engineer of the road, Trenton; E. J. Sells, ex-M.L.A., O. Sells, Frankfort; R. Hay, ex-M.L.A., Toronto. The Cabinet members present besides the Attorney-General were: Hon. A. M. Ross, Hon. G. W. Ross and Hon. Charles Drury.

The road is already constructed and has been in operation since 1884 from Picton to Coehill, and the proposed extension from the latter place to Sudbury covers a distance of 210 miles and involves an estimated expenditure of six millions, the total cost per mile of building and equipping the road being $30,000 per mile. The company have already thierviewed the Government at Ottawa and have asked them for $6000 per mile, receiving a very favorable answer. Sudbury has long been known to be a rich mineral region, and it is in order to bring this region into direct communication with the works at Coehill that the proposed road will be built. The company also wish to gain greater facilities for the manufacture of the new metal known as nickel steel. It is composed of 95 per cent. of iron and 5 per cent. of nickel, making the steel about 40 per cent. stronger than if manufactured in the usual manner.

Mr. Ostrom yesterday read the following petition favoring the proposed construction and setting forth the improvements which the company propose to carry out if the Government decide to grant the bonus:

To the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Ontario:

The petition of the corporation of the municipalities of the counties of Hastings and Prince Edward and as the inhabitants thereof humbly sheweth:

That the Central Ontario Railway Company have constructed and in active operation 115 miles of railway between Picton and Coe Hill, at a cost of near two million dollars;

That the company have carefully explored and have found a very favorable alignment, in a westwardly direction, connecting Coe Hill and Sudbury by a distance of about 200 miles;

That the company have expended and are still expending a large amount of capital in opening up the iron mines of North Hastings and the copper mines of Sudbury;

That the company have arranged for the necessary foreign capital to construct immediately the said 200 miles, equip and operate the same, and in connection therewith construct and operate an iron smelting furnace of 250 tons a day capacity in Hastings county, also erect at Sudbury a copper smelting furnace of from 1500 to 1500 tons daily capacity, and also construct vast refining works in some Canadian city, to refine the copper now sent to England and the United States to be refined, provided the Dominion and Provincial Governments, or either of them, aid the road by granting a bonus of $6,000 a mile;

That the road when built will traverse and open up 15,000 square miles of unoccupied territory, rich in minerals and timber, a large percentage of the lands being suitable for farming purposes;

That the road when built will shorten the distance between Belleville and Sault Ste. Marie by 150 miles, cheapen freight, and open up this timbered section for market and settlement;

That the building of the road will introduce a vast sum of foreign capital estimated for the road to be about six millions, the iron and copper furnaces as much more, the refining and smelting works after construction requiring about seven millions annually for material and wages, and the expenditure for so vast a sum must add largely to the demand for labourers and aid in the building up of the country;

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that you may be pleased to recommend the construction of the road by the shortest route possible without using other lines, in order to the development and settlement of this vast territory of timber and mineral land not yet provided with railway accommodation, and being a pioneer road that you will grant the bonus asked for, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

The Government at Ottawa, Mr. Ostrom went on to state, seemed disposed to look with favor upon the enterprise. This clearly came under the head of colonization roads, and as such the Ontario Government could consistently aid in its construction.

Dr. Platt was introduced by Mr. Sprague, M.L.A. "We occasionally hear," said the Doctor, "that you have no surplus, but if you have we hope you will see your way towards granting us some amount towards the development of this section of country. We think the province at large will be more than compensated if you grant us the modest sum asked for in this petition."

Dr. Day of Preston referred to the visit of Electrician Edison to the Sudbury mining region, and of the favorable terms in which he had spoken of it as a mineral centre.

Mr. J. A. Allen of Picton was also heard. "So far," he said, "as the county of Prince Edward is concerned, every person I have spoken to earnestly desires that the Government aid us in this matter."

Of the Trenton residents, Mr. O'Rourke expressed the same opinion. They were also in earnest. He was glad to see that though the Government had for a time seemed inclined to close the purse strings, they of late had seemed inclined to return to the old policy of extending aid in the opening up of new roads.

Mr. Austin said that the directors of this road could not serve their own interests without also serving the interests of the province at large by opening up so valuable a country.

Mr. G. J. Sells thoroughly endorsed all that had been said by the other delegates.

"I am glad to have seen you all upon this matter," replied Mr. Mowat. He would see that their request was fully considered and that the feeling of the people down in the particular section of country was also ascertained. The matter had before been brought to his notice by Mr. Ritchie, president of the road. A great many strong reasons could be urged in support of the enterprise. There were several points to be considered. When one road was aided it led to a great many applications on behalf of other roads. "We are," he concluded, "thoroughly alive to the importance of this enterprise and will give you, as usual, our very best consideration."

The special quality of Ayer's Hair Vigor is that it restores the natural growth, color, and texture of the hair. It vitalizes the roots and follicles, removes dandruff, and heals itching humors in the scalp. In this respect it surpasses all similar preparations.

Puritan Cut Plug

is not a "cheap" tobacco; it is manufactured from the finest tobaccos procurable, and is placed on the market not for a day or a year, but for "all time." Those who have tried it pronounce it a remarkably fine, cool and sweet smoking tobacco. As its merits become known, the demand increases. Many years' experience in handling tobaccos, with every facility for manufacturing and purchasing, insures the smoker a good article at a price consistent with the quality of same. D. Ritchie & Co., Montreal, the oldest cut tobacco manufacturers in Canada. 136

There is nothing equal to Mother Graves Worm Exterminator for destroying worms. No article of its kind has given such satisfaction.

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of twenty-five cents.

A Cure for Toothache.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is guaranteed to cure toothache instantly. Prepared by J. A. Gibbons & Co., Toronto, and sold by druggists. Price 15 cents. 6

Derangement of the liver, with constipation, injures the complexion, induces pimples, sallow skin. Remove the cause by using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One a dose. Try them. 246

Solid Comfort.

Those requiring Boots for the winter should leave their measure at W. Pickles, 238 Yonge-street. No other but skilled workmanship this and the best of material guarantees durability. Pickles studies the comfort and the pockets of the wearer. Leave your orders early. 56

THEIR BOAT FOUND.

The Escaped Convicts Probably Still in the Bush Near Kingston.

KINGSTON, Dec. 27.—Several boys while playing on the beach below Ford's tannery, saw a boat sunk in the water a few yards from the shore. They secured help and got the boat ashore. It was found that three large stones weighing about 200 pounds each had been placed in the craft. Lieut.-Col. Smith identified the boat as the one stolen from him by the escaped convicts. It would seem that the fugitives after stealing the boat secured a number of pieces of scantling and with these paddled their way along the harbor front and landed on Cataraqui Bay beach. The boat was then loaded and given a shove into the water and sank. It is probable that the convicts are still in the bush in this vicinity. The search is being vigorously prosecuted.

A. Burns, blacksmith, Cobourg, tried every known remedy during fifteen years suffering with Dyspepsia. Four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

Among the Societies.

Albion Lodge No. 1 had eight candidates for second degree last night. Bro. Clarke presided, and the attendance was fair.

Branch Excelsior No. 7, A.O.F., assembled in Temperance Hall last night. Bro. Matthew presided, and there were three initiations.

Boyne Lodge No. 173 assembled in Victoria Hall last evening, E. Major, W.M., in the chair. There were three initiations, several propositions and an election of officers.

The Royal Templars of Temperance No. 2 City Council, had a large meeting in Temperance Hall, Bro. Brooks presiding. There were two initiations and several propositions.

The Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers No. 1 met in Shaftesbury Hall last night, Bro. A. Wickins presiding. An interesting paper was read by William Sutton on "Indicators." Mr. Wickins also contributed one on "Electricity." The attendance was fair.

At the regular meeting of Court Lisgar, No. 97, I.O.F., in Occident Hall, the following officers were elected for the coming half-year: C.R., Bro. W. H. Robinson jr.; V.C.R., R. Lawson; R.S., E. V. Bazone; F.S., Jno. Pinkerton; treas., W. H. Robinson sr.; S.W., A. J. Robinson; J.W., R. Todd; S.B.; Jno. Gray; J.B., G. W. Dearborn; chap., R. E. Jamison; phys., Dr. J. M. B. Woods, M.D.

Sons of Canada Beaver Lodge No. 1, had a large meeting last night in Temperance Hall, President Cassells in the chair. Arrangements were made for a benefit concert to be held in Victoria Hall on the 9th prox, at which Mayor Clarke has kindly consented to act as chairman. Information was also received that another lodge had been opened at Tilsonburg.

Beaver Lodge Sons of Canada elected these officers last night: President, Bro. John Patterson; 1st vice-president, Fred Williams; 2d vice-president, Arthur Honey; chaplain, William Brownlow; recording secretary, laid over; financial secretary, Bro. William Bettes; treasurer, Bro. John E. Doran; 1st steward, Bro. Neil C. Carruthers; 2d steward, Pro. L. J. Jewell; 1st guard, Bro. John Jones; 2d guard, Bro. James Melerick.

The directors of the S. O. E. Building, Loan and Savings Company met last night in Shaftesbury Hall. Dr. S. B. Pollard in the chair. The report of the committee in the savings department was presented and approved. It was decided to open a branch on the first of the year, when subscriptions will be received from five cents upwards. The office will be in Shaftesbury Hall.

Select for your gentlemen friends from our stock of dressing gowns, smoking jackets, umbrellas, scarfs, silk mufflers, etc. Finest and newest designs in the trade. Wheaton & Co., 17 King-street west, corner Jordan. 246

Jottings About Town.

J. Hunter reports that he had an overcoat stolen from the Walker House last night.

H. Barron, 179 Queen-street east, says $3.50 was stolen from his till yesterday morning.

P. McSherry, 33 Dalhousie-street, reports the loss of a clock from a schooner at Queen's Wharf.

Some straw caught fire and started a small blaze at 74 Edward-street yesterday afternoon.

James Cameron, of King, Ont., reports that on Christmas Day $15 was stolen from him at No. 10 Downey's lane.

Patrick Melady, 202 King-street east, reports that a pair of pants was stolen from his store yesterday afternoon.

Daniel Lamb, 156 Winchester-street, says that his fowl house was entered on the 26th and all three fat turkeys were purloined therefrom.

Messrs. Grand announce their first special sale for 1890, which takes place Jan. 14, 15 and 16; 200 heavy mares are on the list, suitable for Manitoba markets.

Pro. Sawyer lectures in Shaftesbury large hall to-night on "Memory and its Improvement." Examinations daily at office 141 Yonge-street—see "ad."

The treasurer of the Boys' Home acknowledges the following Christmas donations: Mr. George Lewis, $25; Mr. John D. Hay, $15; Mrs. James, $5; "Philos," $5.

About 16 of the "Knight of the Grip-sack" went up from here last night to attend the commercial travelers' ball at Hamilton. They will come back on Monday.

Ald. Gilbert explains that his small attendance at council meetings was due to his absence in the Northwest during June and July. He will not seek re-election next year.

Mr. George Kennan, the famous Siberian explorer, traveler and lecturer, will pay a brief visit next month to Toronto. He holds a foremost place as lecturer, and his visit is eagerly anticipated.

It is not every day that government scrip is lost in the street. Such was the case yesterday. Sixteen notes of $160 each were dropped in Jordan-street. The finder will be liberally rewarded by the Merchants' Bank.

At the Canadian Temperance League meeting last night it was stated that the new coffee house on the corner of Teraulay and Edward-streets would be opened on New Year's Day and that Prof. Dickie, chairman of the National Prohibition party of the United States, would address the meeting in the Horticultural Pavilion to-morrow afternoon.

Pastor Elmore Harris of the Walmer-road Baptist Church, is spending a few days of Christmastide at Brantford. His place in the Walmer-road pulpit will be filled to-morrow morning by Rev. Dr. Welton of McMaster University, and at night by Hon S. H. Blake. The attendances at this new sanctuary are most encouraging, the capacity of the church being frequently tested to the utmost.

When the box office at the Grand Opera House opened yesterday morning there was a seething mass of Toronto theatre-goers waiting to secure tickets for the Kendal engagement. The letter carrier had an armful of orders from points outside, and all in all, it was more like a circus than anything else. The Kendal engagement promises to be the largest and most fashionable ever seen in Toronto.

Richmond Hall was crowded to the doors last night, principally by the "free breakfasters." Their voluntary presence at such a meeting was gratifying; so was the unsolicited pledge-signing at the close. Stirring addresses by Rev. T. R. O'Meara of Trinity church, King-street east, and good stimulating music rendered the meeting one of the most impressive lately held. The workers, who belong to all evangelical denominations, will hold a watch-night service and union "breaking of bread" on New Year's Eve in the "upper room."

Annie Heath of Portland states that her face was disfigured by eruptions, but she regained her former pure complexion by using Burdock Blood Bitters.

A Street Sensation.

For breach of police regulations as to the traffic at the corner of King and Yonge streets, Mr. Fred N. Gooch of Surrey place was arrested yesterday. He was driven to police headquarters and his name and address obtained. He will be prosecuted for breach of the city bylaw. The arrest caused a great commotion, as the street was crowded at the time. A great mob followed to Court-street, where the police dispersed it.

Mr. Gooch last night told The World that he had instructed his solicitors, Messrs. Smellie & Macrae, to issue a writ against the city for damages. The side of his buggy was torn off and other damage done.

Munge and Cable Cigars

need no recommendation, the millions sold annually is sufficient proof of their superior quality. S. DAVIS & SONS, Montreal. 136

"HEAR THE OTHER SIDE."

THE WESTERN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TROUBLE.

Official Statement by the Deacons—What They Say About the Finding of the "Ex Parte" Council—Why the Deacons Refused to Have Anything to do With It—What Will the Forty-Seven Do?

The following is an official statement made by the Deacons of the Western Congregational Church in reference to the finding of the ex parte council.

The officers of the Western Congregational Church have hitherto maintained silence under great provocation, but when silence would mean guilt, we must not be silent. The publication of "the finding" of an ex parte council in reference to a certain action taken by our church, demands that we "rise to explain." Accordingly we beg to state that;

(1) "The deacons have been constituted by the church 'a committee on music' in the church, and are therefore charged with the direction and oversight of all the necessary arrangements connected with that department.

(2) "A new pipe organ having been purchased at a very considerable cost, representations were made from time to time to members of the board to the effect that the church and congregation were not deriving the benefit from the outlay which might reasonably be expected.

"These representations received emphasis from the fact that male members of the choir waited on the board and declared their conviction that in order to the proper conduct of the service of praise a change of organist was necessary.

(3) "Although the members of the board were most unwilling to have these matters brought before a church meeting, believing as they did that from every point of view it were wiser not to do so, and holding that it was perfectly proper for them as a board to be demanding that the subject be made a matter for discussion at a church meeting that the members of the board acceded to their request, with the result that a decision was given by a large majority vote testifying to the playing being unsatisfactory. Would not good sense suggest, no matter what be the church polity, that such matters be dealt with in committee rather than in open meeting.

(4) "With all these facts before them the board came to the conclusion that a change of organist was advisable in the aggravated circumstances of the case.

(5) "Thence onward, at a succession of church meetings, a spirit of flagrant insubordination was displayed by a minority, led by a few cantankerous persons, who are mainly responsible for the final break in the ranks.

"Although the most patient hearing was given them time after time they treated the officers with studied disrespect. Indeed to such lengths did their contentiousness carry them that the devotional meetings of the church were rudely interrupted and the public worship even was threatened.

"The chief officers of the church were made the recipients of vile and insulting communications. Who the writers were we cannot tell, as the writings were anonymously signed.

(6) "Then followed the demand, conceived in a most arrogant spirit though couched in pious verbiage by the faction leaders, having reference to our parting with our greatly esteemed pastor. A demand made by persons who, with few exceptions, would not and did not touch the new building enterprise with one of their fingers; others of whom had forfeited all claim to voting membership by reason of continued absence from all church services, whose names were too charitably allowed to stand on the church roll year after year. From such parties came the modest proposition: 'If you can not see your way to concur with us, then under the circumstances you cannot expect our support in the work of the church or its finances'! Still claiming, let it be borne in mind, the right to come into all church meetings and dictate terms to those who were willing to work and who were actually carrying the burden of its finances.

"And a council has not one word in its sage deliverance in deprecation of such conduct!

"As to the separation that was thus rendered inevitable, we desire it to be distinctly understood that at the meeting at which final action was taken it was distinctly and emphatically stated that should any of those who had placed themselves in the position referred to change their mind and indicate their purpose to work for the present peace and prosperity of the church, they would be cordially welcome to a place in the ranks. Who can suppose for one moment that a church situated as we were would elect to lose members, if their remaining with us meant strength and cheer and concord!

"Why then, it may be asked, were letters of membership granted to all these? It was, in a number of instances, more in mercy than in strict justice; we had no intention of cause it difficult for them to come under direct church influences under new conditions elsewhere.

(7) "And now a word as to the ex parte council. The grounds of our refusal to go over ground we often gone over previously, was simply our belief that it would be time and labor lost. We have already lost too much time over the affair.

"The assumption of the ex parte council in presuming to pass judgment on our actions when the evidence on one side only was before it was a matter of astonishment to us. Seeing that one side only consented to submit its case for advice, we consider that the more excellent way would be to decline to give judgment, where a just judgment was in the circumstances, absolutely impossible, 'all the facts' not being in possession of an ex parte council. Some day, however, it will be understood, that it is good Congregationalism, to say the least, not to meddle, unasked and unauthorised in other people's business. We commend to the attention of the public the position taken by Zion Congregational Church (College-avenue) on the whole question as stated in their letter to the council ex parte and in the letter of its manly pastor appended hereto:

'23 ST. MARY-ST., TORONTO, Dec. 9, '89.

'*The Rev. George Robertson:*

'MY DEAR SIR,—I have been asked by my Board of Deacons to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Saturday last, and to say, that in accordance with the principle we laid down in our reply to Mr. Flint, we should be quite prepared to send delegates to the council when it ceases to be an ex parte council. We have written to the Western Church to ask if they are purposing to take part. Upon their answer will depend the presence or absence of our delegates at the adjourned meeting on Friday next. We are not at all disposed to recede from the position we have taken up, viz., that a one-sided hearing can do nothing to adjust matters, and must be grossly unfair to all concerned.

'Believe me, faithfully yours,

(Sgd.) 'GEORGE H. SANDWELL.'

"As a church we ask only that we be allowed to manage our own affairs and do our work as the Lord reveals His will to us. We are glad to accord other churches the same privilege. But all things do work together for good." Storms clear the air, and a winnowing discipline is wholesome. As an army marches forward the loyal and true are discovered.

"As a church we are enjoying the blessings of oneness of aim, mutual respect and esteem, and as officers the consciousness of having striven to do the right. Under these circumstances, and under these only, could we hope for the divine blessing, and from the partial and unjust judgments of men we look forward to the righteous judgment of Him whose insight into human hearts is perfect, and whose sentence on human motives, is complete and final.

"On behalf of the board,
E. H. ARMS,
W. D. RIDDELL,
F. W. DONALDSON,
J. W. HEWITSON, Sec., } Deacons.
"Toronto, Dec. 27, 1889."

BUCKINGHAM, QUE., Nov. 22nd, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in bearing witness to the excellence of St. Leon Mineral Water as a curative agent. For a number of years life was rendered a burden to me in consequence of frequent attacks of Piles. Other remedies gave me relief, but none was permanent. In Quebec City I had opportunities of testing the efficiency of St. Leon Water; the effect was most satisfactory from the start, and in the course of time my old enemy left me. I am now "in the sear and yellow leaf" of life, but in the enjoyment of good health, for which I feel that I owe much to the use of St. Leon Water. S. I. JONES, Printer. 136

A BRITISH COLUMBIA BLAZE.

New Westminster Visited by a Disastrous Fire—Losses and Insurance.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Dec. 27.—Early this morning fire broke out in a wooden building occupied by The Columbian Printing Company, Lyal & Co., stationers, and Wolfender Bros., grocers. The flames spread rapidly and the entire building, together with the contents and James Cunningham's tinsmith shop and stove depot, were totally destroyed.

The principal losses are: Wolfender Bros., $18,000, insurance $12000; Lyal & Co., $15,000, insurance $4000; Columbian Printing Company, $18,000, insurance $6000; James Cunningham, $9000, insurance $3000; Ogle, Campbell & Co., $4000, fully insured.

The strenuous efforts of the firemen, together with assistance from the steamers at the wharves and a heavy snowstorm, prevented the spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings.

Chatham's New U. S. Commercial Agent.

(Special to The World)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—William H. H. Wellster of Buffalo, N.Y., newly appointed commercial agent at Chatham, Ont., qualified to-day and will leave for his post in ten days.

"Like sunshine in a shady place,
The poor called a woman's face
That gladdened all who saw its beauty.
A face, no doubt, that beaned with health,
That blessing which is more than wealth,
And lightens every daily duty.
O how can women, whose hard life
With many a wearying pain is rife,
Escape the grasp of such affliction,
And be a power to bless and cheer?
The answer comes both swift and clear—
Take Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the only medicine for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, of satisfaction being given in every case, or money refunded. See guarantee printed on bottle-wrapper.

For God and Home.

The Mendelssohn Quintet Club of Boston will assist at the Gospel Temperance meeting in Association Hall to-morrow afternoon. Last Sunday, through a misarrangement the doors were not opened till after 3 o'clock. This mistake will not occur again. Edward Caswell" the famous and eloquent Canadian is the speaker. It will be a grand meeting, everybody is invited.

Health-giving Herbs, Barks, Roots and Berries are in Burdock Blood Bitters which regulate all the secretions, purify the blood and strengthen the entire system.

Burdock Blood Bitters cure Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Biliousness, Constipation, Headache, Loss of Appetite and Debility by the unequalled purifying regulating tonic effect of the medicine.

ESTABLISHED 1867.

WHO'S YOUR HATTER — WHO'S YOUR HATTER

FURS.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Ladies, Gents & Children's

FASHIONABLE FURS.

New styles; the latest designs. A large variety to select from, at reduced price.

J. & J. LUGSDIN,
Manufacturers,
101 Yonge-st., Toronto. 246

THANKS!

We have very great pleasure in returning thanks to our numerous friends and customers for the liberal manner in which they have permitted us to shpre in their patronage during this Xmas season. Much complaint was made of the weather, and indeed with many interests the weather had little sympathy. But however much may be ascribed to the weather the real evil under which Canada is now laboring is Protection. It is a palpable curse to the country. Trade restriction or protection is a disgrace to the moral intelligence and integrity of any