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AN INFIDEL'S PASSION.

JOHN STONE'S VICTIM LIKELY TO RECOVER.

The Would-be Murderer Believed to be in the Throes of Death—Family Antagonism the Cause of the Trouble.

BEAMSVILLE, Jan. 6.—The excitement over the attempted murder and suicide of John Stone continues. Stone, who is a man of ungovernable temper, by occupation is a cheese manufacturer, who has been here for about a year, but who always made himself prominent by posing as "in advance of the thought of the age," by which he meant that he did not believe in anything or anybody. He is a one-armed man, something over 50 years old, and has a grown-up family. Related to him is the family of Mr. Asa Hodge, Mrs. Hodge being Stone's sister. The daughter, Maud, Stone's niece, was one of the victims of his work with the revolver yesterday afternoon. She is about 20 years of age, and was a member of Stone's household when he lived in Texas before coming to Beamsville. Stone paid great attention to his niece, and his infatuation for her grew to become a village scandal. Stone's actions aroused his brother-in-law's resentment, and Stone was forbidden to enter the house. Miss Maud took tea at Stone's house on Monday, in answer to a request from Stone, which was complied with, as Mrs. Hodge was afraid of her brother. Her youngest sister accompanied her, but the father hearing of it, went to Stone's house and took Maud away. This decided interference with his acquaintance seems to have worked Stone up to frenzy, for on Tuesday afternoon he got his revolver and went to the house of Mr. Hodge. Taking advantage of the time when the owner was absent and his wife and daughter were alone, Stone went in by the back door, and after asking if Mr. Hodge was in he walked up to his niece, and throwing open his vest, said: "Here, Maud, kill me." The girl cried out, "Oh, uncle, what do you mean?" and attempted to get away, while her mother tried to get him out. He then drew a revolver from his pocket and fired two shots at his niece, both taking effect in her back. He then turned the weapon on himself, lodging one ball in the jaw and another in the temple, penetrating the brain. The girl rushed from the house and partly across the street, where she fell and was carried back. Miss Hodge is a very fine young woman, respected by all. She a short time ago became a member of the Baptist church, a circumstance which seemed to set the uncle almost wild with anger.

Dr. McLean says the young woman may recover, but there is no hope for Stone. The latter's case is a peculiar one. The bullet penetrated the brain, but last night he was quite conscious, though in a frenzied condition. His one desire seemed to be to die, and at intervals he would shriek out, "My God! why don't they cut my throat?" Rev. Mr. Chapman, the Baptist minister whom Stone had challenged to a religious controversy, called on the wretched man, but Stone would not talk with him except to bid him good-day. Stone has been sinking all morning. During the day he became unconscious, and his death is hourly looked for.

A DAY IN HAMILTON.

Notes of Passing Interest from the Ambitious City.

HAMILTON, Jan. 6.—John Hughson was fined $2 for offering two short weight bags of potatoes for sale on the market to-day.

Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., convener of the foreign mission committee of the Presbyterian church in Western Canada, left here yesterday afternoon to attend the convention of the American Presbyterian foreign mission, which opens in New York this week.

T. J. Carrol, jeweler, was charged at the police court to-day with obtaining by false pretences from John D. Ferguson a gold watch and also with keeping $290 the proceeds of the sale of a gold stop watch which was left with him to sell on commission. The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

The building at the corner of Bay and Stuart streets, formerly occupied as the engineer's office of the Great Western railway, will shortly be turned into a waiting-room for the Street Railway company.

At the annual supper of the employes of the American Express company, R. R. Harte on behalf of the others, presented John H. Moore, formerly chief clerk here, with a silver ice pitcher, as a memento of their esteem, on the occasion of his departure for London, where he will fill the same position.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton Medical and Surgical association held last night, the following officers were elected: Dr. Stark, president; Dr. McCargow, vice-president; Dr. F. E. Wolverton, sec.-treas.

In only one ward was the school trustee election contested to-day—ward No. 4. Mr. Gleason opposed Mr. Clucas, who retired, when at 10.35 a.m., there had been only one vote cast for him, while 35 had been cast for the former.

Detective Doyle went to Guelph to-day and brought back James Flynn, who is wanted here on a charge of stealing a watch and chain from Ida Smith.

Boys' knickerbockers and ladies' hose, etc., half price at the Bon Marche.

A Test for Pasteur.

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 6.—A dog that was bitten by the animal which bit Kaufmann at Franklin, N.J., has been attacked with rabies. Kaufmann is now in Paris, being treated by Pasteur and the efficacy of the doctor's theory will probably be thoroughly tested.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

There are now only ten houses in Montreal infected with smallpox.

Rev. R. H. Abraham of Burlington plucked some strawberry blossoms in his garden on Dec. 29.

Hobbs Bros.' store at Delhi, Ont., was entered by burglars and $75 worth of tweeds, cottons and dress goods stolen.

Suffering is already reported among the Indians in the Northwest. The Frog Lake Indians are reported to be terribly hard up.

Messrs. David Kennedy of Guelph township, and Edward Nicklin of Speedvale, played croquet on the green on New Year's day.

Regulations admitting American cattle for Northwest ranches free of duty, which expired on Jan. 1, have been extended until Sept. 1, by an order in council.

Advices from Warsaw say that forty persons have been arrested there on a charge of being implicated in nihilistic conspiracies. A majority of the alleged conspirators are Russians and are of good social rank.

It is stated that Servia acting at the instigation of Austria will refuse to discuss terms of peace with Bulgaria except upon the basis of a return to the status quo ante and non-payment of a war indemnity by Servia.

Geo. Olds, the new traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, in an interview, says: "The Canadian Pacific railway freights are very low, as far as I can see. For instance, first class freight from Montreal to Winnipeg, 1400 miles, is $1.38, and from St. Louis to El Paso in Mexico, 1300 miles, the freight is double."

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RECOGNITION OF A CANADIAN.

A Nova Scotian Chosen for an Important Chair at Cornell.

ITHICA, N.Y., Jan. 6.—The executive committee of trustees of Cornell university, at a meeting this afternoon, appointed Dr. J. G. Schurman to the new chair of ethics and philosophy, endowed in memory of the wife of Henry W. Sage with $50,000 cash and a new ten thousand dollar house to be built on the campus. Dr. Schurman is at present professor of philosophy and ethics in Dalhousie college at Halifax, N.S. He was born in 1854, and gained his early education in Prince Edward Island. In 1875 he won the Gilchrist scholarship of $500 per year for three years at London university examinations annually held in Canada, two years later won the London university scholarship in logic and philosophy, and the same scholarship in political economy at University college, London. In 1878 received the degree of doctor of science in mental and moral philosophy at the University of Edinburgh. He was subsequently elected to the Hebbard traveling scholarship of $1000 a year for two years. He pursued his studies at the leading German universities, writing a volume on the ethics of evolution, which attracted much attention. He is a friend of the leading philosophers of Europe, and is a man of impressive presence. President Adams regards the appointment as of great importance and promise, and Mr. Sage commends the appointee. Dr. Schurman will begin with the new college year.

HUNTING FIELD DEATH LIST.

The Fatal Accidents That Have Befallen the Followers of the Fox in 1885.

From the London Field.

A deep shade of melancholy has accompanied the termination of the first half of the hunting season. Those who are given to the chief of our winter sports will not have forgotten the eagerness with which they looked forward to the first day with hounds, or the pleasant reminiscences left—in the majority of instances—by it. The untimely death of the young Earl of Guilford, the latest loss to the hunting field, has called forth much genuine sorrow. It seems only the other day that, when fox hunting was not in a too flourishing state in Kent, he took the mastership of the East Kent hounds, and did much to popularize the sport in quarters wherein it had formerly been regarded with a certain amount of indifference, not to use too strong a term. His advent to the Cattistock country in 1882 was hailed with satisfaction by Dorsetshire sportsmen, and he soon showed himself a worthy successor to Mr. Codrington and Lord Poltimore, while his purchase, at a high figure, of a celebrated pack of west country fox hounds, showed that he was determined to leave undone nothing that would contribute to sport. But "death, who kings and tars despatches," as well as all intermediate grades, overtook Lord Guilford on Saturday last, when he succumbed to injuries received on the day before, owing to his horse falling with him in the course of a run.

Not long previously Staffordshire men were shocked at hearing of the death of Capt. Tylden, R.A., a good sportsman and a bold horseman, who sustained fatal injuries at a very little fence. Only separated by an interval of three or four days came the death of Dr. Hartley, who was killed while hunting with Lord Middleton's hounds, owing to his horse chancing a fence; while before the first month of the regular hunting season had run its course the common occurrence of a hat being blown off was the cause of the death of Mr. W. Grundy of Nottingham. Still keeping to the present year, but going back to last season, Capt. Townshend of Cheshire, a gentleman who had passed through all the dangers of the Crimean war, was killed by a fall over wire; a gloom was cast over the Llangibby and Chepstow hunt by the instantaneous death of Mr. Lister at a very insignificant fence; and northern sportsmen had to lament the death of Mr. Dunn, a well-known farmer of Chadon, Sunderland.

Of non-fatal accidents there has been a plentiful crop during the year that is now drawing to a close, and all hunting men are sorry when professionals are the victims. Hickman, late huntsman to the Surrey staghounds, will certainly never carry the horn again; his successor likewise was seized with illness, and, we believe, died; while it is only the other day that Wm. Lockey, late of the Worcestershire, but now with Sir Watkin W. Wynn's hounds, lost his teeth by his horse throwing up his head after jumping a fence. Other accidents to hunt servants might be chronicled, and the tolerable frequency with which they have lately been recorded should show professionals the extreme value of the Hunt Servants' Benefit society, and should serve as a reminder to hunting men to contribute a guinea to its funds, if only to do a good work to those who risk their lives and limbs in showing sport for people who come out. It is somewhat curious that the bulk of the accidents recently chronicled in print have happened over timber, or else over little places that a pony could jump. Col. Murray was badly hurt in trying to jump a gate while hunting with the Isle of Wight hounds; Mr. Dunn's fatal injuries were received in jumping a post and rail; while timber, we believe, was at the bottom of Lord Guilford's fall. Capt. Tylden's accident was at a place little better than a gap, and he would have come off harmless had his horse not kicked him and broken his jaw. Except when a horse chances them, ordinary hedges and ditches are not answerable for a very large proportion of mishaps, while water is almost innocuous, partly, perhaps, because so many of the field avoid it. It is nevertheless curious that, although so many out of every dozen who ride at water fall, failure to get safely over brooks rarely leads to serious accidents.

Though the list of fatal and serious hunting accidents during 1885 is longer than usual, we cannot but regard it as short when we take into account the number of men who hunt, and the number of days they go out.

Fools on the Vices.

From the Buffalo Courier.

"You know," said he, "that New Year's day is a great swearing off time. Probably 5000 persons in Buffalo alone have made up their minds to give up smoking, chewing, drinking, swearing, gambling, and other vices, great or small, on the 1st of January. What most of these good-resolve men most need is something at stake as an incentive to keep their self pledges. Now I am going to turn reformer's assistant. I'm going to sell pools on the different vices at $5 each. All those fellows who swear off on smoking, on paying me $5, can enter the smoking pool. The same with those who intend to stop swearing. Likewise those who intend to turn teetotalers. Each list will be kept in a separate book, and a printed slip of the names furnished to any one who wants it. When good evidence is brought to me that a good resolution has been broken, off goes the name from the books. At the end of six months the fellows who have stuck it through shall have the money, share and share alike."

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

HOW JOHN CROWE AND SUSAN BARTON ILL-TREATED THEIR CHILD.

A Terrible Story of Cruelty—Mrs. Crowe Relates Her Woes—A Bad Father and a Degraded Mother—Coroner's Verdict.

The coroner's inquest into the death of Willie Crowe, the infant child of John Crowe and Susan Barton, was continued last night at Lakeview house, Parliament and Winchester streets. There were present Coroner Johnson, twelve jurymen, Detective Reburn, John Crowe, Mrs. Ann Crowe, the prisoner Susan Barton and several witnesses.

Mary Ellen McGowan lived upstairs in the same house as Crowe and Barton. She understood that the child had broken its thigh by falling from a chair. The mother often went out and left the child alone all day. She had heard her calling it bad names.

Dr. J. F. W. Ross and Dr. J. A. Watson testified to having made a post-mortem examination of the child. The body was covered with bruises. Death might have been brought on by coma, resulting from pressure on the brain by a large quantity of fluid. This fluid was caused by meningeal inflammation, due to a blow on the head, the blow having caused contusion.

Hattie O'Connor gave her evidence in a straightforward manner. She lives upstairs at 29 Ontario street, the same house as Crowe. She had often heard the parents quarrelling. She had seen the mother punch the baby in the face. She had told her that the father broke the child's leg in trying to straighten it. She had heard both parents curse the baby. Witness had never known of anyone being in charge of the child when the mother was out.

Wm. Atkins of Albert street had known Susan Barton about two or three months. She had come to his house with an infant, and his wife had taken her in, because she had no place to go. She stayed at his house eight or ten days. She gave her name as Mrs. Crowe, and John Crowe called to see her three times. At first she treated the child well, but afterwards showed great antipathy towards it. She had once taken the child by both ankles and said she would rack it asunder. At another time she threatened to take the child to the bay and throw it in. Witness often compelled her to desist, and at last ordered her out of the house. Since then he had only met her once, and that was at the Christmas distribution of the St. George's society. He was not surprised when he heard that the child had died. James Somers is the landlord of 29 Ontario street. The woman calling herself Mrs. Crowe rented two rooms from him on September 28 last. She had a baby with her. Crowe spoke of the woman as his wife. The child was often left alone in the house. The parents frequently quarrelled and he had ordered them to move out.

Mrs. Ann Crowe stated that she was the lawful wife of Jas. Crowe. They had been married in St. James' cathedral about 15 years ago. They had three children, one of whom had died. She and her husband had separated three years ago, owing to his taking up with fast women. He came to her and professed penitence, promising to come home if she would get his trunk from a disreputable house on Chestnut street. She went there and saw Susan Barton for the first time. Mrs. Crowe has had a great deal of trouble with her husband. She brought him before the court several times to compel him to support his two daughters. About four months' ago he came to her house on Farley avenue with a child and asked her to give it something to eat. Susan Barton had left the child in a lane while drunk. Crowe was always kind to his two daughters and always brought them candy when he came to the house.

This closed the evidence, and Coroner Johnson in charging the jury pointed out the sufferings of the child during its short period of life. The doctors in describing the case did not specify the bruises on account of their number. There was no doubt the child had died from certain injuries. The child did not get the treatment a child should receive from its mother, and evidence had been given implicating the father in the cruel usage of the child. It was for them to say if one or both were guilty.

The jury after thirty minutes' deliberation brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Susan Barton and John Crowe, and both were committed for trial.

Susan Barton is 25 years age. She is decidedly unprepossessing, with degradation and vice stamped on her features. Her hair is half way between long and short, and of a tawny color. She has spent several terms in the jail and Mercer reformatory, and has been the mother of three children, all of whom have died. John Crowe is a short, thin man, with a nervous expression. He is a laborer, and wears a heavy black moustache. He evidently has a hankering after Susan notwithstanding her character, and during the trial tried to get an opportunity to console with her.

If you have an announcement that you wish to make to the business men in the morning utilize the columns of The World.

Fainted in the Dance.

One of the features in the Alice Oates performance at the Pavilion is a Japanese dance, which, according to the program, is "executed by five beautiful ladies, the costumes being imported from Japan." Last night one of the ladies fell heavily on the stage in the middle of the dance. She was carried into the wing, when it was found she had fainted. While the prostrate girl was being revived in the wing, the dance proceeded as if nothing had happened.

Within a Point of Zero.

The rain of Sunday and Monday was followed Tuesday by frost, which increased in intensity yesterday, with slight flurries of snow. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the thermometer at the Queen's park observatory indicated seven degrees above zero. A biting wind made itself felt all afternoon and evening. By 10 o'clock the mercury had dropped four degrees, at midnight it stood within one point of zero. The water in the slips and round the wharves of the bay was rapidly freezing, and this morning a clean stretch of ice across to the Island may be looked for.

Amusement Notes.

Sol. Smith Russell will appear in his new play of Felix McKusick at the Grand opera house to-night. The engagement will last till Saturday evening, with a matinee in the afternoon.

R. H. Baird's company continues at the People's theatre and Alice Oates at the Pavilion.

A Too Previous Skater.

A young man named Alexander Martin went through the ice, while skating on the Don, yesterday afternoon. He was fished out by County Constable Fox.

Elegant black silk Jerseys worth $10 for $5 at the Bon Marche.

THE KING OF BAVARIA.

His Majesty Takes a Trip Abroad as Herr Ludwig.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The king of Bavaria is indulging in a new freak which may have serious consequences of international importance unless great care is exercised. He has left his domains incognito and is now in Paris. His ostensible object in making this visit to the French capital is to select and buy dresses and scenery for a performance of Theodora, which is to take place for his private enjoyment, but there is a rumor afloat that he is really in search of a new loan to enable him to carry out his extravagant schemes of pleasure. He travels under the name of Herr Ludwig and his personality is now suspected by most of those with whom he has come in contact in Paris. If the public should get word of his presence it is probable the rage of the people would be aroused, and that Paris would be the scene of a violent anti-German demonstration.

CAPITAL DECLARES WAR.

Employers in the Iron Trade Advised to Boycott Union Workmen.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—The local stove moulders and Knights of Labor are considerably excited about a circular that has been issued by the committee of the national association of stove manufacturers, stating that 80 per cent. of the foundries are non-union and advising employers to boycott all union workmen in the trade. The former will hold a national convention at Louisville, Ky., next month to discuss the committee's advice.

EMIGRATION STATISTICS.

A Decrease From England to America, and an Increase From Ireland.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The emigration returns for 1885 show a decrease as compared with last year's of 10,000 in the number of people who emigrated from England to the United States, and of 9000 in the number who emigrated from England to Canada, and an increase of 9000 in the emigration from Ireland to the United States, and of 2000 in the emigration from Ireland to Canada.

THE ENGLISH IN BURMAH.

Fears of an Emeute by the Natives—Critical Situation at Mandalay.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Times correspondent at Mandalay telegraphs that 10,000 rebels are scouring the country within a radius of 20 miles of the capital, and that they threaten to attack the town. Fears of an emeute are felt, owing to the great reduction of the British force at Mandalay by the withdrawal of troops for the expedition to Bhamo.

American Remittances to Ireland.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—An Irish banker has sent letters to the newspapers denying the correctness of Archbishop Corrigan's estimate that Irish American remittances amount to £8,000,000 annually. He says that the gross amount of drafts payable on American account at all the banks in Ireland is about £400,000 yearly.

Men's fine Buckskin Driving Gloves, all sizes in stock at Petley's. 456

Advice to the New Mayor.

From the Mail of Yesterday.

Having reconstructed the police, the new mayor ought to have no difficulty in closing up the gambling houses and groggeries, or at least in rendering life uncomfortable for the proprietors and frequenters of these places. We assume that the license commissioners will co-operate with him in the suppression of the shebeen trade. The gambling dens should be attacked with a remorseless hand. Cases have not been wanting of late in which the downfall of young men was directly traceable to their operations in the gambling hells which abound in the city, though the police for some unexplained reason persist in ignoring their existence. Any good policeman will tell Mr. Howland that the gambling house is the habitat not only of the blackguard who "runs the bank," and of the satellites who "cap" for him, but of the confidence men, pickpockets and higher grade burglars, who have led Major Draper such a merry dance for the past two years. Let the gambling dens be shut up, and the other industries must suffer to some extent. But we ask Mr. Howland to beware of the error into which moral reform mayors usually fall. They begin operations by making a general crusade against fallen women, and, having driven them into holes and corners, are content to rest from their labours, leaving the thieves, gamblers and shebeen men, who are even greater pests than the prostitute, to pursue their avocations undisturbed. This is not honest reform. Let the fallen women be suppressed if possible, but let the law come down with at least an equally heavy clutch upon those more infamous creatures of the other sex who are criminals, not because society has set its face against them on account of their frailty, but because they have deliberately chosen to live by dishonest means.

CABLE NOTES.

Michael Davit has promised to visit Wales in February next for the purpose of assisting in an aggrarian agitation, and of aiding in the formation of a Welsh land league.

The iron masters of Lancashire have notified their employes of a proposed reduction in wages. The announcement has caused much excitement, and the workmen will probably strike.

Imperial parliament will meet on January 12, re-elect the Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel speaker, and then adjourn until January 21, when the speech from the throne will be delivered.

A severe snow storm prevailed throughout England during Tuesday night, lasting for hours. Railroad traffic is greatly impeded and many telegraph wires are broken. The snow greatly interferes with travel in London.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Almost unparalleled cold weather is reported in Colorado and Northern Mexico.

A good deal of damage is reported by floods in Pennsylvania. Several lives have been lost.

The journeymen coopers from nearly all the shops in Chicago are out on strike against a cut of 5 cents in wages.

The weavers of Shetucket mills struck yesterday for an advance of 10 per cent in wages. The mills have shut down, throwing 500 operatives out of employment.

A fifteen thousand barrel tank of oil belonging to the Standard company at Cleveland, O., being on fire yesterday afforded a magnificent spectacle and a loss of about $60,000.

Mrs. J. P. Keller of New Orleans being an invalid was unable to help herself when a coal fell out of the grate and set her clothes on fire. She was consequently slowly roasted to death.

Roland C. Faust, a muscular saloon-keeper of Akron, O., knocked out a stranger on Christmas eve, but he struck him on the the teeth and broke the skin of his own knuckles. Blood-poisoning resulted and on Tuesday night last Faust died.

Eugene Kelly of New York has received a letter from Parnell thanking the people of America for their financial aid, and declaring that the home rule party now hold the position which it always considered to be an indispensable preliminary to the commencement of a successful movement for the constitution of legislative independence.

The people who have money to spend and The World. The wise advertiser, therefore, avails himself of its columns.

MONEY FOR EXTRA WORK.

$500 TO DR. CANNIFF AND $300 TO ENGINEER VENABLES.

Recommended by the Local Board of Health and Water Works Committee.—Superintendent Hamilton's Report.

At a meeting of the local board of health yesterday a communication was received from Medical Health Officer Canniff stating that in passing of the public health act had entailed on him additional duties to those which he was originally employed to perform. The board had decided that he should give up his private practice in order to fulfil these duties more efficiently. He had accordingly given up a practice worth $1000. He therefore asked for that amount as compensation over and above the salary at which he was at first employed. The board recommended that he be allowed $500. It was also decided to ask the council for $2500 to defray expenses for vaccine, vaccination, hospital maintenance, physicians fees, etc.

The Year's Work in the Water Department

A meeting of the waterworks committee was held yesterday, at which Chairman Walker, Ald. Hunter, Lamb, Hall, Mackenzie, Saunders and Barton were present. A bonus of $300 to Engineer Venables for extra services during the year was recommended.

Superintendent Hamilton reported on the principal work done by the department in 1885. Over 25,000 feet of mains of from 3 to 12 in. diameter were laid; 72 hydrants and 52 valves were set; 2370 house services have been put in, as against 2099 during 1884. Of the 75 new meters received, 63 have been placed in position, making a total of 207 in use at the end of the year. There have been quite a number of bursts during the year, some of them serious, but all claims for damages have been settled for sums very much below the original amounts claimed. A great saving has been effected by the adoption of iron rods to house service stop cocks. The damage done to pipes, couplings and stop-cocks by plumbers and others with keys at the beginning of the year (and during previous years) was enormous. These rods are not expensive, and the department has already been more than repaid by their use. The pressure on the mains, as shown by the recording gauge in the office, has been uniformly good throughout the year, averaging about 55 lbs. per square inch. The following is a statement of the quantity of coal delivered and used during 1884 and 1885: Amount of coal used in 1884, 9960 tons; amount of coal used in 1885, 9352 tons; showing a difference of 608 tons in favor of last year, besides supplying 2370 new water takers. The financial statement up to Dec. 26 shows that of an appropriation of $127,903, there was expended $119,953, which included liabilities from 1884 of $28,373. The balance of $7950 is sufficient to meet all outstanding accounts. Under the head of capital account, there was expended $150,569 out of an appropriation of $160,000.

THREE BUSINESS FAILURES.

Brayley, McClung & Co., T. Epstein & Co. New & Howell in Difficulties.

New Year's has opened unfortunately for three firms in Toronto. T. Epstein & Co., doing a wholesale business in shirts, overalls, clothing, etc., at 19 Front street west, and a retail business in gents' furnishings at Yonge and Richmond streets, have called a meeting of their creditors, nearly all of whom are in the city. Mr. Epstein estimates his liabilities at $32,000, with assets considerably less than half that amount. Another party places the liabilities as high as $50,000. The book debts are small. The creditors wanted the firm to assign but met with a refusal. Both establishments are in the hands of the creditors. The wholesale millinery house of Brayley, McClung & Co., 9 and 11 Wellington street east, is also in difficulties. The assets show a nominal surplus of about $15,000, but nevertheless the firm finds itself pressed for funds, and a suspension is probable. Mr. Brayley is in England. The third embarrassed firm is New & Howell, manufacturers' agents at Scott and Colborne streets.

White quilts worth $3 for $1.50 at the Bon Marche. Selling at half price draws the crowd.

North Toronto Musical Society.

About twenty musically inclined north enders assembled last night at the Oddfellows' hall, 619 Yonge street, for the purpose of forming a musical society in north Toronto, for the practice and public performance of concerted music, vocal and instrumental. It was unanimously decided to organize the North Toronto Musical society. A set of bylaws modelled by the provisional committee after the constitutions of the larger city musical organizations was adopted. The officers of the society are to be an honorary president, two honorary vice-presidents, a president, as many vice-presidents as is deemed necessary, a secretary, a treasurer, a librarian and an executive committee. The following offices were filled: Secretary and librarian, George Mason; treasurer, T. H. Monk; executive committee, Edward Potts, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Impey and J. K. Fisken. The other officers will be elected at the next meeting. For this season the society's work will probably embrace simply part song, glees and madrigals.

Burdette's Effort.

The Boston Transcript says: "The lecture by Robert J. Burdette was one of the real successes of the season. In fact, we regard it as the best effort of the platform in a humorous vein that has been given in Boston for several years. Mr. Burdette is a fluent, bright, sparkling speaker, and his wit is fresh and vigorous. The lecture was interspersed with pathos and sentiment, each exquisitely uttered, and with artistic graduations of light and shade. He impressed a large audience in Tremont Temple most favorably, and if he visits Boston again, it will be with a reputation that is magnetic." Mr. Burdette lectures in Shaftesbury hall Tuesday, January 19, his subject being "Advice to Young Men." It is said to be a side-splitter. Don't forget to obtain reserved seats at Nordheimer's next Tuesday.

A Pair of Bad Boarders.

David Wood, 21, and J. H. Greer, 19, are boarders in Mrs. Camden's house at 117 Sherbourne street. Yesterday evening they left the house with a coat and pair of trousers that did not belong to them. The larceny was reported to the police. Detectives Brown and Cuddy arrested the pair about 11.30 with the clothing in their possession. They confessed the theft. The police put them down as a bad couple.

Rock Band Concert Company.

The Rock band makes its appearance with a wonderful array of novel instruments for the first time this evening in Shaftesbury hall. Teachers and students will find something interesting to them in the advertisement.

PROTECT OUR DUMB CREATURES.

An Appeal to Revive the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"What has become of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?" remarked a gentleman to a World reporter yesterday. The reporter pleaded ignorance of the whereabouts of the said organization. His interrogator, who is a man of experience among horses, cattle and other animals, then proceeded to explain that he never knew of a time when such a society could do better work in Toronto than at present. "Why," he continued, "the streets are full of decrepid, spavined, ringboned, tottering specimens of horseflesh that are not at all fit for the work they are called upon to perform by brutal masters. Last Monday while I was walking through Colborne street I had to jump into a cart and remonstrate with a young ruffian who was beating a poor old horse in a frightful manner. The animal was barely able to walk, and should either be in the infirmary or shot. He was totally unfit for work. Other similar cases have come under my notice. I wish you would tell the public through The World that it would be a really humane act to revive this society." The reporter assured the gentleman that he would do all in his power to call the attention of humanitarians to the subject. It is now in order for any of our citizens who take an interest in the matter to make a move.

BRICKS WITHOUT MORTAR.

Aldermanic and Expert Evidence in the Garrison Sewer Enquiry.

Ald. Barton and Mackenzie at the Garrison creek sewer investigation yesterday both testified to the bad quality of the material used. Ald. Barton swore that he was a member of the sub-committee appointed to inspect the work. He was present at the opening of the sewer, and saw taken from it a quantity of soft brick. At a place near Trinity college he saw bricks laid side by side without any mortar. In a conversation with Rolston, witness told him that if an investigation were ordered it would be made hot for him. Rolston answered that if there were any soft brick in the sewer the city commissioner was to blame.

Ald. Mackenzie testified that he had for ten years superintended the construction of sewers in London, Eng. No soft bricks should be used in any kind of a sewer. Portland cement, in his opinion, would set in water. The bricks used in the sewer were wretched.

William Booth, builder and brick maker, testified that A. W. Godson desired to buy bricks from him by the kiln, hard and soft bricks mixed. The brick produced, taken from the sewer, he said was not a brick at all, but only sand stuck together.

An adjournment was made at 1 o'clock till 11 this morning.

The great headquarters for Bargains is the Bon Marche. Dress goods, silks, satins and woolen goods at half price. Come early and secure the bargains.

Reserved Seats at the Philharmonic Concert.

Editor World: Allow me through your columns to suggest to the committee of the Philharmonic society that they should return to the "reserved seat" system for their concerts. The arrangements of the Monday Popular concerts in this respect are about perfect, and might with advantage be imitated by the Philharmonic society. When the securing of even a fairly good seat necessitates being at the pavilion a full hour before the concert begins (as was the case last winter), the enjoyment of the concert is pretty much spoiled, and if this plan is continued no doubt many will cease to subscribe. I would like to hear the views of others interested. PHILHARMONIC.

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Breakfasting a Divine.

The trustees of the Elm street Methodist church tendered Rev. Dr. Newman a breakfast at the Rossin house yesterday, previous to his departure for New York. Rev. Dr. Potts, the chairman, was supported by Justice Rose, W. H. Howland, J. J. McLaren and John Macdonald. Among other guests were Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev. W. Briggs, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. Hugh Johnston, Thomas Thompson, R. Score, James C. McGee, William Maclean, Reuben Millichamp, and A. G. Watson. After speeches by various gentlemen Dr. Newman expressed himself as well pleased with his treatment in Toronto.

School Trustee Elections.

There will be only one new man on the Public School board this year, James Kerr, blacksmith, who was yesterday elected for St. Andrew's ward by 421 to 399 for Marcellus Crombie, the retiring member. St. Patrick's ward returned their old representative, Dr. W. W. Ogden, with 491 votes against John Lucas' 201. These are the only wards in which there were contests for the Public board. John Herbert was declared elected Separate School trustee for St. Thomas' ward, Patrick Hynes having retired. St. Stephen's ward has yet to choose a trustee.

Auction sale advertisements inserted in The Morning World find readers all over the city.

The Official Returns.

City Clerk Blevins yesterday declared the result of Monday's polling. Mayor-elect Howland's majority is 1718, exactly the figure that The World published the morning after the election. The vote stands Howland 7793, Manning 6075. There are some changes in the returns for aldermen, but they are slight and do not alter the standing of the candidates as already given. The local improvement by-law was carried by 2393 against 1496, a majority of 897.

Arrested in Montreal.

Detective Burrows went to Montreal last night after A. R. Bouteiller, arrested there on instructions from Chief Draper. Bouteiller is wanted for stealing goods from W. A. Murray & Co.'s store, where he was a porter. The police yesterday recovered some of the stolen property at the accused's lodging place on Anne street. It is expected that more will be found in a trunk he took with him.

A Timely Suggestion.

In a letter to the chairman of the public school board the medical health officer states that city doctors report that cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria which have come under their notice have been contracted at the schools. Dr. Canniff asks that no children from houses where these diseases exist be admitted to the schools which re-open to-day.

London and Lancashire Fire Ins. Co., Mail Building, Toronto. W. A. Sims, manager. Telephone No. 600.

Keep Your Eye on It.

—It's a good one. Don't miss it. It's genuine. It is a boon to the ladies and just the thing to suit the economical paps. It begins to-day. Dineen's big January fur sale is the attraction of the hour. Prices low. Corner of King and Yonge streets. x

OVERTURES TO PARNELL.

THE IRISH LEADER DEMANDS AN EXPRESS AGREEMENT.

Lord Salisbury and His Government to be Given an Opportunity to Declare Themselves in the Queen's Speech.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A number of unofficial liberal members of parliament have been making overtures to the Parnellites for the co-operation of the latter in raising the question as to home rule during the debate on the address in reply to the queen's speech. Parnell declines to reply to the liberal overtures unless they are accompanied by an express agreement to grant Ireland home rule. If the queen's speech refers to Ireland the Parnellites will await the government's proposals.

The Parkdale Elections.

A Parkdale ratepayer writes The World: "With reference to the manipulation of the St. Alban's ward ballot papers the prevalent impression in Southern Parkdale is that a political ring in close association with the clerk's office knows all about the disappearance of these papers. A subscription list will be opened to have an investigation before the county judge, should the incoming council fail to institute a proper enquiry, and deal with the matter in such a way as to prevent a re-occurence. It is not yet known what date will be fixed for a new election in that ward. C."

Helping Ireland's Cause.

The regular meeting of the Irish national league took place last night in the I. C. B. U. hall. Regular business was disposed of and there were several short addresses of congratulation on the result of the elections in England. The total amount remitted to the parliamentary fund is over $1300.

United Laborers Union.

President Hubbie presided over a special meeting of this union last night. The advisability of joining the Knights of Labor was discussed. Nearly all the speakers were favorable to the proposition. A vote will be taken on the question at a future meeting.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Seven drunks were at the police stations last night.

During the past fortnight 122,124,176 gallons of water were pumped from the lake to the reservoir, with a consumption of 241 tons of coal.

Mr. Richard Finn, who has been seriously ill for over five weeks, his friends will be pleased to learn, is able to attend to business once more.

A butcher's horse fell down at King and Bay street yesterday morning and could not get up. His driver beat him unmercifully. The animal was suffering from inflammation and died at noon.

The father of James S. Barclay, alias Brown convicted of stealing honey from A. H. Carter, of Parkdale, appeared yesterday on the lad's behalf before Judge Macdougall. The boy was admitted to bail.

At Osgoode hall yesterday Lawyer Murdoch applied to Justice O'Connor to lower the bail of James Worlok (himself in $1300 and two sureties of $400 each), implicated in the Jennie Leslie case. His lordship declined to do so.

Mr. Charles Walker gave a children's party at his residence, Bay and Melinda streets, Tuesday night, in honor of the birthday of his little daughter Addie. Over one hundred grown up folks and juveniles were present and enjoyed themselves immensely.

H. W. Van Every, ship broker of this city, has negotiated a sale of the steamer F. B. Maxwell to Pearce & Johnson of Parry harbour and D. McQuaig of Collingwood for $11,000 cash. The Maxwell will go to Georgian bay on the opening of navigation.

The officers of King Solomon's Chapter No. 8, G. R. C., were duly installed last night in Masonic hall. The ceremony was followed by the annual banquet at the National club. The chair was taken by Ex Comp. Geo. Clarke, G. Z. A choice menu was served and a number of fraternity toasts were enthusiastically drunk and responded to.

Police court yesterday: Margaret Smith, disorderly conduct, $2 and costs or 40 days. Robert Berry, on charge of keeping disreputable house, was remanded until Tuesday. Robert Hutchinson was committed for trial on two charges of stealing overcoats. J. G. Coleman, fined $30 and costs for breach of liquor law. J. D. Freeman and David Pratt, $2 and costs for breach of city by-law. John Kenny, Levi Bertram and Henry Edmonds, assaulted William Brotherson on Albert street new year's day. Kenny was fined $40 and costs or 40 days. Bertram and Edmonds each $25 and costs or 30 days.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, chief engineer and general manager of Canadian government railways, is in the city.

A despatch from Rome says that there is no truth in the alarmist reports regarding the health of the pope, and that his holiness is in perfect health.

Rev. John Kirkpatrick, formerly of Cook's church, Toronto, has received a call from Westminster church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Robert Lowry, of Plainfield, N.J., is the author of the well known beautiful hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River?" It has achieved a world-wide celebrity.

It is reported that an opera singer of Milan named Borghi is about to bring suit against the executors of the late King Alfonso in behalf of