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MR. GLADSTONE'S CABINET

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF.

Mr. Chamberlain's Refusal of the Under ship of the Queen's Navee—Parnell Offers John Morley a Seat—The Premier's Program.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The new cabinet is officially announced as follows:

Mr. Gladstone, prime minister and first lord of the treasury.
Sir Farrer Herschell, lord high chancellor.
Earl Spencer, lord president of the council.
Mr. H. C. E. Childers, home secretary.
Earl Rosebery, secretary for foreign affairs.
Earl Granville, secretary for the colonies.
Earl Kimberley, secretary for India.
Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman, secretary for war.
Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer.
Marquis of Ripon, first lord of the admiralty.
Mr. J. C. Chamberlain, president of the local government board.
Mr. G. O. Trevelyan, secretary for Scotland.
Mr. A. J. Mundella, president of the board of trade.
Mr. Jno. Morley, chief secretary for Ireland.

The following appointments have been made under the new administration: Earl Sydney, lord stewart of the Queen's household; Mr. Arnold Morley, patronage secretary; Mr. Charles Russell, attorney-general.

The composition of the new cabinet has caused a great surprise. It is thought to show marks of a compromise.

No definite appointments to minor offices have been announced.

The Daily News considers the new ministry a strong one and especially approves of the appointment of the Earl of Rosebery and John Morley. It says that the selection of the Earl of Kimberley for the Indian secretaryship is the only choice that is likely to meet with negative approval. The absence of Lord Hartington from the cabinet the News says is a matter of regret which may however at no distant date be removed.

The Standard says Mr. Gladstone in forming his cabinet has made the best of a bad situation. The members are men of undoubted ability. The selection of Earl Rosebery for the position of secretary for foreign affairs was the best that could be made, and promises well for the good will of Germany. The appointments most likely to elicit criticism are these: Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, and John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland.

In the event of the defeat of John Morley in re-election at Newcastle, Mr. Parnell offers to find a constituency for him in Ireland.

Notes on the Situation.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's refusal to accept the office of first lord of the admiralty was based upon his desire not to be officially connected with the military department of the government. Mr. Chamberlain aspires to the chancellorship of the exchequer, but Mr. Gladstone has absolutely reserved that post for himself, and it is more than probable that the radical leader will eventually go into the cabinet as a minor officer.

Anthony J. Mundella has accepted the chairmanship of the board of trade with a seat in the cabinet.

The Queen has approved of the selection of John Morley to be chief secretary for Ireland.

Lord Granville, it is said, strongly objects to being shunted from the foreign ministry.

Mr. John Morley will start for Ireland at once to assume the duties of chief secretary, and Lord Northbrook will go as viceroy.

Mr. Gladstone's program, it is stated, will be to introduce first a bill to stop evictions, then to bring in his home rule bill, concomitant with a scheme for buying out the landlords, with the proviso that home rule is not to take effect until the purchase scheme has been passed into a law, the understanding being analogous to that carried out with regard to the franchise and redistribution measures.

The Daily News says that Mr. Parnell will firmly demand that the local government question be settled by parliament before the land question, or that both subjects be discussed together, and that he will strenuously oppose dealing with the land question first.

At a meeting of the league to-day Sexton, who presided, predicted that at the next election the nationalists would combine with the liberals and return 80 members to parliament. Ireland, he said, was satisfied with the result of the temporary power of the conservatives, who had abolished coercion and introduced a land purchase measure, establishing the principle that the state should provide money for the extinction of the landlords.

Sir James Corry, the new member for Mid-Armagh, was given an ovation by his friends last evening. In his address he declared that his victory was a reply to Gladstone's home rule policy.

The Situation in the East.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Greek government replying to the second note from the powers says it considers any obstacles offered to the free disposal of the Hellenic force incompatible with Greek independence and therefore declines responsibility for an eventual conflict.

The Turco-Bulgarian agreement confirms the appointment of Prince Alexander as permanent governor of Eastern Roumelia, provides for mutual help to repel a foreign invasion and gives Turkey control of some Mussulman villages in Roumelia by means of a commission appointed under the sanction of Prince Alexander.

Fighting in Burmah.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Advices from Mandalay, Burmah, say that the Dacoits have had several engagements with British troops since February 1, and that in every encounter the Dacoits were defeated with heavy loss. The officials at Mandalay believe that order will soon be completely restored throughout Burmah.

Terrible Snow-storm in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 3.—A terrible snow storm has prevailed here for 24 hours. Traffic is entirely suspended, and the children being unable to reach the schools an edict has been issued by the educational board closing the schools for the remainder of the week. The snow in places is twenty inches deep.

CABLE NOTES.

Lord Dufferin has gone to Burmah to arrange for the extension of the British-Indian administration to that kingdom.

Baron Haussman, who was arrested yesterday in Paris for attempting to murder the Count Montausesan, has been pronounced insane.

A majority of the vessels belonging to the European squadron, designated to prevent Greece from attacking Turkey, have assembled in Suda Bay.

A heavy block of buildings in Manchester occupied by Hamilton & Co., Pallem & Co. and Peake & Co., has been gutted by fire. Loss over $300,000.

Information has been received that Girod and Renaud, the aeronauts who ascended in a balloon in the latter part of January from Brest, and who were supposed to have perished at sea, were rescued.

The agreement between France and Germany regarding their possessions on the west coast of Africa and in the South sea has been submitted to the Reichstag. The agreement contains an amicable understanding with respect to the rival claims.

THE DILKE DIVORCE CASE.

Honorable Conduct of Sir Charles' Political Opponent in the Recent Election.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Great excitement prevails in social and political circles regarding the Dilke case to come up to-morrow. The outlook is very dark for Dilke, but much sympathy is expressed on all sides at the cruel fate which cuts him off at a moment which would otherwise have been the triumph of his life. It is understood that all the evidence to be produced for the divorce consists of two points; first, a responsible witness will be produced who will swear that he saw Dilke and Mrs. Crawford together under circumstances of great suspicion. Secondly, Mrs. Crawford's confession to her husband, which she afterwards repudiated. So bitter is Crawford said to be that it is reported he offered to show Mr. Whitmore, Sir Charles Dilke's tory opponent at the Chelsea general election, all the papers in the case. Mr. Whitmore declined to see them, saying his fight with Sir Charles was public and political, not private and personal.

Foreclosure of the Reading Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The Record to-morrow will say: "There was fresh evidence yesterday that a movement is on foot looking to a foreclosure of the Reading railroad property under the general mortgage by a syndicate that is acting in the interest of the Pennsylvania railroad. It is given out, however, that the movement instead of aiming at shutting the Baltimore & Ohio out of New York will give that company speedy access to that city, in return for which it will cease cutting passenger rates."

A Good Nurse but a Bad Wife.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 3.—Geo. W. Phillips, commission merchant, of Chicago, in July last married a handsome woman here who had nursed him when he was sick in an hotel in Chicago. Some weeks ago Mrs. Phillips disappeared with $10,000 of her husband's money, and Phillips followed her to Toledo, where he learned that she had eloped with a former husband, George H. Rice. The pair have not yet been found.

Bicycler Stevens' Buttons.

From Outing.

Were I to make the simple statement that I am starting into Asia with a pair of knee breeches that are worth 14 English pounds (about $68), and offer no further explanation, I should, in all probability, be accused of a high order of prevarication; nevertheless such is the fact, for among other subterfuges to outwit possible brigands and kindred citizens, I have made cloth-covered buttons out of Turkish liaras (18 shillings English), and sewed them on in place of ordinary buttons. Pantaloons buttons at $54 a dozen are a luxury that my wildest dreams never soared to in America; but the splendor of the Orient demands it, and the extreme handiness of being able to cut off a button and with it to buy provisions enough to load down a mule would be all the better appreciated if one had just been released from the hands of the Philistines with nothing but his clothes—and buttons—and bicycle; with these thing left him one could afford to regard the whole matter as a joke, expensive, perhaps, but nevertheless a joke, compared with what might have been.

How to Make a Toboggan Slide.

From the Boston Globe.

Allow me to give a practical and well-tried receipt for forming a slide bed, provided, of course, there is from two to twenty degrees of frost in the air. When the snow and ice have all thawed off the slide spread damp sawdust to the depth of an inch all the way up the slide. After this has frozen take a large watering can and sprinkle the sawdust all the way up the slide. By the time the man has reached the top it will have frozen solid at the bottom, and he can begin right over again, continuing to sprinkle until the required thickness of ice is formed. In this way, on a cold night, one man working all night steadily can make two inches of solid ice. Care must be taken to make the bed of sawdust level. Three days' rain will not hurt a slide made properly after this manner.

Stories About Mikado Gilbert.

From the Chicago News.

"Mr. Gilbert is in Egypt preparing material for his next piece," said Mr. Clay. "What a wit he is! And his conversation is generally just as bright as the lines of his plays. It is his nature to be satirical, and he is really very good-hearted, though he says such sharp things. You know my brother Fred wrote the music for Gilbert's 'Princess Toto,' and they are fast friends. One day they were rehearsing the opera when a stout chorus woman, with little claim to personal charms, complained to Mr. Gilbert that one of the men in the company had put his arm around her waist and called her a pretty dear. 'Dear me,' said the dramatist. 'Did he, really? He couldn't have meant it,' and the irate dame returned to the ranks quite mollified."

"I remember another rehearsal," said Mrs. Clay, "where a chorus girl came to Mr. Gilbert, and weepingly complained that some one had said she was 'no better than she should be.' 'Shameful,' said Mr. Gilbert; 'you are, aren't you?'"

Tales of his Grandmother.

Although a banker, and one of the best business men in the world, the late Lord Mayor of London, Sir R. N. Fowler, writes so atrocious a hand that a sentence which he intended to be read as follows, "I regard the conduct of the Government in this matter as absolutely inhuman," was owing to the inability of a printer to decipher what was meant, transformed in type into "I rarely can compass a tale. My grandmother is the best narrator of amusing incidents."

Malapropos.

From the New York Sun.

New Barber (in Boston barber shop)—Next!

Boss Barber—What's that?

New Barber—Next gent.

Boss Barber (with disgust)—Next gent! Where did you work last?

New Barber—New York, sir.

Boss Barber—I thought so. Hereafter you say "Next gentleman" if you want to keep your job.

Silk, Satins, French Dress Goods at half price, at the Bon Marche.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

In the U. S. senate last night Senator Frye, from the committee on foreign relations, reported a unanimous resolution declaring that congress ought not to provide for a joint commission of Great Britain and the United States in relation to the fisheries. The report was placed on the calendar.

An explosion occurred yesterday morning at shaft 22 of the new aqueduct near Fordham Heights, N. Y. One man was killed and another badly injured.

On Saturday night Mrs. Gilkie, aged 69, widow of an old pioneer of Yell county, Ark., fired the shed, took strychnine and seated herself in the middle of the building with the intention of burning her body to a crisp. She, however, called for help and was taken into the house where she died in a few minutes.

MUTINY AND ITS SEQUEL.

Terrible Experience of the Crew of an American Ship.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Capt. Clark of the American ship Frank N. Thayer has arrived at Plymouth. He relates that the Thayer was bound for New York with a mixed crew, including two Manilla seamen. These men stole upon deck one night with knives lashed to poles, attacked two officers, killing them instantly. Three sailors, the only ones on deck, were quickly despatched. Capt. Clark hearing the shrieks of the crew, rushed on deck in his night shirt. The Manillas slashed him terribly, and he barely escaped with his life. After a desperate struggle he broke away from his assailants and rushing to his cabin locked himself in. The Manillans battened down the hatches and kept the captain and crew below deck one day and night. The captain finally fired through a skylight at one of the mutineers and wounded him in the thigh. The man rushed to the side of the vessel and leaped overboard. The other mutineer then went below, fired the cargo and, returning to the deck, jumped into the sea. Terrified to madness, the crew forced their way on deck, lowered a boat and rowed away. The ship was consumed. The crew wandered at sea for a week before they were picked up.

If you want help, have an article to sell or have lost a dog, advertise in The World. Three lines Ten Cents.

MAKING GOOD HOUSEKEEPERS.

Practical Instruction Given in Chicago—A Good School.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Miss Bentley gave an exhibition of her garden pupils yesterday afternoon. The class consisted of twenty-four little girls, ranging in age from 12 to 15, and representing almost every European country. Their long, white pinafores, fluted muslin caps, and prim little ties gave them an appearance that was very refreshing. They entered the room in single file to a military march, carrying miniature tables and boxes. In the latter were linen, cutlery, and small table furniture. Brought to a halt, Miss Bentley put the little housewives through a catechism of domestic literature, from which the following quotations were caught:

"How often should a room be swept?"

"Thoroughly once a week," answered a wee bit of a Swede with a voice bigger than herself.

"What kind of a broom is best for the corners and edges of a room?"

"Whisk broom," sang out a maid with yellow pig-tails, who seemed to be having her throat sawed by the well-laundered tie under her chin.

"Why is a dust rag better than a feather duster?"

"Because the feathers scatter the dust instead of gathering it," and such queries of similar practicality.

After this part of the program the girls took out their little table cloths, the piano struck up a series of popular tunes, and the board was spread in a manner that was calculated to charm an epicurean.

Before the little beds were made the class had an oral recitation, one question being: "What three things are necessary for nice bed making?" The answer being: 'Level mattress, smooth clothes and square corners." Then the mattresses were whipped into shape, the pillows knocked in form, and in an incredibly short time every bed was as flat as the nap on a $15 ulster, and the children retired under a murmur of applause. On their return they carried trays, with which they went through a series of manœuvres, the words being suggested by the trio in Patience. Dishes were washed and after the place was "tidied up," brooms were used for an exercise in calisthenics. It is needless to say that the exhibition was enthusiastically received. The little girls have been under the instruction of Miss Bentley for the last two years, the school session being held Saturdays only. As soon as her pupils have completed the prescribed course it is the teacher's intention to provide each graduate with a position in some first-class family, where the intelligence of the girl will be appreciated. A feature in the course is compulsory education, no pupil being allowed to take a diploma who is not able to read, write, and understand enough arithmetic for practical economy.

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

She Read the Papers.

From the N. Y. Morning Journal.

"I will not go into that house—it is a den. Let me go home to my mother!"

This pathetic appeal, spoken in a girlish voice, attracted the attention of Officer Kranoh on Elizabeth street Sunday evening. He halted and got into a doorway.

Across the way, in front of No. 61 Elizabeth street, he saw two persons. One was a gaudily attired young man. His companion was a young girl, evidently a stranger to her evil surroundings. So far as he could judge the man was trying to induce the girl to enter the house.

"No, I will not go in," said the girl. "I read the papers and I know the fate of too many girls who enter such places."

The girl was only fourteen, but her shrewdness saved her honor, as the man had previously taken her to a beer garden and had attempted to take her into a disreputable house before.

Come with the crowd and capture the bargains when you can. Goods selling at 50c on the dollar at the Bon Marche.

Made Thirsty by Difficulties.

From the N. Y. Sun.

Time, Sunday Morning—Smith—Will you join me in a cocktail, Brown!

Brown—No, thanks.

Smith—Oh, come now, a small cocktail won't hurt you.

Brown—I know it won't hurt me, but I don't want it.

Smith—Just for the sake of good fellowship.

Brown—Oh, well, since you insist upon it, but I tell you, Smith, I don't feel like drinking this morning.

Smith (trying the door)—Hang it, the door is locked.

Brown (indignantly)—Locked? That door locked? Well, by thunder, we'll have a cocktail if we have to try every saloon in town.

They Were Even.

Husband—"Here's a new wrinkle; ladies' silk stockings have snakes on 'em."

Wife—"Yes, I know. I have just bought a pair of that kind of hose."

"What, with snakes on 'em?"

"Yes."

"Then we're all right. I can drink as much as I please now."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, you see, if you have snakes on your stockings, you can't find fault with me if I should happen to have 'em in my boots."

—Why not order your shirts where the work is under a system that turns out a perfect fit, each department having competent heads trained for the purpose. Our linens and cottons come from first hands, and we make shirts at any of the following prices to order: $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50. Wheaton & Co., 17 King street west, cor. Jordan. 136x

THE KYLE FORGERY CASE

COLIN MUNRO SUDDENLY TURNS UP FOR THE CROWN.

His Evidence—The Jury Out Until 2.20 This Morning—They Fail to Agree and Are Locked up.

The one great topic in court circles yesterday was the trial of Wm. Kyle for forgery. Colin Munro's sudden and unexpected appearance created a sensation. The crown used him as a witness against the accused. Judge Ross kept the court going until 2.20 this morning. His lordship expressed his mind freely in regard to Munro's conduct.

Crown Council MacMahon was assisted in the interest of the Merchants' bank, the private prosecutors, by B. B. Osler, Q.C., and J. F. Smith. Kyle was defended by Dr. McMichael and N. G. Bigelow. After the crown had objected to three jurors and the defence to two, the following were chosen: Henry Amos (foreman), Henry Eby, Donald M. Malley, George Keefer, James A. Bogue, George Coulson, Thomas Forfar, James Dailey, Peter McMurchy, James Richards, W. Tilley and Francis Nolan.

Mr. MacMahon explained the prisoner was on trial, not for forgery but for uttering a forged note for $240 and another for $140, bearing the name of Susan Quin.

Susan Quinn, the proprietress of a King street west saloon, was put in the box. She could not see the note and consequently could not identify it. She did not remember giving her son James John authority to sign any such note.

James John Quinn was called and pronounced both notes forgeries.

Bernard Doyle was called to show guilty knowledge on Kyle's part, but his lordship allowed the objection to his evidence at this stage of the trial.

Wm. Cook, manager of the Merchants' bank, testified that he had first become aware that the bank was carrying forged paper on the 14th September. He had a conversation on that day with both Munro and Kyle. Munro admitted the existence of the forged paper. Kyle said that he had taxed Munro with it, but that Munro had said Denovan was the guilty party. Afterwards Denovan came to the bank with a declaration from Munro that he (Denovan) was not to blame. The bank had carried $58,000 for the firm, of which $48,000 to $50,000 was for money advanced. To Dr. McMichael, Mr. Cook said that Munro had acknowledged forging paper on the Ontario bank, and stated that Denovan had made forgeries with Kyle's knowledge.

Colin Munro stepped into the box as though nothing had happened to disturb his peace of mind. He was in court during the day in charge of Detective Burrows. He made some startling disclosures. In December, 1883, it was found that the firm was worth $11,223. Kyle told witness to make out a better statement, and he did so, making the firm appear worth $14,000. He did not know anything of the Quinn note. The signature on this note and the endorsation on the Doyle note were in Kyle's handwriting. His evidence went to show that a large quantity of notes had been made and endorsed in the office against parties who were not indebted to the firm in any way.

E. R. C. Clarkson, assignee, said that after the assignment he had examined the books and found the estate worth from eight to ten cents on the dollar. This concluded the evidence for the crown.

Dr. McMichael held that there was no case to go to a jury, but the judge ordered the case to proceed.

For the defence Rev. Richard Green of Weston stated that while he was curate at St. James cathedral he was acquainted with Mr. Kyle and knew nothing against him.

Charles Hutchinson said he had sold out his business to Kyle about seven years ago. The latter had been a warehouseman for him and knew nothing of business. Munro looked after the books. Kyle knew nothing except what Munro told him. As to Kyle's being a literary man and writing anti-Scott letters he would not undertake to say anything. James Walsh stated that he had seen Bernard Doyle sign a paper in Kyle's office. They afterwards had a drink together. Wm. Bacon and Geo. W. Prescott were called to prove that Walsh and Doyle had been seen together. In order to prove that Kyle had nothing to do with the financial part of the business the following witnesses were called: George Langley, Joseph Hacton, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Acton, Wm. Mackay, Thos. Collins, hotelkeeper, Collingwood, John Davis, E. H. Turner, J. H. Witcher, M. A. Harper, Chas. Denovan, Chas. Baxter of Beeton, J. W. Lang, and G. W. Prescott. Ex-Mayor Manning and ex-Ald. Farley testified as to Kyle's good character.

C. J. McQuaig, accountant, stated that he had examined the books of the firm and found that on July 31 Munro had overdrawn $9000. From Sept. 14, 1879, until July 31, 1885, Munro had received $12,564 out of the business, while Kyle received $11,804. In that period the net profits had been $18,000, with the losses at $4700.

This concluded the defence. In rebuttal, Bernard Doyle was recalled. He said he had no recollection of meeting Walsh, Prescott or Bacon.

It was after ten o'clock when Mr. Bigelow addressed the jury for the defence. He was followed by Mr. MacMahon for the crown. Judge Rose in charging the jury referred in soothing terms to Munro, whom he characterized as a self-confessed forger. They were to determine if the Quinn note was forged. Did the prisoner write that name or did he direct someone else to do it? If he did he is guilty. If you cannot decide that he signed it, then did he know the party who had made the signature? If Kyle had not made the note, the theory is that Munro had done so.

The jury retired at 11.50, and remained out till 2.20 this morning, being unable to agree. His lordship handed them over to the tender mercies of the tipstaffs, with instructions to report at 10 o'clock. The accused was left in charge of a constable.

Another bankrupt stock opening, consisting of Gloves, Hosiery, Silk Handkerchiefs and gents' furnishings, clearing at 50c on the dollar, at the Bon Marche.

Anecdote About a French Artist.

A correspondent sends The World the following anecdote regard Paul Baudry, the artist who died recently in Paris. Baudry was asked once to paint a series of pictures illustrative of the music of many lands. When he came to that of England he paused in evident embarrassment. After some reflection he painted first a sweet maiden playing an Irish harp, and then a Scotchman playing the bagpipes. He meditated again and painting the portrait of an Englishman, placing his canvas between the two others. When asked what this meant he replied: "It is quite correct; the Englishman is listening to the music as if he understood it!"

The Flight of Time.

From New York Sun.

Visitor to convict—"I suppose, my poor fellow, that in your narrow quarters the days pass by on leaden wings?"

Convict—"No, sir."

Visitor—"No! But the nights, the long dreary nights must deal out double portions of time?"

Convict—"Oh, no. The nights fly faster than the days."

Visitor (astounded)—"Is it possible?"

Convict—"Yes. You see, I am to be hanged next month."

When They Wed.

From the Wall Street News.

He entered a bank in Atlanta the other day, carrying a bundle weighing about a hundred pounds, and inquired of the cashier: "What are confederate bonds selling at to-day?"

"They are no longer quoted."

"What'll you give for a million dollars' worth?"

"Not a cent."

"All right. I've got four daughters, and I'll give each one of 'em $250,000 in these bonds for a wedding gift. Nothing stingy about me."

A la Mikado.

A merchant alone in a desolate store
Sang "Willow, tit-willow, tit-willow!"
I said to him, "Why are you pacing the floor,
Singing 'Willow, tit-willow, tit-willow'?"

"Alas!" he replied, as he smothered his cries,
"I thought it was nonsense to advertise,
And now I've no custom at all but the flies,
Oh, willow, tit-willow, tit-willow!"

AMNESTYING THE REBELS.

Two of Them Already Pardoned and Others to Follow.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Pierre Vandal and Jean-Baptiste Vandal, sentenced to seven years penitentiary for having taken part in the Northwest revolt, have been pardoned. Other pardons are to follow.

County Council Proceedings.

The county council met yesterday at 10 o'clock, with Warden Porter presiding. A communication was read from the York division grange, asking the council to take measures for the removal of the market fee tax of the city of Toronto. An adjournment was made to allow the council to visit the Central prison and Mercer reformatory. At the afternoon sitting the report of the county commissioners was received. It stated that the bridge over the Humber on the Lake shore road needed repairs, and it would be necessary to replace the greater part of the bridge and piers. The commissioners were of opinion that at the expiration of the present leases the tolls could be reduced about 25 per cent., but they thought a reduction in the number of toll-gates would be better appreciated by the traveling public. According to instructions they had obtained the local opinion of J. K. Kerr, Q.C., as to the legality of the bylaw of Toronto, providing for the collection of market fees, showing that the bylaw is bad and may be quashed; also, that parties collecting market fees over one hundred yards from the market are liable at law.

Assessment System of Life Insurance.

In another column will be found extracts from the New York World regarding the report of the general annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association. It contains facts interesting to the Canadian members of that institution. It is claimed that fifty-one millions of new business has been written during 1885, and the management predict that their business for 1886 will reach eighty millions of dollars. Nearly one million of dollars have been paid during the year to the widows and representatives of deceased members—and the cost to members, it is claimed, has been less than one-half that charged under the old system.

The Canadian business has proven satisfactory—the committee on prizes reporting that the Canadian manager, Mr. Wells, has secured the second prize for the largest amount of new business secured.

One of the circumstances attending the meeting was the fact that Shepperd Homans, the great actuary and author of the American Experience Mortality Tables, was present and endorsed the new system of life insurance.

The Grand Jury's Presentment.

The grand jury made their presentment to Justice Rose yesterday. They said his lordship's very lucid charge assisted them very much in the performance of their duty. Continuing they say: "The sudden demise during our sitting of our highly esteemed County Attorney Fenton should give such a shock to the whole community as will compel the prompt suppression of the cause which has removed from our midst so useful a member of society. To the putrid atmosphere pervading the court house, and the adjoining police station, which we have inspected, and which he had in the discharge of his official duties to so constantly inhale, can be traced his untimely end." They were convinced that crime could be lessened by a more rigid enforcement of the liquor act; they hoped to see toll gates and market fees abolished; the pay of grand jurors was miserably small; they did not visit public institutions, no conveyance being provided therefor; they thanked the crown counsel for his valuable assistance.

Seven bankrupt stocks, amounting in all to over 60,000, clearing at half price, at the Bon Marche.

A Slow Day in the Legislature.

All was peace and quietness in the chamber of the legislative assembly yesterday. The storms of the previous day had all disappeared and order and good will ruled the house. The session lasted less than twenty minutes and the only business was the presenting of petitions and the introduction of new bills. Mr. Conmee presented a petition praying for a charter for a railway from Port Arthur to Rainy river, the road to be called the Ontario & Rainy River railway. Mr. Fraser introduced a bill granting compensation to workmen in certain cases for injuries sustained; also a bill to amend chapter 128 of the revised statutes of Ontario which grants compensation in cases of death by accident or by duels. Mr. Hardy, in reply to Mr. Meredith, said that the report of the central prison investigation would be laid on the table this week. The house rose at 3.25.

Yesterday's Police Court.

Henry Riley committed a larceny in order to be sent to jail; the magistrate gave him 60 days. Thomas Robinson and Thos. Episom were acquitted of a charge of stealing a horse blanket and weight. Dennis Cummins, indecently assaulting a little girl named Emma Petrie, remanded till Monday. Wm. Wrigley and Christopher Wrigley, receiving 1370 pounds of iron, the property of the Grand Trunk Railway company, were remanded till Friday. John Edwards was fined $2 for having no bells on his harness. J. J. Jamieson, James O'Hagan and John Coomes were each fined $20 and costs for violation of the liquor law. Fred Stanger, $3 and costs or 30 days for drinking in a licensed hotel during prohibited hours.

The R. C. Y. C. Ball.

For the information of those attending the ball of the Royal Canadian Yacht club this evening, it may be stated that carriages will enter by the east gate and leave by the west gate both going and returning. Guests are reminded that the cards of invitation must be presented at the door. Arrangement have been made for the programe to be distributed on the dais to avoid overcrowding at the entrance. The stewards will see that the wishes of the committee in this respect are carried out.

Oldest Presbyterian Minister in Toronto

Announcement has been made of the death of Rev. Mr. Baxter of Truro, N. S. By this occurrence Rev. Thomas Lowry, a retired minister, now resident in Toronto, is placed at the top of the roll of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Mr. Lowry is in the 76th year of his age and 53rd of his ministry. He is in the enjoyment of excellent health for his years, and able to do good service, being the secretary of the foreign mission board.

Rev. Dr. Vincent.

A reception is to be given by the Toronto Central circle to Rev. Dr. Vincent, the originator of the C. L. S. C., Saturday evening next, in the Elm street church.

Up to his Ears.

—All well regulated merchants take stock once a year at least. Dineen—the hatter—is no exception, and at present is busy stocktaking. This week the balance of his stock of furs will be sold at so low a price that people will think they are getting them for nothing. Cor. King and Yonge streets. x

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Resolution of Condolence With Ald. Frankland—Raising the License Fee.

The adjourned meeting of the city council was held yesterday afternoon at 3.30. The mayor stated that he was confident that he voiced the sentiments of each member of the council in expressing heartfelt sympathy with Ald. Frankland in the loss sustained by the death of his son.

The executive committee's report was adopted as far as the waterworks report. Ald. Boustead started a discussion on the requisition in this report for $2400 for water meters. There were only twelve serviceable meters in the city and at least $1250 should be granted to buy 25 more. Ald. Lamb did not wish to be too hasty in the matter. Toronto workmen should be allowed to make the meters. The clause was referred to the committee again.

The property committee recommended a 21 years lease of the Hay property at $12 a foot. Ald. Defoe thought the city should get $15 a foot. This clause, after some discussion, was allowed to stand, a motion of Ald. Defoe's to have it struck out being defeated.

Ald. Boustead introduced a by-law to reduce the number of licenses to 150 for taverns and 50 for shops and to raise the price for all to $200. The by-law received its first and second reading and was referred to the executive committee.

A clause in the court-house committee report recommending the payment of $150 to each of the seven architects whose plans were favorably considered was under discussion when the committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again. After a vote of condolence to Ald. Frankland the council adjourned to meet again at the call of the mayor Monday evening to clear off the order paper.

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

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Rev. C. O. Johnston will lecture at St. Paul's Methodist church to-night on Influence.

Policeman Dodds, of No. 1 station, has decided that two are better than one, and was last night married.

Last week the carriers delivered in all 176,028 letters; of these 5532 were registered. Total newspapers, 48,063.

Judge McDougall yesterday heard the nonjury case of Minty against McFadden, judgment being entered for plaintiff for $80.

The congregation of the Sherbourne street Methodist church has decided to build a new and more commodious place of worship.

Mr. A. P. Macdonald was touched at Union station Tuesday evening for $85. He did not miss the money till after his train had started.

A motion as to whether or not the verdict of $8000 against the Irish Canadian should be set aside will be argued at Osgoode hall next week.

There are fifteen inches of snow on the level at Washington. The storm which ceased at 9 o'clock last night was the heaviest in many years.

The midshipman in command and four sailors belonging to the Austrian corvette Donan were run down in a rowboat and drowned in the North river, New York, yesterday by the tug boat Blanche Kate.

John R. Mason, 19 years of age, absconded from Detroit and came to Toronto with $70 of his employer's (H. H. Havens, jeweler) money. He was arrested yesterday at 55 Stafford street, on a telegram from that city.

A young man named Wm. White was arrested yesterday afternoon for stealing a quantity of underclothing from Varcoe's semi-furnishing store on Yonge street. Thos. Kerby, who was with him at the time, was also locked up.

At the regular meeting of the Builders' laborers' union last evening, President Geo. T. Beales, on behalf of the union, presented Wm. M. Milligan, of Queen street, with a handsomely illuminated address in recognition of his generous action towards the union during their strike last summer.

A Roller Rink Burned.

The Metropolitan roller rink on Shaw street took fire last night about midnight and was still burning at the time of going to press. Although it was not deemed necessary to sound a general alarm, the hook and ladder wagon and hose reel at No. 1 were telephoned for at 2 o'clock and went up to help quench the fire which was then becoming unmanageable.

Tobogganing Accident.

A very painful accident happened at the Queen's Park Tobogganing club slide last night, in which young Mr. Badenoch, Miss Bloor, Miss Hastings and Miss Harrington were more or less injured. Miss Bloor was badly cut about the head, and her condition is critical; Miss Hastings sustained several cuts, but none of them are dangerous; Miss Harrington got off lightly, as also did Mr. Badenoch.

A Till Tapper Foiled.

About 7.15 yesterday evening a young man walked into Charles Clarke's store, 56 Queen street, Parkdale, and proceeded to go through the till. Mr. Clark, who was sitting in the office, collared the youth before he could get out and made him disgorge. The tapper struck at Mr. Clark, but was quickly knocked out. In his hurry to escape he left behind a $7 Persian lamb cap.

At the Grand.

The Mikado cannot be downed by the cold snap. Both performances yesterday were largely attended; the audience at night filled the house.

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

Real Estate.

—Persons having real estate to sell are requested to leave description with Hager & Faulkner, 21 Adelaide street east. If desired, they will be published in their spring list free of expense. No charge is made unless sale is effected through them. 246x

A Broad Christian.

From an Obituary in the Acta Victoriana.

For two years prior to his death he enjoyed a deep religious experience to which he gave frequent earnest expression in conversation with his friends and especially to Rev. Dean Bull of the Anglican church, whose visits were most highly prized by him. A life-long Presbyterian, both by training and predilection, he gladly subscribed to the fundamental principles of christianity, and appreciated with a fine sense of spiritual discernment the best features of Canadian Methodism.

These Bloom in Winter.

From Boston Courier.

THE PLUMBER'S SOLILOQUY—A MONTH AGO.

"They laugh and say: 'He's of all hope bereft:
No frost, no ice, the plumber will be left!'
Ha! ha! it serves him right, for it is clear
He charged too much for thawing pipes last year!
When he had chances he applied the screw;
Now we're avenged; he has no work to do."
Ho! ho! well, there's a proverb, thank the fates,
Which says that all things come to him who waits.
I bide my time. The winter is not past;
Soon Boreas will be here with biting blast.
Ho! ho! we'll yet have blizzards by the score—
Such blizzards as we never had before.
Ah! then my services they'll humbly seek
To thaw that frozen pipe and stop that leak;
Their well-filled wallets then, won't I go through 'em—
Or, as they say in Latin, Soc et tuum!"

THE ICEMAN'S SOLILOQUY—TO-DAY.

"Well, who'd have thought the frost would come so keen?
Ice of such thickness ne'er before was seen—
Thanks to the rigor of that latest blast,
'Tis much more plentiful this year than last.
A glorious harvest I will have, I know,
'Twill fill my houses till they overflow;
A finer crop I could not have desired—
But extra help to house it is required.
Ay, there's the rub—the fact is very plain
It's plenty is a present loss, not gain.
When there is an abundance of good ice,
The cost of housing it amounts to twice
As much as when it's scarce, and I perceive—
However much my customers may grieve—
The price of ice next summer (ain't it queer?)
Must be much higher than it was last year."

Look Out for Your Ears.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Feb. 4, 1 a.m.—The pressure has increased throughout the lake and eastern districts, and is now abnormally high, with fine, very cold weather everywhere. The temperature varies in Ontario from 4 to 25 below zero; in Quebec from 11 to 25 below zero; in New Brunswick from 8 above to 8 below, and in Nova Scotia from 5 above to 17 above. The weather is moderating in the extreme Northwest provinces, and is 27 above in Alberta, but continues very cold in Manitoba.

Probabilities—Lakes, St. Lawrence and gulf—Northeast to northwest winds; continued fair, very cold weather.

SCOTT ACT INSPECTORS

MR. MOWAT INTERVIEWED BY THE ONTARIO ALLIANCE.

A Protest Against the Proposed Amendments of the Brewers—Election of Officers—Sympathy With the President.

The Ontario alliance yesterday elected the following officers: President, Hon. S. H. Blake; treasurer, H. O'Hara; secretary, F. S. Spence; executive committee, W. H. Howland, J. J. McLaren, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Mr. Keefer, Rev. John Smith, W. G. Fee, Rev. Robert Wallace, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Macdonald, H. Munns, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Dr. McCully, Thomas Bengough, Jacob Spence, W. H. Young, Rev. E. A. Stafford, Mrs. Wardell, James Dobson, G. M. Rose, W. H. Orr, R. J. Fleming, Rev. Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Rutherford, Ald. McMillan, Rev. Dr. Stone, Dr. Aylesworth.

In the afternoon a large deputation waited on the attorney-general, Hon. A. S. Hardy, and Hon. G. W. Ross, to urge the adoption by the government of the views of the alliance. Mr. Spence read the demands of the alliance, which included the removal of all screens and blinds from bar-rooms, and having liquor sold only