They Were Aggressors in the Sierra Leone Affair.

The Khedive of Egypt Honors Minister Maher Pasha, Whose Dismissal Was Demanded by Lord Cromer.

Sent to Rio.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.-The German cruiser Disable the Steamer Patria and Marie now in Chili has been ordered to Rio Janeiro.

Tory Lords Divided.

LONDON, Feb. 7 .- Radical papers devote considerable space this morning to a speech made by the Duke of Devonshire in the House of Lords last evening in opposition to an amendment to the Parish Councils Bill, which Lord Salistury had strongly

Sir Henry Tyler Defends Canadians. London, Feb. 6. - Much indignation has been caused by the Imperial Institute meeting of last night, when a journalist named Murdock read a paper abusing the

Canadian Pacific Railway and Canada generally. Sir Henry Tyler presided at the meeting, and at the close stoutly defended Canada. There were no more loyal people in the empire, he said. The Nelson monument affair, continued Sir Henry, was most ridiculous.

The French Fired First.

LONDON, Feb. 5 .- In the House of Lords to-day the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that dispatches had been received confirming the report of an engagement between a body of the British military police and a French force in the Sofa country in the interior of Sierra Leone in which six of the French troops were killed. According to the dispatches the French were the aggressors, having attacked the British.

LONDON, Feb. 6. - Advices from Sierra Leone say that the French have annexed the town of Half-Cevalley, adjoining the Liberian frontier, and that this action has incensed the Liberian authorities, who claimed to have obtained ownership by conquest months ago.

The Khedive Rewards His Discredited Minister.

CAIRO, Feb. 6.-The Khedive to-day opened the General Assembly in person. He commented on the good work that the Government had achieved within the past two years. Taxes, he said, had been reduced and the railway system extended. He declared his devotion to his people and his country.

Maher Pasha, the Assistant Minister of War, who, it was charged, had incited the Khedive to make hostile criticisms on the British forces in Egypt, and who was removed from office by the Khedive on the demand of Lord Cromer, the British diplomatic agent, has been decorated with the Order of Osman and appointed to the lucra-

tive post of commissioner of domains.

The Next Papal Encyclical. ROME, Feb. 6.-It is said the Pope will shortly publish an encyclical on the union of the Western and Eastern churches. The Pope traces the attempts that have been made to effect a union of the churches since the schism, and shows the endeavors of the Papacy to bring about a union. The encyclical indicates the political and theological obstacles in the way of effecting the desired end, and enumerates the advantages that would be derived by the Eastern church through a union with the Western. The Pope declares he is strongly in favor of keeping intact the rights, prerogatives, autonomy and discipline of the Eastern churches, for the Papacy though universal is not Latin. The encyclical concludes will be accomplished soon.

G. W. CHILDS BURIED.

The Philanthropist's Memory Honored by all Clases-Tribute by Canadian Typos.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.-The body of George William Childs was this afternoon consigned to the tomb. Beloved by those who knew him and respected by all men, thousands paid a last tribute to the philanthropist by attending his funeral. They represented all classes and con-The banker and the distinguished litterateur, the railroad president and the workingman, sat side by side in St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Childs was for so long a vestryman, and were alike deeply affected as they listened to Bishop Potter's eulogy of "a great and good man."

Previous to the church services, which began at I o'clock, Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, and Rev. Jos. N. Blanchard, the latter the rector of St. James Church, conducted a brief private service in the Childs mansion.

The interment was made in Woodland Cemetery in the Drexel Mausoleum. OTTAWA, Feb. 6. - The Ottawa Typo-

graphical Union have passed resolutions of condolence with the family of the eminent publisher and philanthropist, Geo. W. Childs, of Philadelphia, a copy of which will be forwarded to the family.

A SAD STORY.

Frank Finch, of Norwich, Drinks Himself to Death-Took the Gold Cure Too Late.

TORONTO, Feb. 7 .- A sad story of ruination by drink is that surrounding the death Monday, in the General Hospital, of Frank Finch, a hotel-keeper of Norwich, a town

in Oxford county. Finch had a splendid business in Norwich for years and was reputed to be quite wealthy. He drank heavily at times and once, several years ago, he had delirium tremens. He was warned then by his physician that if a similar attack was incurred again through drink he would not live through it. Despite the efforts of his wife and daughter, Finch continued to take liquor. The mastery it had gained left him a helpless slave. Often of late he drank as much as 30 or 40 glasses a day, his friends say.

Five weeks ago Monday he came to Toronto with a friend, a Mr. Abrams. Finch's intention was to take the gold cure, of which he had long talked. He registered at the Empress Hotel and his friend went

system was at a high strain and he was verging on delirium tremens. Four or five glasses of liquor appeared to restore him a little, but he soon became worse. He grew violent and created havoc, even tearing down the gas fixtures. His cries were painful to hear. He had to be strapped down and stimulants administered. The man, utterly worn out, relapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied. The body was taken to Norwich for burial. STORM AFTER STORM

day, the day after his arrival. His nervous

Several of Her Crew.

The Baltimore Boarded and Battered by a Huge Wave,

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 6.-The steamer A. S. Patria arrived here so-day disabled. She left New York ten days ago for Hamburg and met storm after storm. Her decks were swept, rudder broken and her boats were smashed. Her captain and several of her rew were badly injured.

BOARDED AND BATTERED BY BIG WAVES. HALIFAX, Feb. 6.-The Furness line steamer Baltimore City, Capt. Newton, arrived this morning from London, after a tempestuous passage of 23 days. On Jan. 19 a tremendous sea came aboard, disabling the steamer's steering gear and doing other damage, besides sweeping away everything movable.

At 6 p.m. on Jan. 21 a lot of wreckage was passed, and on Feb. 1 a large black object was passed, supposed to be a ship

BEATEN BACK. GLASGOW, Feb. 6.-The British steamer Rannoch, Capt. Stevens, which sailed hence Jan. 20 for New York, has returned. She reports having met with heavy weather, during which her decks were swept by the sea and her boats carried

CONCISE CULLINGS

President Carnot has recovered. Mrs. Mary B. Day has been elected State librarian of Kentucky.

Ex-President Harrison denies the report that he is about to marry the widow of

Leland Stanford. A report from Victoria, B. C., states that 51 sealing vessels are on their way to the

hunting grounds. The Russian steamer Korniloff, bound from Smyrna for Tripoli, has been wrecked on the Island of Cyprus, between Paphos

and Limasol. No lives lost. The excursion schooner Florence of Headland, Mich., which had been reported lost with all on board, arrived at Carrollton, La., on Monday. All on board were well. At Pittsburg, Pa., Charles Messner, aged 21, shot and seriously wounded his step-mother. Mrs. Kate Messner, and then

killed herself. They did not get on well together, and the stepmother accused Messner of stealing money. Silver in London has reached the lowest

point ever recorded-58. The whisky trust has ordered an increase in the price of spirits of 2 cents a gallon. Martin Costello, who fled from Chicago to Canada to escape arrest for prize-fight-

ing, has given himself up. Judge Weaver, senior member of the firm of John Weaver & Co., proprietors of the Everett House, New York, is dead.

Princess Marie Louise of Bourbon, wife of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who, on Jan. 10, gave birth to a son, is seriously ill. The police census of the unemployed of New York shows that out of 78,023

persons usually employed 67,280 are now idle. Of this number 52,592 are males and 14,688 are females. Prof. Nicole, of Geneva, has published with a pathetic and ardent prayer that this the text of papyrus fragments of Homer recently purchased in Egypt. These fragments show notable variations from the known text. In one case thirteen addi-

tional lines are inserted among 70 lines of the ordinary text of the liad. Dwight L. Moody, the world-renowned evangelist, and Ira D. Sankey, the great evangelistic singer, have begun a series of meetings in Washington, D. C. The meetings are to have the support of all the evangelistic organizations and everything points towards an unusually successful

Mrs. Henry Huffman, a well-known lady of Sabina, O., died last Sunday at 9 a.m. On Friday she predicted that she would be dead in three days and began to make preparations for the funeral. She worked hard all day Saturday and retired in the evening apparently as well as usual, and the next morning was found dead in bed, as she had predicted.

CANADIAN.

W. E. S. Knowles has been elected mayor of Dundas by a majority of 42, the vote being: Knowles, 306; T. A. Wardell,

The old retail drygoods firm of Byrnell Bros., of Parkdale, has been compelled to assign. Assets placed at \$15,000 and liabilities at \$11,000.

At the meeting of the Toronto Ministerial Association, Rev. J. G. Stuart stated that he did not consider it desirable to send divinity students to conduct the services at the Mercer Reformatory, as the girls make fun of them and laugh at them.

ALL MEN

Young, old or middle-aged, who find them. selves, nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face and body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizzines, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bash. fulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounded with LEADEN CIRCLES, oily looking skin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. The spring or vital force having lost its tension every function wanes in consequence. Those who through abuse committed in ignorance, may be permanently cured. Send your address and 10c in stamps for book on diseases peculiar to man, sent sealed. Address M. V. LUBON, stay with relatives at 38 Gerrard street 24 Macdonneit avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Finch was not very well on Tues- Please mention this paper

The Big Prohibition Convention in Toronto Begun.

All Plebiscite Organizations To Be Continued.

Sir Oliver Mowat Interviewed by an Influential Delegation.

He Reiterates His Promise to Intro duce a Prohibitive Measure if the Constitution Gives Him the Right To Do So.

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—The first business in connection with the prohibition convention was a committee meeting which lasted all yesterday afternoon. This was the final meeting of the plebiscite campaign committee, and the small inner office of No. 56 King street west was crowded with men who had worked to bring the fight to a successful issue on Jan. 1 last.

The work which lay before the committee was to wind up the business of the committee and the campaign and to take action with regard to the convention which it had called. Both these items were attended to, and a vote of thanks to Mr. F. S. Spence, the secretary, for his services during the campaign was unanimously adopted, all standing up. THE CONVENTION OPENED.

The prohibition convention opened at the Pavilion this morning. The large building was crowded with delegates. Ex-Mayor Fleming presided. The morning was spent mainly in discussing recommendations of the committee which was in session yesterday. One of these advised that the county and the city organizations founded in connection with the plebiscite be maintained. This was carried without discussion. CONSULTING THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

The principal debate was around the recommendation that the Ontario Government be memorialized to promise to pass such prohibitory legislation as is in their power at the earliest moment possible. A kept that promise. He explained the steps deputation was appointed to wait on the that had been taken, and showed how he Government in the afternoon.

o'clock to-day principally in considering ment in the Supreme Court this month, the views that should be laid before the after which it would go to the Privy Coun-Attorney-General.

THE DELEGATION.

A very large deputation then proceeded to wait on Sir Oliver Mowat. The principal point in the representations made to him was to demand of him that he would promise to grant at the earliest opportunity such a measure of prohibition as the courts may decide to be practical.

Sir Oliver received the delegation from the convention, and was heartily cheered when he appeared along with Hon. Messrs. Hardy, Ross, Dryden and Harcourt.

E. J. Davis, M.P.P., presented the deputation, and the first speakers were Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, F. S. Spence and Rev. Dr.

Mrs. Thornley, London, president of the W. C. T. U., followed. A public reform, she said it had been remarked, passed four stages. First it was a fanaticism, then an enthusiasm, then a great moral reform, and lastly a great moral victory. The prohibition movement had passed the first two and was now in the third. The deputation were there to ask that it be put into the fourth class. (Applause.) She spoke of the great change that had come over the moral tone of the country on this question. There had been a strengthening of temperance sentiment during the past few years, and though it might be ungenerous to say it here, a weakening of party ties. This, she thought, was a good omen. A Government that stands upon party prejudice was weak, while one that would stand upon the moral sentiment of the country was a good one. (Applause.) The majority in the plebiscite was larger than was expected. So far as the woman's vote was concerned she believed Sir Oliver would hear of it later-(laughter)-because the convention had arranged to have the facts with regard to it laid before him. Yet cramped and confined as the class was from whom the woman's vote came, 80 per cent. of it voted for prohibition. She believed Sir Oliver would never regret enlarging the woman's franchise, but, she concluded, they were now asking for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic. (Ap-

plause.) Mr. John Cameron, London, referred to the convention of which they were the delegates as the most influential and representative gathering ever assembled in Toronto. The people of the Province had voted, by 80,000 majority, for prohibition. What they meant by their vote was a threefold probibition of the manufacture, importation and sale. The delegates, to the number of 1,400, who were assembled in the city had decided to ask the Dominion and Ontario Governments to give the fullest legislation that it is in their power to give. "We ask each Government," he said, "to do the most that it has the power and jurisdiction to do." (Applause.) He concluded by saying that he indersed most heartily what had been spoken by his friends, Dr. Potts and the chairman as well

as the president of the W. C. T. U. SIR OLIVER'S REPLY. Sir Oliver was applauded heartily when he rose to speak. He said he had listened with extreme interest to the resolution and to the elequent words which they had just heard addressed to them. He recognized the great importance of the plebiscite. After so decided a vote as that he considered that no Government would be justified in disregarding it unless it were in favor of something that was not in the public interest, and he did not think that was the character of prohibition. (Applause.) He observed that it was being said that, after all, but a very small number of those entitled to vote had voted, but that was always the case in regard to every public vote taken. (Hear, hear.) The vote was a remarkable one-remarkable not only that the majority was 82,000, but when it was considered that the majority was almost as great as the total vote against. The vote, therefore, he declared, must be regarded as expressing strongly

Long ago, he said, he had perceived what a large amount of the evil in the world arises from intemperance, and as the years had passed he had seen more clearly that a large proportion of the misery, suffering, disease and poverty of the world has arisen from intemperance, and men who perceived this, but do not concur with them as to the wisdom of the method they adopted, must still regard their movement with the profoundest sympathy and respect. "I think," the Premier said, "that prohibition, if it is an experiment, and if not successful in all the States where it has been passed, is still worth trying." (Great applause.) The vote removed all difficulty about it being demanded by the people. Legislation, he reminded them, was limited by the demand of the people. There were many good things that public opinion was not educated up to and that were not, therefore proposed. But on this question the public have been educated, "I do not gather from the resolution that you have read," he continued, "nor the eloquent words that I have heard that you expect, or even, perhaps, desire that I should bring in any measure pending the ascertainment by the courts of our jurisdiction, and how far the Legislature can go. I stated my opinion strongly last year, and I hold the same opinion now, that that would not be in the interest of temperance, but quite the reverse. A prohibitory law under favorable conditions is not easy to enforce, and the difficulty is increased immensely if you add the difficulty arising from its being doubtful if there is a power to enforce it." This was not a case, he continued, where a few people were against the law. There were large interests and wealthy companies against it. It would be difficult to get convictions at all, and any that could be obtained would be appealed against, and it was impossible to enforce sentence while it was under appeal. There would be no limit to the drinking which would result under this state of affairs. There would be drinking in licensed and unlicensed places. There would be no restriction of it. "I have always been opposed," he declared, "to doing anything until I know what our jurisdiction is. When I know that I am prepared to act." It had been said that it would be better to pass an act and try its constitutionality by means of an action in the courts. That, however, was a cumbrous and costly method, while it was comparatively easy to get a decision by the means that had been adopted. He had promised to submit questions to the courts to obtain a definition of the powers of the Legislature. He had had done all he could to expedite the matto provide in them for every aspect, and in order to be sure that he was embracing everything in them that it was desirable for the temperance cause to have settled he

The convention occupied itself until 4 ter. The case was now set down for argucil. In preparing the questions to be submitted to the courts he had tried, he said, sent a copy of them to Mr. J. J. Maclaren, who had returned them with the comment that he believed they covered everything. Concluding, he said: "As soon as a decision is reached by the Privy Council, at the first session thereafter, if the Privy Council decides that we have jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory law for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and I am still Premier, I will introduce a bill for that purpose. (Great cheering.) In case we have authority for a partial prohibitory law it is difficult to say anything, because we cannot anticipate what the power may be." Sir Oliver then

read the following type-written statement of the Government's position: "If the decision of the Privy Council should be that the Province has jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law as to sale, I will introduce such a bill in the following session if I am then at the head of the Government.

"If the decision of the Privy Council is that the Province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory liquor law, I will introduce such a prohibitory bill as the decision will warrant. THE DEPUTATION SATISFIED.

There was enthusiastic cheering when the Premier finished reading. The cheers and applause were continued for several moments. When it had subsided the chairman said to the Premier: "I am sure I need not say that your answer is every-thing to be desired." (Applause.) Dr. Potts-Eminently satisfactory. (Ap-

Mr. Hardy responded to the calls for him. "You do not want more oratory,"

Dr. Potts-Experience, then. (Laughter.) "The Premier has spoken my sentiments," Mr. Hardy proceeded, "he has spoken the sentiments of all the members of the Government who are in the city-they are all here. I need not say more." (Applause.) Mr. Ross was also called upon, but excused himself by saying he hoped to be with

them in the evening at their meeting. Dr. Potts wound up the speech-making. "I am sure I voice the feeling of the whole deputation," he said, "when I say that we cordially thank you and your Cabinet for the spirit in which you have met us, and for the answer that you have given us." (Applause.)

The proceedings were closed with three cheers for Sir Oliver, called for by the chairman. The convention held a jubilation meeting this evening.

Farmers Indorse Prohibition. ACTION OF THE CENTRAL FARMERS' INSTI-

TUTE. TORONTO, Feb. 6. - The Central Farmers' Institute began its annual meeting to-day. The business of the day was largely of a routine nature. One resolution which evidently sought to commit the institute to a declaration in support of the Patron candidates in the field though the organization was not named, was shelved without coming to a vote.

A resolution was passed calling on the Ontario Government to offer its limits in lots small enough to allow local saw mills to become purchasers. Another resolution calling on the Dominion and Provincial Governments to pass such measures as lie in their power for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic

was carried with but two opponents. AN ALLEGED RAPHAEL

A Toronto Dressmaker Makes a Discovery About an Old Picture.

TORONTO, Feb. 7 .- A poor Toronto dressmaker had a picture of an old mosque left must be regarded as expressing strongly and emphatically the public sentiment of the Province. (Applause.) They all knew to what a large extent his sympatics had

been with them in this movement all along. | back of the frame, was found this inscrip-"Interior of a mosque painted at Urbino by Raphael when 12 years old. Interior of

mosque De La Grande." On another part of the canvass was in scribed:

"Taken from Holyrood in 1688 by Lord Russell. Presented to Lady Isabel Russell,

If the painting is genuine, it is 399 years old, and may be very valuable. The biographies of Raphael say that he was placed in the school of Perugina when he was 12 years old, but attempted nothing that can be authenticated as his own till he was about 17 years old.

THE BLACK KNIGHT IN TORONTO Pours Shot and Shell Into a Congrega-

tion-The Soloist Left. TORONTO, Feb. 7.-The spirit of strife made its appearance Sunday night in Trinity Methodist Church, where the acting pastor delivered a heavy tirade to the congregation for not joining in the Lord's Prayer.

He was followed by the Rev. J. H. Hector, "the Black Knight," who spoke in a similar strain, and informed the congregation that all they seemed to care for were some fashionable soloists. This sally roused the ire of the leading lady in the choir, who walked out slamming the door behind her. An act which called forth some trenchant remarks from Rev. J. H. Hector, who continued to pour shot and shell into the congregation.

When he finished he was somewhat surprised to be greeted with applause from the congregation.

STAND BY THE MINISTER.

Important Declaration Regarding the Attitude of West Middles:x Temperance Men. At the recent Liberal convention in West Middlesex, Mr. W. J. French, Glencoe, said he appeared as a representative of the temperance people in the west riding, and he would tell the Minister candidly in what he and his friends were satisfied and in what they were not satisfied. The dissatisfaction, he promised. was very small. When it was proposed to hold the plebiscite, he candidly confessed, some of the temperance electors did not like it, but even before it was taken it was recognized even by one-time objectors to it as the best possible means for ascertaining the public sentiment. "As to the way the officials are appointed," continued Mr. French, "we are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the people that the license commissioners and their assistants should be appointed by the Government. We believe that it would be disastrous to the temperance cause were the appointments to be made by the county councils or by the municipalities. I am directed to say that the temperance people are satisfied with the manner in which the license commissioners of West Middlesex are doing their duty; but I am instructed to say that we are not satisfied with the license inspector. Cannot he be more vigilant in the discharge of his duties? We want to support Sir Oliver Mowat, because we believe that the legislation of his Government has ever been in the direction (of moral reform and progress. I believe that you will find the people will back up Sir Oliver in further legislation in this direction. We believe that no temperance man would be justified in voting either for Mr. Leitch or for Mr. Murdock in this campaign, because they are not men who sympathize with our cause. We believe that your present representative, who has been a temperance advocate and a temperance worker all his life, will be re-elected by a large majority, and we are prepared to give him all the aid in our power." This declaration was

loudly cheered. IN CONGRESS.

President Cleveland's Hawaiian Policy

Sustained. House, Washington, D. C., Feb. 6. Consideration of the Hawaiian resolution was resumed in the House to-day. At 3:30 the House began voting on the pending resolutions. That introduced by Mr. Blair (Republican, New Hampshire) declaring or a policy of annexation was defeated.

Yeas, 90; nays, 155. Mr. Hitt's resolution condemning the action of Minister Willis in interfering with divorce from any of them, and all are a republican government to which he was alive. accredited was also lost. Yeas, 98; nays,

Mr. Reed (Republican, Maine) made a motion to recommit the McCreary resolution, and this was defeated by a vote of 97

On the resolution offered by Mr. Mc. Creary the roll was called. The Republicans refrained from voting, and only 160 Democrats voted in the affirmative. No quorum.

The Republicans, under the leadership of Mr. Reed, began filibustering and kept the House tied up until 6:30, when all leaves of absence were revoked, telegrams sent for absentees and the House adjourned.

M. C. R. Reductions. DETROIT, Feb. 7. - President Ledyard, of the M. C. R., was asked by a reporter: "Is the Michigan Central now figuring on

the reduction of its through passenger service ?" "No," he replied. But there is a movement on foot, is there not, to reduce the number of trains

now running over the road?" "Yes; we have called the superintendents together to see what can be done, but it is the local trains that will be reduced and not the through trains. There is very little business, and if possible we shall combine some of the trains. There is combine some of the trains. There is nothing being done looking toward the reduction of the train service between New

His Sweetheart Betrayed Him.

York and Chicago."

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-William Ellis, Actor William H. Crane's colored valet, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Crowley on the suspicion that he had robbed the actor of \$1,815 last week. It seems that he had a sweetheart, who attended a ball recently and mentioned the fact that she had enough money to keep her toes warm during the winter. The gossip spread and reached the ears of Detective Crowley. He had a talk with her, and she admitted that William had been flush of money. William was taken to police headquarters and contessed to Inspector McLaughlin. He had a confederate who had the money, he said. They had it stored |

DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

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BURNED OUT.

MATTAWA, Ont., Feb. 6.—Early this morning Timmins Bros. store on Main street was burned. Nothing was saved out of the store. Loss \$17,000. The contents of the lower flat of the store house were saved in good order. Loss heavy; partly covered by insurance.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 6. — The Memorial Hospital for Women and Children was burned last evening. Loss \$10,000. The 28 patients were saved.

KINGSVILLE, Ont., Feb. 6.—This morning Gregory's two-story building on Main street, occupied as a furniture factory and show rooms, was burned down with a large amount of furniture. Loss \$7,000; insurance \$2,000. A small frame building used by the gas company as workshop and office was also destroyed. Loss \$1,000; insurance \$400. Conklin's implement rooms and the plate glass front in M. H. Scratch's block was damaged. Caused by natural

THE OPEN FORUM.

Parsons to Jones.

gas.

To the Editor of the Advertiser: Allow me to contradict a statement made by Mr. Jones at the City Council meeting in which he states or implies that I had one of my hydrants leaking all last summer, and, to use his own words, was too mean to pay a dollar to get it repaired. Having spent a portion of the summer in British Columbia, and as some of my tenants are under rental agreement to keep water taps tight, I was not prepared to contradict his statement until I had investigated. Thinking it might have occurred without my knowledge, but hardly possible during my absence, and knowing the periodical visits our city inspector makes, I defy him or anyone else to prove the statement. But if he refers to the summer of '92, when I was a month in Halifax, he can get any information concerning that leak from the waterworks office, they having been notified to turn the water off, which they did. My wife not knowing the nature of the leak and expecting my immediate return, the matter was delayed a few days with the inspector's consent. I would advise Mr. Jones to size up his man and before making any such statement, casting reflections on our inspector and others interested, to investigate the facts, and give the public truth instead of wind. Yours truly, JOHN M. PARSONS.

The Krewe of Comus. NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 6.—The climax of the carnival festivities was reached tonight, when fully 100,000 people thronged the streets, a goodly number of whom were masked, to witness the gorgeous pageant of

the Krewe of Comus. Chamberlain Again Arrested. TORONTO, Feb. 6.—Charles Chamberlain, who gives his address as Richmond Hill, and who cut such a prominent figure in the bye-election in Winnipeg on Nov. 22 as an election pusher and alleged impersonator, was arrested on Yonge street this afternoon

by Detective Burrows, Eighteen Years Old-Four Husbands. Henderson, Ky., Feb. 6.-Mrs. Celia Livers has been convicted of Bigamy by the Simpson County Court, at Franklin, Ky. She is but 18 years old and has been married to the fourth husband within the past two years without having secured a

Lincoln Patrons met Tuesday but did not nominate a candidate. They may later on.

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