

The steamer *Halifax* will make an excursion trip to Lunenburg on Tuesday, 21st June.

The annual competition of the Provincial Rifle Association will open at Bedford range Tuesday, August 16th.

The Dominion government propose to erect a special building at the World's Fair for the use of Canadians visiting the exhibition.

The Board of Trade of this city has appointed Arthur P. Silver, W. J. Stewart and Geoffrey Morrow as delegates to attend the London Congress of Commerce of the Empire, which will be held in London at the end of this month.

James G. Blaine has resigned his office as Secretary of State and has become a candidate in the Presidency campaign.

Despatches from Minnesota and Wyoming state that a heavy snowstorm of midwinter severity raged in those districts on June 5th. Grass, grain and all vegetation are destroyed.

The New York *Herald* claims that as long ago as last October it predicted that the present spring would be late. It now ventures to predict that the crops of 1892 will not be as good as those of last year.

Great Britain's building at the Exposition will be a typical specimen of a picturesque, half-timbered English home of the time of Henry VIII, or about the period which the World's Fair will commemorate. It will be ninety feet square, two stories high, and built of red brick, heavy timber and yellowish terra cotta, with red tiling for the roof.

The oil region of Pennsylvania was visited on Saturday last by an awful disaster. The Oil Creek overflowed its banks and Titusville and Oil City were inundated. Several oil refineries were struck by lightning, causing a widespread fire. Many people were burned to death, and some 200 were drowned. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

Fifteen years ago it is doubtful if there 500 bicycle riders in Chicago, while to-day an estimate of 15,000 is not considered extravagant. Nor is the sport confined to the male sex, for of the number given above probably one-seventh may be credited to the ladies, among whom there are in Chicago over two-score who have ridden their hundred miles a day.

Visitors to the Exposition at Chicago will be able to go comfortably and expeditiously from one part of the grounds to another and obtain advantageous views of the buildings. They may do this either in electric boats through the lagoons, or by the intramural elevated electric railway. The contract for the latter has been awarded. There will be five miles of double track and stations at convenient points. The route, as mapped out, runs from one end to the other of the grounds in a sinuous course. The fare will be five cents, and the capacity of the road about 20,000 an hour.

The new British coinage will bear the Queen's head without her crown.

A letter from Dr. Stuhlmann confirms the report of the death of Emin Pasha, the brave African ruler and explorer. All who have followed the adventures, successes and misfortunes of Emin, will regret the sad event.

The friends of Deacon, recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment for shooting M. Abeille, the suspected paramour of his wife, expect that President Carnot will grant a commutation of his sentence on July 14, the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, when it is customary for the Executive to extend clemency to certain prisoners.

Hon. Patrick Groville Nugent, a member of the British House of Commons, has pleaded guilty to common assault on Miss Marion Price in a railway carriage. This plea was accepted by the court, the charge of felonious assault not being pressed, and Nugent was sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labor. He pleaded in extenuation of his defence that he was drunk at the time.

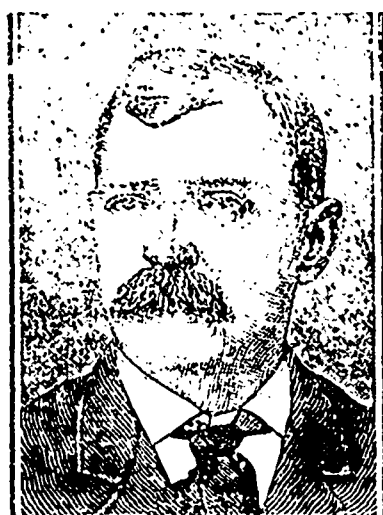
Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, who gained unpleasant notoriety through her theft of Mrs. Hargrave's jewelry, has given birth to a daughter. When Mrs. Osborne was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for the theft of the jewelry and her subsequent perjury, her condition was used as a means to induce the Home Secretary to pardon her. The efforts of her friends were successful and her child was thus saved the odium of prison-birth.

It was confidently expected that the list of Queen's birthday honors which gave the Dukedom to the heir presumptive, would contain also the announcement that the title of Royal Highness had been conferred upon Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. It was given out some months ago, unofficially, that the Queen had signified her intention of raising Princess Mary to Royal rank, this being only one of the many signs of sympathy and affection which Her Majesty began to shower upon the unfortunate young Princess after the death of the Duke of Clarence. The omission of Princess May's name from the list of birthday honors, is, therefore, regarded by the holders of court secrets as a sign of the Queen's displeasure at the energetically circulated rumor of the forthcoming betrothal of the Duke of York and Princess May, and it is in this manner that the Queen has put the Royal negative upon this much desired and important question.

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