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## BISMARCK ON HIS KNEES.

*HE IMPLORES THE REICHSTAG TO VOTE HIM A SUBSTITUTE.*

**The Request Refused—The Iron Chancellor Overworked and Embittered for Life—Uproar in the House.**

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In the reichstag today a motion was made to create a second directorship in the ministry of foreign affairs which met with considerable opposition.

Bismarck spoke, justifying its passage. He reminded the house that he was compelled in 1877 to ask to be relieved of his functions because of overwork and ill health. He had only been able to continue in office by the law providing him with a substitute. If the house refused to grant the means with which to provide a substitute with suitable compensation he must decline to be responsible for the foreign policy. When he declared on his oath that the new post was necessary the refusal of the house to establish it was a virtual declaration that he was either ignorant or incapable.

I have sacrificed my health and strength, he said, in the services of the emperor and fatherland. Don't refuse me what is necessary to the best interests of the service.

Bismarck continuing severely rebuked the house for wishing to prevent him from continuing his policy. Such action he said would render mobilization unnecessary even after the millions that had been spent thereon. He gave his official assurance that his present staff was inadequate. The refusal to comply with his request would only embitter his life.

Vollmar hinted that official oaths were worthless, as had already been proven in the law courts.

This statement evoked a great uproar and protests and calls for order were made.

Bismarck protested against such treatment and claimed he should be treated with the decency prevailing in educated society.

The motion to create a second directorship was lost by 141 to 119.

**Chinese Prisoners for Target Practice.**

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Havas news agency publishes a letter from a private soldier stating that General Negrier in defeating 10,000 Chinese regulars handed over 200 prisoners to the best French riflemen for targets in ball practice, and that all of them were killed. Newspapers here demand a prompt and categoric denial of the statement.

**Ended in Disagreement.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The trial of the divorce suit of Harrison against Harrison and Page ended in a disagreement of the jury. It is understood ten of the jury decided with Dr. Page, and believed that the alleged confession of Mrs. Harrison, which implicated the physician, was made while she was delirious from the effects of chloral.

**An Embarrassing Situation.**

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—Distressing accounts of the explosion in the colliery at Oruna continue to arrive. Miners from other collieries wishing to descend to attempt a rescue were forcibly prevented by their wives and children while the relatives of the victims in the burning mine were kneeling imploring the rescuers to descend.

**Gordon Well.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Korte despatch says a messenger who arrived from Khartoum in eleven days reports that Gordon was well, and recently severely defeated the rebels, killing a large number and blowing up the forts at Omdermann.

**Portugal's Parliament.**

LISBON, Dec. 15.—The cortes was formally opened to-day. The royal speech referred principally to the African colonies of Portugal and the Congo conference.

**Eleven Persons Drowned.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The steamship Caranza from Rotterdam for Lisbon foundered off the Isle of Wight. Eleven were drowned and eighteen saved.

*CABLE NOTES.*

The French chamber of deputies yesterday abolished the grant for catholic theological colleges.

At Coal Island, Ireland, Bernard Campbell charged with administering the fenian oath to Patrick Mallon was acquitted today.

Blanchett, treasurer of the bank at Annecy, France, who embezzled $100,000 has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

The trial of anarchists Reinsdorf, Bachmann and six others for the explosion at Niederwald and other charges began at Leipsic yesterday.

**Patti a Spendthrift.**

Patti makes a great deal of money, and she spends a great deal. At the rate she lives it must cost her something like a hundred thousand dollars a year. She has a retinue of people and a large suite of apartments at the Windsor hotel—private table, of course—and her own chef, whom she brings with her. Then she has a castle in Wales to keep up, and that is an enormous tax upon her income. Even when she does not live there she has ten or a dozen people taking care of the house, and as many more on the place. The castle itself is as large as a small hotel. It has forty-five furnished rooms besides other rooms that are not furnished. It is a whim of Patti to keep up this place, and she has enough money to indulge herself in expensive whims. Besides the money that Patti earns, she has $200,000 that can never be touched; at least the principal cannot be touched; she has the use of the income, of course. But this she does not lay much stress upon. The income of $200,000 is a small item to a person who makes as much money as she does.

**Nobody Wanted Puddun.**

*Mundus, in the Rambler.*

A story came to me the other day of an engineering party in Dakota that had seated themselves at their dinner table in a tent when a party of cowboys rode up. One of them dismounted, and thrusting his pistol into the middle of a rice pudding that was placed in the centre of the table called out: "Whoever wants puddun must ask me?"

The symptoms of malarial poisoning have been produced in animals by the instantaneous injection of watery extracts from marshy soil.

*A SENATOR ON SILVER.*

**Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Sherman Discusses the Question.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Important discussion followed Hill's speech in the senate to-day in favor of his silver resolutions. Hill regretted the tone and tendency of the advice given by the president and secretary of the treasury in regard to the discontinuance of the coinage of silver. He supported this resolution by a powerful speech.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Sherman followed. He said of the number of silver dollars coined since 1878 less than one-fourth were now in circulation. That showed that the law of congress had not been able to restore silver to its old relation with gold. As powerful as was the government and states, it was not powerful enough to prevent the inevitable depreciation of silver compared with gold that has been steadily going on. The only question of practical politics was whether we ought not ourselves to respect what we cannot overcome, whether we should not change our ratio of value between the two metals, as other nations, or whether we should wait until the tide should overwhelm us.

The silver we have coined and of which we have such an enormous stock, could not be exported to any country in the world because our coined silver is not worth its intrinsic value in gold. Our silver bullion went abroad because it went at its market value. If any adverse charge occurred in our balance of trade, the silver piled up in our treasury would be worth merely its bullion value. Suppose such an alarm were sounded as should lead to the export of our gold and disarrange all our standards of value, did not senators know it would create the most fearful contraction of the currency ever witnessed in this country. Laboring men supposing themselves to be earning a dollar would be earning only 85 cents, and wages would not advance to make up the deficiency.

Sherman hoped to God such a contingency would not arise, and he believed it would not if congress acted wisely.

*AN INTERNATIONAL DEAL.*

**The United States of America to Own and Control the Nicaragua Canal.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By the convention concluded between the United States and Nicaragua, the United States undertakes to construct, in accordance with the survey and plans made under the direction of A. G. Menocal of the United States navy, a ship canal suitable for all demands and requirements of commerce, to begin at the port of San Juan, De Nicaragua, or Greytown, and to intersect the San Juan river above the Rio Colorado, and thence by the San Juan to Lake Nicaragua, and across the lake to the mouth of the River Delmadio, and thence to the Pacific ocean at the harbor of Brito. In consideration of this undertaking on the part of the United States, the republic of Nicaragua is to cede, grant and convey to the United States the right of way through her territory along and across water and highways thereof, and in addition thereto in perpetuity a strip of land three miles wide on each side of said canal, together with the ports and harbors of San Juan, De Nicaragua, or Greytown and Brito, respectively, on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The absolute ownership, control, and management of the canal is to be in and exercised by the United States. Nicaragua is to have one-half the tolls levied and collected on the commerce of the canal.

This treaty is the most important and far reaching the American government has ever engaged in. Its provisions all contravene those of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty made with Great Britain in 1850.

**Charmed by a Celestial.**

ERIE, Dec. 15.—A Chinaman and a handsome girl visited Alderman Farrier last evening and were married under the names of James Yung and Maggie Kenley. After the wedding Yung had his queue cut off and arrayed himself in civilized apparel. The couple then returned to Ohio, whence they professed to have come.

**Protest Against Ratification.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the senate, Logan presented a large number of petitions from tobacco and cigar manufacturers and labor organizations of Illinois, New York and other states, protesting against the ratification of the Spanish treaty.

**Disastrous Storm at Buffalo.**

BUFFALO, Dec 16.—A fierce storm yesterday caused a damage of over $50,000, principally along the water front. Wind moderated in afternoon, but now (1.30 a.m.) it is blowing forty to fifty miles an hour and growing extremely cold.

**Fitzjohn Porter Laid on the Table.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The mayor to-day nominated Fitzjohn Porter for commissioner of public works and M. J. O'Brien for corporation counsel. The aldermen laid Porter's nomination on the table and rejected O'Brien's.

**A New York Failure.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Henry Levy & Son, importers and manufacturers of fancy goods, have assigned; preferences $65,000; liabilities $300,000, mostly foreign; assets said to be between $325,000 and $340,000.

**Strike of Hatmakers.**

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 15.—The larger part of the hands employed in Thorn & Co.'s hat factory struck this morning in consequence of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages.

**An Excessive Verdict.**

ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—Charles Dunn, aged 8, through his guardian, has secured a verdict for $50,000 against the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway for personal injuries.

**The Fate of a Belle.**

MIDDLEBOURNE, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Mary McCoy, belle of the town and daughter of the wealthiest man in the place, died Saturday from the effects of malpractice.

**The Grand Trunk to Boston.**

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The Portland Press gives currency to report that the Grand Trunk proposes to extend its line from Portland to Boston.

A good substitute for ground-glass is made as follows: Work together equal parts of white lead and common putty until quite soft, then form is into a ball and roll it over the surface of the glass, and a ground glass appearance is the result.

## DENOUNCED BY THE PRESS

*THE ATTEMPTED DESTRUCTION OF LONDON BRIDGE.*

**A Large Reward to be Offered for the Perpetrators—Demoralizing the Cause of Ireland.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Times arrives at the conclusion that the explosion must be traced in some way to America. It says the moment has come to ask whether the American law might not be altered so that impunity could no longer be accorded to men who make no secret of their murderous intentions. The knowledge that the dastardly promoters of outrages are loathed and execrated by a vast majority of Americans encourages the hope that if the bridge outrage shall be eventually traced to transatlantic agency America will not be content with a mere expression of horror, but will be roused to take such action as is to be expected from a civilized community in dealing with the object of scoundrels.

A motion will be made in the city council Thursday to offer a reward of £5000 for the discovery of the parties who committed the outrage.

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The Irish Times, referring to the London explosion, says it will greatly aggrevate the public mind that the dynamiters have struck a blow at the heart of commerce in London, and it will be strange indeed if the wealth and ingenuity of London merchants fail to lay bare the secrets of the dynamiters' organization.

The Dublin Express says that deeds of violence only result in demoralizing the tendency of the government's policy respecting Ireland.

**The London Bridge Outrage Applauded.**

PARIS, Dec. 15.—At a meeting of anarchists yesterday references to the London explosion were applauded.

*A MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.*

**Reuben Springer's Bequests to Public and Charitable Institutions.**

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—The will of the late Reuben R. Springer was probated today. The largest public bequest is 750 shares of stock to the Music hall association of the par value of $75,000. He gives also $40,000 to the college of music, $20,000 to the Museum association, besides pictures and works of art. To St. Mary's seminary for the education of Roman catholic priests, $100,000; to the little sisters of the poor, $35,000; Good Samaritan hospital, $30,000; Franciscan brothers $35,000; sisters of charity, Cedar grove, for the foundling asylum, $25,000; support of cathedral schools, $40,000; for home mission work a perpetuity of $1000 a year; sisters of mercy, $5000; convent of the Good Shepherd, $35,000; St. Peter's benevolent society, $50,000; little sisters of the poor of St. Francis, $20,000. The estate is estimated at $3,000,000.

*UNITED STATES NEWS.*

Two Philadelphia carpet factories surrendered to the strikers yesterday and work was resumed.

At Houlton, Me., an entire square comprising business houses was burned last night. Loss $100,000.

The Hocking valley mines are running with nearly full force, the place of the strikers having been filled.

P. J. Slocum fired into a mob who surrounded his house at Horse Cove, Ky., and killed Wayne Crane.

At Baltimore last night Alphonse Micheaux in a fit of jealous rage shot and killed his mistress, and then blew out his own brains.

A reduction of 10 to 15 per cent. was announced in the Manville mills at Providence, R.I., yesterday, when 400 weavers went on strike.

At Pittsburg yesterday the river coal miners' convention decided to demand an advance of half a cent in the mining rate, to take effect Monday.

L. E. Myers, the champion, ran fifty yards in New York last week in 5½ seconds, beating all previous performances by one-eighth of a second.

A meeting at Chicago Sunday in aid of the striking Pennsylvania miners passed resolutions declaring that working people should take aggressive action against capital.

**Less Money, Less Drink.**

*From the Fortnightly Review.*

Some curious statistics have lately been made public, which shows that in certain localities of England there has lately been a marked diminution in the consumption of alcohol coincidently with a marked increase in insanity. It is one of the silliest of the commonplaces of teetotalism to say that drink is a cause of insanity; and, if I were equally silly, I should be tempted to say, "Look how abstinence sends people to the madhouse!" The truth is that, as Mr. Mott has recently shown, the diminished consumption of alcohol during the past few years has been entirely due to the dimished earnings of the people, and not at all to the spread of teetotal doctrines. It has been proved a hundred times over that periods of poverty are always periods of increased prevalence of insanity, which, indeed, is but the breaking down of the brain under the stress of its trials. Such a collapse is more liable to occur in those who are under-fed; and so poverty and hard times, while they compel sobriety on the one hand, produce insanity on the other. But it is pitiful to think in how many of these cases the daily modicum of beer, if it could have been procured, would have turned the scale in favor of the struggling man, and would have preserved his reason until better times came round.

**Baby Faces.**

*From the Church.*

What are you doing, baby, you dear,
To pay for the care you've brought with you here?
What are you giving, you droll little king,
For the service and love your fond subjects bring?
For I know that you know, you sly little mouse!
You govern the people that live in this house!

Ah, kisses, sweet kisses, the sweetest e'er known,
These, little monarch, you must give from your throne:
Yes, kisses, sweet kisses, forty a minute,
Each dewy and fresh with the honey-drops in it,
These, little tyrant, we will take as our fees,
And collect them, too, sir, whenever we please.

*A GYMNASIUM.*

**The Young Men Discuss the Matter and Take a First Step.**

The lesser dining room at the Rossin house was well filled with a good representation of the muscular young men of the city last night. They were met to discuss the question of the establishment of a gymnasium. There was a deal of sensible practical discussion on the matter. The most popular idea was to take advantage of the existing organization of the Athenæum club in the free library building, and with that as a basis to start an institution which would be a credit to the city as an athletic centre. The idea, as dimly foreshadowed in the speeches of some of the gentlemen last night, was to build up an association of such a membership that capitalists would be induced to embark money in the erection of a building capable of affording separate club rooms to all the athletic societies in the city, the building to contain a gymnasium and billiard-room common to the members of each society subscribing to the scheme. On motion of Mr. Carmichael, a committee composed of a member from each club represented at the meeting was appointed to confer with the managers of the Athenæum club to ascertain a basis of co-operation, which will be laid before a meeting to be held in two weeks and discussed.

**Case of Smallpox at Kingston.**

KINGSTON, Dec. 15.—The money ($50) stolen out of F. X. Cousineau's safe has been recovered. The person who took it, being afraid, placed it where it could be found.

Yesterday a nurse girl, employed in the family of Sir Richard Cartwright, and named Minnie Scally, was found to be suffering from smallpox, and was removed to the smallpox hospital.

Bush, the darkey convicted of felony, was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary. On hearing his sentence he jumped for joy, rubbed his hands with glee, and smiled as if he were delighted.

**Mother Baum Loses Her Diamonds.**

HAMILTON, Dec. 15.—Inspector Mewburn has returned from Ottawa, and his seizure of the Mandelbaum jewelry has been sustained by the department.

Thomas Stock, ex-warden of Wentworth, was thrown out of his buggy while driving to the city Saturday and cut about the head and face. His injuries are painful but not of a fatal nature.

George Gillam and Charles Giles were arrested Saturday for attempting to pass a confederate note. They are fishermen from Bronte. Remanded for sentence.

The reformed episcopal church, Hunter and Park streets, was damaged by fire to the extent of $250 this forenoon.

**Suppressing the St. Stephen Swindle.**

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The government has taken steps to stop the lottery swindle at St. Stephen, N.B. Nathan S. Reid, of the swindle, has been allured from the States to Canadian soil, and has been arrested by a warrant from the minister of justice on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Proceedings will at once be taken against Lowe, McKay and others known to be connected with the swindle.

**Fatalities at Bridge Building.**

ST. HYACINTHE, Que. 15.—A serious accident occurred about 2 o'clock to-day at the Barsalow bridge, now in construction. A span of 100 feet long was blown over. Twenty men were working at the time. One of them, Allard, died at 4 p.m. Another, St. Germain, is not expected to live. Another man, whose name is unknown, is also dying. The others are very bad, though less severely injured.

**Action for Libel.**

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 15.—A. J. Magurn, late editor of the Ontario, has commenced suit against that paper for libel, damages $5000. The action arises out of alleged false and malicious statements which appeared recently in the Ontario about Mr. Magurn while he was engaged in the enterprise for a new paper here. The action excites considerable attention.

**Death in the Saw Mill.**

PORT HOPE, Dec. 15.—Robert Hunter, aged 25, was adjusting a belt in his father's saw and stave mill on the Otonabee river, when he was caught by the machinery and completely broken to pieces. Death was instantaneous.

**A $200,000 R. C. Church.**

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The new Roman catholic church at St. Anne de Beaupre, commonly called La Bonne Ste. Anne, is nearing completion. It is 200 feet long by 57 broad, and has cost upwards of $200,000.

**More Loss of Life in Newfoundland Waters**

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 15.—The British schooner Turtle was upset by a violent squall in Smith Sound Saturday. A portion of the crew who were in the cabin were drowned.


**Gentlemen, when you are buying your wife a Christmas silk dress visit the Bon Marche and get samples and prices.**


*DOMINION DASHES.*

The Arkona board of health has prohibited the taking of corpses into churches at funerals.

Archie White, an Underwood school pupil, was instantly killed by falling of a pole used by the bigger boys in imitation of a horse power.

A cow belonging to John Rae of Port Colborne caught his little boy on its horns and fractured his skull.

The dominion postoffice department will send to the New Orleans exposition the system by which the postal service is carried on in Canada.

**The Future City of the Pacific Coast.**

British Columbia papers just received contain articles expressing the general satisfaction which prevails over the selection of Coal Harbor, on Burrard inlet, as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway. W. C. Van Horne has decided that Vancouver will be the name of the future commercial city. He attaches great importance to that name, in consequence of the world-wide reputation of the island for an unrivalled climate and other advantages, and, whenever the name of Vancouver is mentioned its location will be known everywhere. Mr. Van Horne adheres to the belief that the new city will be one of great importance, second only to San Francisco on the Pacific coast.

## A NOTICE OF DISMISSAL.

*THE CITY SOLICITOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE.*

**Motion to be Made Calling for Their Resignation—A Wrangle Over Bonuses—Meeting of the Aldermen.**

Mayor Boswell, Messrs. Adamson, Carlyle, Davies, C. L. Denison, S. A. Denison, Barton, Brandon, Defoe, Farley, Walker, Millichamp, Sheppard, Piper, Elliott, Lobb, Jones, Mitchell, Maughan, Moore, Love, McConnell, Smith, Steiner, Verral, Hunter, Hastings and Shaw were the aldermen present at the regular communication of the city council last night.

There was a long wrangle over the clause in the executive committee's report allowing Mr. Littlejohn $500 and Messrs. Bell and Sanderson $200 for extra work performed in consequence of Robert Roddy's serious illness. Ald. Davies moved to send the whole matter back. Lost. Ald. Sheppard proposed cutting the grants down to $150 and $100 respectively. This was also lost. The warfare was continued in council, but the clause finally carried with the addition of the name of John Boyd as a recipient of $200.

The fire and gas committee's recommendations for new gas lamps were struck out. The executive committee gave as their reason that funds were not in stock for this expense. The council, however, ordered a lamp for the corner of Elm and Teraulay streets.

The works committee report passed with inconsiderable amendment. The important change was the decision to have gates placed at every railway crossing in the ward of St. Matthew.

New valve tenders will be asked for and this ends the the discussion about the mistake over which Mr. Doig and the officials disagree.

Ald. Davies gave notice of motion calling for the resignation of W. G. McWilliams, city solicitor, and F. Draper, chief of police.

The cost of extending Clyde street will be $1400.

J. J. Lynch, an impecunious Irish immigrant, wants to be returned to the land of his birth.

Several claims for damages were referred to the committees.

Dr. Thorburn, in a communication, demands the transfer of the cab stand on York and Wellington streets to another site.


**See the elegant mantles the Bon Marche are slaughtering.**


*LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHED.*

Joe. Farley, a Canadian, was murdered at Tower, Minn., lately.

Polo at the Adelaide street roller rink to-night between the Torontos and Russells.

Duckey Walsh yesterday pleaded guilty to stealing Gowland's watches, and was remanded for trial.

Elijah Rutland was captured while sneaking a pair of boots from the front of Davis' shoe store, Dundas street.

The Western Assurance company of this city lost $2000 by the fire at Gray, Taynton & Fox's candy factory, Detroit.

Geo. Wall and Georgina Jones were arrested by Officer Wallace last night for disorderly conduct on Scott street.

Dan Curtin and Thos. O'Connell were lodged in No. 6 station last night charged with the larceny of a pair of boots from John Dunn.

The museum of the University has received the skull of a hippopotamus, shot by Geo Lewis on the river Usimbobo, South Africa.

W. B. McMurrich has gone to New Orleans where Wingate was captured in the interest of the British Canadian investment company.

W. H. Mullen pleaded guilty yesterday before J. M. Winfield, J.P., to stealing a ham from Jas. Hickey, Parkdale. Committed for trial.

Prof. Neff of Philadelphia addressed the Ministerial association yesterday on sacred oratory. Rev. F. Campbell, presbyterian missionary to India, also addressed the association.

Richard Norris and Henry Graham went to Kingston yesterday in charge of Sheriff's Officer Waites, to put in the time imposed on them for burglary at the sitting of the general sessions.

Neil McKinnon was charged at the police court yesterday with forging the name of the firm of J. B. Foote & Co. to a promissory note which he uttered on Sept. 9 last. He was remanded.

Jas. Wilby, for fifty years a resident of this city, and who died the other day at his residence, Richmond street, used to boast that he never rode in a street car, railway train, or island ferry boat.

In the report of the visit of the archbishop to the convent a statement was made that "two of the scholars presented a floral ship with silken sails to his grace." It was Miss O'Grady who presented the ship, which was her own handiwork.

Two men paid an early morning call to Harris' hotel, West Toronto Junction, yesterday and stole a coat, watch and chain from one of the sleeping boarders. They were seen driving away in a buggy, but the theft was not discovered until it was too late to overtake them.

**Young Conservative Reception.**

A special meeting of the North Toronto young men's liberal conservative association was held last night in Severn hall to arrange for the reception of Sir John A. Macdonald. Robert Hazelton presided, and A. A. Staunton addressed the young men after which several new members were admitted. The association will meet in Severn hall this evening at 8 o'clock and form in procession and proceed to North Toronto depot and receive their chieftain. Prof. Toulmin's full band has been engaged to head the procession.

**No Tidings Yet.**

Angus Caldwell, the engineer of the propeller Van Allan, whose pocketbook was found on Queen street on Sunday, has not yet been heard from. The last seen of him so far as now known to the police was when ordering some clothing at Macrae's tailor shop, Yonge street. He paid Mr. Macrae $9, and in doing so displayed quite a roll of bills, which Mr. Macrae thinks he thrust into his pocket without troubling to put in the pocketbook.


**The Hermann stock of fancy goods, needle work, wools, etc., ought at 25 cents on the dollar and amounting to $20,000, is now being opened out at the Bon Marche for the holiday season.**


*BANDMANN AT THE GRAND.*

**The Tragedian and Miss Beaudet in Hamlet—Repertoire for the Week.**

Despite a small audience the Bandmann-Beaudet company did their best last night in the play of Hamlet. It is unnecessary to go into an elaborate critical analysis of the manner in which the various characters were impersonated. There are many different interpretations of how Hamlet and Ophelia should be acted: Mr. Bandmann and Miss Beaudet gave us theirs. The company have a large and difficult repertoire: to night the Merchant of Venice is to be presented; to-morrow Richard III.; on Thursday Narcisse; on Friday the Lady of Lyons; and on Saturday Called Back. It is well to see as many different grades of actors and actresses as possible, and, therefore, Mr. Bandmann and Miss Beaudet deserve a hearing.

There were many good points in last night's representation; there doubtless will be many in the plays about to be acted, and judging from the physical excellencies and intellectual capabilities of many of the company their coming efforts should be better attended than they were last night.

Called Back, a new play which proved a big success in London and New York, will be played at the Saturday matinee. The complete story in handy book form will be given to every purchaser of a reserved seat for the Saturday matinee. The plan for the matinee will open on Thursday morning. Called Back is one of the most interesting stories now before the reading public.

The return of Mr. Bandmann recalls the burning of the Grand on Nov. 29, 1879. It was a Friday night and Mr. Bandmann played Macbeth. Four hours after the green curtain dropped, the theatre was in flames; in two more hours it was in ruins; only the bare and blackened walls were left standing. The fire was attended by loss of life, Mrs. Wright, wife of the caretaker, and her child having perished up in their apartments.

**Hay Fork Notes.**

Judge Macdougall presided in the county court yesterday. The attention of the court was taken up in hearing actions on notes given in settlement of hay fork notes procured by a man named Jones, whose name is well known in connection with this species of business. W. R. Bingham of the Hub hotel had purchased a number of these notes from Jones and he brought action to recover some of them. Bingham v Kenrick was undefended. Verdict for $306.50. In Bingham v Bremner the defendant set up the defence of fraud and want of consideration. He said that Jones came to him and asked for the use of his barn to show a patent hay fork and got the defendant to sign a paper (which turned out to be an aggeement to buy twenty-five forks) saying that he wanted to get his address. He afterward got the note in question from defendant on threat of suit. Verdict for plaintiff $306.50. N. G. Bigelow for plaintiff, C. J. Holman for defendant. Bingham v Baxter was a similar suit.

**Mara v. Cox.**

This cause celebre is again before the courts. The readers of The World who are at all interested in the case have already had its facts placed before them, and it is unnecessary to repeat them now. The following special jury is empannelled in the case: James Morrison, Geo. Taylor, John Urquhart, Wm. J. King, Thomas Kinnear, H. F. Hooper, Garrett R. Vanzant, John D. Oliver, David M. G-e, Thos. Hutchinson, Geo. Hutchinson and James W. Hutchinson. B. B. Osler, Q.C., and Mr. Nesbitt appear for the plaintiff, and J. K. Kerr, Q.C., and Z. A. Lash, Q.C., for the defendant. Mr. Justice O'Connor presides.

**An Operation in Veterinary Surgery.**

On Saturday C. W. Smith, V.S., of Jamestown, N.Y., visited the farm of Robert Gilray, near Mesford, and removed a large fubo fleshy tumor, weighing over 13 lbs., from the sub maxilliary space of a prize cow valued at $500. The tumor had grown strongly to the posterior angle of the submaxilliaries and posteriorly to the trachea. The animal presented such a loathsome appearance that although several veterinaries were called none would operate. Mr. Gilray received word yesterday that the animal is doing well and seems to experience no inconvenience from the operation.

**Death of Rev. Dr. Rice.**

Rev. Dr. Rice died at 3 30 yesterday afternoon. Deceased had been in very poor health for a long time back, and yesterday death was momentarily expected. He was born in September of the year 1814, and was therefore 70 years of age at the time of his death. His labors for methodism were as untiring as they were various. In 1873 he was president of the Wesleyan conference, and in 1882 he was elected to the presidency of the general conference of the then united church. At the time of his death he was senior general superintendent of the church. Three sons and two daughters survive him.

**Church Anniversary.**

Carlton street methodist church held their anniversary last night. It was a most successful affair. After tea, short addresses were made by Dr. Sutherland, Rev. Mr. Jeffrey and others. Some good music was furnished by the choir under the direction of W. H Adamson. Mr. Hodgsably presided at the organ. Rev. John Philp, pastor of the church, occupied the chair.

**Phonography in Public Schools.**

Richard Lewis, the experienced public school teacher, declared at the meeting Saturday evening of the Shorthand society that some of the studies at present under taken in our public schools merely afforded a chance for an ostentatious display of superficial learning by the pupils and might very well be replaced by the introduction of phonography. What does Mr. Ross say to this?

**The Major and the Chief.**

The Hamilton police commissioners have not decided yet whether they will take any action in the matter of Chief Stewart's letter to Chief Draper. In one sense they look upon it as an entirely private matter, but Major Draper asks them whether they approve of certain language made use of by Chief Stewart.

**Grenade Exhibition.**

There will be an exhibition of the power of the Canadian Grenade Fire Extinguisher this afternoon at 3 o'clock on the parliament building grounds under the auspices of several members of the local government and the different railroad officials. City underwriters, manufacturers and all property owners are requested to be present.

## TEN SECULAR DEMANDS.

*A DECLARATION BY THE FREE-THOUGHT CONVENTION.*

**No Prayers in Parliament—No Bible in Schools—No Sabbath Observance—Election of Officers.**

The secularists' convention closed yesterday. The members were in session morning and afternoon, and the results of their labors are summed up in the following ten demands:

1. We demand that churches and other ecclesiastical property shall no longer be exempt from just taxation.

2. We demand that the employment of chaplains in parliament, provincial legislatures, in the militia, and in prisons, asylums and all other institutions supported by public money shall be discontinued.

3. We demand that all public appropriations for educational and charitable institutions of a sectarian character shall cease.

4. We demand that all religious services now sustained by the government shall be abolished, and especially that the use of the bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly as a text-book or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited.

5. We demand that the appointment by the governor-general, or by the lieutenant-governors of the various provinces, of all religious festivals and fasts shall cease.

6. We demand that the judicial oath in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be abolished, and that simple affirmation under the pains and penalties of perjury shall be established in its stead.

7. We demand that all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath shall be repealed.

8. We demand the legalization of purely civil marriage and the establishment of a divorce court.

9. We demand that all laws looking to the enforcement of "christian" morality shall be abrogated, and that all laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality, equal rights and impartial liberty.

10. We demand that in the practical administration of the government no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to christianity or any other special religion, that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis, and that when changes shall prove necessary to this end shall be consistently, unflinchingly and promptly made.

The following officers were elected: J. I. Evans, president; R. B. Butland, sec.; J. Risser, cor. sec; John Taylor, treas. Committee, J. Harrison, George Piddington, A. Garsman, Charles Hicks, G. McFederis, F. Strange, Charles Peters.

In the evening an entertainment was given at which Messrs. Piddington, Hicks, Edwards, Harrison and Watts and the Misses Strange, Verral, Miller and Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Watts assisted. The musical and literary contributions were followed by dancing and a supper.

**Business Pointers.**

To-night a large and valuable assortment of jewelry of all kinds, amounting in the aggregate to over $50,000, will be offered by auction without reserve at Russell's, 9 King street west. The above stock comprises gold and silver hunting watches, Rodgers' cutlery, etc., etc., and offers a chance to purchasers to secure goods at their own prices, as the stock will be sold.

Samo's great Christmas auction sale of household furniture, elegant mirrors, etc., takes place to-morrow at his warerooms, 189 Yonge street. This is the finest assortment of furniture ever offered in the city. Charles M. Henderson will conduct the sale.

**Police Court.**

Robert Parkinson, larceny, 10 days. Mary Donahue, larceny, 40 days. Patrick O'Connell, unseemly conduct, $4 and costs. Wm. Breckenreid, $4 and costs. Pat Walsh, larceny, 3 months. George Pearce, felonious wounding, $30 and costs. Samuel Small, who injured a boy by throwing him out of an auction room, $25 and costs.

*PERSONAL.*

Ald. Farley is laid up with a severe cold.

Robert T. Lincoln may be mayor of Chicago in the near future.

Sir Moses Montefiore is in such good health that he may yet live a half century.

Bishop Fuller of Hamilton is suffering from blood poisoning, his condition being critical.

Ed. Smith (Toronto lacrosse team) and E. C. Beckh leave for a visit to California to-morrow.

The crown princess of Germany is finishing a couple of paintings of scenes in the Tyrol, which will be her Christmas gifts to Queen Victoria.

Sir John A. Macdonald will arrive here from Ottawa this evening per Canadian Pacific railway, and will be the guest of Sir David Macpherson at Chestnut park.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone went to see Young Mrs. Winthrop at London, and the premier's wife wrote to the manager expressing her own and "the grand old man's" delight with the piece and its representation.

Mrs. Back, who died recently at Fort Wayne, leaves a large family, consisting of the well-known Called Back, Pull Back and Come Back, and among her grandchildren is the famous attorney, Back-in-a-few-minutes.

Joseph Chamberlain, the most radical of Mr. Gladstone's colleagues, dresses in the heighth of fashion, wears the choicest exotics in his buttonhole, drives to the house of commons in a fine carriage drawn by a pair of high-mettled horses, and lives in style.

Lord Randolph Churchill, the conservative champion, is a bright, clever, plucky man. Short in stature, not strong physically, an aggressive head, steadfast eyes, a large, heavy mustache, a singularly loud, powerful voice. He is eloquent, and clubs, satirical, a trifle reckless, does not always pause to weigh if he is telling the truth, and can accept the ugliest repartee and retort with equanimity.

**Testing a Trotter.**

*From the Montreal Witness.*

On Thursday afternoon the trial of the speed of Philias Desjardins' horse took place. Desjardins had been charged with furious driving, in the recorder's court, and swore that his horse could not trot six miles an hour. To find out the truth of this statement, Detective Giadu drove the horse from No. 4 station to Mount Royal avenue and back, and even by whipping the animal, it took twenty minutes to cover the distance, or less than six miles an hour.

**Many Happy Returns of the Day.**

To James Trow, M. P, for South Perth, born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, Dec. 16, 1825.

**The Cold Strengthens.**

*Strong winds and moderate gales from southwest and northwest; cloudy to fair, colder weather, with snow flurries.*

**Steamship Arrivals.**

At New York: Arizona and Pennland
At Halifax: Parisian.
At Glasgow: State of Pennsylvania.
At Liverpool: Peruvian.
At Portland: Prussian.