NEWS ABOUT THE CITY.

Alleged spring lamb is on the market.

University college conversazione to-morrow night.

The water on the streets fell considerably last night.

Veritable street cars began running on Yonge street last night.

Should it freeze shortly there will be a magnificent rink on Bell street.

Observations taken at the observatory indicate that the wet weather will continue.

Rev. Mr. Maturin, one of the Cowley fathers, preached last night in Holy Trinity.

The Northern railway company sold unclaimed freight yesterday to the amount of $400.

The World can be obtained at Henry's, No. 26 Queen street every evening at five o'clock.

Sixteen convicts were confirmed last Sunday in the Central prison by the lord bishop of Toronto.

Last night Messrs. Barber & Ellis entertained their employees at supper at the Thornhill hotel, Thornhill.

Ald. Boustead says he will visit Hamilton and Buffalo at his own expense to see how they run their waterworks.

Some of the horses employed by the street car company are far too light for the heavy tasks laid upon them.

A well-dressed man left a healthy infant on the steps of the Infants' home on Tuesday morning and walked quietly away.

The Rev. Dr. Potts has been requested by the people of the Metropolitan to continue his pastorate during the ensuing year.

Mr. Peter O'Leary is at the Walker house and meditates writing a book on the social, political and religious questions of this country.

A flood is threatened on the Don. The thick ice is now covered with water and should the thaw continue, an up-break is considered inevitable.

The letter collector's made good time with their work last night, judging from the way in which the vehicle of one came tearing down Yonge street about 11 o'clock.

Quarter-master Sergeant Woodman has been appointed sergeant-major of the Toronto field battery, vice Martin, resigned.

The employees of the Grand opera house indulged in a sleigh ride to the Woodbine hotel last night. Arrived there dancing was indulged in till a late hour this morning.

The Jarvis street Baptist church has a total membership of 766, being a net increase of 414 in the eight years of Dr. Castle's pastorate. During these years he has baptized 493 persons.

Dressmakers and seamstresses should not fail to have for a week's trial the Wanzer "F" machine with reversible feed, for pants, overalls, and general hard work. Office 82 King street west.

Alfred Hammond, an orphan belonging to the newsboys' lodging, was found straying about the streets of Hamilton on Tuesday night. He was taken care of by the police, pending word from this city.

The University college students' conversazione will be held at the college to-morrow night, and will be largely attended. The public are reminded that a ticket is absolutely necessary for admission and that each ticket admits one only.

A deacon of a Toronto church who recently resigned his office wrote to the pastor saying, "I hate church business meetings; there will be none such in heaven." The pastor in replying said, "There will be no talking deacons in heaven."

A farmer sold a load of hay to a wood dealer yesterday and had seven bags of oats weighed with the load. He tried to conceal the fact, but was detected, and was glad to settle matters by making a reduction of $7 in the price of the load and letting the woodman have the oats.

Thousands of our citizens who at first tried the Turkish Baths reluctantly now regard them as a necessity, while many of our leading ladies resort to them for their beneficial influence both in health and disease. For the relief of rheumatic pains and as a preventive of rheumatism there can be no question as to their value. The Toronto Turkish Baths, 223 Queen street west, are open every day. e n a

DOMINION GRANGE.

Delegates Present at the Annual Meeting—Yesterday's Business.

The Dominion grange met in the Temperance hall here yesterday at 10 o'clock a.m., Worthy Master E. H. Hilborn in the chair. The credential committee reported the following officers and delegates present:—Master, E. H. Hilborn, Uxbridge; overseer, S. White, Charing Cross; secretary, W. P. Page, Toronto; treasurer, J. P. Bull, Downsview; lecturer, Col. W. E. Sturrats, Paradise, N.S.; chaplain, O. C. S. Ault, Cornwall. Committee—A. Gifford, Jabel Robinson, J. B. Aylesworth, Wm. Anderson; auditors Bro. Kennedy and Hughes, also a number of visiting members. At the afternoon session the W. M. delivered his annual address, which was well received and disposed of in the usual way. Mr. Robinson submitted the annual report of the executive committee and the secretary submitted his report accompanied by a very interesting address. The financial statement showed a balance of $1700 on hand. The grange is in session again this morning.

THE PROPER WAY.

Things Which Should be Pondered by the Mercantile Community.

Advertisers are frequently heard to say, "Advertising don't pay us as it used to, and we don't see why." We can tell why, in a majority of cases; it is because no pains are taken with the advertising. A merchant on our principle street does not neglect having a great and attractive sign always telling his story. He does not neglect to make an attractive display of goods in his show-window, and yet in four-fifths of the cases the character and style of his advertising is left either to some clerk or until the last moment at which the copy can be received by the paper. Then hurly-burly, scratch off something or other hastily and send it in, almost without thought. It is written usually in a general way; "Spring Goods," or "Goods for Summer Wear," "Carriages of All Styles," &c., &c., so dry that but few care to read it. Have some originality or individuality about your advertising; don't be afraid to be personal. Give points, facts, prices; bring everything to bear that is possible; talk through your "ads" just as you would if you had a customer by your side. Again, be fresh and newsy; don't run an advertisement for a month that "for the next ten days you are going to make astounding reductions, &c." Don't advertise spring goods until November, or holiday goods until April or May. Use cuts, odd type, quaint sayings, or whatever will attract the style of customers you most desire. Sensational advertising is to be avoided as a general thing, for it is a style that soon "plays out," losing its force from continual joking, and in many cases offending good customers. Study to make your advertising readable, and keep it so by frequent changes and you will see a great change in results.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A QUESTION FOR KING SOLOMON MASONS.

SIR,—I would like to ask some King Solomon, through your valuable paper, to explain why it is lodges under the grand lodge of Canada prize so highly and are so anxious to receive with open arms and affiliate masons hailing from the grand lodge of Ontario, and at the same time claim the grand lodge of Ontario to be a bogus body?

CITY MASON.

RAILWAY DEPUTATIONS.

Urging Government Aid for the Stratford and Georgian Bay Railway—The Credit Valley.

The Stratford and Georgian Bay railway is an extension of the Port Dover and Stratford road, and has already received government aid from its southern terminus to Listowel. From the latter place to Wiarton, on Georgian Bay, a distance of 76 miles, some progress has been made and large bonuses have been voted by the local municipalities; but work on it is now at a standstill, and the company is without means to do anything further. It was supposed that the government would assist the northern extension with the same liberality which it already has the southern section. But last session the government took a new departure, and resolved that in future these grants must be withheld, excepting in the case of really deserving roads. This policy, if carried out towards the road in question, would have a very damaging effect, and it was felt by the people interviewed that a courageous effort must be made to show that theirs was an exceptionally deserving line. Accordingly, a deputation from all the municipalities interested, and numbering about 350 persons, waited on the government last evening in the legislative chamber and presented their claims. The chamber was packed during the interview and about thirty speeches were made, which put the case fairly and squarely before the attorney-general, his colleagues and members of the house. The attorney-general replied briefly and promised to give the subject his best consideration.

THE CREDIT VALLEY ROAD.

A deputation consisting of Mayor Brown, Reeve Caswell and Mr. Jas. Norton of Ingersoll had an interview with Hon. Mr. Pardee yesterday morning with reference to the Credit Valley railway bill. They expressed themselves satisfied in the main with the measure in its present shape, believing that the interests of Ingersoll were protected, but proposed an additional clause giving the municipal representative on the board of directors the full powers of an ordinary director in case of a default in the new issue of bonds. They received a favorable response from Mr. Pardee.

A BOARDING HOUSE ROMANCE.

A Husband Who Was Not as Black as He Was Painted.

A few days ago a young woman giving her name at Sturday came from the Commercial hotel to No. 27 Temperance street and engaged as cook. She said that she was a married woman but that her husband had left her, taking all her money and clothing, about a month ago. They had been married but five months ago in Chicago and had come through to this city where her husband, who professed to be a photographer, intended to establish himself in business. He became possessed of his wife's money on the pretence of buying out somebody's business on King street and then disappeared. The poor woman has been earning her living as a servant ever since, and has been nearly heart-broken by the desertion. It turns out that her husband was not as bad as she supposed, for when she was busily engaged in dishing up dinner to-day she was called to the front door to see a stranger. As soon as she fixed her eyes on him she fell to the floor in a dead faint, with the words "O, Harry!" on her lips. The stranger, who was her husband, tenderly lifted her up, applied restoratives, explained matters, and was forgiven. The pair may be happy yet.

MISSION WORK.

Last night the Church of England people in this city held a combined missionary meeting in St. James school house. In spite of the rain there was a good attendance.

The Lord Bishop presided, and there were present also on the platform the Revs. Septimus Jones, Alex. Sanson, R. Green, Henry Baldwin, J. O. Booth, V. C. Blake, Rev. W. S. Rainsford, and Messrs. Clarke Gamble and Geo. Mackenzie.

The Bishop delivered an address. He said that $1,250 were required to fill two stations in the county. Men were not what they required, it was money that they wanted. The Rev. Mr. Rainsford, Rev. J. O. Booth of St. Catharines, Mr. George Mackenzie and others delivered impressive addresses. V. C. Blake added a short speech and after a liberal collection had been taken up the meeting dissolved.

EPISCOPAL DIVINITY SCHOOL.

The Protestant Episcopal divinity school has been doing good work during the past year. Four young men, the first fruits of the school, have been ordained and are working in the Toronto diocese, and eighteen others are in various stages of preparation. At present the lecture rooms and reading room of St. James' cathedral are placed at the disposal of the school, but the board of trustees are hopeful of being able at an early day to erect a building with accommodation for library, lecture rooms and residence. Thoroughness and completeness of intellectual training are deemed to be of the highest importance for the work of the ministry, and these the board believe can here be obtained by means of the ample appliances and broad curriculum of our provincial university. Their aim is to utilize to the utmost their own resources, which are exclusively devoted to theological instruction. The new building will likely occupy a site close to university college, and sustain towards it the same relations as Knox college and McMaster hall. Along with the building they are aiming to establish an endowment fund of $100,000, and through the exertions of Vice-Chancellor Blake and Mr. W. H. Howland subscriptions have already been obtained for $25,000. The whole annual outlay of the school is close upon $5,000, and so far all requirements for maintenance have been fully and punctually met.

Owned by Foreigners.

NEW YORK Feb. 10.—The Herald's special says the bill to grant a part of old Fort Dearborn reservation to the Illinois Central Railroad will enable the Dutch and English owners of that road to control Chicago harbor. It is charged that the $50,000 which Chicago is to receive is but one half the amount allowed by foreign stockholders for the accomplishment of their purpose. This probably accounts for the activity of the lobby.

Mr. John Allison, the genial host of the Dominion hotel, Port Dover, dropped in this morning. He is one of the immense deputation from that section of the country

WATER WORKS.

Grievances of Water-takers by Meter—Claims for the Bursting of Water Mains.

The water works committee were yesterday afternoon confronted by a deputation representing the establishments of the city whose water supply is registered by meter and charged accordingly. The deputation consisted of Messrs. William Christie, William Copland, Eugene O'Keefe, W. Maclean, J. E. Millett, D. Ross, L. H. Lee, Major Evans, H. S. Northrop, G. M. Hawke, and David Galbraith. From these names it will be seen that the brewers, manufacturers, and loan societies of the city were represented. Their grievance was against the

EXORBITANT RATE PAID

by water-takers by meter. The other water-takers were paying one-fourth less, as the following figures would show. There were 5,500,000 gallons pumped up daily, of which 575,000 gallons were used by meter-takers, and the remainder, 4,925,000 gallons, by ordinary customers. The total revenue for last year was $115,000, of which the meter-takers contributed $37,700, and the others $77,300. This showed that they, the meter-takers, were paying 35 cents per 1000 gallons, and the others only 4½ cents per 1000 gallons. The deputation said they were willing to pay 12 cents. After the gentlemen retired, Chairman Boustead submitted some figures which do not agree with the above. The total quantity of water pumped for the year was 1,789,859,705 gallons; consumed by meter takers, 178,831,603 gallons; revenue, $33,000, or 18½ cents per 1000; consumed by other takers, 1,561,000,000 gallons; revenue, $83,000, or 6¾ cents per 1000; consumed by the city for all necessary purposes, 60,000,000 gallons; revenue, $54,686, or 90 cents per 1000. Taking off the water used by meter takers and the city there was an average of

SIXTY GALLONS PER HEAD

of the population of the city, 75,000. Then the amount required annually to carry on all the business and pay all charges for the waterworks department was $210,000, and taking the water pumped up last year, 1,789,859,706 gallons, it would require a rate of about twelve cents per 1000 gallons to cover the expenditure. With these facts and figures before them the committee discussed the question. Ald. Clarke was not disposed to make any reduction to those who used the water for money-making purposes. Ald. Kent thought this was hardly fair, as he supposed it was only intended to charge what the water cost. It seemed to be the wish of the committee to readjust the tariff so as to put all on a

MORE EQUAL FOOTING,

and, at the request of the chairman, the debate was adjourned for two weeks, in order that additional statistics might be procured.

Caretaker Watts, of the union block, claimed $35 as compensation for damage to the premises and goods by the bursting of a water main. D. Giles of Wellesley street put in a claim for damages sustained in a similar manner. Both referred to the engineer. A report of the engineer recommended the purchase of a number of meters, to be furnished to large consumers, and Ald. Taylor moved that the sum of $2,000 be inserted in the estimates furnished by the city treasurer for the ensuing year, for the purpose of procuring meters. A communication was read from the chief constable, that as water pipes were occasionally bursting inside buildings, if a key for each hydrant were left at the police stations the police would then be able to turn the water off.

MARKETS AND HEALTH COMMITTEE.

This committee met yesterday afternoon, but transacted comparatively little business. The application made by Governor Green of the gaol, to have his original salary—viz., $1,600—restored, was laid over. In conformity with the provisions of the statute, it was decided to introduce a by-law at an early date for the location of the cabs and express stands.

A desultory conversation took place, principally between the chairman and the commissioner, on the work of the department and the men employed therein, consequently upon the report presented to Council at its last meeting by the commissioner, in answer to a resolution moved by Ald. Bell asking for the information. The former expressed it as his opinion that a good deal of the work now performed by the department on health might be done by the works department, say, for instance, street watering and street cleaning, in order that the charges thereof should be made to the latter department. The city commissioner was of opinion that no improvement could be made in the direction. Further consideration of the report was deferred until next meeting.

A conversation took place upon the question of removing snow from the sidewalks, the chairman contending that the city should pay for having the work done. The commissioner did not think it practicable to do so, on account of the difficulty which would be experienced in getting a sufficient force of men to clean 190 miles of sidewalk within a reasonable time. Consequently the matter dropped.

LENT IS NEAR.

Preparing for the Great Season of Fasting—Dealers Laying in a Huge Stock of Fish.

As the lenten season approaches the provision dealers throughout the city are making active preparations for the change in their sales which Ash Wednesday will inevitably bring about. Even now the piles of fish are crowding hams and game into the background, and in meat shops a corner is being given for barrels of the finny tribe, to educate the people are the fast of forty days begins that fish can be had there. There is every probability

FISH WILL BE VERY DEAR.

Oysters, for instance, are doubly a luxury, as Chesapeake bay is frozen over and dealers are depending on their old stock. Good oysters can hardly be had for love or money. The storms on the Atlantic coast have interfered with the successful prosecution of the fisheries there, and cod, haddock, and halibut will be dearer than usual. Herring will not be cheap, especially the picked barrels. There will be any amount of white fish and salmon trout, however, sent from Penetanguishene, Kincardine and other points along the Huron coast. These come perfectly fresh, packed in clean snow and will always be palatable. Ciscoes will be plentiful and are all sent from Hamilton from the Lake Ontario fisheries. Beautiful, British Columbia salmon can be had, but at a high price. Should there be favorable weather on the coasts during the next two weeks, the prices may decline; but lovers of oysters will probably find them expensive all winter.

A billiard match, 300 points, took place at Cobourg last night between William and Samuel Jakes, resulting in a victory for the former by 76. His highest break was 39.

Public interest in the Hanlan-Laycock race has decreased. Hanlan is confident and in good condition. Laycock is also in fine condition. Money has arrived from Australia to back Laycock. The betting is still five to two on Hanlan, and all the money the Australians want can be obtained by them at that price.

CHARLEY ROSS.

Has he Turned up in Canada?—The Career of an Unknown Waif.

There was a large crowd on the platform of Bismarck station, on the line of the Canada Southern railway, last Tuesday morning. Passengers wondered what they were there for, and they wondered all the more when it was seen that at least nine-tenths of them made no response to the conductor's call of "All aboard." But the mystery was soon cleared up. A short, thick-set man, with a mass of unkempt beard on his face and an angry-looking purple pimple on one cheek, was seen to have a lad in charge who seemed to be very much in need of a keeper. That's

THE CANADIAN CHARLEY ROSS,

some one whispered, and his guardian felt that for once in his life he was himself somebody in the world. "I'm a justice of the peace," the guardian said to a World reporter on board the train, "and I'm taking this boy down to St. Thomas to have his picter taken. They say he is Charley Ross, but I'm sure I don't know who he is. I got a letter from Mr. Ross, of Philadelphia, and he wants me to take the boy and get his picter. I'm going to send it and a bit of his hair. I don's know how if was Ross came to write to me, but I kely as not it was because

I'M A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Some others have been a-writing to Ross, but he hasn't paid no attention to them. Peter McCallum, of East Aldborough, ('Peter Thresher' they call him) has been taking great interest in the boy, and thinks he's got him sure; but we'll see what comes of it. Bonn, a German down by the lake, is keeping the boy, and he's anxious about it too. I'll get his picter at St. Thomas to-day." During the delivery of this little speech

THE BOY CROUCHED DOWN

by the side of his guardian, seemingly taking no interest in his own case. He is about twelve years of age, with light complexion, flaxen hair, blue eyes with very full orbs, a straight nose and a small forehead. His hands would not be called neat or shapely, and the fingers show that he has been brought up to hard work. When asked if he knew anything of his own early life he said he knew nothing about it. He didn't know whether his name was Charley, Johnny, Dick or Pete, but he had a faint idea of standing beside a stream of water when a little fellow, throwing stones into it and seeing something like houses floating by.

THE INDIANS AT MORAVIANTOWN

were cruel to him and used to whip him very often, but one day a kind one among them led the boy away and he reached a little village called Highgate. A farmer named Alexander Crawford found him there, took him home, cared for him very kindly and sent him to school four or five months. Among the boys at school he was very timid, and a sharp word from any one of them would make him cry like a baby. After leaving Crawford's he lived several months with a farmer named Skidmore, and during the whole of this time it was suspected that he was the missing Charley Ross, and one or two parties communicated with his putative father on the subject. But

CHRISTIAN ROSS

has been disappointed so often that he lost hears and hope, and he paid very little attention to these correspondents. He had the greater reason to do so in this instance from the fact that the Charley in question was described as having blue eyes, whereas the real Charley had brown or hazel eyes. But so many persons have been waiting him concerning the unknown boy, and all of them so positive that the lost one was found, that he was at last persuaded to make an investigation. To that end he communicated with the Bismarck justice, and in a few days at the farthest those interested in the Canadian Charley Ross will know what Christian Ross thinks of the "picter." The lad was

SOMEBODY'S CHILD,

and if not Christian Ross', he was likely some Christian's who missed and mourned him just as sincerely, if not quite so ostentatiously.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE.

The rooms of the masonic hall in Toronto street were last night thronged with a large and fashionable gathering, the occasion being the annual conversazione of Doric lodge, No. 316, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. The affair was a grand success, every arrangement having been made for the convenience and entertainment of those present. Dancing was the chief source of enjoyment, and many indulged in it to the sweet strains of Seager's band. Besides there were cards, singing, readings and other pleasantries. The musical and literary programme was as follows:

Song.....“We Met by Chance.”.....Kucken
Miss Wright.
Reading.....Selection.....
Miss McCausland.
Song.....“My Little Darling.”.....Gomes
Mrs. Jenking.
Reading.....“The Death of Absolom.”.....Willis
Mr. J. K. Cameron.
Song.....“Yesterday.”.....Gabriel
Mr. T. Lalor.

Mr. W. F. Tasker made an able accompanist. About midnight an elegant supper was served in the refreshment room.

There were a number of gentlemen of high station in the craft present, among others being Lieut.-Col. Moffatt, deputy grand master of the grand lodge of Canada, and R. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, district deputy grand master, who were received with grand honors.

JOKING THE FRANCISCANS.

An Elaborate Sell Got up by a Montrealer With no Seeming Object.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—His worship mayor Rivard received a letter from a friar in the Franciscan monastery at Rondout, N.Y., a day or two ago, asking information about a lady named Mrs. Elizabeth Schoetre, recently deceased at No. 16 Radegonde street, Victoria squre, Montreal, Canada. On the first of the present month a letter was received at the seminary, signed "Louis Demie," stating that Mrs. Schoetre had died and left a large sum of money to the order. A few days afterwards a man introduced himself as Mr. Louis Demie, of Montreal, and handed the friar a cheque for $2000 on the Merchants' bank, Montreal, and signed. Victor E. Stemming & Co.' The cheque was at once forwarded and presented at the bank, when it was learned that no such firm existed here.

The Thalia and Germania theatres in New York city have connected with them two of the finest companies of German actors and actresses that can be got together. They are meeting with the greatest success, and are proving to be a good and sensible undertaking. Five years ago such an adventure would be looked upon as being nothing more than sheer madness, and even when, less than three years ago, Messrs. Kramer & Wenendorff made the people aware that they were about to undertake such an adventure, the people frowned upon them and endeavored to persuade them to discontinue having any such intentions. But then it is not surprising that two German theatres should pay in a city like New York where there are 200,000 Germans.

Mr. James O'Neil as Enoch Arden is the play of that name is accredited with being without a rival in the part.

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Ten Cents Each will be paid for copies of The World of the following dates:

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" 4— " 23, "
" 5— " 24, "
" 33—Sept 25, "
" 78—Nov. 18, "

WORLD WAIFS.

SUPPOSING.

If I should write a valentine,
And send it to my lady,
And you should be the messenger,
My darling little Maidie,

You think you'd tie your bonnet on,
And pulling up your mittens,
Go running with my sonnet, on
Two feet as fleet as kittens?

Oh, no; your pardon I must beg,
For you'd unite your bonnet,
And hang your mittens on a peg,
And sit down with my sonnet;

And in it you'd find lots of love,
And written on the cover:
"A valentine for Maidie—from
Her most devoted lover."

—*Laura Ledyard in Wide-Awake.*

Bachelors are never son-struck. (Paste this in your hat.)

January, May, July and October, 1881, cover twenty Sundays.

The maidens in the far off Transvaal wear Boers round their necks.

Dogs may possibly go to the happy land of canine, but cats go to purr-dition.

People so dislike slippery sidewalks that they are always sliding down on them.

It was neither a horse-race, walking-match nor election contest that made the alpha-bet.

If a mule had as many legs as a cockroach, this country wouldn't be so thickly populated.

The London Spectator howls in splenetic rage at Uncle Sam for coolly minding his own business.

There lies in the U. S. treasury department to-day $1,400,000 of unclaimed interest on government bonds.

Nursery men are the fellows who ought not to "throw stones"—as they live in glass houses.—Philadelphia Sun.

"Give me liberty or give me breath," is what a Yorkville girl remarked to her lover a few evenings since.

Gilhooley on the zebra—"Phat kind of beast is that—the mule with his ribs on the outside of his skkin enteirly.

"It's all well enough," said Simon, "to call a spade a spade, but I can't see the sense in calling stockings hose."

A waiter in Lippincott's Magazine says that of the 15,000 words employed by Shakespeare, about 6,000 appear but once.

"De question am now open for de bait," as the darkey remarked when he dropped his hook in front of the big cat-fish in the pond.

Class in history—Prof.: "What important personage was confined on the island of St. Helena?" Mr. H.: "Robinson Crusoe."

Ingersoll says Beecher is better than his religion, and Beecher says the same thing of Ingersoll. If both are correct, it isn't saying much for religion.—Petroleum World.

"Are dem bells ringing for fire!" asked Pompey of Tiberius. "No," replied Tiberius; "dey hab plenty of fire, and dey is ringing de bells for water."

Proprietor—"If you boys don't clear out I'll call that officer and have you taken in." Boy—"There's where you'd be taken in; that cop's my dad, he is."

No one knows who invented the fashion in society of turning down the corner of a visiting card, but the fashion of turning down the corner of a street was first invented by the man who owed the tradesman he saw coming.

This is getting to be a well padded world. There are horse-pads, foot-pads, hip-pads, liver-pads, back-pads, kidney-pads, lung-pads and stomach-pads, and it is expected that somebody will get up a pad for bald heads. As the Dutchman might say, "Dis is too pad."

Aged 102 Years or More.

Mrs. Sarah Johnston died on Tuesday at Piqua, Ohio, aged 102 years. She retained all her faculties up to within a few months of her decease.

Mrs. Simon Reiss died at Sancon, Northampton county, Pa., on Monday, aged 105 years, and Daniel O'Brien at Scranton poorhouse, aged 116 years.

Antoine Lamattre died January 26th at Loveland, Ohio, just as he was nearing his 100th birthday. When a boy he fought under the great Napoleon, and loved the service.

Aaron McKenney, of Saco, made his will just as he closed a century of life, and executed a codicil at a later date. He died recently at the age of 102 years, and now his will is being contested.

Abraham L. Dickstein, of Heringen, Limberg, Germany, is a pedagogue, who is still teaching school at 104 years of age, at a salary of $30 per annum, and he has received no more than that sum for over sixty years.

When Thomas L. Gorham presented Mrs. Black Bear, an Indian woman living among the settlements on the Missouri, with a pair of spectacles, she was delighted, as it enabled her to see once more. She is supposed to be 115 years old.

Julia Wilson, a coloured woman, has been sent to the Chester county (Pennsylvania) almshouse, after she has supported herself 105 years. She is blind and decrepit, and when found recently she was without fire, being unable to keep it up, and must soon have perished.

An old Kentucky slave, named Sarah Clark, died Jan. 10, after living to be, it is believed, 126 years of age. She remembered the breaking out of the revolutinary war, and said she was the mother of two children at that time. She nursed the grandfather of Gen. Clarke, congressman, and afterward an officer in the war of 1812.

Joaquin Marreiro and his wife of Cabaceiras city, Brazil, are aged respectively 103 and 97. They contemplate celebrating the eightieth anniversary of their wedding soon. Of the twenty-three children born to this aged pair, fourteen still survive. One hundred and twenty-six grandchildren and ninety-seven great-grandchildren will attend the wedding anniversary.

Bridget Murphy, born in Ireland, died recently at Buffalo, aged 101 years. When 18 years old, during the rebellion of 1798, she was sent seven miles by her uncle to hide a large sum of money in a bog hole. She was met by British soldiers on the way, but supposing she had nothing of value, they let her pass. The money was recovered two years later. She came to Buffalo in 1844. She leaves seven children, the oldest of whom is over 70. She has sixteen great-grandchildren in this city, and probably a number in Ireland.

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING.

THOSE THINKING OF GOING TO MANITOBA or the new Northwest territories during the coming season should write at once to R. W. PRITTIE & CO., 64 King street east, Toronto, enclosing 10c., when the Colonist's News, a paper giving just the information they require, will be mailed to them regularly every month to end of year. PRITTIE'S popular excursions, with sleeping cars attached, will commence running on 2nd of March and continue every other week through season, preceded two days by fast freight trains. eon

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