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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1891.

BALLOTING FOR BENCHERS. BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS!

Terrible Nitro-Glycerine plosion at Petrolea.

Three Men Meet an Awful and stantaneous Death

Their Bodies Torn into Scarcely Recog-nizable Fragments—The Cause of the Disaster Involved in

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At the hour of writing, when darkness has fallen, searchers have found the upper portion of the trunk of one man, with portions of the arms—from the size presumably McDermotts—the foot of another, supposed to a Bradley, and the ear and side of the face of Chambers, known by his whiskers.

How many were in the building at the time is at present unknown. The ground on which the building was situated is strewn with small pieces of bone, and flesh, and with small pieces of bone, and flesh, and proceed the could be put in bushel basket.

FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION.

The building, which was a frame structure about 20x24, is totally wrecked nothing being left but a couple of tanks. A cavity beneath the ruins is about twenty feet in diameter and probably eight feet in

feet in diameter and probably eight feet in depth. As it had partially filled with waten when the first of the frantic crowd arrived it cannot be definitely stated what the cavity contains. Portions of the ruins and the remains were found 100 feet away from the place and for words around from the remains were found 100 feet away from the place, and for yards around, principally to the southward, the direction in which the force of the explosion seemed to have gone, fragments of timbers and attered garments are lying.

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Chambers was about 55, with a wife and grown up family. McDermott was a man of about 35, with a wife and family of four young children. Never before has anything so disastrous to human life occurred in Petrolea, and the inhabitants are utterly paralyzed. It is rumored that Chambers carried a policy of \$1,000 on his life. Upwards of 2,500 people visited the scene of the disaster, and at 8:30 more were still arriving.

How the explosion occurred will probably never be known. Dr. Lougheed, the coroner, will hold an inquest on the remains to-morrow morning.

BUILDINGS BURNED.

MITCHELL, Ont., April 7.- John Briggs MITCHELL, Ont., April 7.—John Briggs stable was completely burned to-day. His horse and carriages had a narrow escape. Thamesville, Out., April 7.—This morning, about 8:30, fire broke out in a building on London street, owned by A. R. Merd, of Windsor, and occupied by J. W. Bowers as a dwelling and barber shop. The fire company did excellent work, but the building is a total wreck. Loss about \$1,000; Insured for \$600.

State Elections. Denver, Col., April 8.—Denver has a Democratic majority for the first time in her history. Returns from various points show that the gain of the Democratic party will reach 35 per cent.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—All precincts have been heard from. Plurality for Cregier, 430.

OMAHA, Neb., April 8.—All over Nebraska yesterday municipal elections were held under the new law which embraces the Australian plan of voting. Reports from early every city and village in the State udicate that the law is one of the best ever evised. In most of the towns the question tas license and no license, and the vote ainly resulted in license.

St. Louis, Mo., April 8.—The election here passed of quietly. The complexion of the next Assembly is Democratic.

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GALENA, Ill., April 8.—The largest haul of fish ever reported in this section was made last week at Savanna, on the Mississippi, by Chris. Montag, whose catch at a single drawing weighed 10,000 pounds. The Deadly Wire.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 8.—Thomas Beard, a Santa Fe Railroad employe, while passing over the bridge between North and South Argentine last night, reached above his head and caught hold of an electric light wire. The current passed through his body and he died instantly.

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Goshen, Ind., March 8.—Later developments regarding the supposed fiendish ay morning show that his death and mutically all down in a stuper and the rats attacked him, rearing off the flesh and mutical ting the face shockingly. From this prighated the theory that tramps had chubbed him to death. Snyder was a miser. He was wealthy, but lived slovenly.

Typorary Tenants Victorious.

Dublis, April 8.—Father Humphrey made a speech at Tipperary yesterday in opposition to Archibishop Croke's proposal tenants. He declared the tenants were for terms which would betray fellow tenants in other parts of Ireland, He was read the men of Tipperary pre-ret owalk alone at night for fear the police might throw explosives and arrest them as the guilty parties

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Results of the Law Society Election Nine New Men Elected. Nine New Men Elected.

TORONTO, April 9.—Never in the history of the Law Society of Upper Canada, which now covers a period of nearly 100 years, has there been such keen interest or such competition in the election of benchers as was manifested in the quinquennial election, the result of which is given below. Of the 1,260 persons whose names are in the official list, 1,038 cast ballots. The count was finished at noon yesterday and is subject to a final scrutiny. The 30 barristers who were elected to serve as benchers for the next five years as follows:

Votes.

London; Strathy, of Barrie; Teetzel, of Hamilton; Aylesworth, Watson and Bar-wick, of Toronto; Donglas, of Chatham; Riddell, of Cobourg, and Idington, of Strat-ford. Mr. Barwick is the only member of the present bench who is not a Q.C.

The old benchers who have not been reelected are: Dr. McMichael, Dr. Larratt
W. Smith, Dr. James Beaty, Messrs, Hector
Cameron, Huson Murray, J. J. Foy, J. H.
Ferguson, T. H. Purdom and Nicol Kingsmili. Mr. T. H. Purdom retired volunfarily.

AN EASTER SUNDAY TRAGEDY.

Suicide of Two Despendent Young Women—Both Shot with the Same Revolver.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 7.—Details of an Easter Sunday tragedy at White Oaks, N. M., reached here yesterday, the affair being a double suicide, in which two young women, formerly of Liberty, Mo., were the principals. The women were Mrs. Howard Doyle and Miss Jessie Ridgely. Mrs. Doyle had been separated from her husband and had made a confidante of Miss Ridgely. It is thought Mrs. Doyle was despondent and prevailed upon Miss Ridgely to commit suicide at the same time. The bodies of the women were found in a lonely part of the town. Over the heart of each was found a bullet hole. They were clasped in each other's arms, and between them was a revolver, which usually had a place on the mantel in Miss Ridgely's room. Their hats hung on a post near by and their cloaks had been neatly folded and placed as head rests. To each cloak were pinced notes for various friends. One letter expressed the desire that they should be buried in the same grave. None of the letters gave the reason for the act, only, "Death is sweet and we prefer it to life." only, "Death is sweet and we prefer it to

POLITICAL POINTS.

e ballots found by Judge Morrison at the

South Grey recount at Owen Sound:

NEW ORLEANS, La, April S.—The grand jury is actively investigating the lynching of the seven Italians in the parish prison. Among the witnesses examined were W. S. Parkerson, leader of the movement, and the Italian consul, Pasquale Corte, and his secretary. It is understood the original list of the Committee of Safety that made the appeal upon the people to attack the prison was filed with the grand

Financial Trouble in Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, April S.—The Argentine
Cabinet yesterday signed a decree suspending until June next the payment of the deposits in the National and Provincial Banks
and offering depositors the option of taking
internal bonds in exchange for their deposits. The Government proposes an
amaigamation of both banks into a concern
to be known as the Banco de la Republica.
The Government's decree was unexpected,
and it has created a bad impression.

Dillon's Account Overdrawn by \$15,000

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MERELY MENTIONED.

News of the Day Without Note or Comment.

Passage of a Motion to Abolish the New Brunswick Legislative Council-Barnum's Fortune.

Sir Charles Tupper sailed from New York or England yesterday.

The Dominion Artillery Association has lecided not to send a team to Shoeburyness Sugar-makers are calculating that Quebec Province will supply 15,000,000 pounds of this season's crop.

J. R. Raberg and Isaac Bastian, con-

victed of waylaying and assaulting chil-dren on their way home from school, each received 25 lashes with the cat-o-nine-tails in the Montreal jail Wednesday.

The Ottawa Journal says: It is stated to day in political circles that Hon. J. J. Abbott has been called to the Cabinet in place of Hon. Mr. Colby, and that he will be succeeded in the leadership of the Senate by Sir Alexander Galt.

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Michael McGirr and Michael Kelly were discharged by the Toronto police magistrate yesterday on a charge of burglarizing Mrs. Foster's house. It turned out that Kelly brought home Mrs. Foster's daughter, who had been to a party, and, the door being locked, helped her in through a window with the assistance of McGirr.

P. T. Barnum leaves an estate valued at ver \$5,000,000. Late figures indicate the election of Hempstead Washburne (Rep.) as mayor of Chicago. The Council will likely stand 43 Democrats to 25 Republicans.

The Washington jury, in the case of Kin-caid, the newspaper correspondent charged with the murder of ex-Congressman Taul-bee, of Kentucky, brought in a verdict of

not guilty.

The President's annual proclamation calls attention to the law prohibiting unauthor-ized persons from killing seal and other fur-bearing animals in Alaska or waters of Behring Sea.

The argument before the United States

Sayward, involving the jurisdiction of the United States over Behring Sea, will be postponed until the 25th inst.

FOREIGN.

Levi Bros., dealers in Oriental wares in Londos, Paris and Constantinople, have faile Liabilities, \$425,000; as-sets, \$125,000.

Mr. Harvey Crosthwaite, uncle of Dr. Crosthwaite, formerly superintendent of the Hamilton Hospital, and a farmer living near Stoney Creek dropped dead in Hamilton Wednesday. Deceased was about 70 years of age, well known and highly respected. The Attempt on the Czar's Life.

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St. Petersburg, April 8.—An attempt was made on the Czar's life on Monday, but the attempt was a Russian holiday, but the Czar and the was a Russian holiday, but the Czar and the was a Russian holiday, but the Czar and the was a Russian holiday, but the Czar and the was a Russian holiday, but the Czar and the grand Duke Nicholas. A man with a sallow complexion of a southern type was among those admitted by ticket. He took a place five paces distant from the place where the Czar was to stand. As the man continued to wear his overgoath was requested to remove it, but de-As the man continued to wear his overcoat he was requested to remove it, but declined, on the ground that he was afraid of
draughts. His refusal excited suspicion,
and he was again requested to take his
coat off. This time he consented and retired to an ante-room. He was immediately arrested and taken to prison, when a
revolver and a globule supposed to contain
poison were found in his pockets. His
name is Shamekin. He declares the globule
simply contains medicine.

-Mr. George M. Reid has returned from an extended trip to the East.

He Is Now a Happy Man.

"HOW NOT TO DO 17."

Tupper's Recent Reciprocity Ruse—An Intentional Flasco.

Washington, April 8.—Sir Charles Tupper and his staff of Dominion Cabinet officers since their summary departure from Washington have given expression to the most extraordinary opinions as to the result of their visit here. Why they should have come here with so formidable a retinue and with luggage enough to have lasted a month, is difficult to understand, unless they had really expected to remain here. If the mission of Sir Charles Tupper here was to defeat reciprocity it is possible that he told the truth in the statement made last night in New York that he had accomplished what he wished. What has been accomplished is an absolute postponement of any consideration of the subject until after June I, if not indefinitely.

All that Sir Charles Tupper knows is

Sugar-makers are calculating that Quebec Province will supply 15,000,000 pounds of this season's crop.

In a runnaway accident at Hamilton yesterday, Ezra Waterman, an elderly man, had his jaw broken.

Evangelists Messrs. Crossley and Hunter are conducting special services at Vancouver, B.C., and are meeting with great success.

In the New Brunswick Honse of Assembly yesterday the Government bill to abolish the Legislative Council passed without a dissenting vote.

At Osgoode Hall Wednesday the Master in Chambers gave judgment unseating James Stephens as Mayor of Ingersoll, and giving the seat to his opponent, M. T. Buchanan.

The Reformers of St. Andrew's Ward last night presented Mr. Arthur Mowat, the Reform candidate for West Toronto at the Dominion elections, with an address and a handsome cane.

It has just leaked out that on Easter Monday the postoffice box of the Halifax Banking Company at St. John, N. B., was robbed of its contents, including letters containing a number of checks.

J. R. Raberg and Isaac Bastian, convicted of wavalaying and assaulting chil. and even if the dispatch sent by Sir Julian did not reach Ottawa before the train had left, if any ever was sent, it could easily have been sent to overtake Sir Charles before he had reached the southern Dominion boundary. But the outward indications all are that Sir Charles preferred to come to Washington, knowing that the to come to Washington, knowing that the negotiations could not proceed, or, if Sir Charles himself did not know that, the Charles himself did not know that, the powers behind the throne at Ottawa preferred that he should proceed to Washington, and that the things which did happen should happen, rather than that he should be recalled to Ottawa. The evident design of the Dominion authorities was to permit the expedition of Sir Charles Tupper to go to Washington, although it was known at Ottawa 24 hours before Sir Charles reached Washington that an audience would not be granted.

granted.

The talk which is current in certain The talk which is current in certain circles—that President Harrison is jealous of Secretary Bleine and his reciprocity views, and that there was a rebuke administered to Mr. Blaine by President Harrison in this, is only idle rumor. There has been no snub administered by the President to Mr. Blaine, and there has been do discourtesy by the Administrabeen do discourtesy by the Administra-tion to the Dominion officials. That these officials placed themselves in the position they did is due to Sir Julian Pauncefore or the Government authorities of the Do-

minion.
Sir Charles Tupper has said in authorized interviews that Sir Julian Pauncefote sent Interviews that Sir Julian Pauncefote sent a dispatch on Saturday to Ottawa which was not received by him (Tupper), conse-quently the surprise which Sir Charles Tupper and his party manifested when they arrived at their hotel after the interview of postponed until the 25th inst.

The United States Navy Department has made arrangements with the Dupont Powder Company for the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of gun cotton and smokeless powder for naval use.

The United States Navy Department has made arrangements with the Dupont Powder Council and States and State Sir Charles Tupper said he did, a dispatch of Dominion efficials that the conference could not proceed, should not have referred to that dispatch on first meeting the commissioners before he proceeded with them on Monday morning to the Secretary of State. It is incomprehensible that Sir Charles Tupper should not have been fully informed of everything of which Sir Julian Paumeefote had been advised two days before. When Sir Charles Tupper and the Dominion Cabinet officers called upon the Secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at month by the admission of Sir Charles Tupper and his diplomatic followers was theatrical, and intended for the settled that the theory of the secretary of State therefore on Monday at month of the work of the road shave been and was the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is conference was the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was to be held. This much is the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon they knew absolutely that no conference was the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon the matter of the secretary of State therefore on Monday at noon the matter of the secretary of the secretary of State

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MURRAY SENTENCED.

Seven Years in Kingston Peni

Sentence was pronounced on Robert Murray about 10:30 o'clock yesterday for manslaughter in connection with the death of Wm. O. Rowe. The prisoner was brought into the court roow about 10:15 and placed in the dock. His wife had seen him previously in the cells, but did not wait to hear the final proceedings. Justice Falconbridge twice asked Marray if he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced on him, but he did not reply. The judge then briefly reviewed the circumstances of the case. The jury, he said, could have arrived at no other verdict than that of manslaughter. As there had been ill-will between the prisoner and Rowe, and the latter had been beaten by him in June or July, there was reason to think that he had born malice towards deceased. But Rowe had undoubtedly used insulting language to the prisoner's wife and shoved be the state that we had the him the back. But Rowe had undoubtedly used insulting language to the prisoner's wife and shoved her after she got out of the buggy, also coming back to renew the fight. However, human life had been taken in a quarrel, in which Murray was the aggressor and insulter. "The sentence of the court is, Robert Murray, that you be confined in the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston for a period of seven years, until you are discharged."

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Murray mechanically sat down without betraying any emotion, and stared vacantly around as if all his faculties were benumbed. Jailer Kelly and a constable escorted him from the court room down to the cells.

Murray's aged father was present when his son was sentenced. The penalty is bounded and sessions within the results of the Central Assembly to be submitted to the Dominion Parliament at an early date, the Presbytery recommends all sessions within the court of the constant of the constant

of those interested.

OTHER ASSIZE JOTTINGS.

In the case of Talbot vs. Poole the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$100. McDougall, Q.C., and Marsh for plaintiff, E. Meredith, Q.C., and Cameron for defendant. This finished the jury cases.
Bank of British North America vs. Gibson, an action brought by the bank against W. K. Gibson, John Kerr and John Murdock, the Building Committee of the Petrolea Presbyterian Church, to recover payment of money due the bank through payment of money due the bank through the builders of the church, is now in prog-ress. The total amount of the claim is

RAILWAY RUMBLINGS.

The New York Central's Latest Schem

and Alton.

The New York Times says the negotiations between the officers of the New York Central Road and President Wilbur, of the Lehigh Valley Road, in relation to the building of the proposed new line from Suspension Bridge to Buffalo have reached an amicable stage. The Lehigh Valley will probably get what accommodation they desire along the Niagara River from the New York Central existing lines. The matter has not yet been fully settled.

The Board of Rulings of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic Association have decided to boycott the Chicago and Alton

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TORONTO PRESBYTERY.

The Church and the Temperance Movement-Recommendation Adopted.

Tononto, April 8.—The Toronto Presby.

numbed. Jamer Manager Manager

Thirty Burlington switchmen struck at

Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday.

Four hundred lathers in Chicago have gone out on strike for an advance in wages.

Instead of reducing the force in the Indianapolis shops the Pennsylvania will reduce the working hours. The men will work ten hours five days in the week, and five hours on Saturday.

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The brickmakers of Hamilton, Ont. have combined to withstand the action of their combined to withstand the action of the combined to withstand the action of the combined to with the combined to The brickmakers of Hamilton, Unt., have combined to withstand the action of their employers in proposing to cut wages. About 40 brickmakers met Tuesday evening and formed a union, appointing the necessary officers. The men state that they do not want any strikes or higher wages; they will be satisfied with the rate of wages they

years ago it was calculated that it required years ago it was calculated that it required 26 per cent. of the gross earnings to pay the trainmen—that is, the engineers, firemen, conductors, haggagemasters and brakemen. Now, on such systems as the Pennsylvania, the Big Four, and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, it requires from 33 to 38 per cent. of the gross earnings to pay trainmen.

The Board of Rulings of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic Association have decided to boycott the Chicago and Alton Railway. The charge against the Alton is that it wilfully pays commissions on the sale of its passenger tickets in the territory between New York and Chicago. The practical effect of the boycott will be that none of the roads in the association will recognize the Alton in any way. It will be impossible to purchase its tickets at the regular offices.

C. P. Huntington has completed the purchase of the Ashland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad. The line will be added to the Chesapeake and Ohio system. General Passenger Agent Daniels, of the New York Central, says that the labor of arranging time tables, special rates, excursions and other features of summer travel, which was begun in his office with the beginning of January, will keep a large force of the employes and clerks busy until June or July.

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