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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1891.

The Banquet du Peuple has just held its annual meeting, and the reports of the directors and managers will be found elsewhere. The directors and shareholders are to be congratulated on the satisfactory exhibit made.

The Mayor of Milwaukee has just interposed his magistrical authority and prohibited the exposure of those glaring and indecent play bills of the kind not unknown in Toronto.

The grave political issue now before the public has been brought into striking prominence by a simple occurrence, but at the same time non-political, a circumstance which of course adds weight to its importance.

An eminent philosopher once said that half the events of history could only be accounted for on the strength of "national insanity."

Rome and Britain. The visit of the Duke of Cambridge to the Vatican is supposed to have been of a diplomatic character, though for what special purpose has not been made public.

ficant. The absurd rule which prevents the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the two is evidently an inconvenience which England is becoming tired of.

The "Imaginary Line."

The advocates of unrestricted reciprocity and annexation are fond of talking about "imaginary lines" and "one blood," &c., &c., when they allude to the United States.

A Banker's View.

The Bank statements of the Dominion have for a long time abundantly shown the prosperous condition of the country, and we note with satisfaction that that veteran banker, Mr. W. Weir, has in company with other leading commercial men entered his protest against the pretensions of those who are endeavoring to sap the future of Canada by a false cry.

The prosperity of Canada during the continuance of the former reciprocity treaty, which was probably the best measure Canada will ever attain, was not due to any great extent to that treaty.

To The Point.

The New York Catholic Review very correctly gauges the situation in Canada, and is in no degree deceived by the blatant utterances of the Opposition politicians.

A Terrible Evil.

Mr. Justice Baby, in his charge to the Grand Jury, dwelt with becoming severity on the frequency of assaults of a diabolical character on children.

venge of ruin, from which it was only rescued when the good sense of the electors again returned the Conservative party to power, and criticizing the inconsistency of the advocates of the Laurier-Cartwright-Winnan combination continues:

"It is curious to see the different arguments which the advocates of unrestricted reciprocity makes use of when addressing city and country constituencies. He is like the thief with the reversible coat who steals with one side out and runs away with the other side."

Mr. Weir specially addresses some one on a border county and says: "In the border counties, including your own, the advantage of a reciprocity treaty in agricultural products is certainly greater than in other parts of the country, and but for the mischievous interference of Mr. Winnan and his friends, I have no doubt that a treaty on that basis would have been arranged before now."

Now in Huntington is a fair sample of the spirit of the "English counties," as they are commonly called, then perhaps those counties may have a different opinion; but of this we shall have ample proof to-morrow night.

Annexation, pure and simple, would be much less injurious, as, although it would destroy many small industries, and for a time be ruinous to the country, the permanency of the new trade relations would, in time, build up a new class of industries and restore, to some extent at least, prosperity to the Canadian states.

This is the argument of the worst enemies of Canada, although Mr. Weir's conclusions are clearly enough derived from viewing the question from a different standpoint.

THE IRISH SITUATION

As Set Forth in Associated Press Despatches.

Mr. Parnell, in view of the fact that the McCarthys are sending a deputation composed of members of the Irish Parliamentary party to the United States to collect funds, is considering upon the advice of friends the proposition to send a Parnellite delegation to the United States.

Preparations have been completed for publishing at Dublin a daily paper devoted to the interests of the McCarthys. The paper will be entitled "The National Press."

T. D. Harrington, Mr. Redmond and other Parnellites warn the clergy that they will not further tolerate their hostility tamely.

themselves take the initiative and draft such amendments to the criminal law as, in their opinion, will best meet the gravity of the case, and submit their propositions to the government. The treatment extended to this most vile class of criminals should be drastic in the extreme.

Parliamentary Insanity.

PARIS, March 2nd.—The Empress Dowager Frederick has visited this city in accordance with the wish of her son, on a sort of conciliatory mission, with the result that she has been insulted, and left the city without the government asserting its rights over a Parisian mob.

THE QUEBEC EXPLOSION.

QUEBEC, February 25.—The coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of the victims of the boiler explosion at the worst factory, terminated yesterday with the following verdict: "That the said Arthur Yewell was killed by the explosion of the boiler of the Quebec Worsted Company, limited, the said explosion being due to an over pressure of steam in the said boiler caused by the stop valve being then closed."

PARNELL TO COME TO AMERICA.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A special cable from London to the New York Herald says the entire Irish party have given up all idea of doing anything in Parliament this session and propose to carry on their operations solely in Ireland and the United States.

At a gathering of costumed Gaiety, an address was presented to Mr. Parnell, who made an address in reply. He said the fight for Ireland had ended before being well commenced.

ated to attribute to Mr. O'Brien a malversation offence. He denied that the American mission had failed in consequence of the publicity given to the O'Shea divorce case.

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hear of new developments involving a complete change of front by the Gladstonians in preparation for the general election.

ROME, March 2.—The enemies of Cardinal Manning have spread the rumor that the Propaganda sent him a letter of reproof on account of his socialistic "Franciscan."

CORNWALL, Ont., March 2.—A. E. McDonald, deputy clerk of the Crown, is dead.

Obituary.

CORNWALL, Ont., March 2.—A. E. McDonald, deputy clerk of the Crown, is dead. He belonged to one of the oldest Catholic families of the Dominion which settled here over a century ago.

THE "IMAGINARY LINE."

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, February 26.—The political situation here is very grave. Of the 111 members of the Storting who took part in Monday's division, in which the conservative ministry was defeated, the majority practically demanded that Norway shall have control of her own foreign affairs.

GLADSTONE VS. GEORGE.

LONDON, February 28.—In the House of Commons last night Mr. Provand's motion in favor of increasing the taxation on land, which he held, was insufficiently taxed, in proportion to industries, aroused an animated discussion.

AT QUEEN'S HALL.

Easter week will open this year by a most attractive and artistic concert given by the Young Blind of Nazareth Institution. The numerous protectors and friends of the Asylum will welcome this news with more than ordinary gladness.

New songs and cheap editions, just in, of "The Great Four Hundred," and "Maggie Murphy's Home, from Rilly and the Four Hundred," by Harrigan and Dave Braun, sung nightly at Harrigan's new theatre, "Crazy York, for over 30 nights."

COMPLETED TO DEADWOOD. The Burlington Route, C. B. & Q. R.R., from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, is now completed, and daily passenger trains are running through Lincoln, Neb., and Custer, S. D., to Deadwood, also to Newcastle, Wyoming. Sleeping cars