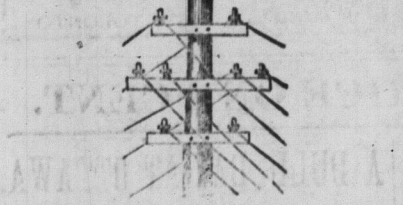


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THE FREE LIBRARY BOARD

As the members of the above board have now become to a certain extent public men, we may not be exceeding the privileges of public journals by looking at them and their abilities for the position in which they stand.

As he is the originator of the movement, we may first notice Mr. John Hallam, a gentleman who has been before the people for a long time, and who has performed the duties entrusted to him in a conscientious manner.

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Mr. Wm. Scully, Mr. Mason's colleague from the same board, is a young man who has not as yet held any public position in the city, and was no doubt chosen by the school board as one of their co-religionists who stands well in the city.

Of the mayor, he being an ex-officio member, we have not much to say. No doubt the people in their selection of a chief magistrate, will be guided somewhat by the ability of the candidates to fill the important position of member of the free library board.

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Some idea of the enormous consumption of coal by the railways may be gathered from the fact that the Grand Trunk at a single point, Windsor, requires 30,000 tons annually.

A correspondent writes saying, Mr. Fenton really wishes somebody to prosecute, he can fly as higher game right in this city than the poor humble buyer or seller of a two dollar ticket. He thinks if a wholesome lesson were taught the Mail, it would be a newspaper that, powerful as they are, even they cannot trudge, see the law without paying for it.

The monopolist's reason for his existence is refreshing. He says: "As a company we certainly place our prices upon our own goods. As to competition, the only way we can damage competitors is to undersell them, and all underselling is to the advantage of the consumer." What does the consumer say to his advantage?

Miss Mary Anderson is to go to England shortly to play an engagement at the Lyceum theatre, London. Mr. Henry Irving, the great tragedian and lessee of that house, coming to America. There can be no doubt that Mr. Irving will be severely criticised on this side of the Atlantic and many will declare him far behind Booth in his conception of Shakespearean characters, while the English press will doubtless be equally severe on Miss Anderson, but nothing so hard as this from the Boston World is likely to be heard.

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Whether the pious lottery be allowed to survive or not, the civil lottery can never be generally revived.

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RECOMMENDED: To the Editor of the Globe. Sir: The following is a copy of a communication which was sent to the Globe, and the managing editor has sent the message "such a letter cannot be inserted."

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