

THE RAILWAY UNION.

Abandonment and Addition to the Midland Consolidation Scheme. Consideration of the Midland amalgamation bill was resumed...

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Mr. Pardee said that the bill would let these clauses remain open for consideration. The bill, however, must positively be closed to-day, or at latest on Friday.

Provisions authorizing the company to construct and operate a branch line from Toronto and Nipissing railways were confirmed.

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Whether before he avoided the sentence of the court by absconding in March 1877 he arranged to have his bonds paid in the amount that would be excheated when he suddenly left.

Whether the colonel won't square up all these rumors of conspiracy, arson, and libel.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the regulation of inland ferries met, at last past three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and conferred with the city solicitor as to how they should act in the matter.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

The executive committee meets at 4 this afternoon. Lord Dunsmore and party visited the Zoo when in town.

Six new star boarders were received at the central prison yesterday. The Yorkville Y. M. C. A. had a very pleasant reunion Tuesday night.

Mr. Sweetnam, P.O. Inspector, has gone to Montreal to make an investigation. "Candidates" hall at Albert held its night. Every body will have a conductor in her train.

Mr. A. Robertson, M.P.P. for Hastings, Hill, and Dr. Abbott of Belleville has been called in the city, much to his regret.

Hattie Lusk, who attempted to take her life by swallowing a dose of laudanum, has recovered. Nicholas Murphy lectured at Schomberg last night on "The Irishman in the Old Land and the New."

A building permit has been granted to William Hill for a two-story roughcast addition to 301 Chestnut street, to cost \$800.

George Howard and Owen Finnigan were arrested by P. C. Archibald for fighting on Toronto street yesterday and taken to No. 3.

A number of cattle were killed in an accident on the Grand Trunk near Steeles. Sheer carriages caused the mishap.

Ferguson, a painter, fell from a scaffolding at the Shakespeare hotel yesterday and broke his right arm. He was removed to his boarding house on Adelaide street.

It is reported that E. Pearson of Toronto, representing a wealthy syndicate, has purchased the town sites of Sidney and Brooklyn on the Canada Pacific railway.

Inspector Langmuir thinks that the staff of officials at the jail must be decreased by three; also that the services of the jailer and his assistants should be abolished.

An application has been made to the property committee to lease a portion of the new city stock at the foot of Frederick street for the purpose of building a large stock factory.

William Griffin, a Lombard street whisky, blackguard, a witness whom Detective Barrows had given evidence. The detective arrested Griffin and lodged him in the cells, much to his chagrin.

Banishkille and Prince Arthur lodges of true blues held a dance at Albert hall Monday night. The boys and their lady friends enjoyed themselves well. But was Blacker lodge? What has become of it?

While Thomas Soden, Thomas Harrington and Mr. Graham were cutting up Ashbridge's bay they fell through. They were rescued by Mr. Wise and Wm. Lang after being in the water for about twenty minutes.

While Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar were driving on Queen street yesterday, an axle of the vehicle was broken, and the car was overturned. Mr. Farquhar escaped with a few slight bruises, but his wife was badly hurt, two of her ribs and her left arm being broken.

W. J. Bird, who has for nearly twenty years been a butcher on Yonge street, is about to take his departure for Manitoba. During his residence in this city he won hosts of friends, who will regret to hear of his removal but wish him every success in his new sphere.

A pleasing affair took place at Richardson's hotel Monday night, the occasion being the presentation of a framed and illuminated address and a well-filled purse to John Gray, who has been for twenty-seven years foreman over the teamsters of the Shelden company, by the drivers.

A deposition arrived in Toronto yesterday from Owen Sound and will to-day wait on the local government to effect the amalgamation of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce and Grand Trunk railways. It consists of J. Parker, W. B. Stephens, Geo. Corbett, B. Allen, A. B. Long, D. A. Anson and C. Barnhart, mayor.

A public meeting will be called in a few days to consider the question of the removal of the Kingston road toll-gate to Small's Corners. A committee will be appointed to solicit subscriptions in aid of the project, and a petition be prepared for presentation to the city council of York, asking that the toll be removed on condition of a pecuniary indemnity.

At county chambers yesterday before Judge Mackenzie, a motion for judgment in Sutherland v. Huntly was dismissed, costs to be cost in the cause, and orders were granted for immediate judgment in Cooper v. Dalnoky, and in the case of Archibald McIntyre, insolvent, an order was granted for his discharge as such.

OSGOODE HALL NOTES. In the case of Wheeler v. Gibbs, North Ontario election, the material issues being settled, the parties thereto have begun to fight about the costs. In the case of Reid v. Beatty motion to set aside appearance and for judgment against the defendant under rule 80, of the judicature act, the plaintiff is the assignee of the defendant's accounts against the defendant and the question was raised whether the plaintiff was the beneficial assignee or whether the claim had been assigned in a stranger to the action for the purpose of harassing the defendant. Mr. Dalton reserved judgment.

The case Chapman v. Rogers occupied the court all day. Holden v. Chase. Evidence all put in and the argument was continued. In the case of Barker v. Leeson, an interpleader issue was tried by the county court judge of York with a jury, and a verdict found for the claimant, whose rights arose under a sale in a chattel mortgage. The chancellor gave judgment this morning setting aside this verdict on the ground that the sale was bad, and finding for the defendant creditor, the plaintiff on the...

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BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

Representatives Assemble to Discuss Legislation Determined to Fight Insurance Companies. A large and enthusiastic meeting of representatives of the different benefit and provident societies of Ontario was held in the Rossia house yesterday.

Mr. Crerar the first speaker addressed the meeting in an able and impressive speech. He reviewed the workings of many benefit associations, and finished up by saying that immediate action was necessary—that the government would be foolish to refuse it, since such a large and influential body of men are concerned.

He read from the report of the superintendent of insurance that "benevolent societies came within the scope of our statutes relating to insurance companies and should be taxed. Mr. Langmuir had written to Sir John A. Macdonald and received a reply assuring him that if a measure was brought down their interests would be considered. He then telegraphed to Mr. Macdonald and the following telegram was received: "The government will not interfere with Canadian societies, but a distinction should be made between a 'Canadian society' and a 'foreign society'."

Various definitions were put forth, some very nonsensical, and the speaker expressed his opinion that if the endowments are collected where the society originated, then that is the country to which the society belongs. Mr. Brown London, commander of Sir John's reply, an indefinite answer and could not be relied upon. He strongly urged prompt action in securing legislation beneficial to societies of this kind. He ended by moving that a committee be appointed to arrange a program and if approved the delegation a few gentlemen should guide the affair at headquarters. A few gentlemen thought this was premature, and Mr. Bartram of London very ably supported this side of the question, stating that if insurance companies were to be taxed, the government would be obliged to put their hands in their pockets and defray expenses. The act must be put in force by the attorney general and no attorney general would do it.

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UNMUSICAL DISCUSSION.

A 13th Bat. Bandman Struck by a Comrade. An unfortunate affair occurred at the Grand opera house last evening at the close of the orphans' festival. The 13th band closed the programme with the march "Sea Lion." After its conclusion, and when most of the audience had departed, two of the bandmen, named Thomas Egan and Robert Maguire, engaged in a dispute about the playing of a run in the piece just performed. The discussion became very warm, and when it proposed to sing Egan's note, he drew a knife and struck at Maguire. The blow was warlike and struck John Rutley, another bandman, in the left knee. Rutley was endeavoring to calm the disputants when he was struck. The loss of blood from the wound was such that he fainted. Dr. MacKellan attended him, and P. C. Ross arrested Egan on a charge of assault and stabbing. Rutley did not wish to make any complaint. Egan was brought up in court this morning, but Rutley being unable to appear, he was adjourned to the 17th inst. The result of Rutley's injury, the two men were excellent friends, and Rutley does not care that Egan, who is a hot-tempered man, intends to cut him.

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The Mississippi is falling. Senator Logan is seriously ill. Dakota is to be admitted as a state. George A. Keely has failed in \$100,000. The stolen Peruvian correspondence has been found. The New York post office handled 200,000 valentines. Major James Low is to be consul for Clifton, Ont. Flora Foster, matron of the Tomb, New York, is dead. There is excitement at Larwell, Pa., over a rich strike of oil. Substantial progress has been made with the anti-polygamy bill. A suit is begun to test the legality of the reading Railway bonds. An arbitration case is to be arbitrated upon by the United States and Mexico. A. M. Snelled, shot in a Washington newspaper office, is recovering. Henry Jones, dismissed Deputy Sheriff Blake and shot him dead at Wake, N.C. Dr. Lepherson and Mayor Beaudry are nominated for mayors of Montreal. John B. McDonough, who played Yuba Bill with Annie Pixley in "Missis," is dead. The Chicago and Grand Trunk work shops are to be located at Battle Creek, Mich. Lawyer Sackett, of Union City, Pa., was strong enough to put three highwheymen to rout. The failure of Kenyon, of Chicago, involves \$250,000; losses principally in wheat. The New York churches and other institutions have distributed \$25,000 among the hospitals. The search for Miss Blood, missing from St. Clair, Mich., has not yet been successful. The fire in the old World building New York arose from a defective fan. The owner is insured. Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune, has sent twenty-seven more children to homes in the west. Murphy, a Boston brickmaker has recovered \$7000 for the loss of an arm from the Boston and Albany railway. Rev. Charles Strong of Rochester, N.Y., is to be the contestant against for embarking the funds of the Lome for orphan children. Lincoln Murphy, a telegraph operator at Danbury, O., was proud of his chest. The contest of Chamberlain and Rogers, N.Y., is to be a moderate blow and Murphy fully expects to win. When Senator Truett was in France the Comte de Chambord made enquiries as to the progress of the Northwest, in which he takes more interest than any other European statesman. At Scranton, Pa. H. G. Potter was yesterday sentenced to two years and eight months in the penitentiary, and fined \$1,000 for the murder of his seventeen-year-old step-daughter. The decline in trade with Peru and Chili is due to the protective duty preventing the exportation of copper and sugar. British influence is nothing more or less than British energy and common sense. The office of the county treasurer at Detroit was reduced of \$200 yesterday by the old game of one man engaging the clerk's attention while the other operated. The thieves are believed to be in Canada. The construction company who have transferred its interest in the Hoosac tunnel and Western railway to the New Boston and Boston and Albany railway, has called for the payment of \$20,000,000 in two years, and the establishment of a steamship line between Boston and London. The people of Ontario, N.Y., are being treated as rebels. The difficulty arose out of a recent attempt on the part of town council to pass a resolution under a levy to meet the bonds given by the town in 1870 to secure the building of the Hoosac tunnel, Geneva and Pine Creek railroad. The Greenback party resisted the sale. Curtis Christian yesterday murdered his brother-in-law, John Tomkins, at Patnam, N.Y., crushing his head with a stone. Christian afterwards tried to choke his wife to death. He committed suicide by jumping into Lake Okauchee. The course of the crime was jealousy of Tomkins, because the latter managed his father-in-law's farm.

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