

INSANE TRIPLERS

Three Sisters Become Suddently Demented. The first case on record. Brooklyn, Dec. 13.—The records of Bellevue Hospital show the following entries, as made to-day: Elizabeth Bassett, aged 35, 235 East 23d-street, declared insane, transferred to State Lunatic Asylum Susan Bassett, age 35, 730 Macy-avenue, Brooklyn, declared insane and transferred to State Lunatic Asylum. If the records of St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn are also glanced over this entry will be found: Milla Bassett, age 35, 124 North-street, Brooklyn, demented.

The connection between these entries makes known one of the rarest cases discovered in the history of lunacy. Triplets are not an oddity, but demented triplets certainly are, and the demented minds of the Bassett sisters with a most interesting subject for study to the insanity expert. It is most singular that the hallucination maintained by each sister clearly that she believes herself the only sane one of the three.

This is the first case on record at Bellevue of triplets being insane. A short time ago twin sisters, who became demented at the same time were received at the pavilion and transferred to the lunatic asylum. They, like the Bassett sisters, had never married.

North Toronto. The annual election of officers for 1894 of Sherwood Lodge, S.O.E., took place. The officers are: President, W. Fox; vice-president, H. Martin; sec., J. Hoffman; treas., G. H. Lawrence; chap., E. Anderson; committee, J. Moore, W. F. Smith, D. Robertson, E. Barber; middlemen, F. T. Locke, L. G. W. Pike; surgeon, Dr. Richardson; auditors, Robertson and McNaughton; trustees, Robertson and Barber. It was voted to present W. Fox, P.P., with a past-president's jewel in token of his efficient services while in that position.

The Town Council met last night in the town hall. Members present: Mayor Fisher in the chair, Reave Davis, Deputy Reeve Peas, Councilors Doherty, Plumb, Woods, Rae, Donohue and Hubbard. The Mayor's report for the year 1893 was read and approved. Mr. Stubbard fought the bill on each and every clause. It was his opinion that Law 78 had better stand as it is, and that it would open up great possibilities for evil and great injustice would be perpetrated.

The people were not clamoring for it, nor had they even asked for it. As it was there had been very much illegal expenditure all along the line, which was not intended. He contended that many streets had not a penny spent on them, while other streets were perpetually clamoring for improvements as long as they did not pay for them. That had been stopped by the by-law and it would be foolish to again lay it out. He further said the Bedford Park Company had done all their own improvements, and why should they be forced to pay for others who would not maintain anything they wanted provided they did not pay for it.

Mayor Fisher said that he really wanted to repeal was the clause re the cutting of weeds, trimming of trees, repairing of sidewalks and street watering for the year 1894. He was of opinion that the town could be laid out in districts so that what was done could be paid for by each district.—Mr. Hubbard thought that some districts would have twice as many side streets to help pay as the others and that the thing would not work.—A general purpose by-law was introduced and adopted.—The council then adjourned to meet on Friday night.

The Board of Health was to have met last night in the town hall, but there was no quorum. Orange Lodge 296 met last night at their hall in Eglington for the election of officers for the year 1894, followed by the annual oyster supper.

The Late John Shanessy. The late John Shanessy was born in Limerick, Ireland, in the year 1834. He emigrated to America with his parents when a boy, who settled in the city of Buffalo, N. Y. In 1852 and 1853 he was steward of the steamer Plymouth Rock, which sailed between that city and Chicago under the command of Captain Williby. The following year, 1854, the steamer Zimmerman was built at Niagara, which steamer he joined, coming out that fall under the command of the late Captain Dancon Milloy. He sailed on her until the fall of 1857. The following year, 1858, Captain Dancon Milloy took command of the steamer Peerless, Mr. Shanessy accompanying him. The steamer Zimmerman was then built at Niagara by Captain Milloy during the winter of 1859 and purchased by Capt. Milloy. Mr. Shanessy again joined the Peerless, under the command of Captain Milloy, and sailed on her until she was burned at Niagara wharf in July, 1863. The steamer City of Toronto was then built at Niagara by Captain Milloy during the winter of 1863 and 1864, and came out in August. Mr. Shanessy joined her and sailed on her until the fall of 1869, when he opened the hotel, called the Niagara House, old American Hotel, which he conducted for some three years.

Of Interest to Every Boy. Amidst all the talk about great bargains and no doubt that great bargains are being made in every line of business—there is nothing that strikes us as having such a remarkable claim for prominence as the sale of boys' clothing at J. Jamieson's. It is advertised to-day. It appears that the large wholesale clothing firm, that retired from business altogether, and after reducing their stock as much as possible, entered into negotiations with Mr. Jamieson with a view to selling him all the boys' clothing at a price much below the actual cost of the cloth alone, and now Mr. Jamieson, after having been closed all day yesterday, offers 11,000—just imagine, eleven thousand suits—of boys' clothing, twelve suits to fit boys, from 7 to 12, and what is really marvelous is that among the suits offered—for they are genuine suits—a boy's Scotch or English tweed two-piece suit, sewn with silk, double-breasted seams, double-headed buttons, any size, big or little, the same price, and that price is only \$1.39. But Mr. Jamieson pledges his reputation on the correctness of this statement, otherwise there is one line at \$2.99, the wholesale price of which was \$8. There has never been such an exquisite opportunity to cover a boy with an elegant suit of money. Read the ad if you want really useful information on boys' clothing.

A Popular Stage Marriage. A quiet but interesting wedding took place yesterday morning at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Portland-street. Rev. Alexander Williams officiated, and the contracting parties were Mr. Lugard, the McGillivray and Miss Edith Matthews, a popular and accomplished young vocalist. Mr. Oscar Rinker discharged the duties of best man and charming Master Nathan Nugli of Rowanville was maid for the bride. After the ceremony, breakfast was given to the party at the residence of the bride's mother. The young couple left the following afternoon for a trip through the eastern cities.

Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures the lungs. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures the lungs.

Shot for Defeating Employment. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Owen McHugh was shot and probably fatally wounded yesterday by James McBride, a teamster to whom he had refused employment.

FINANCE AND TRADE

There is a good deal of comment concerning the poor railway earnings, both in the United States and Canada. The largest increase yet reported for the first week of December is by the Chicago and St. Paul, the earnings being \$193,000, less than for the same week of 1892. The Canadian Pacific shows a decrease of \$50,000 for the same week and the Grand Trunk a decrease of \$22,000. The inference is that general trade in the country is lull.

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada for the 11 months of this year are exceptionally large, and some of the insurance companies have been hit hard. A representative of a leading company made the statement yesterday that "only a small proportion of the fires are reported. They have been very numerous in Canada, and some of the companies have lost heavily with farmers. Rates have been advanced on farm properties in consequence."

Experts of gold at New York have been reaped, and it is thought by many that these shipments will aggregate \$20,000,000 before the movement is over. The exports of produce are decreasing, while the Britisher still looks with suspicion on American securities, and only buys to cover short contracts.

Mr. Clews says the gold shipments should not cause alarm, as gold is the dearest product we have at the present time, and it is better to export it than to send wheat out of the country at the present depressed price, which is materially less than the cost of production.

There are some who do not look for lower rates for money in Canada. They base their opinion on the fact that many leading loan companies have got to the end of their borrowing power, and that the usual annual imports of British capital, amounting to between two and three million dollars, will not come in the coming year.

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A man discards a watch that varies two or three minutes a week. I must have an accurate timepiece," he says, "but, bless you, a woman goes gayly on, 955 days of the year, late at church, at club, at the theatre—everywhere—because she will continue to hazard a guess at the hour from the parlor clock, in which she knows there is no truth.

"And there is a question of morality involved, too," goes on this forcible speaker. "It is giving our children a false standard of right and wrong, and we have a clock fair without and false within before them. Why may not we say? If only look at the influence of that ornament to society it makes no difference about the internal springs of my being? Tell you, there is a punishment in this matter that we ought to regard."

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