

CRIME.

Two brakemen named Sam Banks and Tom Irvine on the New River Railway, Virginia, quarrelled on board a moving freight train a few days ago. When the train was going on to a down grade the men clinched and did not hear the whistle for down brakes. Irvine drew a revolver and shot Banks, who fell to the floor of the car. The signal for brakes again sounded and the dying man cried, "Look out for brakes," and Irvine ran up the ladder and put on the brakes in time to save the train from destruction. In a few minutes Banks was dead. Two merchants of Belleville, Ontario, have been cheated out of seven hundred and eighty dollars by confidence men with bogus drafts. The State Treasurer of Alabama has followed closely in the path pursued by the Treasurer of Tennessee, having run away, leaving the treasury short two hundred and seventeen thousand dollars, but returning fifteen thousand through a member of his family. Five firms in Chicago took in a hundred thousand dollars in twenty days, sent them in response to circulars soliciting investments of ten dollars and upward in grain speculation. Their simple victims did not wait to think that if the concerns could multiply money so rapidly as they promised they would not desire others to share in their profitable speculations. Two prize fighters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are reported dying from the effects of recent matches, and the promoters of the fights sneaking out of the way to avoid punishment. Two men in Socorro, Mexico, in love with one girl, shot themselves up in a room to fight a duel with axes. One chopped his rival to pieces, taking off his head, but not before he himself had received wounds from which he could not recover. A young man named Gay, clerk in the office of the Halifax Banking Company, Nova Scotia, stole five thousand dollars that was given him to send by mail to a country agency, confessing the crime when arrested. He had sent registered parcels of waste paper instead of the money, and the postal authorities after investigation informed the company that the money had not been stolen from the mails. Robert Spencer, a retired butcher, in Philadelphia, wounded himself shockingly with a butcher knife while standing in front of his house, after having been on a prolonged spree, and then walked into the house, sent for a lawyer and made his will. Over four thousand dollars were in his pocket at the time. His son had two fingers nearly taken off while trying to take the knife from his father. The man's condition was reported critical. Robbers murdered a peddler named Isaac Wilchesky, near Port Lester, Pennsylvania, mangling him terribly with an axe, and no clue has been found to the guilty ones. Fletcher Reed, Newtonville, Ohio, killing himself through disappointment at his brother marrying the girl he loved, took the horrible method of crawling into a haystack and setting fire to it and then cutting his throat. Charles Banker, Immigration Commissioner for California, was arrested on a charge of applying to his own use twenty thousand dollars collected in fees due to the State, and has given bail in fifteen thousand dollars. The relatives of Mann, the murderer of the four Cookes at Little Rideau, Ontario, have written from England for full particulars of the crime, the letter stating that the mother, brother and sister of the young man "await the sad tidings with sorrow of the keenest and most bitter kind." Edmund White, of the firm of Gilchrist, White & Co., ship chandlers, New York, has absconded, leaving the firm in such a poor position that it has to offer a

compromise with creditors, its liabilities being a hundred and ten thousand, and assets forty-seven thousand dollars. The senior partner, Captain George Gilchrist, father-in-law of Mayor Grace, is ninety-two years old. The absconder is said to have used the firm's money in speculation and dissipation and borrowed forty-five thousand dollars in the firm's name. Young Cobb, who shot and killed within a few days of each other a sheriff and a constable in Kansas, made himself known to the former's widow, Mrs. Shenneman, and gave his revolver to her. He was afterward taken out of goal between two and three o'clock in the morning by a party of masked men and hanged to a railway bridge on the outskirts of the town of Winfield. Previously he told some one that he became a murderer through the influence of reading stories about the exploits of Jesse James and other desperadoes. Forty smugglers at Salinas, Mexico, attacked ten men in charge of seized goods, killing four and wounding several more, and recovering the goods without any of themselves being killed. Seven Americans and a number of Mexicans were killed in a broil over disputed mining claims in Chihuahua, Mexico.

THE WEEK.

A BILL is making progress in Congress to prevent the importation of adulterated tea.

THE POSTAGE on letters from Canada to India has been reduced from fifteen to ten cents.

MR. MILLER has introduced a bill in the New York Legislature, for the appointment of five commissioners to select lands at Niagara Falls for a State Park, with the natural scenery preserved, free to the public.

MRS. GOSSEN, the widow of a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, has given nearly sixty thousand dollars to that body for the benefit of members of the Chamber resident in New York who have failed in business.

THE GOVERNMENT of British Columbia has been defeated in the legislature by a vote of sixteen to eight. The Opposition attacked it on the grounds of its unfriendly attitude toward Canada as a whole. A new Cabinet will shortly be formed.

HOWARD INGERSOLL, of Brooklyn, New York, has entered suits against the *New York Sun* and the *Illustrated Times*, for ninety thousand dollars' damages from each, for libel contained in accounts of his being horsewhipped by a lady.

A NUMBER OF GERMAN SETTLERS, a short time in Canada, lately took the oath of naturalization as British subjects, having gained a sufficient knowledge of the country to satisfy themselves that they can do better in it than in their fatherland.

A LARGE BAND of colonists is gathering from different parts of Missouri and Kansas to make an advance upon territory reserved for Indians, and if the Government should interfere and drive them off they will return to the ground whenever the soldiers go away.

A SUDDEN REVIVAL of jealous regard for the Sabbath in Massachusetts has resulted in a hundred or more suits against inn-keepers along the railways and public roads for entertaining people on Sunday. Judge Fox gave judgment in Boston in favor of the accused in the cases of several landlords of Taunton arrested for that offence.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT of Canada has issued a new and well-arranged postal guide, giving among other things the new changes in the North-West regulations, a list of all the post-offices and postmasters in Canada, as well as a list of members of the Cabinet and Parliament.

IT IS HELD by the United States Supreme Court, Washington, that the law of Alabama against miscegenation, or intermarrying between whites and negroes, is not contrary to the national constitution, inasmuch as the same punishment is offered to both offenders, black and white, without discrimination.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR of the United States is reported as saying that he was committed to a reduction of taxation and a modification of the tariff, and if the present Congress did not carry out those matters he should have to convene the next Congress. A Congressman has expressed the opinion that a tariff bill will be passed this session.

THE FRENCH SITUATION is still exceedingly critical. A new Ministry has been in course of formation for ten days, and all the offices are not filled yet. The debate upon the disposition to be made of the members of former reigning houses is still before the Legislature, and upon its settlement depends whether M. Fallieres, the new Prime Minister—who, by the way, is very ill—will remain in office or not.

THE SOCIETY for the Suppression of Vice have openly charged the New York police with carrying on a profitable business in taking hush money from keepers of immoral houses to let them alone. One police captain is reputed to have made seventy-five thousand dollars in that way. That city can never expect a police force of the right sort while its government is largely left to the vote of the rabble.

ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST MEMBERS of the Legislature of Ohio, Mr. Miller, is represented as a moral and physical wreck through indulgence in strong drink, and it has been found necessary to give him in charge of the police, and he will likely be sent to an insane asylum. Mr. Weeks, a leading lawyer and legislator of Nova Scotia, with talents that would enable him to grasp almost anything in his country's gift, is also in trouble from reckless handling of a gun in his household while frenzied with drink, being now awaiting trial on a charge of shooting his wife in the legs and threatening to shoot a servant girl. Thomas J. Creamer, a former Congressman, who was worth half a million a dozen years ago, but is now believed to be penniless, was arrested in New York a few days ago for breaking the windows of a coach, discharged, and arrested again for drunkenness.

THE NEW JERSEY HOUSE has passed a bill making four men out of a jury of six, and nine out of one of twelve, competent to render a verdict, yet there is a possibility that the four and the nine may be wrong, and we have heard a story in point. A jury came into court repeatedly, after having been charged strongly on a particular side, with the report that they could not agree upon a verdict, and each time the judge tried to make the case still more clear to their minds before sending them back to their room. Finally, he administered a severe lecture to the one man who was holding out against the eleven, charging him with obstructing justice by his stupidity or stubbornness. The jurymen patiently listened to the rebuke, and at its close rose and said, "Please your honor, I'm the only man on the jury who agrees with your view of the case." The verdict the eleven would have given may have been right or wrong, but the judge thought it clearly wrong.

THE LEGISLATURE of Ontario has been prorogued and also dissolved, the elections for the new House coming off this month. The session just closed consolidated the municipal and jury laws, passed general acts for facilitating improvements in cities and towns, also measures for establishing creameries to teach farmers butter-making, and for helping farmers to procure new and improved varieties of seed grain. The new elections are mainly upon the issue of Provincial rights in opposition to the Federal prerogative of disallowing acts of the Provincial Legislature, the Opposition sustaining the Dominion Government's position.

GREAT EXCITEMENT has been produced in Irish affairs by the trial now proceeding of J. Carey, a member of the Dublin Corporation, Brady, O'Brien, McCaffrey, Peter Casey, Hanlon, Doyle and Kelley, charged with the murder in Phoenix Park, last spring, of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke. The prisoners conducted themselves with unseemly levity in the dock, but a deep sensation was produced in the court by the production of two sharp and long knives and other weapons found upon the premises of Carey, the knives being stained with blood. One prisoner tried to smile when arraigned, like most of the others, but broke out into a heavy sweat. Owing to information obtained English statesmen are guarded with redoubled care, and the conspirators have been leaving for America in large numbers.

THE MICMACS, a once powerful but now fading tribe of Indians, are holding a convention in Nova Scotia, where most of them are now to be found. They meet to frame a code of laws respecting crimes committed by Indians, to be sent to the Minister of Justice of Canada to be passed at the coming session of Parliament. There is an impression among them that the present criminal laws of the Dominion do not apply to Indians, and they account for the increase of crime among them by the want of legal restraint. Although we doubt if they are correct in the view that the criminal laws have nothing to do with them, we are sure that the Canadian law does make special provision for protecting them from their greatest enemy, strong drink, that doubtless is the most direct cause of any decrease of morals or good behavior among them. The great trouble, however, has been to enforce such measures of protection to the Indians, as the ones who drink often refuse to give up the names of the liquor-sellers who supplied them contrary to law.

A MUTINY HAS OCCURRED at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. The examinations of cadets had lately been made so severe as to prevent, it was alleged, any but uncommonly clever lads from passing. After a large number had come out very badly it was ascertained that a cadet officer had helped some of the unsuccessful students in preparing for the test. For this offence he was very harshly treated, being stripped of his honors and humiliated before the whole academy. When the battalion afterward mustered on parade the students cheered their unfortunate comrade, and for that thirty-six of them were marched off to confinement on board the prison ship "Santee," and the whole battalion forbidden to go to places of amusement. It is believed that thirty of the students will resign from the academy, and most of the cadet officers have already resigned their posts. The outbreak is not regarded generally as a revolt against the rules of the institution but as one against the unnecessarily severe nature of the superintendent's management.