tation communicating itself at last to him—as any strong feeling sooner or later must.

Once or twice Semple consulted his watch, and the last time he found that it was only five minutes till the train was due. He had hardly ascertained this fact when he heard the sound of voices speaking on the platform.

Instantly, Miss Le Grand sprang to her feet and rushed to the door.

Moved by an unaccountable impulse, he followed her.

"Yes," a man was saying—a rough, dripping countryman who had just dismounted from his horse—"the old bridge is down at last. I started to go to Dornthorpe to take the train; but I had to come back, and go from here. The river's a-booming, I tell you; and the folks at Bob Parker's say the bridge went down like thunder—just a little after dark. The county'll have to build a new one now, I reckon, an'—"

The man passed on, speaking to the agent; and Miss Le Grand drew herself away from Semple, and walked out on the platform. At that instant the whistle of an engine was heard, the next moment the express-train dashed into sight, and came to a stand beside her. One or two faces looked with apathy from car-windows at the scene outside, but no one disembarked.

"You had better get on at once, Miss Le Grand," said Semple. "They only stay here a minute."

But she moved impatiently away from him, and walked down the whole line of cars.

While she was at some distance, the engine gave a shrill note of warning, and almost simultaneously the whole train moved off, disappearing in the blackness of the night, like some phantom of the imagination. Then the young lady returned to her escort.

"Come," she said, in a tense sort of voice, "if you please, I will go back to my aunt's."

Silently he put her into the carriage. Her strange conduct had so bewildered him that he scarcely wondered at this last caprice. When they were once fairly on the road, she extended her hand and laid it on his arm.

"Dr. Semple," she said, in a voice of awe, "do you—do you—would there be danger of any one's riding into the river on such a night as this?"

Instantly he understood what she meant—understood it by the strange intuition that sometimes came to him in lieu of actual knowledge. Before he remembered what he was about, he caught her hand so that she almost screamed.

"Tell me," said he, sternly. "As God will judge you, tell me did you expect to meet Barry here to-night?"

Then, with many tears and half-broken gasps, she told him. Before five minutes passed, he knew every thing—knew that an elopement had been planned, and that Barry had made an appointment to meet her at Maple-Grove Station that night—an appointment which he had thus strangely broken. To describe the bitter indignation of this man would be useless. He could not pour it on the girl who wept so piteously, and prayed him to keep her secret, but his hands fairly burned to seize the false friend who had robbed him of the treasure of his life for this.

He passed a sleepless night, and the next morning took the train and went to Dornthorpe. There his inquiries for Barry revealed a startling fact. He had left town on horseback the evening before, and had not yet returned. As the day wore on, he still did not return; but, in the evening, a man who lived on the river came in with news which made a great sensation. The body of a drowned man had been found in the stream, near his house, and he was anxious that it should be identified.

Semple was one of the first people called upon for this purpose; and the instinct with which he went did not deceive him. One glance at the pale face of the dead man was enough. That glance showed him Philip Barry!

Strange to say—and yet was it strange?—the friend who had sacrificed his happiness for nothing, the friend who had been so betrayed, almost forgave the other, when he saw him lying, in the awful stillness that knows no waking for earth or time. In a moment all his wrath died out, leaving only a deep, poignant feeling. He had been full of thoughts of vengeance against this man, and now he passed beyond his reach forever.

Looking at him, Semple could only murmur brokenly, "God be merciful!" That was all that the presence of death left him power to say. It was he who gently took the news to Mona Randolph, and who took care that she should never know the treachery of the man for whom she wept in child like abandonment of grief. She was little more than a child; and it may be that this grief will after a while pass away, and that she will open her eyes to the faithful devotion of the heart that has always loved her. As for Semple, there is now, as ever, but one woman in the work for him, and her name is Mona Randolph.

—A Wisconsin Judge was compelled to sentence his brother to confinement in the State Prison.

—Queen Victoria intends, it is said, to celebrate the restoration of herself and the Prince to health by a number of brilliant State receptions.

—Two prisoners recently escaped from the San Francisco jail, digging their way through a ten-inch brick wall by the aid only of a spoon and a piece of wire.

—A poor minister, who knows all about it from personal experience, utters this cheerful word of invitation: "Now is the time to rally to the festive donation party. A donation party is a cheerful gathering, where a poor clergyman's flock overwhelm him with head watch pockets, and eat up about $112 worth of his winter provisions."

—The recent address of the Bishop of London comments on the alienation of the masses in consequence of high pew rents, and recommends that half of every church be set aside for the regular parishioners, and the other half be left wholly free to all.

The Daily Tribune.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 27, 1871.

Another Happy Thought.

The *Telegraph and Journal*, in closing a pleasant leading article in yesterday's issue, makes a sensible suggestion, as follows:—

The occasion would warrant a reference to a kindred matter, worthy of the attention of the press—the cultivation, by means of a suitable organization and more frequent social intercourse, of friendly and fraternal feelings, which should go hand in hand with honorable enterprize and rivalry. The members of the press, if they would not hold themselves too cheap, and work for the commercial and political aggrandizement of others, rather than for their own legitimate profit, should often meet, and consider those matters which make for their common advantage, and which tend to increase their resources and their influence. We believe that this is the common sentiment of the members of the press, and that all that is wanting in order to give practical effect to it, is organization—a want which may soon cease to exist.

Doubtless, others of the Great Powers among the Newspapers will have some remarks to offer on this important subject. Pending their utterances THE DAILY TRIBUNE takes up the parable and defines its own position. THE TRIBUNE, considering its youth and inexperience, can not be expected to make much of a speech; nevertheless, it seconds the motion of the *Telegraph and Journal* and moves that this House do now proceed to business.

Since "the common sentiment of the members of the Press" favors closer personal and professional relations, there ought to be no difficulty in effecting an organization that would give full play to the fraternal feelings at present welling up in all our hearts. We—by which we mean the members of the Press—should proceed at once to establish a Club Room, where we may eat our oysters together at least once a week. To this should be attached a Billiard Room, where Mr. Elder and Mr. Anglin may enjoy a friendly game, undisturbed by unpleasant reminiscences of controversies over School Bills and such like topics; also a cozy Chess Room, where Mr. Ellis and Mr. Elder may recreate over this intellectual game, forgetting for the moment that they had ever differed on the *Globe's* Zollverein! Here, indeed, we would have Paradise Regained. The Millenium would certainly be on the eve of arriving, when the Orange Lamb of the *News* would be seen lying down with the Catholic lion of the *Freeman*, and the youthful TRIBUNE, at the proper time, gaily leading them forth to their cheerful evening meal of fresh and sparkling news and editorials. And the advent of the Millenial time is a thing to be desired by all right thinking persons. We fancy we behold the good time coming, the good time promised long ago, and more recently advocated in the *Telegraph and Journal*.

But while we are thus seriously discussing and approving of the able suggestions of the Leading Daily, the Public are naturally enquiring, "What are we to gain by this departure from established usage?" The question is quite pertinent and demands an answer. Are concord and oysters to be secured to the members of the Press, and no special good to result to the Public? Are the supporters of the Newspapers to be deprived of their accustomed shindy, and receive nothing in return? We should say this would be doing gross injustice to a body of persistent admirers. The Public's interests should first be considered,—after that the individual comfort and gains of the Newspaper managers.

But in what manner can the Public be better served by an organization such as contemplated?

Doubtless, in addition to the discussion of the contents of the Club room, "liquid and solid," the Press, in its associated and fraternal capacity, would proceed to arrange for securing fuller Commercial and Political News Reports by Telegraph. This is a matter that THE TRIBUNE would urge upon its associates with all its might. Although European and United States news is costing the Associated Press in this City a comparatively large sum of money, the telegrams are singularly wanting in connection and importance. They are at once too brief and utterly unsuited to this latitude. They omit to supply information that might be useful, and do furnish information possessing not the slightest interest to newspaper readers here. In short, the Associated Press telegrams now received in St John twice a day from Boston, are the merest apologies for summaries of news, British and Foreign. To remedy this state of things should be the first duty of the proposed organization, if it means business of any description.

Again, this community stands in need of an exchange of telegraphic news with the leading cities of the Dominion. It is sometimes important that events transpiring here should be correctly and promptly reported in the sister cities, and that their commercial and other news should be immediately made public here. At present, this duty is but imperfectly attended to. With proper telegraphic arrangements, the commercial and political centres of the Dominion might be brought into intimate and almost instantaneous relations, at a moderate expense and with valuable public results; and this might be accomplished through the Agency of the Associated Press.

Now, if the organization which the *Telegraph and Journal* proposes—in addition to offering the public the pleasant spectacle of the Editors calmly and happily feeding at the same table, will undertake to make the Press of St. John more valuable as mediums of information, and more worthy of the support of this generous hearted community, it can not be consummated an hour too soon. But in any case,—business or no business,—a Press Confederation, which would not fail to include good Union papers like the *Globe* and *Freeman*, would be a sight worth seeing.

Nor would it be without a precedent. The Upper Provinces have their Press Associations; so have Maine and Massachusetts; and doubtless other States as well. These unions tend to smooth the sharp edges of angular newspaper men; they soften political asperities and promote good fellowship generally. When Editors come to understand the good points in each other's personal character, they learn to treat one another as gentlemen; and then hasty imputations of unworthy motives, reckless controversies in the interests of political partisans, and other unpleasantnesess which might be named and which the ordinary reader does not care to witness, would be simply impossible of occurrence. The movement is in good hands, and we trust the *Telegraph and Journal* will see it safely through.

LOCALS.

IF you want large fat oysters that will do you good, go to Geo. Sparrow, King Street. t

FIRST PAGE MATTER.—Some pretty verses translated from the German, and the conclusion of the story, "Dr. Semple's Opportunity."

WARNING TO CLERKS.—Yesterday a well known mercantile house found one of their employees incapable of selling Dry Goods, and accordingly caused him to be escorted from their Store to the Police Station, which was the only home for inebriates that they could find.

ON ENQUIRY we learn that an erroneous impression was conveyed by a paragraph in yesterday's issue relative to St. John Presbyterian Church, as the parties who feel aggrieved have no intention of withdrawing from the Church at present, although their attendance, no doubt, will not be as regular as formerly. At the congregational meeting this evening, we presume the future of the Church will be fully discussed.

CARLETON AGAIN TO THE FORE.—High Carnival reigned supreme last evening in our companion City across the water. The old practice of removing signs, placing boards crosswise along the streets and sidewalks, and other performances of an antique date, such as the more depraved of our forefathers indulged in years ago, were put into active operation. A barrier in the shape of a large work-bench was inserted across the door of the Temperance Hall. These amusements were kept up until a late hour. Carleton is now much livelier than Portland. The Police battalion should certainly be increased.

ANOTHER ST. JOHN VESSEL IN TROUBLE.—The late stormy weather has fallen pretty heavily on our vessels engaged in the coasting trade. In addition to the "Marysville," "Jas. Landels," "M. L. St. Pierre," "Janet S" and others previously reported, advices have been received that the schr. "Jessie," Captain Foster, hence for Boston, put into Portland, 21st inst., from stress of weather, and in proceeding thence ran ashore on Cape Porpoise, was got off and succeeded in reaching Wood Island, with crew severely frost bitten. She has a cargo of lumber and laths shipped by D. J. McLaughlin, Esq.

ENTERTAINMENT IN CARLETON.—Last evening the Carleton Temperance Hall was the scene of a very enjoyable social gathering. The room was handsomely decorated with spruce boughs and evergreens, beautifully interspersed with artificial flowers and other ornaments. Granite Rock Division, S. of T., sumptuously entertained their lady and gentlemen friends to the number of about seventy or eighty. After the "liquids and solids" had been disposed of, the company were regaled with singing and instrumental music, enlivened with readings and short addresses. Mr. Salter of Carleton and W. Patriarch Clark made a few happy and pertinent remarks. The exercises were all of a most pleasing character, and terminated at about 11 o'clock.

THE HOME CIRCLE MINSTREL TROUPE, bent upon providing amusement for the Holidays, will give two of their unique entertainments in the Mechanics' Institute namely, on the evenings of to-morrow and Friday. Tickets may be procured at the principal bookstores, and at the door. As this will supply about all the fun that, from present appearances, we are likely to have during the Holiday season, the enterprise of the Troupe will probably be rewarded with bumper houses. The public will anticipate a chaste as well as clever entertainment.

VOTERS IN ST. JOHN CITY AND COUNTY.—We understand that the whole number of voters in the City and County, by the new electoral lists, is 5,190, distributed as follows:—

St. John City, proper,	2,290	voters.
" " Carleton,	380	"
Parish of Portland,	1,053	"
" " Simonds,	415	"
" " Lancaster,	319	"
" " St. Martins,	303	"
Non-residents,	500	"
Total,	5,190	

IN THE PORTLAND POLICE COURT to-day Manassah Hogan, George Burt, and Henry Robinson, for assaulting and striking Thomas Ogden, were fined $5 each. Arthur Campell, charged with assaulting and striking Wm. Myles in his house, also for being drunk, was fined $6. To-morrow is expected to be a busy day in this Court.

COAL was never known to be so scarce as at the present, the market, up to yesterday, having been almost entirely empty. A cargo of Scotch, which arrived by the ship *Faith*, yesterday, realized $7 a chaldron by the whole cargo. The schooner *Lizzie Thompson*, which arrived this morning, brings a cargo of Sydney to Messrs. Waterhouse; and this, notwithstanding the high figure asked, will, without doubt, be quickly disposed of. Messrs. Lloyd, Starr and others are daily expecting cargoes to arrive.

THE RECEIPTS OF CORDWOOD by rail from the Eastward during the past few days have been comparatively large. On the 22d, two car loads came in; on the 25th, 13 cars; yesterday 9 cars, and to-day 3 cars,—in all 28 car loads during the past week. Of these, two were for railway use, the remainder for sale.

THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT holds a meeting on Saturday the 30th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

REV. MR. CAREY'S LECTURE LAST NIGHT drew from Rev. Mr. Stavely, who presided for the Renwick Association in their fine Hall, a direct and special complaint of the quality and quantity, (more particularly the latter) of the gas furnished by the St. John Gas Light Company. Mr. Stavely, warming up on the subject, waved his hand in the direction of our Reporter, as if he intended to say in the language of Governor Wilmot, "Put *that* down."

Mr. S. stated that every necessary precaution had been taken to secure good light; the plumber's work had been placed in the hands of a competent mechanic, who reported everything perfect and the internal arrangements not to blame. Nevertheless the gas was remarkably poor and the light so dim that, but for Mr. Carey's exceedingly animated and interesting style of delivery, much of the pleasure of the evening would have been lost.

Mr. Carey's lecture dealt with Bunyan under six distinct periods,—1, the time when he was, apparently, hopelessly depraved; 2. his period of mental distress with occasional twinges of conscience; 3, the circumstances of his conversion; 4, the religious and controversial activity which followed conversion; 5, his imprisonment for preaching, including the production of the Pilgrim's Progress during his incarceration; 6, his release, subsequent labor and triumphant death.

The Lecturer's estimate of Bunyan's genius and the value of his life work, and the opinions of high literary and religious authorities, were cogently presented, and the Lecture abounded in touching incidents of Bunyan's career, and splendid denuncia tion of his persecutors, the Lecturer's special respects being paid to Kings Charles the First and Second, whom Mr. Carey evidently holds in utter detestation. One cannot spend an hour more instructively or pleasantly than where Mr. Carey is delivering this Lecture.

Miss Millen presided at the Organ, and discoursed music that was highly appreciated by the audience. The room was comfortably warm.

THE WINTER ARRANGEMENT of the International Company's steamers goes into operation to-morrow. The *New Brunswick*, until further orders, will leave St. John every Thursday morning, returning on Tuesday evenings.

It seems a pity that the railway and steamboat lines should be obliged to make so marked a difference between Summer and Winter arrangements for the accommodation of travellers and the business community. In a few years, perhaps, this distinction may be considerably reduced, as our summer and winter trade becomes more nearly equalized. The lines of transportation, however, might do something towards this desirable result by instituting less radical changes than have been customary heretofore. The greater the facilities for travel and the carriage of freight, the more business doing, even in winter.

DISGRACEFUL.—It appears that the fast young men held high carnival on St. James' street on Christmas night. As usual, a fight was indulged in, and the policeman who attempted to stop it was assailed and obliged to retreat to the Lower Cove Station for reinforcements. Sundry rows also took place in that favorite battle ground, Sheffield street. Prompt measures should be taken for the punishment of such inexcusable offenders, and for purging the neighborhood generally.

BRUTAL OUTRAGE IN ST. GEORGE.—A special telegram to THE DAILY TRIBUNE states that an old man named Jackson Thorp, who lives about four miles from the village of St. George, was beat in a most brutal manner in his own house on Christmas night by four men, three named Hatt, and one Thorp.

Thorp has been arrested; the others are still at large.

The victim of this outrage is now lying in a dangerous condition.

A SNOW-BALLING FROLIC.—This forenoon the condition of the snow which fell during the night, appeared favorable for the annual snow-balling frolic of the South wharf hucksters and North wharf merchants. It was beautifully moistened with rain, and would have made the balls *tell* on combatants' persons and window panes. It is to be hoped the commercial heart of the City will not permit the season to pass away without an exhibition of its prowess in the art. During the Christmas week the Police are not very active, owing probably to the high living in which they are enabled to indulge at $7 a week—overcoat gratis.

SHIPPING NOTES.—The schrs. "Adelia" and "Trellis," with two scows which were frozen in at Jewett's (formerly Brayley) mills, Milledgeville, during the cold weather in November, were towed to the City yesterday, having been freed by an improved ice cutting machine brought down from Boston.

We learn that Mr. Rising has sold the wrecked schr. "M. R. G.," to parties residing near where she went ashore—Mount Desert, Maine—he having effected a compromise with the Underwriters here.

The schr. "Lizzie Irwin," owned by L. H. Deveber & Sons, arrived here yesterday with considerable loss and damage to her sails, in the gale of Saturday night last, which she encountered off Musquash.

THE ILLUSTRATED PAPERS AND MAGAZINES may be obtained at the Colonial Bookstore. *Every Saturday*, *Harper's Weekly* and all of Frank Leslie's illustrated publications, with *Godey*, *Peterson*, *Old and New* and the other periodicals, are received by the first mail after their issue. The rush at this establishment for Holiday Books, Toys and other appropriate gifts, was very great, but Mr. Hall's stock was equal to the emergency.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN CARLETON.—The roughs of Carleton enjoyed themselves heartily on Xmas night. After clearing two or three streets of the quieter members of society, they invaded the domain of Policeman Watters, hurling rocky missiles at the head of that unfortunate officer, causing him to beat a hasty retreat. As usual no arrests were made.

THE ST. JOHN COUNTY Sessions met yesterday at 11 a. m., Recorder Hazen presiding. About twenty Justices were in attendance. After the disposal of some routine business, the recommendations of the Committee on Accounts (Justice Keans, Chairman,) were discussed and passed without much difficulty.

$60 was ordered to be paid James Bustin from the County funds for his services as detective during the Boat Race week.

$147.40 was voted to Coroner Earle, for expenses of holding 10 inquests between Sep. 28, and Dec. 18; $30.50 to Coroner James Robinson, of Lancaster, for two inquests; $70.80 to Coroner Rigby for 5 inquests, since July 5.

To the Revisors of St. John, $60 was voted; to W. F. Bunting, Clerk of Revisors, $50, to Lancaster Revisors $45, besides $8 to Mr. Day for printing their lists; and to the Simonds Revisors $60.

The bill of $56 for water for the Gaol and Registry Office was ordered to be paid; also $32 to H. S. Beck for Record Books for the Registry Office, and $16 for a Marriage Record with extra Index; $25.30 to the Clerk of the Peace for office rent and postage.

Gaol expenses came next. Wills and Rubins' account for iron doors and windows amounted to $138.83; C. E. Raymond, for floor and corridor, $93.18; W. Tay for material and labor in ventilating under the Gaol, $18.50; and $26 70 to the Gas Company for light for the Gaol. All were ordered for payment.

C. A. Cromwell was voted $231.36 for material and labor in improving the Court Room,—for painting, glazing, etc., also $38 for repairing the Gaol fence, gates, etc.

The *Globe* and *Telegraph and Journal's* advertising accounts, respectively, $9.35 and $9.20, were passed; also $19.50 for Edward Edson for 13 days attendance on the Circuit Court: $7 for John Smith and Samuel Lackey for the arrest of an alleged incendiary named McBriarty, who, however, was not committed; and $14 to the same parties for the arrest of Michael Downey; $3.50 for the widow of the late lamented Oglesby; and $22.10 to Lordly, Howe & Co., for settees for the use of the Grand Jury.

The County Treasurer's balance on hand of the Contingent Fund, out of which all these amounts must be paid, is only $146.39; so that the prospect of immediate liquidation is not very bright.

It was ordered, after a considerable amount of argument on the subject, that the time for a Report by the Committee to whom was referred the matter of securing offices for the Clerk of the Peace and County Treasurer, (who are obliged to vacate their present premises on 1st May) be extended to January, when their Report shall be made to a special Sessions. Ald. Forbes and the Recorder held that an expensive office, with vault, etc., attached, for holding public papers, books, etc., in connection with the Treasurer's Office, was now unnecessary; while Justices Keans and Donaldson argued to the contrary.

The Committee appointed to confer and co-operate with the Common Council in reference to a new Fire Law, after some sarcastic remarks from Chief Justice Keans, was discharged.

The Clerk of the Peace handed in a return of fines submitted by several County Justices showing that Justice Moran had recently collected $10; Justice H. Morris $20; Justice Daniel Robertson, of Simonds, $56; Justice T. Galt, $51; Justice Otty Crookshank, $18; Justice Galt $23 odd; Justice Robinson some trifle. [One or two of these amounts may not be absolutely correct, as they were hastily noted down when being read by the Clerk.] An order passed, on motion of Ald. Forbes, directing the Clerk to correspond with Justice H. Morris, requesting explanation of the appropriation of two fines of $8 each, imposed by him on Mrs. Galt and son, charged before him with rescuing cattle from a pound keeper, and not accounted for in his return.

Further time was granted the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill making amendments in the Highway Act.

Justice Keans submitted four volumes of plans of roads in all the Parishes, which had been collected by Mr. Hurd Peters; they were accepted and $100 voted Mr. Peters, making $1000 in all paid him.

Justice Keans called attention to the fact that the old jury room in the south third floor of the Court House, was full of old lounges, chairs, and old carpet and other "stuff," all in a very filty condition, just as they had been left by petit juries of several years ago. On motion of the Justice it was ordered that the old furniture, etc., referred to, be sold and the room cleaned.

Board adjourned until Tuesday, 16th January.

WE WERE PAINED to learn yesterday that our esteemed townsman, Seth R. Foster, Esq., is likely to lose the sight of an eye,—in fact, that one eye is already useless to him. It is understood that the injury has been caused by the peculiar character of the work on which Mr. Foster was personally engaged at the outset of his enterprise,—the manufacture of tacks, brads, etc. And this reminds us of the results that a single enterprising, energetic man may accomplish in a community, and the beneficial influence which his example is capable of exerting on others.

Mr. Foster's little Factory was slowly and sullenly patronized at first. There was the old, old story about St John not being able to compete with the Old Country and the United States in this branch of manufacture. But besides this, manufacturers were at a discount with our Banks and moneied men. But shrewdness, pluck and perseverance won the day, and Mr. Foster has now the pleasure of being able to say that he has the Dominion market entirely to himself; that his Factory is well known and his useful goods sold in England, the United States, and even distant Australia; while his credit is unimpeachable, and he is enabled to give employment to a numerous body of work-people, both male and female, in a large Factory that is, nevertheless, all too limited to meet the requirements of the trade.

—Those jolly fellows of Valence, France, who follow the cheerful business of pall-bearing have struck for higher wages.

DISTINGUISHED MEN IN THE NEWSPAPER TRADE.—We had no correct idea of the large number of distinguished persons who have made their home in our City and gone into the Newspaper business, until the facts were brought under our notice a few days ago. It is well known that there has been a considerable rush for THE DAILY TRIBUNE, and an examination of our issue list reveals the fact that several persons of note actually fought for the honor of being the first to introduce the new comer to the Public. The lists for Thursday and Friday show that among the jobbers who purchased TRIBUNES was no less a person than "ROBERT FULTON," the Champion Oarsman! Imagine Fulton traversing Charlotte and King Streets with a bundle of 50 TRIBUNES under his arm,—shouting "Here's the Evening *Tribune*!" Scarcely less distinguished was another of our salesmen,—so the lists say,—"HARRY KELLY!" Then we have,—or rather the lists say we have,—"ELIJAH ROSS;" and even the late English Champion himself must have been personated by somebody. "JIM MCKAY" has called several times for papers, taking out about 100 in all on a single evening. Another "sport" appears to have been "LUCIFER MUGGINS," who, in spite of his sulphurous title, managed to dispose of a good many TRIBUNES on this globe of ours. These gentlemen, however, did not continue a great while in the business. On following evenings we find them succeeded by a race of Donovans, Learys, Murphys, O'Brien's, etc., etc—the self same bodies and especially the self same faces and hands, of the evenings previous, the only change, for the better or worse, being a change of name.

THE NEW BUILDING SOCIETY, known as "The Provincial Land and Building Society and Savings Bank," Thomas Main, Esq., Secretary, appears to be making rapid, but healthy progress.

On the 1st January last, the Society's liabilities and assets were, each, $19,642.

On June 30th, they were, each, $25,688, having nearly doubled in six months.

The operations of the Society have increased in a not less surprising manner during the second half of the current year. Up to the end of November—or say five months later—we find there had been deposited with the Society over $9,000; the amount paid in on shares represents the sum of $14,000; the re-payments from mortgages were over $2,500, and mortgage interest secured is over $13,000. The total liabilities of the Society, therefore, foot up over $39,000 to November 30th. Nearly the whole of this sum the Society has loaned on the security of real estate.—first mortgages only being accepted—the balance, under $2,500, being in Bank, or represented by office furnitnre and sundries.

The business of the month of December will probably swell the Society's transactions by over $5,000 more.

It must be remembered that the Society has been less than two years in existence. It has, however, been very fortunate in its Board of Directors, as well as its Secretary and Solicitor. Its officers have a large interest in its shares, and its other shareholders and depositors comprise some of the best and most cautious business men in the Lower Provinces. It accepts only first class security for its loans, and it is understood that its real estate mortgages are on property that is worth double the amount for which it is liable to the Society. Altogether the Society's operations reflect great credit on its management, and inspire confidence in its future.

As the Savings' Bank rate of interest has been reduced to *four* per cent, it is quite probable that the investments in the new Society will be largely increased almost immediately.

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT to day, James McRory drunk on Dock St., fined $4

Julia Callahan drunk on Carmarthen St., fined $6, or 2 months P. P.

James Nickerson, drunk on King St., had a large stone in his pocket, fined $6

John Brittnay, drunk and disorderly on Brussels St., and abusing his mother, fined $6.

Henry Jackson came to the Station drunk, fined $4.

James Boyd drunk and disorderly on Carmarthen St., fined $6

Catherine Doherty charged with stealing a watch from a Frenchman, not yet tried.

Francis McGrath found lying drunk on Sheffield St., fined $6.

Daniel Hanley, and Alex. Gillespie charged with fighting on Sheffield St., on Christmas day, confessed; each fined $20

Captain Tucker charged with assaulting Edward McElwee, fined $70.

Miss Nilsson's Persecuted Lover.

HE TRIES TO STEAL ANOTHER EMBRACE.

Miss Christine Nillsson's insane lover, Charles Busch, has turned up again. He was sent to the Penitentiary at Blackwell's Island, it will be remembered, some time ago; but "love laughs at locksmiths," and prison bars, too, for he is out once more, but has again got into trouble, for he was again arrested about noon yesterday, for repeating the offense. Mlle. Nillson prosecuted him personally at the Essex Market Police Court, on the first offence, and he was sent to Blackwell's Island. His defense was that he was madly in love with her, and could not resist making the attempt to tell her so. Busch was released from his imprisonment only on Wednesday.

About noon yesterday he entered the Clarendon Hotel, where Miss Nilsson is stopping, and made his way up to her room, No. 21, on the third floor. Four or five waiters caught hold of him and ejected him before he obtained an entrance into her apartments. Busch says he walked about a square away from the hotel, and then returned and succeeded in reaching Miss Nilsson's door again, before he was observed. Then two waiters, with white jackets on, seized him, but he was too strong for them, and shook them off, tearing their jackets nearly off their backs. He was, however, overpowered by others coming to their assistance, and was given in charge of a policeman, who took him from the station house to the Essex Market Court. Justice Scott was not sitting at the time, it being the hour of adjournment. The reporter found Busch in an adjoining room, awaiting the return of the Justice. He had an old opera programme in his hands, upon which was printed a likeness of Miss Nilsson, and which he was intently studying with the most lover-like fidelity.

In answer to questions of the reporter, he stated that he loved Miss Nilsson and and that she loved him. "I saw her for the first time," said he, "in the Academy of Music, and fell deeply in love with her then and there, and shall continue to love her to my dying day."

Busch is a very ordinary-looking man, a German by birth, and about forty years of age.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[*SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DAILY TRIBUNE.*]

British Columbia.

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE COMMONS.—A ST. JOHN MAN DRAWS A PRIZE.—MEMBERS EN ROUTE FOR OTTAWA

[*Special Telegram to the Daily Tribune.*]

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.

The British Columbia elections for the Commons were held on the 7th December.

Advices just received by mail to that date, lead to the belief that all the Union candidates have been returned.

Robert Wallace, formerly of Wallace & Small, St. John, is elected for a Vancouver's Island District, after a close contest, by a majority of twenty votes.

A public dinner was given to Senator Carroll on the seventh. He and several Senators and Commoners are now *en route* for Ottawa.

British and Foreign.

MORE GERMAN AND FRENCH TROUBLES PRUSSIA'S CONSCRIPTION —MURDERS BY ROWDIES AND KU KLUX.

(*To the St John Associated Press.*)

PARIS, Dec. 26.

Thiers delivered a powerful speech in the Assembly to-day, in opposition to an income tax.

The Germans have seized prominent citizens of the town of Revir. (?) in the Department of Ardennes, because of a quarrel between Bavarian troops and the French people.

It is announced that the Germans are making a census of the private fortunes of the wealthier citizens of the invaded departments.

The Imperial Decree appears, fixing the Conscription of the Russian army for 1872 at 6 men in every 1,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

At East Arlington, N. Y., on Christmas day, five persons were shot, three fatally, by Farwell and Lawrence, keepers of a drinking saloon, who claim they acted in self-defence. Two are dead.

The Hudson River is again open for navigation.

At Marshall, Missouri, five negroes were murdered on Christmas by the Ku Klux.

Later.

WAR IMPENDING BETWEEN ENGLAND AND URUGUAY—COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT BANKRUPT—NEW YORK GAS DIFFICULTY OVERCOME—FIRE IN THE WEST.

[*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*]

LONDON, Dec. 26.

A serious rupture is considered impending between the English and Uruguayan Governments, in consequence of the refusal of the latter to compensate British merchants and traders in Montevideo and elsewhere, for losses sustained by the existing war in Uruguay.

Official communication between the two Governments has resulted in the reiterated refusal of Uruguay to recognize the claims in question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

Solicitor-General Briston has, at the urgent request of the President, withdrawn his resignation.

There is due the U. S. Government by that of Colombia $100,000 being the awards under Conventions of 1859 and 1864. No payment has been made since 1863.

The Colombian Minister here wants an extension of time for four years, as his government is bankrupt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

The upper portion of the City was fully supplied with gas last night, eight hundred men having been employed since Saturday night in reconstructing the works.

Merchants are working hard at quarantine reform movements.

LEAVENWORTH KANSAS, Dec. 26.

Twelve buildings were burned in Salina yesterday, including Wells, Fargo & Co's Express Office, and Gee's & Co's Bank. Loss from $60,000 to $75,000; insurance small.

From Ontario and Manitoba.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.—FAILURE TO KIDNAP RIEL—THERMOMETER 32 BELOW ZERO.

[*Special Telegrams to the Daily Tribune.*]

TORONTO, Dec. 27.

The latest advices from Manitoba, to the 25th Dec, state that the Government has been strengthened by Norquay taking the office of Public Works in place of Hon. Boyd, who expects a Dominion Secretaryship.

Norquay represents the English half breeds.

The Thermometer was 32 below zero at Fort Garry during the recent cold snap.

The late attempt on the part of Orangemen to kidnap Riel failed, but will be tried again.

No special news in Toronto.

The newspapers are discussing the political situation and anxiously awaiting the result of the new elections.

The weather is cold, inclined to snow.

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