

HUSTLING FOR THE JOB

A Number Eight for Vacant Position of Public Librarian.

There appears to be some tall hustling for the position of Librarian at the public library, made vacant by the death of the late R. J. Blackwell. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,000 per annum, though ten years ago it was only worth \$750.

The names prominently mentioned are those of Henry Macklin and E. Manigault, both of whom are at present members of the library board; H. S. Williams, an insurance manager, of this city; Ex-Ald. Wm. Carson, James I. Anderson, bookseller, G. A. Anderson and A. E. Jordan, of Huron College.

A movement was on foot to have Miss Gray appointed librarian, as she has been connected with the institution since its inception, and for some years presided over the Mechanics' Institute library, of which her father was the librarian for many years. It is also understood that the position is being offered to Miss Leigh, but both moves have been sidetracked, the scheme now being to give the position to a man.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

General Otter, of Toronto, made an official inspection of Wolsley Barracks yesterday.

Mrs. Robinson, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. David Cheyne, Glenora avenue, Windsor.

Willie Slaughter, the Park avenue boy who fell out of the City Hotel stable last Sunday, is recovering rapidly in Victoria Hospital.

School Trustee E. J. McRobert has been confined to his home for several days with a bad cold, but he is reported as somewhat improved today.

Mrs. C. W. McGuire left today for a visit to her old home in Bristol, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire have taken a house at 835 Dundas street. After her return, Mrs. McGuire will be at home the first and third Fridays.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Burnip, King street east, will be glad to know their little daughter Mabel has returned from Victoria Hospital, where she has been confined with scarlet fever. Mr. and Mrs. Burnip wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their kindness during their daughter's illness.

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The death occurred in this city yesterday of Mr. Isaac W. Plevins, aged resident who was very well known here. He was 83 years of age. The funeral will be held from his daughter's residence, 89 Bathurst street, tomorrow, at 2:30 o'clock.

The firemen were called at noon today to forward avenue, West London, where a barn, 500 feet outside the city limits had caught fire from an incendiary. A single line of hose was laid and the flames were soon subdued. The loss to the owner, Mr. Frank Carroll, will be in the neighborhood of \$200.

At Osmonds Hall, Toronto, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Tamm, judgment was given on the motion for construction of the will of one Denis Daly, deceased. Judgment declaring that the rule in Shelley's case applies, and that John Daly took an estate tail in the lands in question, and that the conveyance from him vested the fee in plaintiff. No order as to costs at present, the question to be spoken to again if the parties desire.

The funeral of the late Sarah Brennan, daughter of Mr. Thomas Brennan, 88 Bruce street, took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence. Rev. Alfred Brown, pastor of the Ashtown Street Methodist Church, assisted by Revs. Wickett and Walker, conducted the services, which were most impressive. Interment was made in the cemetery at Mount Pleasant.

The large two-story brick residence on the west side of Richmond street, just north of Oxford, has been sold by Mr. R. G. Wilson, contractor, to Mr. W. Woolley, of Toronto, formerly with the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company here. The price paid was \$5,500. The residence is one of the most handsome in the north end. It is the intention of Mr. Woolley to return to London to reside.

LANE-LEATHORN. The marriage was celebrated last evening of Mr. A. D. Lane and Miss Ada Leathorn, daughter of Mrs. Leathorn, of King street east. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Shields, pastor of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, at the new home of the bride, 572 York street, and it was witnessed by a company which included only the relatives and immediate friends of the bride and groom. The marriage was followed by a dainty wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Lane received many useful gifts.

EX-HOTELKEEPER DEAD. Mr. James James, of Chicago, formerly of this city, passed away at his home yesterday, aged 58 years. The late Mr. James was quite well known in this city, having for years been proprietor of the Western Hotel. He was born in England, and in early life came to Middlesex, where he followed farming for some years. He was a citizen of London for a long time, and served the city as a director of the Western Fair. Besides his widow, Mr. James leaves two sons, William and Godfrey, and two daughters, Mrs. Dyer, of this city; Miss Myrtle at home. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Scott & Clarke, and will be of a private nature.

JESSIE McLACHLAN The Queen of Scottish Song at St. Andrew's Concert Friday. The great musical event of the season will be the Scotch concert tomorrow evening at the Grand. It is almost superfluous to say anything about Jessie McLachlan in a city where she has delighted thousands. She has about made the field of Scottish song her own, and her name is familiar wherever the English language is spoken. Her latest conquests have been made under the Southern Cross, and she has come to America again with her Australian hours ticked upon her, and in the pleasure of her powers.

Another Scotch singer of fame is David Baxter, a young man in spite of his gray hair, who is known throughout the length and breadth of the land of oaks, and who is becoming equally well-known in the United States. This is his first appearance in London, and he will be a musical revelation. He has a baritone voice of great finish and sweetness. Mr. John Tod, Scottish tenor, has many friends in this city who note with pleasure his growing success in concert work. Mr. McLachlan is a great 'cellist, and Mr. Buchanan, an experienced accompanist. There will be no falling-out tomorrow night in the standard of St. Andrew's Society concerts.

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PRESENCE OF CANALS ON THE PLANET MAKES

Ever since the presence of canals or channels (canals) on the surface of the planet Mars was first described by the Italian astronomer, G. V. Schiaparelli, in 1877, the question of their character, and even of their real existence, has been keenly debated. On the one hand, they have been accepted as truly material formations, and various hypotheses have been advanced to explain them, such as that they are waterways connecting with oceans, or that they consist of lines of vegetation growing along irrigation works which derive their water from the seasonal melting of the polar snows, and are the result of intelligent effort of some sort, or that they are merely great rifts produced in the globe by uneven contraction on cooling. On the other hand, some competent observers have failed to detect the canal at all, while others who have succeeded in seeing them have not agreed with each other in their descriptions of what they saw. In consequence it has been suggested that these canals or channels are of the nature of illusions of vision, and are not the definite features that appear on the drawings, but "rather the result of slight suggestions made to the eye by more or less irregular differences in the minute shadings and color tints on the surface of the planet."

Within the last few months fresh light has been thrown on the question by a piece of work carried out at the Lowell observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona. The observers there have always been among the most successful in seeing and drawing the canals; and they resolved to supplement their visual observations by an attempt to photograph them in the favorable conditions presented by the planet's opposition in the spring of this year, when it was comparatively near the earth. The observatory at Flagstaff enjoys exceptional advantages for such work. It stands 7,200 feet above sea level, and therefore above many of the lower and denser layers of the atmosphere which incommode observations at smaller altitudes, and it possesses the largest telescope in the world, mounted at such an elevation. Further, the air is intensely dry, and its currents trouble the image less and produce less distortion and obliteration of detail than at lower levels in more humid conditions. Without such advantages the undertaking would be hopeless; even with them it was one of extraordinary difficulty and delicate work, and called for numberless precautions.

It must be remembered that the diameter of the planet at the time was only some fifteen seconds of arc, and that the view of it to be obtained even under the best of conditions was a tiny speck of light. The conditions obtained were, in fact, better than that obtained of the moon with the naked eye. But to secure the required definition of detail it was usually found necessary to use a telescope of object glass of the telescope, which, accordingly, was reduced by a diaphragm to an effective diameter of two inches; a color screen was used to prevent the light from the sun and moon from passing, and the extremely sensitive plates which had to be used permitted exposures of only from six to ten seconds, though during that time the planet had to be exercised to insure that the telescope followed the planet smoothly and easily.

The result was that Mr. Lampland, Prof. Lowell's assistant at Flagstaff, succeeded in obtaining in May and June a number of photographs of the planet at different stages of rotation, which show canals quite distinctly and even present indications of the doubling which has been regarded as still more doubtful evidence of the existence of the canals themselves.

STOCK MARKETS. H. C. Becker, stockbroker, next Free Press building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, March 22. Noon.—Private advices from Indianapolis are predicting that an agreement will shortly be reached between the bituminous operators and miners. This, together with a further retreat on the part of shorts gave the market a strong tone, although transactions continued to be in small volume. Interest was concentrated in Reading, the buying of which was thought to be better than for some days, in fact it was of such a character as to create the belief that some large interests had grounds for the opinion that no strike would take place in the anthracite fields. Copper again firm, the talk on it being bullish on account of the very favorable trade conditions that exist in metal fields. There was significance to the trading in N. Y. C. bonds, and the announcement of contemplated issue of \$100,000 new stock had not induced any important liquidation. Traders are inclined to look for a further rally. Sales to noon, 215,000.

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