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The Residents of Gloucester, Mass., Celebrate the Event with a Procession and Music. The President signs the Retail Labor Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The President today approved the Retail Bill, the Indiana Appropriation Bill, the act to establish agricultural experiment stations, and the act for the erection of a public building at Binghamton.

The Fish Plumes Make Merry.

GROUCESTER, March 3.—The Board of Trade today adopted resolutions thanking both branches of Congress for their prompt recognition of the unjust aggression upon our fisheries and the unanimous sentiment that responded to the appeal for their protection.

Mr. Caldwell will sing at the concert in the Gardens next Tuesday night.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Judge McDougall has set down Wednesday next for hearing the preliminary investigation of the case of the late Mrs. J. J. O'Connell.

The Cantwell Relief Committee are thankful for these contributions to the fund. Midland, Ontario, has contributed \$100.00. The twenty-one cook-fighters and the four dog-fighters held in the Police Court yesterday, but their cases were continued until Tuesday.

An O. A. D. & Co. auctioneers will under instructions from James Stewart dispose of the valuable stock in his store, 317 Yonge Street, on Tuesday next.

The sub-committee of the Board of Works, to enquire into the best means for protecting life and property in the case of fire, met yesterday and decided to hold a public meeting and invite Parkdale to send representatives.

The United Bathers' Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Victoria-street last night. Mr. John Knox was appointed secretary, and he will attend to all correspondence.

Messrs. Rutherford & McGregor, having bought out the late J. J. O'Connell's business, will supply their customers with the best goods and at the lowest possible price. The quality of flour supplied to their customers is of the first grade, and in fact all their goods are sold at lowest prices.

The bill will be a free paper for the deaf and blind at Mission Hall, at the College and Mission Avenue, to-morrow evening. Conventions should be sent to the Old Police Office, at the head of Terrence-street, not later than Tuesday next, to give names, address, and money donations addressed to the committee.

An open meeting of the Young People's Association of All Saints' Church was held last night at the residence of Mr. J. J. O'Connell. The members and friends being present. Mr. J. J. O'Connell presided. The meeting was a very successful one, and was attended by a large number of members and friends.

Messrs. Ramsay and Reub. Pat. O'Connell's popular comic sketches at the Victoria-street last night.

Mr. Bob Bond is improving rapidly.

Dr. James of Port Hope is at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Powers Swift of Kingston is at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. C. R. Atkinson, Q.C., Chatham, is at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. James Robertson, of the Agricultural College, is at the Royal Hotel.

Mr. Alexander Reid, one of the English buyers for W. R. Brock & Co., left for England yesterday.

A telegram was received yesterday by Mr. D. W. G. Scadding, President of the Buffalo Street Railway Company, J. L. Hunsicker, Secretary, and J. J. O'Connell, Treasurer, from the City of St. Petersburg, was suddenly prostrated and was dying.

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Mr. E. R. Jago, well known in Toronto, has given the Grand General, Patrick J. O'Connell, a large sum of money to succeed Mr. J. J. O'Connell as the manager of the office in 383 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Alexander Dick, Registrar of the County of Peel, has been elected to the office of Registrar of the County of Peel.

Mr. Eugene Grange, the French dramatic author, is dead.

He has earned the position.

From the Waterloo Telegraph.

Here comes the news for politicians of Ontario. The political situation is doing well. The walking along a country road. While yet the morning air was damp. The weak die on the strong remain. I marked approach the frequent tramp.

The haggard, ragged, careworn man. Accused me in plaintive tones. "Well, I have a ready-made beggar. 'Vile miscreant,' I cried, 'begone!'

"This contrary to every rule of politeness. I'm one of the scientific school. Political economist.

"Don't thou, could I deduce one. 'How you,' he said, 'in Nature's plan. This is self-interest alone. By what means the whole life are moved? That competition is the law. By which we either live or die? I've no demand thy labor force. Why, then, should I want any supply?'

"And Herbert Spencer's active brain Shows how the social struggle aids; The weak die on the strong remain. 'Tis this that nature's plan intends.

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What could I do but yield the point. Though conscious of no logic blunder. As I sat there, my heart was full. The tramp departed with his plunder.

—Phillip Thompson in Arcadia.

Not Much Change.

Weather for Ontario: Moderate generally. A few showers. Light snow in a few places; no ice, change in temperature.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Antwerp: Westland, from New York. At New York: Berya, from Liverpool; Wyoming, from Liverpool; St. Roman, from Liverpool; Westland, from Antwerp. At Southampton: Trave.

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DUBLIN, March 3.—At the Clarion Assizes yesterday Judge O'Brien, commenting upon the action of the jury in acquitting a prisoner who was without a shadow of a defense, said that it was useless to try cases before such a jury. Mr. O'Brien said that the Crown, said he would postpone the principal cases until the next assizes.

Mr. O'Connor, on Monday next—Bill to abolish divorce for rent.

Mr. O'Connor, on Monday next—Inquiry of Ministry as to whether a registrar of deeds has been appointed for the county of Wick. If not, when will one be appointed? If not, what is the cause of the delay in filling the vacancy?

The Coercion Proposition.

LONDON, March 3.—The Conservative movement in the House of Commons today was to deal with Ireland immediately in assuming a critical phase. A number of Liberal-Unionists have joined the Conservatives in the House.

The Speech from the Throne Repeatedly Interrupted by Cheers.

BELMONT, March 3.—Two hundred and fifty members were present at the opening of the Reichstag today. Prince Louis of Bavaria occupied a seat in the Imperial box. The members of the Bundestag entered the chamber, headed by Herr von Bismarck, the Emperor's Chancellor, who read the Emperor's speech.

The Reichstag's Speech.

BELMONT, March 3.—The Emperor's speech, which was read by the Emperor's Chancellor, Herr von Bismarck, was interrupted by cheers from the members of the Reichstag.

AN UPRISING IN AFGHANISTAN.

A fanatical Dervish Declares Himself Ruler and Defies the Amers.

BOMBAY, March 3.—News received from Afghanistan through native sources shows that a new army of 10,000 men is being drilled for military service, and those who have reached the age of 18 years are being enrolled in the army. The Amers have sent a circular to their subjects telling them to prepare for a holy war. It is believed he contemplates war against Russia.

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.

A Brilliant Crowd Attends the Reception at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, March 3.—The first of the Queen's drawing rooms held today at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty in the drawing room was greater than at any previous affair of the kind during the long reign of the Queen, and the number of debutantes was unprecedented. The weather was fine, and the crowds congregated in the parks and roads around the palace numbering many thousands, and the court and the reception was the most brilliant they ever attended.

100 sheets for 30 cents, McAlain & Ellis, opposite the post office.

Count Monto has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

The Cuban Islands have been ceded to Germany by the United States.

The French Republic has been proclaimed in the city of Lyons