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PARNELL AND HIS POWER.

THE SOLE POLITICAL TOPIC IN ENGLAND.

Each of the Great Parties Fishing for the Nationalists—A Large Measure of Home Rule Apparently Among the Certainties.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Parnell is the pivot upon which all present-day political discussion turns. He undoubtedly wields what is called the balance of power, and the great and grave question which the English people, press and statesmen are now considering is, how will he use it? The leaders of both parties are seemingly anxious to pursue a policy of conciliation towards Ireland. They recognize the almost unanimity of the Irish people in the demand for their ancient rights and privileges, and are willing to grant a restrictive measure in return for peace, quietness and support. But how far they can go without bringing a hornet's nest about their ears, Lord Salisbury, Lord Churchill, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Granville and Lord Hartington cannot tell. Just now they are engaged in that interesting process known as sounding. In what direction is best indicated by the tone of the party press. For instance the tory and formerly aristocratic Morning Post says communications have been exchanged between the leaders of the opposition and the leader of the Irish nationalist party, with a view to arranging the basis for joint action when parliament meets, but that up to the present nothing definite has been settled. The Chronicle (liberal) makes a similar statement, but the tory Standard has at length hoisted the banner of "No surrender." It urges a positive refusal of Mr. Parnell's demands, declaring that "to acquiesce in them would be suicide, and to compromise folly."

On the other hand, the liberal Daily News says that instead of coveting the presence of the Parnellites in London, the one thing desired is that they will take themselves about their business in Dublin. It believes that Lord Salisbury is opposed to a conference of leaders.

"Perhaps the best beginning," it says, "would be to leave the imperial parliament untouched, and establish a purely Irish parliament to deal with Irish affairs, with limitations to its authority as a safeguard against legislative violence of the rights of individual classes and destructive of social order." The News also says the parliamentary system is at stake, and that it is practically overborne by foreign dictation.

In one thing all the papers in England, Scotland and Wales are agreed that a broad, liberal measure of home rule such as Canada enjoys, and such as Messrs. Parnell and O'Connor demand, is out of question. It would be equivalent to absolute repeal, they say, and to that they nor the large majority of both parties will ever consent. Dealing with this phase of the situation, the London Daily Telegraph, the largest circulated paper in England, and a journal that endeavors to play a kind of foxy independent role, although with a decided tendency to liberalism, says:

We are face to face with this difficulty, that to give to Ireland the complete right of legislation and police, is to abandon a peasantry of one million and a half of Irishmen who are not Parnellites, while on the other hand nothing but the uncontrolled right to make and execute laws will satisfy Irish aspirations, or conciliate Mr. Parnell. The situation is very serious. It is one of the gravest ever presented to the English parliament. It is more momentous than many wars, because it is a Gordian knot that cannot be cut by the sword. The competition of two great parties for power has brought the empire to this dilemma, and their union alone can save it from disintegration.

WILL NOT WAIT TO BE TURNED OUT

The Salisbury Government Determined to Meet the New Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The cabinet to-day decided to meet the new parliament and submit a program of legislation including a bill dealing with the subject of county government in England and Ireland. Ministers were unanimously confident of whig support. The cabinet will reassemble to-morrow. The cabinet unanimously refuse to receive or make overtures for an alliance with the Parnellites. They will meet parliament with a program of English church reform and land tenure amendment bills.

Sir Charles Dilke, speaking at Chelsea to-day, said that the radicals would not obstruct but would endeavor to shape the tory policy. He declared the re-occupation of Dongola to be a mistake.

Mr. Gladstone, as privy councillor, has written to the queen on the subject of a parliament for Ireland.

The Daily News believes that Lord Ashbourne compiled a scheme for Irish home rule which was rejected by the remainder of the cabinet.

The Press Association states that it has been officially informed that the government will take the earliest occasion to ascertain whether it enjoys the confidence of the house of commons.

THE BULGARIAN BOUNDARY.

A Commission Appointed by the Powers, to Which the Prince Objects

SOFIA, Dec. 14.—The Bulgarian government has received from the powers a collective note announcing the appointment of a commission to mark an armistice line. It is believed that Prince Alexander will refuse to recognize the commission.

The Servians are quietly evacuating the Widdin district.

Rumors are current of hard fighting between Pirot and Bela Palanka, and of Bulgarian attacks on the Servian forces at Widdin and the retiring of Gen. Leshjanin.

Thus Bewitching Coachman.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Melvin Smith, of Montreal, charged his wife with infidelity with the coachman and sued for separation, asking that he be given the custody of their four children. Mrs. Smith, a Vermont lady, produced testimony refuting the charges against her and proving that her husband had been the companion of prostitutes. Judge Doherty gave Mrs. Smith separation from her husband, the custody of her children, costs in the case and alibral alimony, although Mr. Smith produced the coachman, one Mullan, to prove that he had been intimate with his master's wife.

Immorality of our Winter Sports.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 14.—In many of the Catholic churches in outlying municipalities sermons were preached by the parish priests yesterday, denouncing skating rinks, snow-shoeing and tobagganing slides, particularly the latter, as hurtful to the morals of young ladies. Parents were also reproached for permitting their children to attend these places of amusement. The catholic clergy have forbidden ladies wearing tuques to appear at church services.

A Coldblooded Murder.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 14.—At the lunatic asylum in this city yesterday A. W. Platt, one of the attendants, shot and instantly killed Jeffrey Tyrre, an inmate. Platt disappeared and is at large. Cause of the killing not known. The killing was not known to the management till to-day. It is charged that Mike McGlade, an attendant, who dressed the dead man, concealed the facts to enable Platt to escape. He has been arrested as accessory. The murder appears to have been an unprovoked and coldblooded affair.

The Orrville Farmers' bank, owned by prominent citizens of Orrville, Ohio, closed on Saturday. It had an extensive line of depositors who lose everything.

MEETING OF MEDICOS.

The Students of Victoria Take Umbrage at a Professor and Leave in a Body.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—A few days ago Dr. Chartraud, one of the professors at the Victoria medical school, seeing that a student was causing a disturbance during his lecture, ordered him out. A good number of his companions followed him. All returned to the lecture the next day, when the professor remarked that those who had thought proper to go away the previous day might as well have kept away altogether. One of the students having then made a few remarks not flattering to the professor was again ordered out. This morning four of the students who took a prominent part in the matter received official notices of their dismissal from the school. Upon being informed of this the whole of the students, numbering about 600, left the school in a body and declared that they would not return until their friends were reinstated.

THIRTY DOLLARS FOR A TURKEY.

A Farmer's Costly Method of Disposing of his Christmas Fare.

HAMILTON, Dec. 14.—Joseph Vaughan, a respectable looking Englishman, was sentenced to a month in jail for stealing a pocketbook containing $7 from a fellow boarder at 122 Cannon street east.

Frank Green was sent to the Central prison for six months for stealing some articles of clothing from Thomas Noonar, a boarder at the Thomson house.

Robert Glover, a Saltfleet farmer, was fined $30 at the police court to-day for holding a turkey raffle at his house.

A train frightened a team driven by William Black of Millgrove on the road near the Desjardins canal, and they ran away, throwing him out and injuring him severely. He was brought to this city and now lies in the hospital.

Wm. Travers, who was arrested at St. Catharines for forging the name of Ingersoll Olmstead, was remanded at the police court till to-morrow. He pleaded guilty and will be tried at St. Catharines.

SKIPPED FROM SITKA.

A Judge in Alaska Gets Away with Thirty Thousand Dollars.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—A short time ago Judge Daune of Sitka, Alaska, in consequence, it is alleged, of crooked business transactions in which he became involved, skipped out and took the steamer Idaho from Tongas to Victoria, B.C. From there he took the C. P. R. to Montreal, and was in the city on Saturday. He is supposed to have gone to Halifax to try and take the steamer for an English port. Detective Farley of Washington passed through the city to-day on his track. The judge is involved to the amount of $30,000.

THEEBAW'S WHITE ELEPHANT.

Almost Simultaneously with the ending of His Master's Reign the Poor Beast Dies.

MANDALAY, Dec. 14.—The sacred white elephant is dead. The customary ceremony of keeping the body lying in state for three days was prevented by the British officials owing to sanitary reasons. The funeral was attended by an enormous crowd. The elephant occupied a magnificent palace near King Theebaw's palace.

BID FOR THE CATTLE MARKET.

Cornelius Flanagan's Offer to the City Council.

Shortly before the council adjourned last night the mayor read the following letter which explains itself:

TORONTO, Dec. 14. 1885.

To the Mayor and Aldermen: GENTLEMEN—I hereby offer to pay for the land used as a cattle market at present, and the adjoining lumber yard, containing in all 9¾ acres more or less, situate in the ward of St. George, the sum of $40,000 on a perfect title thereof being made out to me, which is to be used as a cattle market instead of the proposed new site, north of Dundas street, which has been suggested for a new cattle market. I will give the city also a bond conditioned to give the cattle trade both local and export ample accommodation for twenty or thirty years. In case of dispute as to accommodation necessary for the trade that matter is to be subject to be arbitrated upon in the usual form, except otherwise settled between the city and myself—the city to agree that no other cattle market is to be allowed to be established in the city during the time of the above proposed arrangement. The privilege of supplying feed for stock in the market, as proposed to be established by me, at a reasonable rate, and in case of dispute as to what may be considered reasonable is to be determined amicably, otherwise by arbitration in the usual way; to be entitled to the fees derivable from the market, the same to be not less than those at present charged for market fees.

C. FLANAGAN.

The Fifth Monday Pop.

The fifth of the Monday popular concerts attracted another large and fashionable audience at the gardens last night. The string quartet contributed their quota to the evening's entertainment with the usual success. Rauchenecker's quartet in C minor was among their numbers, the first movement, an andante, was executed with grace and expression, while the brilliant finale was vigorously interpreted. The violin and cello solos of Messrs. Jacobsen and Correll respectively were well received. J. R. Shedrick, tenor, of Longman's, sang for his first solo Tell Me, Mary, How to Woo Thee. His voice has few qualities of merit, and his executions and style are decidedly weak. Miss Henrietta Beebe, soprano, created a most favorable impression. With a clear, ringing voice of great power and fulness she sang The Sands o' Dee, and several well known and popular ballads with great acceptability. In her rendering of It Is a Dream she displayed great taste and feeling, and made judicious use of her cultured voice and style. The audience selected by means of voting papers their choice of the pieces previously given by the quartet club and the two pieces receiving the largest number of votes will be rendered at the next concert.

County Court Cases.

Before Judge Macdougall, at the county court yesterday in the case of Joss v. Dickson, commenced Saturday, a verdict of $53 for the plaintiff was brought in. State v. Robinson is a case entered by James State, engraver, to recover from C. Blackett Robinson, publisher, the sum of $128 alleged to be due for an engraving executed for a work which Robinson was publishing. The defence is that the plaintiff has been already overpaid for work done and that therefore the amount is not due. To-day's peremptory list is: Croxton v. Primitive Methodist Colonization company, Hooper v. Toronto Brewing company, Grinstead v. Hanlon, Brown v. Silver Plate company, Wadsworth v. Sinclair.

Football at the Metropolitan on Rollers.—A very exciting game of football took place at the Metropolitan rink last night between the Parkdales and Ætnas of Toronto, which resulted in a victory for the Parkdales by a score of 3 to 2. A more exciting game was never witnessed. This is the first time this game was ever introduced in Canada, but it will not be the last by any means, as no game has ever caused so much excitement at the Metropolitan as this. They will play again on Friday evening of this week. To night the great five-mile race between C. W. Sprague of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sid. Bennett of this city will commence, lasting for three nights, which will no doubt be the most exciting contest ever witnessed in Canada. X

Mr. Manning in St. John's Ward.

In response to a poster issued by the secretary of Mr. Manning's central committee, a large and influential meeting of gentlemen, favorable to the re-election of Mr. Manning as mayor, was held last evening in McBride's hall. Edward Meek was unanimously voted to the chair. A large committee of prominent electors was appointed to further Mr. Manning's candidature. After the formation of sub-committees and the transaction of other business the meeting adjourned to Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock at the same place.

Officers of the Ministerial Association.

The Ministerial association held its regular meeting at Shaftesbury hall yesterday. It was decided not to recommend any change in the law regarding the use of the scriptures in the public schools. Condolence was expressed with Rev. Dr. Caven and Rev. T. W. Jolliffe, whose families have recently been visited by death. For the ensuing year Rev. John Burton was elected president, Rev. W. F. Blackstock, vice-president, and Rev. Wm. Frizzell, secretary.

Niagara, the Adventuress.

This new play by E. E. Kidder was presented at the Grand opera house last night before a large audience. Miss Rose Eytinge met with a hearty reception and gave an acceptable portrayal of the title role, the character of which is well suited to bring out her capabilities as an actress. Same bill to-night, to-morrow matinee and to-morrow night.

At the People's Theatre.

Eastwood's specialty company played yesterday afternoon and evening to full houses at the People's theatre. The performance of Prof. F. X. Lamb et, the mesmerist, was very clever. Charles Diamond, in his harp solos, songs and dances delighted all. Performance every afternoon and evening.

A Little Light on the Subject.

—It is said that Mr. Blake's reason for choosing the New York route instead of meeting his admirers at Quebec was that he was disinclined to raise his banner on the plains of Abraham until he had an opportunity to get some elegant fitting shirts from quinn, the shirtmaker, 115 King street west.

Care of the City Clocks.

The city council last night entrusted the care of the clocks in the towers of St. Lawrence hall and the Wilton avenue and Queen street fire halls to Wm. Ashall for $144 per annum. Ellis & Co. have hitherto been paid $200 per year for the work.

Deputy Returning Officers.

The city council last night appointed Wm. Reeves, Aubrey Winslow, Charles Callighan, John A. Ewan, Henry Hooper, Richard Harper and Wm. H. Canniff deputy returning officers at the municipal elections in place of gentlemen unable to act.

Measles, Not Smallpox.

The reported case of smallpox at Gray's restaurant, King street west, is entirely without foundation. Dr. Canniff had the place inspected, and found the children were suffering from measles. He immediately removed all quarantine or restrictions of any kind.

Left for the Northwest.

Inspector Dickens left last night for the Northwest, whither he had been recalled to join the mounted police. Private messages to him indicate that further trouble was brewing among the Indians.

Police Court Fines and Fees.

Clerk Meyerfey's monthly report shows that fines and fees to the amount of $2302 were imposed at the police court during October. The balance of arrears due November 1 is $1038.

German-Canadian Muscle.

Our German fellow citizens held a meeting at the Leiderkranz hall last night and organized a Turn society for the development of the young German-Canadian muscle.

The World is the best advertising medium in the city.

CABLE NOTES.

It is believed in Calcutta that the imperial government does not really intend to annex Burmah.

Herr Kinwald writes to the Cologne Gazette that he has discovered extensive gold mines in Zululand.

A despatch from Cairo says that the rebels have pillaged and burned Perkat and other villages.

Mr. Gladstone has written a letter thanking those persons who have congratulated him upon the result of the elections.

The French parliamentary committee is equally divided for and against raising the duty on American cereals and cattle.

The Borsen Courier says Russia will raise a new loan to meet the withdrawal of paper roubles to the amount of fifty million yearly.

The Baltic canal will be finished in seven years. It is calculated that 18,000 vessels will pass through yearly, and that twenty-two hours will be saved in going from London to the Baltic ports.

LIGHTING THE STREETS.

MASTERLY INACTIVITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Fire and Gas Committee's Report Deferred—A Chief Justice's Claim—The Everlasting Garrison Creek.

Thirty-four aldermen were in their places at the city council last night, the only absentees being Ald. Crocker and Ald. Piper, who is again indisposed.

The solicitors for Chief Justice Cameron want a settlement of old claims for lands taken from his lordship for streets. In opening Sullivan street the city took about 54 feet fronting on Beverley street. The chief justice is assessed for 274 feet frontage on the north side of Amelia street. He is willing to pay for this, as it is on his property lying between Amelia and Wellesley streets, but the city has trespassed on this, and has attempted to open without his consent a continuation of Sackville. Mr. Cameron asks that the trespass be abated at once or that he be paid for the land taken, and that in such case the assessment be reduced.

Compensation was wanted by (1) Miss Susannah T. Bevan for damage to her property at Queen and Simoe streets on account of the level of the sidewalk having been raised; (2) Samuel Oliver for injuries sustained by falling into an unprotected excavation on Adelaide street east; (3) Mrs. S. J. Walker for damage to her property at 506 Queen street west on account of the sidewalk having been raised; and (4) Jane Armour for a broken leg owing to a defective sidewalk.

Forty-one residents of the locality petitioned against the proposed erection of a blacksmith shop, etc., at 104 John street. John Dempster asked for permission to erect a steam engine on Argyle street. John Bacon and four others want a cedar block pavement on Ontario place.

Bylaws were advanced for opening up Givens, Harris, Hamilton, Boulton and De Grassi streets. So was a bill respecting the levelling and straightening the line of College street from Givens street eastward. A bylaw was introduced providing for flankage allowances on corner lots on streets where permanent pavements or sidewalks have been or shall hereafter be constructed. Ald. Shaw introduced a bill to issue $51,000 worth of debentures for the purchase of a new cattle market site. It was read a first time, as was also a bill to exempt the factory and plant of the Toronto Syrup company from taxation for ten years.

Ald. Defoe and Irwin offered a resolution that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare the renewal leases of water lots number s8 and 9, and of the walks and gardens property in front thereof to C. C. Dalton and Wm. Bayly as follows: Walks and gardens property, 134 feet on the south side of Front street at $2.50 per foot frontage, $334; water lot No. 9, 132 feet at $1.50 per foot frontage, $198; lot No. 8, nominal rent, $1; and further that the lease cover a period of 21 years. Exception was taken to the nominal rental of $1 and the motion was allowed to stand.

On the clause in the water committee's report recommending that Inglis & Hunter be paid the balance of their account, $40,844, Ald. Baxter said the engine was very creditable to them and their mechanics and highly praised mechanical engineer Venables for his hard and able work during the erection of the machine. Ald. Sheppard dissented from the report and Ald. Maughan, while not wishing to keep the contractors out of their money, would liked to have seen the engine tested differently from what it was. The account passed.

On motion of Ald. Mitchell the clause for purchasing new fire alarm boxes and repairing old ones was referred back to the fire and gas committee.

The fire and gas committee recommended that the tender of the Toronto Electric Light company (limited), at 55c. per light per night ($200.75 per annum) for from 100 to 200 arc lights for 5 years from July 1, 1886, be accepted, and the tender of the Consumers' Gas company for not less than 2000 gas lamps at $20.50 per lamp per annum for 5 years from January 1, 1886, be accepted, provided that when the total number of gas lamps in use in the city on the present line of mains reaches 2500 the cost per lamp on the whole number shall be $20 per lamp per annum. Ald. Baxter move to defer the question until next meeting. Ald. Walker offered in amendment a motion appointing a deputation to wait upon the Consumers' gas company and the Electric light company with a view of securing a reduction of the prices stated in their tenders. Ald. Pepler supported the amendment. Ald. Mitchell upbraided Ald. Walker for endeavoring to usurp the functions of the fire and gas committee by the appointment of a select committee. Ald. Shaw did not think a deputation would get any satisfaction from the gas company. The quality of gas supplied was bad. He spoke highly of the electric light, and thought it should be encouraged. Ald. Pepler did not favor a contract for five years; a much better bargain might be made inside of two years. Ald. Walker said the council could reasonably expect $5 less per lamp. His amendment was lost. Ald. Baxter's motion passed. In council Ald. Maughan made an effort to have the question brought on for discussion then, but his resolution was negatived:

Yeas—Ald. Adamson, Allen, Brandon, Elliott, James, Johnston, Jones, Maughan, Shaw, Taylor, John Woods—11.

Nays—Ald. Barton, Carlyle, Defoe, Frankland, Hall, Hastings, Hunter, Irwin, Lamb, Mackenzie, McMillan, Mitchell, Pepler, Saunders, Sheppard, Steiner, Walker—17.

A supplemetary report of the executive committee recommended (1) that 15 cents extra per page be allowed the city printer for additional work in consequence of changes made in the form of the voters' lists, and (2) that $150 be paid to Alexander Muir, late clerk and treasurer of Brockton, in full of all demands for salary. It was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hastings, the Garrison creek sewer business was ordered to be sent in proper form to the county judge for investigation, the last communication to his honor having been informal. Charles Ritchie, Q.C., will assist the city solicitor in the case. Ald. Shaw gave notice of motion:

That it be an instruction to the legislation committee to make application to the local legislature at its next session to have so much of clause 2 of sec. 1, cap. 27 stat. Ont. as relates to the exemption of the personal property of gas companies from assessment amended so as to give municipal corporations the power to assess the personalty of such companies as are doing business in their municipalities.

Ald. Hastings offered a motion for a return showing the amount paid out by the city in arbitration expenses during the past three years, but before the resolution could be put somebody discovered that there was no quorum, and the mayor declared the council adjourned at 11.25. The members then in the chamber were Ald. Adamson, Irwin, Brandon, Shaw, Hall, Saunders, Defoe, Smith, Elliott, Taylor, McMillan, Johnston, Carlyle, Steiner, Mackenzie, Hunter, Hastings, Sheppard.

The ladies of All Saints' Church Sewing society intend holding a sale of useful and ornamental articles to-morrow afternoon and evening.

TWO KILLED AND EIGHT WOUNDED

Terrible Explosion in a Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 14.—A frightful explosion of gas took place this morning at the mile, Creekmine, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Coal Co., at the Plains, a few miles from this city. At the time of the accident there were about one hundred miners, laborers and boys in the slope. The gas had ignited in the breast, where a miner named Cafley was at work. Eight men were seriously injured, and two fatally. Joseph Cleaby is badly burned and his skull fatally fractured; Peter Coffey is seriously burned on the arms and is internally injured; he also will die. Joseph Parduski, dangerously injured, was brought to the surface naked, the clothes having been burned from his recovery is doubtful. Nicholas Gray, a driver boy, had his right eye torn from its socket.

Terrible Treatment of a Young Girl.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Last night officers found Katie E. Delaney, aged 16, a pretty working girl, lying on the pavement near her home on East Third Street unconscious and bleeding from a severe wound in the neck. When restored to consciousness she said George Jones, aged 22 years, living next door, had enticed her into the house under the pretence of showing her some pictures and then criminally assaulted her. On her threatening to tell her mother he wrapped a towel around her head and cut her on the neck with some sharp instrument. She then lost consciousness. Jones was arrested and denies the charge. The girl is in a dangerous condition.

The Grain in Sight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The amount of grain in sight in the United States and Canada on Saturday, Dec. 12, and the amount of increase or decrease over the preceding week, was: Wheat, 57,981,400 bush.; increase, 1,197,000 bush. Corn, 4,405,000 bush.; increase, 458,000 bush. Oats, 2,380,000 bush.; increase, 174,000 bush. Rye, 740,000 bush.; increase, 25,000 bush. Barley, 3,609,000 bush.; decrease, 88,000 bush. The proportion of this amount in store at Chicago on the date named was: Wheat, 14,285,000 bush.; corn, 677,000 bush.; oats, 183,000 bush.; rye, 269,000 bush.; barley, 218,000 bush.

Trichinosis at Troy.

TROY, N.Y., Dec. 14.—This morning E. A. Jones of Mechanicsville was discovered in his yard acting as though insane. He was tearing the fence to pieces and wildly gesticulating. His wife came running from the house acting in the same manner. They had been eating fresh pork and sausage, and the doctor pronounced it a case of trichinosis. The family, consisting of Jones, his wife and two children, are all sick.

United States Consuls in Canada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The president sent to the senate to-day the names of W. A. Anderson, to be consul-general at Montreal, and of the following consuls: Alex. Bertrand at St. Johns, Que.; John Dowlin at Windsor, Ont.; C. W. Wagner at Toronto, Ont., and James Whelan at Fort Erie, Ont.

SCRAPS OF SPORT.

Baseball for Next Season and Other Matters Lightly Touched Upon.

Charles Brewer, owner of the celebrated horse Robert the Devil, is dead.

George Washington Bradley has signed with the Athletics of Philadelphia.

Seven of the Detroit baseball nine are left hand batters. Some think the Detroits will about win the league penant next year.

Richard McCausland, an amateur walker, winner of forty-eight medals, died in New York last Friday of consumption, aged 22 years.

The Toronto polo club played at Lockport on Friday and Saturday nights and was beaten by the local club on both occasions by three goals to none.

The prize cup offered by George W. Childs for the Philadelphia cricketer having the best batting average was won this season by Macnutt, with an average of 5.71.

Hugh J. McCormick of Indianatown, N.B., has challenged Axel Paulsen of Christiana, Norway, or any other man in the world, to skate a race from 3 to 5 miles, for from $500 to $1000 a side and the championship of the world.

A cricket field has been purchased by the Belmont cricket club in Philadelphia for $33,000. The old grounds have been sold for $40,000. Ten thousand dollars will be expended in improving the new grounds, which are nearly 400 feet square.

John Jameson of Dublin, Ireland, the owner of the cutter Irex, of the Southampton Yacht club, has announced that he will challenge for the America's cup with his cutter. The announcement came by cable on Wednesday. The official challenge is expected to arrive by mail next week.

The second round in the American Football association was played off Saturday in Newark, N.J. Two ties were played. The first and most important was between the O. N. T. club and the Paterson Thistles. It was played in East Newark and resulted in favor of the O. N. T.'s by five goals to none. The goals were kicked by John Swithenby, Devine, McGurck, McCann, and Swarbrick. The other tie was between the Almas and Kearney Rangers, played on the Frelinghuysen avenue ground, and won by three goals to none. Young kicked two and W. Taylor one.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The eastern division court will sit to-day.

The fourth number of Echoes is out. Get it at your newsdealers for three cents.

There will be a fair for the sale of fancy and useful articles at St. Peter's schoolhouse, Carlton street, this afternoon and evening.

The Mendelssohn Quintet club play in Detroit to-night, London to-morrow and here Thursday. They will have a large house in Toronto.

A large stock of Christmas cards and plush goods, suitable for presents, are on sale at 139 Yonge street, in the arcade building, at wholesale prices. Look in and see them.

While Mr. Fitzgerald and family, 94 Ontario street, were at church Sunday night, burglars entered the house and carried off $30 in cash and a quantity of jewelry and clothing.

The medical health officer visited the house on Cornwall street, where the smallpox case was reported to exist on Sunday. He found no sickness in the house at all. No new cases were reported yesterday.

Edgar Woods, aged 13, and Ernest Jones, 15, ran away from home here a few days ago. They have turned up at Rochester, N.Y., and will be detained by the police until their parents arrive.

Messrs. Mills & Heighington have entered in partnership as barristers and solicitors with offices in Millichamp's buildings, Adelaide street. Both partners are known as careful and reliable young men.

A missionary meeting was held at the Berkeley street Methodist church last night, at which Rev. W. E. Green, for over ten years missionary among the Indians on the Nass river, British Columbia, delivered an address.

The members of the Y. P. C. W. association in connection with the Richmond street Methodist church, gave an entertainment in the lecture room last night. On the program were readings by J. D. Hill, J. T. Clash, J. Stewart and Miss Lelan.

W. A. Murray & Co., are keeping up with the times in offering special attractions and special prices for the holiday season. Their advertisement shows great reductions in the price of velvets, ribbons, handkerchiefs, curtains, millinery and all the other necessaries of housekeeping.

The wholesale milliners of Toronto met in the Queen's hotel Saturday to discuss matters connected with the trade. /S. F. McKinnon presided, and Mr. Blackie acted as secretary. The meeting resolved to abolish all trade and time discounts, and only to allow a straight five per cent. on cost or thirty day sales. It is likely a permanent organization of the trade will be formed not only for Toronto but for the entire dominion.

While Policeman Dempsey was conducting Wm. Beard from the court room to the cells yesterday morning he suddenly turned on the officer and gave him a violent kick in the stomach, at the same time making a break for the stairs. The officer sprang after him and succeeded in recapturing him, but in the scuffle had one of his knuckles knocked out of joint.

At the last regular meeting of Fermanagh lodge, Y. M. P. B. A., No. 36, the following officers were elected: A. Dunlop, W.M.; T. Berney, D.M.; Jas. Bain, chaplain; R. McNealey, secretary; J. H. Lennox, treasurer; T. Dunlop, conductor; J. Orr, senior M. of C.; W. Weir, junior M. of C.; J. Bloomer, lecturer; A. B. Cod, I. sentinel; J. Piper, O. sentinel; W. Lee, last past master; lodge doctor, Dr. Chaffee; delegates to grand lodge, J. H. Lennox, A. Dunlop, R. McNealey.

A novel mode of dealing with a frightened horse was witnessed on Simcoe street yesterday afternoon. The driver, instead of wildly shouting and making the animal worse allowed it to take its course and reined it in zigzag fashion from one side of the road to the other, speaking to it gently all the time. When it reached the top of the street it had become calm and stopped of its own accord.

MORMONISM WILL PROSPER.

Such is the Opinion of a Prominent Member of the Faith.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—In an interview here to-day John T. Caine, the Mormon delegate to congress, said the Mormons had within the last few weeks been fearfully misrepresented by the eastern press. No uprising was contemplated, though the Gentiles in Utah would be glad to see the Mormons wiped out so that they could get possession of their property. That was their chief animus against them. Deputy Marshall Collins was far too small a man for the Mormons to pay any attention to. If they desired to assassinate federal officials, they would commence with the governor and go down. "Will the Edmunds law kill Mormonism?" was asked. "No," Mr. Caine replied; "Mormonism cannot be killed. Persecution will make us stronger. The early Christians were persecuted, and see how they increased. Our church is bound to gain adherents and increase rapidly, notwithstanding the great opposition by many misinformed people. The Edmunds law is construed by Judge Zane against the Mormons exclusively and not against Gentiles even when they violate some of its sections. There are very few polygamists among the Mormons, although the people in the east suppose we all have plural wives. There are about 2500 to 3000 men who are polygamists out of a population of 250 000. The commission appointed by the United States government to investigate polygamy in Utah and those territories where Mormonism prevails reported 12,000 polygamists. That included the widows of dead polygamists and the wives of those living. Our women vote and that is how they arrived at the number of 12,000."

Social Insurrection in Kentucky.

From the Louisville Post.

There seems to be a strike among the dudes against the use of carriages at parties and theatres. The young men have positively refused to pay for carriages, and in consequence the girls have to pay for their own rides. At a private german the past week the young ladies were compelled to order the carriages for themselves, and at the largest party which has been given recently, not more than one-fifth of the girls had young men escorts. The others went with chaperones. This is shameful, and the girls ought not to invite the dudes who will not pay their share.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

The exchequer court opens at Ottawa Jan. 11.

Saturday's and Sunday's crop of smallpox victims in Montreal was only 12.

The Northwest council has decided to insist on the payment of a fee of fifty dollars by lawyers going to the Northwest to practise.

A Riellte meeting at Chateau Richer, near Quebec, on Sunday ended in a free fight, in which several respectable citizens were badly handled.

The sentence of death passed at Cornwall on the Italian Seraglio has been commuted and it is believed his innocence of the crime of murder will yet be proved.

Kate Coleman, a St. Thomas restaurant girl, stold $15 from her employer. She said she only stole $5 when arrested. She wanted an extra pair of skates for the roller rink.

The United States government has, through the exertions of Mr. Jas. Hamilton, granted a pension of $8 per month and back pay to Mrs. Jane McLaughlin of Port Credit, Ont., whose son was killed during the time of the American war.

Mayor Murdoch of Calgary is in Ottawa to intercede with the government in behalf of Aldermen Clarke of Calgary, who was recently imprisoned by Stipendiary Magistrate Travis, for assaulting a mounted policeman whilst searching his place for liquor.

Constables Crawford and Dawson of London, had a sanguinary encounter on the Hamilton road Sunday night with a number of roughs, who used fence pickets as weapons. The officers were cored with gore, but managed to arrest John Niven and John Wilson, two of their assailants.

The town council of Niagara is considering the bonus business again. Mr. Livingstone, announcement, asks a bonus of $30,000 to reopen the Niagara steel works. The council offer a bonus of $20,000 and ten years' exemption from taxation, the bonus to be paid in yearly instalments. Mr. Livingstone does not take kindly to the yearly instalment plan, and wants the whole $30,000 or nothing.—St. Catharines Journal.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

This year's sugar crop in Louisiana is the largest on record.

Non-union miners in the Pittsburg district have sworn to have life for life if the strikers attack them.

In Central Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Michigan from nine to fourteen inches of snow fell on Saturday and Sunday.

Two whales, one a bull fifty feet long, the other a cow seventy feet in length, were captured Saturday off East Hampton, L.I.

The understanding between the Sultan and Prince Alexander includes the porte's consent to the personal union of the Bulgarias.

Herr Gener and his son, owners of the largest hotel in Prague, have been bitten by a mad dog and have gone to Paris to be treated by Dr. Pasteur.

Prof. S. H. Wethers, colored, of Dallas, Texas, proposes to settle two thousand families on one hundred thousand acres in Brazoria county, Texas.

The agricultural group in the French chamber of deputies have resolved to oppose the importation of American salt meats in the interest alike of sanitation and of French husbandry.

At the thirty-eighth annual meeting of Plymouth (Beecher's) church it was shown that the total membership was 2509. Since the church was first formed there have been 4502 members.

At Brickhamon, county seat of Upshur county, W. Va., Benjamin Myers, colored, and Geo. Cooper, a converted cannibal, both rivalists, because jealous of each other and had a terrible struggle, in the course of which Cooper's lower lip was bitten off and Myer's face and nose were badly lacerated by Cooper's teeth.

The Directors are the Culprits.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—B. T. O. Hubbard, formerly cashier of the First National bank of Monmouth, Ill., who is charged with embezzling $120,000, testified to-day that he had not taken the funds, but that the president and other directors had all overdrawn their accounts, and that they were at all times privy to this condition of affairs.

The Season's Peril.

New York World.

Now the neat and careful housewife
As she often did before,
Rises in the morning early,
Sweeps the sidewalk at the door;
Pours upon it pails of water,
Just as hot as hot can be,
Then admires that shining sidewalk,
All so clean and fair to see.

Scarcely is the job completed
When the water, warm and nice,
Parting with its heat directly,
Soon converted into ice.
Forms a film upon the sidewalk,
Thin and cold as charity,
And a slide is there established
By the urchins speedily.

Then the good man, outward going,
Some what old and short of sight,
Strides that sidewalk and discovers
All the stars that shine at night.
Harsh and wild the words he utters,
Not a bit like songs of praise,
As he rubs himself and wonders,
Wonders at a woman's ways.

Wind, With Snow or Sleet.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 15, 1 a.m.—*The disturbance which covered the lower lakes last night has since moved to the gulf of St. Lawrence, and another one of importance is now situated over Manitoba and Minnesota, whilst the pressure is highest in the southwest states. A moderate gale has prevailed in the maritime provinces, while in Ontario and Quebec the weather has turned colder, with a few light snow falls.*

Probabilities—Lakes: Strong winds or moderate gales from the southwest and south; partly cloudy to cloudy weather, with light snow or sleet towards evening or at night; rising temperature.

QUESTIONS PLAINLY PUT.

THE TRADES COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES.

The Letter Answer Three Queries—The Mayoralty Men Say "Yes" to Everything—The Mail Condemned.

The special meeting of the Trades and Labor council, called to receive reports from committees appointed to interview municipal candidates was held last night in Albert hall. It commenced at 8 o'clock and continued until 12.30 this morning discussing the all-important answers. Three questions were submitted:

1. Will you pledge yourself in the event of election to oppose to the utmost of your ability any legislation civic or provincial seeking to change the present system of electing the mayor of the city of Toronto?

To this the yeas were: Mayor Manning and W. H. Howland, candidates for mayoralty; Ald. Piper, John Irwin, — Hunter for St. John's ward; Ald. Baxter, Pepler, R. St. Leger and John Low, St. Patrick's ward; Ald. Steiner, Gormley, McMillan and ex-Ald. Millichamp, St. James' ward; Ald. Allen, Lamb, Adamson, Mr. Price, St. David's ward; Ald. Hall, Mitchell, St. Andrew's ward; Ald. Carlyle, St. Thomas' ward; Ald. Smith and Jones, Mr. Mitchell, E. A. Macdonald, St. Matthew's; Ald. Saunders, Hastings, Shaw, St. Paul's ward. Ald. Sheppard stands pre-eminent as the only "no." He was not in favor of placing too much power in the hands of the people. He didn't believe in making Canada a democracy.

2. Will you also do your utmost in compelling the Toronto street Railway company, by bylaw or otherwise, to fulfil their obligations to the public as outlined in existing city bylaws and in the provisions of their charter?

On this question the candidates were not so unanimous. Messrs. Piper, Irwin, Hunter, St. Leger, Low, Gormley, McMillan, Millichamp, Price, Lamb, Carlyle, Sheppard, Jones, Macdonald, Saunders, Hastings said "Yes." Ald. Baxter said "No." If the street railway company were compelled to put conductors on every car they would only run a car every half hour, instead of