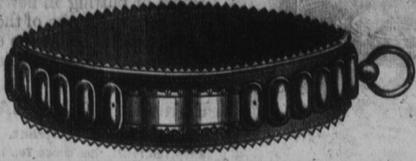


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ment. "What holds de world up, dat's w'at I'd like to know, chile?" "Why, it goes round de sun, Uncle Rastus," said the boy eagerly, "and de sun holds it up by de law of attraction."

EX-KING MILAN'S BODY.

VIENNA, Feb. 12.—A dispute arose after the official announcement of the death of ex-King Milan as to the disposition of the remains. The Serbian minister in Vienna, M. Kostic, Christitch, having received a telegram from King Alexander directing him to take possession of the body and to remove it to Belgrade, ordered all the attendants to quit the apartment, which he declared to be ex-territorial Serbian property. Count Zichy and others refused to move and appealed to Emperor Francis Joseph. The emperor invited the Serbian minister to the palace, acquainted him with Milan's wishes and intimated his firm resolution to have them executed to the letter. The Serbian minister then gave way. It is understood that Emperor Francis Joseph will defray the cost of the funeral and will attend the services in the Greek church.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 12.—According to the North China Daily News the Chinese say that the acceptance of the conditions of the powers by the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries was merely a ruse to carry out a large force of Chinese is proceeding to Tai Yuen Fu to oppose an expected allied expedition.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking yesterday, says: "Sir Ernest M. Satow, British minister to China, has informed the Chinese authorities that the British government declines to accept an obscure official like Chang Po Hsi, the literary chancellor, as special envoy to carry out the mission on London to the death of Queen Victoria."

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Baron Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., is dead. He was born in Glasgow in 1829.

GLAUCOPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 12.—Maurice Thompson, the author, is in the last stage of pneumonia before dissolution. He is unconscious and his physicians have given up all hope.

GBRALTAIR, Feb. 12.—The passengers of the Prince of Wales, who were saved with considerable difficulty and landed at Gbraltar.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 12.—The headless body of a man was found in a vault in the rear of Charles Benson's saloon early today. The body had been badly hacked by a knife, the head having been cleanly severed. There was no clue to the identity of the dead man.

BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK STATE.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 12.—North and Central New York are feet deep in the worst blizzard of the winter and some respects in recent years. Over a territory extending from Rochester to Utica and from Watertown to Ithaca, the wind is blowing a gale, and while it is not exceedingly cold, the fine snow driven by the wind makes travel dangerous.

FAIRMER, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The storm which has raged here in the lake region for thirty hours is the worst blizzard of the winter. Country roads are drifted full over the fences. Railroad trains are all running late and all business has been suspended. The mercury dropped to zero this morning, wind blowing a gale.

THE CARNEGIE DEAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The World tomorrow will say: All of the large minority stockholders of the Carnegie Steel Co. have come to New York to take what part they can in the transfer of the corporation to the Morgan syndicate. Henry Clay Fick, who suddenly changed his mind about remaining in Pittsburg to attend to his real estate, and who owns \$15,484,000 worth of stock in the Carnegie Co., is still in the city, and it is believed that either Mr. Fick or Charles M. Schwab, the present president of the company, will be at the head of the new Morgan corporation.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS ON STRIKE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—The Rostya prints a telephonic despatch announcing that 308 students of Moscow university have met and declared themselves in favor of obstruction and succeeded in stopping all lectures as a protest against the Kieff students' sentences. The authorities have appealed in a local paper to the students, asking them to resume their studies. Students to the number of 323 met on Monday at St. Petersburg Mining academy, and 190 voted to abandon their studies, while 140 favored a continuance of work. There were 23 blank ballots. No definite decision was taken.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Eastern states and Northern New York—Generally fair tonight and Thursday, except snow surges in west portion of night, high northwesterly winds and gales will continue tonight, diminishing tomorrow.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northwest, cold, with local snow falls. Thursday continued northwest gales.

STRATHCONA HORSE ARRIVE.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Lake Erie, which sailed from Cape Town January 26, with the Strathcona horse on board, came to anchor off Gravesend this morning. Having missed the tide the Lake Erie will be unable to land the troops until tomorrow. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal and many other persons were at the dock at an early hour, in expectation that the steamer would arrive this morning.

THE NELSON MINER

Says There is a Plot to Throttle the Smelting Industry of British Columbia.

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 12.—C. A. Gregg, who recently assumed editorial control of the Nelson Miner, has devoted some time in an endeavor to ascertain the opinion of the people of Kootenay on the question of the smelting industry and the attitude of the Crow's Nest Coal Company in the matter of coal supply. As a result he is firmly convinced that an outrageous plot has been formed to throttle the smelting industry in British Columbia and that when the facts are known the population will almost to a man rise in opposition to it. In a strong article he says:

"The smelters of British Columbia are today suffering from an inadequate supply of coke owing to the fact that the Crow's Nest supply has been diverted to the United States smelters. Why should this be? Simply because it is part of a plan of the Hill syndicate to place the mine owners of British Columbia at the mercy of American Smelting and Refining Co. That statement is capable of the fullest possible proof. The Crow's Nest Company cannot at present supply the smelters of British Columbia with coke, yet they go elsewhere and sell their product at a less profit and yet it is clearly established that within a very short time the entire province. The next move in Mr. Hill's plan is to get a railroad down to the boundary line, shut off completely British Columbia's coke supply and compel the mine owners of this country to have their ores treated at American smelters."

Will the people of British Columbia stand that sort of thing? Will the federal government be so foolish as to grant that charter. We do not believe it. It is not a question of rivalry between railroads. It is a question of whether Canadians are to be permitted to develop the rich resources of their own country to their own advantage, or whether United States speculators will be permitted to do it for their advantage. There is a threat about it. As far as British Columbia is concerned its eyes have been opened wide to the pretty plot of James J. Hill. Why serious consideration should be given for a moment to the application in view of the present situation affecting the smelting industry in this province is a matter which passes comprehension. The success of Mr. Hill's plot would be the greatest outrage ever perpetrated upon the people of any Canadian province."

HOSTILE INDIANS.

TUCSEN, Ariz., Feb. 12.—Ignacio Caxialo, a prominent rancher, has been ambushed and killed by Yaqui Indians at Siris, near Hermocillo. Gen. Torres made an effort to secure a large number of Yaqui Indians to take them to the interior of the republic, the government hoping to stop the Yaqui warfare by this plan. He brought the Indians to Hermocillo after the soldiers had killed Verde, an old chief of the Yaquis at Hermocillo. The Indians broke away from 500 federal troops under General Torres, who guarded them. At Siris they ravaged ranches, stole horses, and provisions and fled. Several prominent ranchers were killed by the Yaquis. Soldiers pursued the Indians but caught only a few. People are excited at Hermocillo and advices received by Tucson merchants warn Americans against going into the mountains. It is believed that Yaqui warfare has just begun in earnest, as a large number of hitherto peaceful Yaquis have joined the warriors.

LONDON'S ADDRESS TO THE KING.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The lord mayor, sheriffs and aldermen, robed in maroon gowns, accompanied by viceroys, sword bearers, mace bearers and other attendants, proceeded in state carriages to St. James palace this morning to present to the King a loyal address on behalf of the city of London. The King and the Duke of Cornwall and York, attended by their suite, reached the palace shortly after noon. The ceremonial was the same as is observed at a levee. All the principal officers of state were present. The King wore the uniform of a field marshal and the Duke of York wore a rear admiral's uniform. His Majesty was received at the entrance by the great officers of state, who conducted to the throne room and received the address. His Majesty varied the customary proceedings. Instead of merely handing a reply he read it in a clear, firm voice.

MASK OF NAPOLEON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—From an ash barrel which had been consigned to a junky in Plainfield, N. J., has been rescued a mask of Napoleon, taken after his death at St. Helena. Colonel Julian Scott, an artist, who found it, says it is a duplicate of the one now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, which was taken at the same time. The mask is somewhat defaced, but Colonel Scott believes that it can be restored. It belonged to the Spooner collection of valuable works of art, when the owner lived years ago in North Plainfield. After his death it is supposed it fell into the hands of persons who did not know its value. Launt Thompson, a sculptor, years ago modelled a statue of Napoleon, and, it is believed, used the mask found by Col. Scott to fashion the face. Colonel Scott says he knew Mr. Thompson, and that he is sure the mask is one used by him.

"How did your daughter's voice scare that burglar?" "She got off her college yell at him."

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Cape Town says that A. D. W. Wolmerans, Boer delegate to the United States and Europe, writes from Paris strenuously urging the Boers to surrender.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—England not only will have to come to the terms of peace insisted on by the Boers, but will be forced to pay to the Transvaal fighters from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 indemnity," said Jan Krige, the Boer commandant under General Botha, who is in Chicago. "The cables say that Dewet has crossed the Orange River with a force of 2,000 men. If this is true it is the death blow to England's hope of subduing the Boers, because Dewet certainly will have a force of 50,000 in the colony and can dictate terms."

BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 12.—With full military honors the funeral of Colonel A. D. Shaw, late congressman from this district, and formerly U. S. consul at Toronto, who died suddenly in Washington Sunday, was held this afternoon, and the remains laid in Brookside cemetery, a firing squad firing a volley over the grave of the lamented citizen-soldier and statesman. At 11 o'clock this morning a private service for the family and relatives was held at the family residence. At its conclusion the remains were taken to the state armory, accompanied by a guard of honor, consisting of eight members of Joe Spratt Post, G. A. R., of this city. The remains rested in state there for three hours. Thousands of citizens and visitors from all parts of the state and nation viewed the remains, paying their last respects to a man honored and revered by all. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

HELD FOR WORSE CRIME.

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 12.—Johnson and O'Neal, who have been held in this city for several days, suspected of complicity in the Cudahy kidnaping case were identified yesterday as the men who killed the marshal while robbing a bank at Bronaugh, Mo., several months ago. At the time of the robbery the marshal's daughter saw the two men through a window. She positively identified Johnson and O'Neal as the men who killed her father. At the time of the robbery \$16,000 was taken and \$20,000 was destroyed by the explosion that wrecked the safe. When arrested here the men carried several thousand dollars in gold. They were taken to Nevada for trial.

SHOT FORMER HUSBAND.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Seelye last night shot and wounded her former husband, W. A. Seelye, chief buyer for Swift's packing company, at his residence on Holmes street. The ball passed through Seelye's arm. Mrs. Seelye wore a beard and a cap, and was otherwise disguised as a man when she was admitted to the Seelye residence. When Mr. Seelye appeared she immediately fired. With the assistance of his present wife Mr. Seelye then overpowered his assailant. She was arrested and taken to the city jail. The cause of the assault is not known. Mr. and Mrs. Seelye were divorced ten years ago.

HERE'S A TANGLE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A special to the Tribune from Milwaukee says: Over 200 people in this city, who supposed themselves divorced are married. This discovery was made yesterday when it was found that in over 100 cases where the divorces had been granted they had not been docketed. The lawyers blame their clients for not paying to have their decrees entered. The judges blame the lawyers.

SHOT HIS BROTHER.

HINTON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Frank Crawford, aged 18 years, was shot and instantly killed by his brother Charley, aged 14 years, at Ballingie yesterday. Frank objected to Charley going hunting and to prevent him held the dog. This enraged the younger boy, who discharged the contents of the shotgun at his brother, and killed him. Charley has been jailed.

MRS. PLATT DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Thomas C. Platt, the wife of U. S. Senator Platt, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the Fifth Avenue hotel, where she had been ill for some time. Her husband and sons were at the bed side.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 12.—At a largely attended meeting of the British Empire League held this morning, resolutions favoring a consultative imperial council, the Pacific cable, and a Canadian naval reserve were passed. Mr. Borden, of Halifax, in moving for the last named scheme, pointed out that excellent material for such reserves was available in the Maritime Provinces. A resolution of condolence to King Edward was passed. Col. Dennison was re-elected president.

EXPENSIVE KILLING.

(Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.) "Let's kill time!" exclaimed the fair young girl, as she gazed out of the window on the softly falling feather flakes. "Kill time?" replied her steady companion, inquiringly. "Yes, sleek it." "He had to do it, though it took all his accumulation of pelf since Christmas."

MADRID, Feb. 12.—Don Ramon De Camponator, the poet, philosopher and statesman, is dead.

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Plain Rolls—One pint of sweet milk, let it come to a boil, put in butter the size of an egg; and let it cool; add one cake of compressed yeast, dissolved in one-half cup of warm water, and let rise over night. In the morning knead, cut into small biscuits, let rise again and bake.

Baking Powder Biscuit.—Sift with one quart of flour two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Rub in shortening (butter and lard mixed) the size of an egg, and mix with enough sweet milk to make a soft dough. Handle as little as possible, and put out with the hands until about an inch thick. Cut the desired size, and bake 20 minutes. Do not have the oven too hot at first, but increase the heat after they are in.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

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SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

The Star is glad to welcome, even at this date, the cordial support of the Globe in aid of the monument in this city to the memory of the New Brunswick soldiers who fell in South Africa. Referring to the announcement that the amount raised in Trinity church on memorial day was to be devoted to this purpose, and had been handed over to his worship the mayor, the Globe says:

"The object is one that will commend itself to all citizens, and subscriptions should be freely and generously given, so that a monument worthy of the object can be erected in our city."

What our contemporary said last evening is what the Star has been saying for more than five months. Contributions have not been coming in as rapidly as could be wished. Now that the mayor has also opened a list and the Globe and other newspapers have discovered the fact that lists have been started and show an interest in the project, we may be permitted to hope that subscriptions will come in more freely. The Star welcomes all converts to the cause which it has persistently advocated, and hopes that all the citizens and all the newspapers will recognize the importance of erecting in this city a fitting memorial to those sons of New Brunswick who, on the far fields of South Africa, have laid down their lives for the empire. The Star will be glad to receive and acknowledge further contributions.

THE CAUSE OF THE ZEAL.

The valued Telegraph is hot on the trail of the C. P. R. The other day it headed an article "A C. P. R. Roor-back," which in political parlance signifies a falsehood. This morning it invites its readers to watch the torques play into the hands of the C. P. R. It was not always thus. The citizens of St. John have good enough memories to recall the time when the Telegraph was the abiding friend and advocate of the great railway, even advising that the Intercolonial should be handed over to that corporation. But something has happened. Mr. Blair is now minister of railways, and controls the utterances of the Telegraph. He is not on cordial terms with the C. P. R. management, but is the bosom friend of its rival, the Grand Trunk. When the Telegraph denounces the C. P. R. it is not doing so as a great public journal, devoted to the interests of St. John and the country, but as the organ of a gentleman who favors the Grand Trunk and desires to arouse in the minds of the people a prejudice against the Canadian Pacific. It is well for the people to bear this fact in mind when they read the utterances of Mr. Blair's paper.

SEAMEN'S MISSION.

That excellent institution, the Seamen's Mission, which held its annual meeting last night, was able to begin the new year free of debt. This is gratifying to all friends of the mission, which is doing a good work in the interests of the sailors. A report appearing elsewhere shows that the coffee room in connection with the establishment was well patronized, and it is well known that a very large number of sailors in the course of a year find a good home under moral influences at the mission, during their stay in port. When the mission was first started on Water street the prospect did not seem very bright, but the steady and persevering efforts of its leading promoters have borne good fruit, and it is to the credit of the city that it can point to the comfortable building on Prince William street devoted to the interest of those who go down to the sea in ships.

The Telegraph appears to be seeking the good will of the amiable senator from this city, whose paper spoke very strongly on the subject of the stuffed roosey lists. The Telegraph this morning has a very nice paragraph on the "happy vein" and masterly speech of Senator Ellis in the upper chamber on Monday.

The doings of the British Empire League this morning, at Ottawa, will be a cause of grave concern to Dr. Froebette, of Quebec, and any other annexationists that may be found in that province.

A Boer in Chicago says the Boers in South Africa have no reason in the world to surrender now. He is speaking at a reasonably safe distance.

THE SAINT VALENTINE.

Saint Valentine, though wide your fame, Add this the eye your name, Your countenance is a saint.

From y'outhtime up to middle age I've loved for your perfume, But ever since we've been acquainted I haven't acted like a saint.

For when comes round, as fixed as fate, The day which you appropriate, You give me cause for new complaint, In manner most unlike a saint. I long have sued for Mahal's smiles And yielded to her bosom wiles, But ardent lines or banish quail, Alike are spurned, the violet's saint.

Your hair's rimmed with many a dart; Your symbol is a wounded heart; Fond swains you lure with ardent feint, Such actions don't become a saint.

You no longer should appear In my eyes, for I am here, For I affirm without restraint, You're more a snorer than a saint. Lippincott's Monthly Magazine.

A SWEETHEART'S VALENTINE.

I roll my chair up to the blaze That fills my chamber with glow, And sit a dream of other days— A half-forgotten long ago; And in my dream I see you, As bright as were the sender's eyes, As bright as were the sender's eyes, For it is he who sends me this.

How fair the words which here appear, The roses the page she smiled upon; I listen, for I seem to hear The laugh which told her labor done. A sweet heart! Perhaps to you, As long ago the self-same line, "The rose is red, the violet's blue, Glows on my sweetheart's Valentine."

Why tell me that the rose was red? So were her cheeks "neath winter's skies, The violet, but blue her radiant eyes; Across the snow from rustic hills, Above the snow her kerchief's twin, Sir Cupid carried with a kiss This quaint, perfumed old Valentine.

The rose is just as red today As when she painted the complete true; As when she painted the complete true, The violet remains as blue; The year's change will only prove, Despite their shadows and their shine, That many a maiden's hope and love Went with the old Valentine.

VALENTINE DAY.

Changes in the Styles of Cards and Other Souvenirs From Old Time Varieties—Some Customs. (Bangor Commercial.)

Good St. Valentine's feast comes tomorrow, and the day is observed in the manner as when you were young and happy and a strict follower of all the customs of each holiday; there'll be the distribution of souvenirs, sometimes cards and sometimes candy; heart receipts and other things in honor of the good old man who spent his time making other people cheerful and contented and to whose memory the day is set apart.

For the past week the stores have been selling the cards and souvenirs in town are supplied. Some of the cards will go out by mail, but the most of them, under the approved fashion, will be delivered personally, the making of the message before his identity is discovered.

There's been a radical change in valentines within the past half dozen years. Formerly they were made in colors with coverings of paper, and some of the designs were very simple and sentimental couplet. But the lace was the main thing; the more lace the better the valentine and it is generally acknowledged that a young man's affection for his sweetheart is in proportion to the ornateness of the token.

Now, however, the valentines are, for the most part ordinary cards, handsomely made of course and decorated with arched hearts, dimples, curls and other devices which are ever pleasing to lovers whether they be children or of more advanced age.

Some of this year's valentines are decided novelties. One of the best sellers is a cablegram sent over the wire, which is copied after legal documents and grants permission for Charley So-and-so to pay suit to Lizzie What's-her-Name. There are other unique varieties of this sort, which, though youths, seem wholly inadequate to older persons who recall the tokens of the feast when they were in school.

The ubiquitous Gibson creations, both men and girls, have entered the valentine field and cards of all sorts are seen the Golf Girl, the Bicycle Maiden, the Sentimental Suiter and dozens of others. The men and maidens, sometimes in pairs and sometimes singly, are printed on ordinary cards alongside a verse appropriate to the day. Despite the widespread craze for the Gibson pictures which has been on long enough to be satisfied long ago, the picture cards sell, though they hardly can be called as popular as some of the other specimens.

In former times the comic valentines sold by the hundreds, but now, to the credit of the present generation, it is evidently approaching its last days, for there is only a small demand for the pictures compared with the sales of a dozen years back. But of course there is an occasional call for the hideous caricatures which are all designed to meet the demands of today, even golf girls being seen in the exhibits at the stores where they are sold.

One of the recent innovations into the celebration of St. Valentine's day is the holding of party games, this game being recognized as the proper pastime for this festival. This is the game with cards of course; there is another sort of playing with hearts, too, with which this story has nothing to do that is often included in at this time. This little game accounts for the increased sales in costly boxes of candy and expensive bunches of roses in the valentine season.

DIED AGED 111 YEARS.

CORNWALL, Ont., Feb. 8.—Francis Bennett, the oldest resident in North York, N. Y., is dead at Massena, N. Y., aged 111 years. Deceased was born at Coteau, Que., on March 1, 1790. Bennett was a frequent visitor to Cornwall until a few years ago, and was well known in the vicinity. In 1845 he married Miss Kate Twobly, of Prescott, the marriage ceremony being performed at St. Raphael's, Glenora county.

A woman always feels safe when she thinks she can trust a man, but she'd be a whole heap safer if she'd always trust herself.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Little business was transacted in the house today beyond answering questions put by members and hearing notices of motions.

Before the house proceeded to discuss private business, Mr. Maclean of East York, called the attention of the government to the impending disaster to United States railway interests through their purchase by the greatest trust in the world. He felt that the pooling of the great highways and coal fields, oil output, banking institutions and iron and steel industries was of too grave a moment to pass unchallenged, particularly as this monster trust turned its attention to Canada and wife Canada off the map. He asked the government to take steps to protect the railway interests of the west, even if it is necessary to secure government control of the C. P. R. and C. T. R.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier endeavored to put Mr. McLean off by questions of order, but despite this action, Clarke Wallace and John Charlton insisted that attention should be given to the question of the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. building up American ports at the expense of Canada. Montreal, he said, was to be sacrificed along with St. John and Halifax, and he thought the time had arrived to put the brakes on. Sir Wilfrid Laurier consented to give information on motion.

Answering Mr. Ingram of East Elgin, the minister of militia stated that as Canadian soldiers had died in Africa in the imperial service, it was not the intention to bring their bodies back. He believed that in many cases the graves had been properly marked under the supervision of the imperial authorities.

Hon. Mr. Fielding announced that a bill to establish a Canadian mint would be introduced this session. He also stated that the government would not call in debased coin, which, however, Mr. Tarte refused information re the Yukon telegraph at the request of Sir Hilbert Tupper, without a motion being given.

Hon. Mr. Mulock reported that the establishment of rural postal delivery would be considered at an early date. Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimated that he had been personally invited to assist Australia in the opening of a federal railway, and that he would accept it possible.

Sir Hilbert Tupper made several motions for information covering Yukon affairs. Hon. Mr. Sifton stated that he had yet received Mr. Ogilvie's resignation. Mr. Wilson of Lennox moved for information covering elevators at St. John and Halifax.

Senator Howell referred in fitting terms to the death of Senators Sir Frank Smith, McInnes and McKindsey. The latter passed away today, and news of his death reached the senate shortly before the hour of assembly.

NOTES.

On Thursday Mr. Ganong will ask has a census commission been appointed for the electoral division of Charlotte, with the number and names of applicants. Mr. Clark of West Toronto, will ask the Marine Insurance Company against St. John, N. B., and Montreal, in favor of Portland and Boston. This discrimination amounts at times to as much as three shillings a head. In future the Elder-Dempster line will insure all the cargo carried by it at the same rates as the insurance companies charge at Portland and Boston, assuming the entire risk themselves. Mr. Campbell also announced the chartering of one of Thompson's steamers to carry a thousand tons of hay to South Africa from St. John, N. B., sailing the latter end of March.

GRIP DESCRIPTIVE.

A man who has had it says it feels this way: A wheeze, A sneeze, Bones ache, Brains ache, Eyes red, Sore head, Can't feed, Can't read, Can't smoke, No joke, Can't sing, Ears ring, Can't talk, Can't walk, Don't care, Rip! Swear! Take pills, Doc's bills.

MONUMENTS TO HEROES.

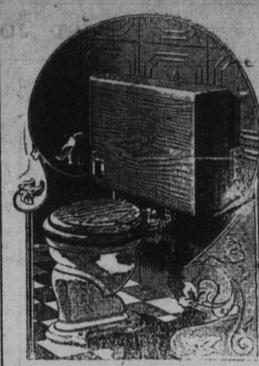
(Canadian Magazine.) Over the world there are little mounds and crosses to show where he fought and died. These monuments will remain. Over the Dominion of Canada, from ocean to ocean, will be raised tablets and statues to commemorate his deeds. These monuments will remain. In the hearts of the people have been created proud and generations will go, but the deeds of this young man shall not be forgotten. The fables of the historians have been deeply graven, and the letters shall endure.

SOMEWHAT MISTAKEN.

An estimable old lady who lives on Riverside Drive has frequently been the innocent cause of merriment among relatives and friends. The lady admits she is "slightly deaf." Her son declares she is "stone deaf," whatever that may mean. While the family were sitting quietly discussing the weather a few evenings ago there was a loud explosion, probably a rock blast in the immediate neighborhood, which shook every window in the house. The old lady calmly turned toward the door and said: "Come in!"

MALAGA, Feb. 12.—There was an earthquake shock today at Gravelines. It was accompanied by loud rumblings. The inhabitants were panic-stricken, and many buildings were damaged.

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Low Down Closet Combination, Worth \$24 for \$14.00, For one month only.

If you are thinking of making changes in your Bath Room or putting in new w. c., why not get one of these high class closets at the extremely low price I am selling them at.

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MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Joseph Meloch today was given judgment for \$2,500 damages against the Dominion Bridge company. Meloch was loaded steel beams when one fell on his right leg, crushing it so that amputation was necessary.

The Star's London cable says: The transport Erie, with Strathcona's troops on board, passed St. Catharines, Isle of Wight, at two o'clock this afternoon, and is expected to enter the Thames by tomorrow morning's tide. The Duke of Abercorn's committee has made elaborate reception arrangements, though the national mourning will prevent any public demonstrations. Lord Roberts expressed the warmest personal interest in the corps visit to London. The contingent will visit the tower, Mansion House, Buckingham Palace, etc., but in a much more private manner than the visit of the second special service battalion.

At the annual meeting today of the shareholders of the Montreal Cotton company, it was voted to increase the capital stock from two to four millions. The increase is mainly to be used in building and equipping a mill to make goods for Chinese trade.

In the annual charge to the Diocesan Synod today, Bishop Bond strongly cautioned the clergymen of the diocese from marrying divorced persons without reference to him. A novel feature in the court of special sessions this morning was the sentencing by Judge Desnoyres of an entire family to the penitentiary, reform school and jail. Ludger Hantous, the eldest son of the family in question, was arrested for stealing some \$1,600 worth of goods from a dry goods store. The other members of the family were arrested for disposing of the goods. Ludger Hantous was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. His father and two brothers received two years each in the penitentiary. The mother was sentenced to twenty-three months in the common jail, and the youngest son will spend three years in the reformatory school.

D. W. Campbell, manager of the Elder-Dempster line, stated today that the company had decided to end the discrimination on cattle rates by the Marine Insurance Company against St. John, N. B., and Montreal, in favor of Portland and Boston. This discrimination amounts at times to as much as three shillings a head. In future the Elder-Dempster line will insure all the cargo carried by it at the same rates as the insurance companies charge at Portland and Boston, assuming the entire risk themselves. Mr. Campbell also announced the chartering of one of Thompson's steamers to carry a thousand tons of hay to South Africa from St. John, N. B., sailing the latter end of March.

TRIED IT ON TENANTS.

(Chicago Tribune.) A Chicago woman who met an acquaintance on a Rush street carrette the other day looked so sad that her friend asked her, "Is there any one sick at your house?" "No, but I've had news from any of your relatives?" "No, no that."

"Well, what is the trouble?" "Why," she said finally, "I will tell you. The landlord of our flat building has invented a new furnace that he thinks will save coal."

"Well, does it save coal?" "O, yes," said the woman, sadly. "It saves the coal, but everybody in the flat is slowly freezing to death. It's awful to live in a house owned by an inventor who tries everything on the dog."

HOTELS.

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TO LET.

TO BE LET—Dwelling house No. 151 Princess street, at present occupied by B. F. GARDINER, Esq. Dining room, double drawing room, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, etc. May be seen on Thursday afternoon or on other days on application to E. I. STURDIB, 55 Prince Wm. street.

TO LET—Flat No. 135 south side Paradise row, now in occupation of Mrs. Mary Charlton. Rental \$100. May be seen Wednesday and Friday, 3 to 6.

TO LET—Lower flat, No. 178 Duke street. For particulars apply to A. GILMOUR, 62 King street, or J. S. ARMSTRONG, 37 Charlotte street.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—Situations for a number of young women, to do house work or look after children. Apply to MR. GARDINER, Old Tidings Hall, Brussels street, between 10 and 12 in the morning.

MONEY TO LOAN.

On Freehold and Leasehold Property—repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

WANTED.

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. Apply at 154 Main, lower flat.

WANTED—Two intelligent boys to learn the cabinet making. Enquire at factory, east end of Union street. J. & J. D. HOWE.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.

Some Information as to the Force Now Being Organized.

Is a permanent mounted force for maintaining order in the Orange River Colony and Transvaal; also available as a military force in time of war. Qualifications—Candidates must be not under 20 nor over 35; good riders, good shots, single, strictly sober, medically fit and recommended by at least two persons in responsible positions.

Period of Engagement—Three years from date of attestation in South Africa. They may re-engage on increased pay. Promotion and Pay—Promotion will be by merit and commissions will be obtainable from the ranks. Promotion will depend upon a man's efficiency and behaviour. Men must enter at lowest grade and work up.

Pay—Sergeant (staff sergeant) \$2.48 per diem Sergeant ... 2.19 per diem Second-class sergeant ... 1.94 per diem Corporal ... 1.82 per diem First-class trooper ... 1.70 per diem Second-class trooper ... 1.46 per diem Third-class trooper ... 1.21 per diem

Pay as above will commence from date of attestation in South Africa. An extra allowance will be given to men to cover high market prices when stationed north of the Vaal river. The allowance is provisionally fixed at 48 cents per day. A travelling allowance of \$1.21 per day is given when the men are on duty outside of district.

Marriage—Men must obtain sanction of commanding officer, and they will then be entitled to an extra allowance to cover lodging, such as rations, fuel, light, etc., at the rate of 73 cents per day.

Free Issues—Rations, horses, forage, clothing, equipment, arms, quarters and medical attendance are supplied free. Settlers in South Africa—Proposals are under consideration whereby a certain number of farms will be annually given to members of the South African Constabulary, and they will also be assisted in starting by government advances, money advanced being repayable on easy terms.

Furlough—Leave of absence—one month in each year—will be given. Candidates found unsuitable on their arrival in South Africa will be given a free passage back to Canada. Railway fare and subsistence to point of embarkation will be provided.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—The secretary of the Canadian Methodist missions in Japan today received word that the representatives of the six Methodist churches operating in Japan had met and decided in favor of amalgamating their work so as to prevent the present waste of energy. A committee is now at work on the plan of operation. The churches are Methodist, Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, Canadian Methodist, United Brethren, Evangelical Association and Methodist Episcopal south.

MRS. CARRIE NATION.

Prose and Poetry Touching Her Saloon Wrecking Career.

(New York Paper.) Mrs. Carrie Nation of Topeka, Kan., seems especially to enjoy smothering the property of individuals engaged in the business of retailing beer and spirits—commonly called saloon keepers.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has informed the world of her intention to attack New York. She receives her notification, and simultaneously we receive from Chicago a poem by one of Mr. Kobham's best poets. We give extracts from Mr. Kobham's poem, in the same issue, supplying, as it were, "the date and the address."

I can assure the sinners of New York city that they will know more about me and my methods by July the first of this year.—Mrs. Nation.

Dame Nation of red Kansas By all her ribbons sworn That her bewhiskered neighbors

Should quench their thirst no more! She smashed a glass and chewed it, And tore out bunches of her hair, And hung them forth upon the air, And hercely danced about.

—Chicago Poet. New York city is the worst den of iniquity in America, and it is the duty of every citizen of untold wickedness and misery in other cities.—Mrs. Nation.

East and west and north and south She ran with all her might, And never did a dollar such a wrong Present so fierce a sight!

Shame on the Kansas woman Who sits at home and croons A lullaby, when she might be Demolishing saloons!

—Chicago Poet. I will reform New York just as I will reform Kansas except that no money necessarily be carried on a larger scale, and will not be stopped until I have completed the organization of a standing army of women to wipe out America's saloons.—Mrs. Nation.

The bourbon and the lager Are pouring out again; From "Frank's" buffet and "George's" flask.

To irrigate the plain; And many a costly mixer Is cracked in forty ways; And all her notions are designed To irrigate the same.

—Chicago Poet. When I begin the work of reforming New York I will simply demand of saloon keepers that they close their places of business. They refuse I will warn them that their places will be demolished, and within a week from the time I commence a warfare on the saloons I will see that the work of ridding New York of saloons is well done.—Mrs. Nation.

The sheriff hurries forward And bids a cease to speak; She pulls his ears and twacks his nose And roughly tells him that she means to take the bar to pieces, And knock out all the bugs, And round about her hundred men Stand with protruding tongues.

—Chicago Poet. THE WIVES OF GENIUS.

(Mail and Express.) Genius is traditionally unhappy and unfortunate. Whether the greatest minds are susceptible of the greatest passions and capable of the greatest misery, or whether by the law of compensation the capacity for joy, enjoyment and the gift of adaptability are omitted from the makeup of a genius, is a question to be decided, perhaps, only in particular instances and not in the abstract. Such accounts as are given of the private lives of literary celebrities, however, seem to confirm the idea that a genius has not the faculty for a happy, domestic existence, or else is most unfortunate in selecting a life partner.

—Chicago Poet. In the earlier phase of the matter, there is the incontrovertible fact that genius is oft misunderstood, unappreciated and denied. From the genius is withheld in life the recognition he must die gain. The most noble not only for fame, but for the maintenance of a principle and the necessities of existence oft has ended in tragedy. Great men have suffered from their greatness. Columbus, for instance, was laughed at for daring to think the earth was round and died miserably in chains. Galileo was thrown into prison for his theories about the sun and stars.

SOME UNHAPPY GENIUSES. Many men of literary genius seem to have singularly unhappy in their love affairs and marriages. The most brilliant minds have been allied to women of mediocre intellect; utterly lacking in appreciation. The wife of Racine took no interest in the great poet's work, and never saw or read one of his plays. Milton was likewise unhappy in his married life, and the rites of sepulture were refused him because he had been an actor. Chatterton, "the marvelous boy who perished in his pride," is one of the most pathetic figures in literary history. Diris poverty was the lot of this young genius, who spent his last farthing for poison.

More than one author has been thrown into prison. Cervantes wrote the first part of "Don Quixote" behind the bars. John Bunyan languished miserably in prison for years, and there wrote his "Pilgrim's Progress." Richard Lovelace, the cavalier poet, also knew the hardships of prison life. Milton wrote his immortal epic in domestic discord. Financial and political troubles overtook him and did not tend to soften his wife's sharp tongue. The daughters to whom he dictated "Paradise Lost" had given but a rudimentary education, and this work was consequently a fearful trial of patience on both sides. William Cowper had frequent fits of insanity. "Rare" Ben Johnson was wretchedly poor. Dryden's wife made home so unpleasant for him that most of his time was spent at Will's coffee house. Goldsmith was both poor and unhappy. Creditors, physical awkwardness and a hopeless love affair combined to make "life wretched for the gentle author. Pope, sickly and deformed, was flouted by his adored Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, and altogether the poor little "Miss of Twickenham" had an unhappy time of it.

Poetry Allied to Unhappiness. Poetry and unhappiness seem to have gone hand in hand in many instances. Shelley's life and brilliant genius were clouded by domestic troubles. From his marriage, at nineteen, to his death, by drowning, at thirty, he went through many tragic and trying experiences. Consumption shattered his career. His body was cremated, except the heart, which was taken by his wife to England, where the ashes had been buried in the picturesque cemetery at Rome. The slab over his grave bears the inscription "Corcordium."

Byron's stormy life is almost exceptional. He endured most of the misery

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that can possibly befall mankind. The story of his bitter experiences and, loyely death is well known. One of the saddest chapters in all literature is the short life of John Keats—brilliant, severely criticised, misunderstood by the woman he loved, and doomed to death by consumption at twenty-five. A short time before he died he said he felt the daisies growing over his grave, and on his tomb is engraved by his own wish the memorable words: "Here lies one whose name was writ in water."

Mozart suffered from a love affair that cast discord over his peaceful life; Dante wandered in exile, Homer was blind and persecuted, Beethoven, master of music, was deaf to its melody. Poe's poverty and tendency to drink, together with the pitiful death of his young wife, well nigh drove him to madness. Edwin Booth's sensitive spirit was broken by financial misfortunes and domestic bereavement. Eleonora Duse's life is a sad tragedy which has made of her a morbid woman.

The list grows long, but these are not all. Glancing over the world's greatest names, it will be seen that misery has oft been linked with fame. Fate, perhaps, with a grim sense of justice, deals out the greatest sorrows with the greatest gifts.

RAGTIME ON CHURCH ORGAN. Brethren and Sisters Astonished By the Strains From the Sacred Pipes.

"Ragtime" music has gained a foothold in one of the most aristocratic churches in Evanston. At a reception and dinner given at the South Presbyterian church on Thursday night the old pipe organ, which has never known and squealed to the tune of A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight and Just Because She Made Them Goo-Goo Eyes.

A large number of the most prominent Presbyterians in Evanston were present at the dinner, which was held in the church. After the dinner there were speeches by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Francis, and the guests of honor. After they had finished it was announced that those present would be entertained by an impromptu musical programme in the auditorium of the church. When the seats were filled the organist was asked to play for the delectation of those present. She went to the organ and, after a moment's hesitation, started off with A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight.

After the first measure was played the audience was horror-stricken. They had expected to hear a Bach sonata or a selection from The Messiah. The older members, who have been good Presbyterians for years, straightened up in their seats and rubbed their ears and wondered what was the matter with the old organ. It had never been known to do anything in the least undignified, and they could not believe that they were mistaken in the tune. A murmur of disapproval ran through the audience. At length one suggested that it might be a prelude to some piece which had not been heard before in the classic town. Others thought that perhaps the church had adopted some Salvapelle army song. When the first bars were finished and the chorus was reached all realized that there was nothing of a sacred kind in the piece, and that the instrument that had been taught Old Hundred and Rock of Ages was being profaned.

There were some in the audience who did not think that the music could be improved upon. They were the young people. They caught the refrain and hummed it and when the organist had finished the tune that inspired the soldiers as they climbed San Juan hill, she received a hearty encore.

She returned to the organ, pulled out a few more stops and began playing a sacred interlude. This was not what the listeners wanted, and the piece received little attention. When it was over there was a sharp ripple of applause. A moment later someone started the hand-clapping and it soon became general. The organist knew what was wanted. She turned again to the organ, touched the keys, and started on Just Because She Made Them Goo-Goo Eyes. When the verse was finished and the first notes of the chorus rolled from the deep throat of the organ the notes swelled until the air thrummed like a thunderstorm as sounded by a country dance. The "windjammer," who pumps air into the lungs of the organ, caught the spirit and worked until the pipes raved like a Kansas cyclone.

By this time those who used to dance the Virginia reel and the roping waltz had begun to like the music. Some said that it was a revelation in music, and others said that the Salvation army is ten years in advance of the church, because it has adapted sacred words to popular music. There were some in the audience who did not approve of the new departure, and said that it was wrong to introduce the music of the hurdy-gurdy into the church.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

SURPRISED MR. AND MRS. G. S. MAYES. A large number of friends gave Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mayes a pleasant surprise party at their home, Lancaster, last evening. The occasion was the sixteenth anniversary of their marriage. Many of the friends came from the eastern side of the harbor and all met with a hearty welcome. An impromptu programme was carried out and later in the evening refreshments were served. The gathering spent a most enjoyable evening and broke up with best wishes for many more happy anniversaries for Mr. and Mrs. Mayes.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. In the elementary course of lectures before the Natural History Society last evening, Dr. G. F. Matthew gave a most instructive address on the Depths of the Ocean, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was given him for the two lectures he has delivered in this course.

Before the ladies' association of the society, Mrs. J. R. Calhoun will give the next lecture on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock; subject, A Coaching Trip Through England, Wales and Belgium.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

R. F. Stupart, Director of Meteorological Service. St. John Observatory, Feb. 13, 1901. 8.00 a. m. Weather Report.

10th Meridian Time. Bar. Temperature. Wind. Clouds. Montreal, 29.03 2 N.W. 20 Partly. Quebec, 29.03 2 N.W. 20 Cloudy. Chatham, 29.03 2 N.W. 14 Snow. Charlottetown, 29.00 10 N.W. 10 Snow. Sydney, 28.74 24 N.W. 4 Cloudy. Halifax, 28.94 N.W. 4 Snow. Yarmouth, 29.10 18 N.W. 20 Snow. St. John, 29.10 18 N.W. 24 Snow. St. Catharines, 29.12 12 N.W. 24 Snow. Bathurst, 29.16 12 N.W. 24 Cloudy. Boston, 29.46 12 N.W. 24 Clear. New York, 29.32 12 N.W. 53 Clear.

Bulletin from Toronto. Forecast—Strong winds and gales, northwest; cold, with local snowfalls. Thursday, 13th, cold, northwest gales. Friday, 14th, snow. The storm has increased in energy and is still centered north of New Brunswick, and heavy northwest gales are prevalent on the coast. It is at present of much improvement.

Telegraph messages of enquiry regarding the weather, from ports where the morning bulletin is not posted, addressed to the Observatory, St. John, will be answered without delay. Enquiry and answer cost but one rate, which must be paid by enquirer.

St. John Observatory. The Time Ball on Customs Building is hoisted for new elevation, 12.45 full elevation at 12.59, and drops at 1 p. m. local time, at the Observatory, equivalent to 5h. 5m. at Greenwich, and 12h. 20m. at Halifax or Standard Time of the 10th meridian.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1901. Highest temperature since eight o'clock last night, 32.0; lowest, 22.0. Wind, light S.W. at 11 a. m. Temperature at noon, 32.0. Barometer reading at noon (sea level and 32 deg. Fahr.), 29.04 inches. Wind velocity at 10 a. m., 10 m. per hour. Local Weather Notes. Cloudy and cold, with high northwest winds and S. E. breeze.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

SHIPPING NEWS.

LATE SHIP NEWS. ST. JOHN, Feb. 12—Arr. str. Bengore Head, Phillips, from Ardrossan, Thomson and Co. left. Domestic Ports. Arrived. HALIFAX, Feb. 12—Arr. str. Beta, from Jamaica, Turks Island and Bermuda. 511, str. Glencoe, for St. John, N.P.; Critic, for New York. 514, str. Queen, for St. John, N.P.; 515, str. Helm, for Kingston, Ja. British Ports. MIDDLESBORO, Feb. 12—Str. str. Sheldrake, for Halifax. MANCHESTER, Feb. 12—Str. str. Manchester, for Halifax and St. John. Foreign Ports. CITY ISLAND, Feb. 12—Bound south, str. Sylvia, from St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 512, str. Beta, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 513, str. Gamma, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 514, str. Delta, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 515, str. Epsilon, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 516, str. Zeta, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 517, str. Eta, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 518, str. Theta, for St. John, N.P., and Halifax, N.S. 519, str. 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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Martha Boldin, fifty-two years old, said to be the largest colored woman in all New York, is dead.

SOFIA, Feb. 12.—The elections to the Bulgarian assembly resulted in the return of fifty-eight supporters of the government.

ROME, Feb. 12.—The propaganda files of a meeting yesterday reconsidered the appointment of the Rev. C. O'Brien as Bishop of Portland, Maine.

MRS. F. G. HARRISON ILL. Mrs. F. G. Harrison, mother of Milton L. and Edward Harrison, of Harrison's Orchestra, is dangerously ill at her son's home, Celebration street.

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted, For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

Read the Ads. in the Star.

LOCAL NEWS.

Weather permitting the Prince Rupert will make a special trip to Digby and return tomorrow, 14 Feb.

Gideon Loyal Orange lodge will hold a prize contest and entertainment in the Orange hall tomorrow evening.

The latest novelty in toilet soaps is the "Longest Reign" soap—a cake in the shape of the late queen's head.

Manifests were received today for seven cars of meat and one of provisions over the C. P. R. for export.

A presentation will be made this evening to Pte. J. Johnston in Glad's hall, by a number of his friends.

An Ottawa despatch says that Hon. Geo. E. Foster has returned from England in splendid health. His trip was one of private business.

Strawberries can now be had in the big grocery stores. The Star staff is thinking of buying one. They are seventy-five cents a box.

The Mission band of the Leinster street Baptist church will hold a supper in the vestry of the church tomorrow evening from five to seven.

Thomas Davis accidentally fell through James Sargeant's shoemaking shop window on Main street last evening. The damage was made good.

For several days the large guard room of the police court, adjoining the halls and smaller rooms, have been raided, and large seizures of dust and dirt made.

Messrs. Burtill and Pearson, belonging to Yarmouth and Halifax, respectively, are expected here today to hold a conference with the civic authorities in regard to steel shipbuilding.

Singing Evangelist McLean is assisting Rev. A. T. Dykeman in his regular services in the Fairville Baptist church. The services are being largely attended and are quite successful.

Coaching Trips in England, Wales and Belgium is the subject of Mrs. J. R. Calhoun's lecture before the Ladies Association of the Natural History Association tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.

An effort is being made to have all the churches of this city hold their week night services on Monday and Friday nights, so that if at any time a special or united service is held it will not clash with the regular week services of any church.

A. E. Barton, clerk, I. C. R., Moncton, who has been confined to his home for the past few days, is able to be out again. Mr. Barton was recently formally appointed to the position in the general manager's office formerly held by W. Rippey.

Officer Crawford did a little bit of house missionary work down around the Brindley Salvation army street barracks last evening. A crowd of unruly young men were disturbing the meeting and the officer made use of a little muscular Christianity, backed up by the law of the realm.

Saturday night last Capt. Jenkins, Inspector Jones and Sergt. Baxter seized some liquor at Elizabeth Mallman's place on Kimball street, off Haymarket square. Mrs. Mallman did not appear at the police court today to answer to the charge laid against her. She may have skipped.

The opera Nell Gwynne was put on in the Opera house last night before a large audience. The leading parts were taken by Mrs. Shepard Gribby, Miss Margaret Patton, Miss Vall, Miss Francis Rainnie, Miss Daisy Sears, David Pidgeon, J. Kelley, J. W. Fraser, C. D. Shaw and G. C. Jordan.

In Union hall, north end, this evening the young men of Indian town will formally welcome their friend, Allan Leavitt, back from the war. The Grand regiment band will play, and Rev. David Long, on behalf of the friends of Mr. Leavitt, will present the returned hero with a purse. There will be a musical programme and a few social hours.

With the thermometer hovering a few notches above zero last night Officer James Covay, of the north end police division, discovered a beautiful feather fan on Harrison street. The inappropriateness of the article struck the officer as funny, until he remembered there was an amateur production being put on in the Opera house. The fan is at Capt. Hastings' office.

Fred. W. McNicol is home from Boston, where he had been studying for two years in the New England Conservatory of Music. Mr. McNicol's studies were chiefly those which pertained to composition, he being particularly gifted in that direction. He is now a full-fledged musician, but will continue to study his chosen profession. At present Mr. McNicol is with Emerson & Fisher.

Tomorrow is St. Valentine's day, but the postal staff is not worrying. Of late years, they state, the custom of sending love-letters and caricatures has fallen off greatly. It is now but a passing amusement for children and "soft" people. Not a thousand valentines of all kinds will pass through the post office, and as one letter carrier put it, "the only thing we mind is the big upper Canadian papers."

POLICE COURT.

At the police court this morning Charles Long, for assaulting Gilbert Crawford was fined \$5 on the days jail with hard labor. Long struck Crawford in view of the police on Mill street, hitting him a stunning blow.

Bridget Beers, an elderly woman, was given in charge by Lizzie Lyons for being drunk and disorderly on her premises on Meadow street. Mrs. Beers' daughter called at the court and took her mother home with her, promising to influence her for the better in the future. Mrs. Beers promised to do better.

An assault case, in which a youth and two boys also, occupied considerable time, and after hearing the various witnesses the magistrate dismissed the case.

LOYALIST SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Loyalist society last evening a resolution referring to the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, was passed and the resolution was ordered to be engraved, signed by the president and forwarded to King Edward through the governor general.

The boys also, passed a resolution referring to the death of A. Chipman Smith. This resolution was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Smith.

A very interesting paper on John Califf was read by D. R. Jack.

A handout was presented to the society by Miss Mabel Peters on behalf of her father, A. N. Peters. The gavel is of interesting association, as it was made from a chair brought by James Tilley from Hampstead, Long Island, N. Y., in 1783.

On either side it bears a silver shield with these inscriptions: "Made from a chair brought by James Tilley, Esq., grantee of Partown, from Hampstead, Long Island, N. Y., 1783."

The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' association of the deanery of St. John was held last evening in the vestry of Trinity church, with Rev. A. D. Dawdney, the retiring president, in the chair.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Rev. A. G. H. Dicker. Lay vice-president—H. C. Tilley, C. H. Kinneary.

Approaching wedding. The nuptials of Miss Lillian, only daughter of George Kitchen, the well known contractor, and Rupert Lee, of Boston, formerly of Woodstock, are to be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Forty-two Russians killed. LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Shan Hai Kuan, dated Feb. 11, says the Russians lost forty-two men killed in an engagement at Kao Chiao, and that they refused the assistance of the allies. It is hoped that the arrival at Pekin of Sir Walter Hillyer, adviser to the British military authority in China, will expedite the negotiations with the Chinese court.

Jimmy McLeod's narrow escape. Mrs. McLeod, of Rockland Road, telegraphed to Calgary, N. W. T., yesterday to find out if her son James, the ex-baseballist of the Rockies, was among the party who were frozen in the big storm on the plains a few days ago. She received an answer that two of McLeod's companions were frozen to death, but her son the redoubtable "Jimmy" is still alive, though badly frost bitten.

The forward movement. The forward movement to raise funds for the purpose of making the Y. M. C. A. building a modern structure is going on steadily. For several seasons it was decided that it was better to again lease the stores in connection with the building and make no beginning in regard to the building this spring. The illness of the chairman of the board and of the secretary was against immediate operations. It was also expected that the international committee would send one of its men to aid in the financial work. Up to the present it was found impossible to do this, but assistance from this quarter is expected later in the year.

A little English yankee. Prof. C. E. Williams, the veteran bandmaster and conductor, received intelligence from Memphis, Tenn., yesterday, which makes him a grandfather. Baby Victoria Williams is the daughter of the professor's son, Dr. Arthur Williams, well-known in St. John musical circles a few years, but who is now enjoying a remunerative professional practice in the sunny south.

Tonight. Nell Gwynne by amateurs at Opera house, 8 p. m. Meeting of firemen in No. 2 engine house to benefit for poor. Reception to Allan Leavitt, Union hall, 8 p. m. Reception to James Johnston, Glad Tidings hall.

The remains of Mrs. Arthur C. Howe will arrive on the delayed C. P. R. express and will be buried from the depot in the Church of England burying ground. Mrs. Howe was daughter-in-law of the late Postmaster Howe. She had been living with her husband in Montreal during the last three months.

Second Edition.

MISS. FRANCES E. MURRAY, A Gifted Lady Suddenly Called from Life While Conversing With Friends.

Mrs. Frances E. Murray, one of the most prominent women in St. John, died at 12.30 today very suddenly. She was conversing with some members of the household at Miss Wright's, Wright street, where she boarded, when she was seized with the death spasm. Miss Murray was a daughter of the late Thomas Murray of this city, and has no relatives here. Mrs. Ruggles, in Millin, Mass., and Miss Ellen Murray, now in the southern states, are sisters.

Mrs. Murray spent a great many years with her uncle, the late Dr. Le Faron Botsford, of this city. For years she had been one of the most prominent charitable workers in St. John. She was vice-president of the Woman's Council and president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the S. P. C. A. in Trinity church, she had been a leader for years. Last summer Miss Murray visited the Canadian convention of the Woman's Council at Victoria, B. C., as a representative of the St. John council. She was a woman of great literary ability, and among her writings are the Lives of Dr. Botsford and Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, the latter publication being off the press but a few months. She has written very many highly interesting papers on a wide range of subjects, read before the societies with which she was connected.

She was one of the contributors to the publication on the Women of Canada, prepared for the Paris exposition by direction of the minister of agriculture.

Her father, John Thomas Murray, married in 1827, at Halifax, a daughter of Col. Wm. Despard, of the Royal Fusiliers. He held some office under the provincial government, and died in 1834, at the early age of 37.

Miss Murray was highly educated, and at one time had classes in German. She spent some time in the south, where her father at that time had charge of an institution in connection with the church. She was also a clever writer of verse, including some patriotic poems of merit.

METHODISTS SMASH A JOINT.

WITCHKA, Tex. Feb. 12.—A crowd of men, women and boys smashed a "joint" at Winfield, Kansas, today. The boys are mostly students from the Methodist College at Winfield. The saloon was completely wrecked. Charles Schmidt, proprietor, was cut on the head with a hatchet and severely injured. It is said one of the women was seriously hurt with flying glass. Last evening Ernest Hahn, a temperance advocate, was attacked by a "joint keeper" of the prohibition element who was greatly angered and today's raid resulted.

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BOARD OF WORKS.

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It was decided to enter into contract with Mr. Hilyard for timber for the Red's Point wharf, and Ald. Christie, McMillin and Jordan were appointed to look after the rebuilding of the wharf.

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