

Cuba's Loss.

The Death of Maceo Appears to be Confirmed.

Valuable Articles Taken From the Body in the Spanish Hands.

Major Cirujeda's Statement—The Remains Tied to a Horse's Feet and Dragged Away.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Senator Dupuy de Lome received the following cablegram from the Duke of Tetuan, Minister of State of Spain: "Confirm officially the death of leader Antonio Maceo in a glorious battle for our troops, and also the suicide of the son of Maximino Gomez."

Havana, Dec. 10.—Major Cirujeda, who commanded the Government troops in the battle where Gen. Maceo is said to have been killed, has in his possession several other articles taken from the body alleged to be that of Maceo. Among them are a gold watch, a pair of magnificent cuff buttons, made by Moreau, of Paris, with five-pointed stars upon their surface, a gold-mounted hunting knife, a gold handle, and a good waterproof, all of which were taken from the body by the Government scout Santa Ana.

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily News says that Conde de Casa Valencia, the Spanish ambassador in London, has not heard the report of the death of Gen. Maceo until he visited the Foreign Office, where Lord Salisbury congratulated him upon the news, which is confirmed from British sources.

Havana, Dec. 10.—The President of the Spanish officials that they have abundant proof of the death of Antonio Maceo and his young aide, Francisco Gomez, son of Maximino Gomez, continue without abatement. Major Cirujeda, whose troops discovered the two bodies and gave the evidence of identification, said today to the correspondent of the Associated Press that when the rebels were killed, it was evident that the body of the chief was abandoned on the field. The Spanish column without stopping to explore the field, went in hot pursuit of the insurgents. Meantime young Gomez is supposed to have committed suicide by Maceo's side. While the troops were returning after the pursuit, various guerrillas went over the field and searched the bodies for anything of importance. "The body of Maceo," Major Cirujeda continued, "was relieved of a ring, clothing, etc. The guerrilla who performed the act was, at the time, quite unaware that the body was that of Maceo."

The two bodies were therefore tied by the feet to the tails of some horses, and thus dragged over the ground. The intention being to carry them to the town for identification. But after proceeding a mile the horses became tired with their burden, and the bodies were therefore cut loose and left on the road.

When the troops reached Guala, Major Cirujeda proceeded to read the documents which had been found upon the bodies, and became convinced they were those of Antonio Maceo and young Gomez. But it was then too late to return and recover them. Major Cirujeda, however, expressed the firm conviction that they were those of Maceo and Gomez's son. Major Cirujeda telegraphed to headquarters that after the battle at Punta Brava he had been obliged to abandon the bodies, which in the course of a reconnaissance his troops had discovered to be those of Antonio and Francisco Gomez.

The bugler of the battalion of San Quintin was taking away the fallen Cuban a ring when he found that he was still alive. He thereupon killed him with the machete and succeeded in carrying away the body said to be Maceo's, but without securing any of the documents. At Punta Brava the soldiers delivered the jewels and documents which they had found with the two bodies, and then the chief of the column became convinced of the death of Maceo.

The Havana newspapers all print leading articles upon the alleged death of Maceo, and all of them express joy over the report of his demise. They also publish long detailed accounts of the finding of the bodies alleged to be those of Maceo and young Gomez, tending to verify the reports of their deaths.

Captain-General Weyler, in view of the scarcity of the supply of meat for the troops and the residents of the towns in the Province of Pinar del Rio, caused by the difficulty of getting cattle for slaughter, issued a decree ordering the troops to assist the cattle men to get their stock into the fields.

Madrid, Dec. 10.—The report of the death of Gen. Maceo in the battle between the Government troops and insurgents at San Pedro on Dec. 7 created the greatest enthusiasm here. Groups of excited students rushed through the streets making demonstrations at the Government offices and the United States legation, and venting their feelings in cheers for Spain, her army and Major Cirujeda.

TRAIN HELD UP.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—The Iron Mountain fast express was held up within the city limits last night by six masked men. Messenger W. J. Egan refused to let them in the express car. They threatened to kill him if he did not, and this threat being, they placed a stick of dynamite at the car door, and blew it to pieces, badly shattering one side of the car. However, it was through car, and the money was in a time-locked safe. The robbers left, securing no booty.

Knives of flint and other stone breaking with sharp fracture were known in early times. When the Spaniards invaded Mexico the natives had knives of volcanic glass.

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Bee Culture.

Officers of the Association Elected.

The Government Will Be Asked to Legislate Against Adulterated Honey.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The second day's proceedings of the Bee-Keepers' Convention opened yesterday morning. President J. K. Darling, Almonte, presided. The forenoon was largely taken up with a discussion on the advisability of obtaining an order in council to compel bee-keepers to put upon the market honey containing a certain percentage of well-ripened honey. It was finally decided that such legislation would be in the interests of those engaged in the industry. It was resolved that bee-keepers and merchants should be requested to report to the executive committee any cases of adulterated honey they should come across, in order that the offenders might be prosecuted.

In the afternoon the election of officers was the principal business, the following being chosen for the coming year: President, J. K. Darling, Almonte; first vice-president, N. B. Holmes, Athens; second vice-president, W. J. Brown, Chard; directors, J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville; C. W. Post, Trenton; A. Pickett, Nassagaweya; I. Overton, South Cayuga; Wm. Cousie, Streetsville; F. A. Gemmell, Stratford; W. A. Chrysler, Chatham; J. B. Hall, Woodstock; H. N. Hughes, Barrie; inspector of brood, W. McEvoy; inspector of foul brood, F. A. Gemmell, Stratford; representative at Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, R. F. Holtermann; representative at Western Fair, London, John Newton, Thamesford; Experimental Farm representative, J. K. Darling; representative to Agricultural College, Guelph, Dr. Mills; auditor, A. E. Hoshall and John Newton; revising committee, Messrs. Evans and Hesse.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the association in Hamilton. The evening session opened with a consideration of the stand to be taken by the Canadian bee-keepers in regard to the Bee-keepers' Union of North America and the North American Bee-keepers' Association. It was decided that the Ontario Association should take no action to change their present relations.

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The Truth About It.

Why an Attempt is Made to Keep the School Question Alive.

Kingston, Dec. 10.—Under the heading "Unmitigated Madness," today's Canadian Freeman (a Catholic Journal) says: "A small but rather noisy band of Tories—Tories first and Catholics at a very pronounced and painfully long interval—declare it their duty to keep the Manitoba school question in Dominion politics. In Dominion politics the question cannot be kept without grave and lasting injury to the minority of Manitoba. The Tory fanatics are, of course, however, for the minority, their sole purpose being to embarrass, and if possible destroy, the Laurier Government. They may mean well, but they can neither embarrass nor destroy that Administration. This, however, they can do—they can make the minority more and more odious in the eyes of the majority, and arrest the hand of justice, or chill the heart of generosity in the majority. The case is out of Dominion politics. It could be reintroduced into the Federal arena only by the unanimous consent of the Conservative party from all the provinces, especially from Ontario. It is, we declare, a case of unmitigated madness not to make use of such advantages as the settlement of the Manitoba school question offers of bettering their condition and placing them on the same footing of equality with all other classes of the Dominion. We want to see the Catholics of Manitoba get all that can be obtained for their benefit, but we are decidedly opposed to their being used by factionists for the benefit of a faction that is responsible for what we have seen and heard of and suffering they have endured."

OUR BUTTER IN BRITAIN.

Among the advertisements in the Grocer, the first item in the announcement of a leaving London house is under: "Butter." The best value in butter is Canadian creamery, in square cases, at 106s. There is nothing at any price in Australia to beat the quality of the dairies we are getting each week, and if the trade would only direct their mind of prejudice against Canadian, they would find money in the business. It is something to know that there is a prejudice against "Canadian" products. The circumstance should impel our exporters to overcome this prejudice by tending to package and quality as to afford no room for it—Monetary Times.

"There is poetry in everything," mused the editor. "Now, there is yonder waste basket, and he laughed as he sometimes did when he was all alone.—Detroit Tribune.

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ADA REHAN IN SILVER.

The Celebrated Statue Is in the Hands of a Receiver.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—Judge Hazen, of the Shawnee county district court, was routed out of his bed at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and asked to appoint a receiver for the celebrated statue of Ada Rehan, which is on exhibition in a local store. The application was made on behalf of William Beckford and A. H. Mitchell, of Helena, Mont., who claim to have invested \$10,000 in the company that paid for the statue and who also claim that the affairs of the company are in bad shape. Judge Hazen appointed Samuel Barnum as receiver. F. R. Higgins, who brought the statue to Topeka, promptly surrendered the property to the receiver and left for Chicago, where he hopes to adjust the trouble. Mr. Higgins claims to own a majority of the stock of the company, but says he is not a resident of Topeka. The recent political campaign by supporting McKinley for President and the receivership proceedings is the outgrowth of this dissension.

Navigation and Railways

Railway Time Tables.

CORRECTED NOV. 15, 1896.

GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division.

MAIN LINE—GOING EAST.

Trains arrive at London from the west—4:15 a.m., 12:25 p.m., 10:25 a.m., 7:10 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

Trains leave London for the east—3:25 a.m., 4:20 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:55 p.m.

MAIN LINE—GOING WEST.

Trains arrive at London from the east—3:03 a.m., 11:07 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 6:25 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

Trains leave London for the west—7:00 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m.

Sarnia Branch.

Trains arrive at London—3:30 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

Trains leave London for the east—4:15 a.m., 8:10 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m.

London, Huron and Bruce.

Arrive at London—5:50 a.m., 6:25 p.m.

Leave London—8:45 a.m., 4:45 a.m.

Port Stanley and Stratford Branch.

Arrive at London—6:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:40 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

Leave London—7:45 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

L. E. & D. R. R.

Go! (South)—Trains leave London, 6:25 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Trains arrive at Port Stanley, 7:25 a.m., 3:35 p.m.

Go! (North)—Trains leave Port Stanley, 7:45 a.m., 4:10 p.m. Trains arrive at London, 8:45 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:40 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

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Trains leave London for the east—4:15 a.m., 8 a.m., 4:35 p.m.

GOING WEST.

Trains arrive at London from the east—11:15 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 11:25 a.m.

Trains leave London for the west—11:25 a.m., 8:10 p.m., 8:15 a.m.

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Town and Country.

Simon Hart, Niles town, has gone back to Armada, Mich.

Miss Ada Irvine, Mossley, died very suddenly of heart failure.

Mr. Fred. Arms, Mossley, was married last week to Miss Logan, of Niles town.

The Delaware apple evaporator closed Tuesday, after a very successful run and good sales throughout.

Hamilton, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., of Petrolia, to become the pastor in succession to Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, L.L.D.

Messrs. R. C. Hammond and Alfred Jenkins have arranged, after spending two weeks shooting in the neighborhood of Inwood. They report an enjoyable time and good bags of game.

U. and I. parties have begun.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 10.—The Gleaners, who have been carrying on a series of meetings in furtherance of temperance work at Mount Brydges, visited Komoka yesterday, and report having been very successful there.

Every night the hall was packed to the doors and quite a large number who were unable to gain admittance turned around and went home. They have succeeded in starting a council there of 50 members strong. The Gleaners are in their element in this place.

Sunday evening, Dec. 13, and we hope they will be as well patronized as they were at Mount Brydges, and no doubt they will. The Gleaners have a good record wherever they go.

No doubt many of the friends of Mr. Robert Boston, ex-M.P., will be pleased to hear of his appointment as governor of the county jail. He is a man of recognized ability, and will prove an efficient as well as a faithful officer.

At the last meeting of the school board it was decided to re-engage Miss J. Parrot for another year.

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| Ontario | 90 | 80 |
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| Toronto | 227 | 226 1/2 |
| Merchants | 171 | 168 1/2 |
| Commerce | 124 1/2 | 127 1/2 |
| Imperial | 180 | 178 1/2 |
| Donnison | 150 | 149 1/2 |
| Standard | 153 | 151 1/2 |
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A Lover's Triumph.

"One night I came home worse than ever—heaven forgive me! I'd been at the bottle all day long, and the very Old Boy had got into me. I staggered into the house ugly enough for anything. Margery had the table all laid, the kettle was steaming on the stove, and she was settin' with herself in her armchair, waiting for me. I laughed and playin' with ye as happy as a cat with one kitten. The sight angered me somehow; I couldn't get reconciled that we'd no idea of our own, and I gave ye a cuff on the ear with an oath."

"Margery sprang up, as mad as a hornet, and shoved ye behind her. 'Let the child alone, you wot!' she said. 'I'll not ye!' I yelled, and pushed her roughly into a chair by the stove. 'This roused all ye had blood, small as ye were. Ye flew at me, peitin' me with yer little fists that couldn't hurt a flea. Ye asked me what I'd done to ye, and I told ye I'd done nothing. Ye man, ordered me to let Margery alone, or ye'd tell—'

"Ye never finished that sentence, for every word had put me in a worse rage, and I grabbed a stick of wood from the hearth, flung it at ye, and ye dropped without a word, for it hit ye square in the head. 'My girl gave a shriek I'll never forget. 'Oh, ye drunken wretch!' she cried. 'I'll hate ye all my life if ye've killed my darlin'!'

"She gave me a push and sprang toward ye, but she never reached ye, for I grabbed her by the throat, frightened at what I'd done already, and the heat of the room had made a madman of me—and choked her till she grew purple in the face, and then threw her from me. She stumbled, caught her foot in a rug and fell. I laughed as she went over. Her head hit on the sharp corner of the stove with a sound I'll never forget till I die, and then she, too, lay still and white on the floor at me."

CHAPTER XXVII.
When the man had reached the part of his story recorded in the preceding chapter he was greatly agitated for several moments, as if the memory of that dreadful time was even now, after the lapse of more than twenty years, more than he could bear to recall. Geoffrey, too, felt as if he could hardly stand there and listen to the remainder of the fearful tale.

"The horror of it all sobered me almost as quick as if I'd been struck by lightning," Jack at length resumed, pulling himself together with an effort. "I don't know how long I stood there, looking down on them two that I believed I'd sent out of the world without a moment's warning. Then I slunk out of the house, hardly knowing what I did, and went and hid myself in the barn. I must have gone to sleep or fell into a stupor from the liquor I'd drunk for I did not know anything more till the roosters set up such a crowing that nobody could have slept, and I never could tell ye what the horror of that wakin' was, and it's a most alive! it over again to tell ye of the man with a shudder. 'It was only about two in the mornin', but the moon was shinin', and it was most as light as day. I crept out into the yard and listened; there wasn't a sound except those roosters and every body sounded like a knell o' doom in my ears, and made my flesh creep with fear."

"I stole up to the house and looked in at the kitchen window. I couldn't help it—something drew me to it, though I shivered at every step. There they lay, just as they fell, with the light still burnin', and everything as quiet as a grave. I didn't dare to go in, but while I stood there the little shaver stirred and moaned, and my heart leaped straight into my throat, near about chokin' me at the sight. It gave me hope—praps after all I hadn't murdered 'em, and they might be brought to life. I rushed in, took the boy up, and laid him on the bed in the bedroom just off the kitchen. He moaned all the time, till I got a wet cloth, and put it on his head, when he grew quiet, and dropped off into a stupor again. Then I went to her—my girl—Margery—the woman I'd sworn to love and take care of till I died, and who had done me nothin' but kindness ever since we first met."

"I lifted her up, but she hung limp and lifeless over my arm. I laid her on my breast, and begged her to come back to me, to call me her Jack, once more, and say she'd forgive me, and I'd never lift my hand ag'in her ag'in, nor touch another drop as long as I lived. But 'twas no use. She lay there quiet and peaceful enough, but there was that dreadful purple mark and cut on her forehead where it had hit the stove. She wasn't cold or stiff as I thought dead people always were, but there wasn't a sign of life about her either, and I laid her down again, my heart a-breakin', and feelin' like another Cain, only worse, for I'd killed a woman, and she my own wife."

"Then I began to think what would happen if I was found there, and I grew frightened. I couldn't make up my mind and stay and confess what I'd done, and hang like a dog for it, so I got together a few things, and all the money that Margery had in her own little box, and the boy's, and wrapped 'em in a shawl—for I didn't leave him while there was a breath o' life in him, and a chance o' savin' him—I stole out of the house."

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without even daria' to give my girl a kiss after the ill I'd done her, and made for a station a mile or two away.

"I had an awful time of it, for the boy moaned every minute of the time; but I told people on the cars he'd had a fall and I was takin' him to a doctor. I traveled all day in the fastest trains, and got to a town just about dusk. Here I called a doctor to the boy; he doubted if I could save him; but he pulled through after five weeks of terrible fever and pain, though when he got up again, lookin' more like a spirit than like flesh and blood, he didn't know me nor remember anything that had happened. The doctor said he was a fool, and always would be one."

"It seemed very strange to Geoffrey to be sitting there in his right mind and listening to this dreadful story about himself. It seemed almost like a case of dual existence. 'As soon as he was well enough,' Jack went on, 'I felt that we ought to be gettin' out of that place; it was too near home to be safe, and the police were liable to get on to my any day. So I began my roamin'. First, we went to Texas, where I got work on a cattle and sheep ranch. After a time I scraped together a little money, and started out to raise sheep for myself. It was't easy to do with anyone, lest somebody should come along who had heard about what I'd done, and I might get snappin' up. The boy and me lived in a cabin by ourselves, away from everybody else, but I never let him out of my sight, and I grew that fond of him I would have died rather than let harm come to him, and I vowed I'd do the best I could by him as long as I lived. I got together something handsome to leave him, to make up as far as I could for the deadly wrong I'd done him. As soon as I could get enough together I meant to take him to some place where they care for them that have lost their mind."

"My sheep turned out wonderful; in five years money began to come in, and I was a rich man by this time, if it hadn't been that a man I knew came down that way one time. I saw him first at the village, where I went to lay in a stock of provisions. He didn't see me, but I heard him say he was goin' to buy out a cattle ranch ten miles away, and that was enough to give me a scare and unsettle me. I feared I'd be recognized and seized as the murderer of my girl, and though life wasn't much to me with the heavy conscience and the grief I had to carry around with me all the time, yet for the fond of him I was bound to stick to it as long as I could—there was nobody else to take care of him, and I knew he'd have hard without me."

"The man who owned the ranch next to me had offered to buy me out the year before, so I went to him and told him I'd made up my mind to go north and see if the doctors couldn't do something for the boy, and if he'd take everything off my hands I'd sell out cheap."

"He took me up quick as a wink, and in less than a week the money was in my pocket, and the boy and me were on our way to New York. I bought a small farm just across the river in New Jersey. There was a good house and barn on it, and it stood it well, hired a good strong woman to do the inside work, and a man to help me outside, and then I tied down to a quiet life; I didn't believe anybody would think of looking for me there."

"I took the name of 'John Landers,' and tried to make the boy call himself 'George Landers,' but he didn't know enough to learn it, and seemed to have forgotten how to talk at all; so I hadn't much to fear from his lettin' anything out. We lived there for almost five years more, and I got ahead a little every season. But, sir, the horror of that dreadful deed, murder, left me for a moment. My Margery's dead face was always before me, and my heart heavy with its guilt and loneliness. If ever a man paid for an evil deed in torment, I paid for mine a cruel torment."

"But the worst of my troubles was yet to come. The world's a small place to hide when a man has committed a crime. I went to town one day on business, and stepped into the post-office, which was in the building with the railway station—to send a letter for the woman at home, when I heard two men talking in a low tone of voice, and one of them spoke the name of 'Jack Henry.' My blood ran cold in a minute. My back was to them, and I was payin' for the postage on the letter, and they had not seemed to notice me. I didn't nudge, I frightened as I felt, but took my own time and listened."

TO BE CONTINUED.

A FARMER IN TROUBLE

A Grenville County Man Speaks His Mind—Feels Like a New Man—Cured by Four Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Cardinal, Dec. 7.—Mr. Robert McIntosh, a farmer very widely known in this county, and living near by with a man and wife and six children, was in a very poor condition as the result of kidney disease affecting the bladder. When he came upon his feet again, he was cured by using four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have been an intense sufferer from kidney disease, which kept going from bad to worse, though I was doctoring all the time. I had advice I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills, at once realizing great help. I now feel like a new man and am perfectly cured of kidney trouble in any form."

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Detected in a clothing store at Frankfort, Ky., a burglar wound a coat about his head, and jumping through a plate glass window, escaped. It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is poor and the system depressed, one becomes peculiarly liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength fails, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

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Western Ontario.

Berlin Men After the St. Thomas Street Railway.

A Stylish Wedding—An Interesting Law Suit.

The gas well at Wheatley is now down over 600 feet.

C. R. Lamb, Sarpia, has been in Wallaceburg endeavoring to organize a branch of the Sons of England.

Messrs. Hoffman and McLehann, of Berlin, have been in St. Thomas negotiating for the purchase of the street railway.

The congregation of the Disciples' Church, St. Thomas, talk of enlarging the building, which has grown too small.

An Italian named Antonio Oliver, fruit and cigar dealer, of St. Thomas, was robbed Monday night of \$50 in cash and 35 boxes of cigars. He suspects a nephew, who is missing.

A start has been made toward the formation of a gymnasium at Wallaceburg, and already 30 or 40 members have been secured. If permission can be gained from the town council, the gymnasium will be located in the basement of the opera house.

Edward Emery was on Wednesday convicted of burglary at the Sarapia tenon congregation at Delhi, Ont. A salary of \$800 is attached to the pastorate. A second call was also received from Havelock, but Mr. Emery had already partly pledged himself to the congregation at Delhi.

Berlin News: An event of great interest among the social set of Berlin, was the marriage Tuesday afternoon of Miss Madge Gibson to Dr. Harry Smith of Central America, formerly of Dundas. The fortunate groom, as will be remembered, was a member of the Queen's University of the class of '96, has received a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Delhi, Ont. A salary of \$800 is attached to the pastorate. A second call was also received from Havelock, but Mr. Emery had already partly pledged himself to the congregation at Delhi.

Toronto Globe: An item in the Globe a day or two ago referred to a Mr. H. P. Pollock, fruit dealer, of Goderich, as having offered to sell his farm in the town named in the boot business, thinking the name was considered to refer to him, and writes to explain that in that case it is entirely without foundation. The Globe regrets that Mr. Pollock should have been subjected to any inconvenience in the matter. The item was evidently incorrect, though it was in good faith.

The Young People's Presbyterian Association of Lambton county, meeting in Sarnia, elected the following officers: President, W. J. Crookard, Sarnia; corresponding secretary, J. F. Ross, Sarnia; second vice-president, Miss McPherson, Petrolia; recording secretary, Miss M. B. Grimes, Sarnia; treasurer, Miss Jessie Currie, Sarnia; executive committee, consisting of Messrs. J. E. Warner, Alvington; Mrs. White, Watford; Miss Chubb, Wyndham.

Mrs. Harriett Gravelle, of Goderich, is suing her brothers and sisters, Jane Mero, John Mero, Joseph Mero, David Mero, Matilda, Bart and Adelaide Dunner, for partition of her late father's estate. The old gentleman died, leaving his property to be divided among his children. All the property that could be discovered was \$400. Mrs. Gravelle is now suing for her share, but Mrs. Gravelle is not ready, as she wants to find a certain witness, who, she says, is in the United States. An application was made before Justice Cartwright at Toronto to postpone the trial, and judgment was reserved.

ENGLISH AS SHE WROTE.

What Lady Montrose Wrote to Lady Annandale, Not What the Latter Replied.

There is bad spelling and there is bad spelling. Artemus Ward and Josh Billings did some of it professionally, and many school children and some grown men and women do some of it even unto this day. But neither of these distinguished persons, and no school child or professional or woman, even in his or her wildest dream of revenge against Webster et al., ever came within a mile of the spelling of a noble Scottish lady of 20 years ago. This lady could give spades, diamonds and trumps to any dictionary master or compiler of spelling books, and then could beat him out without looking at the cards. She was a long-suffer and a short-suffer in one, and could beat Lasker and Pillsbury. In other words, she was a winner.

She was, personally, Christian Leslie, daughter of the Duke of Rothes, and wife of the third Marquis of Montrose, and later of Sir John Bruce, of Kinross. According to custom, having

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The KOOTENAY will operate in the Dominion of Canada exclusively, and particularly in the Trail Creek district of British Columbia and the new Ontario gold field. We have control of some of the best properties in these districts, but our special attention at the present time will be given to taking up and actively developing the Southern Cross, Wolverine No. 2 and Iron Hill, owned by the Southern Cross and Wolverine Consolidated Gold Mining Company.

These properties adjoin the Crown Point, which, as everyone knows, is the most famous property in the South Belt. At the present time they have probably 200 or 300 tons of ore on the Crown Point dyke to ship, which will average \$58 per ton, also from 400 to 600 tons with an average value of \$30 per ton.

The following is taken verbatim from the official report of William A. Carville, Provincial Mineralogist, to the Minister of Mines:—

"South of the Crown Point grant are three claims, the Southern Cross, Wolverine No. 2 and Iron Hill, on the first of which is a Crown grant, owned by the Southern Cross and Wolverine Consolidated Gold Mining Company. On the Southern Cross are two open cuts and two tunnels, one 75 feet, the other 90 feet long, each are made in the well-defined fissure, in which the ore in places widens out from nothing to two or three feet of solid sulphides. In the 90-foot or working tunnel, at ten feet, is encountered what is probably the Crown Point dyke, down along which a winze was sunk 25 feet with two or three feet of low-grade pyrrhotite, copper pyrites, and blende, when the work was to be stopped. On the Wolverine there is a large exposure of iron-stained rock with stringers of sulphides, but no work has been done yet to develop the conditions that may prevail."

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You are not asked to subscribe for stock in a company having but one or two claims which cost but a few thousand dollars, and were then capitalized at a million, a small part of which was sold at such a price that more than paid for all the claims, including development work, leaving the officers of the company with a majority of the stock at no cost to themselves.

Under our plan all stand on an equal basis, and you are entitled to your share of the profits from all properties now belonging to the company, or that it may acquire, and your proportion will be in just such ratio as the amount you have invested, as no stock is set aside for an officer or director, except as it is subscribed and paid for, the same as by any other shareholder, and all are equal participants in the profits as their interests may appear.

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We have a large number of applications to develop, lease, buy and operate mining properties all over this country, some of them undeniably good. It is such, after careful examination by experts and engineers and approved by us, that we take up. Statistics say that 97 out of every 100 who enter business fail. Can you imagine any such number failing to secure gold by mining it? They invested the same capital and applied the same thought and work in that line?

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been a peeress, she retained her peerage title; thus it came about that Sir John Bruce lived with the Countess of Montrose with all propriety. But this was what she wrote:

"Kinross, July 4, 1893.

"Madam: I render you a thousand thanks for your play, which is very good, and I have returned it with the bearer, and if your ladyships have either any more good plays or novels which you have read, and will be pleased to loan them to me, I shall be very grateful in return, and take a great favor, for they are very diverting in the country. Your lord did me the honour to say he had

tended, and was very well. I heartily wished your ladyships had come along, for it would have been a great diversion in this good weather, and you would have been very welcome to, dear madam, your ladyships most humble servant."

"C. MONTROSE."

"For the right honorable the Countess of Anandale, at her residence in Northesk, Wemyss, Edinburgh."

If the Sun readers who can't translate this will try temporarily to forget all they ever knew of spelling, and then will peruse Lady Montrose's letter again, it is possible that they may learn what her ladyship wanted

to say to Lady Annandale. What the latter said and wrote it is perhaps as well we do not know.

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FAIR WEATHER.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9-11 p.m.—The depression from the Middle Mississippi Valley, mentioned last night, has developed into an important storm, which is now central over Cape Breton, causing a gale throughout Eastern Canada, a moderate snow fall in Eastern Quebec and Northern New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and local rain in Northern Ontario and Western Quebec. In the Northwest low pressure continues, with fair, mild weather.

PROBABILITIES.
Calgary, 32-42; Edmonton, 32-42; Q'Appelle, 30-40; Winnipeg, 14-34; Port Arthur, 24-40; Parry Sound, 30-35; Toronto, 34-40; Ottawa, 28-34; Montreal, 28-34; Quebec, 28-32; Halifax, 38-50.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were: 41 above and 23.5 below.

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THE THREAD TRUST—A DENIAL.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—In response to a cable, inquiring whether the report to the effect that the Coates Thread Company had absorbed the thread mills of Finlayson, Bousfield & Co., in Scotland, Messrs. Finlayson, Bousfield & Co. have telegraphed a statement to the effect that the report was untrue.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me. I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

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DEFACING BANK NOTES.
Bankers complain of the defacing of bank notes. In this respect attention is called to sec. 61 of the Bank Act, which says: "Every person who in any way defaces any Dominion or Province Note or Bank Note, whether by writing, printing, drawing or stamping thereon, or by attaching or affixing thereto anything in the nature or form of an advertisement, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
A neat little prospectus has been issued by the association, which contains a concise description of the new building and the various branches of the work.

DAIRYMEN'S CONCERT.
The Orpheus Glee Club provided a clever entertainment at the Music Hall last night under the auspices of the Dairymen's Association, and those present were delighted with the interesting programme. The choir was ably assisted by H. R. McLeod, who was warmly applauded. A chief feature of the evening's entertainment was the dancing of Miss Ina Riddell in Highland costume. She dances with wonderful skill, and scored a well-deserved encore. The Orpheus Glee Club, composed of about 20 good voices, sang several choruses in good style, under the able direction of Mr. Fred Hardie. Other numbers included concert solos by H. E. St. George, a piano duet by Messrs. Watson, Clark, Smallman and Cook; violin

voice and speech as decisively as we would do if we stood face to face.
—A first-class programme has been prepared for the King Street Methodist Church choir concert on Monday evening, Dec. 14. Considerable time has been spent, under the direction of Mr. F. Rossiter, in preparing the various numbers, and no doubt a large audience will reward the efforts of the participants.

—A missionary debate was held in the King Street Presbyterian Church last night.—Resolved, that home missions should be more liberally supported than foreign missions. The affirmative was supported by Thos. McHattie and D. McKay, and the negative by Jas. McKay, and Art. Black. The decision being left to the audience, it was decided in favor of home missions.

—Court Albert, I. O. F. of London West, elected the following officers last night: Chief ranger, T. A. Conley; vice-chief ranger, A. Sweeney; recording secretary, C. J. Hevey; financial secretary, Wm. Nicholls; treasurer, John Peck; chaplain, J. L. Hildner; senior woodward, D. L. Taylor; junior woodward, J. Marshman; senior beadle, W. T. Brooks; junior beadle, R. Hadden; court deputy, R. Jones; physician, W. J. Teasdale; auditors, C. J. Hevey and A. McMullen.

—The Court of Revision, at its next meeting, heard petitions for and against the widening of High Street from Emory street to Maryboro Place and McClary Avenue. Both lawyers, Messrs. Weld and Cameron, held the petition was irregular, and that the engineer's measurements and assessment had been unfairly made. The court decided to take no action until the city solicitor had been consulted, and another meeting will be held on Monday afternoon.

The December meeting of the Mission to Lepers was held in Somerset Hall on Monday afternoon, a large number of members being present. The various exercises were conducted by Mrs. Boyd, who gave a helpful talk on "Fruit-bearing in Christian Life."

—Miss Maud Baxter, of Grace Hospital, Detroit, is visiting at her home, John street, city. She will not return until after New Year's.

—Mr. John Kearns is temporarily filling the position made vacant by the promotion of Mr. James K. Wright at the C. T. R. office here.

—Mr. R. L. Werry, of Port Stanley, has copyrighted "The Magic Music Chant for Organ and Piano." He will place it on the market shortly.

—Miss Jessie Thompe, of 221 Talbot street, has returned home, after a three months' absence, to her sister, Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Chicago, Ill.

—County Commissioner Talbot, who was thrown from his carriage, and had a rib broken, a day or so ago, is improving as well as can be expected.

—The complaint that horses were being speeded on the streets had reference to the macadam pavement on Dufferin Avenue, and not to the asphalt, as misstated in yesterday's paper.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moyes, of Monterey, Pacific road, California, who have been on an extended visit to Mr. Moyes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moyes, Beecher street, this city, have arrived home.

—A lamp was accidentally knocked over in one of the "attached" rooms at Wolseley Barracks last night, and the military fire brigade was called out. A hole was burned in the floor; only that, and nothing more.

—The concluding lecture, by Rev. W. J. Clark, on his tour to Europe, will be given on Monday evening next in First Presbyterian Church. Silver collection for mission fund. The subject will be "Switzerland and Scotland."

—A Ridgetown correspondent writes: The L. E. and D. R. R. are shifting several of their agents. Mr. Stokes, who has been at Blenheim, goes to Merlin, the Merlin agent to Wheatley, and the Wheatley agent to Blenheim.

—Go early tomorrow; go all this week, if you want to get holiday bargains and avoid the rush. You will find that the merchants who are doing the business are the people who advertise in The Advertiser, and vice versa.

—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, the choir and quartet of Dundas Center Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Hewlett, will give a service of sacred song, the programme to consist of music of a special Christmas character.

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—A first-class programme has been prepared for the King Street Methodist Church choir concert on Monday evening, Dec. 14.

—A missionary debate was held in the King Street Presbyterian Church last night.

—Court Albert, I. O. F. of London West, elected the following officers last night:

The December meeting of the Mission to Lepers was held in Somerset Hall on Monday afternoon,

—Miss Maud Baxter, of Grace Hospital, Detroit, is visiting at her home, John street, city.

—Mr. John Kearns is temporarily filling the position made vacant by the promotion of Mr. James K. Wright at the C. T. R. office here.

—Mr. R. L. Werry, of Port Stanley, has copyrighted "The Magic Music Chant for Organ and Piano."

—Miss Jessie Thompe, of 221 Talbot street, has returned home, after a three months' absence, to her sister, Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Chicago, Ill.

—County Commissioner Talbot, who was thrown from his carriage, and had a rib broken, a day or so ago, is improving as well as can be expected.

—The complaint that horses were being speeded on the streets had reference to the macadam pavement on Dufferin Avenue, and not to the asphalt, as misstated in yesterday's paper.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moyes, of Monterey, Pacific road, California, who have been on an extended visit to Mr. Moyes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moyes, Beecher street, this city, have arrived home.

—A lamp was accidentally knocked over in one of the "attached" rooms at Wolseley Barracks last night, and the military fire brigade was called out. A hole was burned in the floor; only that, and nothing more.

—The concluding lecture, by Rev. W. J. Clark, on his tour to Europe, will be given on Monday evening next in First Presbyterian Church. Silver collection for mission fund. The subject will be "Switzerland and Scotland."

—A Ridgetown correspondent writes: The L. E. and D. R. R. are shifting several of their agents. Mr. Stokes, who has been at Blenheim, goes to Merlin, the Merlin agent to Wheatley, and the Wheatley agent to Blenheim.

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| 50 Ladies' Jackets Black and colored, Fur and Braid Trimmed, also plain, worth from \$3 to \$12— Reduced to \$5 EACH. | 40 pieces All-Wool Imported Tweeds, regular price 85c to \$1, cut free of charge, at 50c YARD. | 3 boxes Silk Bow Ties— Reduced to 5c EACH. |
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| Men's Heavy Ribbed Shirts, All-Wool— Reduced from 50c to 37c EACH. | Ladies' Gloves, 15 dozens, old sizes, former price 85c to \$1.35— Reduced to 25c PAIR. | Corsets, 200 pairs, of the Celebrated Number 200, regular price 75c— Sale price 50c PAIR. |
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New Orleans, Dec. 10.—J. B. LaBoussie, ex-president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, was seized with a fit of coughing and within two hours died from heart disease, caused by the violent exertion.

AGE 110—SENT TO THE POORHOUSE.
Mascoutah, Ill., Dec. 10.—The oldest resident of St. Clair county, James Atwood, aged 110, was admitted to the county poor farm yesterday from Centerville. He was barely able to totter from the train to the ambulance to take his last ride to the poorhouse.

MICHIGAN WHEAT.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 10.—The average condition of wheat Dec. 1 was 91 per cent, 9 per cent above Dec. 1 last year. The total number of bushels marketed in the four months, August to November, was 4,635,674, 57,663 bushels more than the same months last year.

WILL KEEP UP THE AGITATION.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—The result of a conference held between William J. Bryan, Senator Jones of Arkansas; Gov. Stone, of Missouri, and other prominent Democrats, which took place during the recent hunting expedition in the interior of Missouri, was made known yesterday. When the distinguished party of hunters disbanded it had been agreed to carry on an aggressive campaign of silver agitation for the next four years.

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