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AMERICANS ADVANCE. INSURGENT DEAD NUMBER 68. The fighting was quick and sharp. After a three-hour job of shelling the insurgent forces were driven back.

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The gumbats yesterday afternoon were searching the Santa Cruz River for shipping. To-day the expedition was directed to the mountains.

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TIED AND LANGUID. THE EXPERIENCE OF AN ESTIMABLE YOUNG LADY. Her blood was poor and watery. Suffered from Sick Headache and Fainting Spells.

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WOMAN FRANCHISE. In connection with the present agitation for the enfranchisement of women, a lady writing to the Foreign News-Record gives the following reasons why women should vote:

1. Because there is nothing now so generally in vogue as to say that women are not interested in the moral training of the young, and therefore they would be more eager to put good men in power who would promote the home.

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NINE IN SUCCESSION. A Young Woman's Orders That Started a Hotel Clerk. A young woman from New York town has been arrested on a charge of poisoning her husband.

As an Art It is of Comparative Recent Date. As a literary form, manufactured or intentional, nonsense is a comparatively recent art in English.

Queer Hiding Place. The fancy for secret drawers and out of the way hiding places is a curious trait with many people.

THE POWER OF A CYCLOPE. Careful estimates of the force of a cyclope and the energy required to keep a full grown man in active operation.

AGREEDLY DISAPPOINTED. Sidney had been dining out with his parents and had eaten as heartily as any boy of 5 years would eat.

RAILROAD TIES. The Mobile and Ohio road has the enviable record of never having killed a passenger.

TRUST THRUSTS. A steam pump trust is the latest. Perhaps we shall have a trust trust finally.

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THE JOKE FACTORY. A Philadelphia Query. Where are the barons of Bunny made? Both of speech and daring deed.

EVIDENCES OF SPRINGTIME. "Bill, here comes the look agent, an the lightning rod man, an the clock peddler, an the wire fence feller, an the gunner."

THE CARVER MADE ENOUGH FOR ALL. There was once a man who labored night and day carving and polishing a bit of ivory so that it might look like a grain of rice.

BEING EXACT. "Do you mean to tell me that the members of our legislature will be ruled at the bidding of any one man?"

A LASSY CITIZEN. I don't care much for springtime. I don't care who I take for my love. For when I take a sunny day.

LIKE MAKES LIKE. "That last box of perfectos you sold me was very bad," said Puffer.

AN IMPUDENT TRICK. How a Newspaper Man Scored a New Trick on His Rival. A group of newspaper men were chatting and, as usual, fell to talking shop.

ARE YOU EASILY TIRED? Remember that all your strength must come from your food. Did you ever think of food? Did you ever think of food?

SCOTT'S EMULSION. OF COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES. The oil is the most easily changed of all foods into strength.

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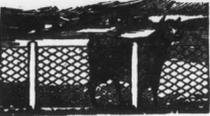
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Take ONE or even TWO with each meal three times daily, if you are very bad, and stick to them till the rich, red blood which makes your stomach strong and well. Then a few Capsuloids, taken from time to time, will keep you perfectly well.

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### SOPERTON.

MONDAY, Apr. 17.—Mr. J. Johnson is suffering from heart trouble. At latest reports he is slightly better. The body of the late L. H. Washburn was interred at Pine Hill cemetery last week. Mr. John Downey, Oak Leaf, renewed old acquaintances here Sunday. Mr. John Chant, an employe of A. E. Follett, spent Sunday with his parents here. Rev. E. W. Crane, Athens, occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning and preached a very acceptable sermon. The Hornerite meetings in Delta are well attended from this section. Miss Maggie Eyer spent Saturday and Sunday in Athens, the guest of Miss Mary Barber. Mrs. W. T. Sheridan and children have returned, after spending a very pleasant time at her old home, Port Hope. Our teacher, Mr. Rod Roddick of Port Hope, spent his Easter holidays here. The factory is again running under the management of Mr. Fred Wright. It is said that Mr. Wright will require three assistants this year. The trustees have closed the school for a few days until precautionary measures can be taken against the spread of scarlet fever. Among our Easter guests were Mr. Fred Sutfel, Inkeram, of E. J. Sutfel's; Miss Loleta Wood, Brockville, at R. T. Taber's; and Mr. H. Barber, Athens, at J. Fry's. Miss Sadies Stafford has gone to Athens to perfect herself in the art of dress-making. Little Pearl Irwin is very sick, with scarlet fever. As she was taken ill at school, there is great fear of the disease spreading. Miss Maud Washburn visited friends in Athens and Oak Leaf recently. Miss Nellie Welster spent Sunday with friends here.

### ELBE MILLS.

MONDAY, Apr. 17.—Wedding bells will ring soon. Rev. Mr. Robertson of Delta filled the pulpit on Sunday afternoon. Miss Maud Halliday visited friends at Glen Buell last week. Miss Louisa Bates has returned home from visiting friends in Easton's Corners. Miss Jackson of Plum Hollow is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Jas Weaver. The young mail-carrier of Addison visited Maple Hill on Sunday. Mr. Albert Gordon, Marlborough, was the guest of Mr. Wallie Brown last week. Mr. Munnell Bates attended a wedding at Elgin on Monday evening. A few of the girls attended the political meeting at Brockville last Thursday night. Miss Essie Steacy of Woodbine was the guest of Miss Bates and Miss Steacy last week. Mr. John Besley is a happy man. It's a girl. Three young ladies were out driving on Sunday afternoon, the horse became frightened and threw them out. The buggy was badly broken, but the young ladies escaped with few injuries.

### HARLEM.

MONDAY, Apr. 17.—Mr. William Taylor is recovering very slowly. Mr. Edward Freeman is rejoicing over the arrival of a young son. Mr. Tennant was in town today, renewing old acquaintances. Mr. J. Chapman has been on the sick list. Mr. Morley Brown's baby is very sick. We are glad to see Mr. Wm. Percival able to be out again. It is not likely that the Fenian raid medals will be ready before July 1st. There was a hope that the medals would be ready for presentation on the 24th of May, but this expectation has been abandoned. No information can be obtained from the mint as to when the work will be completed, but July 1st is regarded by the department as the earliest date possible.

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Have just got in a stock of standard groceries.

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Oats, Buckwheat, Ground Feed, Shorts, &c.

Choice lot of Finnis Haddies just in.

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## LOCAL SUMMARY.

### ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

#### Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pen.—Local Amusements

Mr. Stearns Knapp has gone into the general store business at Rock-spring.

Mr. Fred Ritter left Athens on Tuesday for New York city, where he has accepted a situation.

Good prospect for cheese. Keep your cows in condition. Get feed at the Athens Grain Warehouse.

Potatoes are quoted at 90c per bag at Kingston and Brockville, with a prospect of going still higher.

Our idea of a thorough Christian is a man who thinks he is farther behind on his subscription than he really is.

Miss Dollie Wight has returned from Ottawa where she spent the winter with her brother, Mr. E. C. Wight of the city stock farm.

The wild ducks have returned to this section and several large flocks pass over the village every evening en route to Wilkes lake.

When two years ago Smith's Falls had a Mechanics' Institute there were 77 members. Now it is a free public library, and there are 600 readers.

Miss Lily Brown returned to Toronto on Saturday last. Her mother, Mrs. G. W. Brown, who has been suffering with a throat affection, is now much better.

Mr. Thos. Vanarnam is about to give up business in Athens and will Monday next commence a great clearing sale of his \$13,000.00 stock. Already the reductions in some lines have been completed and a decided increase in his trade has resulted. On Monday next "cut-price" will prevail in every department and will continue until the whole stock is sold. For sample quotations, see bills being circulated this week.

At a meeting of the local W.C.T.U., held recently, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we, the members of the Athens W.C.T.U., exceedingly regret the attitude of the present government with regard to prohibitory legislation in respect to intoxicants, and earnestly request that the members of the W.C.T.U. in all parts of the Dominion of Canada, by the enactment of such legislation as will give the Dominion of Canada a prohibitory law against the importation, manufacture or sale of all alcoholic liquors."

This spring will long be remembered by those interested in vehicular traffic, as it has been characterized by the worst roads known in years. The light snow-fall of the past winter allowed the frost to penetrate to a great depth, and even the stone roads have broken up from this cause wherever the construction was in any way defective. The condition of the highways in this spring affords an object lesson in road building in village and country that should be carefully noted by those interested. In Athens, two sections of road deserve special mention, viz. Wellington (between Henry and Elgin) and Reid street. The former was graded recently and this spring dried quickly without heaving; the latter, owing to neglect of the first principle of road-building—drainage—has heaved and is now almost impassable. In fact, in very many cases, where a bad piece of road is encountered, it will be found to be due to faulty construction.

From Far Cheno-tu.

Dr. O. Kilborn, recently returned from Cheno-tu, China, delivered an interesting address in the Methodist church on the 14th inst. He was invited to his mission work in that country. The scene of his labors, where he is associated with Rev. George Hartwell, is situated in the heart of China, 2,000 miles from Hong Kong. The route involved is up the Yangtze river, half the distance by steamer and half by Chinese horse-boats, the latter pulled up stream by coolies who run along the bank of the river. The horse-boat trip occupies two months and a half, the many "snaky days" in China and the necessity of paying proper deference to the deities who lurk in the water unduly prolonging the time.

The Chinese, as well as very superstitious as well as idolatrous, ever being associated by them with many innocent acts and words. Certain gods are worshipped in common by all the natives, but there are innumerable churches of which each sect is made up of others of which each sect is made up of the worshippers. Among the former may be classed ancestral worship, which is universal throughout the kingdom and is the greatest bar to the spread of the Gospel. A Chinaman who does not treat his father very well in life, but once dead his ghost becomes all-powerful and to his memory a tablet must be erected in the best room of the house and before it incense is burned daily. One of these tablets was exhibited by the Doctor, as well as many other curious articles from the Flowery Kingdom, which were viewed with interest by the audience. In addition to opium, the curse of China, and whisky and tobacco of native production are very commonly used.

Mr. Frank Wilson of Brockville spent Sunday at his home in Athens.

Rev. J. J. Cameron, M.A., pastor of St. Paul's, is in Ogdensburg this week.

Mrs. J. B. Bellamy, North Augusta, is visiting friends in Athens this week.

Order abridges for \$1.25 per M. that will make a very good roof.—Athens Lumber Yard.

Last week Miss Crystal Rappell went to Grand Island where she will remain for several weeks with friends.

Mr. Low Brown of Donville is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. Brown, Elgin street.

Rev. Thomas of Maitland will address the League on Wednesday night next in the interests of the literary department.

The Reporter office is prepared to all orders for a fine good roof.—Athens Lumber Yard.

The form you want at the price you like.

Miss Amelia Stone, who went to Montreal a few days ago to have her eye treated, has returned home with her sight restored. The operation performed by Dr. Buller occupied only five minutes time and was entirely successful.

Mr. S. S. Holmes, traveler for the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., returned to Athens on Saturday evening. For some nine weeks previously he had been very ill at Picton, N. S., and his home-coming was a glad surprise to his family and friends.

In this practical age everything is judged by results, and by this standard the Brockville Business College is a leader. Mr. Edwin Miller, a graduate has just secured a position in New York, and Miss Maggie Balfe has a good situation in Smith's Falls.

Bicyclists who are members of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, will be able to tour the United States this year for four months without payment of duty on their wheels. They are simply required to present their membership tickets at the post of entry. Thirty days was the former limit.

The Kingston News says that capitalists are interested in a mine near the town of Opinicon. They are putting in modern machinery and intend to go into the work of mining on an extensive scale. The showing is very rich, and the company think they will make a great deal of money out of the venture.

In the spring a young man's fancy used to turn to love, they say; but a change has come upon him and he has a newer way. Now when spring comes with the zephyrs that it makes one glad to feel, he that erst for love was longing goes to ciliping up his whiskers.

Messrs. Matheson & Glover, merchants, Lyndhurst, have this week issued hand-bills calling attention to their extensive line of goods and the low prices at which they are being sold. Prices are quoted for a variety of staple goods, but we can only mention a few. As was in keeping with the season, sugar was served; while amusing parlor games were indulged in to a creditable degree.

We think that too much credit should be given to the late Mr. Patterson for so kindly opening his home for such an occasion, especially when we note the fact that many of the guests were students of the high school and so were strangers to the hostesses. We have no hesitation in saying that the evening will be kindly remembered by all.

Death of Henry Carr.

At the home of Mr. Anson Brown, near Seelye's Bay, on the 12th inst., Mr. Henry Carr departed this life, after only four or five days' illness, aged 62 years.

Deceased was a son of the late Jas. Carr and was born in South Crosby in 1837, the third of seven children, two of whom survive, John of Athens and Ogle of Smith's Falls. He was well known throughout a wide district, and was actively engaged in his christian character and business integrity. For several years he traveled in the interest of mercantile houses in Montreal, was for a time in partnership with Mr. Omar Brown in Brockville, and also conducted business on his own account in Delta. In all his business relations he made many friends, who will join with the Reporter in expressing regret at the early demise of so good a man.

For about forty years he had been a consistent member of the Methodist church. The remains were brought to Athens on Friday last, and a large number of the old friends of deceased listened to an interesting discourse delivered by Rev. E. W. Crane in the Methodist church. After the service, the body was deposited in the vault and will be interred this week.

Exceptional Case.

"Now, sir," said the lawyer, looking sharply at the witness, "is it true that you have contradicted yourself because of a defective memory or because you testified falsely in the first place on account of your poor memory?" "I never told a lie in my life. That's why I'm here," said the witness. "And so," rejoined the attorney, "because you couldn't lie well enough to be a lawyer and had a memory enough to learn any other occupation, he let you grow up to be just a common, everyday man."

Inasmuch as this appears to be the first time in all history that a lawyer ever got the better of a witness, the case deserves to go on record.

The Trainee's View of Cismenism.

The traditional trainee who has been wont to offer chewing gum to fair passengers and newspapers to men evidently owners of modern woman somewhat of an enigma. Not many moons ago a lively party of club-women were en route to a convention when an interested spectator as a little station stopped up to the convention youth and curiously asked about the crowd.

"Don't know," gloomily grumbled the trainee. "They say they're literary, but I don't believe 'em. Not one has bought a book. They just talk and talk."—Bertha Danvers Knobe in Women's Home Companion.

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"Yes, indeed," said the man who was the "father of your daughter," "For Isabel's hand?"

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"That is what I said—a mere formality."

"And may I inquire who suggested that asking my consent to my daughter's marriage was only a mere formality?"

"Isabel's mother? Then I have nothing further to say."

Miss Emma Wilson is visiting friends in Brockville this week.

If you have had the grip take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will loosen your system, purify your blood, and overcome all bad effects of the disease.

Rev. Mr. Robertson occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday last and preached very acceptably morning and evening.

Now is the time of year when the winter's accumulations of rubbish should be got rid of. The cells should be cleaned out and the walls given a coat or two of whitewash to destroy any germs of disease that may be lurking there. Remnants of decaying vegetation, while harmless in cold weather, begin to ferment and fester when the spring sun warms them up, producing death-dealing microbes and spreading disease. Clean up your back yards, make your premises attractive and the improved appearance of things alone will more than repay you for the trouble.

We commence this week the publication of a new serial story of thrilling interest entitled "The Lawless." The story will run for several weeks, and as it has proved very popular wherever published, readers of the Reporter will no doubt enjoy its perusal. For this and the next few weeks, extra copies of the Reporter will be published so that new subscribers will be able to obtain back numbers containing the early chapters of the story.

A Political Trick.

Zurich, Apr. 17.—Daniel Henofar, a farmer living near this place tried a trick which will likely teach him a lesson. It appears that his cat had for some time been both with and without its contents. The loss is heavy; no insurance. Mr. Henofar was badly burned, but will recover.

League Officers.

The annual meeting of the E. L. of C. E. was held on Tuesday night last and the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. T. S. Kendrick. First Vice Pres.—Miss M. Stone. Second Vice Pres.—Miss M. Stone. Third Vice Pres.—Mr. Bishop. Fourth Vice Pres.—Miss Heacock. Recording Sec.—Miss J. Kilborn. Cor. Sec.—Miss F. Moore. Treasurer—Mr. Norton Crane. Mrs. Lamb was appointed as organist and Mr. H. McLaughlin, Mr. A. Parish, and Mr. Claude Knoultzen were appointed ushers.

A Pleasant Evening.

The monotony of existence characteristic of the young people of Athens was pleasantly broken on Wednesday, April 13, when, so as a party of young people, who have at various times throughout this term taken part in Epworth League work, under the leadership of Miss I. Heacock, were invited to spend the evening at the home of Mrs. Norton Crane. Refreshments were served, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

General MacArthur, who has done so much fighting for the Americans in the Philippines, is of Canadian parentage.

Rudyard Kipling was out driving for the first time since his recent illness on Thursday. The drive was through Central Park, New York.

Honolulu arrival of April 5: "The ex-Queen Dowager Kapiliolani is seriously ill. She had another stroke of apoplexy about a week ago and grew worse. The physicians are hopeful, but the case is a desperate one."

Rear-Admiral Charles Bessford, Conservative M.P. for the City of York, speaking on Thursday at Bradford in the House of Commons, dealt somewhat at length with his recent experiences in China as representative of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Arthur Gibson, president of the Ontario Entomological Society, has gone to Ottawa, where he enters the entomological branch of the Experimental Farm.

Mr. Gibson was, up to a few weeks ago, secretary of the society, and was elected to the presidency at the annual meeting.

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William Marshall was burned to death on Saturday in a New York stable in which he was sleeping. Two horses were also burned.

Prarie fires have burned over a large area in Greenly County, Nebraska, destroying many farmhouses and barns. A metropolitan street car ran down on Saturday at Toronto the 3-year-old son of Edward M. Higgins, crushing his skull and inflicting very serious injuries to his right side. He died at a hospital on Saturday.

William H. McClure, a lineman in the employ of the Elmira, N.Y., Illuminating Company, was electrocuted by a live wire on Thursday on a pole on Hall street, Elmira, causing his skull and grasped the wires in an endeavor to save himself.

At Highland, Ill., the gasoline stove in Isaac Hooper's house exploded, shocking the man into unconsciousness. Mrs. Beckler, who was outside, ran in and dragged her unconscious husband, whose clothes were on fire, out of the house, he was dressed in his nightgown and slippers. Both died shortly afterwards from their severe burns, leaving three small children to continue the battle of life alone.

Three infants have been abandoned in Toronto within a week. One of them was found near the city hall.

At Greenville, Tenn., Hiram Hall, who murdered his wife by pushing her into a well, was hanged on Thursday.

Jaques Bollaup of Mantwaki, Que., is suspected of murdering his adopted daughter, a 14-year-old girl named St. Onge.

Police Magistrate Loves of Rothsay in Toronto has sentenced the township of Peel \$100 and costs for having an illicit still in his possession.

Will Tut, colored, who killed his wife because she went to a baseball match with another man, was hanged on Thursday at Maryland, Ky.

For stealing a K. H. Grupp's bicycle in Toronto, Magistrate Deaton sentenced Thomas J. Smith to 15 months in the Ontario House of Friday.

Beliff Charrette of Hill arrested High County, Constable Bliss of Ontario on Friday afternoon on a charge of shooting a boy named Joseph Vauze last week.

The Crown has concluded the defence has begun to put evidence in at the trial of young Dickson for the murder of a young man named Pappin at Tangany.

Mrs. Dora Jeffries was locked up at Brockville, N.Y., on Friday, charged with having murdered her father with an ax. She is 85 years of age, and denies having murdered the old man.

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Burglars carried off \$700 worth of leather goods and findings from J. D. Ted's premises in Toronto on Thursday night. George Daniels and James Young have been arrested and charged with the theft.

## NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK.

Important Events in Few Words For Busy Readers.

The Busy World's Happenings Concisely Compared with the Local News and Alternative Shape For the Readers of Our Paper.—A Solid Heart's Enjoyment in Paragraphical Information.

THE LABOR WORLD.

Fifty-seven freight handlers at the Grand Trunk sheds in Toronto have struck for an advance in wages. Their places have already been filled.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

It is announced that the Spanish Minister of Marine will submit to the Chamber of Deputies a bill for the construction of ten ironclads.

It now transpires that the reason Sampson's squadron will not visit British ports in response to the recent invitation is that Uncle Sam is afraid Europe will not be so friendly with the most country.

RAILROAD RUMORS.

It is said that the Cataract Power Company now owns 60 per cent of the stock of the Hamilton Street Railway, and that it will make radical changes in the management.

During the month of March 11,974 west-bound and 15,495 east-bound cars, a total of 27,469 cars, were handled through the St. Clair tunnel. This was the largest number that passed through in any one month.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Arrangements have just been completed at Pittsburgh, Pa., for the consolidation of all the hoop iron and cotton interests in the United States. The capital of the new company will be \$23,000,000.

Dr. P. E. Doollittle of Toronto has been at Roseland, B.C., for several days in connection with a project for establishing a gas plant there. Good cooking coal can be procured from the Crown's West for the manufacture of gas for heating, cooking and lighting.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The barber shop of W. A. Powers at Pembroke was burned down on Sunday. The Boston Museum, the oldest play-house in that city, was badly damaged by fire on Thursday morning. The loss is \$20,000.

Cochrane & Wilson's warehouse at the M.O.R. station at Ridgeway took fire on Monday night and was completely destroyed, together with contents, several thousand bushels of beans.

Man, on Friday destroyed the Robin Block, the Massey-Harris warehouse, the Dufferin Hall, Hamilton street. The Lawson's store, the bank of Hamilton, the Bank of Whitehead's office. The loss will not exceed \$100,000.

Late Thursday night Reid Bros. Company's gas engine and boiler occupying the building near to Government House, Toronto, on West King street, were burned out, the loss aggregating \$20,000. The building was owned by the Dow estate.

Chief Graham of the fire brigade had three ribs broken while on duty. Lord Kinsale and suite witnessed the fire.

PURELY PERSONAL.

F. D. Tolhard, caretaker of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, has been appointed Speaker's messenger at the Ontario Parliament Buildings.

Rudyard Kipling was out driving for the first time since his recent illness on Thursday. The drive was through Central Park, New York.

Honolulu arrival of April 5: "The ex-Queen Dowager Kapiliolani is seriously ill. She had another stroke of apoplexy about a week ago and grew worse. The physicians are hopeful, but the case is a desperate one."

Rear-Admiral Charles Bessford, Conservative M.P. for the City of York, speaking on Thursday at Bradford in the House of Commons, dealt somewhat at length with his recent experiences in China as representative of the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Arthur Gibson, president of the Ontario Entomological Society, has gone to Ottawa, where he enters the entomological branch of the Experimental Farm.

Mr. Gibson was, up to a few weeks ago, secretary of the society, and was elected to the presidency at the annual meeting.

General MacArthur, who has done so much fighting for the Americans in the Philippines, is of Canadian parentage.

William Marshall was burned to death on Saturday in a New York stable in which he was sleeping. Two horses were also burned.

Prarie fires have burned over a large area in Greenly County, Nebraska, destroying many farmhouses and barns. A metropolitan street car ran down on Saturday at Toronto the 3-year-old son of Edward M. Higgins, crushing his skull and inflicting very serious injuries to his right side. He died at a hospital on Saturday.

William H. McClure, a lineman in the employ of the Elmira, N.Y., Illuminating Company, was electrocuted by a live wire on Thursday on a pole on Hall street, Elmira, causing his skull and grasped the wires in an endeavor to save himself.

At Highland, Ill., the gasoline stove in Isaac Hooper's house exploded, shocking the man into unconsciousness. Mrs. Beckler, who was outside, ran in and dragged her unconscious husband, whose clothes were on fire, out of the house, he was dressed in his nightgown and slippers. Both died shortly afterwards from their severe burns, leaving three small children to continue the battle of life alone.

Three infants have been abandoned in Toronto within a week. One of them was found near the city hall.

At Greenville, Tenn., Hiram Hall, who murdered his wife by pushing her into a well, was hanged on Thursday.

Jaques Bollaup of Mantwaki, Que., is suspected of murdering his adopted daughter, a 14-year-old girl named St. Onge.

Police Magistrate Loves of Rothsay in Toronto has sentenced the township of Peel \$100 and costs for having an illicit still in his possession.

Will Tut, colored, who killed his wife because she went to a baseball match with another man, was hanged on Thursday at Maryland, Ky.

For stealing a K. H. Grupp's bicycle in Toronto, Magistrate Deaton sentenced Thomas J. Smith to 15 months in the Ontario House of Friday.

Beliff Charrette of Hill arrested High County, Constable Bliss of Ontario on Friday afternoon on a charge of shooting a boy named Joseph Vauze last week.

The Crown has concluded the defence has begun to put evidence in at the trial of young Dickson for the murder of a young man named Pappin at Tangany.

Mrs. Dora Jeffries was locked up at Brockville, N.Y., on Friday, charged with having murdered her father with an ax. She is 85 years of age, and denies having murdered the old man.

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Burglars carried off \$700 worth of leather goods and findings from J. D. Ted's premises in Toronto on Thursday night. George Daniels and James Young have been arrested and charged with the theft.