

In a Close Game.

Forest City Curlers Defeat the
Glencoe Club.Chatham's Besom Pushers Beaten
at Thamesville.San Francisco Citizens Denounce the
Proposed Corbett-Fitzsimmons
Fight—Other Sporting
News.

CURLING.

GLENCOE VS. FOREST CITY.
Three rinks of Glencoe curlers came down yesterday for a friendly game with three rinks of Forest City. It was only a friendly game, but very friendly. The ice was heavy and soft, but it was as fair for the one side as the other. Glencoe lost by three shots. Following is the score.

FOREST CITY.
Rink No. 1. M. Campbell, C. Sterling, C. W. Davis, S. Stevely, skip. Rink No. 2. A. A. McFarlane, A. A. Sutherland, C. S. Hyman, J. D. Balfour, skip. Rink No. 3. J. B. Smallman, H. Blackburn, J. Burnett, J. Mattinson, skip. Total, 46. Majority for Forest City, 3 shots.

THAMESVILLE WON.
Thamesville, Ont., March 8.—Four rinks of curlers from here played four rinks of Chatham curlers at Chatham yesterday. Score:

CHATHAM.
J. Ferguson, skip. 12. Dr. Ray, skip. 15. M. Trudel, skip. 34. O. L. Lewis, skip. 7. Geo. Sullivan, skip. 12. J. H. Lamont, skip. 9. Alex. Nickle, skip. 29. W. Ripin, skip. 9. Total, 79. Total, 40.

THE KENNEL.
T. C. Traylor, of this city, has entered six of his best setter dogs, which have been under the care of Trainer McGregor, in the Chicago bench show.

GROUNDERS.
New York is to have a State league. Louisville announces itself willing to pay big money for a resolution of the grounders of Philadelphia, or Detroit, or Baltimore.

APPEALS.
Perhaps the greatest example of a left-handed batter becoming a good right-handed hitter is Roger Connor. When he first started out, he was a poor form, so he turned around.

OPPOSED TO THE FIGHT.
San Francisco, March 8.—At a meeting to perfect arrangements to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a resolution was adopted denouncing the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight and appealing to the people to the many among them who are lovers of true athletic games and sports, to discountenance the coming fight, to keep away from it, and to say that it has no support or approval of reputable Irishmen.

TICKETS IN DEMAND.
As soon as the sale of seats for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight began on Saturday, Billy Williams, for Charles L. A. Asher, of the Baldwin Hotel, purchased \$1,500 worth of tickets. During the afternoon nearly 200 tickets were sold. About half were \$10 seats, and the other half were \$5 seats. Agents Cook and Clark, amounted to nearly \$6,000. Many tickets were also sold in the evening.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD estimates that there will be 20,000 in Carson to see the fight. Said V. H. Smith, of the number about 4,000 will go from Nevada, and 8,000 from the east and Pacific coast. All the extra cars are not absolutely in use for 24-hour runs are to be used for Carson fight purposes.

BLOWS.
Bob Armstrong, the big colored heavy-weight, of Chicago, defeated Joe Butler, the colored Philadelphiaian in six rounds at the Broadway A. C. Saturday.

Johnny Van Heest, of New York, and Andy Powell, of Australia, met Saturday night at the Vickers' Club, Hot Springs. In the third round a right-hand swing from Van Heest caught Powell on the point of the chin, and put him completely out.

March 15, John Everhardt and Tom Tracey, whom Tommy Ryan recently knocked out in nine rounds, will meet at 140 pounds. The result of the fight is hard to hit, and the match is considered to be a good one.

Tom Ryan, a middle-weight boxer of Australia, has arrived in New York, looking for a match. Fitzpatrick, Lavigne, and McKinlay will take charge of him. Ryan got a decision over young Mitchell, and boxed a draw with big Joe Wolfe.

WHEEL.
PUNCTURE PREVENTIVE.
Many punctures have been prevented by taping a piece of strong gut across the fork, just over the tire. In most cases the nail or thorn does not puncture at first. It is caught up, sticks, and the next revolution of the wheel drives it in. The mischief done by the gut is to catch the head and jerk the nail or thorn out before the revolution is complete. Even if it punctures, the gut makes this election will prevent the injury from being driven through the tire tube by the next impact with the ground—will save, in short, that double expense of all woe, a double puncture.

RHEUMATISM
CURED BY
DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

I have been troubled with Rheumatism for several months. I could scarcely get around. I had tried several remedies, but of no use. I read of the wonderful cures Dodd's Kidney Pills had done, and purchased one box. From the first box I began to get relief. I have used 4 boxes and I am cured.

W. H. SMITHSON,
Lindsay, Ont.

Dodd's Kidney Pills
Always Cures Rheumatism

ture—than which nothing worse can happen a wheeler.

SPOKES.
It is held by some persons that the true definition of a scorcher is: One who affects a hot pace, makes pedestrians boiling mad, warms up the police, and gets censured in court, after which he complains that it is a burning shame.

Cycle race-track owners in the south and west, because the League of American Wheelmen refused to grant local option in the matter of Sunday racing, are talking of organizing a body in opposition to the L. A. W. C. P. of New Orleans, is showing the greatest activity in forming the opposition organization.

The membership renewals in the L. A. W. last week are 1,159, making the total membership 75,512. Secretary Basset's report of the returns from the various divisions is as follows: New York, 114; total, 21,054; Massachusetts, 413; total, 10,250; Pennsylvania, 210; total, 11,611; New Jersey, 101; total, 4,924; Ohio, 20; total, 2,246; Illinois, 19; total, 3,012; Indiana, 1; total, 966; Iowa, 1; total, 1,362; Missouri, 1; total, 1,129; Connecticut, 12; total, 1,522.

BOWLING.
At the second annual meeting of the Chatham Lawn Bowling Club, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, R. C. Fleming, vice-president, Dr. R. V. Bray (re-elected); secretary-treasurer, J. S. Black (re-elected); executive committee, N. H. Stevens, J. Soverby, Wilson Taylor; representatives to the Western Bowling Association, Dr. J. L. Bray, N. H. Stevens.

Our Neighbors.

Meeting of the Muncie Reform Association—Farm Transfers—Almost Frozen.

The checker players of Windsor are trying to induce James M. Dykes, of Wardsville, champion player of Canada, to visit Windsor at an early date. A first-class orchestra has been organized in connection with the Twenty-sixth Battalion Band, and will no doubt entertain Glencoe audiences in the near future.

BABES.
"Sally" Kennedy, the old Indian woman who wandered away from the Oneida reserve about a week ago, has been found near Belmont. She was almost frozen.

W. R. Hare, Aylmer, has purchased a farm of 75 acres, being part of lot 10 of the 10th concession of the township of Wardsville, in the county of Lanark. The property of the South-western Loan Company. Price, \$2,700.

The incorporation is announced of the Strathroy Brewing and Malting Company (Limited) with a stock of \$1,000. The company is composed of William J. Patterson, J. D. Brooke, Richard Dumbrell, Alexander Stevenson and Adolph Dumbrell, all of Strathroy.

A pleasing event occurred at the family residence of Mr. Malcolm C. McIntyre, Mosca, Thursday. It was the presiding of the Rev. J. W. McIntyre, on the occasion of an act of great bravery performed by him in the fall of 1896, when at great personal risk he attempted to save the life of a fellow creature from a burning barn.

RIDGE TOWN.
Serious Charge Against E. Connors—Anniversary Services—Two Deaths.

Ridgetown, March 6.—Mr. Thomas Davidson, of Dunn, aged 85 years died yesterday morning. The deceased was a member of the Select Knights.

Mr. Alfred Page, of London, is spending a few days in town looking after the affairs of the late Mr. Wm. Black, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting his cousin, Donald Campbell.

Mr. A. Patterson is quite sanguine over the prospects of a daily Cleveland paper, in farm products at least, would be a good thing for Howard farmers.

The trial of the young man, E. Connors, who was arrested on Friday for attempting to extort money by threat from the proprietor of the Benton House, has been postponed until Wednesday.

Then anniversary services of the Baptist Church will be held Sunday and Monday, April 11 and 12. Prof. S. Farmer, of the Woodstock University, will occupy the pulpit on Sunday, and lecture on Monday evening.

TILSONBURG.

The Blazing Gas Well—Talk of Building a New S. A. Barracks.

Tilsonburg, March 8.—The burning gas well, to the north of this town, is an interesting sight. The plume is fully six feet under water at the present time, yet the force of the gas is so strong that it is kept boiling up five and six feet in the air, alive with shooting flames. At night the light is much more imposing. The flames sometimes rise to a height of forty or fifty feet in the air. The well presents the appearance of a seething cauldron, the heat of which can be felt many yards away. The well has now been burning over a week, and the supply of gas seems more abundant than ever. An effort will be made to plug the well, until a test can be made.

Rev. Mr. Bosworth, of the Grand Ligne Mission, spent Sunday with his family in town.

Miss Lizzie Hayton, of St. Thomas, spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. McNair, of the Woodstock Baptist College, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church again yesterday. Mr.

McNeil is a favorite with Tilsonburg audiences.

Mr. R. C. Scott has sold Erie Lodge, of Port Burwell, to Messrs. Bodwell and Smith, of Mount Elgin.

Mr. John Waterhouse has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

The other day while working around his horse, Mr. Sweet, of Campbelltown, was kicked by the animal in the lower part of the body and knocked senseless for some time. Upon examination it was found that two ribs were broken.

Mr. G. O. Maddock was called to Guelph on Saturday, owing to the death of Mrs. Maddock's father, away from home. Mrs. Maddock had been at the bedside of her father during the past week. It is rumored that a new Salvation Army barracks will be built in Tilsonburg this summer.

COURTRIGHT.

Lively Runaway—New Anglican Church Edifice to Be Built Shortly.

Courtright, March 8.—Capt. James Neil and Wm. Henderson took a trip to Port Huron on Saturday. A lively team of horses owned by Robert Fair, of Bridgeton, and engaged by a couple of traveling men, ran on Thursday night on the way to Bridgeton, turned and came back to this place. No serious damage was done, but a robe and a whip were lost.

The English Church congregation has secured \$1,000 towards the building of the new church, which they will start as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

SIRATHROY.

Foresters' Supper and Entertainment—Departure of a Minister for Another Field.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, March 8.—Last evening the brethren of Court, Sydney, O. F., entertained their lady friends and visiting brethren and ladies from Port Huron, at a supper in the hall, which was artistically decorated for the occasion. An excellent musical and literary programme followed the supper.

Mr. Dumfries, of the Canning Factory Company, left on Saturday last for Victoria, B. C.

The Rev. T. M. Pothergill will give an address on "Woman's work in missions" at the public meeting to be held by the Mission, Church of the Baptist Church in Sarnia, Wednesday evening next.

On March 14, the anniversary services, in connection with the Baptist Church, will be conducted by the Rev. P. K. Dayford, a former pastor, and the following Monday evening the annual entertainment will be held, under the auspices of the Young People's Association.

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Fight With Fanatics.
Brazilian Troops Suffer Disastrous Defeat.

Fall Into an Ambush—The Vanguard Annihilated—The Commander and 200 Men Either Killed or Wounded.

New York, March 9.—Telegrams from Brazil give important details of the serious defeat of the Federal troops by the fanatic insurgents in the State of Bahia on Sunday. The news of the disaster was at first denied in Rio de Janeiro, and one paper suppressed because it published bulletins of the battle.

The general tendency is to discard all still interlinings on the newest gowns. This does very well, when one can afford a crisp taffeta silk lining, with no sort of interlining added even as a facing.

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A neat and cheap storm costume.

Now that spring is coming every woman needs a rainy weather costume. English brilliantine possesses just the quality to make one. It is wily, of



THE LATEST STORM COSTUME.

Light weight and very durable. It does not absorb the wet and get heavy and sag and cling to the angles and corners. Black or brown and even navy blue is very pretty in brilliantine. Nine yards will make a very pretty, stylish suit—a five-gored skirt, reaching a little below the shoe tops, made very full around the bottom and fitting plainly over the hips with a narrow facing of haircloth to keep it in shape, lined with porcelaine and finished with velvet in the usual way, a plain or blouse front waist and a medium length loose front coat with high collar. The coat should be lined with taffeta silk with an interlining of sailor's flannel to make it warm and comfortable for the chilly spring storms. A small toque made of the material with a soft band of velvet to match and good stout shoes made of haircloth to keep it in shape, lined with porcelaine and finished with velvet in the usual way, a plain or blouse front waist and a medium length loose front coat with high collar. 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A Recently Appointed Bailiff Declines the Position.

Oil Operators in Thamesville Make a Good Strike.

Dr. Bell, of Bothwell, is thought to be now out of danger, but he is still very weak.

The death occurred on Saturday, at Brantford, of Mr. R. C. Mudge, an old gentleman in his 75th year.

At a special meeting of the Aylmer Town Council it was decided not to attempt any improvement in the town hall this year.

The infant son of Henry Brown, of Tilsonburg, was so badly burned on Friday by his clothes catching fire, that he died on Sunday.

Chatham Banner: Conflicting reports of the condition of wheat on loving lands. The wheat is in danger of being smothered by superincumbent ice.

The Port Rowan stage route will exchange hands at the expiration of the present contract, April 15, parties in St. Thomas having secured the contract.

Mr. G. H. Gardner has under consideration the erection of a flour mill in Tilsonburg, and asks for a fifteen-year exemption of taxes. No action taken in the matter.

Mr. A. B. McBride, barrister at Waterloo, has been appointed to succeed Mr. F. W. Colquhoun as town clerk of that place. The latter gentleman has held the clerkship of that town since 1868.

Mrs. Margaret Lockman Vansickle, relict of the late John Vansickle, the oldest resident in Jerseyville, died yesterday the other evening at the old family residence, "Holmstead," at the ripe old age of 85.

The body of Miss Margaret Moore, who died of typhoid fever at the age of 24, was shipped to her old home in Port Dover, for interment on Sunday night. She had lived with her brother and sisters in Windsor for some years.

A dispatch from Colchester says: The ice in this end of Lake Erie has become well frozen up from the effect of the heavy northerly and easterly winds of the past few days.

Anemia means "want of blood," a deficiency in the red corpuscles of the blood.

Its cause is found in want of sufficient food, dyspepsia, lack of exercise or breathing impure air. With it is a natural repugnance to all fat foods.

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St. Thomas Journal: Mr. Robert Foster, C. T. Freeman, who was recently appointed Division Court bail-

LITTLE TWINS.

A Healthy Little Pair Weighing Only Four and a Half Pounds.

Laporte, Ind., March 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kilmeyer are the parents of twins, whose combined weight is only four and a half pounds. The babies are said to be the smallest twins born to American parents. They are cradled in a doll crib, and bid fair to live. The parents are strong and robust.

DEAD IN THE CAB.

Determined Suicide of a Former Railway Engineer.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 8.—E. M. McLean, a former engineer on the Central, was found dead in the cab of engine No. 433 this morning. Raynor had climbed the cord that supports the back curtain and knotted it so he could put his head in the noose, and then he closed the door. The body was found by a passenger engineer on the New York Central.

TIED TO THE DOOR KNOB

Miss Alice Beck, of Hamilton, Got Back \$120 of Stolen Money.

Hamilton, March 9.—County Constable Phillips, of Ancaster, telephoned to the authorities in this city yesterday, saying that \$120 which was stolen from Miss Alice Beck, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. A. R. Woodworth, last Thursday night, was returned this morning. The money was wrapped up in a handkerchief and tied on the knob of the front door. Some members of the household say that they heard a person knock at the front door at about 12 o'clock last night, and it is supposed that the person placed the money there. The money, which was in \$5 and \$10 bills, was stolen out of a trunk.

PRISONER FELL DEAD.

Tragic End of an Assault Case in New York.

New York, March 8.—Saturday night while Herman Goldstein, a hatter, was entering the door of his house on East 59th street, he was seized by a man from a sand bag in the hands of a man who suddenly sprang from the hallway. Goldstein shouted lustily and the sandbagger fled but was caught by two men who were passing and brought back.

The men asked Mr. Goldstein if he could identify the prisoner as the one who assaulted him, and he replied that he was sure. The prisoner, however, became pallid, and sank down in apparent illness. Before medical help could be summoned he died. The dead man has not yet been identified.

TAKE OFF THAT HAT.

Olympia, Washington, March 8.—By a unanimous vote, the House passed a bill prohibiting persons from wearing hats in a theater which will obstruct the view.

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God's in his heaven.

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

It is stated in England that Princess Charles of Denmark (Princess Maud of Wales) has written a one-act piece, which Miss Ellen Terry will appear in before long. The British royal family are becoming decidedly versatile.

A blow to woman's rights, as some men understand them, has been given in Hamilton. Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, while splitting wood, had her nose broken by a stray piece which flew up.

Could not ostriches be acclimated in the mild region of British Columbia? The attempt to rear the ostrich in South Russia has been eminently successful. The ostriches born in that empire are much less sensitive to cold than the imported ones, and their plumes are equally good.

According to the Scientific American, in an infringement of patent case recently heard in the courts at Trenton, N. J., in which the company are makers of a water nozzle, the defendant answers that at this moment the substantial features on which the patents are based were known, among others, to "One Heron, now deceased, but formerly of Alexandria, Egypt, living at said Alexandria, and elsewhere, 1860 B. C." Could a reference to the long-since mummified be more neatly put?

Nova Scotia has a windfall. At the time when it entered Confederation the province had on hand a number of provincial postage stamps, which were withdrawn from circulation and remained at Ottawa, being replaced by an issue of Canadian stamps. They were considered of no value. But recently, owing to a desire on the part of persons to possess themselves of stamps as curiosities, they had been able to add to the revenue to the extent of \$100. The speculative character of stamp collecting is exemplified in this transaction. When the sale of these stamps took place, the treasurer of the province recently stated, it was accompanied by a proviso that the Government on their part should keep the quantity of stamps secret, and at this moment it had not the slightest information as to the number of stamps which were sold to bring in this handsome sum to the province. If stamp collectors throughout the world knew the quantity they could better judge of the value of these stamps, and all opportunity for legitimate speculation would be lost.

The following is a translation of the Greek "Marsellides":
Children of heroic Greece,
Liberty flames in your eyes.
If you would pay heed to its magic voice
You must prove worthy of your sires.
An implacable tyranny
Dared to crush us beneath its law,
But, O country of your fathers, we are ready
To avenge thee, Arise! Arise!

Chorus—
Sons of Greece, to arms;
May our tyrants, overwhelmed,
Single their blood with our tears,
As it flows beneath our feet.
Give new life to your illustrious ashes,
O generous sons of our fathers,
Leave your funeral homes,
Shake off the dust of the tomb!
Seek ye the City of Solon,
The city of old-time splendor,
Arise boldly over the ruins,
And, when I summon, go forth and conquer!

Why slumber, Sparta, so illustrious,
When the day dawns so brightly?
Oh, raise high your queenly head
And call Athens to your side!
Come, come, by brave fatherland,
Gather the prizes of battles;
Break the chains which have blighted you!
Remember Leonidas!

Yonder, yonder at Thermopylae
His war cry has sounded!
In vain humble troops of Persians
Dash themselves against him!
With the utmost daring he defies them,
Backed by the Three Hundred, he
Charges them.
And, like a maddened lion,
He scatters death through their ranks!

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As it flows beneath our feet.

Best Carlington, at a mass meeting in Halifax city, immediately prior to the last imperial election, there, in which the Liberal candidate was elected, spoke of the principles to which the party were unwaveringly loyal. He said Liberalism involved the maintenance of the British empire abroad, the supremacy of British commerce, and most notably of the modification of the social structure at home. The Liberals were accused, he said, of having too many programmes, but he thought their social programme might be divided into six heads. In the first place, they wished to get the people of his great country cheap rents and wholesome food. In the second place, they wanted them to have healthy and decent houses. Thirdly, there was the de-

sire to afford protection against the dangers of trade. Fourthly, they wanted to bring about shorter hours of work. Fifthly, they wished to see wages paid that would insure respectable lives; and, lastly, they desired that there should be the possibility of acquiring at the same rent that the agricultural laborers paid, small pieces of land. Something had happened within the last fortnight that had taught them a very serious lesson. Walsingham—where a Conservative majority of over 2,000 was converted into a substantial Liberal majority—had taught them that when Liberalism and Labor joined hands they were absolutely invincible.

Looking for Oil in the West.

In the summary report of the Dominion Geological Survey Department for 1896, extended reference is made to the boring for petroleum at Athabasca Landing. By the end of 1895, Mr. W. A. Fraser, who is in charge, was down 1,731 feet. It was intended to go down 2,000 feet, but owing to unexpected difficulties and dense rock met with at the great depth reached, only 39 feet further could be got last year. No oil was reached, and Dr. Dawson says it was decided to give up that boring and try another one 30 miles further down the Athabasca Valley, near the Pelican River. The director says:

"At this place the summit of the tar sands should be reached at a depth of about 700 feet, and the base of the same formation at 800 or 900 feet. It is hoped that a boring to such a depth may be made during next summer. It is proper to add that the work so far accomplished, though without positive results in the matter of petroleum, has not in the least degree tended to render the existence of petroleum, even at Athabasca Landing, more doubtful than before. It means only that the stratum in which the petroleum is likely to occur has not been reached in this instance, because of its unforeseen depth and other difficulties encountered. The importance of the inquiry, and its probable eventual success remain unchanged."

From this it is evident that there are still strong hopes that petroleum in paying quantities will be found in the Northwest.

How Hon. Edward Blake Drew Out Cecil Rhodes.

English cablegrams only now inform us of the close of the cross-examination of Cecil Rhodes, the master-mind in the great Transvaal raid of last year. But London papers, to hand by mail, give long and graphic accounts of Hon. Edward Blake's "drawing out" of the witness in the first part of the cross-examination ten days ago. All relate the great interest which was taken in Mr. Blake's masterly handling of the witness. The Daily News, for example, said:

"Up to this time Mr. Rhodes had been rather irritating the fearful port of his refreshment. Now Mr. Blake was to take him in hand. Mr. Blake is more than a lawyer. He was the Minister of Canada long before Mr. Rhodes was Premier at the Cape. They are both of the most solid type of Irishmen, and both have the sense of humor that distinguishes the best of their countrymen. They were on good terms directly. The rich, soft, clear tongue which many years in the Dominion have chastened and refined seemed to bring a sparkle to the witness' eye directly, and at once there came to the mind the question of old, 'How do you get so much out of your witnesses?' 'How do I? Why, I first butters him up, and then I lectural treat of no consequence. I listen and watch these two at fault-times, the button loose, if not off, sometimes."

By the way, Mr. Blake, though of Irish parentage, was born in Middlesex, Ontario.

Then the Daily Chronicle gives this graphic and amusing summary of the developments:

"Among the members of the committee the honors of the day rested decidedly with Mr. Blake. His cross-examination of Mr. Rhodes betrayed a practiced hand of the professional man in a moment, and the professional man who has the invaluable gift of sympathy. Sir William Harcourt's performance, it is true, was in many ways, suffered from two faults. It went into a great deal of unnecessary detail, and it put the witness' back up. Mr. Blake at the outset showed that he meant to avoid both these faults. His very first question served to brush away superfluous details and to put the cross-examiner on rapport with the witness. I understand from your general attitude," he said, "that you were a sort of general in command, giving general instructions to your subordinates, but unable to tell us of many particulars that they carried out, and so I shall not trouble you with many details. This sympathetic view of the matter, which was emphasized by a most cheery voice, and a benevolent smile, won the witness' regard at once. There are times no doubt for bullying and browbeating, but the sympathetic manner is often the more effective and always the more artistic. In this respect Mr. Blake's performance recalled the style of a great master of the art, now deceased, late Sergeant Ballantine. I remember a murder case in which a defense of insanity was set up. Ballantine was for the crown. The prisoner's mother had been called. She was so much distressed that her own counsel could get very little out of her in support of the case. Ballantine rose to cross-examine in his most insinuating manner, and before two minutes had elapsed had so won the poor lady over that she completely gave away her case. He began, if I remember right, with a reference to the lady's 'poor, dear husband—an excellent man, I am sure,' and they then passed from the virtues of the deceased husband to the charming, clever ways of the child—the child, I remember, was a girl named Bessie Rhodes! Mr. Blake's reference to Mr. Rhodes as a great commander, concerned only with general instructions, fulfilled the same function as Ballantine's to the lady's poor, dear husband. It won the witness' sympathy, and made him throughout the rest of the

afternoon concede points with the utmost readiness, which, under a different style of cross-examination, he might very possibly have fought over.

"Mr. Blake's points, so far as they can be gathered from his questions of yesterday, are two. He wants to show that the revolution at Johannesburg was far more a financial than a political affair—a movement of the gold-bugs rather than of unenfranchised masses. And, secondly, he is exhibiting the utmost curiosity with regard to the transfer of the strip of territory on the Transvaal border, which Mr. Stead called it will be remembered the 'jumping-off ground,' and made the pivot of his 'Mystery.' As for the first point, Mr. Blake carried Mr. Rhodes along with him swimmingly for a good deal of the way—partly, as we have suggested, by his forensic skill, but partly also, it seemed, because Mr. Rhodes was largely in agreement with his questioning. The persons mostly concerned in the revolution, asked Mr. Blake, were mainly those interested in 'mines.' Certainly, said Mr. Rhodes, 'because most of the industrial people at Johannesburg were interested in mines. You may take it from me that commercial men seldom go into an agitation without having felt the shoe on their foot.' Mr. Rhodes was amused and interested by the extracts read to him from Mr. Lionel Phillips' letters. 'I have been told, you know,' said Mr. Rhodes, 'that I led Johannesburg into revolution, but upon my word on reading these letters, I am as if I had been led into it.' This little sally caused much laughter, in which the Prince with the blue bow before him joined heartily. Mr. Rhodes, while answering all questions to this effect with the utmost readiness, was careful, however, from time to time to dwell on another side of the matter, in which it seemed a part of Mr. Blake's brief to emphasize. 'You must remember,' said Mr. Rhodes, 'that British wealth and order, any citizen if trained from childhood to have a share in the government of their own country, naturally desired their share in the government of the Transvaal. It is a way our people have.'"

The second point to which Mr. Blake devoted himself was the transfer of the 'jumping-off place.' Here again Mr. Rhodes was very frank. Mr. Blake, having gone through all the ostensible and public grounds for the transfer, pulled up and said, with a smile, 'all this played in a most wonderful way with your secret schemes; was it only a coincidence?' 'No,' said Mr. Rhodes, 'I wanted the strip of territory for two reasons. The first was, as the man who was to take the strip only? 'Because half a loaf is better than no bread.' Then came the ticklish question, Why Sir Hercules Robinson advised the concession of the strip. This was getting 'warm,' as they say in the game of hide-and-seek, and Mr. Chamberlain—who had been very much on the alert for some little time—intervened with an explanation. 'The reason,' said the Colonial Secretary, 'why the High Commissioner proposed the transfer of the strip was to facilitate the making of the railway, which was a matter of Imperial concern. I am quite aware that that was the reason of the High Commissioner,' replied Mr. Blake, 'and of the Colonial Secretary, as I assume, but I was wanting Mr. Rhodes' reasons.' Mr. Rhodes himself promptly came to the support of the Colonial Office. 'I pointed out to them,' he said, 'that the transfer would save the Imperial Government some money, and I'm sure that was the reason why the Colonial Office assented. This reference by Mr. Rhodes to the traditional Governor, Factor in the Chamberlain and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who sits next to him.'"

Vertical Writing—Alter Trial.
The annual report of the public schools of British Columbia has an interesting reference to vertical writing. Inspector Wilson in an able report on the schools of Victoria, B. C., says: "During the past year, poor or indifferent work in this branch has been too frequently observed, but the introduction of the vertical system has undoubtedly had a beneficial effect. In support of this statement, it may be said that perhaps the most satisfactory progress in writing was to be seen in schools where the vertical style had been adopted. I have in mind several schools in particular in which each class did not contain one or two good writers, but in which all the pupils, with few exceptions, produced neat and excellent specimens of penmanship. It may be added, by way of comment, that the teachers who have achieved this success are not only conversant with the vertical system, but are excellent exponents of it with both chalk and pen."

The teacher who would make a success of vertical writing must first learn it himself. To have recently gone through the ordeal (for to such as dislike formal work, the vertical system is a valuable experience. Since many of the difficulties that the pupils encounter the teacher will have met and overcome."

The absence of a manual of vertical writing may be to some extent a drawback, but the general methods of teaching the subject are applicable to this system. The greatest series of vertical writing books contain excellent advice as to pen-holding and position in writing. The Hings to Teachers at the end of each book should be carefully studied, and, as far as possible, put into practice by those to whom it is addressed."

ANOTHER BANQUET IDEA.

Hamilton Times.

The London Advertiser wants to refer to the modern banquet fashion, by beginning the supper at 6 and shortening the programme by grouping the toasts. That might be next best to abolishing the heathenish toasting custom. It is at best a stupid performance, and if there are some who must indulge in potations between speeches they might be induced to agree on a compromise that would let the victims of the banquet orators out to bed by midnight.

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Snow Blockade.

Three States Buried in "the Beautiful."

Four Feet on the Level and Still Falling—Legislature Imprisoned.

St. Paul, March 9.—The States of Minnesota, North and South Dakota are in a nervous condition over the prospects of the next few days. It has snowed every day this month, Sunday's storm was the greatest in weeks. Railroad trains are tied up in every direction, only many of the small branch lines are abandoned. The Legislature at Pierre, which adjourns this day on Friday night, was tied up as tightly as it under siege. Not a train is running into or out of Pierre. At Johannesburg, Blunt, Gettysburg, Millbank and Chamberlain. Russell Harding, of the Great Northern, speaking of the snow, said: "In all my life I have never seen anything like it. A conservative estimate will place the snow in North Dakota at three feet on the plains. It is probably nearer four feet on the level, and the snow is not all down yet, as telegrams indicate another storm is on."

WORK AND WAGES.

The Expected Chicago Building Trade Strike in Abeyance—Cloak Makers Go Out.

Chicago, March 9.—Both sides in the impending strike in the building trades of this city are resting on their arms. Neither side seems anxious to begin hostilities. The Employers' Plasterers' Association has not withdrawn its notice of a reduction in wages of plasterers and hod carriers. An effort will be made by the Building Trades Council to restrain the strike of the plasterers and the council, it is thought, will succeed in striking off the other building trades unless the contractors attempt to employ non-union plasterers.

New York, March 9.—Five hundred cloakmakers, in addition to the 1,000 who were out on strike, quit work yesterday. They want an increase of 25 per cent in the regular price list.

A LOSING CONCERN.

Madison Square Garden, New York, in Trouble.

New York, March 9.—After a series of losing seasons, with a bonded indebtedness of about \$2,000,000 and \$80,000 owing taxes starting them in the face, the owners of the famous pleasure resort, Madison Square Garden, have concluded to sell all or a part of the property. This step was hastened by the fact that over \$35,000 interest on its bonds will be due May 1. The garden is a matter of Imperial concern, and it is not expected that at a forced sale it will realize much more than its debt.

HURON SPRING ASSIZES.

Goderich, Ont., March 9.—The Spring Assizes for the county of Huron opened here yesterday afternoon, before Chief Justice Armour, James Lister, Q. C., sitting, and the Crown. There were criminal and civil cases, but no cases of importance. In the case of Meisner vs. Wolf, for seduction, a verdict of \$100 was rendered.

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