





## Mrs. Sternaman

Will Spend Her Christmas Behind Prison Bars.

Appeal for Writ of Habeas Corpus Dismissed—Case Goes to the Supreme Court.

Buffalo, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Olive Adell Sternaman, who is now incarcerated in Erie county jail, charged with the murder of her husband, George W. Sternaman, who died in Rainham, Haldimand county, Ont., will not only spend Christmas behind the bars, but probably will remain in custody here for some weeks to come, while her lawyers are taking an appeal to the United States Supreme Court from Judge Cox's decision. Mrs. Sternaman was arrested in Buffalo on a warrant issued by Justice Wm. Parker of Haldimand county, Ont. Upon examination before United States Commissioner Fairchild she was held for extradition to Canada on the charge of murder, the complaint being made by John Wilson Murray, of Toronto. Her attorneys applied for a writ of habeas corpus and certiorari to review the action of the commissioner. The matter was argued before Judge Cox in Utica on Dec. 15.—Yesterday Judge Cox handed down his decision, which is a dispatch from Utica last night succinctly stated to be the dismissal of the writ, and a finding that the facts were sufficient to warrant holding the accused for extradition.

Today the clerk of the United States District Court here received the full text of the judge's opinion. In concluding his decision Judge Cox says: "Upon complete and careful analysis, it will be found, I think, that the officer authorized to conduct proceedings before the commissioner facts sufficient to warrant action upon his part in holding the accused."

## The Cuban Revolution.

Reported Death of Another Insurgent General.

Spanish Losses—Filibusters Landed—Sympathy of Brazilians With the Islanders.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Private advices from the interior represent that the insurgent general, Jose Marti, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana Province, was mortally wounded in the recent engagement with the Spanish forces near Campo Florido.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 24.—One of the Cuban leaders here has news from Havana confirming the reports recently received of Spanish losses sustained near Santiago and other towns near, while attempting to capture the cargo of a filibustering vessel. The Spaniards were routed and they were to Deschaine for aid. A train was made up, but the train was dynamited by the Cubans. The Spaniards were routed and they were to Deschaine for aid. A train was made up, but the train was dynamited by the Cubans.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 24.—Passengers from Cuba last night reported that the Three Friends expedition has landed at Gianoabo.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, telegraphs that the denial of the Brazilian Ministers in Madrid that their Government intended to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans was personal and was not authorized by cable from the Brazilian capital. The Cuban question is assuming a serious aspect in Brazil. The Spanish colony in Rio Janeiro is becoming greatly excited over the recent action of the Cuban committee, and the meetings which have been held in favor of the rebels. A serious encounter occurred between members of the Spanish colony and Cuban sympathizers Wednesday, in which several persons were wounded.

## STREET CAR HELD UP.

Masked Men Take \$12 from a Minneapolis Conductor.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—Minneapolis has experienced the first hold-up of a street car since the operations of the Barrett brothers, several years ago, and for which crime and the murder of the driver they were hanged.

Last night three masked men entered a Bryn Mawr car at the end of the line, and at the point of a revolver took \$12 from Conductor Quay. The motorman by this time had entered the car, and one of the robbers covered him while another was thrusting him. His pockets contained only 1 cent, and this the robbers returned to him.

## WHERE CAPITAL DOESN'T COUNT.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, had a narrow escape from being gored by a Texas steer while inspecting cattle.

## THREE CHILDREN CREMATED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Three children of Mrs. McKim, who lives near Frank, Pa., were burned to death last evening at their home while their mother was away visiting a neighbor.

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## Questionable Course

Of a Michigan Pastor Who Went Slumming.

To Get Materials for a Sermon "Unpleasant Experience."

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 24.—Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick, until three years ago pastor of the Congregational Church at Grass Lake, has been arrested at Rochester, N. Y., where he now holds a Universalist pulpit, on the charge of impersonating an officer. The story, as told by a Rochester dispatch, is peculiar.

For some time an unknown man, wearing a large rubber overcoat, has been wandering about at night, visiting women and children. Mrs. Annie Adner complained to the police that a man whom she identified as Rev. Kirkpatrick followed her, accosted her, seized her by the arm, said he was a policeman, and tried to compel her to go with him.

Mr. Kirkpatrick denies that he is the rubber coat man, but admits that he has been on the streets at night, claiming he was getting material for the seamy side of life for use in sermons. He denies emphatically that he has done anything improper.

At Grass Lake Mr. Kirkpatrick seemed to have a desire to "soar," so Grass Lake people thought. He advanced such radical unorthodox views that the Congregational Ministers' Association called him to account. He was sustained by a vote of his parishioners, but the ministers voted to remove him. He was classed as a man of ability, but of erratic views.

After his dismissal he changed his religious views and applied for a church in Rochester, N. Y.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal. One to govern and one to heal. And as a president power of will sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

## NEW GREATER REPUBLIC

The Central American Combination Recognized by Uncle Sam.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Cleveland, in a significant speech yesterday, formally recognized the new Greater Republic of Central America, composed of Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras, by receiving in the east room of the executive mansion the envoy of the Diet of the new Government, J. D. Rodriguez. Secretary Olney presented the Central American Republic. The President expressed hope that the new republic would soon include Costa Rica and Guatemala, the two richest and most progressive of the isthmian countries, and is expected to have considerably wider territory than the union, but are prevented by their constitutions from joining it without the full approval of their legislatures, which will probably be secured in a few months. The Diet of the new Greater Republic met in Amalapa, Salvador, last June, and remains there a year, will be transferred to the capital of one of the other countries next June, and in turn to the capital of the other country the following year. It has exclusive control of the foreign relations of its participants and questions arising from its constitution provides for dropping the word "greater" from its title when joined by Guatemala and Costa Rica.

## Juan Fernandez.

The Famous Fabled Home of Robinson Crusoe.

Believed to Have Been Destroyed by Volcanic Action.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A few weeks ago a vessel putting in at Lisbon after a trip around Cape Horn, reported the destruction by volcanic action of the Juan Fernandez Island, famous as the fabled home of Robinson Crusoe. The master claimed to have seen the catastrophe from the deck of his vessel.

The report was not given credence at the time by scientific men, and many details were printed in papers and magazines. But Capt. Powell of the British ship James Kerr, now in port, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world.

The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., where she was laid up for four months on account of the coal strike. Capt. Powell met a large number of master mariners there, and says that the destruction of the island was a matter of common knowledge among them. The captain himself has not passed within sight of the island since 1889, when he secured an excellent photograph of it from the deck of his ship. He says that some of the captains who arrived in Newcastle while he was there verified the report that the island was missing.

## THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL.

The Annual Christmas Greeting to the Diocese of Huron.

The following pastoral has been issued by the Bishop of Huron:

To the Laity of the Church of England throughout the Diocese of Huron:

Dear Friends,—I write to remind you of our custom to devote the offertory on Christmas Day to the poor of the parish. I trust this pleasing habit will not be neglected at the time of the approaching festival. The abundant harvest of the last autumn should awaken in us all a very liberal and generous spirit. May not therefore bespeak a substantial evidence of your good-will towards these earnest and devoted men, who have labored with so much zeal and self-denial for your best and truest interests? Not a few of these men are laboring with sorely insufficient means, and are greatly crippled for the want of that which you can so liberally supply. At such a time as Christmas, when God's great gift to man is the theme of every pulpit, may your generous hearts be stirred to remember those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord. Wishing you all the spiritual and temporal blessings of the holy day, I remain, yours in Christ,

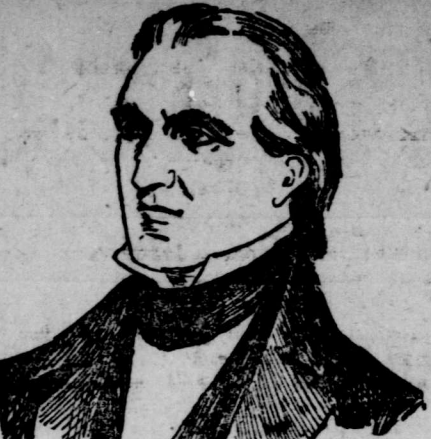
MAURICE S. HURON.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than he meeteth, but it tendeth to poverty."—Proverbs xli, 24.

## MISS SIMS DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Miss Anna Sims, who was shot by Hamer Bowen on Sunday, Dec. 6, and who was afterwards put a bullet in his own body, died at the general hospital yesterday.

The best way to avoid scalp dandruff, hair falling out, and premature baldness, is to use the best preventive known for that purpose—Hall's Hair Renewer.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, while in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal. One to govern and one to heal. And as a president power of will sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

## Ayer's Cathartic Pills

were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with gripping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

50 Years of Cures.

## Town and Country.

The Sunday school of St. George's Church, at Windsor, is a Christmas tree on the 27th of December.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of its village dames, Miss Hattie Allen, who is to be wedded to an Appleton young man this evening, will return from her visit to the eastern part of the Province.

A Wolverton correspondent writes: "Miss Mabel, youngest of Mount Brydges, died Monday morning at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. S. Curry. It is now known that she came here to attend the funeral of her uncle. She remained to visit her aunt, and seemed to be getting along as well as could be expected until Saturday when she was taken worse. It will be a severe shock to her friends at home as well as here."

The entertainment given in the school house of section No. 3, McGillivray on the evening of Dec. 21 was a brilliant success, both in attendance and in the quality of the programme. The old time prestige of No. 3 is such that before the hour to commence, a brilliant success, both in attendance and in the quality of the programme. The old time prestige of No. 3 is such that before the hour to commence, a brilliant success, both in attendance and in the quality of the programme.

## LAKE SHORE—BOSANQUET.

Bosanquet, Dec. 24.—The Ravenswood school took a novel method of giving everyone an opportunity of helping to make a fine present to their teachers. Those who leave at Christmas. They first gave a school entertainment, and the admission fee was a part of the business, the proceeds of which amounted to about \$22, with which they purchased some fine presents for Mr. M. Kaughn. Mr. Duncan Whyte is to be the new teacher, but as he always puts in a term of years at any school, he teaches, they will probably not soon be called upon to give him a present.

The Kents, of Warwick, will all be home for the holiday season—Miss Mary, from Calgary. The Church club has enjoyed a nice long visit; Miss Eleanor, from Essex Center, where she teaches in the high school, and Miss Annie, from school section No. 4, Bosanquet.

The London Jubilee Singers gave a concert in Ravenswood. Methodist Church on the 21st inst., and they had a full house. They are much appreciated in small places, which more famous singers are inclined to slight.

Mrs. James Maylor, of Forest, died last night.

## GRANTON.

Advertiser Business Agent, J. A. Grant Granton, Dec. 23.—Mr. James Granton and family have gone to spend Christmas with relatives in Lexington, Mich.

Messrs. Clark, of Cleveland, and R. Henderson, of Columbus, and their families are visiting friends here during the holiday season. Granton and Henderson are visiting friends here during the holiday season.

Mrs. John Beamish has gone to visit for a time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ferguson, of Stratford.

The Mawbray and Lawton families this morning received the sad intelligence of the sudden death of a dear relative, Miss Pearl, of Stratford. This is the third near relative of these families that has passed away within a period of four months.

Some of our citizens went down to Wesley Church, on 15, London, to assist in the musical part of their entertainment. They report an excellent time.

The ordination and induction of the Rev. E. F. M. Smith to the ministry and to the pastorate of the united congregations of 1 and 2, was held at Fraser Presbyterian Church took place in the Granton Church yesterday afternoon. The following members of the Stratford

Presbytery were present: Revs. Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Grant, Pantan, Gray, Cameron, McKippen and Leitch, and three elders: Rev. Mr. Dewar, of Ailsa Craig, was also present. In the forenoon at 11 o'clock Mr. Smith underwent the usual examination before Messrs. McKippen, Pantan and Leitch. At 2 p.m. a large audience from Ailsa Craig, Lunenburg and Granton assembled to witness the ordination and induction ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Leitch acted as moderator and called on the Rev. Mr. Cameron to preach to the congregation. The sermon was able and impressive, and was listened to with rapt attention throughout. Rev. Mr. Graham was then called upon to address the newly-inducted minister, after which the Rev. Mr. Grant, of St. Mary's, addressed the people and prayed. A beautiful prayer, during which the members of the Presbytery advanced and performed impressive ceremony of the laying on of hands. After a cordial reception by the members of the Presbytery, the people were asked to come forward and be introduced to their new pastor. The combined choirs of Lunenburg and Granton conducted the praise services. In the evening, a formal reception was held in the church, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Grant, Dewar and Harrison, and also the new pastor. Music was furnished by the Lunenburg choir, together with local talent. A genial and happy time was indulged in throughout the whole proceedings.

Mr. Park, our popular merchant, is clearing out the balance of his stock, regardless of price, and will give up business in Granton about Jan. 1 next.

## AILS CRAIG.

Advertiser Agent, Chas. Walker. Ailsa Craig, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Margaret Graham, who arrived here from Cable, Wisconsin, last October, had her household effects detained at Ailsa Craig ever since Oct. 30 for 50 cents customs fees. The G. T. R. officials were unable to trace them to up until a friend had located them at Sarnia. Mrs. Graham is overjoyed at the arrival of her goods after their have been over two months on the way. She will start housekeeping at once.

Mr. V. E. Simons, of the Business University, Detroit, is the guest of Misses Henderson, con. 18, East Williams.

Mr. Neil R. Gray, of the Collegiate Institute, London, is home for his Christmas holidays.

A number of our village ladies went to Granton to witness the ordination and induction of Rev. E. F. M. Smith, which took place there on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Joan Campbell, public school teacher from the vicinity of St. George, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. D. L. Dewar returning from his business flag, will return from his visit to the eastern part of the Province.

## TRAIN ROBBED.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The fourth hold-up in Blue Out, the historic era of the operations of the Jesse James gang, took place last night. The St. Louis and Chicago express manager and robbery by masked men, who overpowered the express driver, Frier, and took from him a large sum of money, which they opened, appropriating several packages of money—how much is not known.

## Gold Ring Mining Stock.

Toronto, Canada, Dec. 23, 1896. Mr. John A. Moody, Mining Broker, London, Ontario, writes:

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the Gold Ring Consolidated Mining Company to notify you that offers of stock at 20 cents per share will not hold good after Jan. 1, 1897. That date is fixed because some orders have been given to brokers, good until then, and it is desired to treat all alike.

As frequent inquiries are made as to the operations of the company, I am directed to inform you that we are authorized to state that the board have determined, before erecting a shaft, to sink a main shaft of the Rachel Mine to a depth of 400 feet on the vein, if necessary, to obtain water for the mill. It is desired to save, if possible, the cost of hauling ore to the present mill site, 85c per ton.

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The mean temperature of the earth, taken as a whole, is 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average rainfall is 39 inches.

They say I'm growing old because my head is silvered, and there are crow's feet on my forehead, and my step is not so firm and elastic as before. But they are mistaken. That is not me. The knees are weak, but the knees are not me. The brow is wrinkled, but the brow is not me. This is the house I live in. But I am younger, younger than I ever was before.—Guthrie.

Detected in a clothing store at Frankfurt, Me., a burglar coming a coat about his head, and jumping through a plate glass window, escaped.

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in washing. What is the use of making the work easy, as long as it's risky or dangerous? What does it matter how little a thing costs, or how many prizes you get with it, if it rots and ruins the clothes? It can't be that you want to take any chances. Use Pearline. Nothing that has ever been used for washing or cleaning is more absolutely harmless than Pearline. It gives you the easiest, the quickest, the most thoroughly economical work.

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## Greeting!

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Mongolian.....Feb. 11.....Feb. 13.....  
Mongolian.....Feb. 25.....Feb. 27.....

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God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

June 22 last was a damp night.

Apparently there were both money

and books to burn.

It is astonishing how an election

impairs the memory.

The wheels of Mr. Beattie's election

must seem to have been turned by beer.

Isn't it possible that the inhabitants

of the attic reached there via the roof?

Perhaps Hugh McGurdy will buy a

gold mine when he reaches Rossland.

The jokes cracked in the gymnasium

that night could hardly be called

Attic wit.

The revelations of the top flat might

be reported as "Exposures in High

Life."

A Toronto memory teacher proposes

to open a class in London after the

holidays.

What a good time those missing

witnesses are having at somebody

else's expense!

The gentlemen who have gone away

for their health may find it healthier

to return.

The semi-facetious phrase, "this

great family journal," complains of

being over-worked.

The forethought that provided ice

for the beer and bread for the ham,

must surely have furnished Tooth-

picks, too.

"Attica" is the name of a new election

complaint. The patient feels bil-

lious at night, but experiences a

marked difference in the morning.

Nine-tenths of the total circulation

of daily papers in Ontario is evening

circulation.

In Germany, when a civilian runs

accidentally against a military officer,

the honor of the regiment demands

that the civilian be thrust through

the body with the sword. It is not

considered the correct thing in et-

quette to give the civilian time to

get a club wherewith to defend him-

self.

Says the Hamilton Times: "London

election trial promises to last a long

time, owing to the precautions taken

by the Conservatives to destroy all

written evidence. Mr. Osler will get

all the facts out if he keeps at it till

midsummer, and the Tory bill of

costs will be correspondingly aug-

mented."

In a recent book Mr. John Biglow

says that it scarcely requires pro-

phetic vision to foresee the time when

the art of sleeping will be taught

and studied as systematically in our

schools of science as the physiology

of our nutritive and nervous system.

Unfortunately the author does not

tell us how to sleep when a neigh-

bor's bull-dog has successfully or-

ganized an all-night canine concert.

Believing in Santa Claus.

Is it right to inculcate in the young

the belief in Santa Claus? Some peo-

ple hold that it is not right. Harper's

Bazar declares that it is perfectly pro-

per. There once were a father and

mother in the world, it says, who did

not believe in Santa Claus. They were

afraid, too, to let their children be-

lieve in the blessed old myth, fearing

that the fancy would make them cre-

dulous, or that it would have the ef-

fect of teaching them deceit. Facts

which could be proved and verified

these excellent people insisted upon,

and when town and country were re-

joicing, Christmas bells ringing, Christ-

mas tapers twinkling, and Christmas

cards thrilling, their home was rob-

bed of half of its rightful cheer, in

their strenuous determination not to

be imposed upon by Santa Claus or

any of his train.

Such a beautiful train it is which

follows him, so laden with gifts for

old and young, so overflowing with

payoffs, so bright of face and light of

step, it would hardly seem as though

contact with the myriad elves and

fays and spirits of sweetness and

light which come into being when

Santa Claus waves his wand could do

anybody on earth the least harm. For

about the time when the first snow

falls, and the shops blossom out in rare

splendor, and up the streets and down

go happy people seeking how to make

those they love still happier, Santa

Claus is in full swing, his reign be-

gun, and the wheels of fashion, of

business, and of trade are rolling fast-

er and faster, till the hour shall come

when, lo! there will be the Star in

the sky, and the song of the angels

in every soul.

But to turn to our original thought.

Did the parents who would have none

of Santa Claus gain anything by their

resolution to be rigidly true to a tan-

gible and material order, or, clinging

to the husk, did they lose the fruit

which was growing within for the

healing of the nations? Many things

not susceptible of proof by the evi-

dence of the physical senses are real-

ly true in that higher realm where

the imagination rules. One of those

never-dying, never-fading things is

Santa Claus, and year by year the

weeks over which his scepter is ex-

tended are weeks of rare beauty, and

a time when goodwill everywhere

shines in men's countenances and is

the marring of their lives. Children see

and feel this wonderful festival of

love on the earth, but they cannot

enter into it fully, and so those who

were wiser than we, in good old days

fragrant in memory, christened the

Christmas season, when the yule-log

burns, and the holly gleams, and the

world is glad, as the special gala time

of Santa Claus. Believe in him all you

can, and he will give you blessings

heaped up and running over to pay

you for your faith.

A Warranted Exposure—Mr.

Beattie Should Resign the

Seat to Which He Was

Not Fairly Elected.

The arrival of the Christmas holidays

has compelled the postponement of the

further hearing of evidence in the

London election case.

As the petition is not being tried by

a jury, there would be nothing im-

proper in reviewing the evidence given

so far at this time, as certain of our

Conservative contemporaries discussed

the comparatively scanty evidence

submitted at the first stage of the

trial of the petition against the Lib-

eral candidate after the election of

1891. We, however, prefer to wait for

the full developments. The central re-

velation, so far, is the fact that whole-

sale debauchery was carried on in the

rooms of the Conservative Club on

Dundas street during the day and

night preceding the election on June

23 last. That fact, it was made evi-

dent from the line taken by the coun-

sel for the respondent, is admitted by

Mr. Beattie and his friends. How they

hope to get out of responsibility re-

quires a more powerful imagination to

decide than the average student of the

evidence is likely to possess. Another

remarkable feature of the case is the

number of material witnesses sum-

moned by the petitioners, who have

been spirited away because of the

damaging evidence which it was

known they would be compelled to

give in support of the case against

Mr. Beattie. And an equally signifi-

cant fact brought out is that many

documents, calculated to prove agency

in debauchery, bribery or other wrong-

doing, have either been carried away

by the defaulters, destroyed, or mys-

teriously dropped out of sight.

In view of these happenings, and of

the extraordinary failure in the mem-

ories of many of the agents of Mr.

Beattie so far examined, one is as-

tonished that the revelations as yet

unpublished are so complete, startling, dan-

gering, to the case of the respondent.

And yet we are told that the investi-

gation so far has dealt only with a

portion of the debauchery, simply a

fringe of the corruption having been

taken up. When the case is resumed,

either with or without the evidence

of the decamped witnesses—and it is ex-

pected that the majority of the mis-

ing men will be placed under arrest

before then—even more startling ex-

posures are promised.

The general impression throughout

the city is that the unfolding now laid

bare ought to be sufficient to void the

election, though judgment was not to

be expected till the whole of the evi-

dence on the two charges was given.

But for the clearing out of witnesses,

that would have been possible early

this week.

In East Simcoe, where not a title

of the debaucheries revealed in Lon-

don were proved, the Conservative

candidate promptly resolved to save

further trouble and expense by con-

senting to be unseated, and a new

election will be held. It is not for us

to counsel the Conservative managers

of London. But they would be well

advised if they accepted the inevitable

before the court reassembles on the

18th of January next. There are

doubtless many Conservatives, as well

as Liberals, in London who desire to

see a member elected for this city

without the aid of a colossal free

distribution of intoxicating liquors or

of tampering in any way with the

freely expressed will of the people.

Bewailing Their Fate.

Our city contemporary, the Free

Press, bewails the fate of the man-

agers of Mr. Beattie's campaign. It

says they are being persecuted be-

cause, though herculean efforts were

made to conceal their tactics, the

wholesale debaucheries that went on

with their knowledge in the central

club rooms and at other committee

rooms in the election campaign last

June have been exposed by sworn tes-

timony, and will be further exposed

when the court reassembles.

Our contemporary has a very poor

opinion of the law that permits in-

quiry to be made into such orgies, and

it pleads, for a cessation of the ex-

posures. There is only one effectual

means for our contemporary to have

its way, and that is by persuading the

man whose election was secured by

these unlawful, unwarrantable, dis-

graceful expedients to give up the

seat, and let the people have a free

choice.

## A Custom House Job.

It looks as if Mr. George Guillet,

Conservative M.P. for West Northum-

berland, will have to follow Mr. J.

C. Rykert into retirement from public

life. The commissioner appointed to

inquire into the Cobourg customs

house scandal has reported that Mr.

Guillet, Mr. Daniel McAllister, land-

ing at Cobourg, and Mr. W. J. Ma-

her had negotiated to obtain from the

late Mr. C. E. Ewing, the collector, his

resignation, and have Mr. D. McAllis-

ter appointed in his stead. This traf-

ficking in public offices must be put

down with a firm hand. Mr. Guillet

should resign.

## Shutting Up!

The Mouth of the Mississippi is

Closing.

Careless Oystermen Cause the Trouble

—Heavy Loss in Prospect.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The

mouth of the Mississippi seems to be

closing up, and may soon become im-

passable to ocean steamships. These

the delta of the Mississippi resembles a

man's hand somewhat, with river

sacs on the fingers, and earth ex-

tending far out to sea and water be-

tween the fingers. The outlets from

the river are in the form of channels

cut from the "palm" out to the salt

water bays between the "fingers" will

form an outlet.

This is just what has been done. The

oystermen cut the passage for their

own purposes and fixed gates so that

the supply of water could be turned

on or off. One night they forgot to

close the gates, and before morning

a wide crevasse was formed, through

which the river ran like a mill-race.











## A Lover's Triumph.

"It is to me, and I hope it will prove the same to you. What do you suppose our past-familias has been proposing to me this morning?" the young man asked, with a luminous face. The beautiful girl thought a moment before replying, the quick color leaping to her cheeks.

"I believe I can guess it!" she exclaimed, clasping her hands with a gesture of delight. "Oh, Geoffrey, is he going to take us all to Europe?" That is it," she added exultingly. "I know by your tell-tale face. How perfectly charming!"

Geoffrey smiled wisely.

"You have guessed too much and too little, my sunbeam," he said.

"What a paradoxical statement, my learned Bachelor of Arts! I expected better things of you," retorted Gladys, merrily.

"You have yet to find my statement true, in spite of the seeming paradox," he replied, with mock dignity. "Somebody is going to Europe—we are not all going, however."

"Oh, Geoff, you are not to be left at home, are you?" cried his betrothed in a disappointed tone, her face paling at the thought.

"Guess again, my lady," he said, teasingly.

"Well, I know that papa would not go without mamma, and I am sure she would never cross the ocean without him, and they certainly would not take such a trip and leave me behind," responded Gladys, with a puzzled air.

"Papa, thou reasonest well," quoted Geoffrey, an amused twinkle in his eye, and not to keep you longer in suspense, I will inform you that Uncle August has some business abroad, which, as he cannot make up his mind to the voyage, he thinks I can attend to, and he has proposed that I take you along with me. We are to have a six months' trip, combine business with pleasure, and get all the enjoyment we can out of it."

Gladys gave one startled, astonished glance at her lover's face as he concluded, and then her face clouded and her eyes dropped beneath his.

"Did papa propose that to you?" she asked, in a hoarse tone, a burning blush suffusing her face.

"Yes, dear. He said you had long wanted to go abroad, and he thought this would be a fine opportunity for both of us. Doesn't the idea please you?"

Geoffrey knew well enough what was passing in her mind, but he was so judicious and so confident of the issue of the interview that a spirit of mischief possessed him to tease her a little.

"I should love to go abroad—I have always longed to go, as papa says," Gladys answered gravely, and with still downcast eyes; "but—I do not think I can go without papa and mamma."

"Why?" returned Geoffrey, in a pretended surprise. "Uncle August thought, as you and I were both fresh from school, we should appreciate and enjoy the sight-seeing much better to go together."

"It would be lovely, but—Geoff, you know I cannot go—so," she persisted, with a crimson blush and a suspicious tremor in her voice.

He gathered her close in his arms, and laid her head on his breast.

"Darling, forgive me for teasing you," he said. "Of course you cannot go—so; but Gladys, will you go with me as my wife?"

He could feel the quick bounding of her heart at this unexpected proposition, and he knew well enough that she would repeat no more objections to the trip abroad.

He then repeated the conversation that had passed between her father and himself that morning, telling her how surprised he had been at the plan, and how, at first, he had hardly felt it right to adopt it, considering his rather doubtful position in life. Still, he had reasoned, if he could save Mr. Huntress from a dreary journey in the dead of winter, and if his services were to be worth the generous sum he had named as his salary, he might feel justified in waiving his own scruples, and in accepting the great happiness offered him, though he never would have dreamed of proposing such a measure himself.

"My Gladys," he said, in conclusion, "it is very sudden, and there is only a little time before I must go. Will you come with me, or must I go by myself?"

There was a minute of silence, and then Gladys raised her head, and laid her lips softly against her lover's cheek.

"Under such circumstances, you may be sure that I shall not let you go alone," she murmured, with a happy little laugh.

His arms closed more fondly about her. He bent and kissed her lips, his face radiant.

"Oh, my darling, who would have believed eight or nine years ago that such happiness could fall to the lot of the poor boy whom you rescued from a mob in the street," he said, in a tremulous tone.

They discussed their anticipated trip fully and freely after this, laid out their route, and formed many a pleasant plan for the coming years. The whole family held a council that evening, and was decided that preparations for the wedding should be entered upon immediately, and that the marriage should occur just previous to the sailing of the steamer on which the young couple would embark for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntress found it somewhat trying to contemplate the loneliness which they knew would follow the departure of their children, but they believed that the arrangement would be for their interest and happiness, and they would not mar their joy by giving expression to any feeling of sorrow or regret.

Geoffrey at once entered upon his duties, and with an enthusiasm and energy that promised well for the future, while Mrs. Huntress and Gladys busied themselves about the interesting mysteries of a wedding trousseau and preparations for the grand reception that was to follow the marriage ceremony in Plymouth Church somewhere about the last of December or the first of January.

While all these events were transpiring in Brooklyn, Everet Mapleson was living in a state of depression and unrest in his beautiful home near Richmond.

After his trip to that mining district in New Mexico, where he had visited the grave and former home of Annie Dale, he returned immediately to his home, where he remained appearing very little like the free and easy student who had been so full of life and hope at the conclusion of his college course.

Colonel Mapleson and his wife returned from Newport about the same time, and both wondered what could have occurred to change their son thus in so short a time.

Mrs. Mapleson attributed it to his hopeless attachment to the beautiful girl whom she had seen at Yale, and for whom Everet had confessed his love; but she could not get one word from him on the subject, although she had tried to gain his confidence upon several occasions.

"Father," said the young man, coming into the library one morning, after the household had settled into its usual routine, "what were those papers in the desk which he had disappeared from that place when Robert Dale departed this life. What were they, and what was our discovery, pray?"

Colonel Mapleson remarked, looking up from the newspaper that he was reading, and removing his spectacles.

Everet described his visit to the place, told of his unexpected discovery, and of the results, and then produced the package of certificates and the picture which he had found, to prove his statements.

"Well, this is a singular discovery," I confess," said his father, when he had finished. "Let me have a look at that picture."

He held out his hand, and upon receiving it he turned the light to examine it.

Yes, this must be a likeness of Mrs. Dale, it resembles her strikingly, although she was greatly changed, and this must have been taken many years previous to my acquaintance with her."

Then you knew her?" said his son.

"Oh, yes, I've eaten many a fine cookie baked by her hands during my boyhood," replied Colonel Mapleson, musingly. "Poor Robert Dale! so he treasured his love for her as long as he lived."

And he has left all his money to her daughter," said Everet, touching the package of certificates that lay on the table.

"It would have been more to the purpose if he had given the family some of it while they were suffering the stings of poverty," Colonel Mapleson remarked, his attention still riveted upon the picture.

"Did you know the daughter?" Everet inquired.

"Yes, I had some acquaintance with her."

"Were they so very poor?"

"Well, they had a pretty hard time of it, I reckon, for while I did not realize it at the time, for I was very young, only visited the place during my vacation; you know he sent me to Baltimore to school. Uncle Jabez gave them a cottage rent free, and gave them something besides to help eke out a small annuity that Mrs. Dale had, and that was all he had to live upon until they opened a small private school. After I came into possession of the estate I allowed them to remain in the cottage, the same as before, although they would not accept from me the money they had received from Uncle Jabez; they were very proud."

(To be continued.)

### A CASE OF DIABETES.

No Help From Medical Men—Suffered for Many Years—Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

North Bruce, Dec. 21.—An old and well known settler in this township, named Thomas Brooks, who lives on lots 7 and 8 in the 14th concession, is rejoicing with his neighbors over his recent recovery, and he said:

"I was cured by using 24 boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and as nothing else ever helped me, I say they saved my life."

"I had tried all the doctors of this locality, and was treated for Diabetes, hoping and suffering for years."

"From reading of cures I determined to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I must say that after using the first box I would have considered them reasonable at \$10 a box."

The astronomer says that the earth is a ring of matter which was "shot off" by the sun 66,000,000 years ago, and which gradually worked itself into a ball or globe.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which afflict 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.

Russian cannon captured at Sebastopol are used as trophies in various parts of France. During the Czar's recent visit to Paris four of these identical guns were used in firing a salute to welcome him.

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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."

Lay a damp cloth over the parts of your carpet infected with moths, and iron until nearly dry with a hot iron.

## Western Ontario.

Charges Against a Presbyterian Minister Unsubstantiated.

A Brant Farmer Found Dead in His Stable.

There are fifteen cases of diphtheria in St. Thomas.

More than \$12,000 has been raised for the Sandwich sanitarium scheme.

The battle is in possession of the stock of Story & Co., butchers, Ridgeway.

The candidates for the majority of Walkerville will be Mayor Bott and Ald. Thos. Reid.

J. E. McLaughlin, manufacturer of bricks, Wheatley, has assigned to Joseph Julien.

Thomas Brighty, gen., South street west, Aylmer, who has been ill for some time, died on Tuesday.

Peter Grant and Wm. Nisbet were elected by acclamation on Monday to represent division No. 3 in the Lambton County Council, comprising the townships of Dawn and Sombra.

The Daughters of Rebekah, Windsor, at their "pound social" on Tuesday night, raised 220 pounds of tea, butter and other articles, which have been distributed among the poor.

A number of Toronto firms are interested in the estate of J. J. Thompson, merchant tailor, Sarnia, who has consulted his creditors. Thompson's stock of goods is in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

Hart and Levine were convicted at Stratford on charges of larceny, and sentenced to four years in the Provincial Penitentiary, and Levine to two years.

Mr. Pattullo, of Woodstock, on Tuesday received a telegram from Owen Sound saying that his sister, Mrs. Geo. Rennie, was seriously ill, in fact in a dying condition. Mrs. Rennie moved from Woodstock last spring with her two daughters.

Ira Vanderlip, aged 73 years, a very highly respected citizen of England, was found dead in his stable Wednesday. On his return he put the horse in the stable, and within half an hour afterwards was found dead.

A meeting of creditors of the estate of E. T. Phillips & Co., Chatham, manufacturers of staves and headings, was held on Tuesday. The liabilities of the firm are about \$8,000, and it is believed the estate will not realize more than 10 cents on the dollar.

On Monday evening Wallacestown presented one of the gayest times it has seen for many years in the way of an oyster supper held in honor of one of its boys, Duncan Forbes, and Ben Sutherland, who were shipwrecked on the coast of Ireland some six weeks ago.

The death occurred on Monday evening at the residence of George Bailey, South Yarmouth, of Mrs. Lorena Jorden, wife of Edgar Jorden, in her 28th year. Death resulted from blood poisoning. Deceased leaves two children, the eldest 3 years and the youngest 3 weeks.

The Government veterinary surgeons visited Walkerville yesterday, but found no new cases of hog cholera among the Walker herds. No new cases have been reported in any part of Essex county for several days past, and the surgeons think they have the disease under control.

The preliminary trial of Joseph Dumas, who is charged with attempting to murder old Mrs. Snook, of Dover, on Dec. 7, was held on Wednesday before Magistrates Houston and Forham, at Chatham. The defense offered no evidence, and Dumas was committed to stand his trial.

At Sarnia on Monday Harry Neal was before the mayor charged with setting fire to the Congregational Church. The mayor dismissed the first charge (the Lawrence fire), and committed Neal to the Sarnia jail on a charge of setting fire to the school house and two Congregational Church fires. Neal was taken.

As the Bradford judge department was leaving the station Wednesday morning, Fireman John Brown was thrown from the aerial truck to the ground, and seriously injured. As the truck came out of the door the wheels swung around in the snow, and Brown, who was jumping on, missed his footing and fell, the wheels passing over his knee.

The special meeting of Chatham Presbytery to inquire into serious charges made by Mrs. Tremblis against her pastor, the Rev. S. E. Greathead, of Dawn church, was held on Tuesday.

In the charges against the minister were included "back-biting, raving, and maliciously spreading rumors, and encouraging dancing," etc. The charges were thoroughly investigated, and a recommendation was made to a permanent settlement.

Mrs. Tremblis, with her husband and mother, conducted the prosecution.

Westley Simmons, aged 50 years, slugs the Bradford judge. Fink of Woodstock, Tuesday morning, charged with disposing of obscene literature.

He was elected to be trial summuty. Chief Pow, of Glenora, arrested Simmons last Saturday. It is alleged that he was in the area of the town being searched no less than 3,000 of these cards were found. According to the samples by Chief Pow's possession, literature is of the vilest description.

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Calgary, 24-30; Edmonton, 20-28; Qu'Appelle, 12-20; Winnipeg, 12-10; Fort Arthur, 6 below-2; Toronto, 6-11; Ottawa, 8 below-4; Quebec, 10 below-4; Halifax, 12-20.

**PROBABILITIES.**  
Toronto, Dec. 24.—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lake region: Fine and decidedly cold both Thursday and Friday; snow flurries in a few places.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**  
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**FOR MEN:**  
Pair Slippers, 50c to \$2.  
Pair Hockey Boots, \$2.  
Pair Patent Leather Shoes.  
Pair Fine Overshoes.  
Pair Skating Shoes.  
Thousands of pairs all kinds of Shoes, from \$1 to \$5.  
All kinds of Boys' Shoes 75c to \$1.50

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Rubbers and Overshoes.  
Fine Kid Boots, buttoned and laced.  
Fancy Slippers.  
Leggins and Overgaiters.  
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Tiny Infants' Shoes.  
All kinds of Girls' School Shoes, from 75c to \$1.25

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SOLE AGENTS FOR THE FAMOUS SLATER \$3, \$4 AND \$5 SHOES.

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By selecting a pretty present for them from our bright and attractive display.

Mirrors, Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Holders, Dressing Cases, Shaving Sets, etc., etc.

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**GLOVES.**  
Perhaps throughout the whole inventory of drygoods stock nothing strikes one as being more desirable for a gift thing than GLOVES. Our Ladies' Glove Department is the best in the city. We are exclusive agents for four leading manufacturers. Ask to see our  
MONARCH, COUVERSIER, CZECHAN, QUEEN, IDEAL, MAJESTIC, DEREV, ALEXANDRIE.  
A special line Red and Tan Mousetraire Gloves, worth \$1, for 75c. Special line Ladies' Black Silk Mitts, worth \$1, for 50c.

**DRESS PATTERNS.**  
Give-away prices—150 Dress Patterns, all colors and styles:

NO	(\$2.00)	NO
EQUAL	\$3.00	EQUAL
VALUES.	\$5.00	VALUES
	\$6.00	
	\$7.00	

**WOMEN'S IMPORTED COATS, \$5.**  
Last week we started the selling of about 200 Ladies' Imported Coats at \$5. The number fell to 55. We have received another lot, and there is still about 100 to choose from. These garments started the season at from \$8 to \$15, and at those prices were unmatched values. They are made principally from Beaver and Cheviot Cloths, plain or broad-trimmed, or fur-trimmed. We ask you to examine these before you buy.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**  
Our assortment embraces over 1,000 dozens of all kinds, from 5c to \$5. Every one has been reduced. Our buyer took a whole day, at the job of cutting the prices—some lots a quarter off, others a third, and some others a half. They are here for your inspection and choice. Inquire for our Silk Handkerchiefs at 10c and 25c each.

**EIDERDOWN QUILTS.**  
Warm, light, pretty, cheap. Nothing shows better taste in selecting a Christmas reminder than a nice Eiderdown—real Eiderdown—Quilt. We have them covered with cotton, satin, and all satin, ranging in price from \$4 to \$17 and every one a bargain. A line of our own make Sateen-covered Comforters, extra large size, reduced to \$2.25 and \$3.25 each.

**DRESS SILKS.**  
If there's one thing more than another we're proud of it's our Silks. We are strictly within the bounds of truth when we say our silk stock is larger than the best stock of any store of town. That means big business and big selling, also cheap buying and cheap selling. Just now we are making special dresses in the most fashionable Black Dress Silks. The dress is from \$9 to \$12; former prices, \$15 to \$18.

# DUNDAS STREET KINGSMILL'S CARLING STREET

**FLUID BEEF SET** (Made of Pure Aluminum.)  
A Handsome and Convenient Outfit for Room or Office.

**OUR SPECIAL OFFER:**  
1 Tray, 1 Spirit Lamp, 2 Cups, 2 Spoons, 1 Water Boiler, 2 Salt and Pepper Casters, 1 Bottle Methylated Spirits, 1 16 oz. Bottle JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF (Brand Standard).  
The whole neatly cased for \$3.50. Express prepaid on receipt of price.

**THE JOHNSTON FLUID BEEF CO., MONTREAL.**  
555-VANWATW

tested in a well-warded address, accompanied by an elegant set of parlor furniture. The address was signed by Wm. Hadden and Wm. Knott, on behalf of Mr. McFarland's fellow-employees. Mr. McFarland, though completely taken by surprise, replied in suitable terms.

**RETIRING.**  
Mr. A. H. Smith, of this city, master mechanic of the middle division, G. T. R., acting on the advice of his physician, has resigned his position, and will leave the service of the company at once. He has been connected with the G. T. R. since March, 1883. In June following he was made assistant mechanical superintendent of the central division; subsequently of the northern and northwestern and western divisions, and afterwards, in June, 1888, of the Western and Great Western divisions, with headquarters in London. Before leaving England, Mr. Smith was connected with the Midland Railway for upwards of thirteen years. The mechanical force of the various divisions of the G. T. R. sincerely deplore the removal of Mr. Smith for the cause stated, and earnestly hope that relaxation from the cares and anxieties of business will speedily restore him to his wonted health.

**KIND WORDS.**  
Many thanks occur to newspaper publishers to show to their advertisers where direct returns are received from their advertising. When the potent power of an advertisement is applied to an article in a paper that is read by people at their homes, the returns are sufficient to the advertiser to warrant a continuance of his patronage in that medium. It has always been the custom of The Advertiser to look out for occasions where benefits have been derived, especially to outside patrons. The following letter has just been received from the Munyon Homeopathic Home Remedy Company, of Philadelphia, whose aggressive advertising in The Advertiser during the past few months has been very effective on account of the authenticity of their testimonials and the bright style of advertising used. The testimonial referred to in the letter was secured by an Advertiser representative, and was the result of reading the advertisement in this paper:

"Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 1896.  
"Advertiser Printing Company, London:  
"Dear Sirs,—We desire to extend to you our sincere thanks for the very

fine testimonial that you enclosed in your letter. It is certainly a step in the direction that we appreciate, and shows that the Advertiser is not only carrying our advertisements for what there is in it, but that it is their desire to aid us in any way that they can. We will be most happy to use this testimonial in London advertising and in other points in Ontario. Thanking you for your courtesy, and hoping that our business relations may continue pleasantly, we are, yours very truly,  
"MUNYON'S H. H. R. CO."

Fever and Ague and Bilious Derangements are positively cured by the use of Farmer's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter, but they open the secretory vessels, causing them to pour copious effusions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

Perfume Atomizers, new and nobby presents, at Anderson & Nelles' drug store.  
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# Is It To Be Diamonds?

If your Christmas giving is to be along the line of Diamonds, we can most certainly interest you, especially in RINGS and PENDANTS, such as Stars, Sunbursts, etc.

Not only is there 'style' to them, but you can place confidence in our qualities and values.

Our special \$10.00 Diamond Solitaire is a marvel of beauty and value—18 karat setting.

**A. MORPHY & CO**  
DIAMOND MERCHANTS,  
178 DUNDAS STREET,  
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Barrister, etc., over Bank of Commerce London.