

WESTERN ONTARIO.

A Wroxeter Young Lady Has Made Some Lace for the Queen.

Since Pulling Wires to Get a Wood-ware Factory.

The Sun Grange of Stanley Has Been Disbanded—Ripe Strawberries in December.

Ripe strawberries were picked on a fruit farm near Leamington last week.

Lou Kramer was the first man to arrive into Delhi with a sleigh this season.

Mrs. Benetou, wife of the postmaster of River Canard, died on Thursday, aged 70.

Mr. J. H. Peart, of the Toronto World staff, has become city editor of the Chatham Banner.

Hector McPherson, a Dunwich boy, now of Manthorpe, raised this year 7,000 bushels of wheat.

The reopening of the Walkerton Catholic Church will probably take place on Dec. 8.

The charge of perjury against Geo. Ross in the West Wellington election case, was dismissed by the Tupper magistrate.

Mr. Wm. Scott, Brucefield, is having a windmill erected at his warehouse, to be used in elevating the grain.

At Port Stanley on Friday, J. Brumpton shipped a carload of lambs, and W. H. Meek one from St. Thomas.

Kent has published this week and two daily papers—eight of the weeklies being in the east riding and five in the west.

The Jarvis branch of the Bank of Commerce has been closed. Mr. Armstrong goes to Mr. Waterford, and Mr. Spaulding to Ayr.

The Salvation Army of St. Thomas will run a sleighing party to Port Stanley on Wednesday night, when a meeting will be held at the hall.

Mr. Wm. Blue, Duart, was married on Wednesday to Miss Ella Gossnell, the daughter of Mr. J. W. Gossnell, con. 11, Howard.

The Chatham Y. M. C. A. have decided to lease the rooms in the King block, just west of the business college, conditional upon the landlord putting in a good wide stairway.

The citizens of Arkona thought Barnum's circus had struck town on Monday last, but it was one of the prominent citizens leading a carload of horses headed by the white mule.

The Woodstock Driving Park Association grounds at the west of the town were put up at auction Saturday afternoon, and held by Mrs. Elliott, Toronto, and with down \$400 being the highest bid.

Dr. Hayes, coroner at Simcoe, has decided that an inquest is not necessary in connection with the death of Wm. Wark. The young man, it will be remembered, had taken an overdose of chloral.

Mr. John McDonald, of Stratford, at one time a member of the well-known firm of McDonald Bros., threshing machine makers, of Stratford, and brother of Dr. P. McDonald, M.P., East Huron, is seriously ill.

An effort is being made to induce the Record Manufacturing Company, of Connecticut, Ohio, to establish a branch factory in Simcoe for the manufacture of tin and wooden ware, under their Canadian patents.

Miss Lizzie Cowan, Wroxeter, has earned a reputation for fine needlework, of which any young lady might be proud. She recently made purchase of a new machine, and has been purchased by Queen Victoria.

The farm on the 2nd concession, H. R. S. Tuckersmith, owned by Mr. Geo. Sprout, and for some years occupied by Mr. Hugh J. Grieve, has been purchased by Mr. John McDonald, 2nd concession of Stanley, for \$3,000. The farm contains 200 acres, and has on it a brick house and large bank barn, but no orchard.

R. G. Marquis, B.A., who has been English master of the Stratford high school since January, 1891, has been appointed to a similar position in Kingston, and in all probability will leave Stratford at the close of the present year. Mr. Marquis is an honor graduate of Queen's University.

The Sun Grange of Stanley, which formerly held meetings on the 2nd concession, had its last meeting on Tuesday. Of late the grange has been getting gradually smaller, and the interest has been steadily declining, until it was thought desirable to allow the society to become defunct.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Scott, of Deserham, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Sixty-seven relatives, coming from Parkhill, Gravesend, Eden, Lynedoch, Tilsonburg, Cornwall, Springfield and elsewhere, met to do honor to the worthy couple and to the occasion.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Ashwood Young People's Alliance the following officers were elected: E. Paul, president; J. Penn, vice-president; Miss Morrison, recording secretary; Miss M. Snell, corresponding secretary; Miss J. Hall, treasurer; Miss F. Snell, organist; A. Steckel, librarian.

In the Kent county council, a motion "that the committee on legislation petition the Ontario Legislative Assembly to amend the Municipal Act so as to give the voting power of the deputies to their respective reserves in so far as county council proceedings are concerned" only received six votes.

There are two French families residing near Tecumseh, who have multiplied the ties between them lately. There are six girls in the Lassaline family, and Julian Parent has four sons. The Parent boys married four of the Lassaline girls, and two of Parent's nephews married the other two.

Osgoode Hall reports: Mount vs. Emery—M. Wilson, Q.C., for defendant, appeared from judgment of Street, J., in favor of plaintiff, in action by widow of Peter Mount to recover \$2,000 from her daughter for money lent. Defendant claimed that the money was a gift. Houston (Chatham) for plaintiff, contra. Appeal dismissed with costs.

At the opening of the Clinton House of Refuge on Tuesday, Wm. MacPherson occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by several clergymen and others. The proceedings were interspersed with sacred music and song. The building is home-like, and one of the most complete in detail in the Province. The town at 1:30 p.m. tendered a complimentary banquet to the county council at the Hotel Clarendon. One hundred and twenty-five guests were present. The House of Refuge and furnishings will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

At Phillips' heading mill, Baldon street, Chatham, on Tuesday, John Matthews was putting on his coat preparatory to leaving, when it was caught in the belt, which was going at

the rate of 150 revolutions to the minute. The boy was several times twisted around the shaft, and then thrown violently to the floor. Besides various minor bruises, Matthews sustained a fracture of the right arm, had his knee dislocated and two ribs broken. He is doing well and will recover. He is 14 years old, and showed wonderful nerve.

George Willisroft, once a successful merchant in Toronto, went to Bruce county and in 1895 left for British Columbia, where he became one of the best known and most respected business men of the province. Now comes word that he has committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. When Willisroft went to British Columbia in the early sixties he left at his old home near Paisley a wife and a grown-up family, and just before he killed himself he received a letter from a daughter which said that she was a widow with five children, and asked her father to assist her to start in business at Chippawa Hill, Ont. As he also had a family at Georgetown, B. C., it may have been this letter that caused him to take his life.

FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR.

Daniel's Terrible Indictment Applied to Modern Christianity

By Rev. G. C. Grubb at St. Paul's Cathedral—A Striking Lesson—Crowds Turned Away.

St. Paul's Cathedral probably never before held such a crowd as it did last evening when the sermon was preached by Rev. G. C. Grubb. The services at the various Episcopal Churches began at 6:45 and were concluded by 7:30, giving members of the different congregations ample time to reach the cathedral when the Mission service commenced at 8 o'clock. By that time the people going were met by an equally large stream of people coming away unable to gain entrance to the building. The aisles were filled from end to end by a standing multitude. Seats had been placed wherever it was found possible to put one, and every available foot of choir space was pre-empted before the opening of the service had been concluded. The small lofts or galleries at the front end of the building were crowded by a standing mass of people, and the ante-room was filled as far down as the speaker's voice could be heard.

Mr. Grubb took a double text, as it were. The first was found in John xvii, and 4: "I have glorified thee, O Father; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The second was taken from Daniel v, and 23, and included Daniel's terrible arraignment of impious Belshazzar, founded on the responsibility resting upon Londoners of the nineteenth century: a great deal of our Christianity is only heathenism baptized in the name of Christianity.

"I believe that I am speaking to a great many baptized heathens in St. Paul's Cathedral tonight."

Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar's father, lost his reason, and for seven years was as a beast of the field, but notwithstanding his unholy and unhumane, and there was no proud man present, the speaker asserted, but whom God would humble. As Belshazzar was responsible for the doings of his people, so the responsibility rested upon Londoners who although they could possess a Bible for a few pence did not, or if having several, neglected to read them. That book would be on the judgment seat of God, and it was not within the sphere of mortals to judge it. "The words that I have spoken shall I judge at the last day." And they would find their neglected Bible there.

The speaker made it plain that the Bible was not a book to be read like a little child.

Daniel's final indictment was that the king had taken the vessels of God's house and drank wine in them.

"This cathedral is not the house of God," continued the speaker; "no material church in the world is the house of God."

"God's houses are living stones to-day. The church of the living God and the living stones united by faith through Jesus, the one true God."

"Every human heart in which the spirit of God dwells is the Christian temple of the Holy Ghost; and the vessels of the Holy Ghost are my hands, my feet, my limbs, my eyes, my whole being."

"If those who worship in this cathedral are not holy in heart, then they have no connection whatever with God." Carnal lusts were defilements of the vessels of the temple, of the Holy Ghost, and against these the preacher warned his congregation.

Belshazzar "praised the gods of silver and gold," etc., and these were idols of the Evangelical Church to-day, under the cloak of religion. Turning to what Mr. Grubb called the bright side of his text, he proceeded to tell his hearers how they should glorify God, and he believed that what he brought the crowds to the church—the desire to glorify God.

The mission concludes tonight.

Do Not Believe It.

Do not believe that Nerviline will cure neuralgia almost instantly. It instantly kills the pain, but the reflection that pain can't last for ever. Don't use Nerviline; it might stop the pain. Rheumatism is often difficult to cure. Keep on rubbing the old-fashioned liniments as a matter of respect to your grandfather's remedy. Nerviline is a new discovery; that in itself ought to condemn it. Therefore cling to the old, safer pain; avoid the use of Nerviline, the most powerful, penetrating, and certain pain remedy in the world.

The largest cast bronze statue in the world is that of Peter the Great at St. Petersburg. It weighs 1,100 tons.

Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

The greatest bell in the world is that of the Kremlin in Moscow. Its weight is 443,722 pounds.

A Prominent Lawyer Says:

"I have eight children, every one in good health, not one of whom but has taken Scott's Emulsion, in which my wife has boundless confidence."

The largest stick of timber was cut in Washington. It was 150 feet long and an average of 20 by 21 inches.

BADLY WANTED.

Fair Directors Speak Plainly About the Needed Buildings.

If the \$25,000 Are Not Granted the Directors Say "the Fair Will Go to the Ground" or Be "Classed as a Country Show"—"Might Just as Well Give Up the Fair"—"Throw Up the Sponge," Etc.

The board of directors of the Western Fair held a meeting on Saturday afternoon to discuss the prospects of securing the indorsement by the ratepayers of the bylaw to raise debentures to the extent of \$25,000, the proceeds to be expended in the erection of new fair buildings. President Porto occupied the chair, and seated around the table were Directors Wm. Moore, Ald. Armstrong, John Kennedy, Col. Lewis, Wm. Jackson, Charles Trebilcock, J. S. Pearce, ex-Mayor Spencer, A. M. Smart, W. J. Reid, Col. Leys, and Secretary Browne.

Mr. Porto explained the present position of the matter before the council, and asked the chairman of the various departments to express their opinions as to the needs of the new buildings.

Mr. J. S. Pearce, chairman of the dairy department, said: "It has been very clear to me that the time has come when these buildings will have to be put up. It is in the interest of the public, and to a certain extent the public are calling for them. It devolves on the fair to see to it that the Western Fair is to be a success and to go on and keep its pace with the times as other competing fairs are doing. The citizens of London will have to satisfy this request for \$25,000. I am fully satisfied that it cannot be done satisfactorily, to make a good, permanent job, without that sum of money. It is the turning point with the Western Fair, now to either it is going to go on and improve or go back. If this bonus is not granted, I fear that the Western Fair will go to the ground, because the directors as a body cannot ask the ratepayers to come here and put their valuable stock in such sheds as those out there."

"As chairman of the sheep and hog departments," said Mr. Charles Trebilcock, "I can say that anyone having anything to do with the exhibitors will know for a certainty that we are not asking for anything that is not required. The money that we need annually in repairing the old buildings is really thrown away. The request is not unreasonable, when you come to consider that the Fair board have put \$17,000 into the grounds and buildings, which have been improved, our Fair will only come to be classed as a country show."

Col. Leys, chairman of the horse committee, said: "During the last two years especially, there were a great many complaints about the horse stables and the accommodation that we had for the animals. The year before last a great many people said they would not come back and bring their valuable horses here to be housed in the buildings we had—they would not call them stables—and run the risk of losing them. We had the same complaint last year, and a falling off of the better class of stock. I am satisfied that unless we are prepared to give them better accommodation, we will not get as good a show as a thing that is absolutely necessary and must be done. If we don't have these buildings, I think you might just as well give up the fair. It is of course, voice the remarks made by Col. Leys," said Mr. W. J. Reid.

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BOOMING BATTENBURG.

London, Dec. 8.—The court newsmen continue booming the departure of Prince Henry of Battenburg, husband of Princess Beatrice, for the Gold Coast of Africa, in order to take part in the Ashantee "picnic," so called. The newspapers have been printing details of the alleged special equipment and of the luxuries which were to mark the prince's journey. He was, for instance, to travel from Euston, London, to Liverpool in a special "sleeping carriage," and was to be taken on board the Vindex steamship which was to convey him to Africa, in a special tender. On board he was to occupy a special cabin fitted out for his accommodation, and the only difference between the prince and the Radicals until the hush and cry became so loud and prolonged that there was a sudden and unexpected change made in the programme. Instead of being figuratively speaking, wrapped in a cotton wool during the expedition, a semi-official statement was issued that Prince Henry is going to the Gold Coast simply in the same capacity as the other officials of the army who are to take part in the expedition. He will not be exactly on the same footing as the others so far as living, marching, etc., are concerned. The only difference in his treatment will be that he will be attached to the expeditionary corps in a special capacity of some sort instead of as a colonel, which, in spite of the fact that he only commands a militia regiment of the Isle of Wight, of which he is governor, would have given him the right to be second in command.

AN UNPOPULAR EXPEDITION.

In spite of the smallness of the detachments supplied to the expeditionary corps by the various regiments, there has been a good deal of difficulty in finding the men needed, and in some cases handmen, signal corps men and other officers' servants have been taken. The unpopularity of the expedition is due to the fact that these detachments are of the forces, and that they are commanded by officers they have not seen, much less served under. It is admitted that there is not a single battalion in England really fit for the service, and therefore the second battalion of the Yorkshire regiment, now on its way home from Aden, is to be transhipped at Gibraltar, and the soldiers sent direct to Cape Coast Castle for the Ashantee campaign in spite of the fact that they have been away from England for fifteen years.

THE CHAMBERLAIN AT COURT.

The social position of the political power which the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, has attained is becoming a subject of considerable interest. Mr. Chamberlain (formerly Miss Mary Lindcott, of Boston) is now visiting some of the most exclusive homes in England, and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire with a large supply of war rockets, are already on their way to the Gold Coast. The troops are to be armed almost exclusively with the Martini-Henry carbine, and the men forming the British or composite battalion have been selected with a special view to sending out the best men procurable, the best shots and the best marchers of the army. Not more than 600 British troops, however, will be engaged, and it is believed that the entire expedition should not number more than 1,500.

The frequent visits which Mr. Chamberlain has recently made to Windsor are exciting the politicians. Two visits to the Queen in a week is an honor not conferred as a rule upon a premier. One newspaper explains that these marks of royal favor are due to Mr. Chamberlain having control of all the arrangements for the Ashantee expedition, and it is also said that it was he who made it possible for Prince Henry of Battenburg to take part in it.

YOUNG CHURCHILL IN CUBA.

Lieut. Winston Leonard Churchill, a lieutenant in the rifle corps of the British army, who has been present at the battle of La Trocha, in the Province of Puerto Rico, is creating much interest among his friends here, and the newspapers are predicting all sorts of complications for Great Britain on account of his presence with the staff of Gen. Suarez Valdez, the Spanish commander. Lady Randolph Churchill (formerly Miss Jenny Jerome) is staying at a fashionable hotel on Berkeley Square here, pending the completion of her new house on Cumberland Place. Talking over the matter with a representative of the Associated Press, Lady Churchill said that her son was not taking an active part in the campaign, but that he was merely in Cuba on a nine weeks' leave of absence. Continuing, Lady Churchill said that the lieutenant had letters from the British War Office and Foreign Office to Gen. Campos, who had placed him on his staff and enabled him to go to the front and watch the operations of the Spanish troops. But, she explained, he was there merely as a spectator, and was expected to be back in London on Jan. 1.

THE BATTLE OF THE STUDENTS.

The wildest scenes of excitement and disorder marked the progress of the first day's polling at Dublin in the election of a successor to the Right Hon. David R. Plunkett, Conservative, who has been elevated to the peerage. Wm. E. Lecky, Liberal-Unionist, the distinguished historian, was the nominee of the professors, and consequently he was opposed by the under-graduates,

who assembled in crowds at the entrance to the polls and assaulted every voter suspected of favoring Mr. Lecky. They also barred the college doors, and caused scenes of riotous turbulence surpassing the wildest of Lecky's college tales. The police quelled the disturbance.

RAISED A BREEZE.

A Berlin special says: President Cleveland's strictures on Germany's treatment of American food exports and insurance companies in his message to Congress have created a sensation here. The Government, thus far, through its organs, has not replied to Mr. Cleveland's veiled threats, and the only semi-official statement has been that of the Cologne Gazette, on Wednesday last, in which reference was made to the disadvantages under which German sugar exports to America suffered, and contending that the inspection of American pork was merely of a local nature which did not warrant the differential treatment of German imports to America. The American companies were only subjected to the same regulations as all such institutions in Prussia, and concluded with the remark that such quotation of anger, not being decided in a moment of anger, settled in a manner agreeable to both countries after careful consideration of all that may be said for and against it. It was also stated that there was no doubt that this was also Mr. Cleveland's desire. The Berliner Tageblatt reminds the Government that it had been warned not to take too severe measures against American imports and insurance companies.

The radical Freisinnige Zeitung says: "Our industrial interests are threatened all the more because the agricultural party will not fail to drive Germany into a tariff war with America, for the purpose of excluding entirely American cereals."

ROYALTY STUDYING SHORTHAND.

The Emperor of Germany has directed that all his children be taught shorthand, and he has been practicing shorthand writing during the past three months. The Crown Prince, Prince Frederick William, who is about 13 years of age, can take down his father's words at the rate of 90 a minute.

THE FLIGHT OF SAID PASHA.

A Constantinople dispatch says: The Turks here pretty generally admit that the fact that so distinguished and so well known a patriot as Said Pasha should seek shelter with a foreign power is proof positive of the gravity of the situation. It is acknowledged on all sides that unless the palace clique can be broken up, a government by the Sultan alone will be rendered impossible. Sir Philip Currie's conduct in affording shelter to Said Pasha has been praised by persons cognizant of the facts, and the hope has been expressed that he will not withdraw his protection from a man who is regarded as capable of bringing about a reformation and regeneration of the Turkish empire. At a meeting of the ambassadors resolutions were adopted, and it was decided that action was taken to the effect that the powers will support Said Pasha in the event of his agreeing to accept the office of Grand Vizier. It is not probable that he will again take up the duties of that office after seeking refuge from the wrath of the Sultan. It is believed that Said Pasha is desirous of leaving the country, but he will not quit the shelter of the British embassy except with a guarantee from all the powers.

AFTER MORE TERRITORY.

The latest scheme to acquire new territory is the proposed protectorate over Lower Siam, which would place the whole Malay Peninsula, from Singapore to Burma, under British rule. The Westminster Gazette states that the extension has been on the cards for years, and has been clearly explained to France. Such a protectorate, it is claimed, would be welcomed by the Malays who are now only nominal tributaries of Siam, while the mineral and other resources of wealth in the country are of great importance to Great Britain.

AN ETON SCANDAL.

Twenty pupils have been expelled from Eton College in consequence of a scandal which has been suppressed owing to the details. The expelled students belong to some of the best families of the country. These students formed a clique and indulged in scandalous practices.

MR. GLADSTONE WRITES.

Mr. Gladstone has written to the Anglo-Armenian Association commending the proposal to hold a meeting in London on Tuesday. He says that the cause of the Armenians has been rendered even graver by the astonishing language ascribed to the German Emperor, an inscription in which Mr. Gladstone says he trusts there is not a word of truth. Mr. Gladstone does not indicate what utterance of the Emperor he refers to.

CHILD-MURDER IN ENGLAND.

Jerome K. Jerome has been agitating for several weeks with as much delicacy as may be, the difficult subject of over-population or the burden of large families among the poor. He has been investigating the question of child insurance, which is very common among the English masses, and makes some horrible, almost incredible, charges. He indorses, for instance, the startling statement that 25 per cent of the insured children who die are deliberately murdered or starved to death by their parents.

LEOPOLD IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 8.—The great attraction of the week in royal circles have been the goings and comings of King Leopold of Belgium and his charming young daughter, the Princess Clementine, who is about 22 years of age and unmarried. King Leopold has always been popular here on account of his so-called democratic habits, to which he attracted considerable attention upon his arrival here. He was met at Charing Cross Railway station by a number of officials, and royal carriages were placed at his disposal to convey him to his destination. But after acknowledging the courtesy shown him, the King said the preferred walking,

and so he was allowed to have his way and stroll across Trafalgar Square to an hotel, before going to Windsor to pay his respects to Queen Victoria. Later King Leopold saw all the sights of London, in fact, and he said that he enjoyed himself immensely. The usual report that his journey is connected with the financial affairs of the Congo Free State is uppermost, and by reference is made to his devotion to "Merodach," the most beautiful dancer at the Paris opera. The presents, horses, carriages, jewelry, etc., which the gay king has bestowed upon the popular dancer is said to have cost him a small fortune, and this is not the first escapade of the kind.

PELLE BUYS PLACE.

It is now reported that the Earl of Derby, formerly Governor-General of Canada, is to succeed the Marquis of Dufferin as British ambassador to Constantinople, is frequently mentioned in connection with that highly important post. Should the first report turn out to be correct, it is not likely that the special qualification of the Earl of Derby as a successor to the Marquis of Dufferin is his enormous wealth, and it is no secret that the marquis is not so wealthy enough to entertain to the extent considered necessary.

Vanity Fair, commenting upon the situation, says: "Parliament is the home of American millionaires whose lavish expenditures give them undue prominence in Parisian society, and the English residents and visitors are to see their representatives play second fiddle to a Mrs. Passmore, a Mrs. Davis, and some other wealthy Americans."

MAUD'S MARRIAGE.

Count Von Eulenberg, the favorite of Emperor William of Germany, has arrived at Windsor Castle from Berlin in order to express the Emperor's sympathy at the death of Gen. Sir Henry Ponsonby, G.C.B., for many years private secretary of Queen Victoria, and to present her Majesty with a copy of the Emperor's recent allegorical picture, and also to arrange for his Majesty's visit at the time of the marriage of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Charles of Denmark. The King and Queen of Italy are also expected to be present upon that occasion.

GLADSTONE'S WINTER QUARTERS.

Mr. Gladstone has definitely settled upon Biarritz as the place where he will spend a portion of his winter holidays. He will start shortly after Christmas, which will, as usual, be kept at Hawarden.

IN COVENT GARDEN BALL.

The first fancy dress ball of the season was given at Covent Garden Wednesday evening, and came as a relief to the jaded young men about town. The male frequenters of the ball are recruited from the ranks which are generally to be seen at the Continental Hotel at midnight for supper. They include numerous stockbrokers and young officers in the Guards and from the various regiments stationed at Aldershot. The lady frequenters of the ball are, for the most part, rather fast actresses and demi-mondaines, although on Wednesday last several parties who had boxes included some of the smartest women in England. They, however, kept carefully masked, and, as a rule, remained in their boxes looking on at the gay scene on the floor.

MRS. LANGTRY'S JOKE.

A few years ago at one of these balls, Mrs. Langtry and her party, in one of the upper boxes, created the greatest excitement. An old, quiet-looking gentleman, was seen to be sitting in the midst of her gay party, and from time to time the old man was subjected to all sorts of practical jokes. He was pulled round the box, wine thrown in his face, and, finally, amid cries of horror, thrown, after an apparent struggle with one of the men, to the floor below, where he lay motionless. It was soon discovered, however, that the gentleman was a friend of Mrs. Langtry's, and that the gentlemen of Mrs. Langtry's party were all arrested and had to appear at Bow street the next morning. This episode has rather a damp on practical jokes of this kind, but there is always a lot of amusement to be had at these winter festivities. Last Wednesday's ball did not begin until 1 o'clock, the fun was at its height about 3, and it was almost daylight when the last of the people left.

A LANDMARK RESTORED.

The many Canadians who have passed the old church at Saint Mary le Strand, whose handsome clock tower is one of the landmarks which first catches the eye when turning into the Strand from Charing Cross, will learn with interest that the church will be completely renovated and restored shortly after the New Year. It was in front of this edifice that the first stand for hackney coaches in London was established. Earlier still the original coaches that he once saw Neil Gwynn standing there watching the dancing on a May Day, "clad in a snook frock with becoming bodice," and looking at a mighty prey creature. To this church came, on June 13, 1809, a young clerk, named John Dickens, from the neighboring Somerset House, and was married to Elizabeth Barrow. This was the father of the great novelist, and it is interesting to note in the church register that Rev. Wm. Ellis, who performed the ceremony, spelt the name of the bridegroom, "Dickens," a mistake that would scarcely have occurred a century later, when the "Pickwick Papers" had been printed.

A LONDON SLAVE DRIVER.

The way in which many London waitresses are compelled to work was shown during the week, by the suit which a girl, 18 years of age, brought against the proprietor of a "coffee tavern," for wrongful dismissal. She was discharged, it appears, for coming down from her room at 5 o'clock in the morning instead of 4:30, and it developed that the girls never retired until 1 a.m. For these twenty hours of labor per day, the waitresses were paid the sum of 3s a month, and were glad to get it, as many hundreds were ready to fill their places if vacancies occurred.

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DUKE.

Complaint is made in the newspapers that the Duke of Norfolk, the Postmaster-general, and recognized head of the Roman Catholics of England, in suppressing the Italian postcards received in commemoration of the liberation of Rome, stated that the cards were so objectionable to the Vatican that the Pope excommunicated all who received them or aided in their circulation.

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Khama Victorious.

The negotiations have resulted in a great triumph for Khama, who gains practically everything that he came to England to seek. His country will remain under the government of the Queen, and he will therefore have nothing to fear from the Chartered Company. In return the chiefs promise to concede the land which is needed for the completion of the new South African Railway. The concession will bring an abundant reward for the railway will do much to develop the resources of their country. Khama has also gained his wish with regard to the drink traffic. Under the settlement it is promised that "white man's strong drink" shall not be brought into the country, assigned to the chiefs, and that those who attempt to give it away to black men shall be punished. No new liquor license will be issued, and no existing license will be renewed. Mr. Chamberlain promises that the British resident officer, who is appointed as a kind of guardian to the chiefs, will do his utmost to exclude the drink traffic, but he expects that the chiefs themselves will endeavor to force the law. The territories of each are carefully defined, and to Khama is allotted a much larger portion than that which he claimed in 1885 as necessary for his tribes. Mr. Chamberlain thus sends the chiefs away well satisfied with him and with their visit. His award will be of great service to South African missions, for it proves that the English Government has the welfare of the native tribes sincerely at heart. Khama would have had good reason to complain if the country which sent him the missionaries he has berried so faithfully had been too selfish or too narrow-minded to save his people from the curse of drunkenness. The London Missionary Society, to whom the chiefs owe as much as to Mr. Chamberlain, intends to hold a farewell meeting at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place. If they have learned much from us, we have learned something from them, and Khama especially has shown a steadfastness of principle which will prove more valuable to his country than if he could carry back all the gold at which he marveled in the Bank of England.—British Weekly.

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The Hockey Season.

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HOCKEY.

ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION. Toronto, Dec. 8.—The annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association was held here Saturday. There were 25 clubs represented, showing an increase of 50 delegates over last year. C. Becker and J. McDougall represented London; G. Moncrief and J. B. Noble, Petrolia, and M. McFadden, Stratford. The following officers were elected: President, C. A. B. Brown, Toronto; vice-president, M. McFadden, Victoria; second vice, W. A. Gilmour, secretary, F. W. Tiffin, Osgoode; treasurer, A. Creelman, Osgoode; committee, F. R. Martin, Osgoode; J. Beeton, Queen's; J. Bain, Granites; H. Southam, Trinity; Hoskins, Stratford. It was decided to leave it to the executive whether there be an intermediate series established or not.

FOOTBALL.

Cornell and Pennsylvania cleaned up \$16,000 profit from their last football game. The Pennsylvania team have made a profit of \$15,000 this season.

ATHLETICS.

SULLIVAN AT TORONTO. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 8.—It was not to be expected that after the disgraceful exhibition by Maher and Hall here a week ago Saturday night that a very large crowd would turn out to see the John L. Sullivan combination of ex-champion pugilists, and hardly 800 people were in the Auditorium Saturday evening. The ex-champion was accorded a most enthusiastic reception, being cheered for several minutes when he came out on the stage with Ryan. He and Ryan mixed things up lively for three short rounds, the pillows on their hands effectually preventing any damage being done. Choyinski and Crawford, of London, Ont., who made things interesting for Griffin, came together for three rounds, but the California pugilist handled Crawford as he pleased, and in fact impressed the crowd more favorably than did Maher, Percy Short, who claims to be the light-weight champion of Canada, was pitted against Allen, another local man. He caught the crowd in great style, being as quick as lightning, completely knocking Allen. He brought the latter to his knees several times. At the conclusion of their bout Jim Popp challenged him to fight in three weeks at 125 lbs.

THE WHEEL.

ANOTHER RECORD. New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—F. C. Barnett, the class "B" man, established a world's record for two miles standing start, unpaced, Saturday on the spiral cement track at Athletic Park. His time in quarters was 36, 1:09 4-5, 1:43 2-5, 2:18 3-5, 2:55, 3:29, 4:04, 4:39. John S. Johnson went a mile, paced by two quads, from a "pick-up" in 1:53 2-5, which is the record for a quarter-mile track.

ZIMMY IN AUSTRALIA.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Melbourne (Australia) correspondent of the American Wheelman called that paper yesterday that the great Australian wheel race, the blue ribbon event of the year, was won by Chrisp, of Tasmania, the dark horse road rider. This is the race that Zimmerman

was reported to ride, but at the last moment he was scratched. It was given as the reason that his demands were exorbitant, and the committee refused to concede them. His entry had been sent in and accepted for this event, but he wanted a bonus besides, which was refused. This move, it is said, has made the American very unpopular among the Australians.

THE TURF.

ADAM BECK'S HORSES. New York, Dec. 8.—Thirty head of thoroughbred yearlings, the property of Rudolph Ellis, Foxhall Stud, and A. J. Cassatt, Chesterbrook Stud, were sold at the American Horse Exchange Saturday afternoon. The prices averaged up \$252. Among the sales were the following to Mr. A. Beck: Brown colt, Stratford, False Step, \$300; bay gelding, The Bard—Loyalty, \$350; chestnut filly, The Bard—Equipoise, \$375.

WITH THE HORSES.

TIPS. The Watford Guide says: James McManus has disposed of his last pacing horse Bob Swift, to R. Hamilton, of Sarnia. Molly Barnes, Prohibition and the other Sarnia flyers will have to get their skates on if they wish to stay in the same class with Bob in the ice races this winter.

Travelers Elect Officers.

One of the Most Prosperous Years in the Association's History.

Last Year's Officers and Board Re-Elected by Acclamation—Membership Now Over 1,000—Reserve Fund of Nearly \$40,000—Annual Meeting Dec. 21.

The general business meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held on Saturday evening in the rooms of Secretary Robinson, Masonic Temple. The principal business of the evening was the nomination of officers, which resulted in last year's board being unanimously re-elected. The annual meeting was set for Dec. 21, at 3 o'clock. President John M. Dillon occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Secretary Alf Robinson, Vice-Presidents E. J. Conroy and Dan Mackenzie, Messrs. Robert Tait, W. D. Brock, H. J. Collamore, H. S. Wilcox, W. H. Oke, Wm. Mayo, John A. Walker, H. Line, F. H. Crabbe, T. T. Mortimore, W. E. B. Eardley, C. S. Vandecar, W. J. Craig, W. S. Case, Wm. Gray, A. W. White and others.

President Dillon stated that the closing year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the association. The membership had increased until it had now passed the thousand mark, while the addition to the reserve fund, after payment of all claims and allowing for all liabilities of which there was any knowledge, was over \$8,000, or nearly twice as much as in any previous year. The reserve fund now amounts to nearly \$40,000. Continuing Mr. Dillon referred to the recent deputation that waited on the Ontario Government in reference to the sanitary condition of the hotels, and he could not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing his deep sense of gratitude to Mayor Little, T. S. Hobbs, M.P.P., and C. S. Hyman, M.P.P., for their valuable services in accompanying the delegation, and enforcing their arguments from their point of view as all travelers and members of the association.

Secretary Robinson read the financial statement, which showed the receipts to have been \$12,135, of which \$10,208 was received from membership fees. The disbursements aggregated \$4,938 50, of which \$3,108 20 was for death and accident claims, and the balance for secretary's salary and working expenses. The assets amount to \$40,331 97 and the liabilities to \$602 35, leaving a balance to the credit of the reserve fund of \$39,729 62.

The president then called for nominations for officers for the ensuing year, when the following unanimous nominations were made and the officers declared duly elected: President—J. M. Dillon. First Vice-President—P. J. Conroy. Second Vice-President—Dan Mackenzie. Third Vice-President—A. W. Robertson, Hamilton.

Treasurer—Samuel Munro, London. Directors for London—W. H. Gray, Wm. Gray, H. G. Collamore, W. J. Craig, H. Line, E. W. B. Eardley and H. S. Wilcox. Outside Directors—Hamilton, R. M. Hope and John Bosker; Toronto, F. W. Heath, R. H. Greene, James Stevenson; Stratford, James Dow; Brantford, George Watt, Jan; St. Marys, Jas. Maxwell; Galt, John Wadlaw; Ayr, John G. Watson; Oshawa, E. O. P. Waterhouse; S. Snyder; St. Thomas, B. F. Honsinger; Wm. Turnbull; Woodstock, F. J. Richards; Windsor, Jas. F. Smyth; Chatham, A. E. Merritt; Ingersoll, R. H. Cotto; Sarnia, Wm. Storey; New Hamburg, J. Ratz; Winnipeg, T. Harry Slater; Aylmer, R. G. B. Moore.

This was practically a re-election of this year's board, the only new man being Mr. H. S. Millard, of St. Catharines, who takes the place of one of the old members who found himself unable, owing to his engagements, to accept the position for another year.

Several notices of motion were given of changes and additions to bylaws, and it was moved by Mr. Brock, seconded by Mr. William Gray, and unanimously resolved, that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Mayor Little, T. S. Hobbs, M.P.P., and C. S. Hyman M.P.P., for their able services on the delegation to the Ontario Government re better hotel sanitation; also that every effort be continued to be made to make the reform as prompt and effectual as possible.

REV. G. A. MILLIGAN, D. D.

Two Strong and Appreciated Discourses in First Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian Church yesterday contained large audiences. In the evening the ushers were put to it to find seats. The music was attractive, also, Miss Lillywhite's solo at the evening service being exceptionally effective. Dr. Milligan is always a welcome visitor to London. The effect of his fervid oratory is always to create desire after those things that are high and wholesome and manly. While Dr. Milligan has always a clear conception of the central thoughts he is enforcing, and reaches his conclusions in ultimate logical sequence, he is evidently no slave to prearranged groundworks, but allows himself considerable latitude as to thoughts which spring up as the discourse proceeds. As he laughingly admits he reserves to himself the privilege of an occasional digression, "which," he asserts, "is not a bad thing—especially if you take care to get back to the path again." In yesterday morning's sermon some of the most powerful touches were these occasional digressions. Nor is Dr. Milligan afraid of enforcing his points in a manner to bring a smile; but the effect in each case is to set the teaching. Dr. Milligan is a most open, individual, lovable man. His text

yesterday morning was from the words, "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." The preacher dealt with the reasons lying on the surface why it might have been thought expedient and reasonable for Him to come down from the cross in power, and then delineated in contrast the deeper and far-reaching reasons why He did not come down from the cross. The sermon was brilliant, deep and stimulative.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Rev. Robert Johnston preached to railroad men in St. Andrew's Church last night.

—Miss Ellen Priest, the Canadian Baptist missionary, is at the point of death in India.

—J. T. Little, manager of the Windsor branch of the Bell Piano and Organ Company, has been transferred to London.

—Last night Bishop O'Connor, of London, officiated at a consecration service for the new bell which is to be set up in St. Basil's, Toronto.

—W. K. MacLeod, publisher of the Argus, St. Marys, is in the city today attending the funeral of the late Rev. Thos. Cullen.

—Mr. W. Belcher, the popular vocalist, left yesterday for Detroit where he has been appointed manager of the piano department of the Detroit Musical Company.

—William Lawrence, the local liverman who was injured by being thrown from a horse at Mt. Clemens, Mich., on Friday, is recovering, and is expected home in a few days.

—Rev. James W. Pedley, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will deliver his lecture entitled "Rambles in Italy," in the Congregational Church, Woodstock, to-morrow night.

—Mr. John V. McCarthy and Miss Abby Donaldson were married at St. Louis on Thursday last by Rev. Father Coughlan. They afterwards left on a visit to Mr. McCarthy's parents in this city. Mr. McCarthy is a former Londoner.

—Mr. John Griffith and company repeated their splendid production of "Faust" on Saturday night to another large and delightful audience. "The Love Lesson" in the afternoon received a fine performance. Mr. Griffith is a Canadian actor of great promise.

—Mr. W. Willis, manager of the glass department of the Hobbs Hardware Company, London, was in town Wednesday and secured the contract for the new stained glass windows of the Presbyterian Church. There were seven tenders in, but the committee were satisfied that his offer was the best, and the quality of the goods offered is considered.—[Blenheim News.]

—A special meeting of the City Council will be held tonight to finish the work commenced at last Monday night's session. Only unfinished business will be undertaken unless the council see fit to entertain a communication from the Board of Education denying the corporation the use of rooms in the various city schools for polling purposes on Jan. 8, 9 and 10, on which schools are supposed to commence.

—Today the Messrs. T. E. Mara Co. were in receipt of two orders from Montreal, one for \$10,000 and the other for \$5,000. The renewal of this store is not confined to London and suburbs only. One order was from Duck's Station, B. C., and the other from Nova Scotia. Advertising, if placed in the "Advertiser," will reach the people. This is an exemplification, one coming from the most eastern and the other from the most western of the continent, shows the progressiveness of the concern in receipt of the orders.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cook, of the East End, accompanied by their son Harry, assistant secretary of the waterworks department, left this afternoon on a couple of months' visit to friends in the British Isles and France. It is 25 years since Mr. Cook emigrated to this country, and in that time he has only visited his relatives in the old land once. Miss Cook has not been home since her parents settled in Canada, when she was 8 years of age, and this is Harry's first trip across the Atlantic.

—The Liberal Club concert on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, will be a very pleasing entertainment. The best local talent has been secured and will be assisted by Miss Alice D. Burrows, mezzo-soprano, and W. E. Ramsey, humorist, of Toronto. The Musical Society Band will give two choice selections never heard before in the city. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. Fred L. Evans, while the male chorus of 20 voices will be led by Mr. Stuart Huntington. Tickets can be secured from any member of the executive committee of the Young Liberal Club.

—The regular meeting of the Baconian Club on Saturday night was postponed for a week owing to the death of one of its members, Rev. Canon Cullen. Messrs. T. J. Murphy, L. W. Burke and (Rev.) M. P. Talling were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution of condolence, suitably engrossed, to be forwarded to the family of deceased. Mr. Murphy voiced the feelings of the club in a few earnest remarks. Mr. Cullen, he said, was a valued Baconian and a man of estimable character, tenacious of his own opinions, but broad and charitable in his religious views.

—It will be sad news to many to learn of the death on Saturday, at Windsor, of Mrs. Frank A. Cooper, formerly Miss Ida S. Murphy, of this city. The immediate cause was hemorrhage of the lungs, following an illness of two months. Mrs. Cooper was a very prepossessing and amiable young woman. Her death makes the ninth in the family since the demise of her father, Detective Murphy, about five years ago. She was a niece of the late Jesse M. Synmonds of the "Advertiser." The remains were brought to London yesterday, and the funeral will be held from the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Portwood, 243 Queen's avenue, tomorrow afternoon.

—At St. James' Church, South London, yesterday morning the bishop ordained two candidates for the priesthood and four for the diaconate. Rev. Canon Hincks, of Windsor, preached the sermon, and Rev. Archdeacon Davis, of South London, presented the candidates, who were Messrs. Anderson, Durnford, McQuillan and Hooper (for deacons), Revs. Professors Burgess and Graham (for the priesthood). It is understood that they have been appointed by the Bishop of Huron as follows: Rev. Mr. Anderson to Alvinton, Rev. Mr. Durnford to Point Edward, Rev. Mr. Hooper to Teeswater, Rev. Mr. McQuillan to Kingston and Rev. Mr. Graham to the curacy of Grace Church, Brantford.

THE P. M. WAS LENIENT.

Police Magistrate Parke was disposed to deal very leniently with the prisoners who appeared before him this morning, and consequently the inscriptions "Discharged" and "Suspended sentence" were in order on the blotter. Wm. Duggan, a moulder, living on Ridout street, was arrested at the instance of his wife, Ellen Duggan, for want of sureties to keep the peace. William went home drunk on Friday night, and made things so interesting around the house that his wife had to seek shelter elsewhere. She was afraid he would hurt her and injury when drunk, and wanted him bound over. Duggan promised better if given a choice, and

he was allowed out on suspended sentence on promising to take the pledge. The couple have four children, the eldest 16 years and the youngest 6 years of age. Hugh McGurdy made his 63rd appearance on the same old charge—drunkenness and "aggrancy." He pleaded earnestly and "just another chance," and said that if he came up again he would expect no mercy, and as a proof of his sincerity Hugh made a large tear trickle down his cheek. He was discharged on suspended sentence. Archibald Dancy and his wife, Esther Dancy, were an aged couple tramping from an eastern town to Detroit. They struck London drunk, and were charged with vagrancy. They will be seen over the limits and started on their 110-mile journey. Annie Jennison, drunk, was discharged.

POT- POLITICAL

WEST HURON.

Premier Bovey says the election for West Huron will be held on Jan. 9.

NO ONE OFFERING.

There is still an opening for a Conservative candidate in Jacques Cartier, Que. No one seems to desire defeat.

UNPRECEDENTED.

When Hon. Wilfrid Laurier visited Plantagenet, Ont., last week, the village was gaily decorated, and the population turned out en masse. The visitors were received by the local committee, and conducted to the Town Hall, where the meeting was to be held. It was found, however, that the hall was too small, and even the large factory by the river side would not accommodate all who are anxious to hear Mr. Laurier, so the meeting had to be held in the open air. Mayor Yon presided.

SOUTH BRANT.

The annual meeting of the South Brant Reform Association was held Saturday afternoon in the Young Liberal Club rooms. There was a good attendance present. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Secord; vice-presidents, Charles H. Waterous and William Buck; secretary, A. D. Hardy; treasurer, S. G. Read. Chairmen were appointed for every township in the riding.

THE SHIPMAN CASE.

Another Sufferer Rescued From the Deadly Diabetes.

Mr. J. E. Shipman, of the Seldons House, Owen Sound, Cured by a Few Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Owen Sound, Dec. 9.—Publication of the facts of a great cure serve two good purposes; the recovered man makes his "thank offering," and the public benefits by his experience.

Mr. J. E. Shipman, proprietor of the popular "Seldons House" here, was interviewed by your correspondent. He said: "Yes, I am willing to talk of my very fortunate escape from a deadly form of kidney disease by using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"As the result of a tumble which severely injured my back, I have been more or less troubled with weak kidneys ever since I was a boy.

"I have been a great sufferer. In spite of doctoring and medicines, I had been growing worse and worse, until about a year ago I was advised by a friend to use Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Before commencing I had my urine tested, which disclosed the presence of diabetes, and I realized the danger I had to face.

"In all I have used about one dozen boxes, and from time to time while taking the pills I had further tests of the urine made, until one day about two months ago I was assured by the analyst that I was perfectly cured.

"I had found it difficult at all times, and when tired utterly impossible to stand erect. There was a dull ache across my loins, and occasional sharp pains that would awaken me from sleep.

"I was also much broken of my rest by frequent necessity to get up.

"I am now perfectly healthy and strong. I eat, sleep and rest like a boy. Have taken no other medicine or treatment than Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I say true and thankfully, my recovery is entirely due to their use."

AN AMERICAN MONTE CRISTO.

London, Dec. 9.—Mr. William L. Winans' distribution of \$5,500 among the ballet girls at the Alhambra has made him the hero of London's music hall world. Mr. Winans has been known for some weeks among the frequenters of the Alhambra as "the mad American." Every night he has occupied a \$15 box during the forty minutes of the "Titanic" ballet on the stage. He has never sought to go behind the stage or make the acquaintance of any of the performers. His name was unknown till a week ago, when he sent a check to the managers with directions to distribute the money among the girls, giving the first dancers \$200, the general dancers \$50, and the children \$20 each. His solitary figure is still seen in the box every evening, and the members of the ballet now salute him as "the American Monte Cristo."

LOVE'S STRANGE MESSENGERS.

London, Dec. 9.—A little story, deliciously French, comes from Paris this week. It is about the carrier pigeons of the young wife of an elderly merchant, who became tired of her aged husband and wished to renew her acquaintance with a former lover. The latter resided in Rouen, while the pretty wife was obliged to live in Paris. It was then that Madame, in order to solve the difficulty of correspondence, bequeathed herself of a carrier pigeon. For a time all went merrily, the husband only smiling at what he believed to be a little weakness on the part of his wife. But the other day he noticed that one of the bird messengers bore a small roll of paper round his neck, and obtaining possession of it, he was astonished to find that it was an amorous epistle from Rouen addressed to his wife.

The worthy merchant immediately set about revenge himself. As the writer of the letter was for the moment unobtainable, he commenced by weakening vengeance on the unhappy bird, whose neck was promptly wrung. Not yet satisfied, and possessing an evident fund of grim humor, he resolved to make his wife lunch off the pigeon as the first installment of her punishment. The idea was carried out, and when the lady had quaintly picked a wing her husband broke the news.

A violent scene followed. The wife, returning to her room, endeavored, unsuccessfully, to put an end to her days by a dose of laudanum. She intends at once to institute a suit for divorce.

The largest sponge ever sent to market was from the Mediterranean. It was 10 feet in circumference and 3 in diameter.

Go temporary Opinion.

LUXURY AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

The other day the Government railroad car, "Cumberland," was sent here to convey Dr. Montague's family to Ottawa. It also took a lot of the doctor's household effects. In fact, this car seems to be part of his household effects, for it carried him and his family to Old Orchard Beach during the summer, and they lived in it there for a while. I suppose it is part of a Minister's perquisites that he and his shall travel on their private journeys at the taxpayers' expense. But why should it be so? Patrons demand the abolition of passes for members of Parliament, and rightly. Why not demand that Ministers shall pay their fare out of their large salaries when enjoying private junketings or attending to their private business? It may seem small to ask this, but the fact is we are throwing away thousands of dollars every year on just such outlays as these Montague trips.—Dunville's correspondent Canada Farmers' Sun.

WHY THE PORTE IS "SUBLIME."

What is or who is the Porte, and why is he called "sublime?"

The Porte is the Ottoman court. It is the Government of the Turkish empire. In the olden time justice was administered at the gate of a city or at the "porte." The porte or gate of the Sultan's palace, was and is the seat of justice or power, or authority, governing the empire. It is the Turkish court, and so the sublime porte is the court of the Sultan, or the Turkish Government.—Louisville Post.

AMERICAN HEIRESSSES ABROAD.

An indication as to how the marriage of American heiresses and titled nobles is regarded abroad may be found in the latest issue of London Truth, which declares that the Duke of Marlborough's marriage was largely due to the necessity of keeping up that "white elephant," the castle of Blenheim, "a huge and hideous building which the late duke, who was always of a practical turn of mind, deplored, could not be converted into a hydropathic establishment or something of that sort." The incorrigible Labourers goes on to remark that "part of the bargain was that the duke should be a lay figure in the marriage festivities, the aim and object of which seems to have been to squander money in barbaric pomp."

This, then, is the happy situation in which the title-capturing American heiress finds herself. She ceases to be an American and loses the comradeship of her fellow-countrymen. And on coming to the land where she is to assume the duties of a countess, she is met with the brutally frank assertion that her husband married her for her money, and that the circumstances in which the ceremony was performed were barbaric. It is like the case of the heiress in war. The heiress loses esteem among her former allies, and receives the open condemnation of her new ones.

Any other American girls who may be tempted by foreign titles would do well to reflect on what awaits them on the other side. No American criticism of the Duchess of Marlborough has been a bit more brutally candid than that administered by one of the foremost of the organs of British opinion.—Chicago Record.

A LIVE PUBLICATION.

Littell's Living Age for 1896. The announcement of a reduction in the price of this famous eclectic from \$8 to \$6 a year will prove of more than usual interest to lovers of choice literature. Founded in 1844, it will soon enter its 53rd year of a continuous and successful career seldom equalled.

This standard weekly is the oldest, as it is the best, concentration of choice periodical literature printed in this country. Those who desire a thorough compendium of all that is admirable and noteworthy in the literary world will be spared the trouble of wading through the sea of reviews and magazines published abroad; for they will find the essence of all compacted and concentrated here. It brings together between its own covers the choicest current productions of the most brilliant writers, the best scholars, and the most profound thinkers of the world.

The essential features which have characterized the magazine and made it so desirable heretofore will be preserved during the coming year, and the same efforts continued to maintain the splendid record it has made in the past. The various departments of literary criticism, biography, history and political information, fiction and poetry, in short every phase of culture and progress from the entire field of foreign periodical literature will have their representatives.

To those whose means are limited must meet with especial favor, for it offers them what otherwise could not be obtained except by a large outlay. Intelligent readers who want to save time and money will find it invaluable. For it furnishes the greatest amount of the best reading for the least money that one can anywhere find.

For the amount and quality of the reading furnished at the new price make the Living Age the cheapest as well as the best literary weekly in existence. Reduced clubbing rates with other periodicals offer still greater inducements, and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1896, the intervening numbers of 1895 will be sent gratis. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

ON LEAVING Copenhagen for St. Petersburg.

The Dowager Czarsita gave her father, King Christian, a diamond ring which was worn by Alexander II. when he was assassinated. The ring was on the little finger of the right hand, which remained intact when the arm and the other fingers were shattered by the bomb. As the Czar was dying he gave the ring to his son, and on his deathbed Alexander III. gave the ring to his wife. She probably thinks it has been connected with too many misfortunes to the Romanoffs.

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A King's Gentleman.

She sat very still and looked at him: the feeble light of the candle showing the wan whiteness of her face, the brightness of her fixed eyes, and the hands so tightly clasped upon her knee. Three long minutes ticked themselves away upon the watch hanging at the head of the bed; while Francois, unable to endure the utter silence, threw himself back into his former position, looked keenly at the statue-like figure beside him, and mockingly asked:

"What! not gone yet, mademoiselle?" "You are wrong and cruel to treat me so, Francois," exclaimed Molly, in a voice sharpened by pain and the sense of wrong. "I have not showed myself so weak or so treacherous as you seem to wish to think me."

"It is needless to remind me of my obligations to you, mademoiselle. I am crushed beneath their weight already, and only wish there were a possible way of repaying them."

"And you think I am taunting you with your obligations as you call them?" exclaimed Molly, in a tone periously near contempt. "How little you know me, and I thought we were so well acquainted! A traitor, a liar, and mean enough to recall my own services to one willing to forget them! Can I do anything for you before going downstairs?"

"To call your father?"

Molly turned away with no reply but a look of indignant reproach, and Francois caught her dress.

"Stay, Marie! You can do something for me."

"What is it? Do not hold my dress, please."

"You can forgive me. I have been cruel and unjust; I have tortured you who are so kind and patient with me; I have been unkindly, childish, I know not what. But it is you who have spoiled me; no one, not my mother, not any one, has been to me as you have been; and I repay you thus! Say that you forgive me, Marie!"

"Yes, I forgive you," said Molly, wearily.

Not that way, not so coldly and sadly. Give the bad child the child's kiss of forgiveness, give upon the brow; ah, do, sweet Marie!"

"No, Francois! you are not a child, and I cannot treat you as one—not in that way, at any rate."

"Then treat me as a man, and kiss me because I love you, Marie, darling Marie, my Marie!"

He seized her hand and tried to draw her toward him. She did not struggle or resist, only standing in all her calm stolidity of form, looking down upon him, she said in quiet scorn:

"And Valerie?"

CHAPTER XVIII.

The next morning, when Molly at length succeeded in finding time and opportunity to carry up her patient's breakfast without observation, she found him grave, courteous and rather formal.

She had expected eager questioning as to her possession and knowledge of the name she had used at their last interview, and whose sound had astonished him then that he had let her go without another word; but, instead of this questioning, she found herself confronted by a certain polished reserve, and a wise and calm breeding at once the most intangible and the most effective of weapons, in the hands of those who have the right to employ it.

But Molly, in her way, was as proud as our friend the baron in his, replying to his polite speeches as politely, she performed her wonted services with her usual faithfulness and dainty nicety; and, in setting aside some portion of the breakfast to serve as lunch, remarked that she might not be able to come up again before the noonday dinner, as she should be busy with her mother in all the time possible to spare from the house.

"I am truly grieved to be so much troubled," replied Francois courteously; "but I trust it will not be for very long. I think I shall attempt my escape tonight or the next night. My arm requires attention which I cannot give it, and it is as well to risk imprisonment as the loss of a limb or perhaps death."

If he thought to startle her out of her calm by either of these announcements, he did not succeed; perhaps her face grew a little paler, but her quiet voice a little more calm, but she only said:

"I am indeed grieved that your arm is worse. A doctor is coming this morning to see my mother, and if you choose to trust him—"

"A thousand thanks! Will you permit me to remind you of my wish for absolute secrecy?"

"I only mentioned the matter. I did not intend to do anything without your permission."

"Then if you will be so good as to do nothing at all!"

"Certainly, I must leave you now. Good morning."

"Au revoir, mademoiselle."

And as Molly closed the door at the foot of the stairs, and turned the key, the prisoner said to himself:

"Valerie de Rochemont would never have so steadily and calmly held her own as this country girl. Francois, le baron de-roin-de-tout, is not the idiotic pride of birth washed out of you by all these waters?"

Entering the kitchen with her little tray of dishes, Molly was met by her father, hastily coming in at the porch door, but apparently too much absorbed in his own errand to notice that of

his daughter, whom he eagerly accosted.

"Here is the doctor, Molly, to see thy mother. It is not the man I sent for to New Bedford, for he was away, as Friend Haslow writes to me; but another, very good also. He is a Dutchman, and his name is Schwarz, Peter Haslow says. Here he is."

The stamping of snowy feet upon the step announced that Dr. Schwarz had followed his host from the barn, where their first interview had taken place, and where he had lingered to thrust Amariah's attentions to his horse, whose wet coat and heaving sides told that he had traveled long and vigorously.

Molly regarded him with some curiosity, for she could have counted upon the fingers of one hand all the strangers who ever had come beneath that roof since her remembrance, and this Dutch doctor seemed not the least particular among them. A tall stout figure, muffled in many coats, capes and comforters, a mass of sandy hair flitting upon the shoulders, and niggling with a shaggy beard of the same color, a monstrous pair of green glasses—these were her first impression of the new doctor, who, in answer to Wilder's greeting and presentation to his daughter, replied in fluent but strongly accented English:

"I kiss your hands, dear mess. Is the lady your mamma no better yet?"

"No better, I am afraid," returned Molly, glancing at the speaker in surprise, and wondering if the German-English was always so like the French-English to which she had grown accustomed. "Will you come in and see her now?"

"Directly, dear mess. May I take off the coats first, here at the fire?"

The coats removed, the doctor warmed his thin, dark hands before the blaze, casting curious glances at Molly rather felt than saw.

"Now, then, we are ready, if you please," said Dr. Schwarz suddenly, and Molly led him into the room, where the invalid was eagerly expecting him. Standing silently beside her mother, the girl listened intelligently to the clear questioning, the rapid diagnosis, of the new physician, and settled in her own mind that here was a very different, a much more advanced practitioner than Dr. Craze, at the Corners, or even Dr. Pillsbury, the magnate of New Bedford, for whose father had sent before arriving at home.

"It is rheumatic fever that attacks your mother, mess, and danger of the lungs also," said the doctor, rising from his seat beside the bed, and leading the way into the kitchen, where Humphrey Wilder impatiently awaited his verdict.

"Danger of inflammation of the lungs, do you mean?" asked he, catching the last words.

"Yes, my friend. She should be watched for the next day or so very carefully."

"By a doctor, do you mean, sir?" asked Molly.

"Precisely, mess. It may save a life to her, to receive certain remedies in season."

"And cannot you remain with us for the space of two days?" asked Wilder, anxiously. "I will pay you anything in reason for your time and pains."

Dr. Schwarz hesitated, coughed violently and walked to the window and back. Molly, watching him attentively, asked herself what motive this utter stranger could have for playing a part among simple country folk, not rich enough to attract cupidity, and with no secrets in their lives worth any man's investigation; and yet some instinct of her nature warned her that this man had entered her father's house with a purpose other than the towed ones, and that, in spite of his apparent reluctance, he had every intention of remaining. The suspicion was confirmed when he turned round, and, looking at her, said to her father:

"Well, yes, Master Wilder, as they call you, I will see the good wife past her danger. I am not in practice anywhere, so am not tied; but in passing from New Amsterdam, where I live, to Boston, I stayed at New Bedford, and introduced myself to your Dr. Pillsbury there. I cannot go back to New Bedford and here again; so, if you wish it, I will remain two days and nights."

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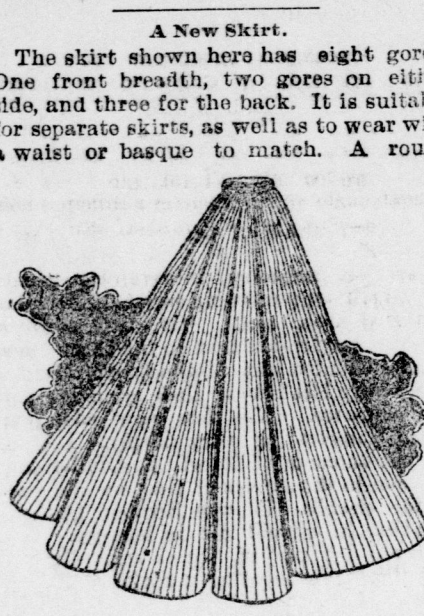
The Shrewd Dame Treats Her Famous Guest as a Man Would.

Since it has become the fashion for women to band themselves together into clubs, it is the custom on many important occasions, when women gather together, to celebrate high festivals with a luncheon, and if a woman cares to show any courtesy to a noted woman she gathers together all the other important women that she knows and they have a lunch, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

If she is a smart, gay woman, she will take her friends to Delmonico's; if she is dignified and exclusive, she will choose the Brunswick; if she is dainty she will take chairs in Sherry's white and gold dining room, with its lovely blue brocade walls. Besides these well-known and popular eating places there are many less expensive ones where the cloth can be laid in a private room, with flowers and shaded tapers, and where the best includes patties, croquettes, sweet-breads, birds, dessert and as many courses as is desired.

A New Skirt.

The skirt shown here has eight gores. One front breadth, two gores on either side, and three for the back. It is suitable for separate skirts, as well as to wear with a waist or basque to match. A rough



brown cloth, with a multi-colored coat of waist of velvet, makes a handsome calling gown. Plain tan cloth skirt with green velvet jacket is another combination.

A red and black crepon, with round waist of red silk, over which is a plastron of the crepon, with sleeves of the crepon, is suitable for calling and general wear.

For a tailor-made dress the skirt may be trimmed with braiding at the foot of each seam, extending up to the knee in a pointed design. A heavily braided coat is usually worn.

The model is also suitable for skirts of evening dresses.

SUMMER'S LEGACIES.

The Fashionable Woman Now Considers That She Must Suffer.

Among the numbers of novel notions that the summer brings forth for autumn's use among ladies of high degree, there is none so unique and amusing as the cultivated impediments in speech, says the Philadelphia Press. The nut-brown maid just returning home from seashore and mountains has apparently been bewitched by the mischievous gnomes or water nymphs, for when her pretty lips are open the words will only come by fits and starts, since nothing believes this coquettish young lady, is as effective as a gentle stammer. So neatly has she learned her new role that it is not surprising that her family physician has warned her the little trick may in time grow into a fixed habit, impossible to shake off.

There are among these society girls a respectable number who would not stutter over their words if they could, but instead, have caught up a most ridiculous little drawl, just because they have all read a popular English romance, written by one of the leading London beaux, in which the heroine fettered forth her wittiest speeches at immense length of breath; and the drawls are hard pressed by a whole circle of rosy lips that speak with a decided lisp, say "Demorest." To lisp, drawl and stammer, however, are tricks of manner, these frivolous girls have agreed, that seem appropriate only in the mouths of rather small and dainty individuals. But their tall and statuesque sisters, thoughtful, admitting this restriction, are not to be outdone in originality; and unless one can talk in tones of voice slightly elevated, one's flattering or common-place words are only met with a little wistful, questioning stare. How sad it is to be slightly deaf; yet not in the least disfiguring to one's looks, and very touching it seems when the young lady replies in the softest voice, with that far-away, plaintive glance that people always show. And the admiring young man who shouts his interesting sentences into the sea-shell ear never dreams for the moment that the other folk are hearing, too, and his fair auditor more keenly than all the rest.

Echoes from the Nursery.

If the baby persists in sucking his fat little thumb there is a way to induce him to stop. Make a pair of light-weight white flannel bags considerably larger than the baby's hand, and when the small child begins to suck his thumb put the little hands inside the bag, fastening the top of the bag with a shield pin to the sleeve of the dress. Baby won't like it, of course, but it will cure him of the habit more quickly than any other method. Many babies wear the little bags until they fall asleep at night, and then they are taken off.

During the warm weather the children's diet must be carefully watched, as their little stomachs are very sensitive. All their food should be thoroughly cooked, and children under three years of age should be allowed but a very limited diet. The supper of bread and milk may be varied by a bowl of graham crackers and milk, and occasionally a dish of stewed fruit may be added to the evening meal. At noon, when the dinner is eaten, great care should be taken in selecting the meat. Fried meats should never be given to a child, nor should he be allowed to eat veal or pork in any shape. Boiled chicken and rare beef are wholesome, both of which should be served to him very finely minced. For dessert a simple custard is nourishing, and occasionally a little home-made ice cream will do no harm. Fruit in season is also safe if eaten in moderation.

Don't let the baby sleep on the same side of its little body every night. It is sure in time to prevent its proper physical development. Constant lying on one side will make a difference in the size of the limbs on that side, and will even retard the growth of that side of the face. Very dangerous results come from the practice of always sleeping in the same position, and the watchful mother should guard against these evils.

If the baby is not very strong, rub his little body with good, pure olive oil right after his bath, and he will be as plump as you could desire in a few months. Babies, of course, should never be bathed just after eating.

The pleasure of greatness consists in the power of dispensing happiness.

VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

A Truck Full of Firemen Nearly Collided With an Express Train.

Chatham, Dec. 8.—A decidedly narrow row escape from almost instant death will make Thursday long remembered by the Chatham fire department. An alarm was sounded about 1 o'clock, and as the brigade rushed to the C. P. R. track, where it crosses King street, a freight train occupied the rails. The engine pulled ahead, leaving a narrow gap for the truck to pass through. The truck, however, was not about to make a plunge when the midnight express dashed past on the other track at a terrible rate. The escape was a wonderfully close one, for had the horses taken the dash forward a second sooner the engine would have collided with the truck, on which seven or eight firemen were riding.

The driver of the truck could not see the moving train as the freight cars obstructed his sight. The cause of the alarm was a bad chimney, which caused no loss.

FAIRY STORY OR FAKE.

From Humble Life Miss Kelly Emerges a Millionaire—True to Her Old-Time Lover.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—Two weeks ago Miss Elizabeth Kelly, living at No. 1,832 Latona street, in a two-story house, crowded in with members of her family, was notified that an Australian uncle had died, and that she was the sole heir to \$15,000,000. For two years English attorneys had been searching for her. The transformation was as great as that of Cinderella, and people called at the house daily just to take a look at the girl who had so much luck. Now the marriage fiend has turned his attention to the young woman. Miss Kelly has more than a score of suitors, but she says no one can usurp the place James Calhoun, the nurse in the Episcopal Hospital, occupies in her heart. Her first proposals came two at a time by mail. The next numbered fifteen, all in one batch of letters received in one day, and the last installment amounted to seventeen, which the struggling postman deposited at her doorstep. All of these suitors wrote that they had plenty of money. None of them would admit to being in the least degree mercenary. But they, one and all, pretended that they simply wished to amalgamate their wealth with the fortune of the heiress of Latona street. As soon as Miss Kelly receives a big slice of her fortune she intends to marry Calhoun, and he will be transformed from a hospital nurse to a man of leisure.

GIVEN UP TO DIE.

Shop Closed for Two Months—The Patient Takes Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Richmond, Dec. 9.—A correspondent, at Ottawa, of a Toronto paper investigating so-called cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills found himself having among ardent friends of this great kidney treatment. Seeing Mr. McCordly at work in his shop after being closed for two months in expectation of death from Bright's disease, that gentleman referred him to the man who advised him to use the Pills. This was Wm. McCord, a farmer who had been helpless and bed-ridden for 2 months with what was said to be "Incurable Diabetes." On calling the correspondent found Mr. McCord ploughing in the field. A few boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills had worked the cure. It was a matter of no surprise as they always cure.

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Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 12-36; Battleford, 6 below-14; Qu'Appelle, 2-12; Winnipeg, 14 below-12; Toronto, 9-16; Kingston, 6-38; Montreal, 8-10; Quebec, 12-14; Chatham, 10-36; Halifax, 32-42.

PROBABILITIES.

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New York, Dec. 8. - Interest in the convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will meet in Madison Square Garden tomorrow, has been increased by the report that President John McBride will not be a candidate for re-election. It was said that he would attempt to defeat the candidacy of ex-President Samuel Gompers by throwing his strength to W. B. Prescott, president of the International Typographical Union.

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC LEAGUE
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8. - The American Catholic League was incorporated here yesterday. It is founded on broad, patriotic lines, and based on the essential principles of free institutions. It is proposed to make it one of the most important and patriotic organizations that has ever existed among American Catholics. The emblem of the league is two American flags at an angle, with a Roman cross between, surmounted by a crown.

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London and Environs

—Mr. Nelson Kestle, of Exeter, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. Johnson, Grey street, and friends in Ingersoll and Woodstock.

—Five transition teachers of London public school staff will return from the Normal School and resume their duties on Jan. 6.

—The Model School examinations will be held at the Simcoe street school on Monday and Tuesday next. Fifty-two pupils will write.

—R. Kerr, of the Kerr Engine Company, Walkerville, has been in town seeking information re the proposed sewage farm at the Cove.

—Hiderton Camp, No. 17, Canadian Woodmen of the World, have engaged Mr. Sim Fox and company for an entertainment on Christmas Eve in the Oddfellows' Hall, Hiderton.

—The Presbytery of London will meet on the second Tuesday of December at Glencoe for conference, at 10:30 a.m. The Presbytery will meet for conference in First Presbyterian Church, London, the second Tuesday of January, 1899, at 10:30 a.m., and for business at 3:30 p.m.

—St. Thomas Times: Sheriff Brown went to the new Grand Opera House yesterday to seize the carpets in the building on a claim of about \$200, said to be due Joseph Mickleborough. When the proprietor, Mr. George T. Claris, got wind of the affair he seized the stuff for rent, claimed to be due him from the manager.

MEAT INSPECTION ASKED.

The people of the city of London along with those of other large centers are agitating for the establishment of abattoirs and inspection of animals before slaughter, as well as of the meat afterwards. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Provincial Board of Health. Legislation on the subject is being strongly urged. Strong representations were made at the recent meeting of the health officers in Belleville as to the necessity of this move; a committee on food has been appointed by the Provincial Board of Health, and it seems likely that public sentiment will demand legislation in such case a measure will doubtless be introduced next session. - Toronto Mail-Enquirer.

THE DEAD PASTOR.

In the city Methodist Churches yesterday reference was made by the pastors to the severe loss sustained by the death of Rev. Thomas Cullen, not only by the congregation of Askin Street, but by the Methodist body at large. Mr. Cullen's pulpit was occupied by Rev. James G. Laird. Rev. James Kempster, retired ministers of this city, who preached to large audiences both morning and evening respectively.

At the former service Mr. Laird chose his text from John xvii, 24: "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me, for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." "When I received the invitation to occupy this desk this morning," said Mr. Laird, "I had fixed my mind upon another passage, but on hearing of the dark cloud which has come upon you through the removal of our dear friend, Rev. Mr. Cullen, I changed my mind and decided to dwell upon these very precious words. In the hour of our trial, when we are under a shadow, it is well for us to hear the voice of the Master, for what words can be so comforting, so consoling, as the words which were spoken by him? I presume there are none among us but who have realized what sorrow is. Every heart feels its own bitterness, every shoulder realizes its own burden. I have had afflictions from my life. I have seen my loved ones laid low by the hand of death, but where did I go in those hours of sorrow? I went to his word, and there is no other portion which has been the foundation of the world. It is a great consolation to know that when our loved ones pass away they do so in the enjoyment of God's favor, and I hope that in the deep sorrow brought upon you by the loss of your beloved pastor, you may seek consolation in the passage I have read."

Mr. Laird also offered up a fervent prayer.

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prayer in behalf of the bereaved family.

Rev. Mr. Laneley, in referring to the sad event at the morning service in Dundas Center Church, said: "It does seem a strange disposition that in the short space of nine months the Methodists of London should have lost two of their ministers and two churches. The loss now sustained should impress us very deeply. I trust that the outcome of it will be a fuller consecration to the service of God on the part of our people. It was Brother Cullen's wish that he should die in harness. God answered his prayer, for he went directly from the prayer meeting to his home and he never again left his bed." In prayer, the pastor of Dundas Street Center pleaded earnestly for consolation for the bereaved ones.

THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE.

Lord Salisbury's Reply in Secretary Olney's Hands.

Arbitration Refused and a New Issue Raised.

London, Dec. 9. - Lord Salisbury presents Great Britain's side of the Venezuelan case in an entirely new light. He calls attention to the titles and surveys which have not hitherto been mentioned, either in his previous arguments or in the Venezuelan side of the controversy. Through geographical, topographical and other testimony, the assertion is set up that Great Britain is now only claiming what has already been recognized as her property, and that the objections of the Venezuelan Government have nothing on which to rest.

The members of the diplomatic corps who know the tenor of the dispatch regard it as the adroitest move Lord Salisbury could have made. By raising at this time a new issue of fact, by forcing the State Department to controvert his arguments and show the United States Government has founded its arguments upon false premises, the British Foreign Office evidently hopes to compel the Administration to reply, which would be the beginning of another long and tedious correspondence which would in all probability drag along until the end of this Administration. That is evidently what Lord Salisbury wants.

GUillotined BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Protection, N. Y., Dec. 8. - A horrible death overtook Percy Hawkes, a well-known farmer of this village, at the W. N. Y. and P. tracks yesterday morning. While hurrying to cross the track he slipped and fell, stunning himself by hitting his head on the ties. The wheels of the engine decapitated the man as cleanly as a guillotine, and sent the head rolling down the track.

Pearson's Stock Company Tonight.

Pearson's Stock Company commences a week's engagement at the Grand tonight, when they will present Edwin Barbour's "Land of the Midnight Sun." This play is a new one to our city, and is said to be one of the ordinary run in plot and effects. The company comes highly recommended, and should be met by an overflowing house. The following is copied from a Saginaw, Mich., exchange:

"The weather man tried hard to knock out A. Y. Pearson's Stock company at the Academy last night, but he failed miserably. The weather was hardly been worse, but nevertheless every seat and considerable standing room at the opera house was occupied last night when the curtain went up on the first act of 'The Land of the Midnight Sun.' Then came the surprise to the audience. The people had paid popular prices for admission, and, of course, expected popular price acting. Instead they found that they were facing a company of actors and actresses who were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the play and acted accordingly. It is no exaggeration to say that the company is a much stunner organization than many of the high-priced ones that have appeared in the city, and, judging from the splendid impression made last night and good words one hears for the company, they will on all sides, the attendance record at the Academy will be shattered this week. It is a genuine pleasure to recommend such an organization, and the thanks of the public are due to Manager Davidson (formerly of the Grand, at London) for securing such a high-class attraction at the popular prices of 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents. The special scenery and other stage properties carried by the company are massive and magnificent, and the whole combines to furnish \$1 amusement for the low prices quoted above." Ladies are entitled to a free ticket with every paid ticket this evening, if application is made at the box office before 6 o'clock this evening.

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