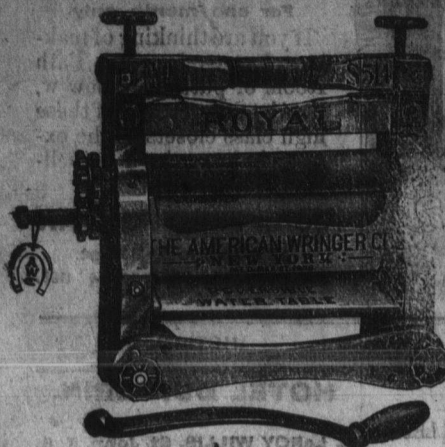


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FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 24.—A party of fifteen men from the Newcastle field battery, under command of Colonel Maltby, are to fire the salute at the opening of the legislature on Thursday next. They will bring with them two twelve pounder guns. The guard of honor to the lieutenant governor will be furnished from No. 4 Co., R. E. C. I., whose band will also turn out. The parliament buildings are now being put in readiness for the opening. The black draperies throughout the building will remain in place during the session.
W. E. Stewart, of St. John, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, was in the city yesterday. It seems to be the general opinion here that the Bank of New Brunswick under the new management will soon establish branches throughout the province, and possibly beyond the province. There is also a rumor about that the People's Bank of New Brunswick doing business here and the St. Stephen's Bank of St. Stephen may in the near future become amalgamated with the Bank of New Brunswick.

PROHIBITION ACT
UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—The judges' court of the King's bench, Killam, Bain and Richards, delivered judgment Saturday, declaring the prohibition act passed last session unconstitutional. Their decision held that the legislation, instead of dealing with the restriction or regulation of the liquor traffic, dealt with its suppression.

The subject is specifically assigned to the dominion by the B. N. A. act.

TIRED OF JAIL LIFE.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, wife of the late Judge Nation, who was sentenced to jail for a term of six months for a charge of assault on a police officer, has written Judge Nation a letter, demanding release. "I want you to get me out of here," she writes, "and let me out of here. If you cause me to miss my engagements I won't feel like a ministering angel any more. It is time for you to recover yourself before the devil, your master, makes a clean sweep with you into hell."
You know you are persecuting one of God's children, who loves you for Jesus' sake. Let me out that I may go about my business of having such poor devils as you. Write or come to see me right off.

MAUD GONNE IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Miss Maud Gonne, the well-known champion of Ireland's cause, addressed a large gathering in the Hollis street theatre this evening, at which Hon. Patrick A. Collins presided. The audience was composed chiefly of Irish-American elements and consisted of a very enthusiastic one. Her address was the same as recently delivered by her in New York. Captain John McNeill, who accompanied her, also spoke briefly.
During the afternoon Miss Gonne was waited upon at her hotel by the ladies auxiliary of the A. O. H. and presented with a substantial piece of gold.

TROOPER HARRIS DEAD.

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Trooper Harris of Strathcona Horse died at Woolwich hospital last night.

THE DELUGE.

Rev. Dr. Wright Has Been Investigating in Asia.

And as a Result Says the Biblical Account of the Flood is Entirely Credible.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Letters have been received here from the Rev. Dr. George Frederic Wright, the authority on the glacial period and biblical geology, telling of the results of his search in Asia for evidences that the deluge covered the whole earth. Dr. Wright secured a leave of absence from Oberlin, Ohio, university and sailed for Japan early last year. He went at once to Siberia and began his work. His son accompanied him as an assistant. The professor went all through Siberia, and then proceeded to Syria, via the Ural and Caucasus mountains. In a letter received in New York from him at Jerusalem, Prof. Wright said:

"I have travelled 12,000 miles in Asia to find evidences of the glacial period and have found none. There was no general glaciation of Eastern and Central Asia, as there was of America and Europe. But I have found indisputable evidence of an extensive submergence of the land extending to the base of Mount Anarat, and that the submergence took place subsequent to the appearance of man on the earth. The Russian geologists have recently found remains of man deep down in the deposits connected with this period of submergence. The one point of certainty is that since man's appearance there has been a period of instability in the earth's crust in northern and Central Asia, which shows that the biblical account is an entirely credible story."

The debate over the deluge question has been waged for 300 years, and Prof. Wright's investigations will probably re-open it with energy.

AN INTERNATIONAL BANK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—It is learned that prominent capitalists have about completed the plans for the establishment of an international bank, which will be of value to exporters. The promoters have secured a charter, which, it is believed, will cover all the business they propose to do. The bank will probably be ready to begin operations within six weeks. Its capital stock will be \$3,000,000 and its surplus will be \$5,000,000. Branches will be established in all parts of South and Central America. An official announcement may be expected today (Monday) from the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. to the effect that the Carnegie Co., the Federal Steel Co., the National Steel Co., the American Steel Hoop Co., and the American Steel Sheet Co. are to be combined in one concern, which is to issue its stock in return for theirs, the valuation having been determined upon, the assets and the earning power of the respective corporations. The new combination, it is understood, will be called the United States Consolidated Steel Co. It will have a total capitalization of \$1,100,000,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Articles of incorporation of the United Steel Corporation were filed this morning at the office of the county clerk of Hudson county, New Jersey. The concern is the gigantic Morgan-Carnegie combine. The agent in New Jersey of the new corporation is the Hudson-Triplett Company of 51 York street, Hoboken. The objects of the corporation are to manufacture steel, iron, copper and other material and to occupy and develop mines and to own means of transportation.

The provision is made that the corporation shall not own a railroad in the state of New Jersey. The incorporators are Charles C. Cluff, William J. Curtis and Charles MacVeach.

MEMORIAL TO VICTORIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Victoria memorial monument, says the Tribune's London correspondent, is headed by Archbishop Temple, Lord Salisbury and Lord Rosebery, and will be organized on broad lines, so as to include all classes in the United Kingdom and India, Australia, Canada and other self-governing colonies. The American society in London has taken measures for joining in the movement and enabling Americans everywhere to express their appreciation for the character of the queen.

THE RIO DE JANEIRO WRECK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—No more bodies of victims of the Rio de Janeiro wreck have been found, and it is not expected that any will rise to the surface before next Thursday or Friday. At the spot where the vessel is supposed to lie the water is 36 fathoms deep, which is said to be twice the depth at which divers can work. It is thought by expert wreckers that the bodies of those who went down with the ship will never be recovered.

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—An old man in Elizabeth township, Renfrew county, as reported sick with smallpox, Dr. Bryce of the provincial health board. He lately received a paper from a friend in a smallpox infected district in Texas, and after reading it was taken ill.

THE NEW STAR.

Is Now the Brightest Member of the Constellation Perseus.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Calif., Feb. 23.—The following is furnished by Professor W. W. Campbell, astronomical director:

"Our first opportunity for securing observations of Anderson's new star, discovered in Edinburgh on the 21st, occurred Sunday forenoon. The star was easily found in full sunlight with a twelve inch telescope. At 11 a. m. it was fully half a magnitude brighter than the first magnitude star Capella, with which it was compared. At 7 p. m. it was fully half a magnitude fainter than Capella, a decline of a whole magnitude. Its brightness continued to decrease throughout the evening. Its accurate position as observed by Prof. Tucker is right ascension 3 hours 34 minutes 28 seconds and declination 43 degrees 33 minutes and 54 seconds. The star has been observed with the Mills spectroscopic. Its spectrum is peculiar in that it contains no trace of either bright or dark lines in the blue and violet. Its light appears to be strictly continuous, though a few extremely broad bands exist. This is very unusual in a case of a new star. "This new star can be seen by all in the constellation Perseus, of which it is now the brightest member."

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:

MIDDLEBURG, Transvaal, Feb. 24.—French reports from Plat Riet, Feb. 22, that the result of the columns sweeping the country east is that the Boers are retreating in scattered and disorganized parties, to the number of some five thousand, in front of him. "Amsterdam and Piet Riet have been occupied and troops are protecting the Swaziland frontier. French will push on, but is much hampered by the continuous heavy rains."

Summary of total losses inflicted upon the enemy up to Feb. 16: 252 Boers known to have been killed and wounded in action, 56 taken prisoners, 183 surrendered. One fifteen pounder gun, 462 rifles, 160,000 rounds of ammunition, 2,500 horses, 70 mules, 2,530 trek oxen, 18,700 cattle, 55,400 sheep and 1,000 wagons and carts captured.

"Our casualties: Five officers and 41 men killed, and four officers and 108 men wounded. I regret to say that Major Howard, a very gallant officer of the Canadian scouts, was killed Feb. 23."

Plumer reports that Col. Owen captured De Wet's 15-pounder and pom-pom Feb. 23, as well as 53 prisoners and a quantity of ammunition. We had no casualties. Enemy in full retreat and dispersing, being vigorously pursued."

"Gen. De Wet's attempt to invade Cape Colony has completely failed."

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 24.—Col. Plumer engaged Gen. De Wet yesterday near Driefontein, on the south bank of the Orange River, capturing a gun and a pom-pom and taking fifty prisoners. The Boers were scattered and are being pursued by Col. Plumer. It is reported that Gen. De Wet escaped to the opposite bank in a boat, and is now fleeing with a handful of followers. It is reported from a Boer source at Zeeurust that Gen. Delarey has been captured.

ALUMINUM DECK
FOR SHAMROCK II.

GLASGOW, Feb. 23.—The Associated Press learns that aluminum will be used for the deck of the Shamrock II, with a view of saving top weight. One of the plates has just been delivered at Dunbarton. On top of the aluminum plates the whole deck will be covered with a thin sheeting of wood, this serving the double purpose of protecting the metal from the corroding effect of salt water and giving the crew a better foothold. Designer Watson decided that this composite deck would be both much lighter and stronger than one of wood, and he considers valuable every pound of top weight saved.

RUSSIANS IN TROUBLE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A special to the Chronicle from Terre Haute, Ind., says:

Four Russian coal miners will be put on trial today for the murder of two fellow-Russians last election days. None of the accused or eye witnesses can speak English. What little information has been obtained from them through an interpreter indicates that they have no conception of the proceedings in a court of justice, and that they did not comprehend in the least the election of a president of the United States when it was sought to have them cast votes last November. On election day a local party rally named Holbert persuaded Anton Kataguth and Stanley Marshall (a name assumed after coming to this country), to go with him to the house of Enoch G. Golinowski to persuade him and his three brothers to go to the polls. Holbert says he left before the fighting began. The two Russians who went to Golinowski's house were killed, it is said, with a mining pick and a single rifle, with which they had been armed when they failed to induce their countrymen to go to the polls.

ANOTHER SALOON RAIDER SHOT.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 23.—J. W. Adams, who recently wounded during a raid on the Curtis wholesale liquor house at midnight last night, A carload of beer had been unloaded during the day, and about fifty men armed with sledges and revolvers broke open the door and smashed the cases. Adams says he was shot by a policeman. Rev. F. W. Emerson was also hurt, but not seriously.

U. S. CONGRESS.

Review of Session Now Drawing to a Close.

Nearly \$1,500,000,000 Appropriated—Some of the Important Measures Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The record of the fifty-sixth congress is now practically completed. Chief among the questions growing out of the war has been the attitude of the government toward our new insular possessions. While this question is still open to some extent, yet the present congress has passed upon one of its most important phases by enacting a law for a complete form of government for Porto Rico, legislative, executive and judicial, together with a comprehensive plan of raising revenues for the island. The status of the Philippines has been an unfailing source of debate in both branches of congress, but with little tangible result. At the first session Senator Spooner proposed a brief measure, confirming the president's authority to shape the affairs of the island until congress had passed finally upon the questions relating to their political status. This proposition in an amended form has now been grafted upon the army appropriation bill, although it is to be determined whether the provision will be accepted by either or both houses. Cuban legislation has been in abeyance pending the action of the constitutional convention of Cuba in framing the constitution of the island. Another important achievement in insular legislation was that of enacting a law giving Hawaii a complete form of territorial government with an insular legislature and a judiciary, a governor, chosen from Hawaii and a delegate in the house of representatives. This law, passed at the first session, has become so far effective that the second session saw the appearance of the delegate from Hawaii, Mr. Wilcox, who is the first official representative on the floor of congress from one of the island possessions of the United States. The Porto Rican commissioner, Mr. Degetau, also has been accredited to Washington under the law passed at the first session.

The appropriations of the present congress will reach an unusually large figure, aggregating for the two sessions approximately \$1,477,369,457. This is about \$110,000,000 less than the aggregate appropriations of the preceding congress, which, however, covered the period of the Spanish war, when the stamp taxes on bank checks, telegrams, commercial papers, life insurance policies, proprietary medicines and many other articles. In the senate an entirely new substitute was passed. This, however, retained the main features of the house bill, but materially changed the rates throughout, making reductions on tobacco in various forms and restoring the tax on bank checks. This revenue reduction measure is still in controversy between the two houses, the conference committee not having reached an agreement.

The act reorganizing the army and placing the military establishment on a permanent basis probably is the most important piece of general legislation enacted during the present session, and one of the most important measures placed on the statute books in recent years.

The finance legislation of this congress has been of unusual importance, and has placed on the statute books the law of establishing the gold standard, providing for the redemption and re-issue of the interest bearing bonded obligations of the United States, establishing a permanent gold reserve of \$100,000,000, regulating national banks and making numerous provisions, respecting circulation and the tax on circulation.

The revenue legislation of the congress has been confined to an effort to reduce the taxation imposed when the war with Spain began. The bill as it passed the house reduced revenue about \$40,000,000, the chief reductions being on beer and in the removal of the stamp taxes on bank checks, telegrams, commercial papers, life insurance policies, proprietary medicines and many other articles. In the senate an entirely new substitute was passed. This, however, retained the main features of the house bill, but materially changed the rates throughout, making reductions on tobacco in various forms and restoring the tax on bank checks. This revenue reduction measure is still in controversy between the two houses, the conference committee not having reached an agreement.

Government participation and aid in the Louisiana purchase expedition seems assured during this congress. At the first session a senate amendment to the sundry civil bills pledged the government to appropriate \$5,000,000 when the St. Louis people had raised \$10,000,000. The bill is now pending and is likely to become law, making the appropriation \$5,000,000 and providing general plans for the expedition. Among other important general measures enacted during this congress are those giving "free homes" on the public lands acquired from the Indians and known as the "Free Homes act"; providing a system of extradition for insular possessions, under which C. F. W. Neely was extradited to Cuba for alleged postal frauds; authorizing the "aggregating" of pension disbursements and increasing to \$250 the allowance to widows in certain cases on the lines of recommendations by the G. A. R., and authorizing the appointment of Chas. A. Boutelle, a veteran member of congress, as captain on the retired list of the navy.

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namely the Nicaragua Canal bill, the Shipping Subsidy bill, the Pacific Cable bill, and the Olemorgarine bill have occupied much time and have aroused great public attention, although their enactment is not probable at this late day in the session.

BRITISH ARMY EXTENSION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent a great scheme of army extension is spoken of in England, and if the stories which have been widely circulated should prove to be correct, much time will be occupied in its consideration. It is said that the British government proposes to increase the standing army by 150,000 men. It seems hardly credible that such a proposal will be made, however, as it would mean almost the doubling of the strength of the regular forces.

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CONTRACTOR MELOCHE.

The Man Who Painted the Cathedral
Talks About Quebec Industrial and
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Contractor Meloché, the Montreal painter and decorator, who renovated St. Peter's church, north end, and the cathedral, and has now a number of men at work on the interior of Holy Trinity church, is a member of the Council of Arts and Manufactures of the province of Quebec, which meets tomorrow in the legislative building of that province.

The council was founded to promote the interests of the arts and manufactures, and schools have been established under its protecting wing in seven of the large cities and towns. Practical education is given free of charge to about two thousand pupils, the Montreal branch having over eight hundred of this number. This school comprises fifteen classes with eighteen teachers.

Free hand drawing (three divisions), modelling, architecture, lithography, stair-building, construction, decorative painting, shoemaking, plumbing, steam and gas fitting, mechanical drawing (two divisions), dress cutting and sewing (three divisions), are the studies practically taught.

At this coming meeting of the council the Quebec legislature will be asked to grant more funds for the further prosecution of the good work, so that more new classes may be opened, thus offering ample advantages to all young men and women who wish to learn.

Mr. Meloché was a teacher in decorative painting for nineteen years before being called to the directorate of the council. He is now quite well acquainted with St. John and its people, and could speak with knowledge as to the advisability of instituting a branch of the School of Arts and Industries in this city.

THE LITURGY UPHOLD.

At the Mission church last evening Rev. C. B. Kenrick discussed the responsibilities of the liturgical form of worship. He did not undervalue preaching, but worship should come first. The speaker contrasted the forms of prayers used in the church with extemporary prayers strongly upholding the first mentioned as the most fitting.

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted. For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Court Log Cabin, I. O. F., meets in Forester's hall this evening.

A. H. Chipman leaves this afternoon for Fredericton.

The civic boards will meet this week and the council next Monday.

Miss Lizette Currie of Boston is visiting Mrs. Lillian Huestis, St. James street.

Union lodge, F. and A. M., will pay a fraternal visit to Abilene lodge Friday evening.

St. John council, Royal Arcanum, meets in Knights of Pythias hall this evening.

F. E. Williams advertises creamery butter in 5 lb. boxes and in 1 and 2 lb. rolls.

Lt. Col. Dunbar, of Fredericton, came down today to make the annual inspection of the military stores.

The meeting of the Natural History society tomorrow evening will be in charge of the microscopic section.

Charles Lamont, the young proprietor of the Union street candy store of Lamont & Co., is lying dangerously ill with pneumonia.

If the owner of a costly driving glove will call at the Star office he or she will be told where to recover the lost property.

Rev. Mr. Haslam, who was unable to speak at the Y. M. C. A. meeting yesterday afternoon, will probably deliver his address on the afternoon of March 9th.

The special services in the Carmarthen street Methodist church will be continued this week. Rev. Mr. Sellar will be assisted by other Methodist clergymen.

Rev. L. D. Morse, a returned missionary, will preach in the Main street Baptist church next Sunday and in the afternoon will address a mass meeting on missionary work.

Decision day services were held in connection with several of the city Sunday schools yesterday. On account of the storm the attendance was not so large as usual.

"Nickola Tesla is right," said a citizen of St. John on Saturday evening. "The people of Mars are signalling. I saw the flashes." Then the citizen rose from the icy sidewalk and took the middle of the street.

It is said the fishermen of St. John are considering the propriety of awarding a purse of gold to the tugboat man who does the least damage to their nets during the fishing season of 1901.

The special services in the Douglas avenue Christian church will be continued throughout next week. The baptism of five converts did not take place Saturday evening in Coburg street church, as the font was out of repair.

Waterloo street Free Baptist church is holding special evangelistic services this week. Tuesday evening there will be a service of song before the regular service. Strangers upon whom no other church has a claim will be welcomed to these services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Stephen McGuire took place this morning. Service was held in St. Peter's church by Rev. Fr. P. P. and interment was made at the old Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were Alex. Phillips, J. McMan, W. Kelly, Barter Eunn, Thos. Butler and J. C. Maguire.

The young people of Victoria street Free Baptist church and Sunday school will hold a birthday social in the vestry of their church on Wednesday evening next. There will be interesting programmes of music and readings, all citizens interested in this well-managed institution will avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing the home for themselves and at the same time aid in securing a piano for the boys.

The entertainment to have been given some time ago in the "Boys Industrial Home," and which was postponed on account of the death of the Queen, will take place on Tuesday evening, March 5th. It is hoped that all citizens interested in this well-managed institution will avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing the home for themselves and at the same time aid in securing a piano for the boys.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. W. H. Tennant, of Amherst, and her young son, Harold, are visiting the Misses Tennants of Edmund street.

Miss Gracie Estabrooks, daughter of George Estabrooks of St. John, is spending the winter at Marysville with her friend, Miss Annie Howley.

Mrs. Wm. Clark and Miss Bertie Grant of St. John north are guests of Mrs. C. L. Clarke at Fredericton Junction.

There has been a change for the better in the condition of John Klerwin, of the north end, who has been very ill.

FISH FOR LENT.

A Talk About the Supply and the Present Retail Prices.

"The fish trade has improved," said James Patterson to the Star on Saturday. "The Lenten demand has been very good and supplies are becoming light, in both fresh and salt fish. Prices are fairly high."

In frozen fish, cod and haddock retail at about 40c. per lb., with steak cod 35c. Halibut is 10 to 15c., according to the cut. Halibut is very scarce, but the Nova Scotia fishermen are now getting some and the supply should increase. Smelts sell at 35c. per lb. Haddies are also scarce and the wholesale price has advanced. They retail at 35c. per lb. and pure boneless fish at 15c. Bloaters are 20c. per dozen and smoked herrings 15c. per box. There are practically no lobsters here, as the American market takes all down to 9 inches in length, and at higher prices than could be got here. The oyster trade is confined to the restaurant men, and even they have imported some from the states. British Columbia frozen salmon would cost about 11 to 15c. to land here, but there is none in market now. Pickled herrings (Canso, Shelburne and Grand-Mannan), mackerel and dried cod and pollock are of course in stock.

A BLUE-EYED CAT.

When a Star man went into James Patterson's office on South wharf on Saturday, and seated himself in the best chair, a large white cat got up from the counter, stretched himself and climbed on the visitor's knee. A cat can look at a king, but this cat was not afraid of a reporter. Assuming a comfortable attitude he sat up at the Star man's face with a pair of very bright blue eyes, quite fascinating in their lustre.

A white cat is a novelty, and this one, aside from the contact with warehouse dust, is pure white but a white cat with blue eyes is a rarity. This particular one first appeared to Charles Patterson as a bedraggled and half-starved kitten. He carried it to the office and now it is a full-grown, well fed and happy animal. It has long since ceased to arouse the compassion of the seal or the porcupine fish overhead, and the sea urchins and shovel nosed shark regard it with profound respect.

Mr. Patterson did not say so, but it is believed he is ready to do his best Prince Albert oilskins, silk suit-wearer and patent sea boots, polish the torero eaten rocks, the shark's spine, the swordfish's sword, and other marine curiosities, and hold a reception in honor of the blue-eyed cat. But if the late owner of the famous coon cat goes down he will be searched for weapons.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BORDEN.

(Toronto Star, Liberal.)
The new leader of the opposition has not made a skip since he entered upon his duties. He is a man of few words—he speaks seldom and briefly, and people begin to observe that there is a quiet and continued good-sense about him that could not have been expected from any other man on his side of the house. In the three or four cases where he has been called upon to use his judgment, he has proved himself cautious and conservative, but there is a little likelihood that he will lend encouragement to violence in debate.

Have you subscribed a Quarter to the Star Monument Fund?

MRS. NATION CRITICIZED.

In St. David's church last evening Rev. Dr. Gordon referred to Mrs. Nation and her methods of dealing with sailors. He said:

"I cannot understand the moral quality of Mrs. Nation's method. To some extent I reserve judgement, not knowing the conditions among which she moves in Kansas. It appears to me, however, that if keeping open joints contrary to law is a wrong and we doubt it not that the wilful destruction of property is also a wrong, and I have not learned that two wrongs make a right."

"At any rate in our own city—in our own province—this method of reform would not be tolerated. Happily we live in an age and in a city in which the appeal is not to brute force but to the constituted authority of the law of our land, and all reforms to be effective and lasting must proceed upon the assumption that fullest natural liberty can only exist under the conditions of established order and respect for law."

THE FRUIT TRADE.

Oranges and Lemons Advancing—Onions Likely to Go to 45 Per Barrel.

"Onions are very scarce," said the firm of A. L. Goodwin to the Star this morning. "We had an enquiry from Boston last week for some. The price here is 45c. per barrel, and we expect to see a 50c. barrel before new crop comes in."

"Valencia oranges are now coming in, very nice and much sweeter than before. They are advancing on the other side."

"Lemons are also advancing because of the greatly increased demand due to the prevalence of gripe."

"We have just received a carload of apples from Nova Scotia, including some fine Baldwin and Nonpareils."

Mrs. R. D. Wilmet of Belmont has gone to Quebec to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Parke.

POLICE COURT.

Ten Chinamen Fined for Gambling on Sunday.

Fanny Higgins Sent Up for Trial—Mary Mullens Remanded—Busy Day for His Honor.

The police court was packed to the doors this morning, when Sergeant Hipwell marshalled the thirteen Chinese prisoners from the depths of the building to the bench before the magistrate. Mary Mullens, arrested on suspicion of securing goods under false pretences, was particularly conspicuous, as she sat on the end of the seat. The jabbering and gabble continued until his honor raised his voice.

His honor called Mary Mullens, charged with obtaining goods on false pretences. She pleaded not guilty and was remanded for the present. Miss Mullens alleged crime in that of having secured falsely from the McRobb Bros. Co., a pair of boots, valued at \$2, and a pair of fifty-cent rubbers. When the magistrate again questioned the prisoner, she answered tearfully:

"I know nothing about it."

She was taken into jail to be heard again.

Michael Barry, a Water street drunk, was fined \$4.

Chong Lee was charged with keeping a gambling den on Main street. It was a few minutes before Chong could identify himself from among his fellows. He stood up finally.

Then his honor called the prisoners one by one. They stood in a row on the floor. T. P. Regan said he appeared for the Chinamen, and they wished through their interpreter to plead not guilty.

Detective Ring swore that last night, shortly after 10 o'clock he saw, from a ladder in the rear of 508 Main street, the prisoners. They were in Chong Lee's place, and were sitting around a table. A plate, or platter, was in the centre of the table, on which each Chinaman would put 10 cent pieces.

Then a process of drawing out shells with a crooked instrument would follow. When the police rapped at the door the Chinamen said something in amuse and one fellow placed the money in a bag. One fellow lifted a window and looked out. He let the window down and blew out the light. The police were then admitted, searching the house, some musical instruments were there, and the Chinamen commenced to play on them.

Magistrate—"Did you get anything there?"

Officer Ring—"No, I got nothing." The prisoners were not searched. Capt. Hastings got the black rag with the money, Jim Wah was the man who had the money in the rag. Eight dollars and fifteen cents in change was taken.

"What game did you see in the house, Mr. Ring?" said Mr. Regan. "The detective took a tin box cover and explained what he saw. Buttons are put in the centre of the table, aside from the money. The buttons are raked off in fours and then the money pile is tapped. There were men at each end of the table. One was raking off four buttons at a time with a brass hook. He scooped the whole pile in this way. Then the fellow next to him took the money."

His honor and Mr. Regan said they simply could not understand the detective's story.

"It's as clear as mud to me," said the magistrate, exasperated.

"I'm sure it's worse than Chinese to me," seconded the lawyer.

Officer Ring started off on a fresh tack, and related his story.

"Do you know it was a game, Mr. Ring?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes, I do!" asserted the detective.

"How?"

"Because money changed hands."

"Well, does that constitute a game?"

"It was a game of chance."

"How do you know it?"

"Because these buttons were placed on the table and money was put forth by the Chinamen."

Witness said \$12.15 was taken. Mr. Regan holding that this would not be very expensive gambling among thirteen men.

Nevertheless the detective told of the amount of the game, the placing of buttons on the table, of pool, and the withdrawing of it, etc.

Here again the court was puzzled as to the identity of the men seen by Officer Ring, so the general detective had to select nine of the thirteen engaged in the game when he had his little peek in. This procedure was as funny as it was long, two interpreters, assisted by Constable Gibbons, "local Chinese consul," being needed to participate in the proceedings.

At last those who were gaming, those who raked in the money, and those who weren't playing were separated, and the Mongolian chess board was taken out.

The detective could not give any good idea as to who won in the game. He saw hundreds of buttons in the piles on the table, and told of the presence of money.

Despite the best efforts of the witness, the last part of the court, along with Mr. Regan's sharp questioning, the mystery as to the manner in which the alleged gambling was conducted, deepened.

The clerk's desk was used to represent the table seen by the detective from the ladder at the rear window of Chang Lee's house. Mr. Regan questioned Mr. Ring closely as to what he got there, as far as names were concerned. At last those who were gaming, those who raked in the money, and those who weren't playing were separated, and the Mongolian chess board was taken out.

He thought it strange that Mr. Ring could see the man taking in the money, when that man was away at the other end of a long table and the detective was looking in the upper part of a window from a high ladder.

The detective said his vision was very clear, and he could see distinctly the whole transaction. He could look right down on the table and those around it. There was a jabber of

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voices. About 8.30 the Chinamen had supper.

"From your knowledge of the Chinamen what is your opinion of them as citizens?"

"A quiet lot of men, is all I can say," answered the detective.

"Have you ever heard of gambling before in the city among Chinamen?"

"Yes, I have. I first received notice of gambling in Chong Lee's a week ago."

Captain Hastings sworn. He told of visiting Chong Lee's place about 8 o'clock last night, on the complaint that gambling was carried on there. Then he described what he saw. It was about the same as Officer Ring's testimony, except that a conversation ensued between the captain and Tom Jim.

Tom Jim asked: "What's the matter?"

The captain said he was trying to find that out, also to see if gambling was going on there. The men were all arrested.

This morning Officer Burchill and the captain visited Chong Lee's and found some Chinese money, which was produced in court. John Lee, the interpreter, said the copper coins were Chinese cents.

Mr. Regan cross-questioned the captain.

No cards or other implements of gaming were seen. Nothing except the buttons and money. Something was done with the buttons, which the captain could not understand. Saw five quarters handed over to one man. The room was again described.

Mr. Regan at last said he would not deny that his clients were playing a game on Sunday, possibly for small pieces of silver. It was their only pastime, and Sunday and Monday morning are the only times they are free for a bit of recreation like this. Some people drive, play the piano, and in various other ways amuse themselves on the Sabbath, and the amusement the Chinamen were in court for could not be considered other than a harmless amusement. It had never been known in this town of one Chinaman fleeing another. In fact they were all on friendly terms. They were not playing poker, or twenty-five cents "on the yellow ball," such as in pool rooms, nor did they even know that in the handling of the money they were using they were transgressing the law. Some latitude should therefore be given the prisoners in this case.

His honor suggested the withdrawal of the plea "not guilty," substituting it with "guilty," promising leniency.

Mr. Regan therefore plead "guilty" for the Chinamen, and they were fined five dollars each.

In delivering judgment the magistrate said the penalty could be one hundred dollars, the same as a disorderly house fine, and warned the Chinamen against a further infraction of the law. He hoped the north end police would bring a dozen or so Christians to justice next Monday for misdoings on the Sabbath. He had received a letter from a north end clergyman which told of beer shops being open on the Sabbath over there.

After the Chinamen had been disposed of and their fines, aggregating fifty dollars had been paid, an important witness was heard in the long-standing case of Fanny Higgins, the domestic charged with stealing a gold ring, chain, silverware, silk handkerchiefs, etc., from the home of Dr. J. A. McIntyre, of north end.

The witness was Dora Stewart, of Sparrow Road, Indian town. She said the prisoner stayed at her mother's home at night about last October and worked in Dr. McIntyre's during the day. One night she accused brought a small gold ring home, and said a fellow named Harry Hector, gave it to her. The ring was broken. One night Fanny Higgins said she was going to a concert and Christmas tree in St. Philip's A. M. E. church. Witness went with her. Going to the city in the car prisoner showed witness the cup, saucer, knife, fork and spoon, and said she was going to put them on the tree.

Thomas Lane was called to receive the articles. He went forward and got them. The prisoner said she paid seventy-five cents for them. As to Mr. Corbett's set ring, she said the prisoner threw it into the garden and lost it.

Captain Hastings then told of his

visit to the Stewart house and of searching it.

His honor sent Fanny Higgins up for trial in the County Court, which opens tomorrow.

WELLINGTON LOGAN

Beats the Record for Skinning and Packing Fish.

The fish skinning record does not yet belong to Gloucester. The dispatch from the Massachusetts town a few days ago, saying that a man had skinned and packed 540 lbs. of fish in 48 minutes was discussed with interest by St. John fishermen, and Wellington Logan, of Strath Shore, who packs fish for John Seely, and who is known to be remarkably quick at the work, started in after the fine of the Yankee man. He tackled 100 lbs. of cod as a starter, and skinned the lot in 1-1-1 minutes. Then he went up against 540 lbs. and had the skins off in 31 minutes, leaving 12 minutes in which to do the packing, and still do as well as the man of Gloucester. But Mr. Logan packed the lot in 3-1-1 minutes, making his whole time for skinning and packing 540 lbs. of cod only 34-2 minutes, compared with Gloucester's 43 minutes.

FEN PARKER TALKS.

He Tells Why He is Retiring From the Ice—A Dinner For Him—His Record.

Fen Parker tells the Star that he is awaiting Len Daley's answer, as to a race on Thursday evening next. If Daley does not accept the Indian town had's challenge Parker will retire. He will do so because of his studies at business college. Since the skating season opened he spent far too much time away from his books, necessarily so, on account of his signed agreement with Duffy. He will now finish up his commercial course and prepare for the more real things of life. Parker says he has had all the fun and glory he wants for one year.

Tonight in William Gillespie's restaurant on Main street Parker will be dined by his north end admirers. About twenty-five covers will be laid. The youthful skater will be presented with a gold band ring, handsomely set with a large and prettily cut garnet.

Since he has been skating in competition Parker has defeated the following local men: Michael Walsh, the west side speeder; Champion Bart Duffy (3 times); Ned Dalton, William Merritt, John Hagan, Len Daley (once); and Hudson Breen (twice). He has lost to Daley this first match race defeat, and, Duffy in the half-mile. Parker was defeated in bunch races at a championship meet two years ago. The Indian town flyer is now nineteen years of age, and gives promise of being a champion at no distant date.

Fen Parker called at the Star office this afternoon, since the above was written, to state that as Daley had not accepted his challenge, he now retires for the season. Study and other matters prevent him from keeping in training.

TONIGHT.

Weekly meeting of the Guild of St. Stephen's church.

Valentine Stock Company at Opera House, in David Garrick.

Special services in Carmarthen street Methodist, and Main Street Baptist churches.

Supper and presentation to Fen Parker.

WON WITHOUT TRYING.

A minister was one day walking along a road, and to his astonishment he saw a crowd of boys sitting in front of a ring with a small dog in the centre. When he came up to them he put the following question: "What are you doing to the dog?"

One little boy said: "Whoever tells the biggest lie wins it."

"Oh," said the minister, "I am surprised at you little boys for when I was like you I never told a lie."

There was silence for a while, until one of the boys shouted: "Hand him the dog!"

Miss M. Macfarlane, Union street, leaves this afternoon for Toronto and New York to select her spring millinery.