

DETECTIVES AND THIEVES.

Startling Revelations by Two Monte Men—Officers in League with Thieves and Sharing the Proceeds of Robberies.

A Washington telegram says: The Citizens' Committee to-day had an interview with O'Leary and Murphy, three-card monte men, now serving a term in the district jail. They made startling revelations, giving detailed accounts of the Burdette silk robbery, robberies in Upton & Woodhouse's Government Printing Office, money thefts, and the Fitch-Fox and Brown robbery. The names of the operatives in each instance were given, the list including well-known northern professionals. The monte men say detectives of Washington in each instance received a percentage of the proceeds of robberies. The amount in every case was given, and the names of the detectives most active in the business were furnished. They assert certain detectives whom they name planned and sent for the operators to execute each robbery, the field of operations being chosen where the detectives could afford thieves reasonable immunity from capture. O'Leary said the high percentage charged for protection by Washington detectives was a matter of complaint among all the members of his profession with whom he ever "stood in." The percentage usually charged, where arrangements could be made with officers, was 10 per cent., but here the detectives demanded 20 per cent. Murphy and O'Leary gave a circumstantial account of the Christianity diamond robbery at the National Hotel on the 16th of September, 1881, and alleged that the diamonds, which were valued at \$15,000 to \$20,000, were disposed of at a great sacrifice in New York, and a heavy percentage was given to two detectives who are named. The wife of one of these men, O'Leary said, now wears dresses made from silk taken in the Burdette silk robbery, and given the detective as his part of the plunder. They said the entire detective force of the district participated in the three card monte and bunco business, and received *pro rata* dividends from assessments levied each week upon the combination.

At the late celebration in London of Creswick's fiftieth dramatic anniversary he was not alone the recipient of all manner of good wishes and hearty congratulations, but a cheque for £600. Mr. Toole gave £50 for three stalls and Mr. Wilson Barrett gave a like sum for a seat in the gallery. Mr. Irving organized the affair. Mr. Creswick was one of the first to discover the talents of the now idol of the Lyceum.

Schubert, the great musical composer, was like Mozart, unable to sell his compositions for anything like remunerative prices. He often depended upon his brother for a roll, some apples, or a few pennies. Within a year of his death he hadn't money enough to buy his dinner, and was forced to sell one of his great works for less than \$5, and his songs at 20c. each. The estimated value of his whole effects at death amounted to less than \$10. He ought to have written "Captain Jinks," or "Grandfather's Clock." Then he could have had a white stone front in Vienna.

A Munich inventor has brought forward an improvement in the construction of pianofortes, which, it is claimed, meets the problem of equalizing the strength and fullness of the different octaves. A series of tuning forks are freely suspended over the three highest octaves of the piano, each fork having the exact pitch of the string over which it is suspended. The vibrations of the string are communicated to the fork, which, in return, reacts on the string, and thus a full and sustained tone is secured, in strong contrast to the usual short and dry tones of this instrument.

Over \$20,000 has thus far been subscribed at New York towards the erection of a pedestal for the colossal statue of Liberty.

Shawnee College, ten miles south of Bedford, Ind., was burned on Monday, with the museum of Indian curiosities, valued at \$10,000. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Belleville Mechanics' Institute is in a prosperous condition. The expenditure this year was \$2,070, and the debt was reduced from \$1,500 to \$490. The membership fee has been reduced to \$3.

Joseph Borden and Frank Bauer were buried yesterday by a fall of ore in Gable's mine, Boyertown. Borden's face was knocked off, his arm torn out and his legs broken. Bauer was so badly hurt he will probably die.

John Trimler yesterday morning cut his wife's throat from ear to ear and then his own, at Louisville. His wife is alive, but cannot recover. The parties came from Chicago recently. The cause is unknown.

Yesterday John Henry brought his three daughters into court at Reading, Pa., as plaintiffs in three separate actions for breach of promise of marriage. Two of the girls sue their own cousins.

The Chicago police on Tuesday night raided five gambling houses, including that of McDonald, a prominent figure in local politics, who has been looked to by other gambling house keepers for protection against raids. A large number of inmates were arrested.

While the steamer Saratoga was passing Spuyten Duyvil, near Troy, recently, a passenger jumped overboard and was drowned. From papers left on the boat it was thought the suicide was Louis Bernard, of Lansingburg. Yesterday morning while Hercules Bernard, of Canada, brother of Louis, was in the office of the Troy Times seeking information about the missing man, a letter was received by the editor announcing Louis safe at San Francisco.

Sir Andrew Agnew was famous for giving broad hints. The nature of them will be best ascertained by the following anecdote: Sir Andrew having for some time been pestered by an impertinent intruder, it was one day remarked to the baronet that this man no longer appeared in his company, and he was asked how he contrived to get rid of him. "In truth," said the baronet, "I was obliged to give the chiel a broad hint." "A broad hint?" replied the friend. "I thought he was one of those who could not take a hint." "By my faith! but he was forced to take it," answered Sir Andrew; "for as the fellow would not go out by the door, I threw him out of the window."

SAFE BLOWING.

How a Gang of Burglars Hobbed a Railway—Watchmen Locked in a Closet—A Tough Task with Very Poor Results.

A Detroit telegram says: One of the most daring safe robberies ever perpetrated in Detroit occurred at the Michigan Central Stock Yards, one mile west of the Grand Trunk Railway Junction, on Sunday, the burglars having all their work and worry for the paltry sum of \$50. Three men were in the office about 2 a. m., when four masked men walked in at the door and, presenting revolvers to the heads of the watchmen, demanded obedience to their commands on pain of instant death. They were made to sit down on the floor and remove their shoes, after which all three were hustled into a closet and securely locked in. The burglars then proceeded to the cashier's office, where they began operations upon the safe. They had not been at work more than ten minutes when the foreman of all the watchmen between Third street and the Stock Yards came along on his nightly round of inspection. He was whistling as he approached the building, so that the burglars heard him for some time before he arrived. As he entered the door his hands were seized by two of the intruders. Supposing the men were drovers who mistook him for a robber, he called out, "It's all right, gentleman, I am one of the watchmen here." He at once saw his error. After relieving him of his revolver the men locked him up in the closet with the other watchmen. Work on the safe was resumed, and in the course of an hour the imprisoned men heard a dull explosion like the firing of a cannon at a distance. Soon after the robbers left, taking the watchmen's shoes, which they threw about in all directions in the snow in order to prevent their being immediately followed. As soon as it was apparent that the burglars had left the building, the men in the closet broke down the door, and after finding their shoes started in pursuit of the fugitives, who came towards the city. The chase had finally to be given up as hopeless and the men returned to the stockyards. The door of the safe was found to have been blown about six feet, a hole having been drilled at the side of the combination lock, into which the powder had been introduced and exploded. A careful examination made later in the day showed that \$50 in Canadian money had been taken, while cheques for \$1,600 and several envelopes containing money to the amount of \$70 had been overlooked. The money in envelopes belonged to drivers, and had been paid in for disabled stock left at the yards for sale. It is probable that the burglars supposed the envelopes contained mere business letters, and that they threw them aside as not worth taking.

The Sick Man Very Sick.

A London despatch to the New York Sun says: "The Sultan is the most abjectly wretched of all monarchs. The events of the past few months, the defeat of his projects in Egypt, the sword which England holds suspended over his head, the intrigues by which he is surrounded, the contempt with which he finds himself regarded in every court in Europe, even in that of Russia, where he futilely offered Constantinople for Russian garrison if Russia would interfere in Egypt, have weakened his intellect. There is insanity in his family and he shows symptoms of it. He is a prey to the most fearful fits of depression, becomes frantic, walks and shrieks at imaginary enemies, makes and unmakes Ministers in twenty-four hours, and altogether presents a pitiable spectacle. His dread of assassination haunts him like a nightmare."

The British ship *Frona* has been lost at sea with all hands.

Rev. J. B. Dixon, rector of St. Jude's parish, Montreal, has returned from England, where he was successful in raising \$10,000 to pay off the debt on his church and \$5,000 towards the work therein.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in Montreal on Tuesday evening. The total number of members is 641, 147 being added during the past year. The institute possesses a library of over 2,000 volumes. The work of the association in providing situations for strangers and helping them otherwise was described in the report and considered cheering. There was a small balance on hand after paying current expenses.

A despatch from Troy, N. Y., states that a new horse disease has broken out in West Troy and threatens to become epidemic. Many animals are suffering, among them the noted trotter Chieftain, owned by Captain Sweeney. The stallion is valued at \$10,000, and it is believed he will die. Inability to masticate and rapid fall of pulse and temperature are the symptoms of the malady.

The German annual report on the execution of the Socialist law states that the condition of the Socialist organization does not warrant the conclusion of its being extinguished or even wored out. The *Freiheit*, *Social Democrat* and other revolutionary papers are being smuggled into the empire on as large a scale as ever. Thirteen thousand copies of the *Social Democrat* have been confiscated in the last three months.

A horse and cutter belonging to Mark Adams, of Norwich, were stolen from the hitching post at Clare's Hotel, Otterville, on Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock. The thief is supposed to be an Indian, who was drinking around the village in the afternoon. The horse was brown, and was tracked to the east of the village, and is no doubt safely sheltered in the Indian reserve on the Grand River.

Here's an item for the ladies to gloat over. At a recent examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the University of London there were 237 candidates, of whom 215 were men. Of the men, 90, or about 42 per cent., gained the degree. Of the 22 women who presented themselves, no fewer than 16, or about 73 per cent., were successful. Further, only 58 of the 216 men, or 27 per cent., were placed in the first division, whereas 15 of the 22 women, or 68 per cent., succeeded in obtaining places in that division. The average age of the women was slightly lower than that of the men.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Frightful Fate of Two Train Men on the Lehigh Railway.

SLOW DEATH WITHIN SIGHT OF HUNDREDS.

An Elmira (N.Y.) telegram says: A hideous accident occurred upon the Lehigh Valley Railroad to-day at Rummerfield, a small station between Towanda and Wyandoming. The horror consisted not so much in the loss of life as in the terrible manner in which the lives were lost. Train No. 8, due at Elmira at 5:25 a. m., owing to a misplaced switch, ran into a freight train standing on the south-bound track at Rummerford, and the engines, crashing into each other, were reduced to ruins. The baggage and express cars were thrown from 15 to 20 feet from the track. The wreck was complete. The baggage man and expressman were thrown on the top of the cars and received serious but not fatal injuries. The first sleeping car was thrown upon the tender of the passenger engine, and three freight cars laden with hay were piled up promiscuously on the wreck. The debris at once took fire. Then ensued a most heartrending scene. The engineer, N. Faulke, of Waverly, stood in the midst of the burning mass in plain view of the spectators, but could not move, as his right leg was caught in the iron and timbers as if in a vice. All his efforts to release himself from the fire roaring around him were vain. He could only stand there and look death in the face. It came slowly, surely, and cruelly. The crowd did what they could to reach and save him, but the heat was too intense. The man was gradually roasted before his friends and companions, who were unable to give any succor. There was no flinching about the unhappy man, however. He stood up and calmly directed the efforts of the men who were trying to save him. Even while the scalding steam was stripping the flesh from his bones, as he was being cooked alive, he shouted to the bystanders to cut the cab away, but this could not be done on account of the fearful heat from the burning hay. Flames from this ignited the express baggage car, and next the sleeper that had been piled on top of the engine took fire, so that Faulke was speedily beyond all human aid. The spectators could only turn their heads away from the horrid sight. The firemen of the freight train, Leander Kingsman, of Waverly, was missed from the first. His body was subsequently found under the charred timbers of the train. Both men have wives and children. No passengers, fortunately, were injured.

The Jersey Lily Indisposed.

A Boston telegram says: When the time had arrived for the curtain to rise on the third act of "The Unequal Match," at the Globe Theatre, on Saturday afternoon, the manager appeared before the curtain and begged the indulgence of the audience for a few minutes until Mrs. Langtry could recover from an attack of nervous prostration, with which it was stated she was suffering. In ten minutes the curtain rose and the play proceeded to the close. On Saturday evening Mrs. Langtry played *Rosalind*, and though exhibiting at times some slight physical weakness, carried the part through the entire play. After the performance she was to have attended the reception tendered her by the Papyrus Club, the occasion being "ladies' night," when a number of ladies prominent in the literary world would be present. Her health, however, prevented her attendance.

A correspondent asks: "Do canary birds like fish?" Well, we can't tell whether they do or not; but they manage to catch little perch every day.

The New York State canvassers yesterday morning declared the vote on the recent election as follows: Cleveland, 535,318; Folger, 324,464; Howe, 111,974; Hopkins, 25,783. Constitutional amendment on canals: for, 456,105; against, 163,157.

A carpenter named Gunn, in the employ of Mr. Thos. Green, engaged at work on the dwelling of Mr. Goodhue, London south, fell from the building on Wednesday to the ground, a distance of some 30 feet, and severely fractured his leg.

Mr. N. F. Davin yesterday had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Pope in connection with French immigration to the Northwest Territories. The Minister stated that he could not possibly assist in the removal of emigrants from one point in Canada to another; but he expressed himself fully in sympathy with the movement, because he had lived among the Lower Canadians and knew that they were a very desirable class of settlers for the great lone land. The Government were already assisting in the repatriation of Canadians from the United States, and would continue that good work. Mr. Davin will have another interview to-day.

The majority of our most successful journalists are self-made men. The press is every year becoming a greater power in the land; it is already one of the greatest "resources of civilization," and we might as soon try to get along without steam, or railways, or the post-office, as without our newspapers. If we are to have newspapers we must have editors to direct them, and the editors must march with or in advance of the times. There is therefore good reason to hope that better things are in store for the coming generations of journalists than there have been for those that are gone, and that on the newspaper press the best talent, the maturest judgment, and the most cultivated taste will yet find congenial and appropriate work.—*Chambers' Journal*

An indignation meeting of colored people was held at Philadelphia yesterday afternoon and addresses delivered by prominent colored men. A resolution was adopted denouncing the recent grave robberies. When Trustee Burton of Lebanon Cemetery, appeared on the platform there was great excitement. Several razors and revolvers were drawn and shouts for vengeance were mingled with calls for peace by Bishop Campbell and other clergymen. The meeting was at once adjourned, after the announcement that a subscription to stop the ghoulies would be opened. Thirty graves were opened yesterday, and from about half of them bodies had been stolen. The Health Department will not allow any more to be opened till it is ascertained whether the persons died of contagious diseases.

LATEST NORTHWESTERN NOTES.

A Budget of Gossip from the Prairie Province.

There is good sleighing in Brandon.

At Nelson dry oak wood sells at \$3.50 to \$4 per cord.

A bank is expected to be opened in Crystal City shortly.

It is proposed to erect a new brick school house in Minnedosa.

A line of omnibuses from Brandon to Rapid City has been started.

A large number of deer have been shot around Crystal City this season.

A Court of Queen's Bench will be established in Portage la Prairie next spring.

Mr. W. T. Adamson, a Portage Nimrod has shot nearly 600 prairie chickens this fall.

Selkirk Council has just passed a by-law fixing a rate of taxation at 5 1/2 mills on the dollar.

Steps have at last been taken to illuminate the streets of Emerson. Coal oil is to be used.

A road is being cut through the woods on the south side of the river from Tiger Hill to the Portage.

A man named Carter was followed by seven wolves while driving from Brandon to Minnedosa last week.

The Town Council of Nelson have struck a rate of one cent on the dollar, and the school tax will bring it up to five mills more.

Nelson farmers are commencing to bring in pork and beef. The former sells at 8c. to 9c., by the carcass, and the latter at 9c. to 10c., by the quarter.

Game is plentiful in the neighborhood of Pembina Crossing. On Friday Mr. R. N. Lee shot two deer and Mr. R. D. Foley secured another couple of the antlered herd.

In Pilot Mound Mr. George Playfair, 5-13, has 1,900 bushels of grain this season, the average yield of which was 50 bushels to the acre. Mr. R. Blackburn has Golden Drop wheat this season which yielded 42 bushels to the acre.

The *Emerson International* says: "It is very probable that Mr. Justice Miller will, in a few days, be elevated to the Chief Justiceship. The appointment of Mr. Alfred Boulbee to the puisne judgeship thus vacated is rumored."

A Kingston gentleman, who bought a thirty dollar lot at Rock Lake City, received a tax bill the other day in which he was charged with three dollars for statute labor, which it was answered, he had not performed. He thinks it would pay him to tramp up and do his statute labor, as otherwise he will soon lose the value of his farm.

A new church was dedicated in Regina the other Sunday in connection with the pastoral charge of Rev. W. J. Hewitt, of the Methodist Church of Canada. The building is of frame, 24x36 feet in size, with a shingled roof and ceiling, and inside walls of matched lumber, and lined with tarred paper. Peculiarities of interest in connection with this church are the facts that the first timber for the new building was only drawn upon the ground 10 days before the structure was opened, also that the church when dedicated was free from debt.

Mr. Macfee, of Brandon & Macfee, who has just returned from Regina, states that a joint stock company has been formed to build a new hotel there. It was originally intended to raise \$10,000, but the applications for stock came in so freely that it was decided to raise the amount to \$20,000. A waterworks company is being organized to bring water from Boggy Creek, about three miles distant. There is said to be good spring water. The Regilians intend applying for incorporation as a town. Wood sells at \$10 per load of 1 1/2 cords and coal from \$18 to \$20 per ton. A number of lots were sold last week at from \$600 to \$1,200 per lot. Mr. Macfee sold one at \$1,000. There is now three feet of water in the creek.—*Winnipeg Sun*.

At Nelson, the price of pork has dropped 8 cents per pound.

Snow is eighteen inches deep in the vicinity of Pembina Mountains.

The weather has been somewhat colder at Regina, reaching 20 degrees below zero.

It is expected that the daily mail services from Brandon to Rapid City will be extended to Minnedosa next week.

The Plum Creek settlement, comprising townships 7 and 8, ranges 20, 21, 22, by a large vote, seceded from the County of Brandon a few days since.

Mr. Wm. Fox last week sold his 160-acre farm, two miles north of Nelson, for the sum of \$3,000. The purchaser was Mr. Duncan Campbell, of Ridgeway, Ontario.

The C. P. R. well near Regina station is now about 220 feet deep, but no increase is perceptible in the quantity of water. It is said to be the intention of the company to bore 600 feet, unless a sufficient supply is sooner reached.

The Council of Emerson municipality have this year expended upon drainage, completed and under contract to be completed this year, \$45,685.65. They have also expended \$20,000 in bridging upon the leading highways, and boast of a cash surplus in the treasury of \$1,500.

There are forty applications in the hands of the Postmaster General for new post-offices in Manitoba. The number of offices already in existence there is 210. In the future there will be a weekly mail between Winnipeg, Prince Albert and westerly as far as Edmonton.

WINNIPEG NEWS (BY TELEGRAPH.)

In the civic elections Mr. Alex. McMicken was elected Mayor.

A telegram from Toronto containing a statement to the effect that the very biggest real estate speculator in Winnipeg had allowed \$100,000 paper to go to protest is published here, whereupon the *Free Press* remarks: "Assuming that the reference was to Mr. A. W. Ross, we have taken special trouble to thoroughly investigate the matter, with the result that we are able to declare the allegation wholly and unqualifiedly false."

"I guess there is no need of my naming the value of this parcel," said a sharp countryman to the clerk of the express office; "if it is lost you have enough provisos on the back of this receipt to hinder a dozen lawyers from recovering anything from the company."

THROUGH THE ROCKIES.

Proposed Route of the C. P. R. Through the Selkirk—Major Rodgers' Report—Special Features and Difficulties of the Undertaking.

A Montreal telegram says: Major Rodgers, of the Canada Land, says that he has been surveying in the Rocky Mountains and part of the Selkirk. No change has been made in the location recommended last year. The directness of the route, its shortness, and the fact that the altitude of the pass is more than 1,000 feet lower than any other from the Kamuskias to the Howe Pass are its recommendations. On leaving the Rockies the route follows the valley of the Columbia for thirty miles, and then turns southerly along the Beaver for sixteen miles, thence westerly and southwesterly for six or seven miles to the east branch of the Illecillewaet, and following that river and the Eagle River to Shuswap Lake. The pass discovered in the Selkirk is not more than 4,500 feet above the sea, 1,000 feet lower than the Rockies. If crossed at this elevation no tunnelling will be necessary, if crossed at an altitude of 4,200 feet a 2 1/2 mile tunnel will be necessary. Snow slides will be avoided by creating sheds that will enable the snow to pass over and across the track at different points. The cost of the work from the summit to the Rockies to the east end of the Shuswap Lakes, nearly 190 miles, will be very heavy, except about 20 miles in the Rockies and 20 in the Selkirk. It is the shortest route across the continent. The distance across the head of the Columbia through the Selkirk is 658 miles, and through the gold range from the west crossing of the Columbia to the east end of Shuswap Lake is about 45 miles. The road through this place can be completed in three years as supplies can be delivered by steamer all along the Thompson River and Shuswap Lakes, and also by boat on the Western Columbia, which is navigable from Fort Colville, Washington Territory, to the Pacific crossing. There are two parties working east from the summit to Fort Calgary, and the location from the summit to Fort Calgary will be completed early in January. Captain Rodgers said he never was interviewed in Winnipeg, and denies the story of a park three miles by two at the summit of the Rockies.

She Didn't Dare Do It.

The other day a man and woman came to a sudden halt on Grand River street, and the woman dropped a basket she was carrying and called out:

"I will! I will! I'll not live with you another day!"

"You'll leave me, will you?" he calmly asked.

"Yes, I will!"

"When?"

"Now—right off—this minute!"

"You'll go away?"

"Yes, sir!"

"I wouldn't if I were you."

"But I will, and I defy you to prevent me! I have suffered at your hands as long as I can put up with it."

"Oh, I shan't try to stop you," he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the police that my wife has mysteriously disappeared. They will want your description, and I shall give it. You wear No. 7 shoes; you have an extra large mouth; you walk stiff in your knees; your nose turns up at the end; hair the color of a brick terra cotta, the newest in fashion; eyes rather on the squint; voice partakes of —"

"Wretch! you wouldn't dare do that!" she screamed.

"I certainly will, and the description will go into all the papers."

They glared at each other for a minute like cats.

Then he walked on. She looked up and down the street, gritted her teeth together, and then picked up her basket and followed on after. He had what they call the dead-wood on her.

Somewhat Mixed.

A friend sends us the following for insertion: A few evenings ago we called upon the wife of an old-time friend—a policeman. The wife had only recently presented the officer with a junior, and our visit was to fondle the baby and praise the mother. She is afflicted with partial deafness, and just now is also struggling with the prevailing influenza, so called, because the sufferer cannot prevail upon it to leave. The infant is about six months old, and when we asked how the baby was coming on the wife must have had the baby running in her head, as well as the cold, and got them mixed up, for she replied with animation: "I usually have them every winter, but I must say this is the worst one I ever had. I managed to get rid of all the rest in less than three days, but this one sticks to me like a tick." "Madame!" we exclaimed, with horrified feelings. "It just worries me nearly to death. It keeps me awake all night. I expect I will have to have all winter, and I can tell you by your looks that you are going to have one just like it."

Uses and Abuses of Ice Water.

I die two or three times a day (in "Camille"), sometimes for weeks in succession, but somehow it does not seem to affect my general health. As for myself, I am never sick. If my head aches a little I apply ice water and the pain is gone. If I take cold and my throat is sore I dash on ice water and am well. Always ice water; it is my sovereign remedy. But I do not drink it. No. If I did I should be pale and delicate and always ill, like some of your pretty American ladies. Do you know, I believe drinking so much of this same cold, cruel ice water is what makes invalids of so many American women?—From an interview with *Mlle. Rhea*.

As the 20th of December is the golden wedding day of Cluny Macpherson, chief of the clan in Scotland, Highlanders both in the old land and in Canada intend presenting him with some token of esteem.

Gangs of men commenced yesterday morning to dig up every lot in Lebanon Cemetery, Philadelphia, for the purpose of comparing the contents with the official interments of the records. Grave D, 134, which should contain sixty bodies, was found empty. The authorities of all the other colored cemeteries of the city have determined on similar examinations. A call has been issued for an indignation meeting on Thursday night, and trouble is feared.